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PAREP Field Notes

2007

El Paraíso, Copan, Honduras
21 May - 7 July, 2007

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Monday, May 21, 2007

Arrived on the Delta flight into SFS. Jorge picked me up at the airport, we did the food shopping, + then headed out to El Paraíso.

Marcillo, Clarissa, + Charlie had all arrived the week before + everything appears to be progressing very well. Clarissa is testing some of the pottery earth groups, + so far, all seem to indeed date to the Preclassic period. Clarissa continues at El Guayabal, testing in this SFA phase, some of the same structures she had excavated in 2006 to find additional middle material + to understand the stratigraphy of the structures themselves. In the next phase, she will move over to the structures beyond Pedro Ochoa's land to complete our picture of the site. Before she moves over to Las Orquídeas, Mary will help Clarissa test the rubble structure located in the middle of the main plaza at El Guayabal. We currently think it's likely that they date to the late Classic, but only excavations can confirm this, of course. Eskel + Whitney also arrive tomorrow + we hope to be able to begin work at El Cefetal this.

El Cefetal

This year, the plaza is once again almost completely under cultivation with milpa having been sown in the Main Plaza, The North Plaza + up around most of the structures in the South, West + North portions of the site. Only the land belongs to Shmuel Pinto (to the east) remains clear. Unfortunately, most of the work that remains to be done involves excavations on the West + South side of the site, meaning that it will be necessary to clear at least some of the vegetation in order to

Mundy, May 21 (cont)

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Thus far, Don's Reports has been unwilling to give us permission to cut it, but I'm hopeful that will be able to work something out with him. For the moment, the plan includes:

Ellen - Axial trench up + over (w/ probe in) to Str. 7

Erlend - Axial trench, up + over Str. 6, Clear zone of Summit, cut

Thomas - Axial trench, up + over, Str. 5 - on axis, cut Str. 5/8

Whitney - Cut through W end of Str. 4 (poor preserved), follow S wall to see if stairs are present, test on S of Str. 7.

Goals:

1. Better understand W side of Plaza + how it relates to smaller buildings on E side. Possibilities:
 - a. W side simply better preserved - E was similar
 - b. W side has to do w/ Str. 8 re-model, i.e. it was part of renovations at the site that drew the focus S. into main plaza, established formalized N Pl entrance, re-made part of El Catedral into a more "Maya" style center.
 - c. South + west sides of Plaza are older (see more versions); therefore were built up more.
 - d. West side elaborate was part of activity that saw the construction of Meramjits (C¹⁴ mid-700's) to west. This group certainly was a large, elite residential group + we still don't have a good idea of what going on there - esp. w/ the larger buildings including Str. — (4 phases), which is very large in extent. May have had a lot of stone robbed from it. This could echo the "deadly cut" into the rest of the valley possibly associated w/ construction of Meramjits.

Monday, my 21 (Wed)

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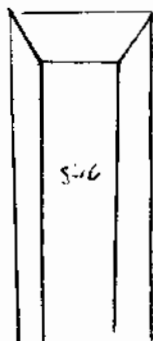
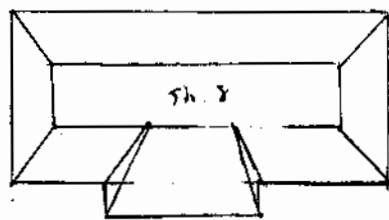
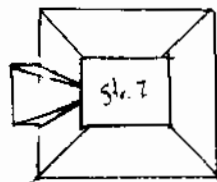
2. Under S side of Plaza & the side of Str. 7: Possibilities
a. Structure originally faced south onto an artificially modified flattened plaza or patio which may even have had other structures associated with it, now gone or as yet undetected.

b. Str. 4 originally faced N into the main plaza but incline large doorway / opening w/ no access that faced toward the rear (S) side of the structure. This will be assessed by going in an area where the building is not well-preserved! Slight thigh to see:

1. The construction sequence
2. The pottery in the fill (Early Classic or not?)
3. To see if there are stairs
4. To see if there is a floor to E. of structure

It will also be assessed by digging along the S wall of the earlier version to see if there are stairs.

3. Determine the form, function, & orientation of Str. 7. Possibilities
1. Shrine structure w/ tomb inside it. If this is the case it raises a number of other questions:
a. Orientation? How did Str. 7 relate to the other buildings?

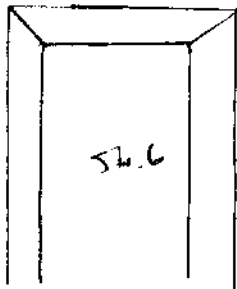
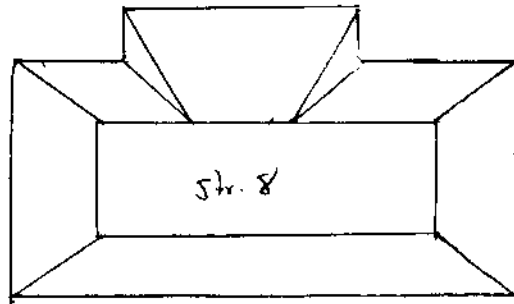
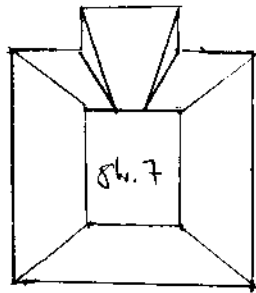


Possibility #1: West-facing Shrine Structure

1N

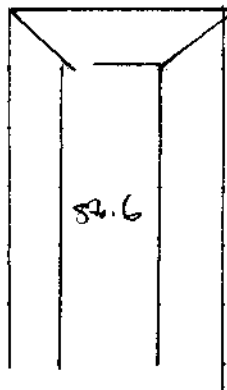
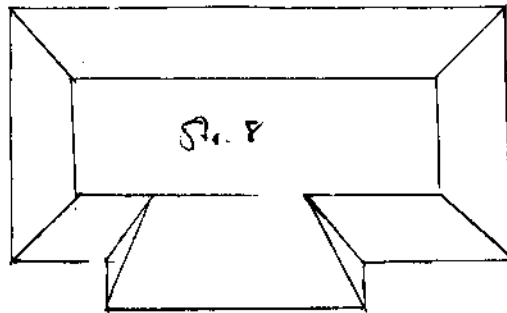
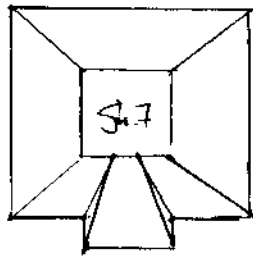
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The buildg. in this interpretation would the face any from all of the other buildings in the El Capitel Mex Group. It would be in keeps of a 5 south for Str. 4 - ie its earlier version also face any from the other large Str. & with the earlier version of Str. 8 face N, any from the other buildg of El Capitel.



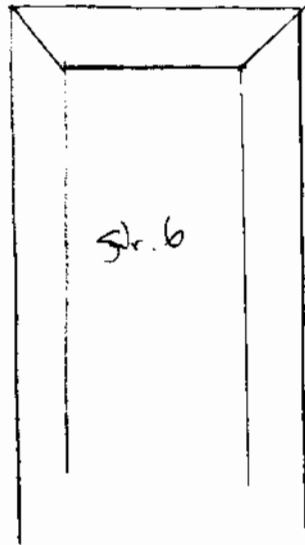
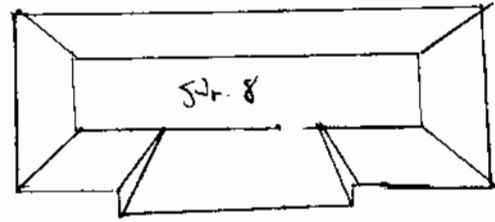
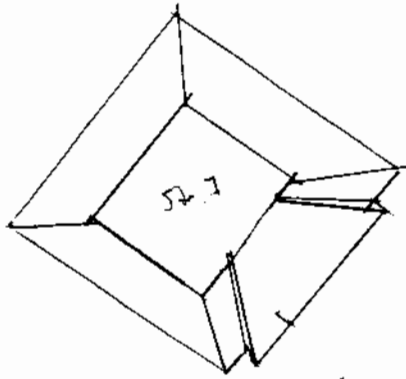
Possibility #2: North Facing (w/ Str. 8 early vers)

↑N



Possibility #3: South Facing Str. 6 N face is facing S then it oppo on the surface

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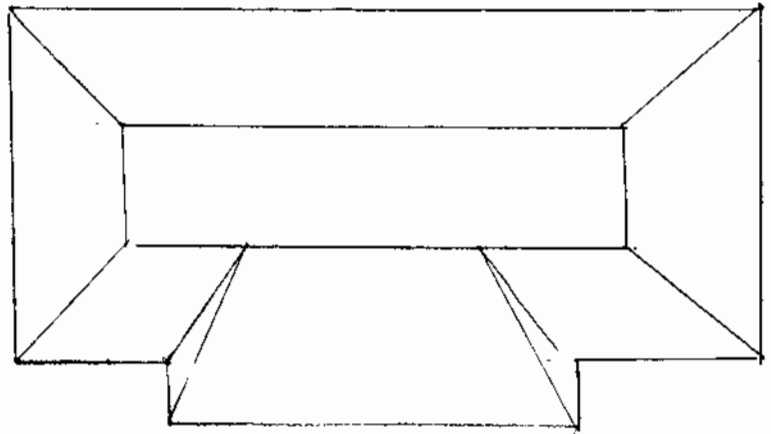
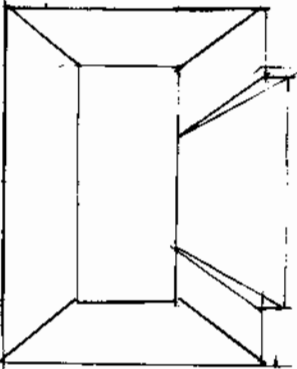


Possibility # 4: str. 7 fans dig into the plate

Wed. May 23, 2007

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Continued work at Str. 7 to determine its orientation - at this point, with more of the undergrowth cleared, it looks like it is actually further north than we had initially thought, so that its S. margin is closer to the midpoint of Str. 8.



It might even be further N than we are thinking.

E) Grayshel

Classics Center has work on the N side of the site. There may be another masonry on Str. 7 (?). In fact one of the outliers. It also looks like Str. 8 on the W & N side of the site has a high ratio of obsidian to chert the floor elevations.

May will give Classics a hand with the excavations on the rubble starting at Grayshel. We need to see if they date to the Preclassic like the earlier structures or if they are Late Classic buildings (which seems most likely).

E) Capital will also get underway tomorrow. We laid out pits on Str. 7 this evening.

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New Sub-Op at El Capitan:

- 02/71 - Str. 7, East side (EAB)
- 02/72 - Test pit back of Str. 6, 7, 8. (Erland)
- 02/73 - Trench up + over (to cut into) Str. 9 (Whitney)
- 02/74 - Trench up + over Str. 6 (Erland)
- 02/75 - Test pit on saddle between Str. 5 + 6 (Thom)
- 02/76 - Trench up + over Str. 5 (Thom)
- 02/77 - Trench up W side of Str. 6 (Erland)
- 02/78 - Test pit on E side of Str. 5, look for lines (Thom)
- 02/79 - Test pit on E side of Str. 5, look for lines (Thom)
- 02/80 - Test pit South of Str. 04, E pit (Whitney + Thom)
- 02/81 - Test pit South of Str. 04, W pit (Whitney + Thom)

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Works:

Not Here:

Quilpa (Chiquito)

~~Ortiz~~

Chilano (Maximilian)

Constantino Acosta

Here:

Arque Hernandez

Oscar Orellana

Manuel Garcia (Leonardo)

Juan Angel Manuel

~~Manuel~~ Landaverde

Seraphi Lara

Humberto Alfaro (Beto)

Check Cobble floor elevations bet 7+8 999.05

Coordinates for Yanni's pits on Sta. 4 Op. 02/05, N1.E-13.35, 2.999.57

Whit - 4

Whit - 4

EM - 4

Thurs (m) - 4

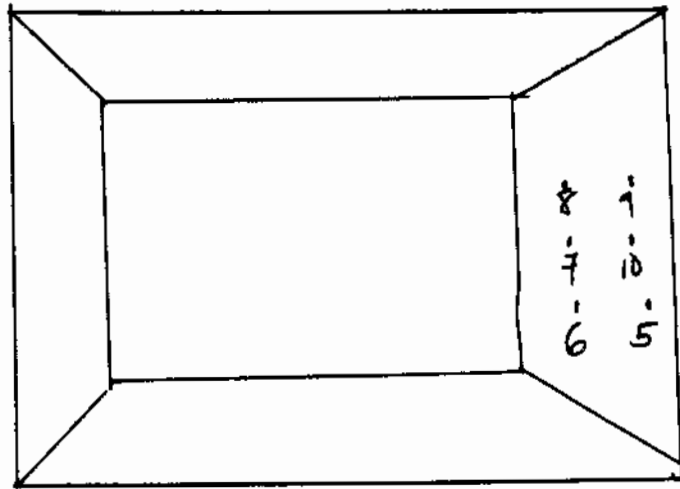
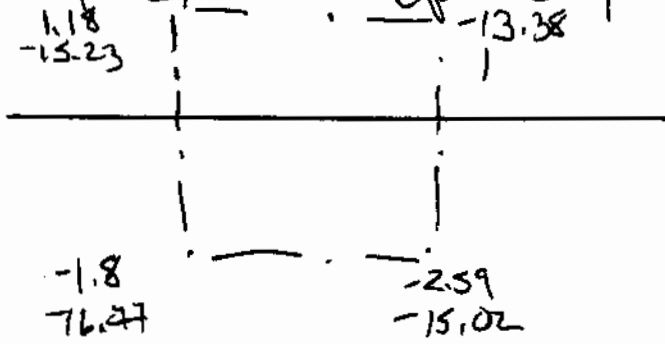
Op. 02/13 (Tri bet Sta. 7+8) = N85 E33 (NW of UH)

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Sta. 4 Excav. Op. 021

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Sta. 4-Sub 1 orientn = 15°



Op 021
Original
Coordinates

x	92.55
y	-37.51
	1002.65

x	92.29
y	-35.58
	1001.59

x	90.67
y	-37.84
	1002.99

x	90.90
y	-35.77
	1001.99

x	90.06
y	-33.87
	1000.90

x	88.66
y	-38.03
	1003.05

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	1001.84

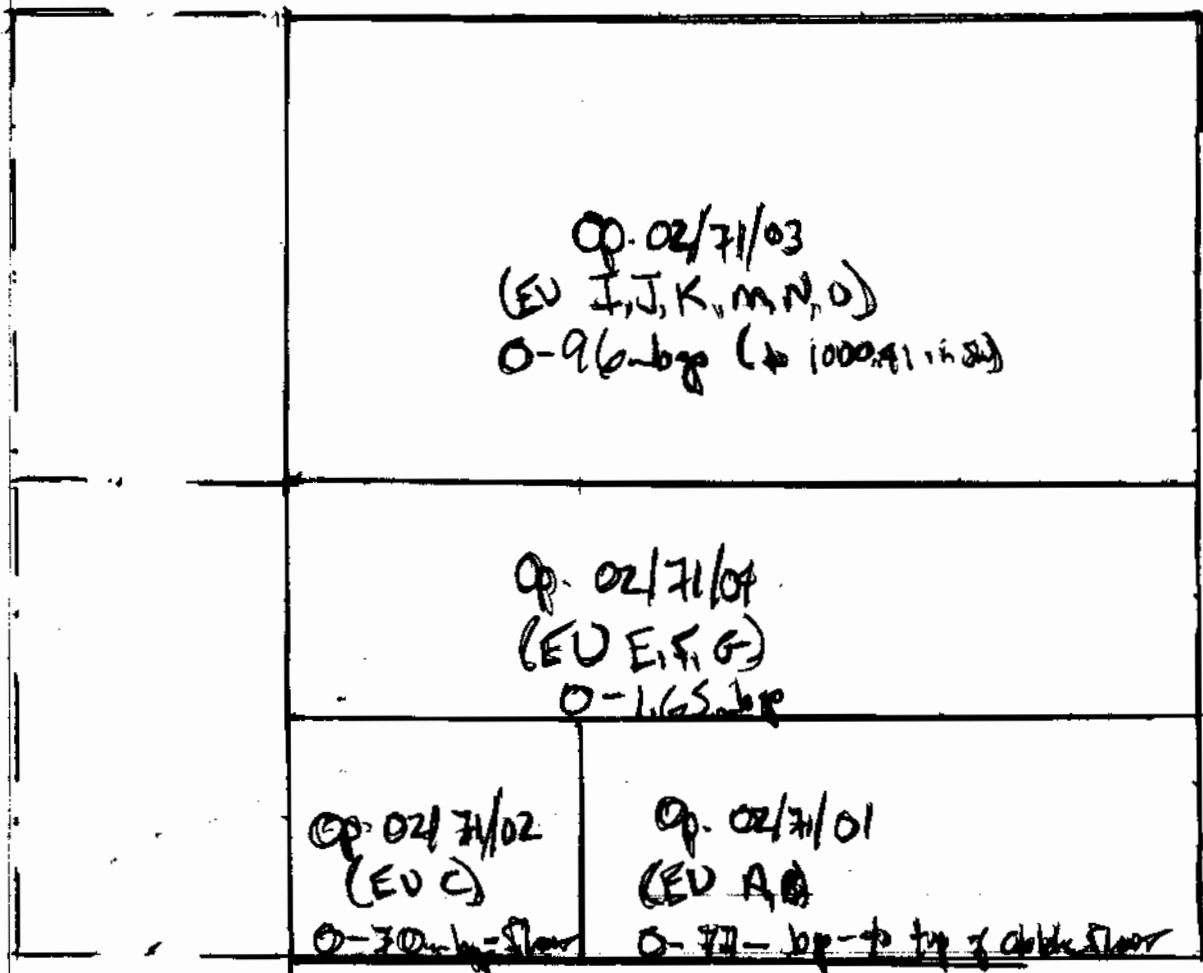
Friday, 25 May 2007
Duty at E1 Capital

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E1 Capital Saturday, 26 May, 2007

Continuing at E1 Capital - See Monday's note for an update.
In Op. 02/71 we're continuing to cut along the trunk + avoid
to allow us to safely follow the floor in to the base of the
wall.

