

**AZORIA PROJECT SUMMER 2003  
TRENCH REPORTS FOR  
A1700, A2300, A2400**

**A1700**

Trench A1700 was excavated from 2 June to 9 July, 2003, by trenchmaster Peter Vanaria, assistants Angela Ziskowski (Bryn Mawr), Lauren Hackman (Iowa State), Catelyn Spencer (UNC), and Kris Capella (UNC), and workmen Manolis Dantes and Athanasios Syritoules. Benchmark R6 (elevation 365.72) was used throughout the excavation.

**Architecture and Trench Boundaries:**

The boundaries for A1700 were somewhat problematic due to various extensions of the trench and intrusion into the trench just to the west, A400, which was excavated in the summer of 2002. The western boundary of the trench actually lies in what is rightly part of the room of A400, because the cross wall to the room had not been found until 2003. The cross wall **A1704** (5.2 m long and .4 m wide) is then the western boundary for the new room found in A1700, but the boundary for the trench A1700 lies 1.5 m more to the west. Another important note is that the wall that was called **A402** continued its line into A1700, and there was called **A1702**, which was the southern border of the new room. The spine wall **A305** also continued into this trench, here called **A1710**, creating the northern border of the trench. Finally, the cross wall **A1707** (2.3 m long and .5 m wide) is the eastern border of the new room, but the trench excavated .8 m east of the cross wall **A1707**, creating a scarp that would later be incorporated into trench A2300.

**Loci:**

**Room west of A1704 (part of A400)**

**A1718, A1716 – Ceiling Debris and Habitation Layer**  
**A1717, A1710, A1703, A425, A402.10 – Wall Tumble**  
**A1701, A1700 – Topsoil**

**Room east of A1704 and west of A1707**

**A1719, A1712 – Habitation Layer and Ceiling Debris**  
**A1711, A1708, A1703 – Wall Tumble**  
**A1705, A1701, A1700 – Topsoil**

**Depositional History:**

I will first explain the stratigraphy to the west of the cross wall **A1704**, in what should be considered part of the room excavated in A400. The loose, gravely packing for the floor surface and behind the spine wall **A1714** was unearthed during pass **A1716**. This was found only near the spine wall, however, since we only dug under the level of the floor in this area. Unfortunately, the floor did not extend all the way up to the spine wall **A1714**, and probably it had been eroded down the mountain since the abandonment of the room. The floor surface was revealed by pass **A1718** and **A1716** and was followed to the back wall **A1702**, just the like floor surface in the rest of the room that was excavated in 2002 as A400. The floor surface is actually at a higher level in this part of the room compared to the floor found in A400, but this might be because the SE corner of the room has a small outcropping of bedrock, upon which the clay floor was laid. Some noteworthy finds from **A1718** on the floor surface were two large agrimi horns, found near the threshold and doorway of **A1704**, and a large pithos rim, flipped over on its top but missing the body and

base. The pottery from the habitation layer was mostly Archaic in date, with some PG and LMIIC sherds. Above A1718 and A1716, which contained both the habitation layer and the small layer of roofing clay, were various loci of wall tumble from the cross wall A1704 or the back wall A1702: A1717, A1710, and A1703. The prevailing date of the pottery from these loci was Archaic. Finally, two of the loci are considered topsoil: A1701 and A1700. One other note is that the loci A402 and A425 cleared loose soil and slipped rocks from the wall A402. The problem with A402 last year was that there was no clear face of the wall at a certain point. These two loci confirmed that the wall was indeed behind what had been left in place, although it was badly slipped. It seems as if the wall utilized the bedrock and the only built up areas were in between the crevices.

To the east of the room shared by A400 and A1700 is another room uncovered by A1700. Here, the loose, gravely packing for the floor was found at a lower level than the floor surface by loci A1714 and A1715. Again, the floor was not found in this area, which abuts the spine wall A1714, probably because of erosion down the mountain. The hard-packed, clay floor was revealed by A1719, although some outcroppings of bedrock, especially in the SE corner of the room, made it difficult to uncover the floor in some areas. Again, like in the room to the west, the clay floor seems to have been laid over the contours of the bedrock. The composition of the matrix was mostly roofing clay, although there were some areas of burnt material near the center of the room. Since this locus was right above the floor, it contains the habitation layer for the room. Some noteworthy finds from A1719, right on the floor, were some pithos stands, one near A1702 and the other near A1707, large pithos fragments including a base, remains of another agrimi horn near the doorway of A1707 and a long silver pin that seems like it would have been used as jewelry to fasten together a garment, also found along A1707. The prevailing date from the pottery in the habitation layer was Archaic, with some Orientalizing and LMIIC sherds. A1712, also the habitation layer and roofing clay, contained large amounts of pithos fragments, actually extending across the length of the room, as well as a spindle whorl. The date of the pottery from this locus was Archaic, though some LMIIC sherds were also found, as well as some Hellenistic intrusions. Above the layer of roofing clay were several loci of wall tumble: A1711, A1708, and A1703. One of the interesting finds from these loci was a small Byzantine coin, which must have washed into the matrix from above. Again, however, the prevailing date of the pottery was Archaic. Behind (south) the wall A1702 a pass was taken into the loose, gravely packing: A1706. Finally, three different loci were considered topsoil: A1705, A1701, and A1700. A1705 was the loci used to extend the boundaries of the trench, both south and east.

#### Interpretation:

It seems as if the easternmost room (A1700) of this complex, which is probably the back room since there does not appear to be any access route through the cross wall A1707, was a room dedicated to storage, as indicated by the large pithoi found there. I believe there were at least two pithoi, both extremely substantial in size. The finds from the next room to the west (A1700/A400) do not really give a good indication of its function. Perhaps the appearance of the agrimi horns on both sides of the doorway denotes something of ritual significance, since other scholars have claimed that agrimi horns could be a sign of ritual activity. It was thought that this room and the series of rooms that runs to the north, which also includes trenches A300, A500, A700, and A1000, were domestic quarters creating an entire house. This could still be true, but the supposition that the other room to the east is a storage room with large pithoi could mean that this complex had some other function, possibly storage and work rooms. However, there is no indication as to what type of work would have occurred in these rooms. The complex could have held an important

status considering the nice architecture, as seen in the well-worked threshold block and doorway blocks of **A1707**. Access to the complex would have been from the northeast, through **A1000**. Above the rooms to the south there was a small line of stones called **A403** that was thought to be a shelf last summer (See trench reports for **A300** and **A400**). When excavation of **A1706** was completed, another coarse of stones appeared in the same exact line as those of **A403**. These might have been part of a small terrace wall, most of which has eroded away, since it is in the same area as the poorly preserved section of **A402**. The terrace wall might have been the southern boundary of a pathway that leads above the complex including **A400** and **A1700**.

### **A2300**

Trench **A2300** was excavated from 26 June to 3 July, 2003, by trenchmaster Peter Vanaria, assistants Angela Ziskowski (Bryn Mawr), Lauren Hackman (Iowa State), Catelyn Spencer (UNC), and Kris Capella (UNC), and workmen Manolis Dantes and Athanasios Syritoules. Benchmark **R6** (elevation 365.72) was used throughout the excavation.

#### **Architecture and Trench Boundaries:**

The southern boundary of the trench was a line of bedrock where excavation of **A200** had ended. The western boundary was eventually the cross-wall **A1707**. **A2301** was the eastern boundary of the trench, a curved wall that at first is aligned east-west, but then curves to align north-south. Finally, the line of the spine wall that was called **A1714** in the room to the west continues into this trench as **A2310**. Other architectural features in this trench include a bedrock ramp leading west into a staircase, **A2304**, which leads up to the pathway south of **A1700** and **A400**. Along the northern edge of the staircase and bedrock, a small terrace wall was built, **A2314**. Utilizing the eastern face of **A1707** is a small bin: **A2312**, which is 1.5 m long and .67 m wide.

#### **Loci:**

**A2313 – Pre-bedrock**

**A2312 – Pre-bedrock inside bin**

**A2309, A2307 – Mostly packing with some traces of ceiling debris**

**A2308, A2306 – Mostly Ceiling Debris with some traces of packing and tumble**

**A2311, A1709 – Ceiling Debris and burnt material**

**A2305, A2303 – Tumble**

**A2302, A2300 – Topsoil**

#### **Depositional History:**

I will separate the history of the strata by the three possible rooms that were discovered in this trench: a roofed staircase, exterior space, and a small room with a bin. Firstly, the staircase utilized worked bedrock into a ramp upon which a clay floor was laid, revealed by pass **A2308**. The clay floor then appeared beneath the ramp, above what might have been a drain sticking out of the spine wall **A2310**. The matrix of **A2308** was roofing clay along the bedrock ramp and in the northeast corner of the trench, but the traces of roofing clay were more faint as the pass moved along the northern part of the trench, leading into what might have been exterior space (This is only in passes **A2308.2** and **A2308.3**). **A2306** also contained a matrix of roofing clay but included some burnt material in the southwest corner (near the stairs **A2304**) and some tumble in the eastern part of the

locus. The tumble above the roofing clay was in **A2303**, and the topsoil in **A2302**. It should be noted that the northeastern portion of **A2300** (.8 m from the northernmost stone in **A2301**) was dug as part of **A1800**. More specifically, **A1801** and **A1805.2** were topsoil loci which should rightly be included as part of **A1700**.

The portion of the trench that might have been exterior space runs north of the staircase and bedrock ramp, bounded by the terrace wall **A2314**, and just south of the spine wall **A2310**. An exterior surface might have been reached just north of the staircase **A2304**, as traces of a clay-like, hard-packed surface were discovered during the pass **A2309**. The matrix of **A2309** and **A2308** (in this area) only had faint traces of ceiling debris and was mostly loose, gravelly soil, giving rise to the suggestion that this was exterior space. A large amount of sherds, however, were found right above the exterior floor surface, in **A2309**. A loomweight and a flat piece of bronze also were found in **A2309**. There was no tumble at all in this area; **A2302** was simply topsoil.

Finally, the western part of the trench could also be considered a separate room, bounded by **A1707** to the west and **A2304** to the east and north. The room contained large outcroppings of bedrock upon which the continuation of the stairs would have been built. Packing and pre-bedrock material was above in **A2313**. The same matrix was found inside the bin, which was **A2312**. Above, **A2311** was a locus of ceiling debris and some burnt material, as seen in the ashy soil, but did not come down upon a floor surface. Roofing clay also appeared in the pass **A1709**, which was taken during the excavation of **A1700**, just beyond the cross wall **A1707**. Above the roofing clay, **A2305** was wall tumble, and **A2302** was topsoil.

#### Interpretation:

This very confusing area has been extremely difficult to decipher. As stated above, it seems that there are three distinct areas in this trench, but this interpretation might not be accurate. What is clear is the presence of a staircase (**A2304**), some of which was unfortunately removed during **A2305** before its correct identification. The bottom of the staircase is approached by the bedrock ramp and would have been 4 steps up to a paved area (which was removed) until the one step onto the proposed path running south of the complex of **A1700**, **A400**, etc. The large amount of ceiling debris found on the bedrock ramp has led me to believe that the stairway was covered. At the bottom of the ramp, the access route is less clear. There might have been a step down next to the drain, but there clearly would not have been access through the curved wall **A2301**. It is thought that the path then might continue through what was excavated as **A1800**. Another theory is that the path actually cuts back east towards the cross-wall **A1707**, but one would have had to step up on another small outcropping of bedrock. If one continues east in this fashion, a stone with a door pivot appears, and then one enters what might have been an exterior surface to the north of the staircase and the terrace wall **A2314**. **A2314** might have also helped support the roof over the staircase. Again, this area was a bit confusing. Although we definitely revealed a layer of clay, there were many sherds still visible in the matrix of the soil below. Our gauge for the level of the exterior surface was the bottom of the coarse of the terrace wall, but the floor surface might be further down, or perhaps there never was a floor in this area, if it was exterior space. Access to the bin, which is south of the exterior space, is also problematic. Since there is no clear access route through **A1707**, the best theory about gaining access to the bin is relocating a slipped boulder into its proper position and making the terrace wall **A2314** in this area a stair. Then, in theory, one could utilize the bin, but this seems like a roundabout and unorganized method of accessing it. The only noteworthy find was actually above the bin: a stone quern that was .5 m long. Perhaps there was specialized storage in the room with the bin, which was roofed like the stairs,



since there was also a lot of bone and pottery found both in the room and below it. More speculation, and perhaps more excavation in the areas below and to the west of the trench, might prove helpful in determining the original layout and function of these three areas.

