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Mayor of Sta Barbara : Ramon Mejía
 Owner of Site #300 : Manuel Balde
 #301 : Remijio Diaz (San Vicente)
 #302 : Manuel Balde
 #303 : ?
 #304 : Leandro Torres
 #305 : Leandro Torres
 #306 : Ramon Mejía
 #307 : Ramon Mejía
 #308 : " "
 #309 : " "
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 #311 : " "
 #312 : " "
 #313 : Dolores Lopez Sagastume
 #314 : Cooperative Sta. Barbara
 #315 : Paco Fernandez
 #316 : ?
 #317 : Miguel Amaya
 #321 = Juan Peña (?)
 #322 = Leandro Mejía (no relation)
 #323 = Chendo Ruiz
 #324 = Cooperative of Campesinos
 #325 = Jesus Romero
 #326 =
 #327 = ?
 #328 = Miguel Bardales
 #329 = Miguel Amaya - surface collection from
 " Baseo de Canoa

Tuesday, 5 June

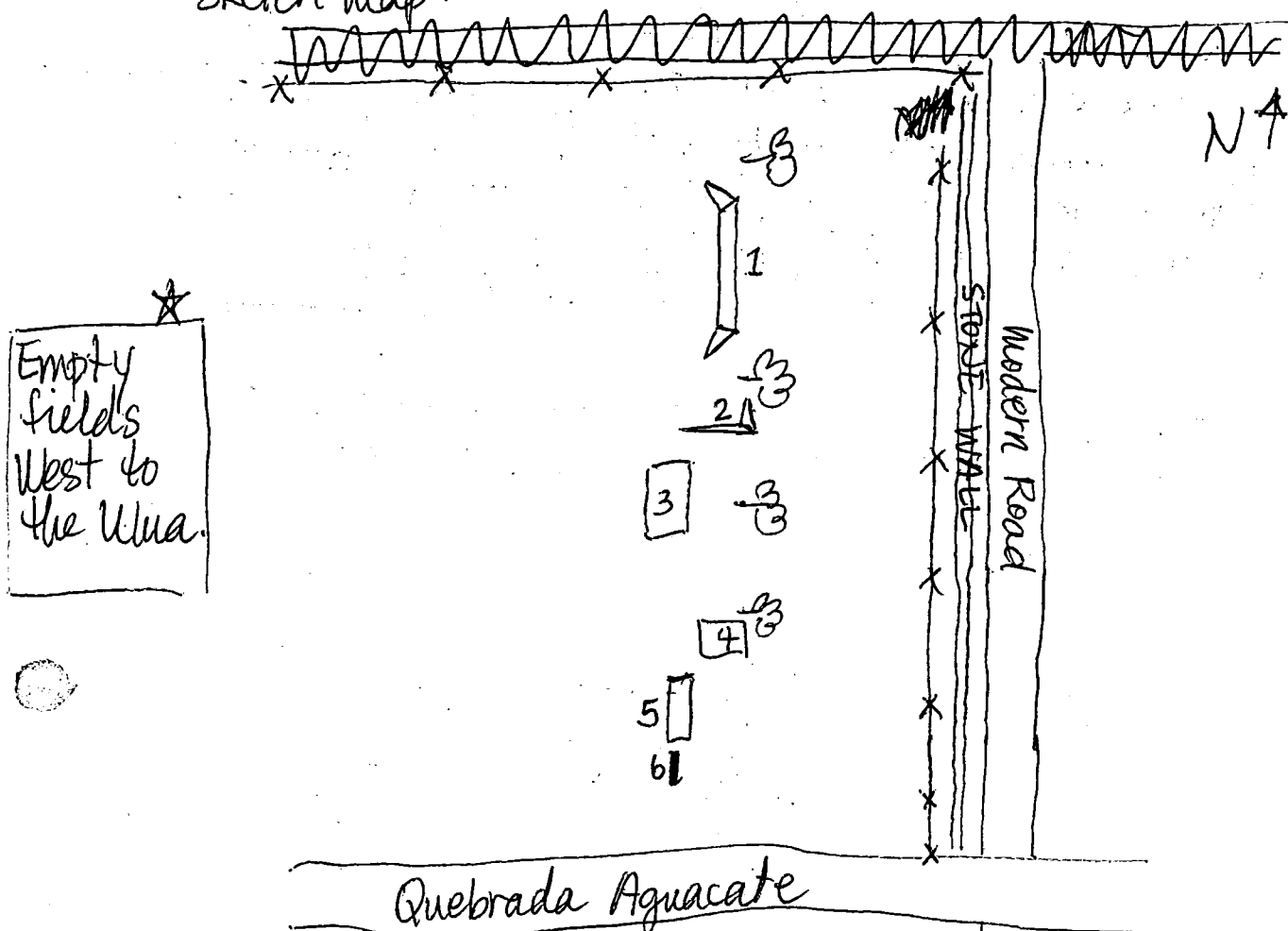
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site 300 - south of La Ceibita

This site consists of 3 large mounds and some, the exact number still unknown until the land is cleared, smaller mounds. It is located in the Tenco Valley on the land of Manuel Baide. Today we surveyed the 2 large mounds noted on the following sketch. This area consists of 2 large mounds (Strs 1 & 7) - structure one is 5 sided, with a staircase and a terrace. Atop Str. 1 are 5 small structures (Strs 2-6). Structure 7 is 5 sided with 2 possible terraces, and a staircase. Atop it are 4 small structures (Strs 8-11). To the East of these mounds is a possible stone wall (str. #12) a barbed wire fence and a platano field. To the West is a barbed wire fence and a modern road. To build this road part of Str. #1 was cut off. To the South there is the Quebrada Aguacate a perennial water source. The site itself is cut by the road that runs between Sta. Barbara and Taulabé to the north of this road is the third large mound which has yet to be cleared and surveyed. The land itself is being used currently as grazing land and platano fields - these don't seem to be very healthy this year probably, as said by Sr. Baide, due to the bad weather (too dry, now too wet). The soil is dark and seems to be fertile. The mounds themselves seem to be well preserved - no signs of any looting in the 2 mounds surveyed today. As well, no sign of pot sherds was found, only lines of stones. As for local resources of stones there is the cobbles of the Quebrada which is very close and the hills surrounding the town of La Ceibita, again very close. The mounds seem to be organized in a line, The 2 surveyed (1 & 7) seem to be connected by a natural