Sketch plan of lots (AEU)



Monday, May 25, 2007

2007-1-11

Thomas arrived safely in SPS & I brought him out to El Paris on Sunday, after leaving Charlie at the airport. There are reports that the road was taken at Chueban (Chueban) so it's lucky we were able to go yesterday rather than today.

We spoke w/ Oscar Riquelme today to get permission to cut a few coffee plants in order to keep the excavations going. The result of the meeting:

1. permission given to cut plants as needed well pay for them cut - price to be determined later.
2. Will give them a hand by clearing the coffee in the lower (plaza) area - just cutting the weeds between the plants
3. Luis said he would come out to take a look but he yet to arrive.
4. When I arrived on-site, Hippito was here getting in the corn & he is under the impression that we agreed to clear the milpa once it had been harvested. Mueller & Santiago agreed only to clear the part we needed to excavate so that remains pending.

El Cafetal

Op. 02/71 (8A.7)

Continuing to cut back tumble & overburden in EU I, J, K, M, N, O to make sure that stones don't fall as we follow the floor to the west. (Op. 02/71/03). In this lot, in EU O/K, M and J - Angel found fragments of stucco with smooth upper surfaces & pebbles mixed in among the large fallen stones, suggesting the presence of a stucco floor, w/ pebbles below on the surface of the Summit strata (or possibly also on a terrace). The stucco +

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the pebble casing both remind me of the floor on the summit
of St. 8.

Although we do not know yet exactly when the Stuck
the Stucco was located, it does suggest by its presence that
St. 8 + St. 7 were both built in the "Capan" style as a elite
structures with stucco floors.

El Capan Workers

Ellen (ops. 02/71): Manuel Landaverde
Norberto Landaverde

José Orlando Ramirez
Juan Angel Marmol

Erlend (ops. 02/72, 02/74)

Ebelio Marquez

Armando
Oscar

Thomas:

(ops. 02/75, 02/76)

Whiting:
(ops. 02/73)

Victor Morales
Manuel Leon

Francisco Mejia
Humberto (Bob) Lopez

It will be interesting to see if sites 5 +/or 6 follow suite or if
it were only the building in the NW of the site (sites 7+8)
that had this sort of decoration. It will also be good to see if

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There are earlier versions of Str. 7 + to see if it, too (like Str. 8) were re-oriented in its final (decorated) form.

Op. 0472 - Test pit bet Strs. 6 + 7 (Erked)

Erked reports finding the floor at an elevation of 998.60 (± 20). So far, this square well w/ the cobble surface elevation of 998.93m (dropping to south) in the area east of Str. 7. The surface E of the well is tamped earth.

⊖ Capital Floor Levels:

Op. 0471 - Cobble floor E of Str. 7: 998.93m

Op. 0472 - Earth floor, bet Strs. 7, 6, 1: 998.60m

Op. 02/73 - Earth floor S of Str. 4

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Op 02/74 (cont.) Extend contour below the floor + has found
few artifacts in the early levels.

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On 02/21/07 - Following east wall of structure on top of Str. 7 down to the photo floor that end the interior surface of the Superstructure. The east wall is present to a height of ^{1.35m} ~~1.35m~~ - includes 16-17 present courses. The wall is built of med-large highly shaped stones 33 x 9 x 34 - covered by a thin bit of soil between the but without any sort of formalized mortar. The surface at the base is light yellow in color + full of pebbly plaster that did not hold together well to form a solid, present surface. It is very pebbly now).

Plm Str - = 82 - thin w/ pebbles concrete (just like the attached below)

Well is sloping to south - approx. 2-3° slope.

Well continue to follow it south - not sure there will be much more present as well near the south edge of them

door jamb/wall thickness = 79-82 -

There is also a box/corner holder on the jamb (w/ fin) It is 35 x 36 w/ ribs, only = 16 x 14 - 14 is thick w/ the point E fin of wall - If it were in the center the wall could have been thin as this.

Tuesday June 12, 2007

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Returned from the INAH Simposio in Comayagua to begin work again on Monday. Santiago was in San Pedro to get his passport yesterday, but is now back at El Paraíso.

El Capital:

Str. 4 (Op. 02/73) Whiting continues to follow the South wall of the earlier version of the structure to the West. She is now in the area which we opened in 2006, looking for an access up to floor rooms on the South side. In looking at the building, we're wondering if it might not have been a compound construction, with some of the walls having been before and others having been done. This is based on the presence of some walls present to a significant height (1.2-1.5m) & others apparently having been finished at a height of less than 1m. The artifacts found in association with these low walls tend to include a lot of bejucque.

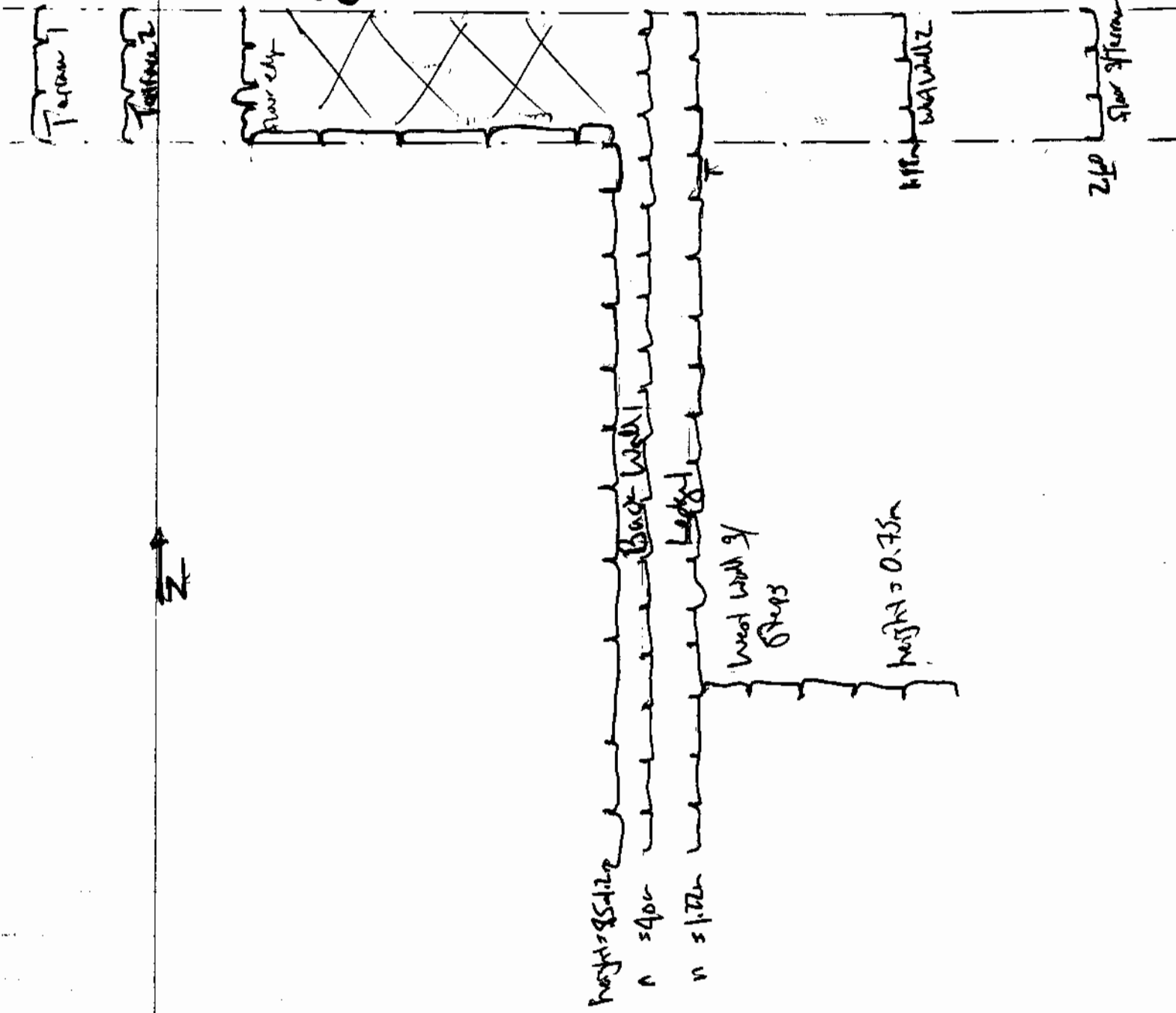
At this point, there is a wall that extends South on the South face of the structure less than 1m East of one of the doorways that might have formed part of a stair or access. The only odd thing is that so far, it hasn't stepped down as stairs do, but rather continued at the same level. Additional excavation should help clarify.

It is also unclear at this point whether there was one large building with a number of rooms on the structure or if there were a couple of different buildings that were later unified into a single structure with one large room (much like Str. 2) later in the sequence. If the latter were the case, that would mean that the pattern had changed significantly between the two versions. I'm also now starting to

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Wonder if the final version details include mainly an extension to the South.

Sp. 04



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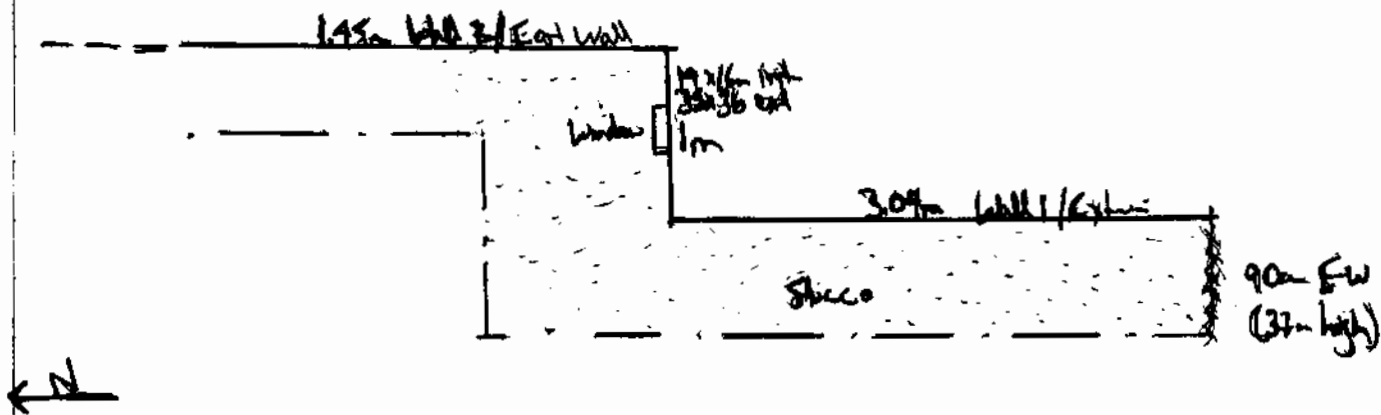
Str. 07 (op. 02/71)

After moving up to the summit to clear away rocks + clean out the looters' pit (luckily it didn't go very deep - 1.5m) we located a very well preserved section of the east side of the Superstructure (see p. 2007-1-15).

The wall that we initially found (the southern end) steps out further to the east before continuing north. The wall is preserved to a maximum of 18 courses + rests on a thick stucco floor. We've also found the south corner + a platform edge that we will follow to the west. This would - one way or another - tell us which way the building was facing.

The stucco includes a great deal of artwork to detail in the courses, with small clay plates being in many of the courses.

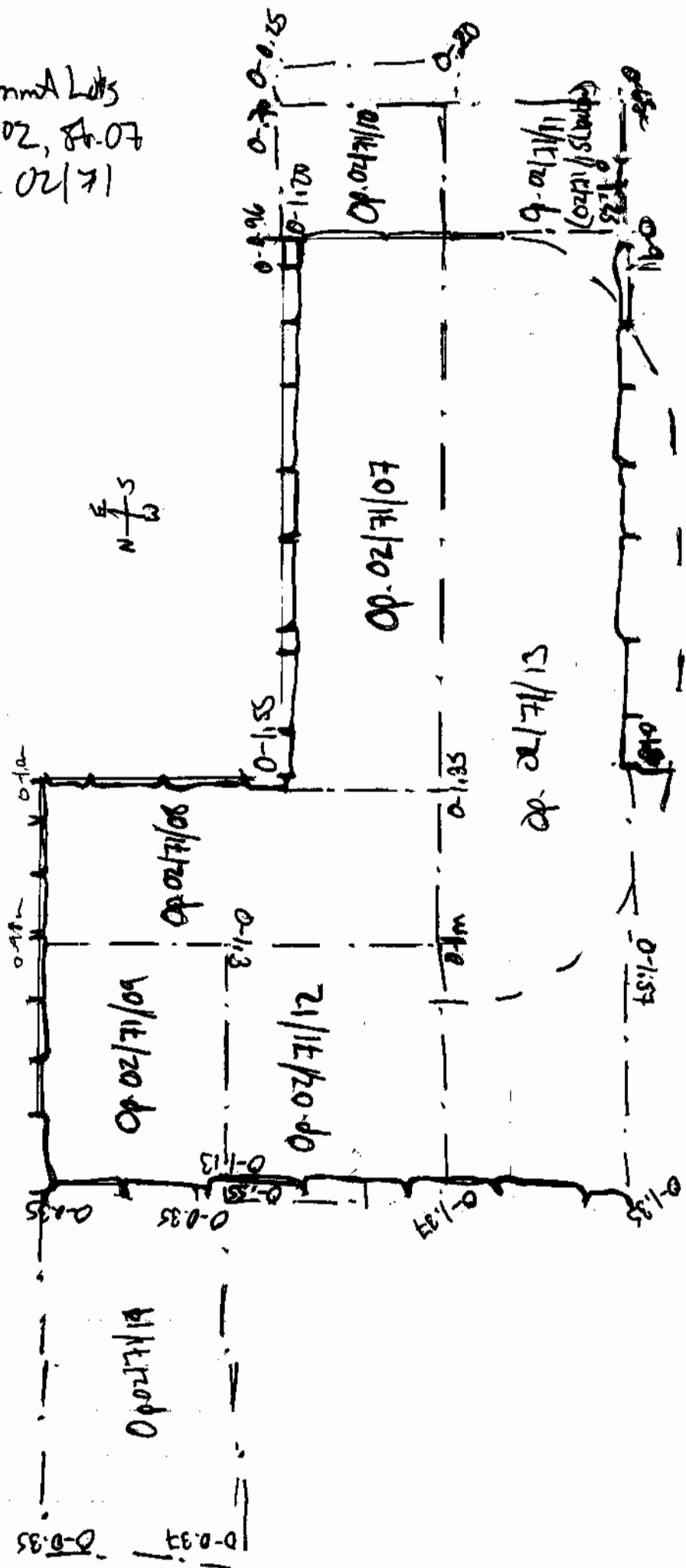
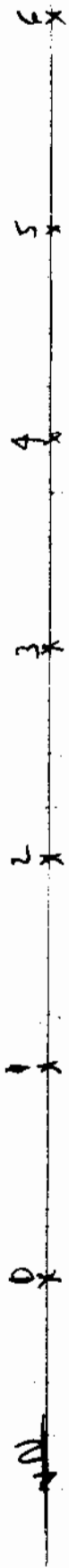
Some rods - rods? - are huge: $90 \times 57 \times 14$ - +



height	1.7m	1.62m	1.66m	1.33m	0.93m
Courses	12	16	16	12	3

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Summit Leds
S-002, Pt. 07
Op. 02/71