#### A2400

Trench A2400 was excavated from 4 July to 9 July, 2003, by trenchmaster Peter Vanaria, assistants Angela Ziskowski (Bryn Mawr), Lauren Hackman (Iowa State), Catelyn Spencer (UNC), and Kris Capella (UNC), and workmen Manolis Dantes and Athanasios Syritoules. Benchmark R1 (elevation 370.62) was used throughout the excavation.

#### Architecture and Trench Boundaries:

The trench was extended several times, especially to the south, in order to find more definite architecture. Originally, the only wall in the trench was **A201**, and the area to the north of it had been excavated in 2002. Now excavation was carried out to the south and east of the wall, in the hopes that more of the wall would appear. The trench then extended 3.3 m to the east, ending beyond wall **A2402**, near wall **A1804**. **A201** did extend back to the wall **A2402**, only cut by a doorway. **A2402** was the eastern boundary of the trench south of **A201**, and 4 of its large stones were severely slipped out of place. 4.8 m south of **A201**, a very badly preserved wall line appeared, called **A2407**. The western boundary of the trench, which was 3.25 m from **A2402**, had no architecture but did have large outcroppings of bedrock.

#### Loci:

**A2406 – Ceiling Debris and Bedding/Pre-bedrock**

**A2404 – Ceiling Debris and Habitation Layer**

**A2405, A2403, A2401 – Wall Tumble**

**A2400 – Topsoil**

#### Depositional History:

In this trench, two rooms were discovered, one of which was mostly excavated in A200 in 2002. The northern room, which is rightly the room in A200, had a clay floor surface along **A201** and its doorway until **A2402**. Above the floor, locus **A2404** contained a thick layer of ceiling debris and evidence of burning, as seen in the large amounts of carbon in the southeast corner of **A201** and **A2402**. The rest of the room of A200 did not have any traces of roofing clay or a floor surface since it lay directly in a large erosion zone. Wall tumble lay above the roofing clay (**A2403** and **A2401**) and topsoil above that (**A2400**).

The room to the south of A200, accessed through the doorway, did not have any traces of a floor surface. Therefore, this room might have been exterior space or all traces of the floor have been eroded down the mountain. Locus **A2406** did have traces of ceiling debris within its matrix, especially in the eastern side of the trench near **A2402**. Above the roofing clay, wall tumble appeared (**A2305** and **A2301**) under a layer of topsoil **A2400**.

#### Interpretation:

The function of the two rooms cannot be determined simply from the features and finds. As stated above, most of the room of A200 has eroded down the mountain, with the

small patch of floor excavated as A2400 having been left only by a large, fallen boulder blocking it to the north. Whether the southern room was exterior space or a room also cannot be determined. The reasoning that it was a covered room was due to the large foundations for the wall A2402. The floor could have all eroded, but I find it strange that we did not find any traces of the floor, even in the northeast corner of the room. There was a small layer of ceiling debris, however, and although it could have washed down from above (along with the large number of Hellenistic roof tiles that were found in this area, I still think that the room was probably roofed. The western wall of the room was not found, and probably no trace remains if further excavation was attempted, since it would have been located in what is now a huge erosion zone, the same one above A200.

Peter Vanaria  
17 July, 2003

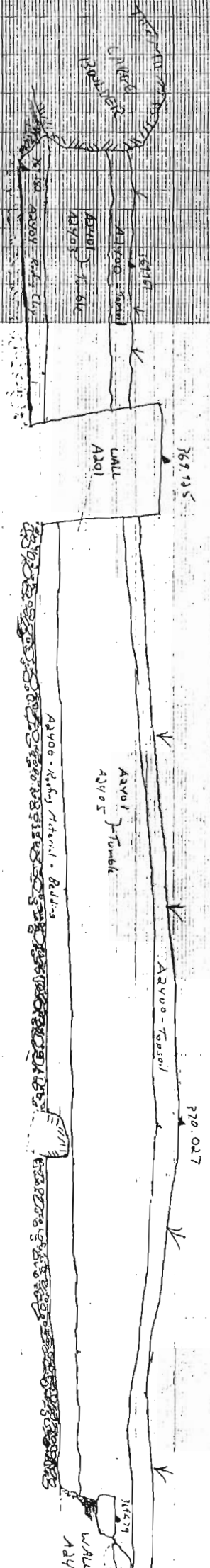
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- Clay
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- Surface Material
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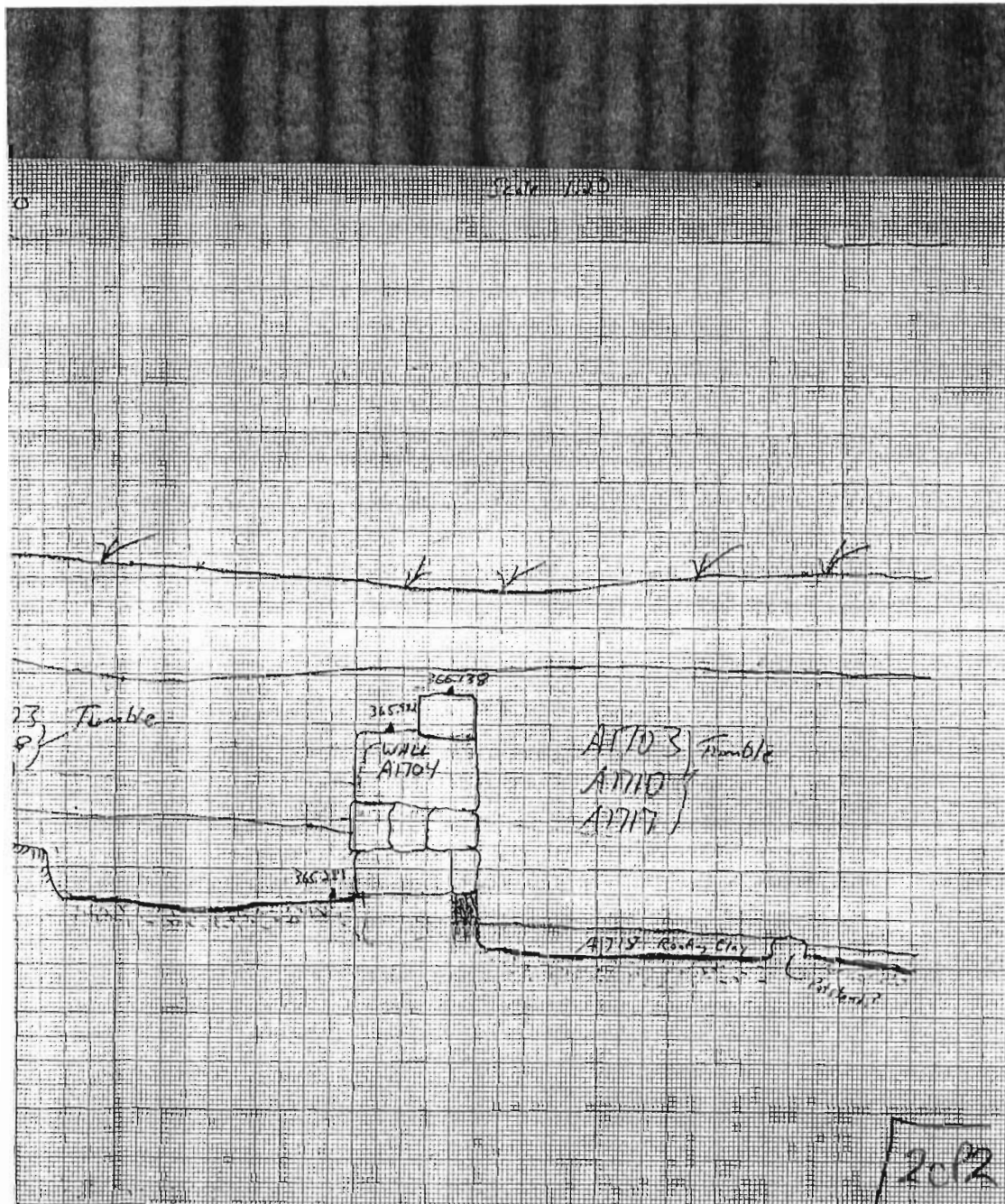
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LEGEND