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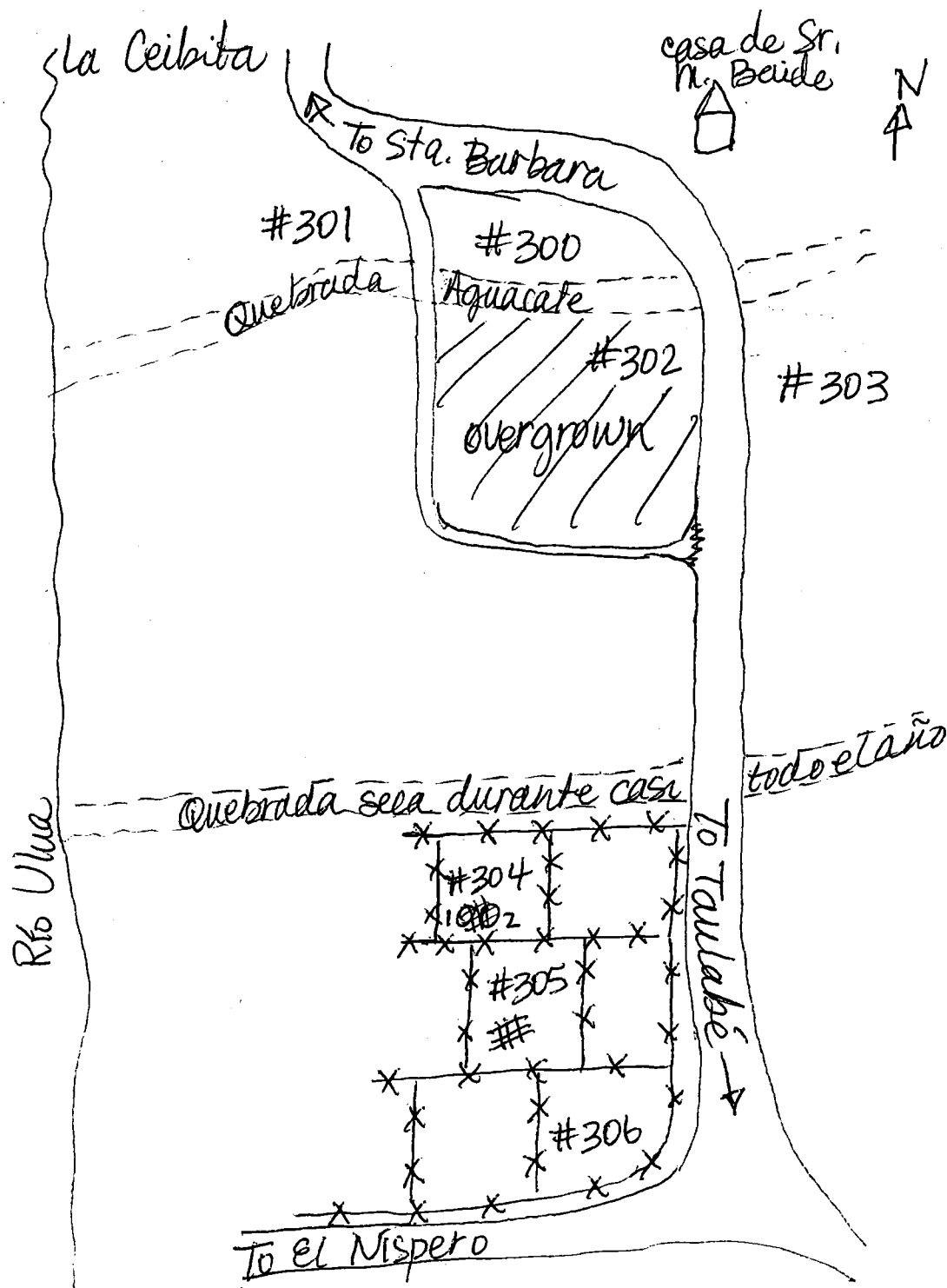
site #301 owned by Remijio Diaz
Sketch Map:



located South of la Cebita across the road to the west from site #300. It consisted of 6 structures, only one with any kind of elevation. These structures are arranged in a line parallel to that of the mounds of site #300. The east side of str. #1 is at a lower elevation than the west side. This marked the natural change of elevation in the field. It is a field of good size, relatively flat and cleared. Probably it is used as grazing land but no animals were seen using it. It is owned by a Remijio Diaz of San Vicente. The constructions are made of river cobbles. To the