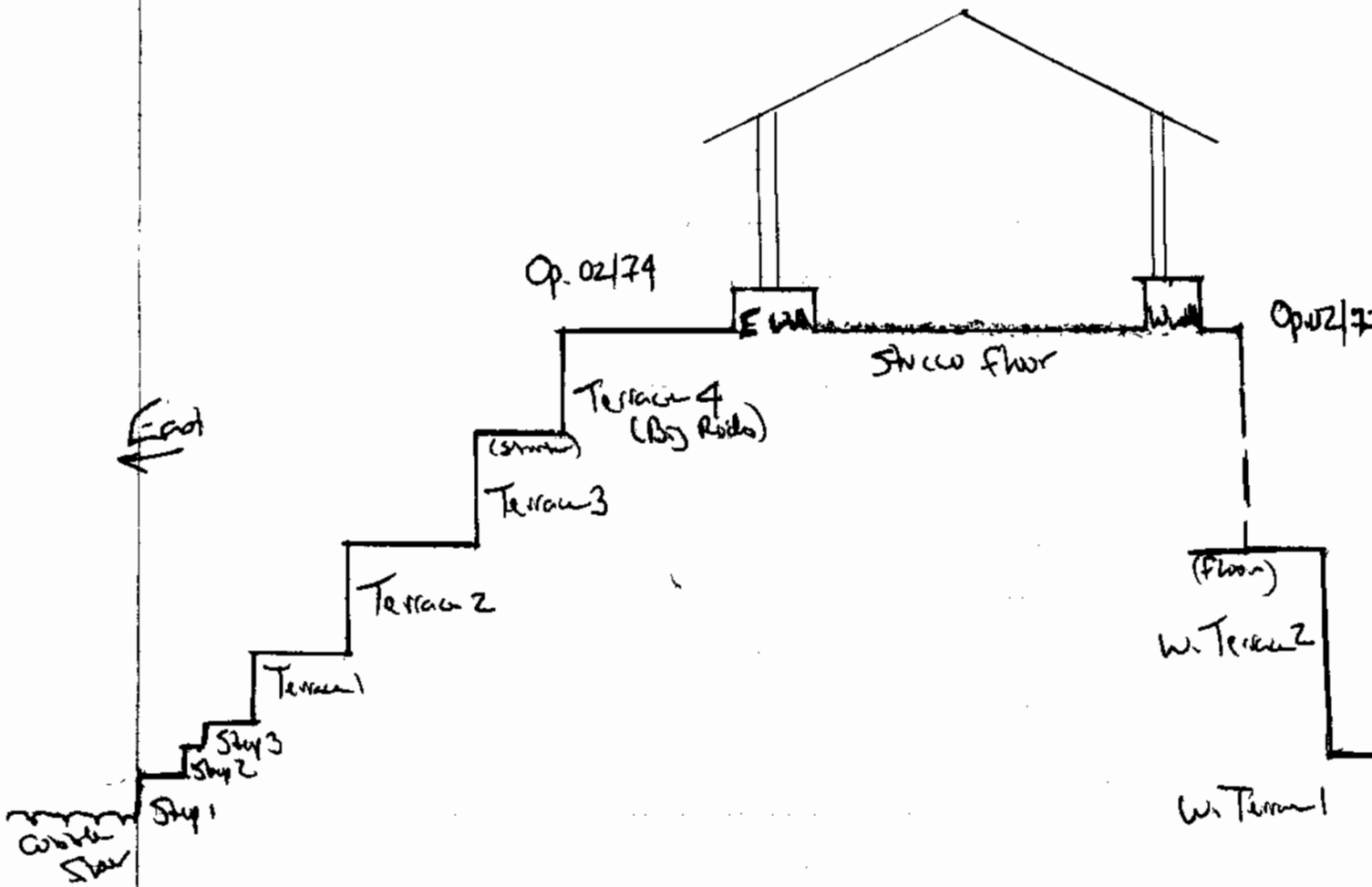


Looked pit nearby

Str. 06 (Op. 02/74)

In investigating Structure 6 Erkel has found both a series of steps + terraces up the front (E) side of the building + substantial present architecture on the summit. In contrast to Str. 7 it looks like the walls of the Superstrata are thin enough + present to side a low height (ie. 30-40-) that it seems likely that they were the foundations for perishable walls.

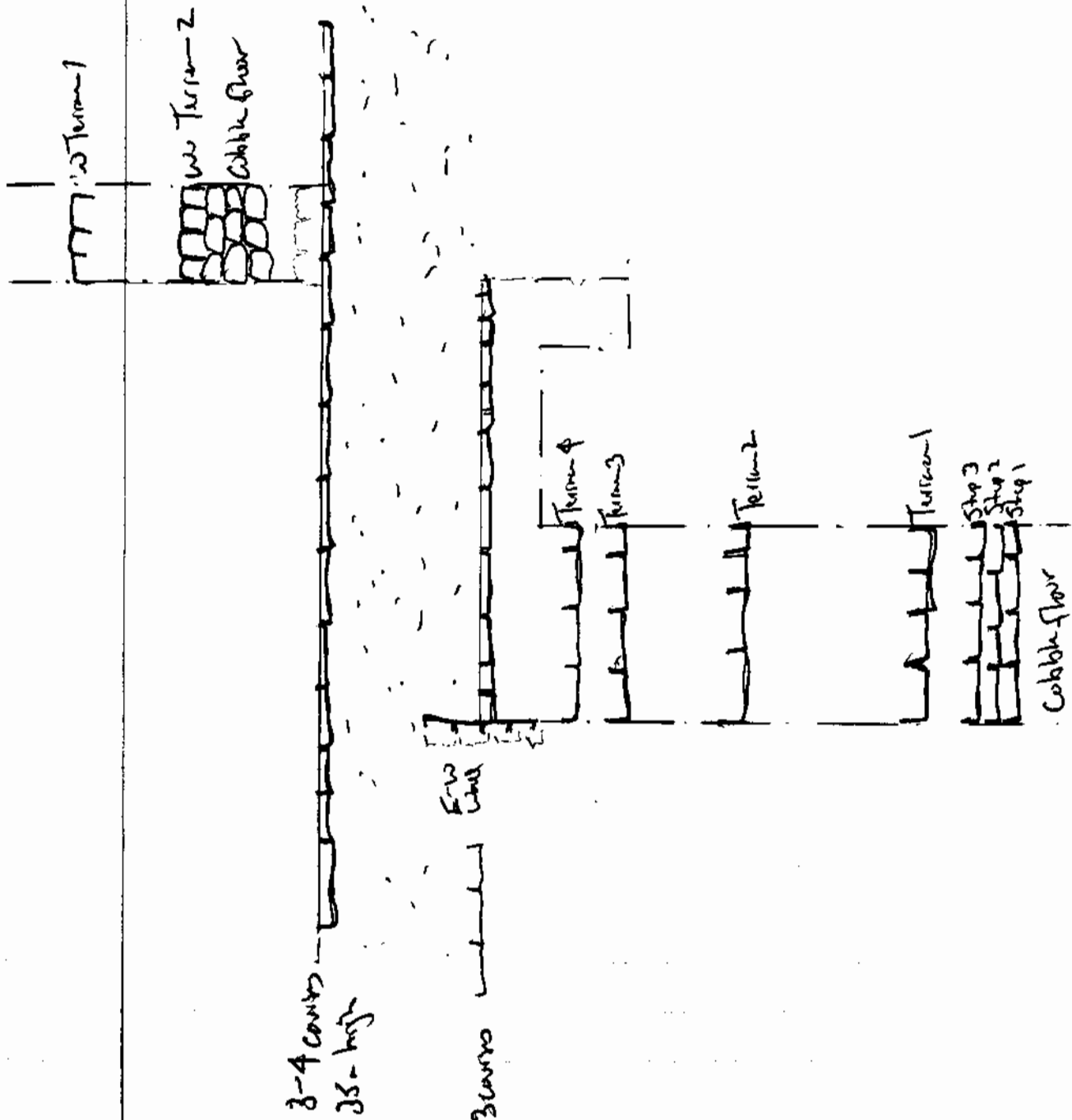
The front (E) side of Str. 6 includes 3 steps followed by 4 terraces. This may also have been the pattern on Str. 12 South side - ie. steps giving way to terraces:



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Fig. 06 (Cont.)

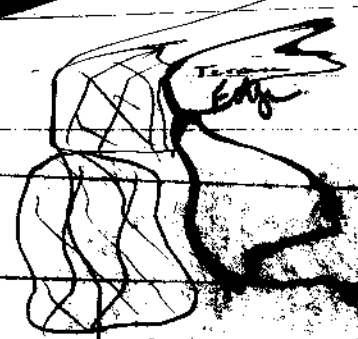
The Superstructure has proven to be very interesting, with a steel floor throughout + a series of interior walls (see below). Unfortunately the S Summit wall appears to have been destroyed, but the E + W walls are well preserved to 3-4 courses in many places.



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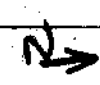


Superior
 The South of SD - to see. It's
 SD - of EV: JK



Possible
 Termination

East Wall



The soil in which these rocks are seated however is very loose & soft, as well as lighter in color. While the color of the rocks is possible that the rocks were fractured they form an fairly or fairly. The texture of the rocks is fine like they might have tumbled into this position.

On the north side (02/21/09) the wall consists of the Fall west of A (ie inside the summit structure) includes more of the fairly large glass (90 x 35 x 20) I think these may have formed a stone roof.

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Str. 07 (Op. 02/71) update

It now seems possible that there is a terrace or bank or first step stepping south of the south edge of the Superstructure of Str. 7. We can apply lot 02/71/10/ to the south by SD - to see. It now includes the North SD - of EV: JK



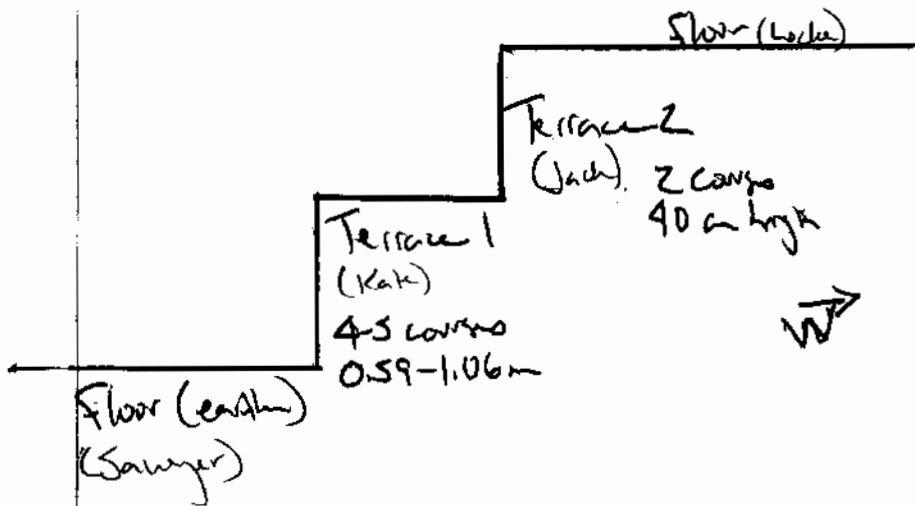
The soil in which these rocks are seated, however, is very loose & soft, as well as lighter in color. While the color change makes it possible that the rocks were placed in this position i.e. they form a landing or stairs. The texture of the soil makes me think they might have tumbled into this position.

On the north side (02/71/09) the wall consists of the Fall west of A (ie inside the summit structure) includes some of the fairly large stones (90 x 35 x 20) & this may have formed a stone roof.

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Op. 02/72 - Test pt (2x2m) between fronts 8, 7, +6.
Erdl found a rocky lens, but no formalized lens. He
went through the process lens below the floor into
the waste layer. There was a horizontal lens below the floor + void

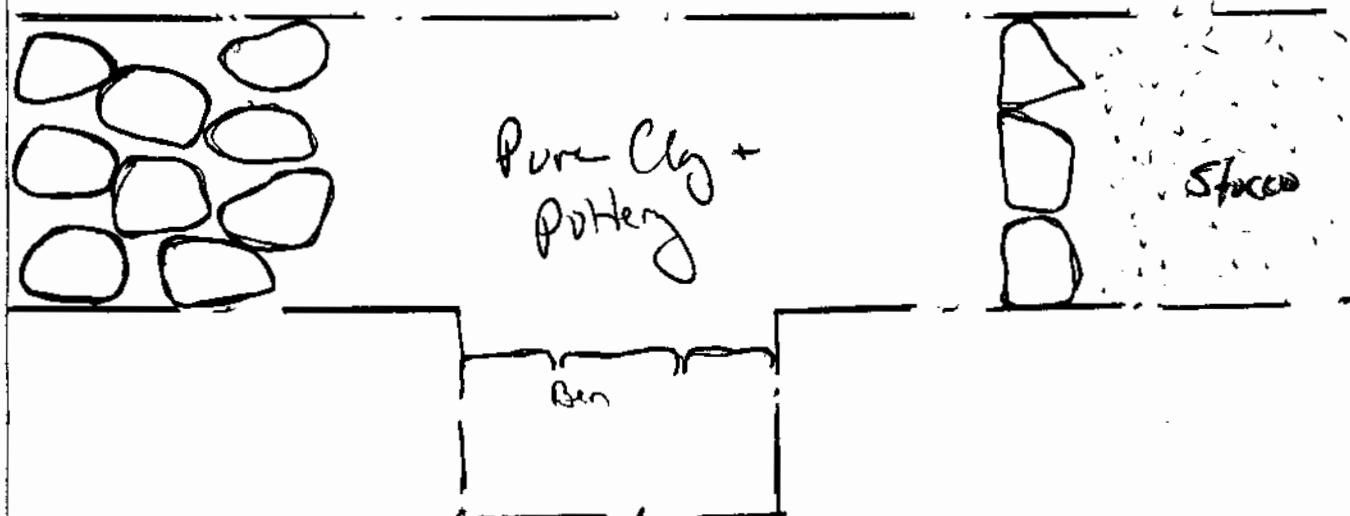
Structure 5 (Op. 02/75) To better understand this building
Thomas has opened a trench close to the middle. So far, it
hasn't been exactly clear, but it looks like there are 2
terraces along the east side.



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Site S-6 Saddle (Op. 02/75) A very minor extent of H jar
like they filled in the area between the two buildings of dirt

Cobble
Floor



I'm still at a loss to explain why they used dirt
rather than stone + earth, but there it is - quite
clear that it was mixed dirt. As far as I can tell
from brief field inspections, it looks like all of it dates
to the Late Classic, ruling out the possibility of an
earlier, Pre Classic jar made of earth.

The top surface of the clay is hard-packed,
suggests that it served as a surface on which people
walked between buildings.

Wednesday, 13 Jan 2007

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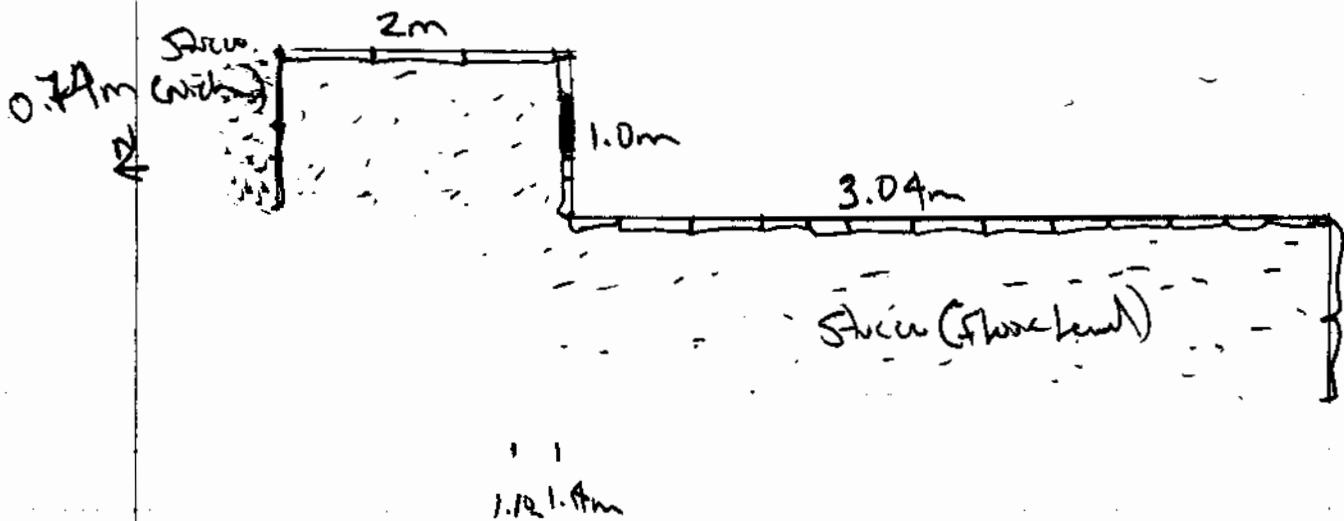
Spent yesterday afternoon trying to find various land owners for the area north of the fence at Graydon. Rita Leon had promised to come out w/ her husband the day before but didn't, she promises to come again today.