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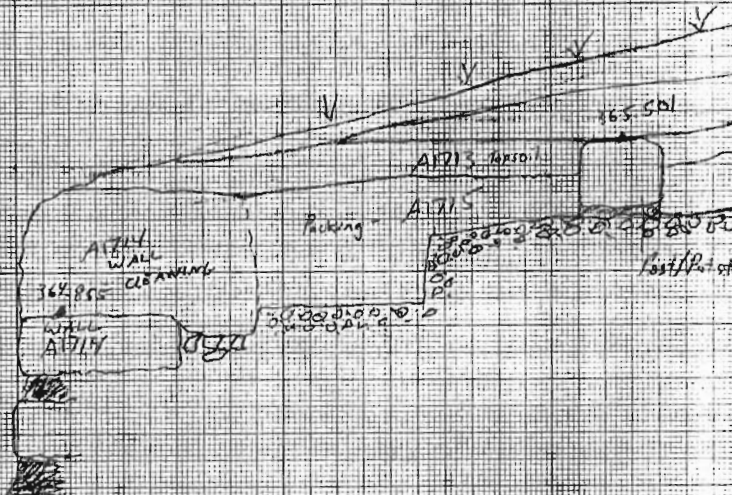
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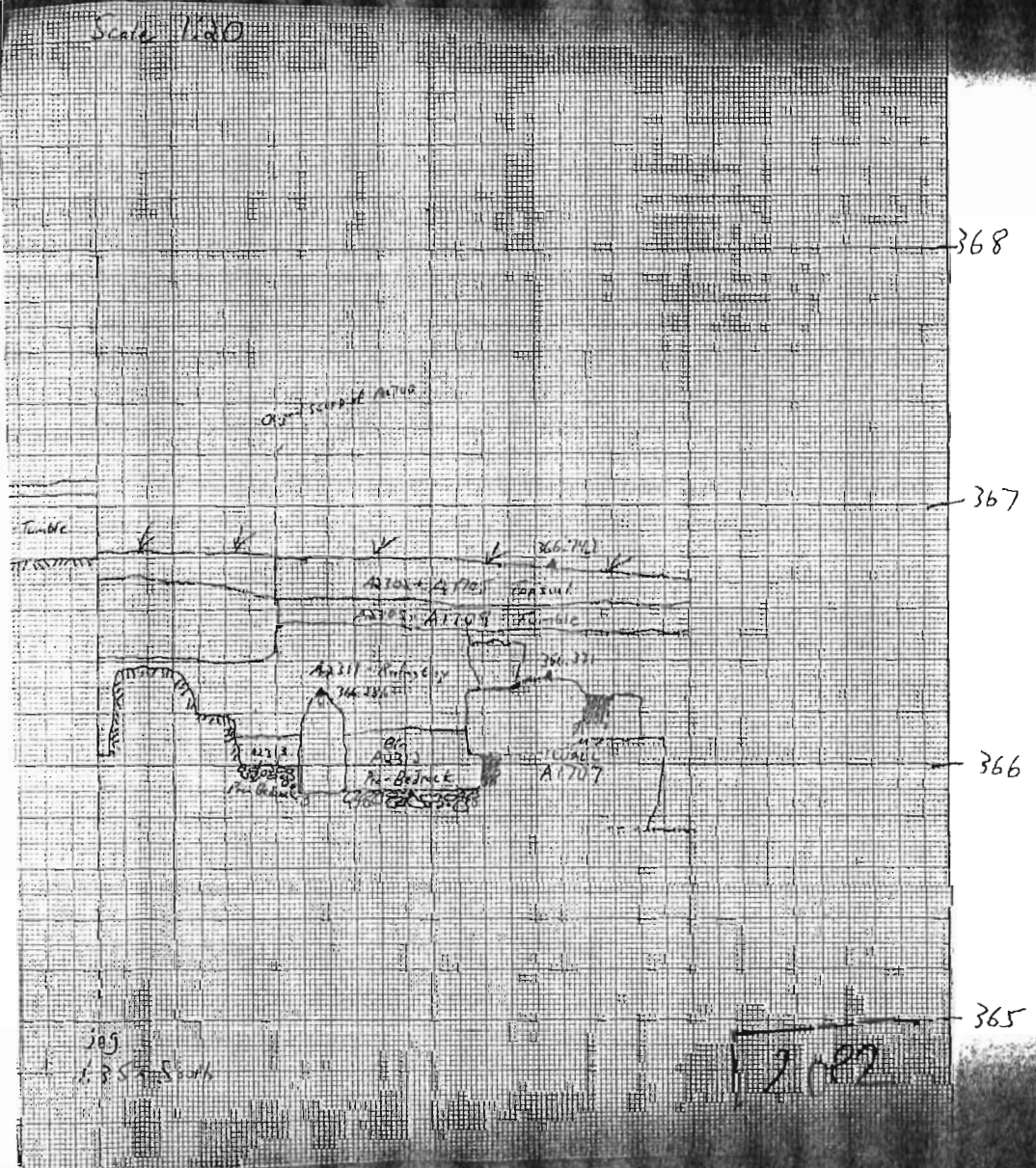
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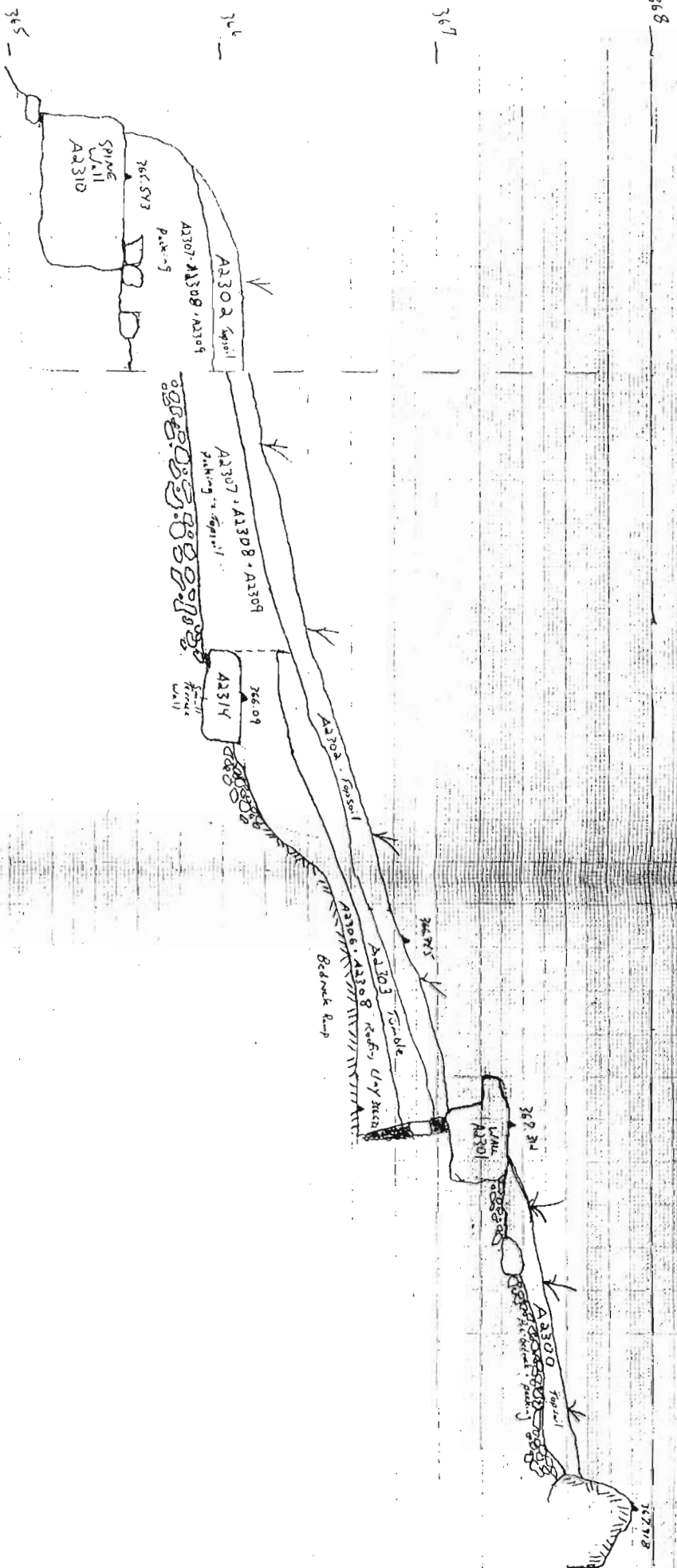


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A2300

North-South Section



LEGEND

- Bedrock
- Pavement/Paving
- Soil
- Surface
- Elevation

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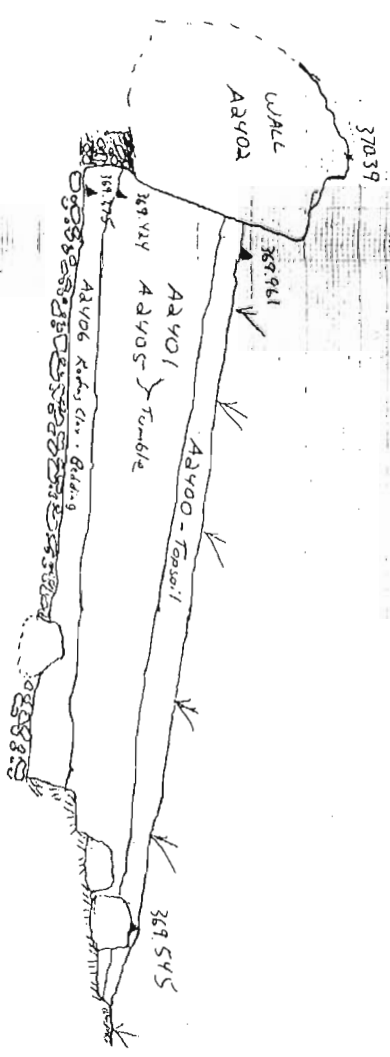
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- LEGEND
-  Bedrock
  -  Roadbed/Footing
  -  Soil
  -  Modern Surface
  -  Elevation



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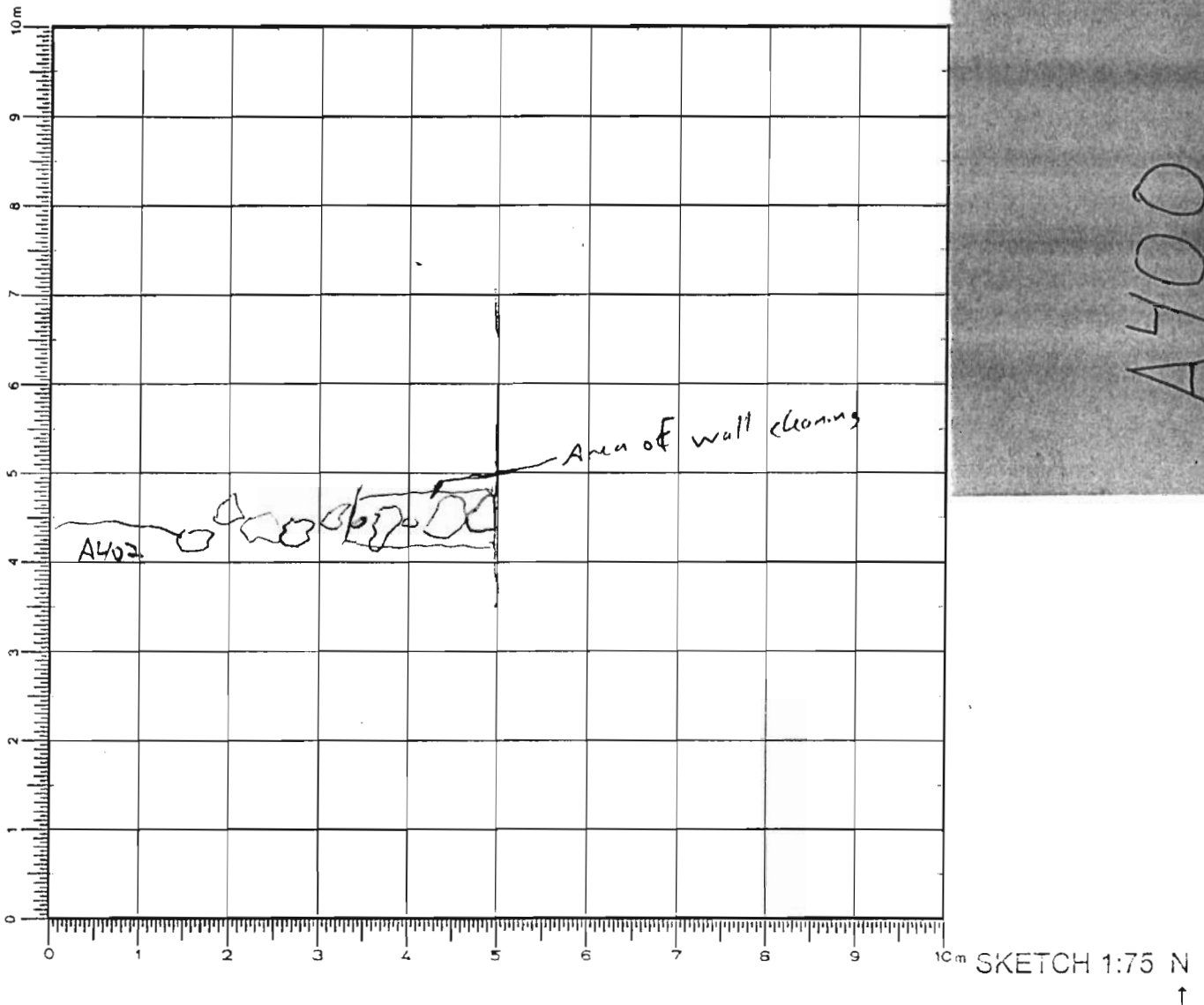
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 13 Jun 03 Locus above: Ø

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

*A line of irregularly shaped stones in a line with one flat, worked stone.*

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):





Year 03 Trench/Locus A402 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

13 June - Due to excavation in A1710, it became clear that the line of wall A402 was further back than had been left by excavation last year. Therefore, part of what was called A402 last year, the easternmost section, was taken down to chase the real wall line. The pit was arbitrarily called A402.10. The real wall line was found, following the work in A1710, but much ~~lower~~ <sup>lower</sup> down. It became clear that the top section of the wall had slipped out badly and ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> not preserved. The course underneath, however, follows the line of the wall A1702. Remember, A1702 = A402 are the same wall. The soil behind was also removed, up to the outcropping of bedrock. No soil sample was taken because it would have been taken last year. Very little bone + pottery collected.