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(Thurs.) June 7
E-W Road

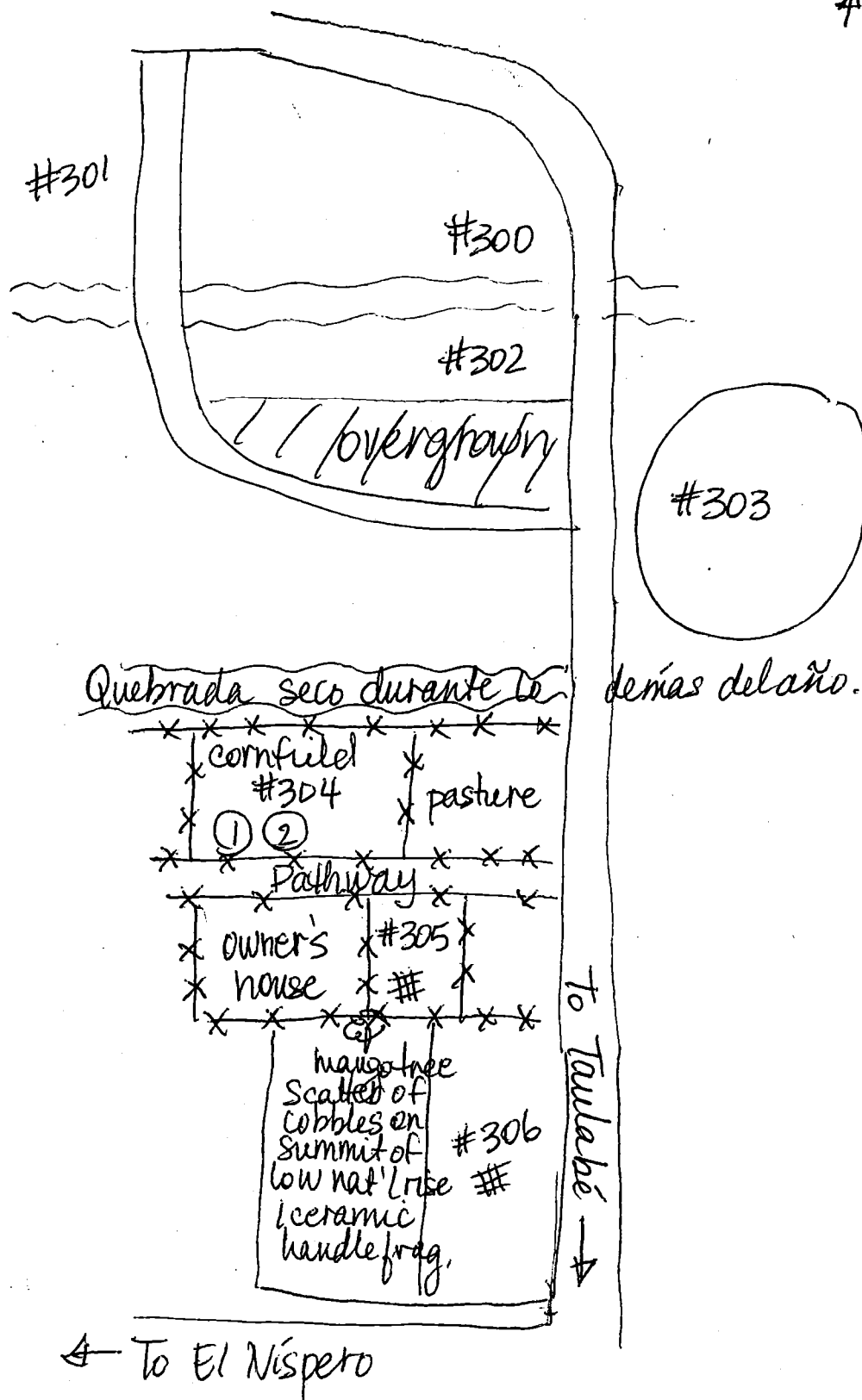
Location of sites south from La Ceibita to the
to El Nispero.



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Site #304
landowner - leandro Torres

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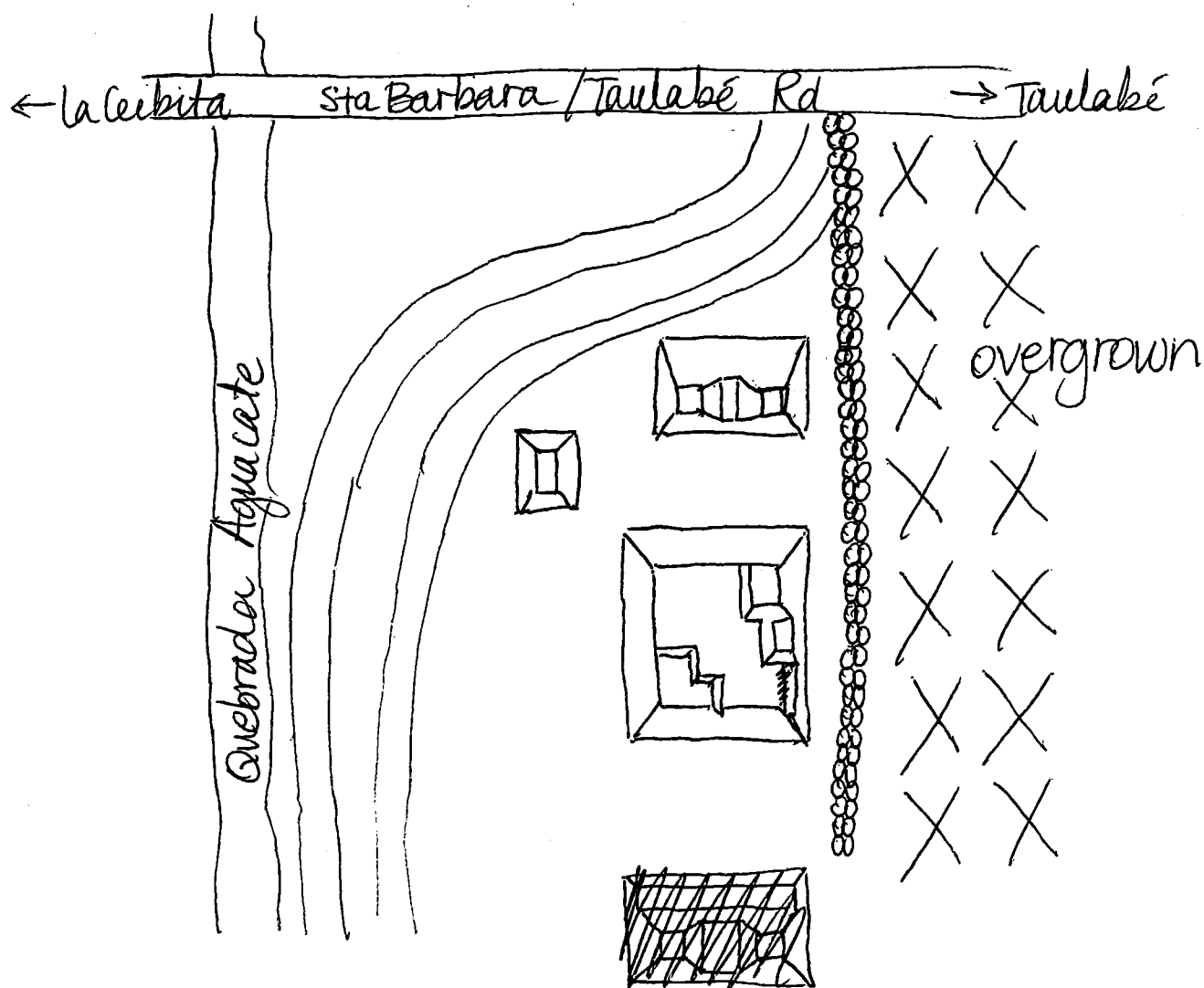


It is located south and slightly east of site #304, on the west side of the Sta. Barbara / Jaulabé road and north of the El Nispero road by two fields. It is currently being used as pasture but it is alternately cultivated. The field itself rises slowly from north to south and from east to west so that the SW corner is higher than any other part of the field. On this rise was found the cobble scatter and the cultural material. Under the mango tree is a large pile of cobbles - probably piled up there in the process of clearing the field for agriculture. One handle fragment was found. Again the nearest perennial water source is the Quebrada Aguacate. The rest of the fields to the south border the El Nispero Road. These fields belong to the mayor of Sta. Barbara, Ramon Mejía. In the field at the NW juncture of the Sta. Barbara / Jaulabé and El Nispero Road we found a few cobble concentrations. We didn't have time today to map these. These will be site #306 when we return.