We did get permission for ~~Proffo~~ Anna to continue work at Zacañal go, if we can't get into the pasture out Graydon, will head out there when the pits at Graydon on Dec. 14 + 15 are done.

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Stn 7 In Angel + Nerbata from found an E-W crosswall on the summit. The room now looks like this (see below)

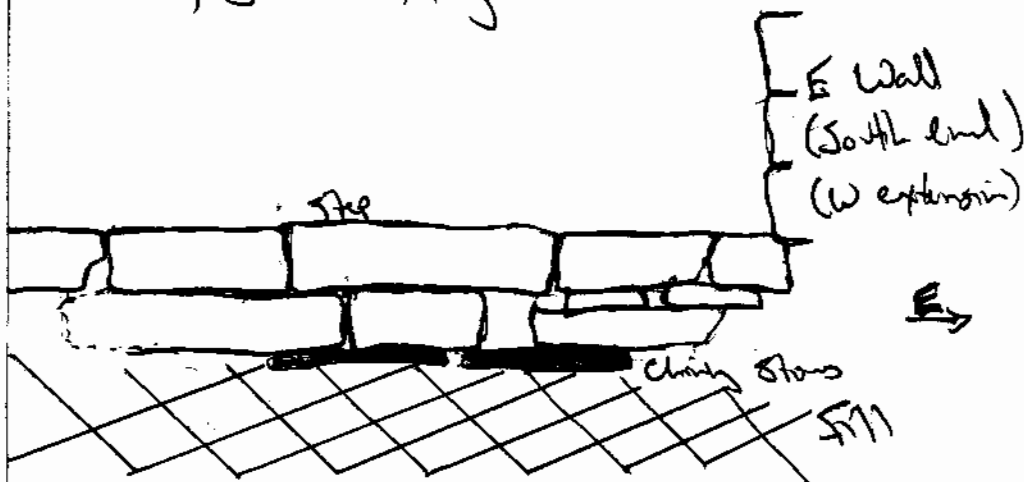
It also looks to me like the E wall (N-S) center post the niche/bench feature - the rock has pulled away from the E wall, but it looks like the E wall did center further North.



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On the South side of Str. 07, it now looks like the Step / Summit edge is just 2 courses + that the lower steps/and were not well preserved here. At the base of the second course the soil changed to a light brown, loosely-packed dirt + the 2nd (or lower) course of the step rests on pebbles + cobbles. We've stepped out to the west (ap. 02/71/11) to see if the stairs / Arden are better preserved here.

Str. 7, South end, Aug 11



Well continue west with 3 objectives:

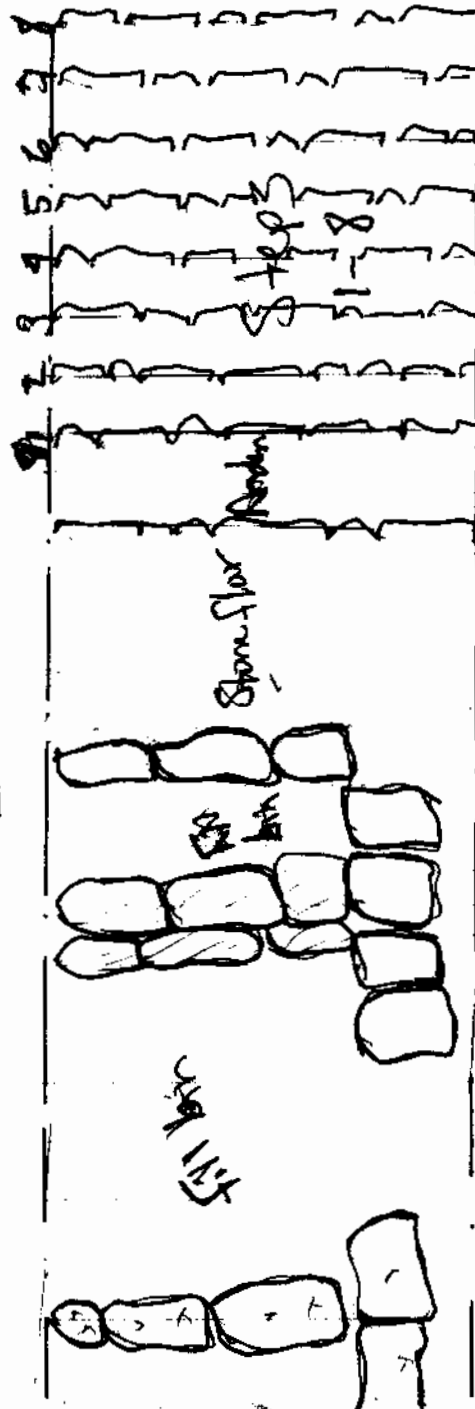
1. Follow the Step / threshold to the west
2. Find the other side (W) of the doorway
3. See if the next Step / Arden is better preserved

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E1 Points:

Str. 1 Santiago Corbin dam both the East + West side
of Str. 1 to complete the motor section. So far he has found
the Blue Strain^(S) + another fill bin (w.) Key HAPL material

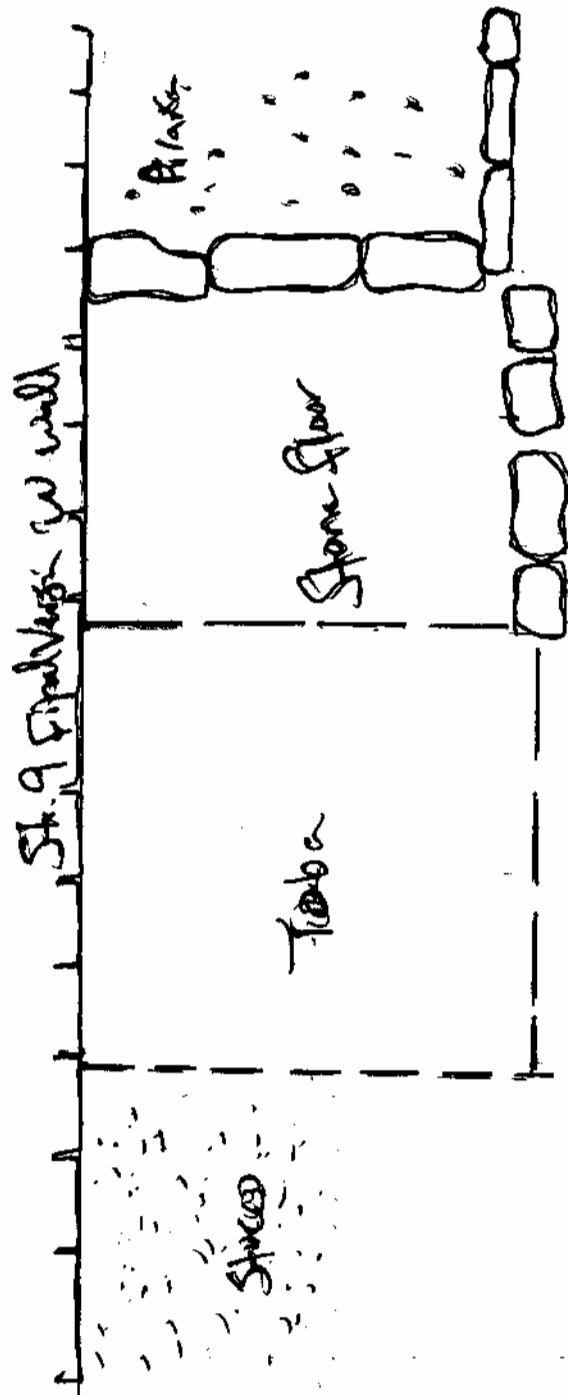
Blanco - Str. 1 - Sub 1



2007-1-28

Stn 9

Roberto Cortes work on Stn 9 at El Paraiso. He has fed the west face of the final vesica of the building + B wall to define the floor system there. At this point, the West include a plank floor, while the East will rest on a bghA



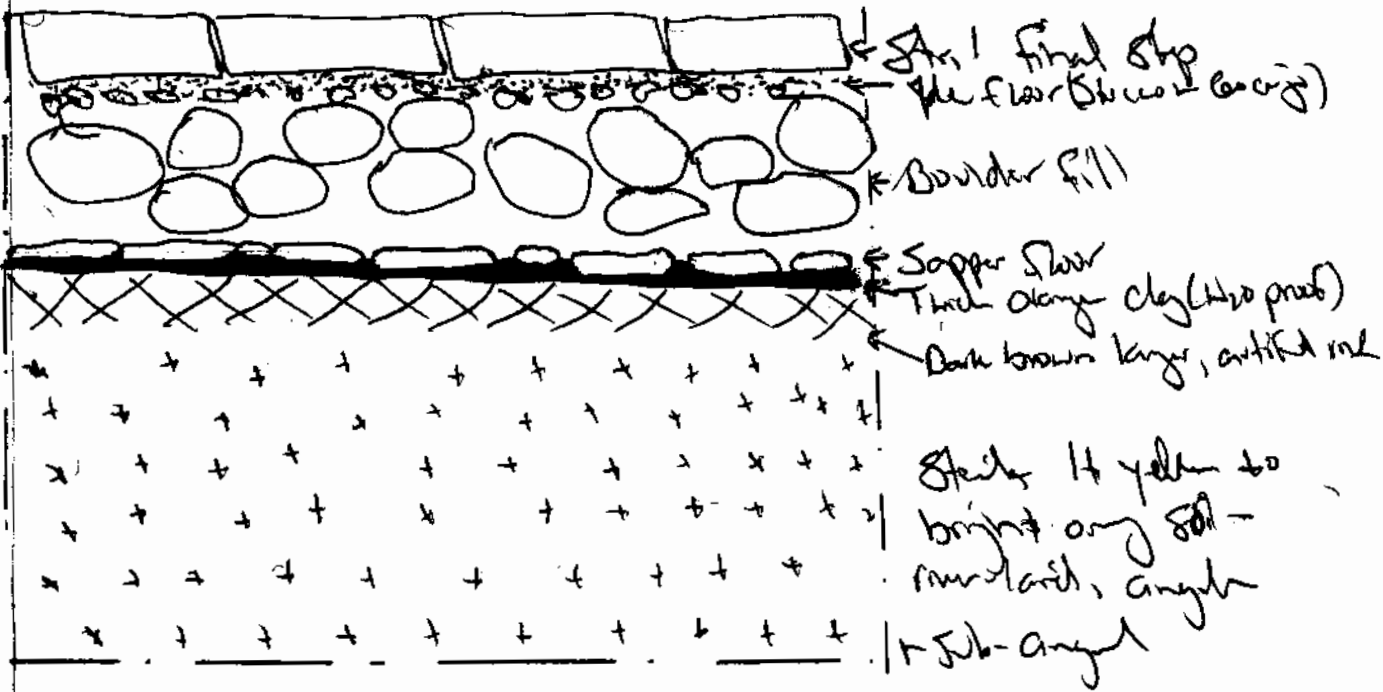
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Str. 9 also includes an initial floor system w/ Rahmo
Suggesting that the Strucc could the red dirt into which
the wall is center sink

Strucc?



Str-1 Sapper floor RA Includes:



No sign of an offg + its too dangerous (as the fill is
too loose) to go in under the floors.

2007-1-30

Str. 1 excavations will continue until we have completed the north section.

High School Program: With the much appreciated help of Manuel Aguado "Lito" Lemos we initiated the high school field opportunity last Wednesday with a visit to LAES class. From the 3 cursos del ciclo com., we find 17 students interested in participating. The students included:

1. Carlos Alfredo Arrieta
2. Rufina Maudelina Ahorayo
3. Rigoberto Figueroa
4. Richanna Yara Borrera
5. Norma Letecia Rivas
6. Kera Vanessa Manzo
7. Fanny Carolina Pinto
8. Maria Yargeni Mejia
9. Carlos Martin Leon
10. Cindy Jasmin Chinchilla
11. Carlos Jose Torres
12. Kephin Yajna Guerra
13. Enma Yipemia Garcia
14. Heydi Pamela Clason
15. Keny Merari Joffe
16. Luis Jarama
17. Keny Morales

We split the group up into groups of 2 with one group of 3 with divided the up among the researchers at each site so that they could learn or develop by doing it. Different groups take different approaches, with some (ie the Capital Group) working together.

2007-1-31

In one large group + others (i.e. El Puente + El Com)
work in the small groups of two. Each group
has a checklist of details to complete (see attached)
The students join us for 2 hours each week
from 2-4pm, which also means they have only a
partial day in the field, in consultation w/ Lito if
send them that way to become the only program
with the students. Students who complete the
program will be granted a diploma certifying their
successful completion.

Schedule:

Jun 9-15	Field work
Jun 18-22	Exam week - no field work
Jun 25-29	Vacation week - open participation
July 2-4	Write-ups/presentations

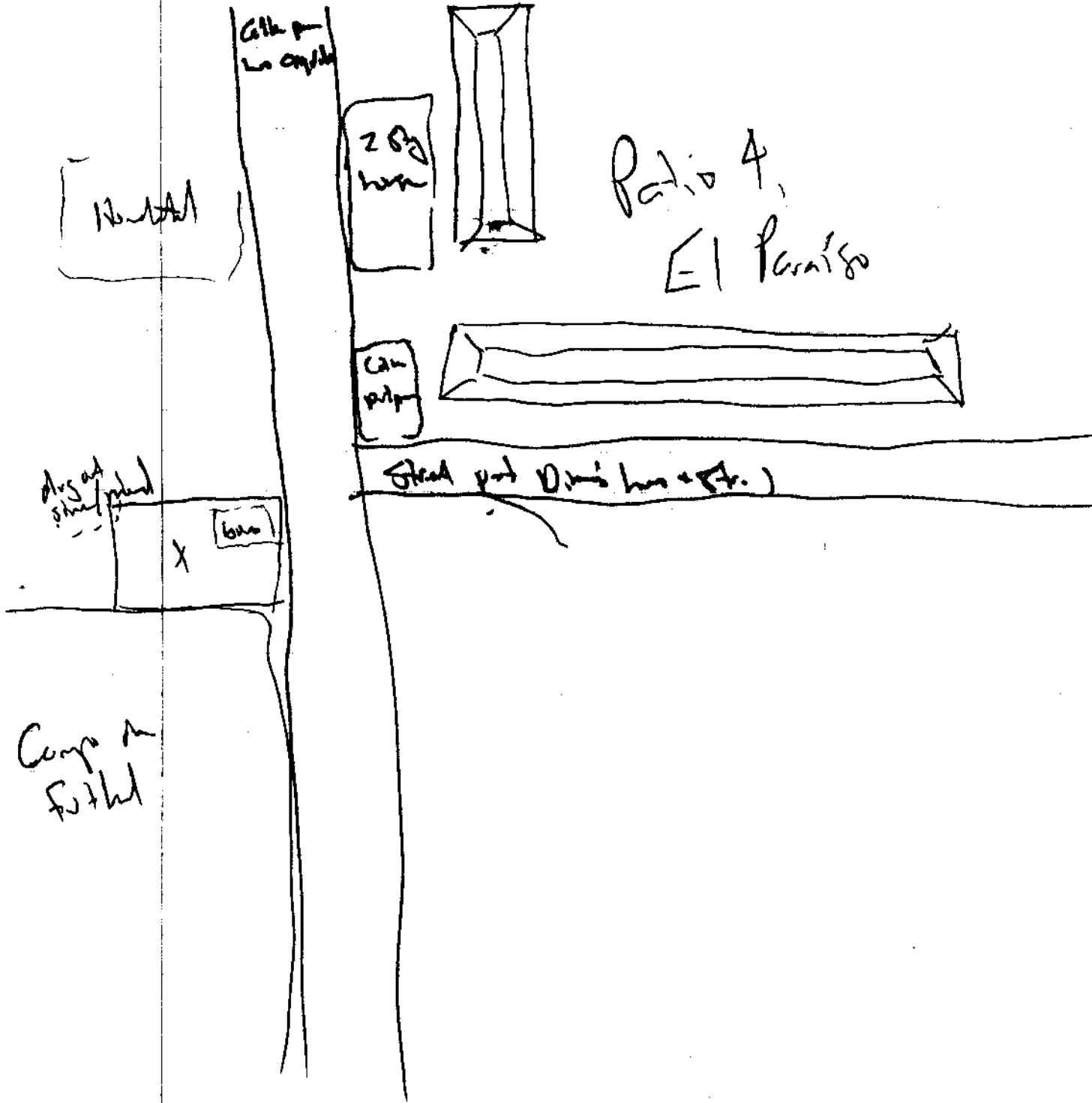
The program will conclude with a presentation of
some sort (talk +/or posters) in the school so
the participants can share their experience with others
in the school.