Pottery Date = Archaic / NPD

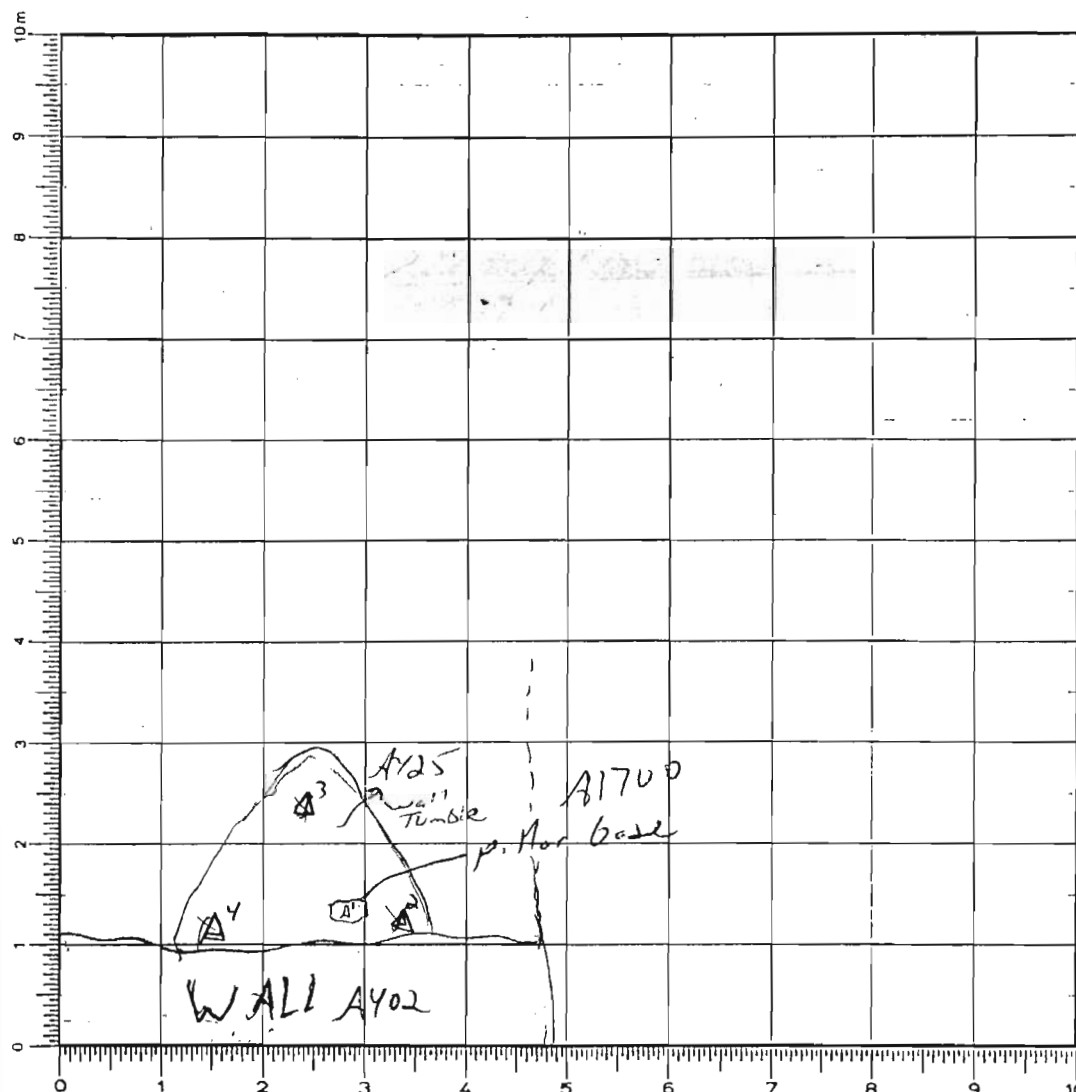
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Year 03 Trench/Locus A425 Excavator PAV

## Elevations

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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 02 June 03 Locus above: A415Locus parameters: 1.8m x 1m

Verbal description:

Wall Tumble, collapsed over the winter. Large stones .3-.5m  
 Also a large number of smaller stones and pebbles

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

22.5m - Wash out from over the winter; modern soil + stones mixed with the ancient wall stones.

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## OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A425 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

02 June - This locus was opened in order to clear out of the trench some of the stones that had slipped down over the winter and also to define wall A402. The locus # was chosen at random, so there are no locus numbers between A415 and A425. In the process of excavation we found very little pottery + bone. The back wall of A402 began to become more clear and defined. It seems as if the wall consisted of outcroppings of bedrock with built-up stone in between the gaps. It is likely that the wall extends farther to the east because no cross-wall has yet to be found. Another flat stone, .6 m long, was found on what was the floor surface, possibly it was some kind of pillar base or stand. There was also an outcropping of bedrock that seems to stick up through the floor surface. Final elevations were taken. No soil sample was taken due to modern intrusions.







Year 03 Trench/Locus A1700 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

03 June - Continuing 1<sup>st</sup> pass of surface soil. Pail A1700.2 was assigned. A fair amount of pottery was found, but little bone. The pass <sup>was</sup> completed and a new locus number was assigned. In the south extent of the trench, a large number of larger stones or/and bedrock was beginning to be uncovered, possibly a continuation of A400, since the rocks are in line w/ it. This will have to be more defined in the next pass. Due to the large slope, there is a major difference in height of the dirt from the south part to the north part, this will have to be accounted for in the next pass. No soil sample taken on surface material.





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## OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1701 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

03 June - The pass began in the SE corner and extended across the line of rocks/bedrock that was partially exposed during the last pass. This was done in order to define the rock line more clearly, and it does seem to be a continuation of the wall line of A402. Then the pass continued just north of the rock line, and moving east. A fair amount of coarse pottery was found.

Obj 1 Elevation  $\frac{366.081}{2952}$  H.I.=369.033  
 $B=3.313$ , Object 1 is a small stone tool in a triangular shape, a very smooth, dark stone.

As the pass continued west, more rocks were exposed, most likely showing the wall tumble. The pass concluded when we reached the western extent. A standard, 5 liter, soil sample was taken.

A 2nd pass was started in the northern half, starting west and moving East. This was given a new pit number, A1701.2. A fair amount of pottery was found, with some sea stones as well.

The pass was not completed today. The pass has revealed some wall tumble, but not as prevalent as in the southern section of the trench near the wall line.

04 June - Continued pass across northern half, moving east. Pit number A1701.3 was assigned. Pass was completed with a little pottery. The pass, as a whole, did not yet yield the appearance of wall tumble as in the southern half. The tumble may be further down, or it may have eroded down the mountain. Since we will concentrate on the wall tumble, we will not chase the tumble here, in case it has eroded away.



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1702 Excavator PAV

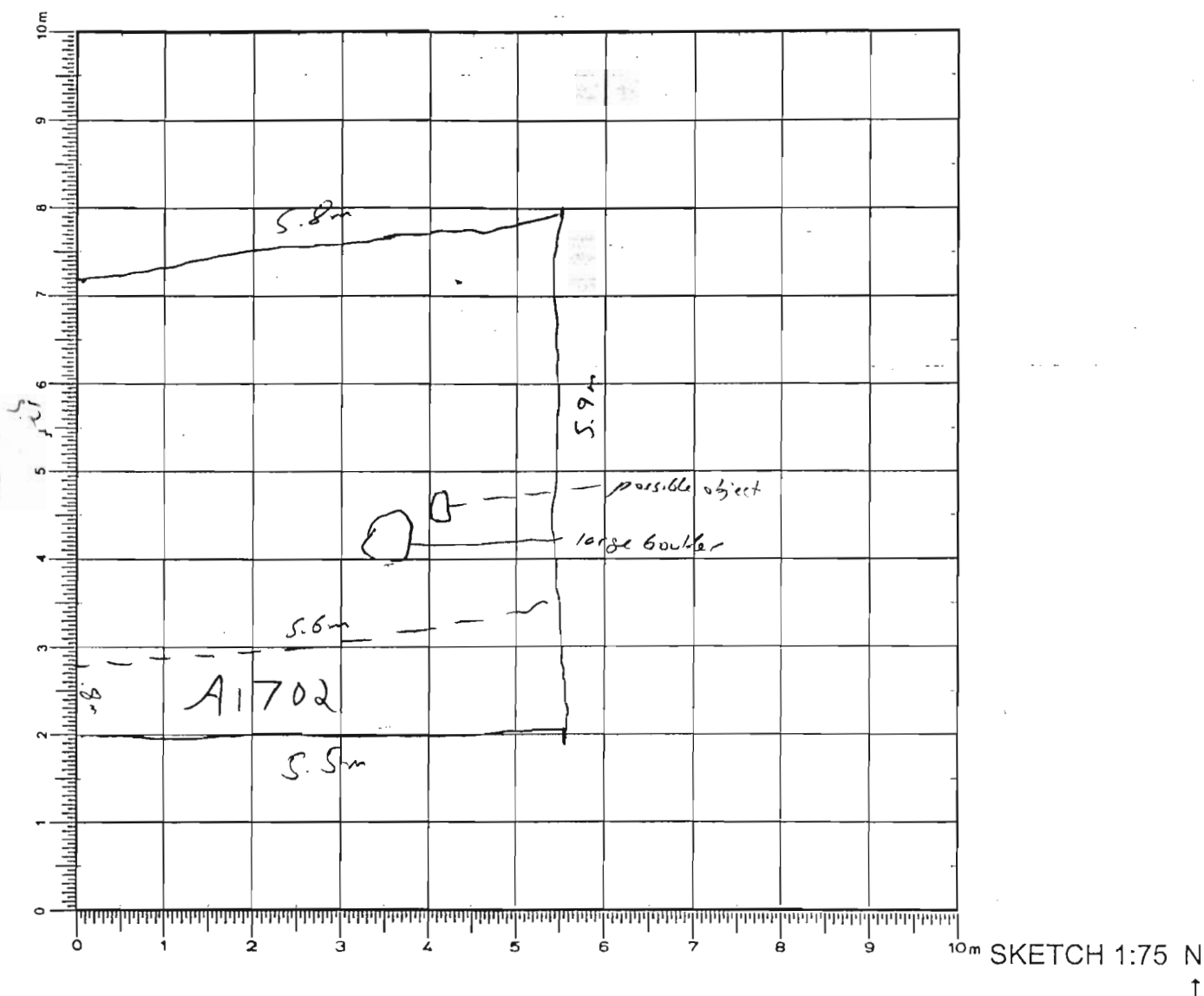
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 04 Jun 03      Locus above: A1701

Locus parameters:  $8m \times 5.6m$

Verbal description:

al description:  
Possible line of a wall, with large stones, 16 m long, some worked flat. The soil is still abundant around the stones.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

04 Jun - There appears to be a <sup>coarse</sup> ~~clay~~ of a wall, in line with A402, under the soil. This will become more clear as more excavation continues.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1702 Excavator RAV

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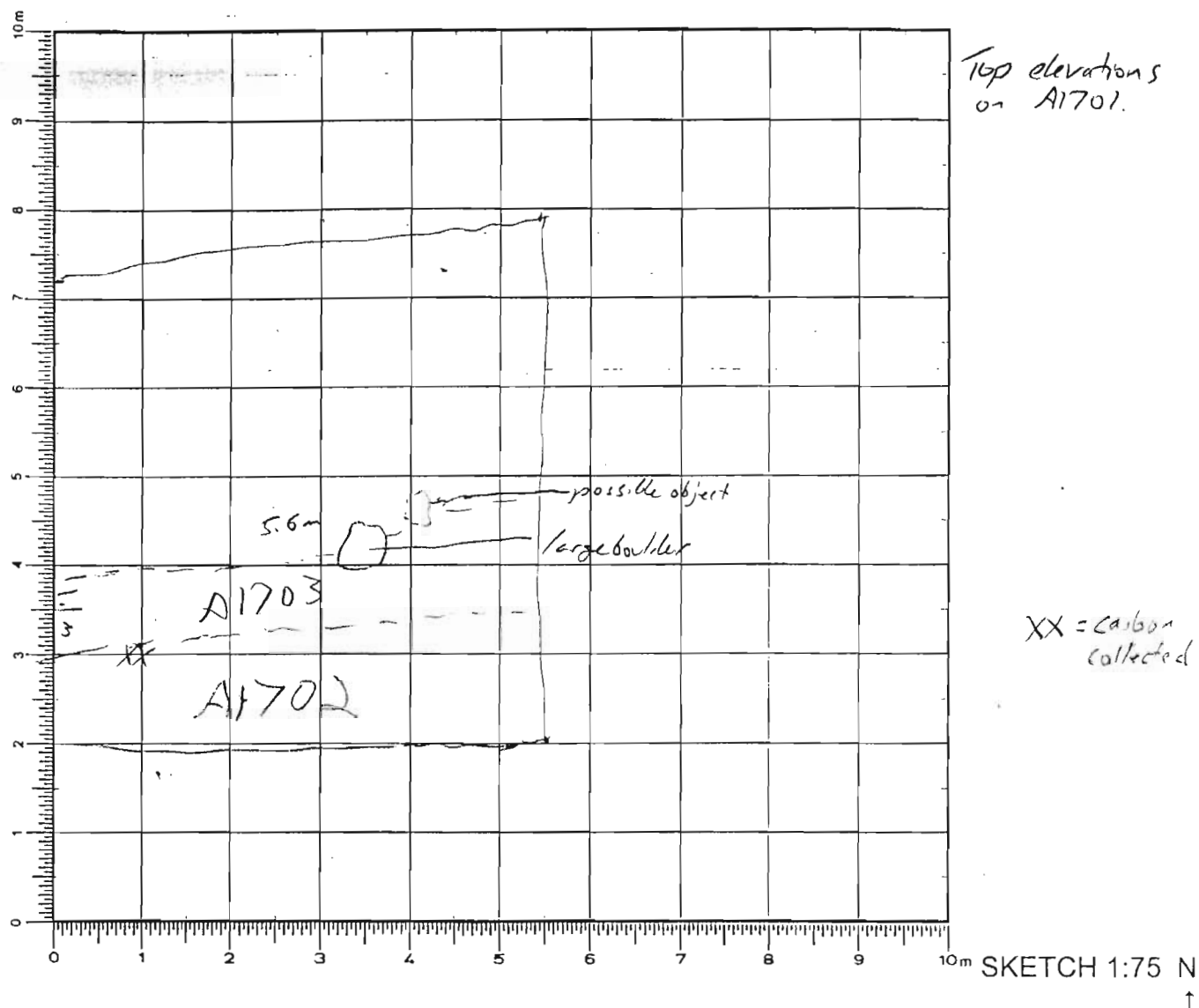
4 June - What we thought was a continuation of wall ~~A402~~ A402, has turned out not to be accurate, through the excavation of A1703. The dimensions of the wall A1702, which will hopefully appear through more excavation, are not yet known. A wall was definitely there, as is seen in the nicely worked, flat, stones in the tumble.

