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March 15, 1985
Out to the field today to site 100. Spent the morning recording
points for Pat and Ed. The points are in Pat's notes.
P-85-5-42, P-85-5-43, P-85-5-44. Later took Tim's photo
record notes.

Pat are drawing a section and I'm watching. It's interesting to
see what goes on in the field and helpful to see where things are
coming from. A nice piece of what looks like Copan carved
brown ware came out of the N pits. It looks like it has a
border date on it.

lots of polychromes coming from here more than any of the
other sites or areas. Not only is the amount of polychromes
but they are larger and in a better state of preservation and
seemingly a greater variety than at other places.

April 15, 1985 (Mon)

Carbon Sample 3K/6 taken from

1.15 west

60 ~~east~~ north

from SE corner of excavation

95 cm down from surface on S. side

In the morning Wendy gave me a brief tour of the site/excavations

so that I knew generally what was going on + what we were

looking for. I helped take points w/ level + folly. I recorded while

wendy read + folly ran rod. I helped be camera man while Wendy

took a # of sets of pictures (in 3F + Fanchos pit). I also measured

recks in 3F w/ wendy to add on to the section.

In the afternoon I ran the rod while we took some points

in 3F + 3G wendy read + folly recorded. Assisted wendy w/ pictures

in 3E including sweeping off the bench + adobe floors

Some interesting things lab wise came out today

3G/31 a candle wax frag

3K/6 - a # of large censer lid frags

Fanchos pit - an odometer

3K/8 - a nice big poly w/ bean heads + a weird shard red rim w/ marshall

also today 3K produced an adobe floor

and 3G an interesting wall that looks like no other we

have, its some sort of shaped blocks

April 16, 1985 (Tues)

We went into town this morning to buy more

plastic bags and do some other errands so not

much is up so far. We did get mail though!!

April 17, 1985

We spent the morning in the lab because we felt we should be there when Daisy + the workmen came to fix the broken pipes from last night. They got part of it done and we came out here about 11:00. Folly + I returned to our drawing of 3K started yesterday, we had to set up a new reference line.

At lunch time one of the workers from 3D came over w/ a neat piece w/ like a flower on it. Its some sort of adorno. Wendy suggested its own ear + ear plug adorno from a modified conser. It looks to me like it has some sort of blue cobrante on it. It doesn't yet have a lot # I am bagging it separately so I can wash it + will get the # from Wendy later today. 15 3D 10

Folly + I finished our drawing of 3K its # D85-28-4

They (the road folk) are digging a drainage ditch ~~about~~ 3 meters the other side of the barbed wire fence off the back ~~of~~ ^{side} of structures 2+3. A lot of stends and jute are coming out of it so Wendy decided to give it a number and have them collect what they could. At its for ~~the~~ ^{current} Eastern extent up by sta 3 Fancha + I felt there was a section of slightly lighter soil, this could be partly due to it being dug earlier in the day but it also seemed to me that there was a higher concentration of jute ^{near there} in this section it is also the only area so far from which we have found small bits of animal bone. We gave this section the number 2D/3. The next section to the

April 18, 1985

20/1 The ditch digging begun yesterday is continuing today we are continuing lot 20/1 as they continue to dig in the area behind structure 2.

I started lot 20/4 for a new section of the ditch they have begun a little further to the west right along the fence line. this leaves a gap between their two ditch sections and I don't know exactly where or how they are going to hook up so I'm not sure which lot the sheds from in between will end up in.

I suppose in the long run it doesn't really matter much. This new 20/4 section of ditch starts behind the end of structure 1 where the ground flattens out and the path from the fence a little further down up to pass between the mounds. It starts at a fence post that lines up with the big forked (V) tree ^{that is} across the path down to the quebrada.

20/4

They have just started digging a little further to the west of 20/4, again leaving a gap and leading to behind structure 6 where fence is digging. I will give them a bag to start a new lot. This area behind structure 6 will be 20/5. Will start 20/5 when they reach the fence section we use for crawling through which is right on the sloping eastern edge of structure 6.