The students will also make a field trip to
the site of El Puente + new PAREP harts.

The program is going very well this far with
a lot of interest from the students + PAREP
members alike.

2004-1-37

Eli Serrano (not related to Oms) reports finding bones in plants near the site of El Paraíso (see sketch) which were working on a house above the football field & below the household office on the road to Los Argueros. The house belongs to the son of Ruben Barrios



2007-1-33

The market includes party, deposit, 2 markets
(one in two pines) & fish traps to be in line - I
take the out to park now (teeth included)

This will Q-9/65/d

The bars were found 80' below the surface &
were associated with the party.

Thursday, June 14, 2007

2007-1-34

The headlights on the red truck refused to light last night, so Guntips has the car this morn'g & will try to fix it. Jerry is in ops to take Christi to the airport & return today.

Looking ahead, w/ about 2 weeks of active fieldwork left:

1. Precision Project:

- Finish pits in El Guayabal Str. 14+13 (Chris lead)
- move to Zacual as ready
- Come back to Tin-Leads land if able to join per

2. El Paraiso:

- Finish fifty tran on Str. 9; connect shore lands
- tran out Violeta on Str. 9.
- Connect Column Blue Str. 9
- connect FM bin exists in 2006 w/ summit
- Japan Shore probe is finished

3. El Cepedul

a) Str. 7

- Tran out E-W bank - fit w/ doorway - go over top near E wall - confirm A crosses into A
- probe in over E bank wall for depth

b) Str. 4

- Resolve South Wall issue / function
- fish cut to back wall
- Test pit South area

c) Str. 6

- Tran is much surfer - as late as possible - N wall

D) Str. 5

1. Finish aerial
2. Find probe found Str. 6
3. Ext'd saddle probe to west
4. Ext'd aerial to get comp. data on surface arch (RIP)

4. Laboratory

a. Ceramics:

1. Prochlorite
2. EP - sub-surface
- percentage grain/local very new assemblage
3. ≤ 1 Capital
- percentage
- EC in Str. 4?

- b. Catalyng on surface for Str. 9
- c. Object catalyng

General Observations / Thoughts:

E) Capital Str. 7 A really looks like this building was considerably lower, to begin with, with the huge gully found or low Str. 5. It's possible that they attempted a vaulted roof of some sort. The building definitely goes to the front South, but has a facade as well (now) + includes the Chert (one separate, possible vaulted roof, success associated w/ other +/or "major" architecture in the region)

207-1-36

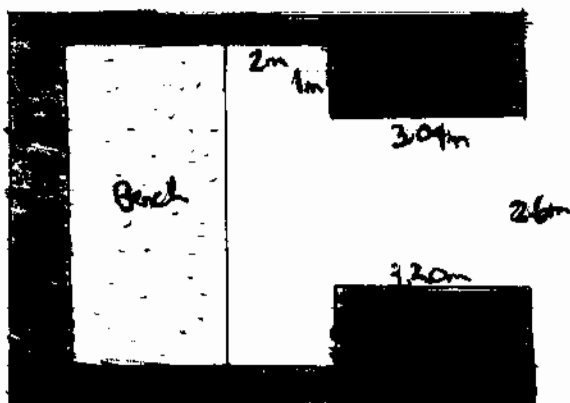
Sta 1 (E) Parris: Spent some time after lunch going over memo on Str. 1 with Sentijs. Will take photo points on what he's done tomorrow may so will have exact comparisons of the Blank Stairs exposed in previous years & those uncovered this year.

Sta 9 On Str. 9, Photo 13 is 1.5 by 1.0 + 50 cm (2 m) only a small piece of a "border" with dots (Borde covered has been found. He will do the cut photo: memo photography describes + the rebaring the in the square for which they care. The toba is mixed with other quartz Stms + Jcht, with about 70% of the Stms coming from the excavate units by toba.

Info for each Toba Stone:

EU, # (6 m drawing), length, width, thickness, shape, photo #

Sta 7 (E) Capital
When located the west door jamb at 2.6m west of the main step of the east jamb.



Str. 7

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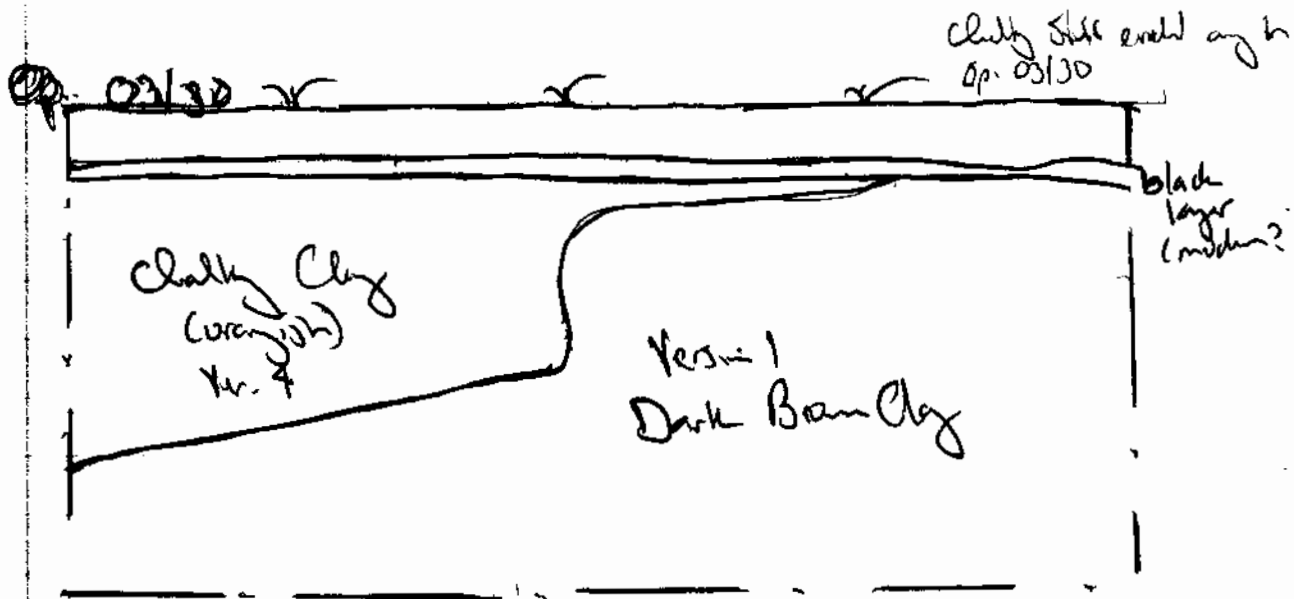
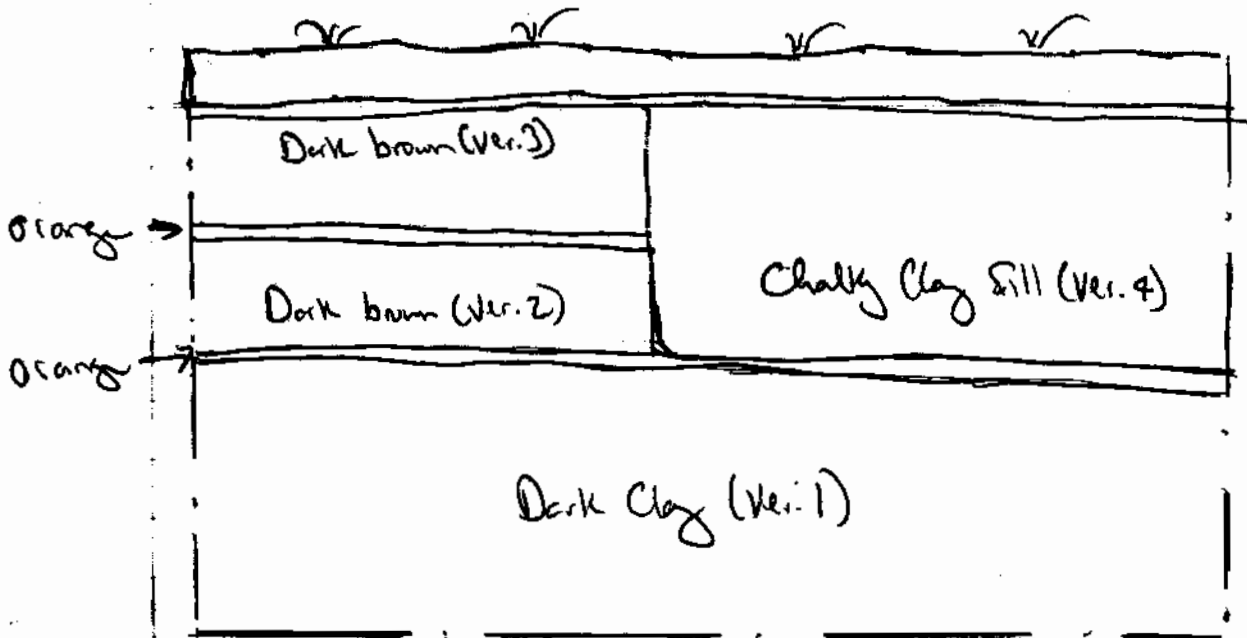
Manned Landmark continues to clear the E (wind) face of the west door facade on the south side of the door. There was a good deal of siltation as the heavy collapse of the rock on which the base of the wall is seated has tilted downhilly to the west. This area was filled with a large concentration of pebbles (small) which appear to have formed the cusp below the thick plaster floor. The fall in this area is also very loose + soft.

Friday 15 June 2009
El Guayabal

CW7-1-38

Op. 03/26 Str. 14 - top of Str.
03/30 - on base of Str. 14
03/27 - low exam

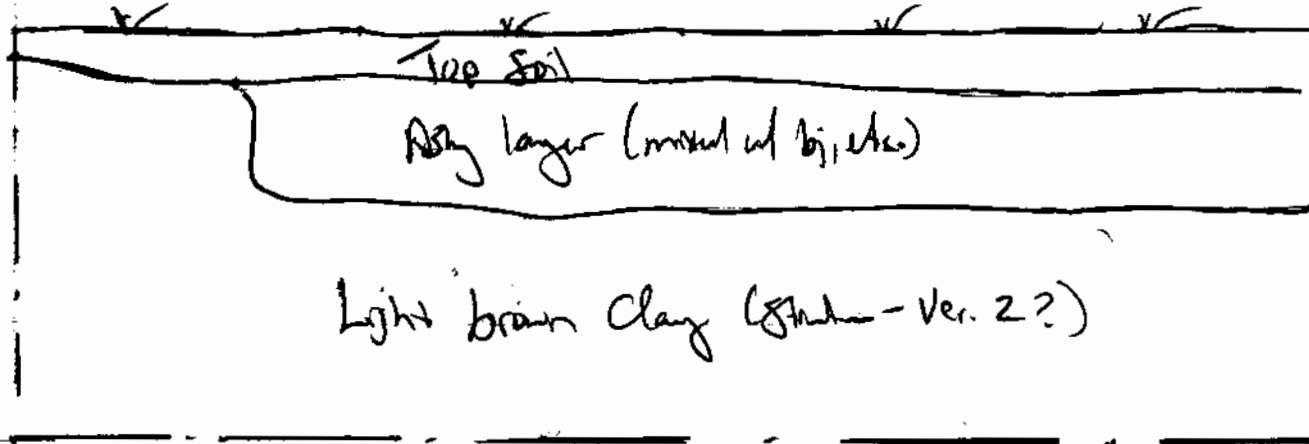
Op. 03/26, Str. 14
1x2 - pit w/ 5 soil chps, possible terrace on the
NE with wall



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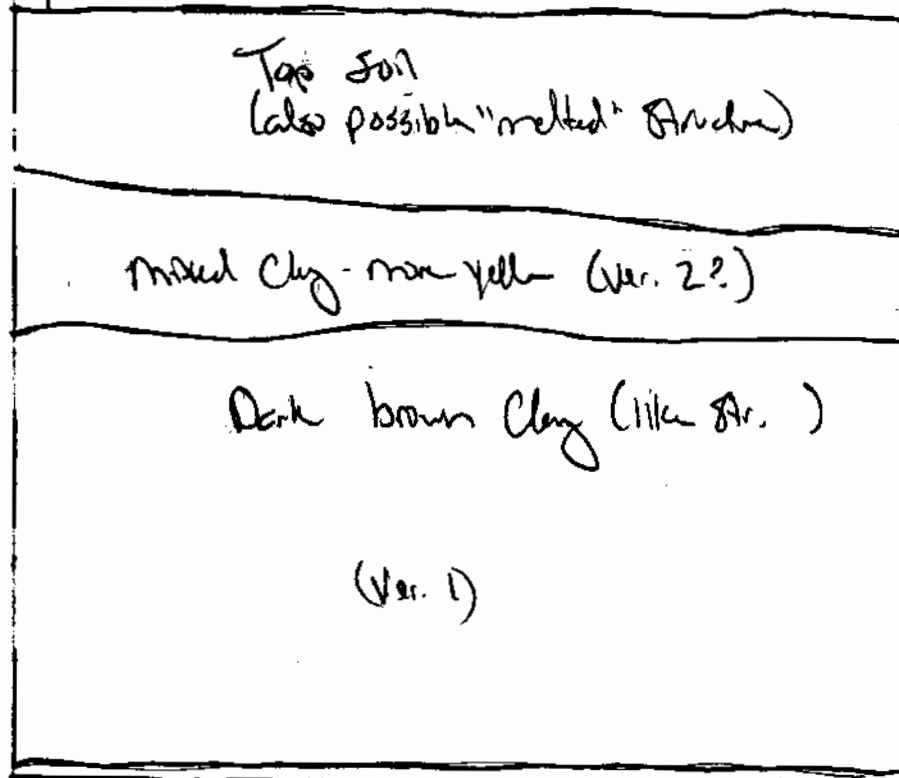
Str. 15 03/28 + 03/29

03/28 - base of Str.



bdg. has more incline etc. in last level

03/29



The top of the Str. 15 might have "melted" off.

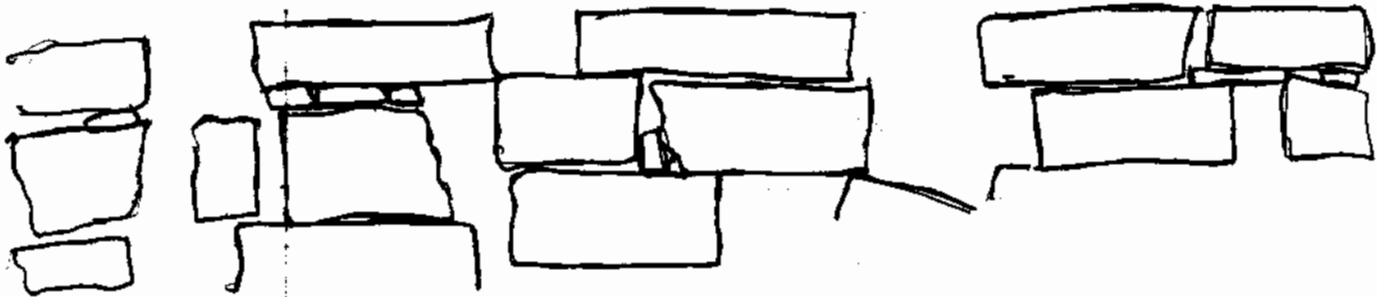
Compacted soil possibly the original ground surface

E1 C44

2007-1-40

Sta 07 - Found the N end of the west door jamb - 3.20
(02471/13)

Also looking N over E end of bench to find - if possible - the
north end of the east wall, & in the process the width
of the bench. The bench itself is made of very large
stones. We will also consider the possibility that it was
the new wall for the number of rows full from above
the level.



Bench Elevation (Looking N)

Monday, June 18, 2007

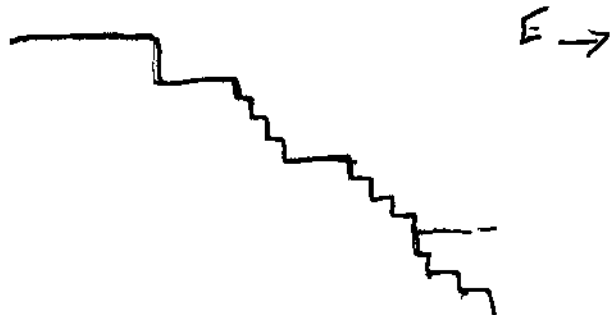
2007-1-41

Str. 7 El Cafetal - explain N only E wall to find extent (depth) of bank top - Oct 7/14. Also, county north only west wall to finally expose it. After this two walls have been finished; all that will remain will be to find the top of str. on the south side.