5 June - Finally, after excavation in A1703.Y, the face of wall A1702 has begun to appear. Currently, 2 courses are visible, consisting of 3 large (.5m long) stones each. The full extent of the wall has still yet to be uncovered, but it still seems to be in line with A402. There is some severe erosion and wall slippage in the western part of the wall, however, similar to A402.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1703 Excavator P. AV

Elevations

Benchmark used:  
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Benchmark:  
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 04 Jun 03 Locus above: A1701

Locus parameters: 1.1m x 5.6m

Verbal description:

Wall Tumble,

Large stones (4-6m) mixed with rocky soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

04 June - The wall tumble from A1702 had been uncovered, and now we have begun to remove the top layer in a pass with part A1703.1. 5 zambelli collected and screened - and a standard soil sample.



Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
A1703.1	3.9 kg	55	Archaic (pithos - amphora)
A1703.2	.73 kg	27	EA + Archaic
A1703.3	.49 kg	14	Archaic
A1703.4	.34 kg	40	Archaic
A1703.5	.265 kg	12	Archaic + <del>GR</del> LG
A1703.6	1.65 kg	28	Archaic + LM III

## OBJECTS

[illegible]

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1703 Excavator PAV.

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

4 June - As removal of the wall tumble progressed, it became clear that the wall line of A1702 was not as obvious as initially thought. Many of the stones were crooked and out of place with a lot of dirt around them. There was no apparent wall face. So, removal of some of the stones from what we thought was the wall line began. As a result, the boundaries of A1702 were changed and cannot be determined until more removal of the tumble. A wall most likely existed here, but slippage has been too severe to recover it accurately. The pass was completed, E to W, with only 4 zambili screened.

A new pass was begun, moving W to E, and the final zambili was screened then, with pass A1703.2. More large stones were removed, usually .6m long x .2m high, flat & narrow, so that I presume that they were part of a wall.

When that pass finished, another pass through the tumble was necessary, A1703.3. The pass was from just to the west of the large boulder and moved further west until what might be a cross-wall consisting of some worked flat stones in a line. The northern ~~boundary~~ boundary of this pass was a series of stones in a line. These stones were deceiving, I think, because they might have been confused for a course in a wall. But the placement of the final stone in the line ~~was~~ had clearly toppled from what might be a cross-wall. Therefore, these stones, and the extensive amount of dirt behind them, were ~~marked~~ marked for removal. This pass was not completed. A small amount of pumice was collected, with some pottery

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1703 Excavator RAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

5 June - The pass through the tumble moving west from the large boulder continued today with pail A1703.4. As the line of the possible cross wall became more apparent, it was decided to continue the pass over and beyond it to the west, in order to capture both faces of the wall.

The pass then moved further south, to try to find the face of wall A1702. In the middle of the area in front of A1702, ~~3-3.5m~~ 3 - 3.5m from the east boundary, a lot of bone fragments have started to appear.

Clearing in the area to the west of the possible cross wall unearthed a small chunk of carbon, which was collected and tagged.

As the pass continued further south, and more tumble was removed, the face of A1702 finally began to appear. Two courses, consisting of 3 large (5m<sup>100s</sup>) stones each, is now visible. The pass did not finish, due to rain and wet soil.

The possible cross wall might also contain a threshold, indicated by the nicely dressed stones, which have been seen in other thresholds around the rest of the site, such as A1200.

6 June - Pass continued through the tumble with pass A1703.5. Some pottery + bone were collected. More of the face of wall A1702 appeared ~~near~~ near the east side of the trench.

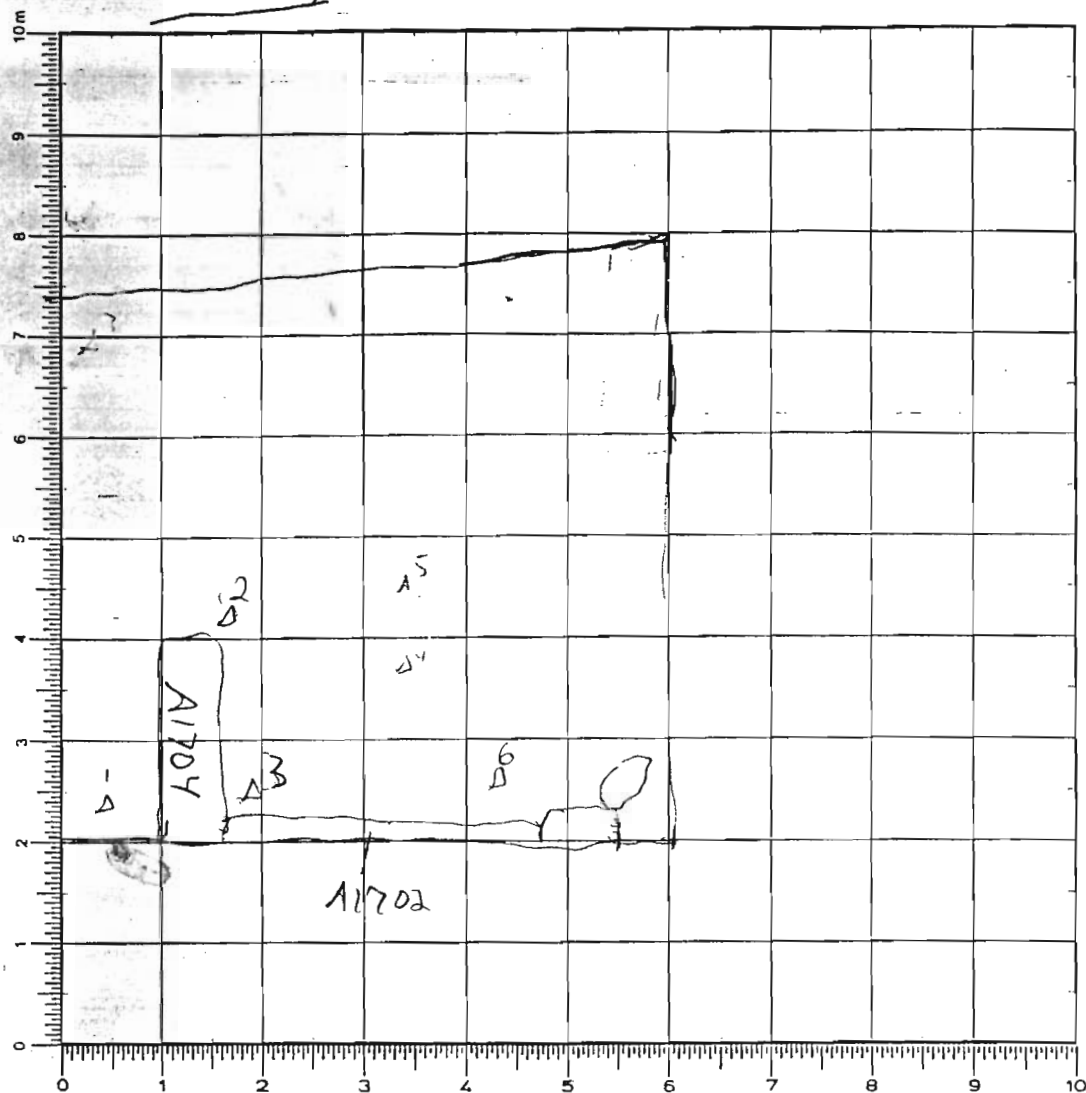
Pass continued along the wall westward, removing more <sup>loose</sup> tumble very near the wall or ~~even~~ even those on top that have slipped from the wall. The wall A1702 is very well defined until the cross-wall, which I will now call A1704. Pass moved beyond A1704 to the west, in order to find more of A1702, which would be the same as A1702 then.



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1703 Excavator PAV  
*End of A1703.5*

Elevations <sup>165.72</sup>  
 Benchmark used: RL  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 2.94  
 H.I.: 368.66

Sketch Only



*Final 1703*  
 1-2.789  
 2-2.965  
 3-2.815  
 4-2.865  
 5-3.014  
 6-2.79  
 1-365.871  
 2-365.695  
 3-365.845  
 4-365.795  
 5-365.646  
 6-365.87

SKETCH 1:75 N  
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1703 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

6 June - The pass A1703.5 continued until the western edge of the trench, taking out more wall tumble. The section of wall A1702 that was west of <sup>Wall</sup> A1704 was very badly eroded and could not be identified. ~~in any case~~. In any case, the section of our trench west of A1704 is part of the room dug as A400. That section of wall west of A1704 is actually ~~A~~ A402. Therefore, A1702 will describe the wall from A1704 until the eastern edge of our trench. The pass was completed when the large boulder that has been appearing on my sketch plans was taken out. Final elevations were taken for this locus, appearing on the sheet for A1706.

9 June - A pass was started in the southeast corner of ~~A~~ A1702 in order to ~~find~~ find a cross-wall. Many large boulders were removed from this area (.6-.7m), as well as many smaller rocks. This is more of the wall-tumble area. Not much pottery or bone found in this pass - A1703.6.

Pass ~~thus~~ completed, but no cross wall has been revealed. More large boulders removed, including some nicely worked stones such as a long (.8m), thin & flat stone. The cross wall may yet be outside the eastern boundaries of the trench.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1704 Excavator AAV

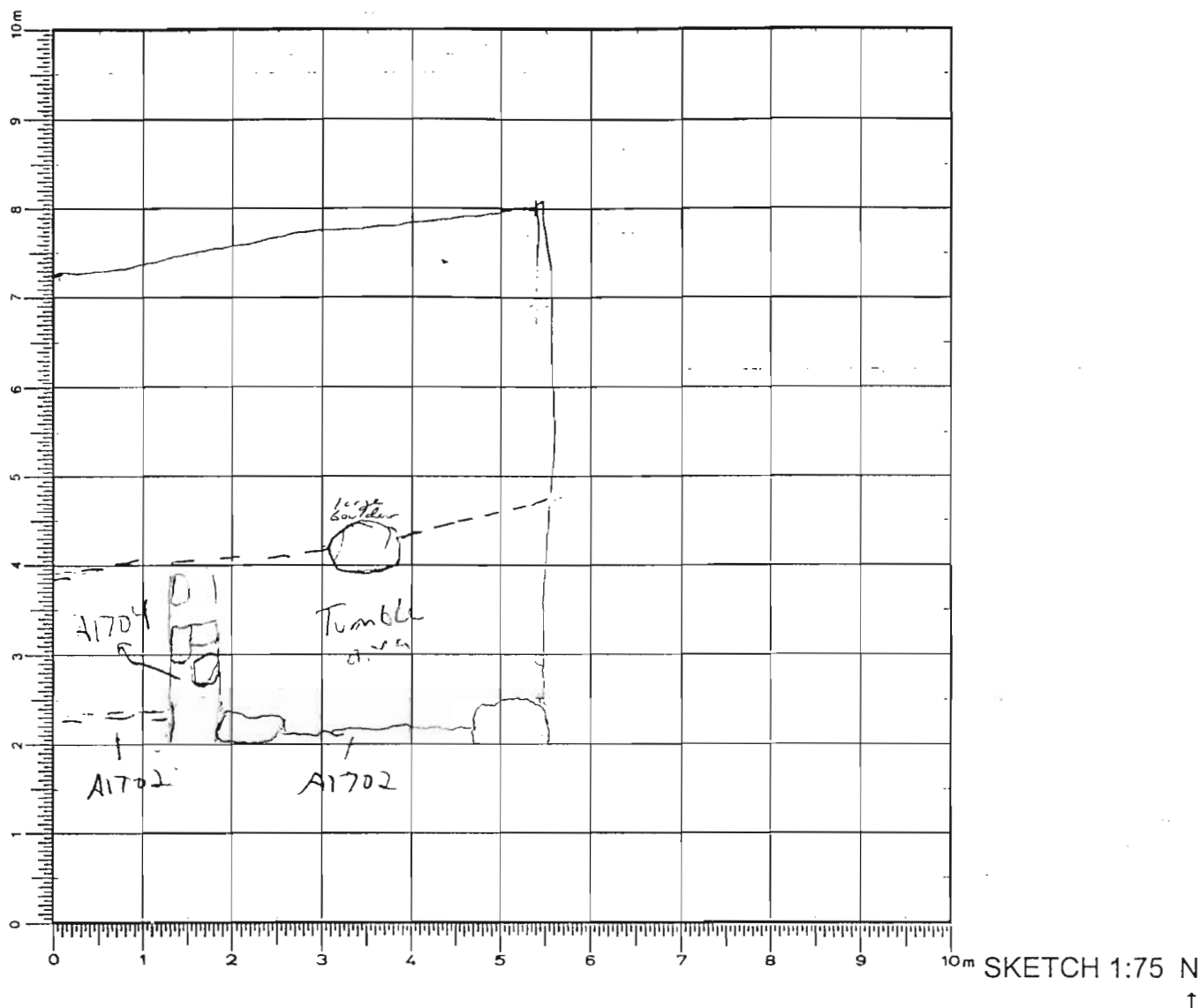
**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 6 June 03 Locus above: A1703