20/5

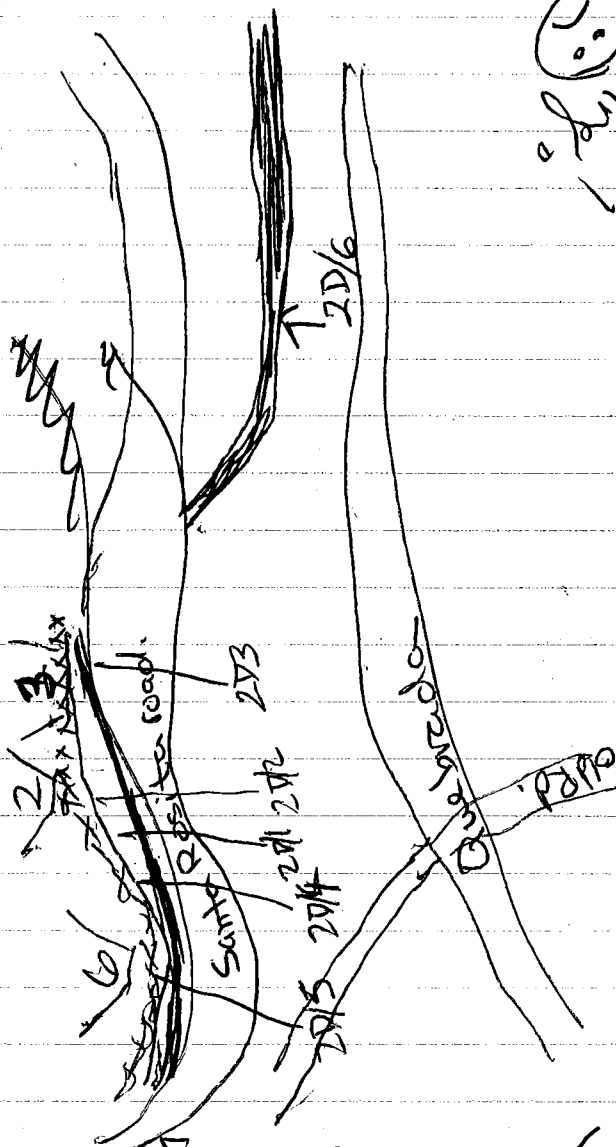
It poured rain for a couple of hours last night. The ground is very wet and there are puddles in all of the pits. It will be a messy day. We gave a ride to a couple of kids w/ a bag of freshly slaughtered meat. It got blood on some of the packs + in the flt bed. Fully was grossed out

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from this part of the ditch we got shreds, a scored censer lid fragment, obsidian (flake + cobble) and adobe. There was also jute which again we didn't collect. 2D/6 This part of the ditch starts almost in the Santa R road access from where the stone line excavated as ~~at~~ 3I is. It then runs for a large distance sort of at a slant in from the road sort of paralleling the road and the quebrada. This is also the area where the gate in the barbed wire fence is. In this area on the side of the road where the ditch is there are a number of white trunked or barkless trees.

This lot is 2D/6
 S. ~~SB-SPR.~~
 N

Study site



rough
 drawing!

April 19, 1985

I am out in Terceira helping Julie finish up a
burial they found late ^{morning} yesterday. We spent the
morning working with picks and bushes. It seems
to be a tightly floored primary burial with the arms
going down straight between the knees. The head is to the
south with the face to the west. The position means
the bones are crosscrossy + on top of each other
which means it's hard to tell what's what and it
will be a bear to get out. We took pictures about
lunch time now we will attempt to draw it and
to take it out in as whole and logical a manner
as possible. The bones came out pretty much in bits
+ pieces. We tried to bag them separately ~~by~~ according to what
we thought they were part of.

Misc. Lab Notes 1985

The same basic procedures are being followed this year as in previous years.

Marcos was hired to wash swords. This is taking place at the house down in town. After being washed

they come up to the Galera's house to be processed and read out. This seems to be working out fairly well

despite the incredible back log of swords Marcos is moving a fair amount. He is occasionally a bit heavy handed w/ the brush but gets better.

Tulio is also working for us again this year. He is primarily doing processing and occasionally some washing. He also helps print up the cards + tags. He is doing a fairly good job his cutting is a bit large and he still tends to write across the middle of swords unless

-thias; reminded

Rock that is/not necessarily lithic material is being pulled + saved by him. He has trouble recognizing what we need + don't and that it's better to keep what we don't need than throw what we do need. Also in lithic separation I think that andesite is often getting called chert or rock by Tulio. Until more lab help is available it is hard to monitor him any more closely and thus avoid this and other problems. In short it might pay for someone to weed through the lithics and make appropriate discards and changes on cards.