All the fields on the west side of the main road from the northern limit of the valley to the E-W El Nispero road and west only 2-3 fields, not all the way to the Ulua. Evidence throughout the area of extensive damage to sites from agricultural practises was found. No sizable sites were located and very few sherds, lithic material, etc. was found.

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of cophles as is the hillsides surrounding La Ceibita. The site itself is located directly across the Quebrada from site #300. It is situated up on a natural rise between the quebrada and a modern stone wall. It consists of 4⁺ 6 mounds (areas of the field have yet to be cleared, 4 mounds have been cleared as of today.) One is a long narrow mound topped by 2 small structures. One is a smaller 4 sided structure. One is a larger mound topped by 2 [#]L-shaped structures. The fourth is again a long narrow mound topped with 2 small structures. These structures are ~~not~~ arranged in a line as in sites #300 and #301 but ~~instead~~ with one small structure out of alignment.



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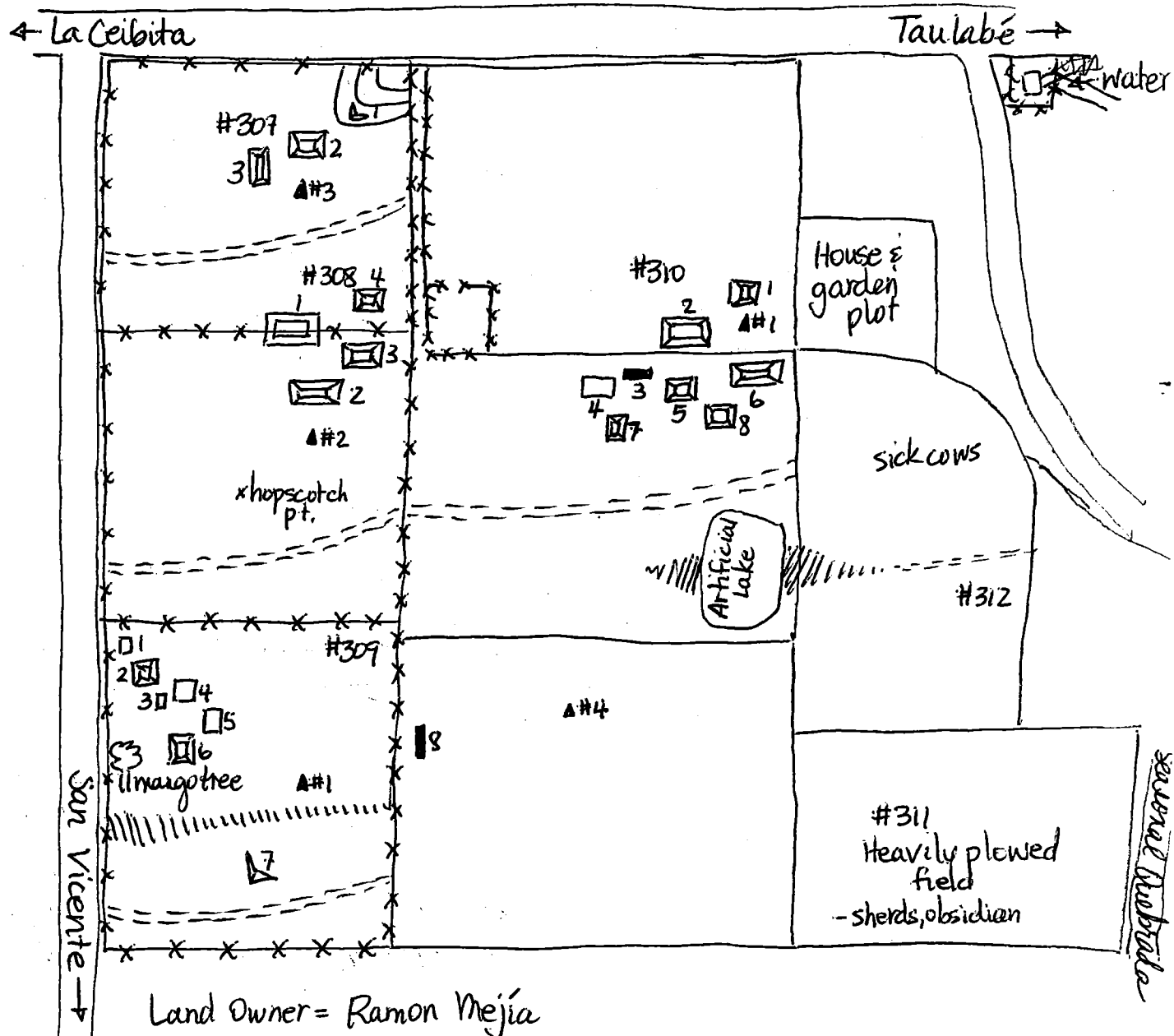
These fields are currently being used as grazing pastures and are crossed with modern drainage ditches, some dry some not. The nearest water source is the Maigual but it is possible that there are underground water sources close to the surface. This can be seen in that #308 was very swampy, even in areas not next to the drainage ditches. This as well is true in the other 2 fields. Perhaps this water comes from these drainage ditches which have their source at the Maigual. A source for cobbles is again the quebradas, most likely Maigual, and the hillsides surrounding the valley.

In #307-309 were found 14 structures, all relatively small and rectangular. There seems to be ^{no} patterning in the layout of these structures. The tallest of these structures was about 1m. The landowner of all three fields is Ramon Mejía, the mayor of Sta. Barbara.