El Guayabal

Paul + My are finishing the drawing on Str. 15 + 14. We had a bit of confusion + it has all the we thought we were on Str. 16 but were actually on Str. 15. No problem. We also got the good news from Tito here that we can dig on the field north of the main group. Jim Paul + My had already planned to move on to Zacatal, they will do that + I'll move Roberto over to El Guayabal after he has finished dig at El Perisito. That way we will be able to finish exposing the Guayabal strata in both the poster field + Str. 16.

El Perisito - Jorge is finishing up the aerial on Str. 1 + it looks like we have the Blue Str. + possibly the str. for an intermediate version.



2007-1-42

Apr. 07. We are uncovering yet another set of the huge rocks
found in the fall inside the summit room. The fabric of these
rocks still puzzles me - for the location I have to think
that they found a \sim roof of some sort, but I can't figure
out exactly how - a vault? (my party made?) or
something else.

Observations:

1. Very large - $115 \times 70 \times 15$ - for example
2. Roughly triangular or wedge shaped with a long side
3. oriented w/ strike (no clear cohesion, but find nearby)
4. Tilted to both north + south in orientation w/ walls (see sketch)
to south end of W job + fault off north back wall

Tuesday, 18 Jun 2007

2007-1-43

El Zacatal- S-0025. Being work at El Zacatal (S-025) located east of La Orquidea. Like La Orquidea, the site appears to belong to the second tier of the three-tiered settlement hierarchy & will provide, we hope, a good comparison w/ La Orquidea about our sample of prehistoric material, & more on the history of settlement in the valley during this important & little studied time period. In addition to the material recovered by Clarke in the 6 shovel tests he did earlier this year (11/25/1+6), we hope this will give us a sample of architectural style as well as a window into the number of construction phases, etc.

Op. 13 has been assigned to the El Zacatal excavations.

Str. 09 El Pamiro-

That in architecture & excavations on Str. 9. After we go from the Spring, Roberts will be ready to move on to El Guayabal:

1. Photo of entire excavations (field photos)
2. Photo of tube by EU
3. Field diary.

Will cover all of the architecture with old tarps or plastic (w/ holes for H₂O runoff), then place the tubes on the tarps/plastic, cover them, & fill in w/ soil & rocks. The way all of the tubes will be in its final area should it be possible to consolidate in the future.

Wednesday, June 20

2007-01-44

E) Capital: Str. 6 - Fred has finished all of his excavation + has done his work. He is now working to complete date entry from his notes + with his infrared / find notes. He has been for the US + then a trip to China with his parents. He's done a good job. (ops. 02/74 + 02/77)

Str. 7 - Coming to clear out an over bank - re join up the wall. Still no clear evidence as to when it was - it may have fallen off the bank (N) side of the wall. (op. 02/78)

Str. 5 - This he stops out any from the capital bank (op. 02/78) to follow out / not a few lines on the side of the E side of the building that have been visible as the str. has been cleared (ops. 02/78 + 02/79). The condition on the two term lines that have been exposed has been found the top given on the other building - re mark with some steps + better covered. It looks like the corbeling parts of these have had fallen off in the area of the capital bank, they behind the corner, boulder-like heavy or fill. This will keep filling them as he is able.

In op. 02/76 he also found a N-S wall that appears to have been part of the Superstructure.

Str. 4 (op. 02/75) which continues to clear at the N-S wall that extends from the South Face of the early version of Str. 4. It now looks like the fill of the ~~may~~ go over the top of the preserved level of the South wall of the final version of Str. 4

N-S wall

Str. 4
South wall

2007-1-45

Lab. Cassan is working to figure out the Early Classic by looking at the pottery from the site of the first village of Str. 4. So far, she has noted that A is definitely there that it is different in terms of frequency + presence/absence of some elements (see below) from both the Late Classic + the Preclassic, but that the pottery are in many cases nearly identical to those seen in other time periods. The Early Classic (thus far) seems to:

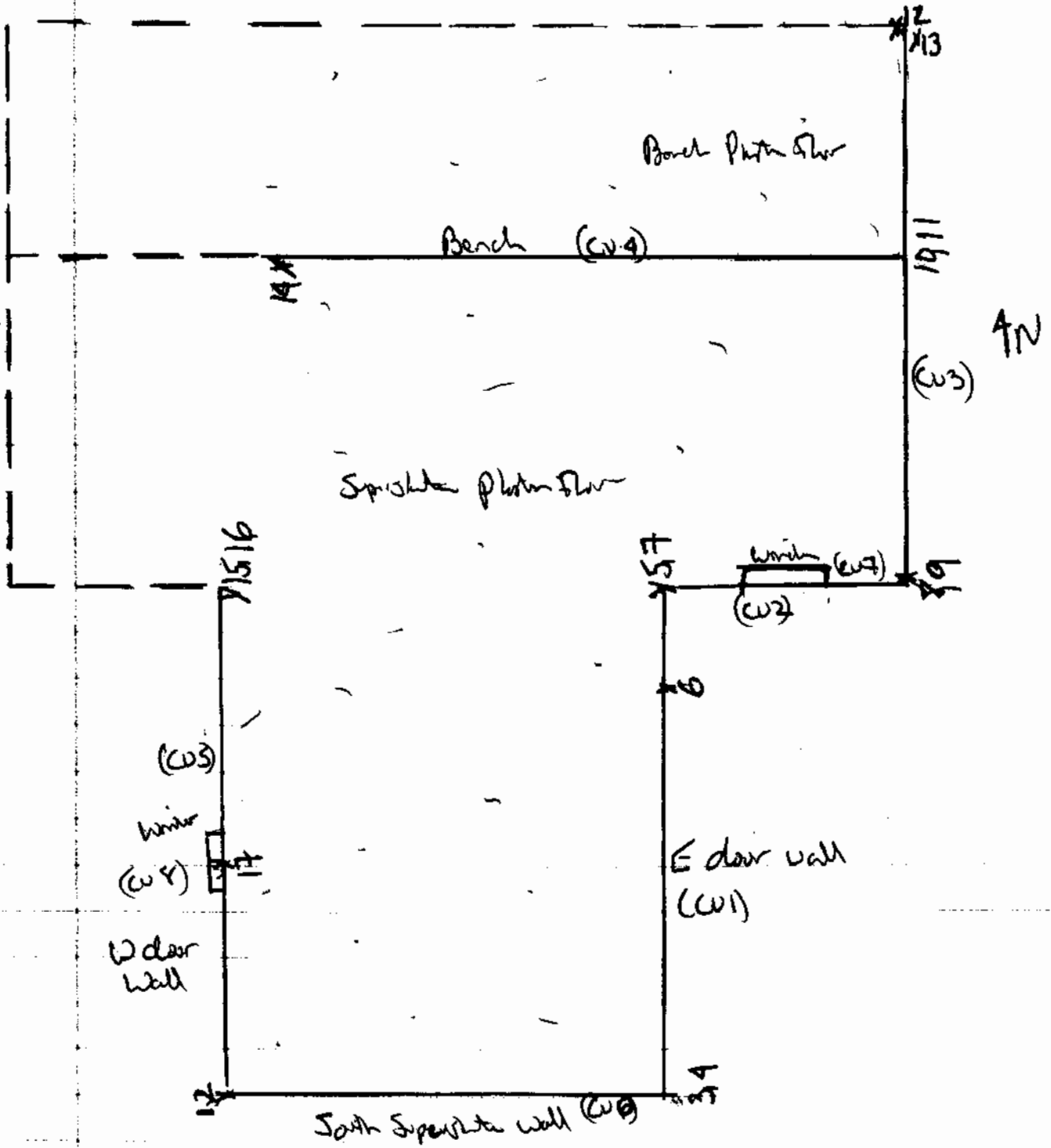
1. have Chalchipe
2. have some Uxulute
3. have a lot of (more than other time periods) metal jars
4. ~~Not~~ have polychrome
5. Not have black-on-white tradition wares

Cassan thinks it makes sense to finish getting Whitcup pottery in context these observations + then to move on to the LCA material, doing the very detailed work of writing type descriptions of the Early Classic material for next year.

High School prog - on hiatus this week for exams. The students return at their own discretion day ~~Monday~~ week to continue in the field + then move to the lab before a field trip to El Puerto next Saturday. Will work with them to make papers that match the photos they've taken + the print photos when they mount the photos at school on Mon or Tuesday. Alternatively, we could give them the photos on Sat. day through Print Trip.

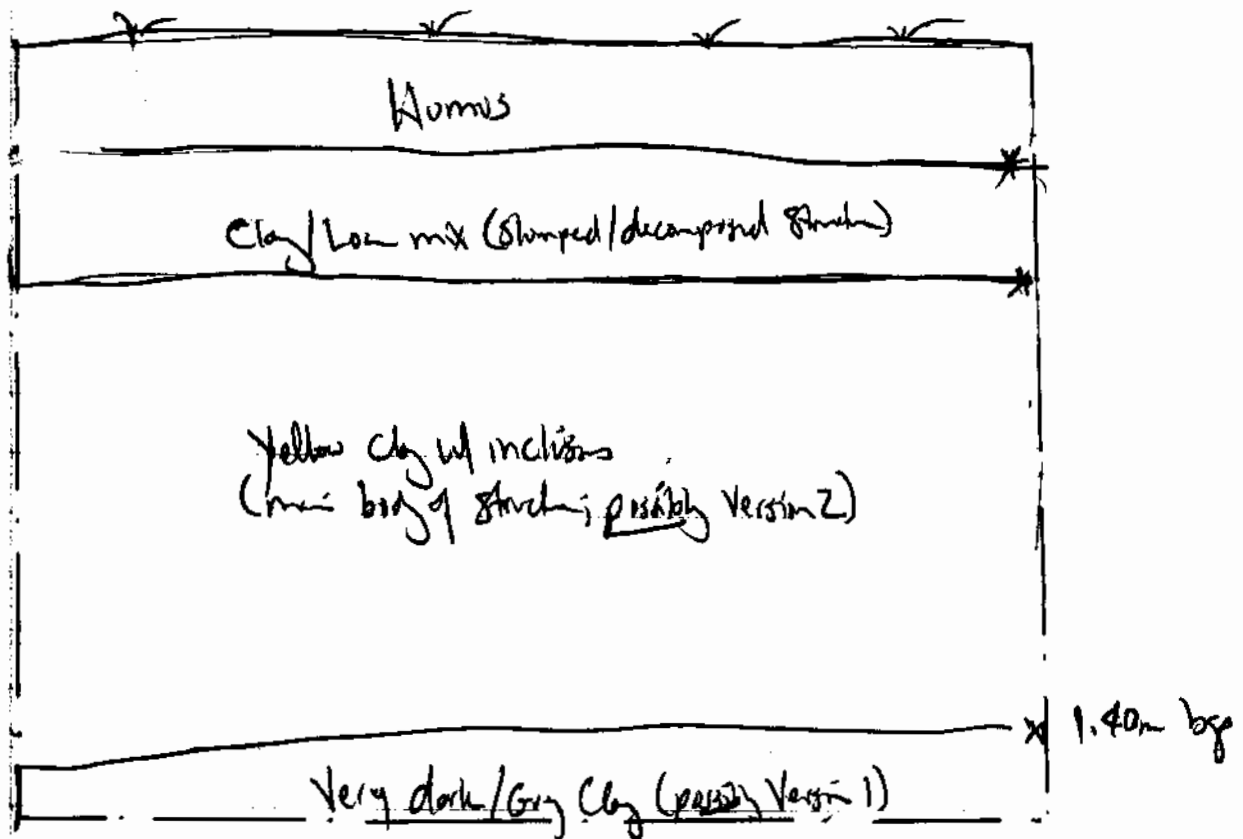
Superstar Muralis, Fig. 7:

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03/31 (E) Gungahlin) Str. 09



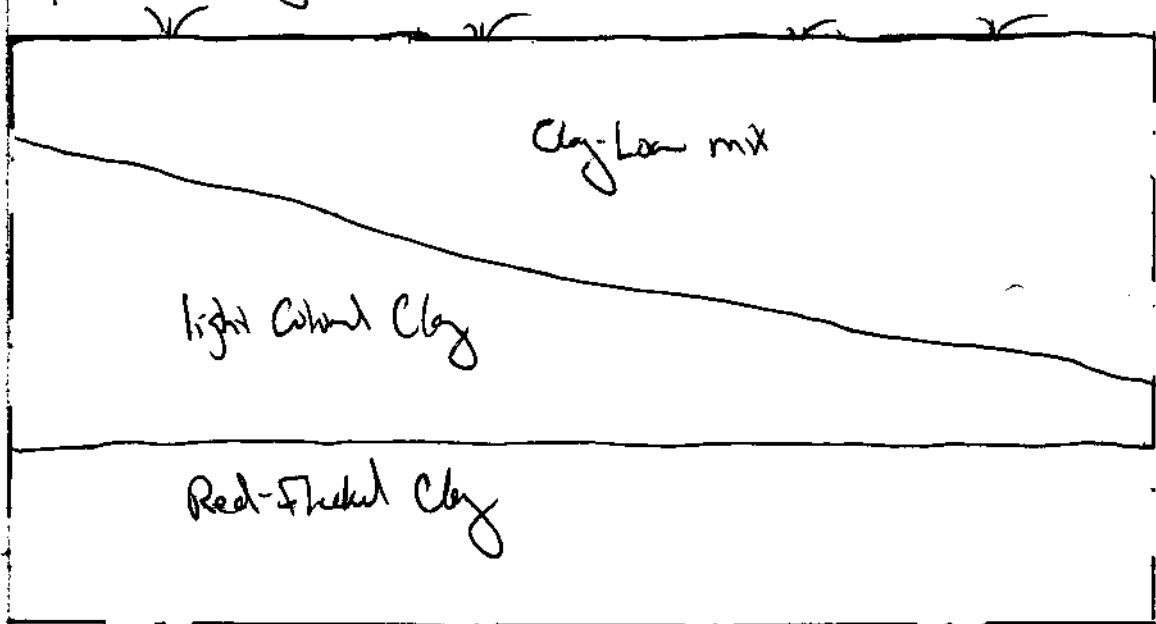
On 29 June 2009 3 elutriate points were taken one at the top of each layer

It looks like there are possibly 2 m of the Str. or the Str. is a low layer (dark clay) that appears deep when a single vertical probe will not reach.

The building, much like the others on the N side of the site, appears to have been built in one (or possibly 2) phases. The Struck (or) layer is very simple, with the overbank lying on top of a yellow clay w/ multi-colored inclusions which grades into a dark blue/grey clay at the base of excavation.

03/32-E1 Gravel Str. 12

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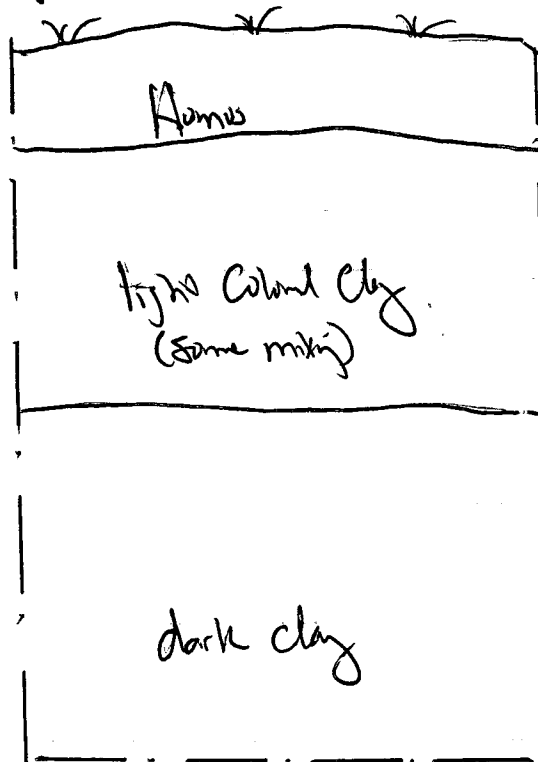
This building, located on the edge of the area cut by the gravel stream, is indeed a ~~single~~ ^{single} with at least (most likely) one (and possibly 2) phases of construction. The main part of the building is composed of a light brown to tan clay but this grades into a red-fielded clay near the base of excavation. The building itself appears to taper down (ie. the light colored clay tapers) toward the S end of the unit.

Like other buildings in this part of the site, Str. 12 appears to have been built simply + most likely in a single complete phase. The building to the south (ie across the road) Strs. 13, 14, 15, 16 seem to have been built in multiple phases (as was Str. 1). It will also be likely to see the classic obsidian Freyquist ply out in each part of the site.