Again as last year the jute is being washed but not overly carefully cleared. As often as possible the jute is being weighed and the weight entered on the cards. The designation LW is being put after these weights to distinguish them from the weights of well washed lots from the first year. Near end of season stopped weighing it.

jute:

Misc. LAB NOTES CONT.

A few rod outs done the first week of the season when done w/out rim form profile cards and thus may be off.

Getting lots of nice polys and change usultans this year. Especially from the 100 kindstand areas.

Still getting lots of copador which is all being separated out and put in a bag in the type collection.

Based on rim/vessel profile shape or design sherds are again being pulled to bedraun though as of May 13 there has not yet been anyone available to do this.

Large pieces of poly which might aid the type collection are being put in the poly tray which needs badly to be resorted.

~~2D~~

Wendy noted a sherd much like the strange hard white sherd in one of the 2D lots when she quickly viewed the Comaqua type collection (May 1985). The sherd she saw was located in the far right section of the top drawer of their type collection case.

A number of sherds, polys actually, with counters on the inside are being found this year, the one being saved out for comparison but are temporarily at least all being given the name Santa Rita as part of their type/class designation.

Sherds with burnt deposits are once again being saved out

May 29, 1985

Today Armando our new representative from IHAH is working in the lab. He wanted to see and take an inventory of some sort of the whole and reconstruct vessels. He asked me why they weren't reconstructed and I said because according to what our contract and people like George + Ricardo had said we were to leave them as is for them to do. He seemed to find this hard to believe and tried calling Teguc on the radio to confirm this but whoever he wanted to talk to wasn't there and I think he'll try later. It would be great if we could reconstruct them. If so though I'd like to have a hand in it, not just let him.

What he seems to be doing is taking some measures like height, diameter etc as part of his list. He also told me he is giving each one a number of his own on his list and is putting a slip of notebook paper w/ that number on it in the vessel or bag it corresponds to. If nothing else his notes and measures will be a nice supplement to what ever we do.

May 30, 1985

This morning Tim Johnson took some official photos of some of the manos + metates for us. Since he had used up his photo series the record was taken using my number and keyed into my notes (though I didn't take the pictures Tim did) see P85-6-21 for this photo record.

P85-6-19

* a on separate card and not in pile

PSB	98E/2-1	11,12
PSB	320D/1-1	9,10
PSB	3E/6-1	7,8
PSB	3E/6-1	5,6
PSB	341A/3-3	3,4
PSB	106G/13-1	85-6-E,1,2

top view
bottom view
left

PSB	320D/8-1	D,11,12
PSB	106G/1-1	D,9,10
PSB	106G/17-3	D,7,8
PSB	33H/5-1	D,5,6
PSB	320D/2-1	D,3,4
PSB	104C/1-1	D,1,2

PSB	106L/5-1	C,11,12
PSB	106D/10-1	C,9,10
PSB	341A/3-1	C,7,8
PSB	106C/20-4 a,b,c	C,5,6
PSB	104C/1-2	C,3,4
PSB	22I/1-1	C,1,2

PSB	106G/1-2	B,11,12
PSB	341A/3-2	B,9,10
PSB	106D/4-2	B,7,8
PSB	104C/2-3	B,5,6
PSB	103D/1-2	B,3,4
PSB	106C/1-2	B,1,2

PSB	320D/2-2	A,11,12
PSB	103I/1-1	A,9,10
PSB	3E/2-1	A,7,8
PSB	300A/2-1	A,5,6
PSB	351A/2-3	A,3,4
PSB	103E/6-1	85-6-A,1,2

Photo Record

Need to check off on cut cards

6/10/85

Today in order to help get all of the sherds washed we have started a program of taking sherds out to Gualloguito and having some of Wendy's extra workers wash sherds there to be brought back here. It has great potential we'll have to see how it goes.