The site organization itself is not decided by the fences but instead by the drainage ditches as #308 Str 1 is cut by the fence and #308 Str 4 is on the E side of it from the rest of the site.

Wednesday June 13th

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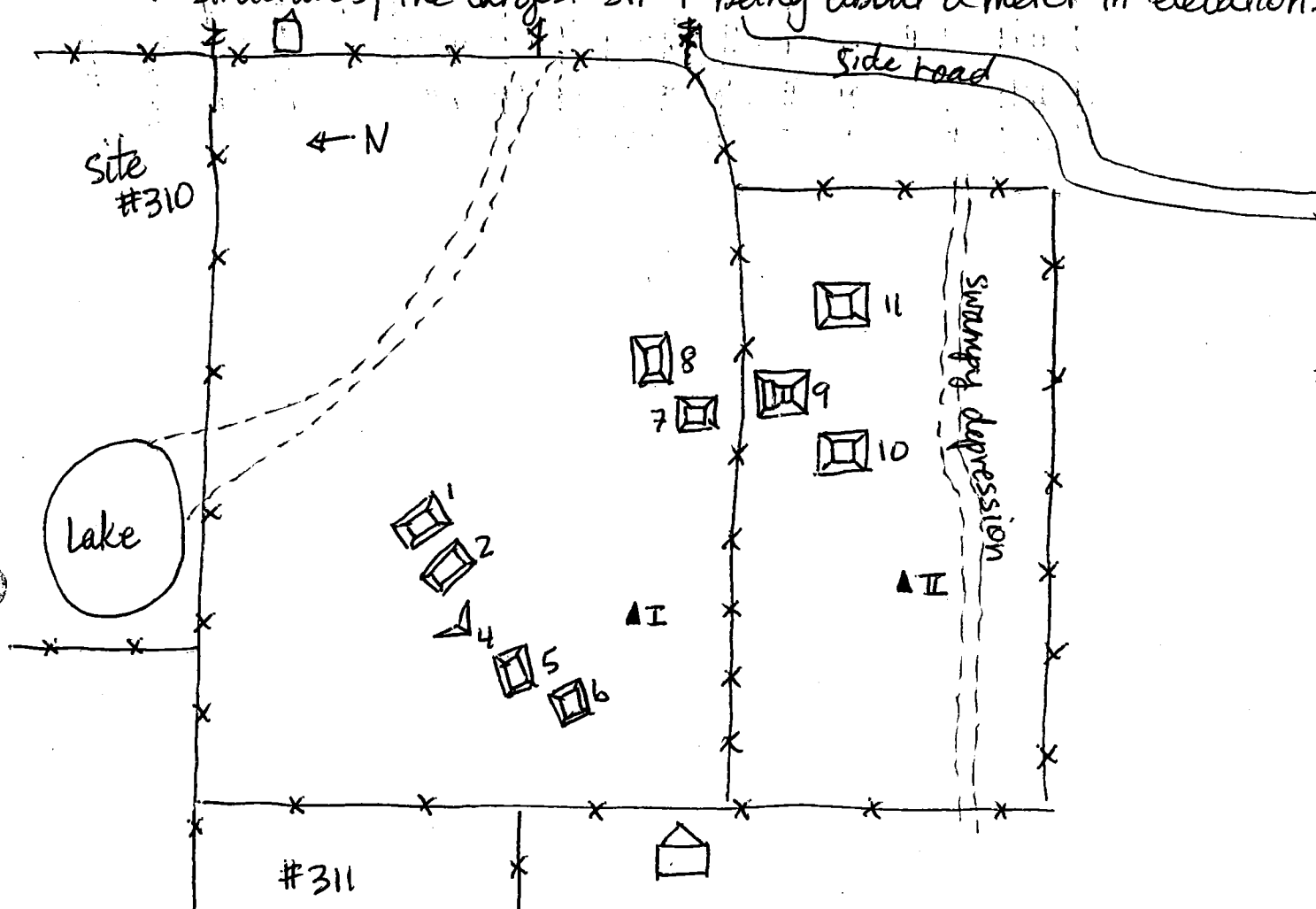


Site #310 is located in the 2nd field on the Sta Barbara/Taulabé road past the San Vicente Road and in the field one & west from it. It's nearest perennial water source is the Mangual quebrada but there is a seasonal quebrada to the SW that is closer. Cobble resources are the quebradas and the hillsides nearby in all directions. This site consists of 8 structures: 6 of which have slight elevation, one of which is a line of stones. There seems to be no patterning to the

Thursday, June 14

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Today because of the rain we got to the field late. We remapped site #306 and mapped site #312. In site #312 were found 11 structures, the largest - Str 9 - being about a meter in elevation.