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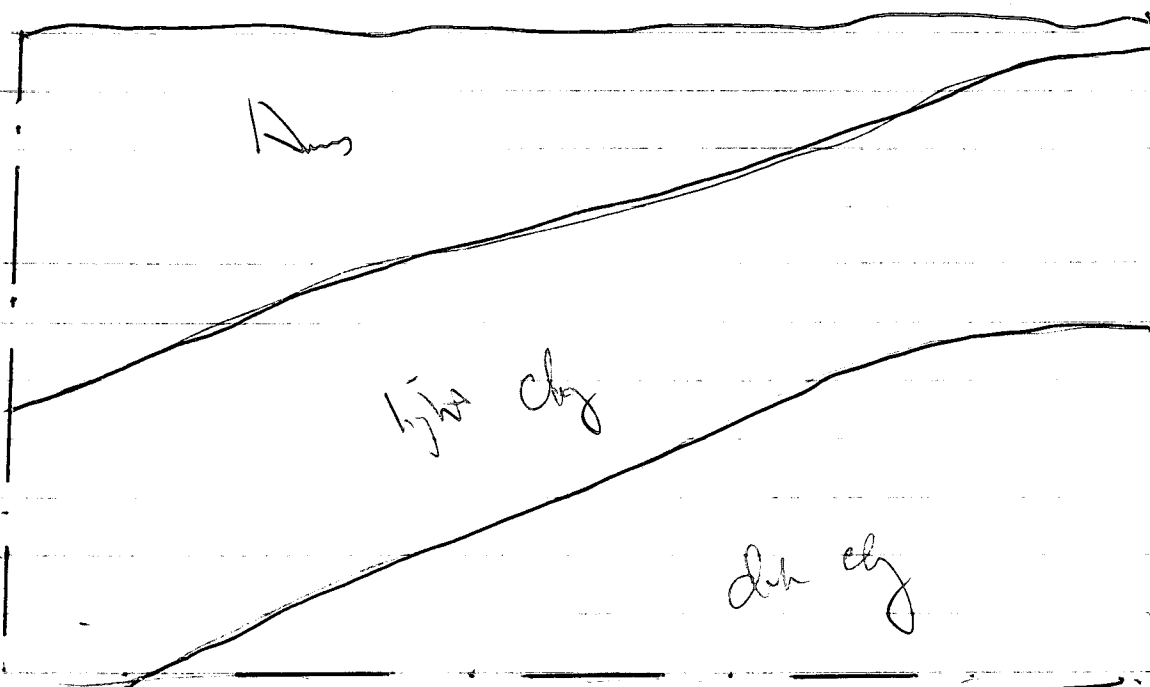
Op. 03/33 Dec. 16

W. face



1.30m bgs

South
Face



more chert

13/02

2007-150

str. 1 - base / 1st veg - nat'l clay modified in clay
cut steps into it - cut down into clay - ~~cut down~~
building Cut into layer to put in post holes

Sign + rail post holes

2 layers above 9th ven of str

plus blobs as w well - class 4

(Suits 1 str.)

13/01

post holes w pings on base of post.

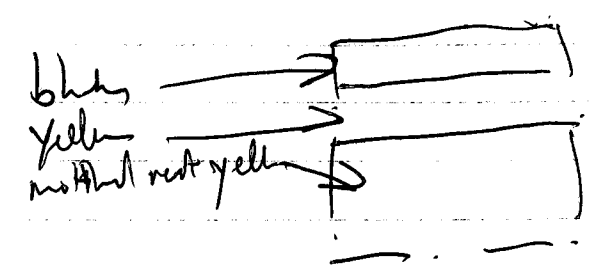
Sign layer very clear

1st 2.40 (265 bp post hole)

match very well

Shan is my str - paper floor - sandy clay

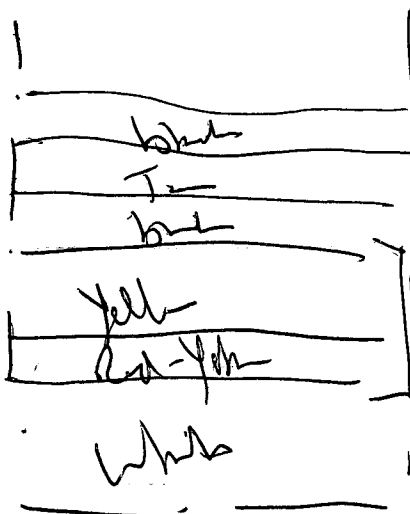
13/03 Paris



Jan 9 13/06 - main vent on floor

most of yellow / black floor
brown layer on top 130 feet / meters

13/04



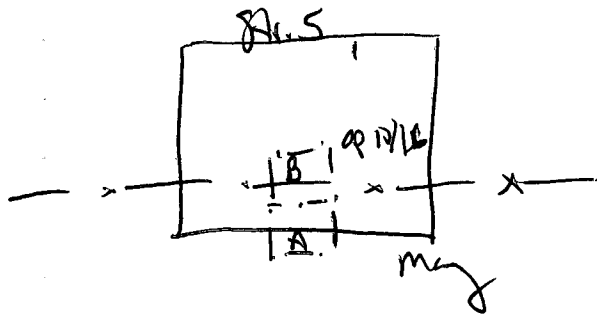
13/05 Sun layer as in 13/04

Junior Excavator Notes

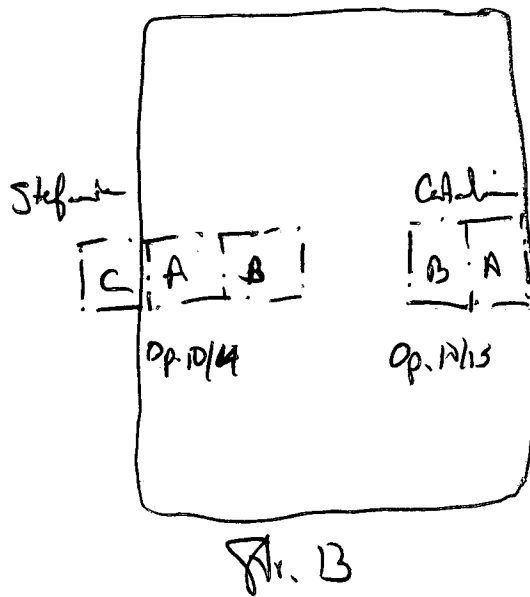
2008-01-01

See printed/computer notes for daily updates, this is a log of observations made in the field. Excavations began on Wednesday, June 15th with the first step being to get stakes set to S-D7, which we completed on Wed.

On Thursday, we laid out units. Two units were placed on Str. B + 1 on Str. 5, w/ more to follow as we get more workers.



← N



Referring
Chepe Dibon

Calli's Pace

May: Diana Soriano

Clay: Diana
Francisco
Juan Angel Mendez

Fig. 12

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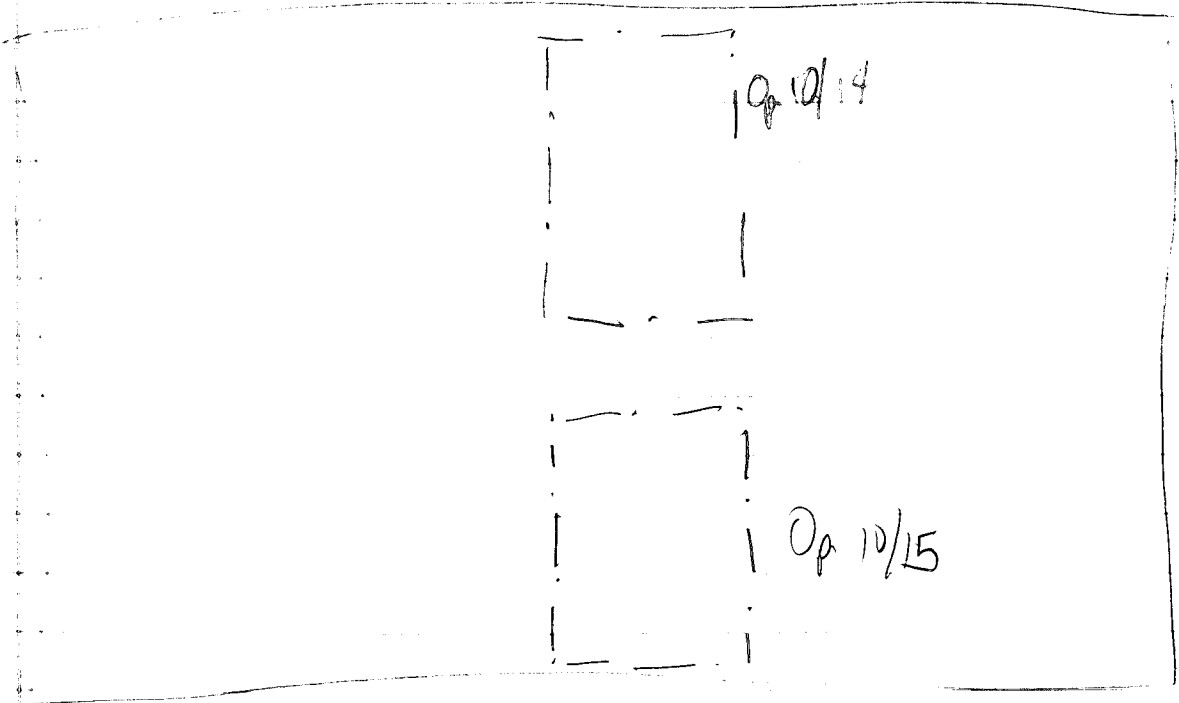
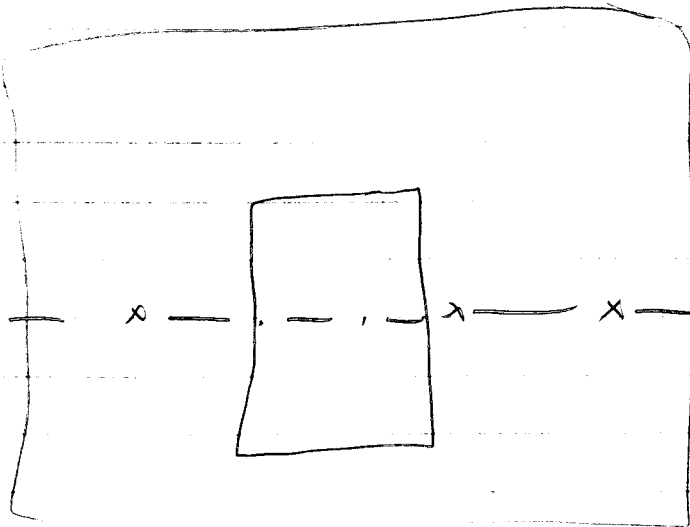


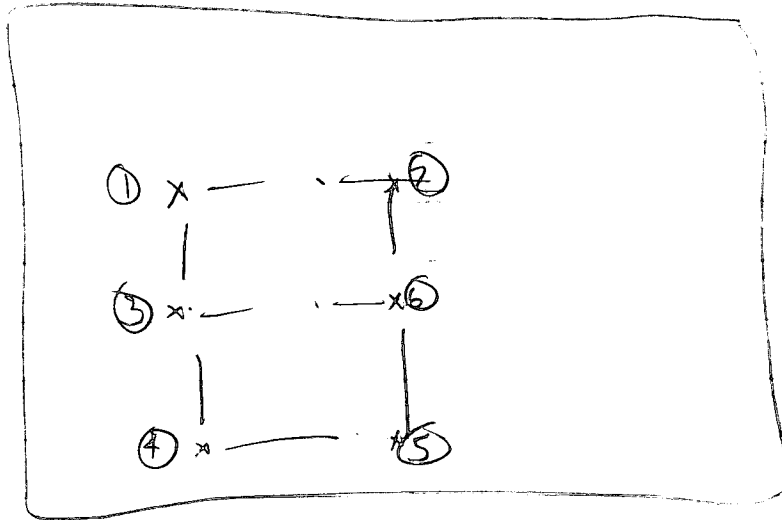
Fig. 7

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Str. 7

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Comp.

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 E -187.87
 Z 997.02

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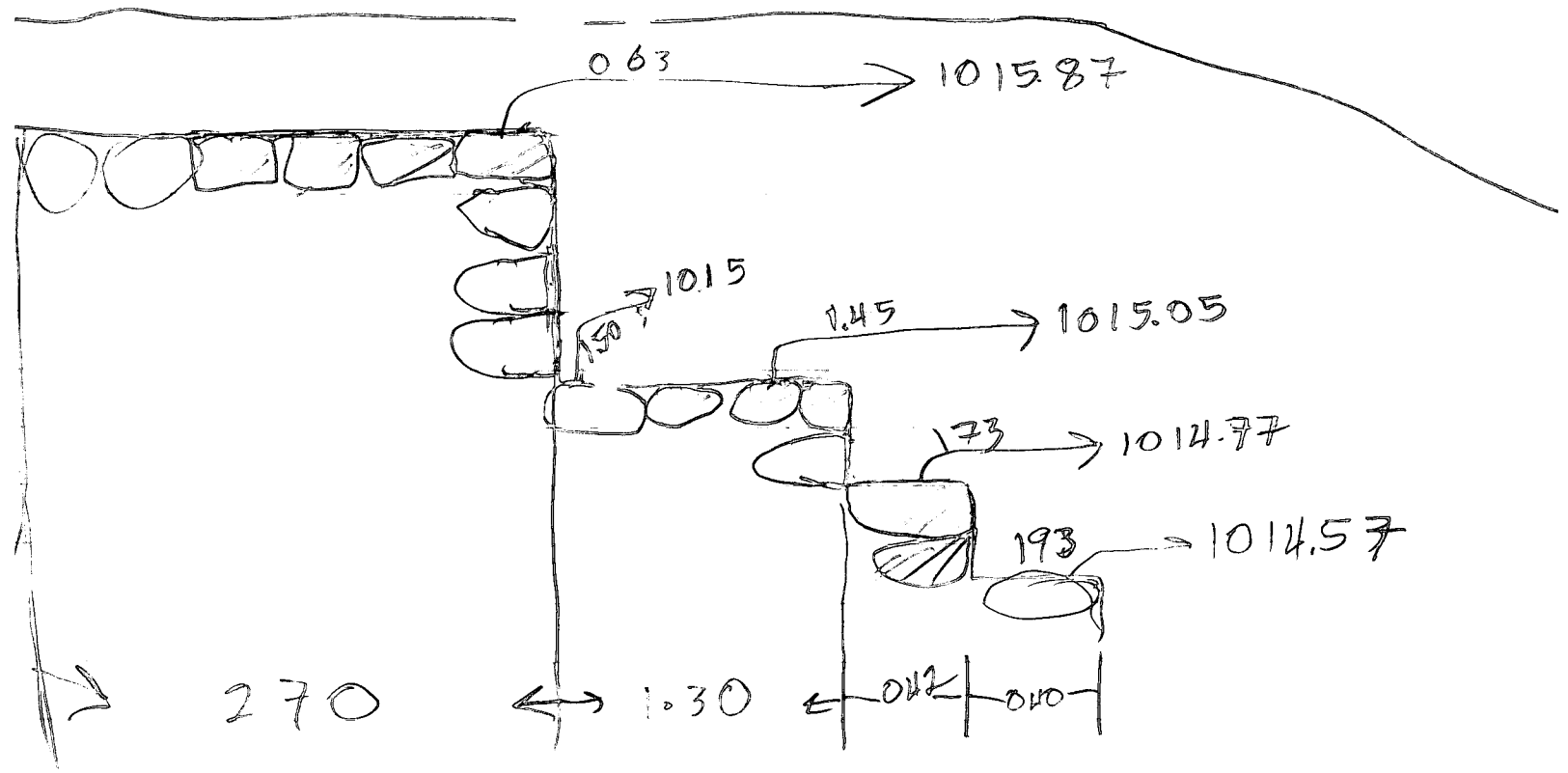
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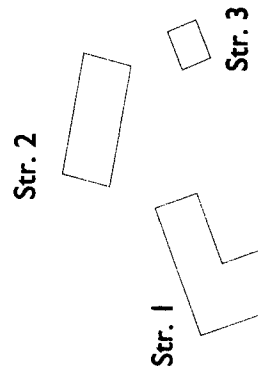
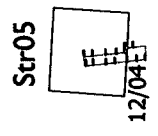
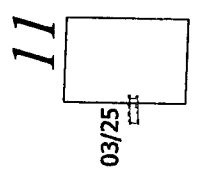
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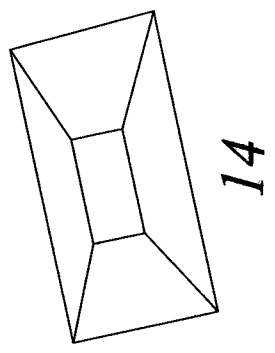
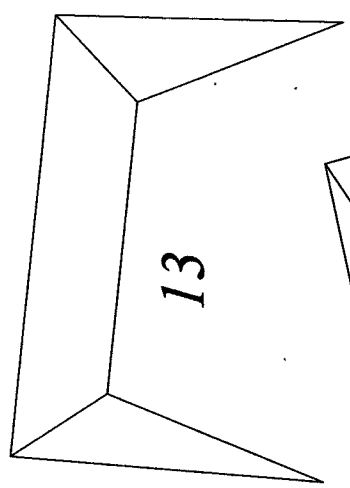