Locus parameters: 5.5m wide x about 2m long (probably more)

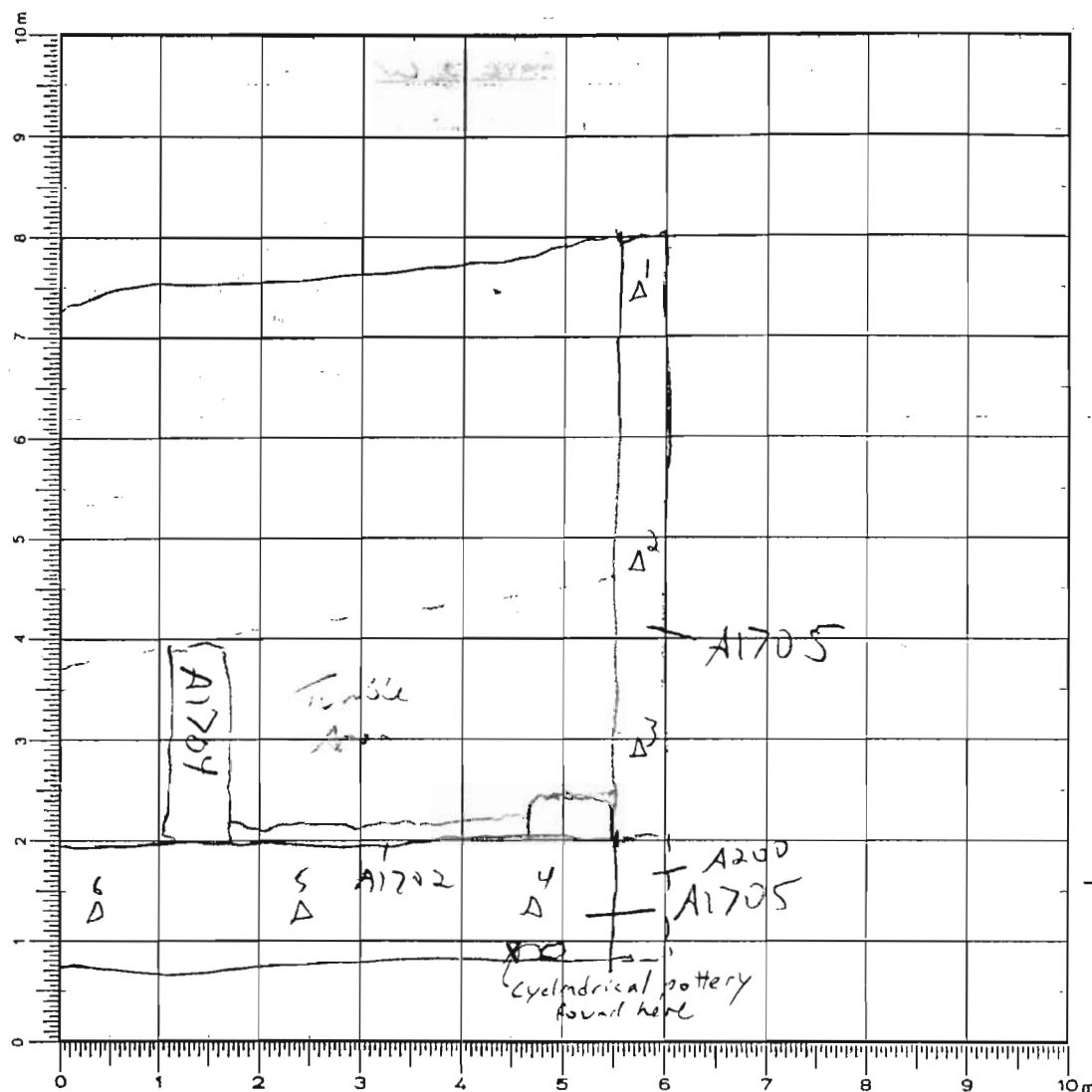
Verbal description:

A series of some nicely dressed stones. 2 stones were about 3-4m long, 1m wide, 1.5m high



Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

6 June - Although not many stones of this cross-wall are yet visible, 2 nicely worked stones, one a header, one a stretcher, indicate that a wall will appear after further excavation. Behind these 2 stones are some other flat stones that were also part of the wall, though they are slightly skewed.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1705 Excavator PAVElevations 365.72  
Benchmark used: R6  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 2.94  
H.I.: 368.66

Top Elevations

1 - 2.932 = 365.28

2 - 2.688 = 365.977

3 - 1.856 = 366.804

4 - 1.456 = 367.204

5 - 1.583 = 367.077

6 - 1.725 = 366.935

Final Elevations

0 - 3.079 <sup>H.I.</sup> 368.779

4 - 1.737 = 367.062

5 - 1.91 = 366.889

6 - 2.04 = 366.759

H.I. - 369.051 0 - 3.331

1 - 3.419 = 365.632

2 - 2.947 = 366.104

3 - 2.298 = 366.753

SKETCH 1:75 N

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 6 June 03 Locus above: A1703

Locus parameters: East section - .5m x 5.9m South section - 1.3m x 5.5m

Verbal description:

Surface soil, loose and filled with roots,

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

6 June - The extension of the trench was necessary for two reasons. One, the trench expanded east to try to find the eastern cross-wall. And, the trench was expanded south to expose the top of A1702. This pass was treated as any surface pass, with no soil sample.

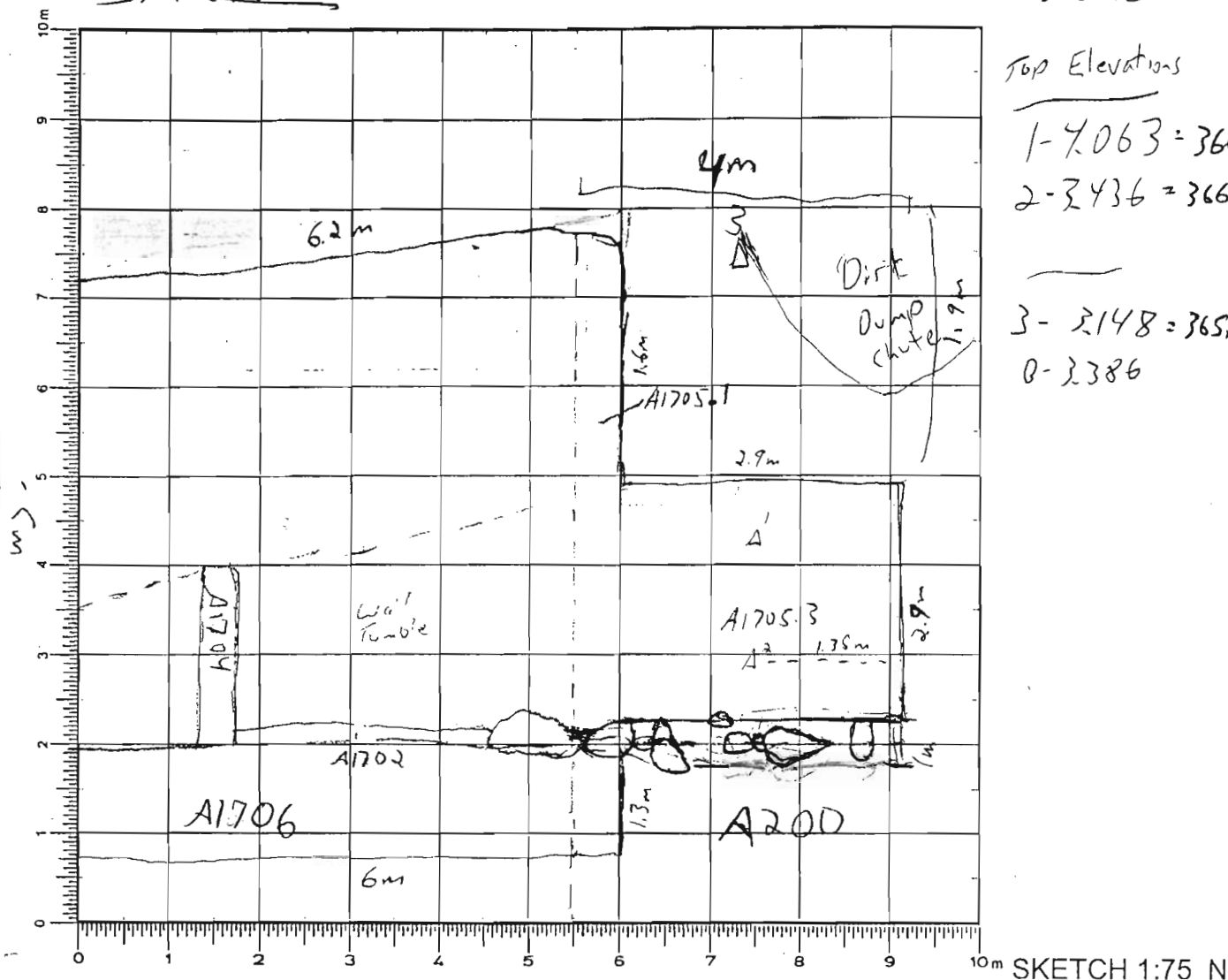




Year 03 Trench/Locus A1705 Excavator PAV  
*Before A1705.3*

Elevations 363.72  
 Benchmark used: R6  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 4.458  
 H.I.: 370.178

Sketch Only



Top Elevations

$$1 - 4.063 = 366.115$$

$$2 - 3.436 = 366.742$$

$$3 - 2.148 = 365.958$$

$$0 - 3.386$$

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 10 June 03 Locus above: Ø

Locus parameters: 3.1m x 2.9m

Verbal description:

Surface material and topsoil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

10 June - The Trench was expanded east in order to find a cross-wall

This is more surface soil, so no soil sample was taken. Pass was completed with a small amount of pottery and bone. The cross wall was

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1705 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