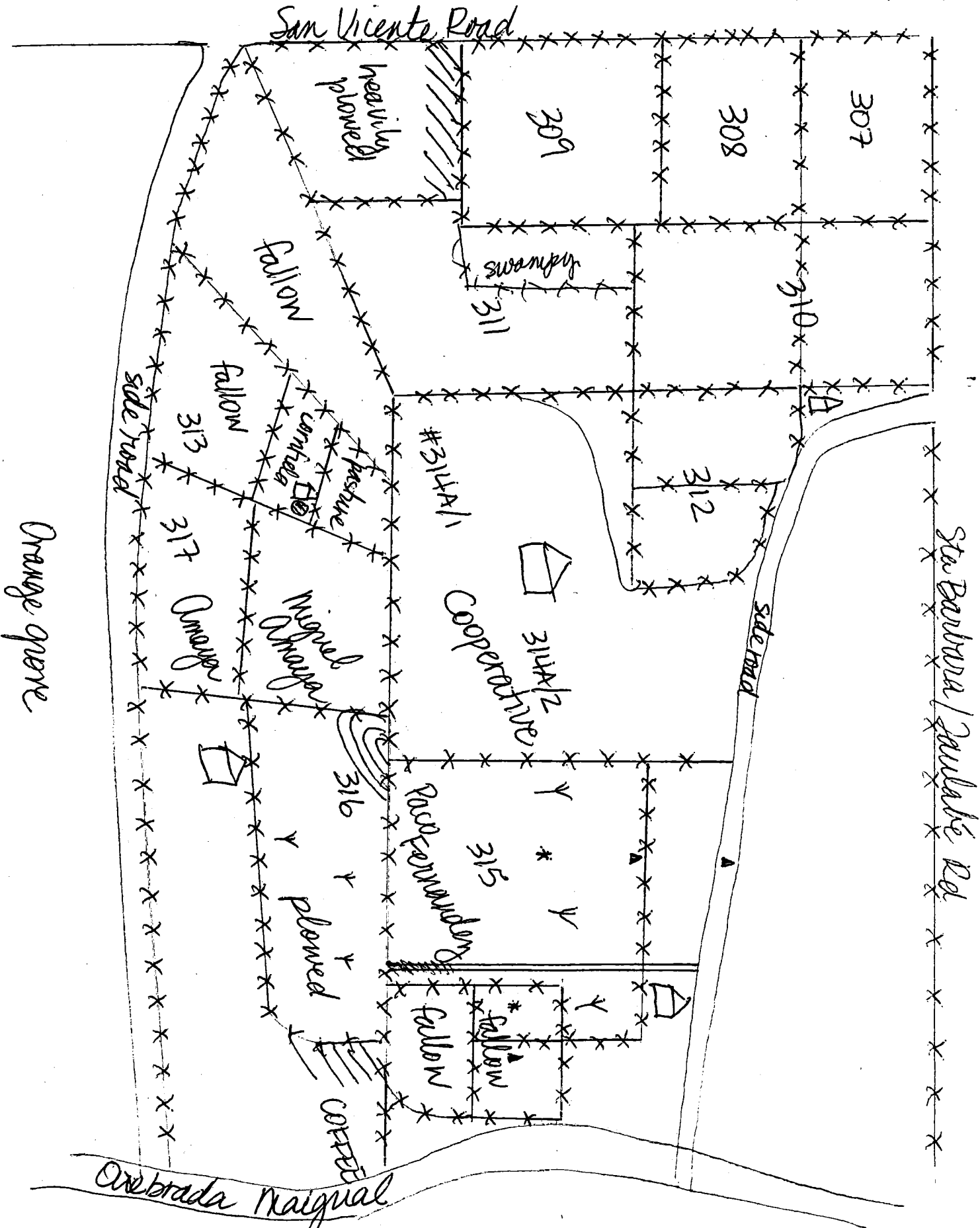


Landowner = Ramon Mejia.

All of these structures have elevation but there seems, at this point, that there is not a pattern to them. The nearest source of water is the quebrada Marginal, a perennial quebrada, but there is a seasonal quebrada closer to the SW.

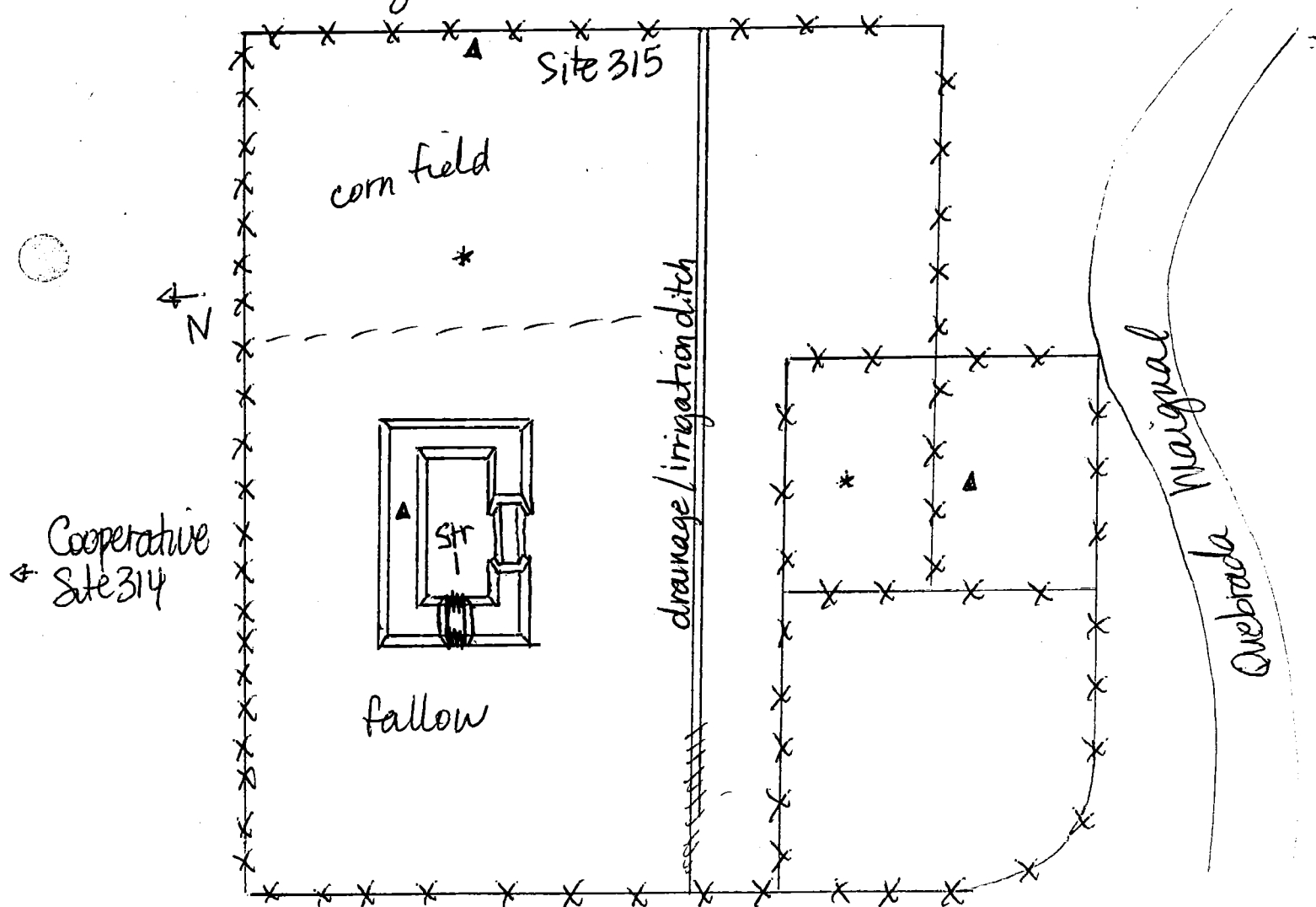
This site is in 2 fields along the side road veering to the SW from the Sta Barbara/Taulabé road.