05/11/23
Juan Garcia

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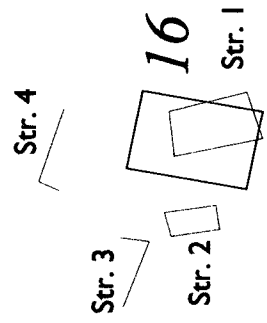


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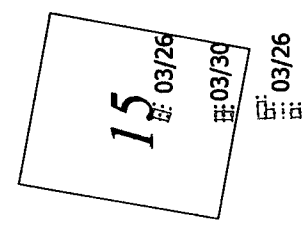


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Str. 4




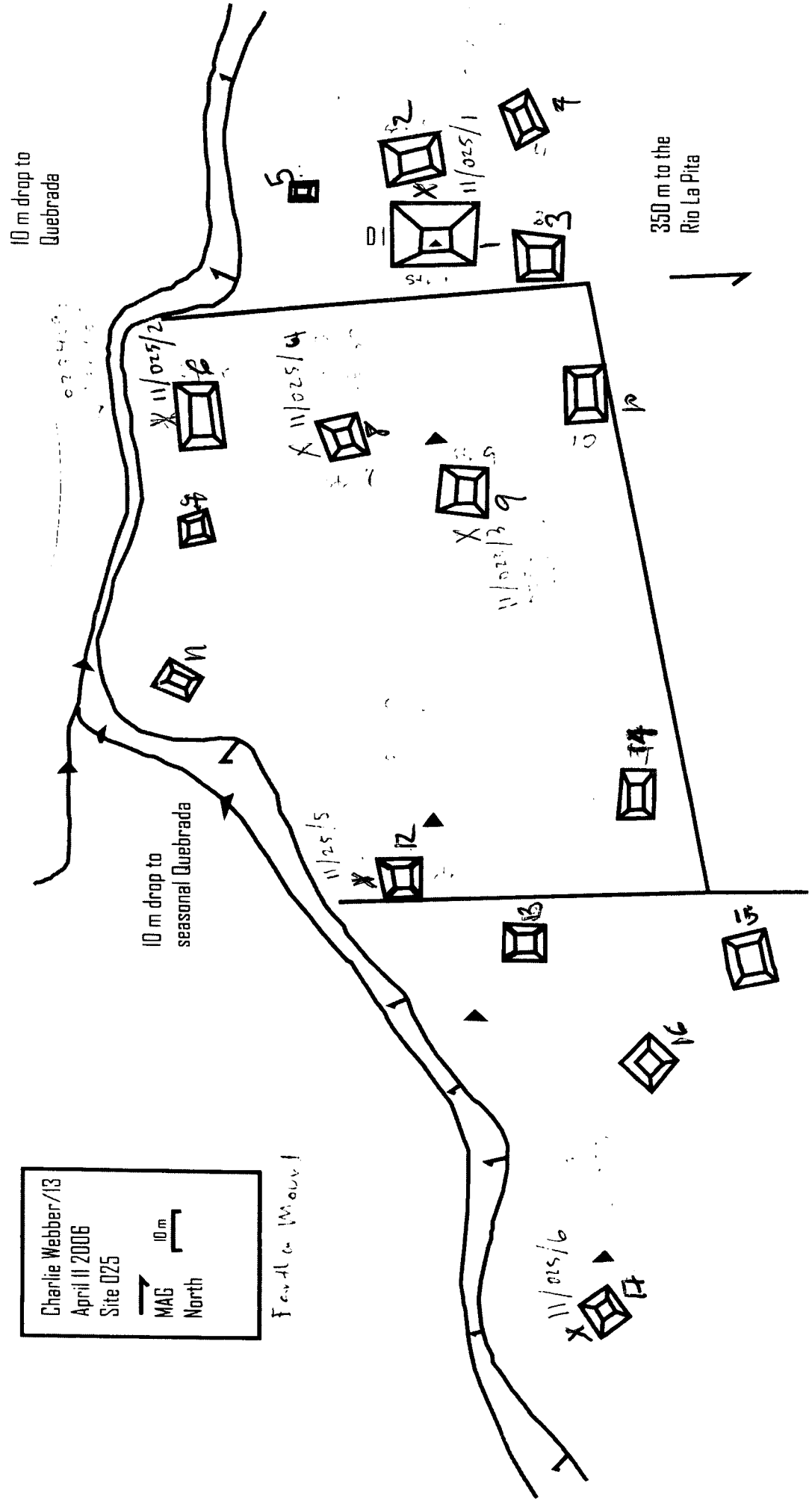
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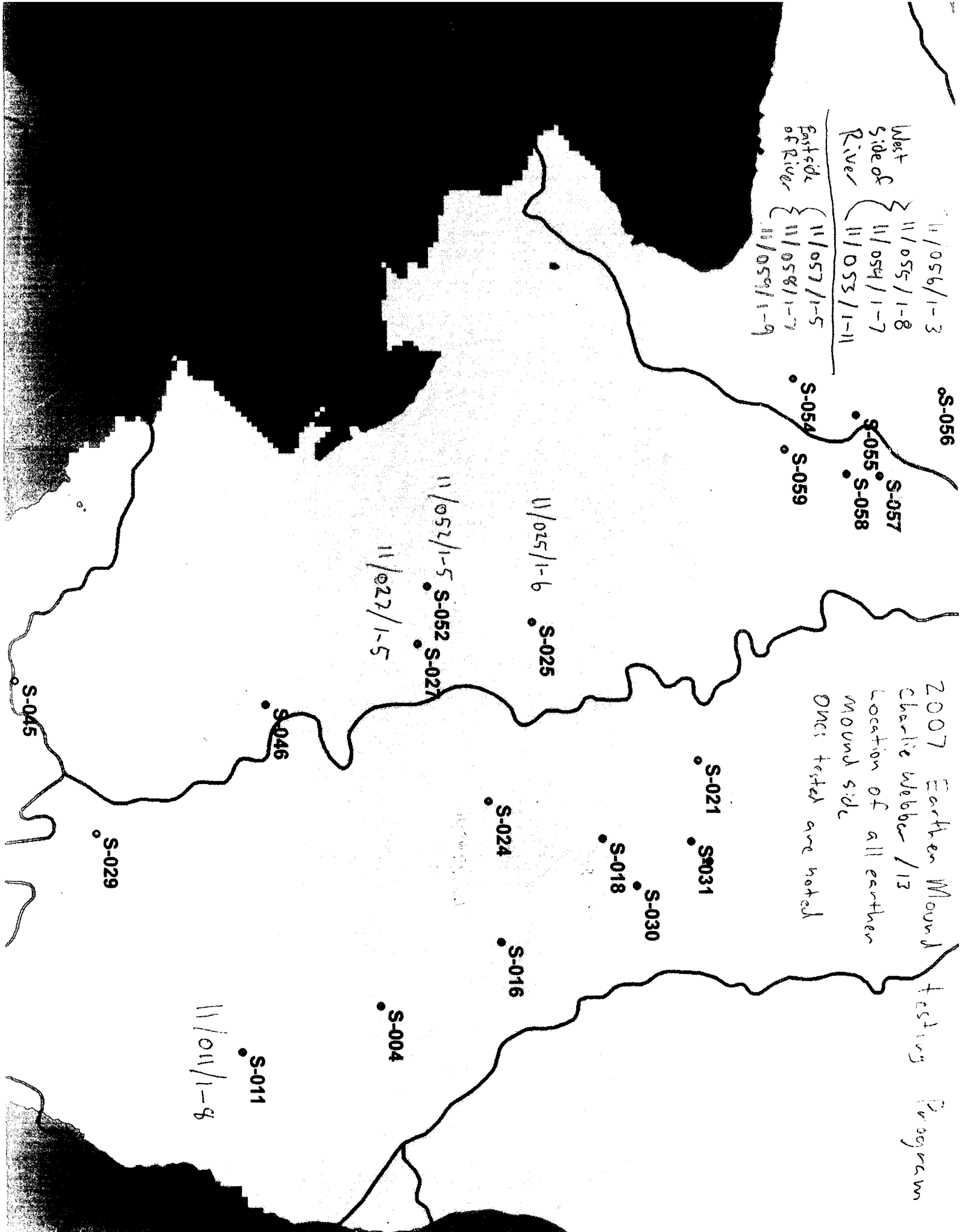
Charlie Webber/13
 April 11 2006
 Site 025

 MAG
 North

 10m



Ferdinand W. Ouy!



2007 Earthen Mound
 Charlie Webber / 13
 Location of all earthen
 mound side
 Ones tested are noted
 Testing Program

West Side of River	11/056/1-3
	11/055/1-8
	11/054/1-7
	11/053/1-11
East Side of River	11/057/1-5
	11/058/1-7
	11/059/1-9

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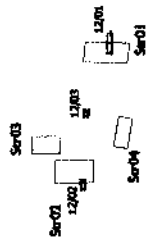
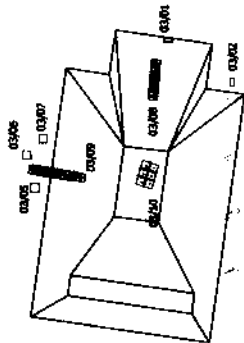
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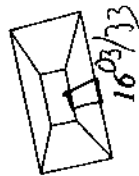
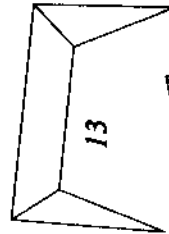
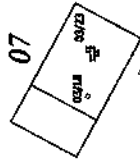
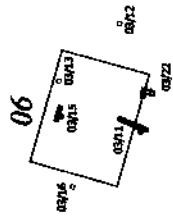
ESSENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGY: Suggestions for Learning Opportunities

1. Mapping – sketch site and structures; dimensions,
2. Locate the four cardinal directions
3. Layout a unit
4. Excavation
5. Identify and count artifacts
6. Fill out the tags for artifact bags
7. Identify soil type and color using Munsell
8. Fill out lot sheets
9. Drawing – plan maps and stratigraphy in sidewalls
10. Photographing – fill out photo board, set north arrow, take photo
11. Set up the machine
12. Hold the stadia rod properly

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ZOO / Earthen Mound Testing Program
Charlie Webber / 13

Location of all earthen mound sites

DWC tested are noted

West Side of River	11/056/1-3
	11/055/1-8
	11/054/1-7
	11/053/1-11
East Side of River	11/057/1-5
	11/058/1-1
	11/059/1-7



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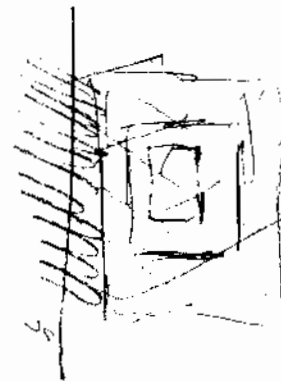
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3 Associated points

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2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	129	S-001-Str09-Fuscia-W-Wall	802.69	455.50	1,009.33
2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	130	S-001-Str09-Fuscia-W-Wall	801.94	455.53	1,009.28



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Escalera

Escalera / Chiripin man built in
 2 floors UNNAMED 1st floor 9m
Op 06/12/54 - L

5 Associated points

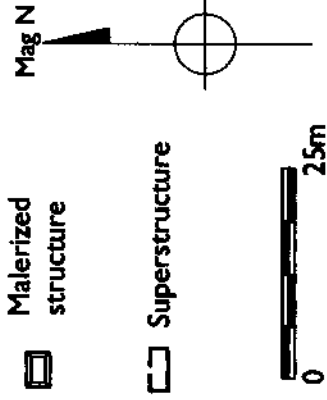
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2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	126	S-001-Str09-Escarlet-NE-corner	804.21	461.35	1,009.61
2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	127	S-001-Str09-Escarlet-NW-corner	804.48	456.80	1,009.38
2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	131	S-001-Str09-Escarlet-W-Wall	802.69	456.71	1,009.41
2006-04-19	Construction	Ancient	Structure	132	S-001-Str09-Escarlet-W-Wall	801.78	456.68	1,009.39



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El Paraiso SALLA-5 de 0 0.0.0. - 200 + 0.0.0.

El Cafetal: S-002



Str. 12

North Plaza

Str. 13

Str. 8

Str. 7

Str. 9

Str. 6

Str. 11

Str. 10

Main Plaza

Str. 5

Str. 1

Str. 2

Str. 3

Str. 4

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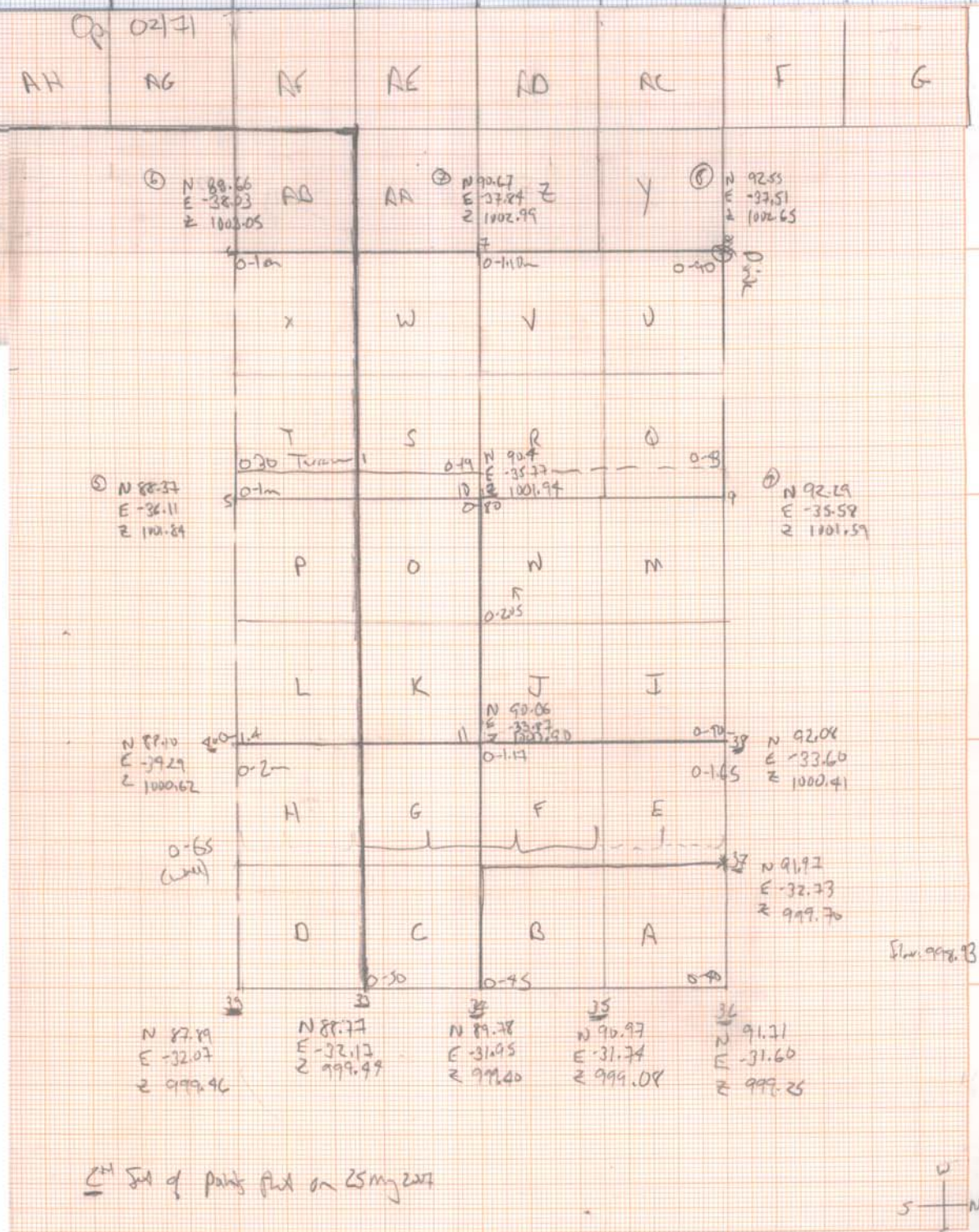
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 E1 Capital Str. 7
 EU map
 done by E. Bell
 date 1 July 2007

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AL	AK	AN	AR	AP	Am	AX			
AJ	AI	Op 02/71 AH	AG	AF	AE	AD	AC	F	G



Sum of points flat on 25 May 2007

Points flat 2007-05-24