Address:

Over the weekend Sharon H and Marie S. started

sorting caddie to pull pile impressed and other interesting pieces to try and do some sort of description/analysis with lithics: it. We are also hoping to get Tom Y. going on lithics sorting and analysis (possibly to be completed in the burials: states if permission can be obtained) Brenda has started

work on the burials. Since most of them are in such bad shape we will basically do gross counts noting long bones, skull/jaw frags or specific bones and doing measurements and/or sex ID when possible. Teeth will also be pulled and identification/wear patterns looked at for age + diet information.

Cat. Items:

Cataloging is continuing. Due both to the large amount left to do and the large # of pieces already existing some changes have been made, with "typical" scored censor frags and the strap handles by the SR. paste we will only be doing verbal descriptors, measurements and colors. They will not be drawn. The exceptions in these pieces will be those w/ red/or other painted designs, ones that are atypical or ones that are especially complete.

People have been behind on lot cards causing some probs with keeping cat. #'s straight but I think its ok

6/5/85

Tom M. is going to do a ground store study (including doing the cataloging) as an in-trine appendix.

Photo session

85-7-T/9/10

11/12

3/4

5/6

7/18

9/180

11/12

85-6-11/2

3/4

5/6

7/18

9/10

11/12

13/14

15/16

17/18

19/20

PSB 115C/3-1 write pot "8" at F8

PSB 106C/14-1 monkey pot

PSB 115C/3-1 pot "8" at F4

PSB 115C/3-1 opposite side

PSB 310B/9-1 profile of Candonga bruv

PSB 310B/9-2 SD# 2 Vardio #3

PSB 310B/9-2 SD# 2 Vardio #4

Tenaca monument/walk 300B/3-1

Tom M / Tom Y walking (1 rack)

85-6-11/2 XA1/2

bankhead top + photo

skat (skelid 1/2) bottom

106C/26-1 98D/2-1 310B/9-7 106G/7-3

28/14-1 104E/1-1a

150H/30-1

center jugwards in board

prong foot

PSB 347F/3-4 3E/14-1 3E/15-1

reversed turned 90° turned 90°

founder parts

3E/10-1 3D/1-1 105C/34-6 347H/1-1 3G/2-1a

3E/15 5E/9-1 347H/5-1

reverse side of 9/10

104F/3-1 308B/33-2

clay bottle colt

carabaxus 104N/3-1 3E/10-3 3E/1-1

300A/2-1 106A/3-1 3E/10-3 3E/1-1

X347L/1-1 X300D/1-1

carabaxus big body big head X

X308B/33-3 502A/1-1 7F/6-1

green bear hat/jug "2" bear marks

308B/33-1 310C/3-1 106E/1-1

founder parts

309 3E/21-2 course work 324H/3

monument 106G/8-1 greater front base

62P/1-1 100D/1-1

85-6-25 6/16

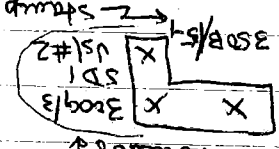
Printed photos 6/22/57

85-6-6-1/2	PSB 9c/3-1	SD9 vessel #1
3/4	PSB 9c/3-2	SD9 vessel #2 - front
5/6	" - 2	" - rear
7/8	PSB 9c/3-3	" - spout at left
9/10	" - 3	" - offset face
11/2	" - 3	" - spout hood on
1/2	PSB 51c/8-	
3/4	PSB 300g/3-	SD1 vessel 1

85-7-7A 2/26 PSB320g/3-1 SD1 vehicle

H 5/6	PSB 9c/3-2	SD9 vessel #2 from above
H 7/8	PSB 9c/3-3	SD9 vessel #3 from above
H 9/10	PSB 106c/14	SD1 spray gun
1/2	PSB 3F/14	SD1 spray gun

85-6-6-1/2	PSB 343B/1-1	face printing
3/4	PSB 100c/9-1a	scored cus. lid



343B/1-1 } face printing
 320D/1-1 }
 341E/1-1 rnd cardboard
 320D/1 stamp
 350B/5-1
 6E/1-1
 large cardboard
 min. (gross)
 large cardboard
 3 standards
 3 standards

3/4 cement frag
 343H/2-1
 7H/3-1
 cement body base
 ladder double strap handle
 2 SD/6
 347D/1
 502A/1
 Late Classic wood frag 3E/44