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Site 315 is located to the south of 314, to the east of 316 and to the west of the side road which veers from the Sta Barbara/Jaulabé road. Along the south side just before the barbed wire fence is a drainage/irrigation ditch. It is currently fallow field at the west end, cornfield at the east end. The landowner is Paco Hernandez. This ~~the~~ site consists of one structure, a large rectangular structure about a meter and 1/2 in height.



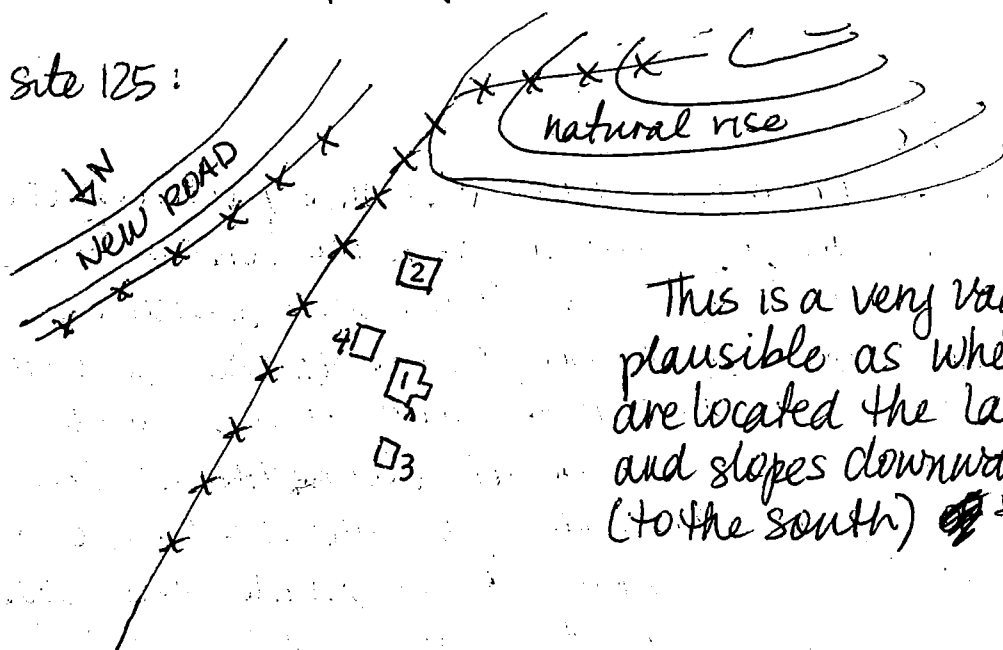
This structure may be a church with the altar on the east side but this is not certain. Some colonial sherds were found here. As well some piles of cobbles were found here but their source

Gualajoquito

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Site #125 landowner=

This site consists of 4 small rectangular structures with no elevation. On the south it borders a small field which borders the new road (see sketch map). It is a fallow field with signs that it was recently used for grazing. It is crossed ~~by~~ by a small creekbed which now has water. This is most likely a seasonal creekbed. The structures themselves are located near the fence (south) and at the base of a large steep natural rise. This rise is covered with ~~the~~ scattered cobbles eroded from the hillside. They, the structures, are patterned in a straight line, not around any sort of plaza. The nearest perennial water source is perhaps the Uluu which is 200m to the south.



This is a very vague site but plausible as where the structures are located the land flattens out and slopes downward again after (to the south) ~~of~~ them.

Site #126 landowner=

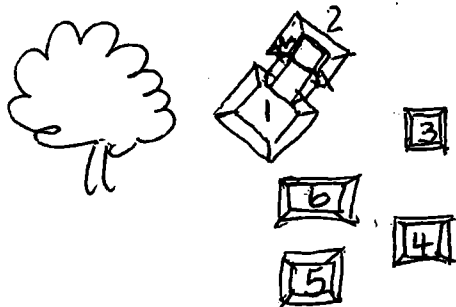
This site is located on the west side of the main road ~~to the~~ on the other side of the natural rise in site 125. This site consists of a surface collection as when the new road was constructed whatever was located here was pushed off the edge of the road. Shards, handles and lithics were found. Across the fence from the road lies a small long pond of some sort (See sketch map).

Gualjoquito
Site 126

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Rio ULUA

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Gualjaguito site 126

pt	location	z	Distance
1	SE corner Str 3	87°	14.90
2	NE corner Str 3	71°	15.50
3	SW corner Str 3	85°	10.40
4	SW corner Str 5	135°	28.80
5	SE corner Str 5	129°	30.30
6	NE corner Str 5	123°	30.70
7	SE corner Str 4	112°	28.30
8	SW corner Str 4	110°	26.20
9	NW corner Str 4	101°	25.90
10	Quebrada & fence	82°	43.40
11	Bank of Quebrada	35°	32.40
12	SE corner Str 6	158°	14.10
13	NE corner Str 6	133°	15.00
14	NW corner Str 6	130°	11.70
15	SE corner Str 1	134°	8.20
16	SW corner Str 1	178°	9.70
17	NE corner Str 1	116°	5.60
18	Saddle Junction SE	120°	4.40
19	Saddle Junction NE	112°	3.80
20	SE corner Str 2	105°	4.50
21	NE corner Str 2	28°	4.00
22	NW corner Str 2	293°	3.90
23	Saddle Junction NW	184°	2.00
24	Bank of Ulua	271°	32.80
25	Bank of Ulua	349°	50.00

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June 25, 1984

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Tencoa site 321 landowner = Juan Peña (?)

This site consisted of a surface collection as, this being a cornfield, there was much disturbance and no architectural features were found - only sherds, a handle and an obsidian blade.

This site was located just south of the Quebrada Mangual and slightly west.