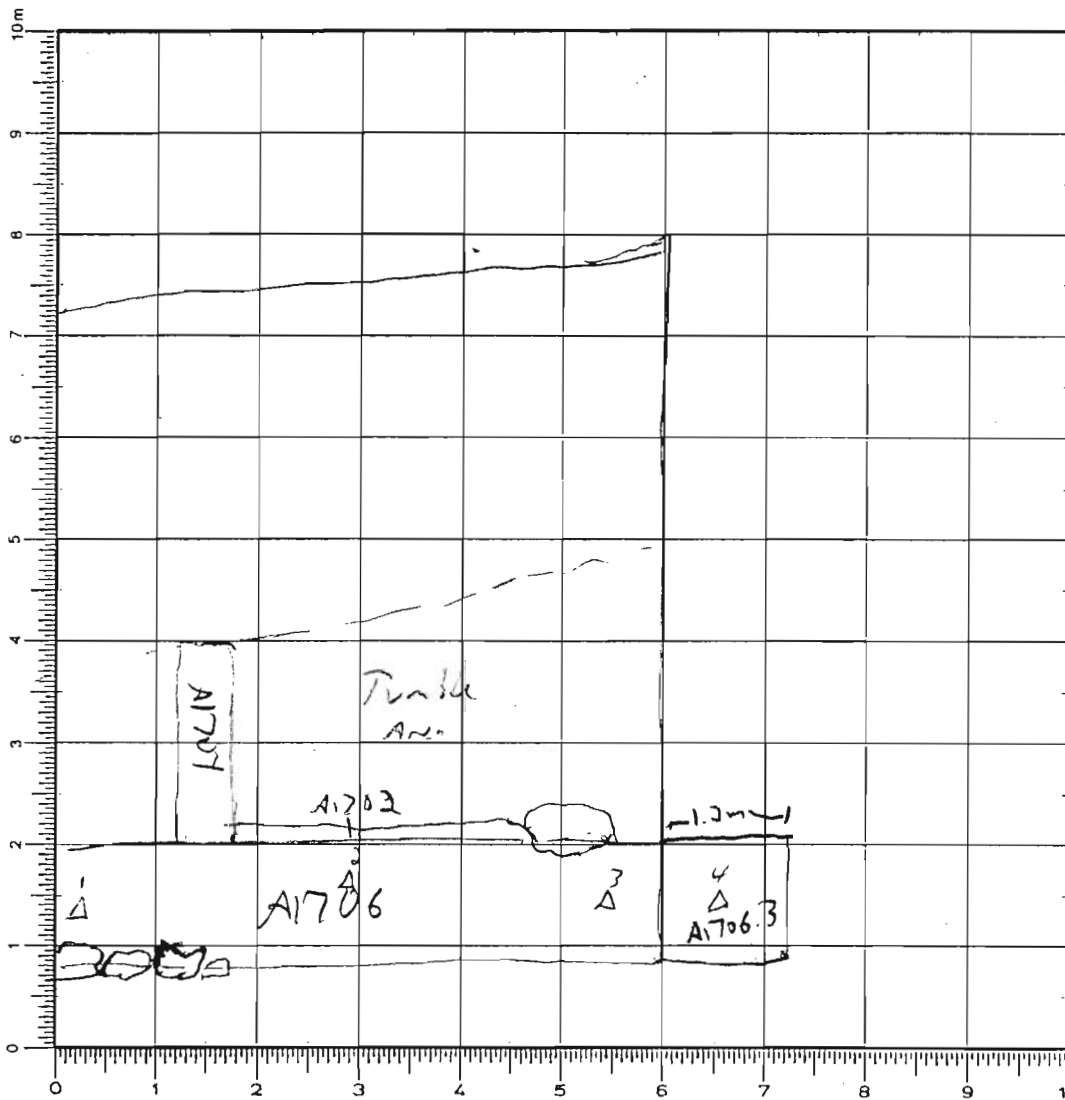
- 6 June - The pass completed, moving east to west, A1705.1. A <sup>Some bone + pottery were found</sup>  
 new pass was started, again moving east to west, called A1705.2.  
 This pass was started in ~~order~~ order to define the wall A1702 better from above. This pass has produced a large amount of large pithos sherds. Wedged next to a rock, 1.5 m from the east edge, a large cylindrical terracotta was found, most likely a pithos handle.  
 The pass ended having collected a large amount of pottery + bone.
- 10 June - The trench was expanded east in order to find a cross-wall (see sketch).  
 This is more surface soil, so no soil sample was taken. Pass was completed with a small amount of pottery and bone. The cross-wall was discovered 1.1 m from the new east edge of the trench. Pass called A1705.3, but was really surface material like A1700.1 + A1700.2. Pass also moved behind A1702 in order to define the south edge of the top course; this might have cut into the NW corner of A200.
- 13 June - Pass A1705.4 was started in the NE corner of the trench after the dirt chute was removed. Still surface material that was not removed due to the chute + wheelbarrow path. Now we are lowering the level here down to the rest of the trench + square off the NW corner of the trench. No soil sample because one was already taken.

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1706 Excavator PAV

Elevations 765.72  
Benchmark used: R<sub>6</sub>  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 3.331  
H.I.: 369.051



### Final Elevations

$$\overline{1-2.455}$$

2-2.305

3-2.129

$$I \approx 366.596$$

22366.746

$$3 = 366.922$$

Calder, 3

$$4 - 3.941 = 367.028$$

B-349 → R1

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 9 June 02 Locus above: A1705

Locus parameters:  $1.3m \times 5.5m$

Verbal description:

Light brown soil filled w/ pebbles + rocks.

Still some roots from modern surface

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

9 June - Locus changed because there is not topsoil anymore. The expectation is still to find + define the top of wall A1702. A large amount of pottery  
A small piece of



[illegible]

## OBJECTS

[illegible]

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1706 Excavator RAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

8 June - Pass was completed, moving E to W. A standard soil sample was collected during this pass.

Another pass was begun, this time moving W to E, under the pass A1706.2. This was done in order to lower the level of soil behind the wall A1702 to prevent contamination. During the course of excavation, in the SW corner of the trench, a row of 5 stones was uncovered, which might be a shelf or another wall.

A similar shelf can be seen in between trenches A400 + A300. The shelf occurred in the same position, above the cross wall and extending about a meter into each room/trench.

Pass was completed today and included a good number of pottery and bone.

9 July - For the purpose of wall conservation, more soil to packing was dug behind wall A1702. Since this area had been dug down as part of A200, I call this extension, 1.2m E of the original scarp, the same as A1706. Since it is all packing, gravelly, loose soil.

The pass concluded w/ some pottery + bone collected.

Another pass was taken in this area, A1706.4. This pass went much deeper for the purpose of cutting the soil back for wall conservation. Again, a good amount of pottery + bone was collected. The soil remained loose + gravelly, so it was more wall packing.

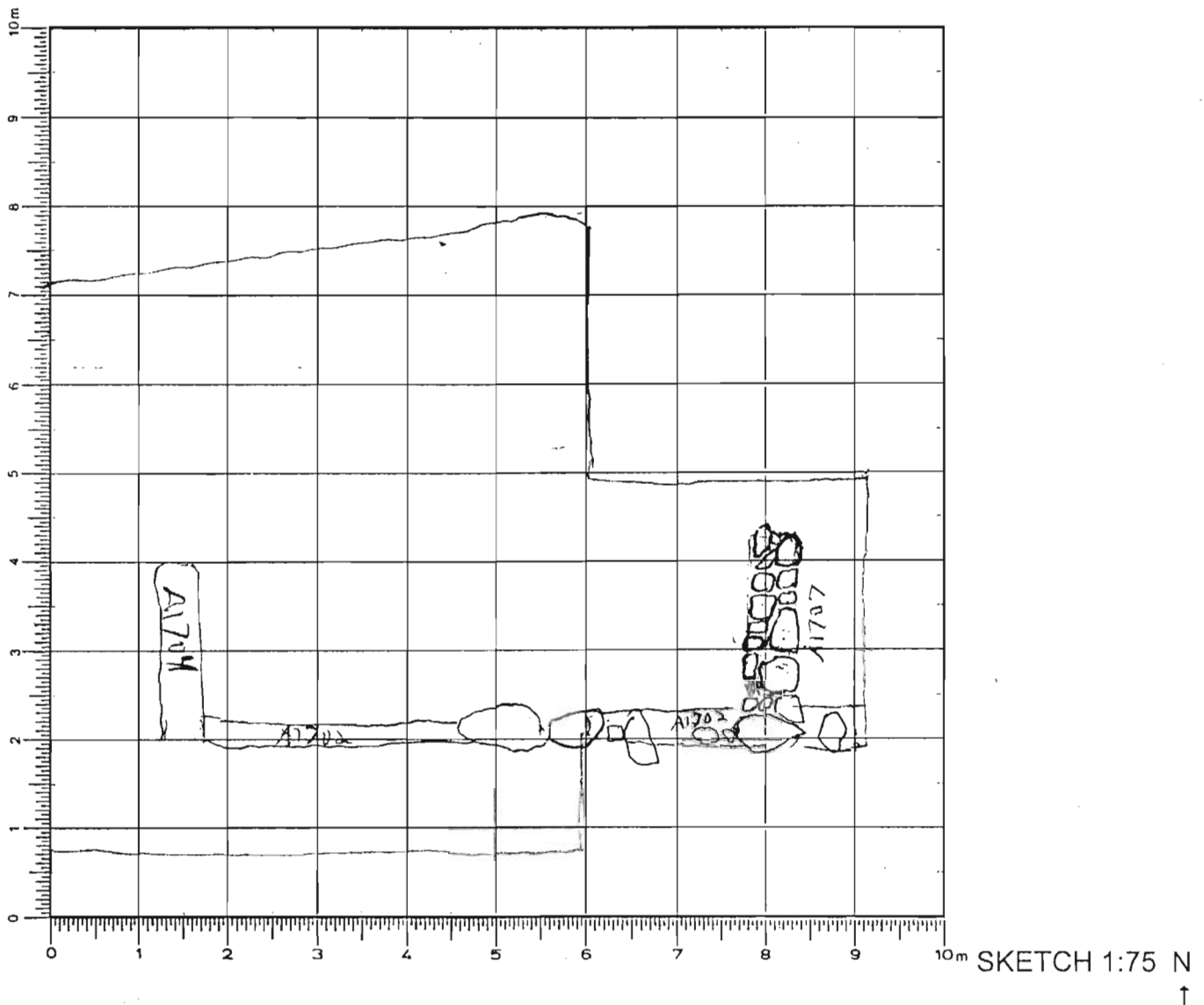
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1707 Excavator PAVElevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 10 June 03 Locus above: A1705Locus parameters: 2.45m x .55m

Verbal description:

2 courses of stones, on average .3-.5m long, set together in a wall.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

10 June- Pass A1705.3 uncovered ~~the line~~ of a cross-wall, signifying the eastern extent of the room bounded by A1702 + A1704. Further excavation in pass A1708.1 uncovered 2 courses of the wall, built of fairly large, but unworked, stones, so far. Further excavation may reveal more courses. The type of stones, larger + unworked, might show an exterior wall.





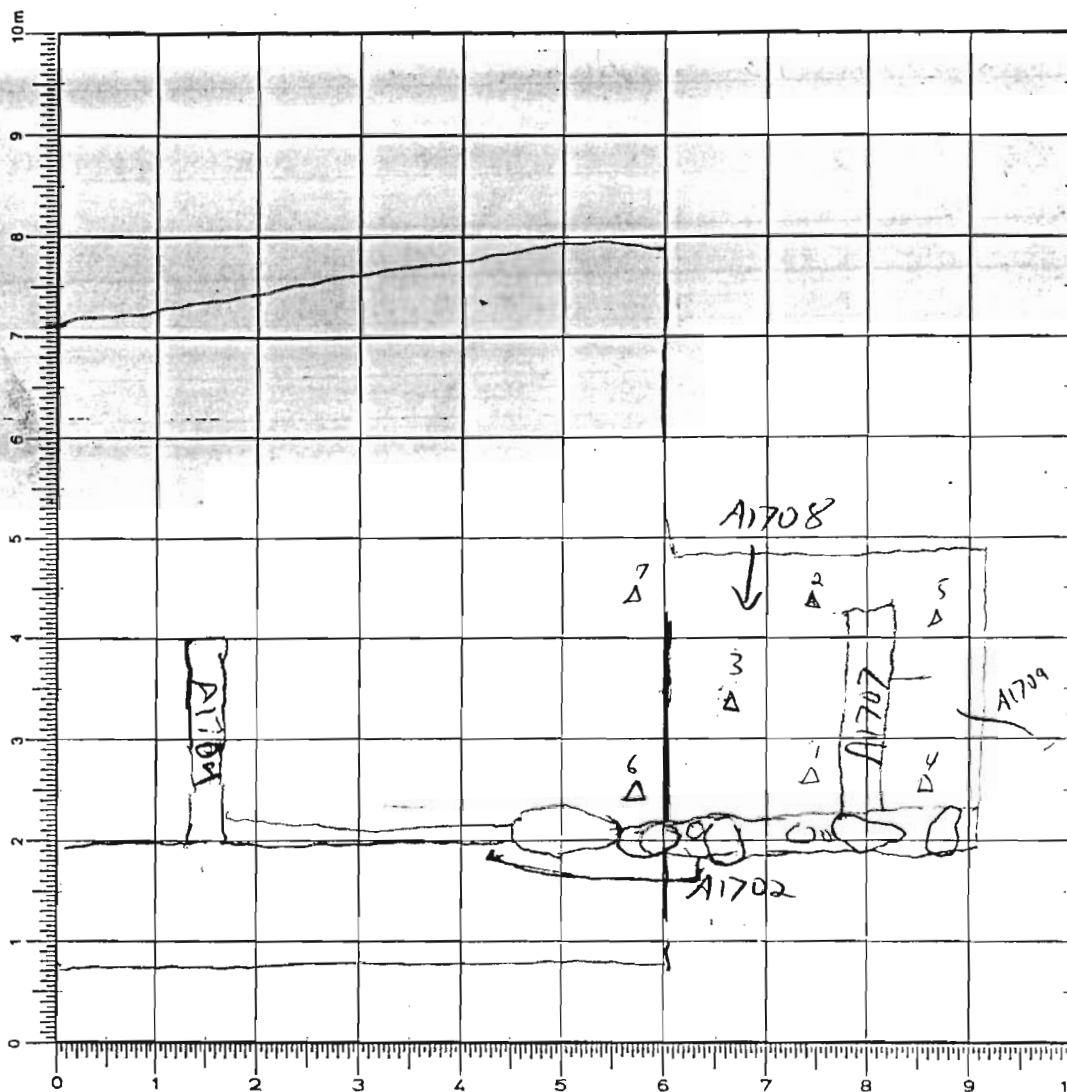
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1707 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