Tencoa site 322 landowner = Leandro Mejía

Located 1 field east of the línea telegráfica. It is heavily plowed planted $\frac{1}{2}$ in corn $\frac{1}{2}$ in squash. This site consists of a surface collection [sherds, obsidian blades, obsidian fragments and 2 obsidian cores]. Perhaps this was an area of obsidian manufacture (personal communication), a workshop of sorts.

No sign of any architectural features was found - no signs of mounding of any sort, or cobbles were found here.

Only a great deal of obsidian - the 2 cores causing great excitement.

June 26, 1984

Tencoa site 323 landowner = Chendo Ruiz

This site consists of a surface collection [sherds, obsidian - large quantities]. Located just south of site 322 it is a cornfield.

The nearest water source could be either the Ulua or the Mangual but both are rather far away. No sign of any architectural features was found but much obsidian (blades, large chunks, worked, unworked) and sherds were found.

Tencoa site 324 landowner = Cooperative of Campesinos

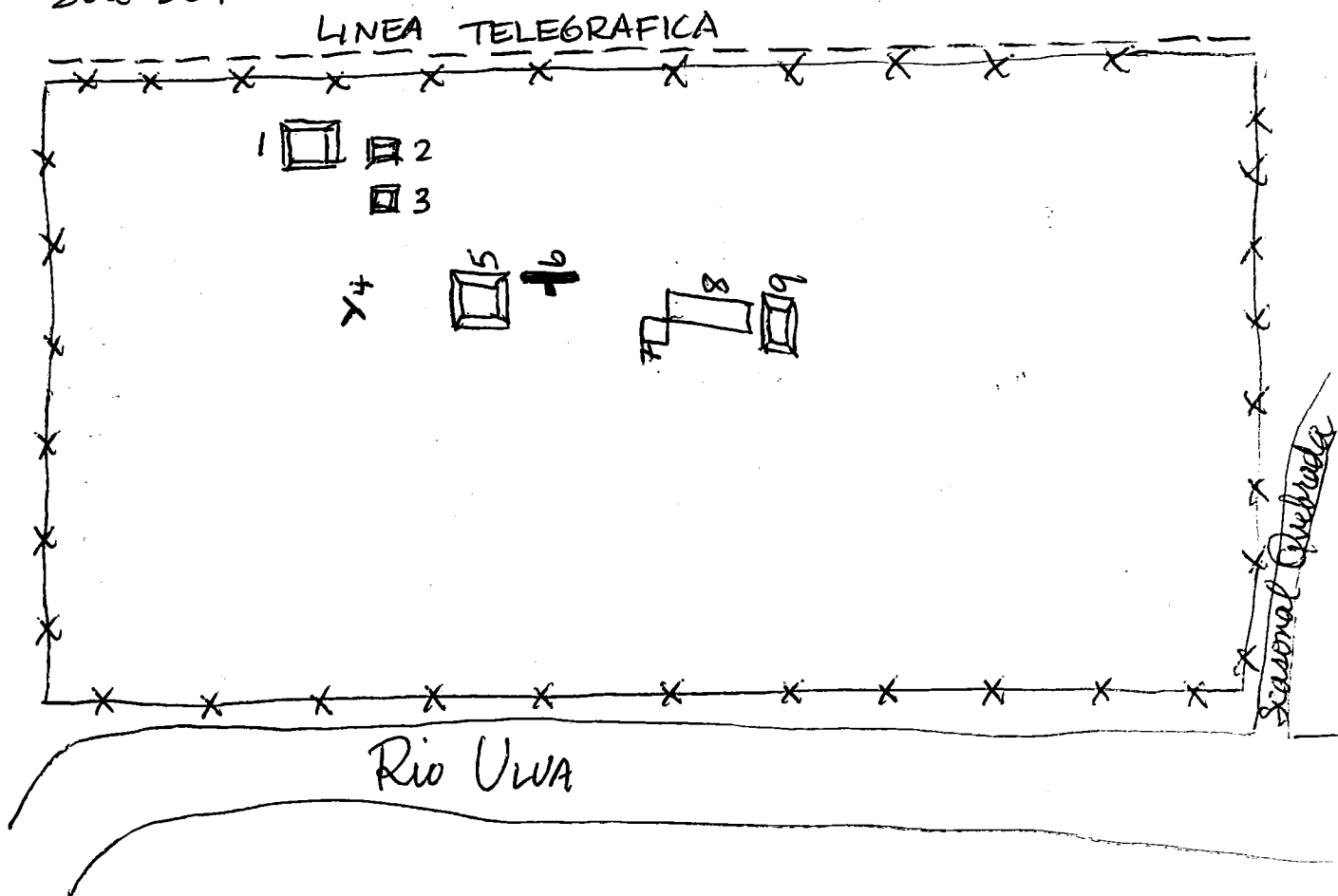
This site consists of a surface collection (2 sherds, 2 obsidian blades). They were found in cornfields owned and worked by the Cooperative. These fields were heavily plowed and no architectural features were found. The nearest water source is again possibly either the Ulua or the Mangual. It is located 1 field east of the línea telegráfica and 1 field east of site 323.

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Tencoa site 327 landowner = ?

This site is located on the west side of the linea telegrafica between that side road and the Ulua. It is bordered on the south by site 326. This site consists of 9 structures, one of which seems to be a paved walkway between 2 small rectangular structures. There seems to be no sort of definite patterning in their layout - yet another typically strange Tencoa site. No sherds were found here. The field is currently pasture land and the nearest water is the Ulua as well as a seasonal quebrada.

Site 327



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June 29, 1984

Tenchoa site # 328 landowner = Miguel Bardales

This site is located on the west side of the linea telegrafica, between it and the Uluu. This site consists of 6 structures and several cobble piles. A surface collection was made [obsidian, chert and sherds]. The structures and the cobbles were located on a low natural rise in the NE part of the first field, and in the SE part of the second (see sketch map). Down the middle of the first field there cuts a large drainage ditch. and the South fence of this field joins this field with Site 327.

Tenchoa site #329 landowner = Miguel Amaya

This site consisted of a surface collection on ~~the~~ the sides (walls) of a pathway going from the linea telegrafica road to the Uluu at the Pasodel Cano. Some sherds were found - incised, Sula polychrome (personal communication from Julie Benyo). The Amayas are hostile. They refuse to allow anyone to pass on their land. If they won't benefit from it, no one else will. Very rude people.