03 July - A pass was taken on the wall, called A1707.1, in order to clear it of all soil and clarify the uppermost courses of the wall. Some bone + pottery came out of the clearing. It seems as if the northernmost part of the wall ~~was~~ utilized bedrock, much like the bedrock under the southernmost part. At the corner w/ ~~A1702~~ A1702.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1708 Excavator PAV

Elevations R6  
 Benchmark used: 385.72  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 354  
 H.I.: 369.26



Top Elev

1-2.61 = 366.66  
 2-3.175 = 366.09  
 3-2.919 = 366.341  
 4-2.498 = 366.912  
 5-3.078 = 366.182

Final Elev

B = 3.431  
 H.I. = 369.151  
 1-2.95 = 366.201  
 2-3.085 = 366.066  
 3-3.065 = 366.086  
 4-2.462 = 366.689  
 5-2.818 = 366.333  
 6-3.246 = 365.905  
 7-3.678 = 365.473

SKETCH 1:75 N

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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 10 June 03 Locus above: A1705Locus parameters: 1.8m x 2.3m

Verbal description:

Locus of large stones (.3m-.6m) with a dark, rocky soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

10 June - Wall Tumble area from A1702. This locus will attempt to remove the tumble up to the cross-wall (A1707). Same as tumble in A1703.  
 1<sup>st</sup> pass A1708.1. A change in locus was necessary to ~~dehneate~~ delineate the tumble from the extension from the earlier tumble excavation.



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1708 Excavator RAV

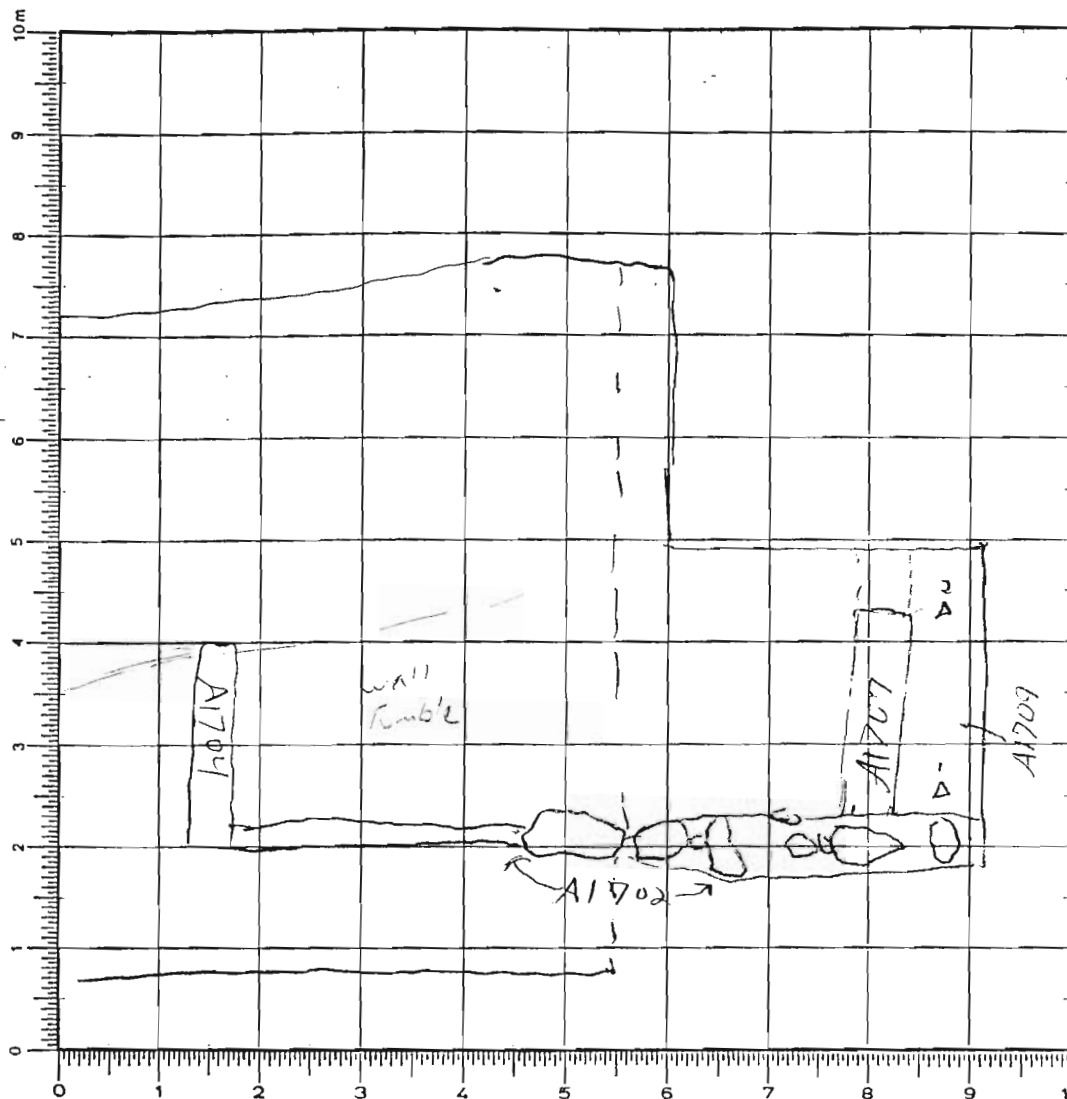
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

10 June - Pass was completed up to the face of A1707. A very good corner appeared for A1702 + A1707. Many nicely worked stones were removed, much like the tumble from 1703. Minimal pottery was found until we moved into the corner of A1707 + A1702. Here, in the corner and along A1707, there were many large fragments of pithos sherds, some were left in situ for further excavations. There might have been a pithos standing in the corner when the room was damaged and the walls fell. Also, a standard soil sample was taken due to a change in loci.



## Elevations

Benchmark used: R6 365.72  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 2.072  
H.I.: 367.792



Final  
1-1.115 = 366.677  
2-1.570 = 366.222

SKETCH 1:75 N

Today's date: 10 June 03      Locus above: A1705

Locus parameters:  $8m \times 2.2m$

Verbal description:

~~Large~~ Large stones, some exposed ~~below~~<sup>since</sup> the surface, mixed in with dark brown, rocky soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

10 June 03 - Wall Tumble from A1707. The purpose of this pass was to define the ~~the~~ east face of A1707. Right under the tumble was evidence of burning, chunks of carbon, and some roofing clay.

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## OBJECTS

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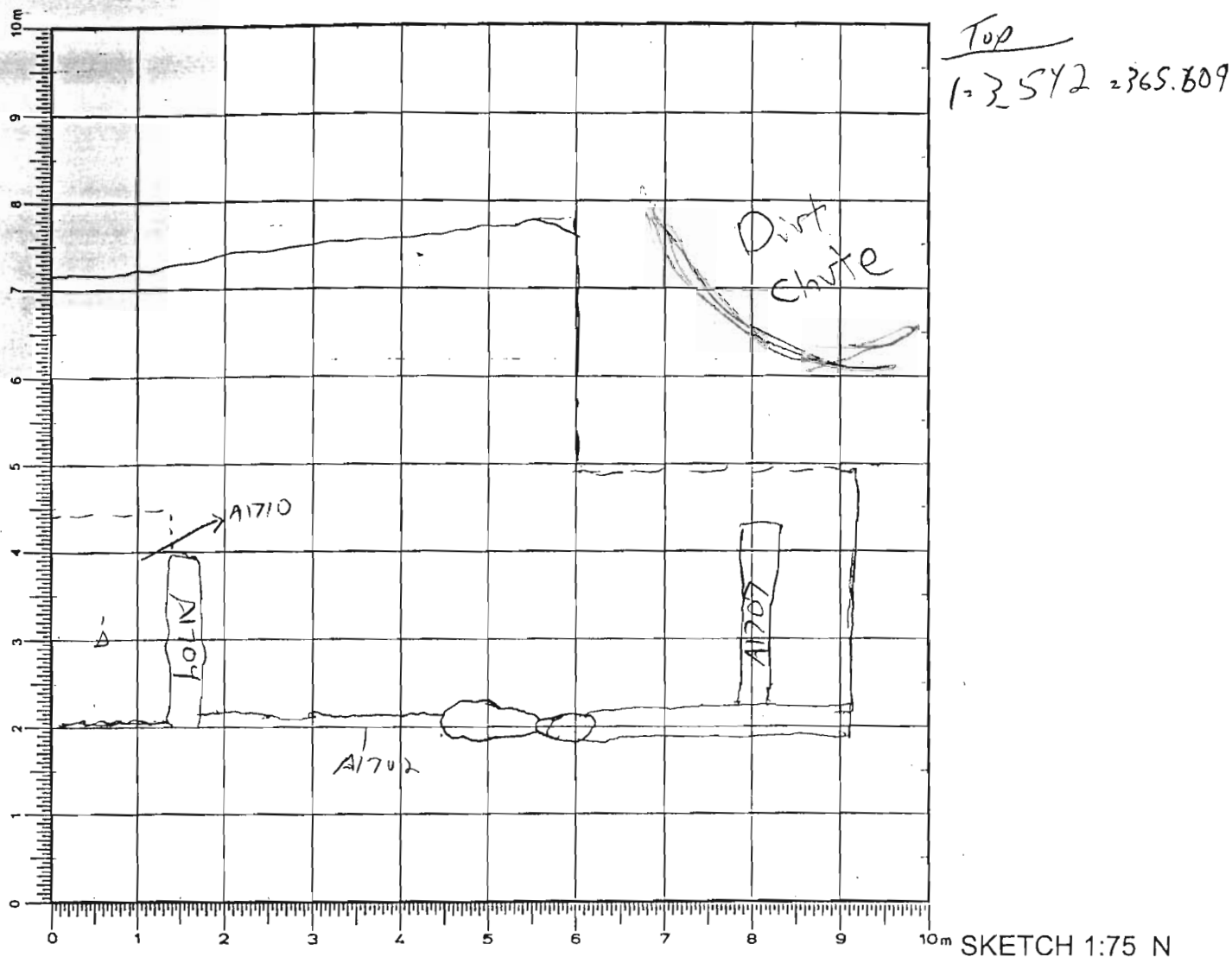
ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1709 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

10 June 03 - The pass did reveal the east face of A1707, at least 2 courses so far. What was interesting was the sudden appearance of the burnt material and roofing clay. When taking the tumble out inside the room, it was clear that more tumble lay underneath. Here, in a locus outside the room, the roofing clay was unearthed immediately under the first layer of tumble. This could simply be an issue of how the wall fell, ~~or~~ it could be indicative of what might have occurred outside the room. Very little pottery was recovered, but a bit of bone. A ~~core~~ standard soil sample was collected, along with some of the larger chunks of carbon.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1710 Excavator PAVElevations 363.72  
Benchmark used: 126  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 3.431  
H.I.: 369.151DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 10 Jun 03Locus above: A1703Locus parameters: 1.5m x 2.3m

Verbal description:

Large stones mixed with rocky, dark brown soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

10 June - Pass A1710.1 was an attempt to reveal ~~the~~ the west face of A1704. This section is rightly part of room A400, but was not dug due to the lack of a cross-wall. Behind, in the south edge, is the extension of A1702, or A402. It was a layer of wall rubble that was pulled up. Pass completed in very little time and money. A second pass was made to the south of A1704, and another pass

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## OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1710 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

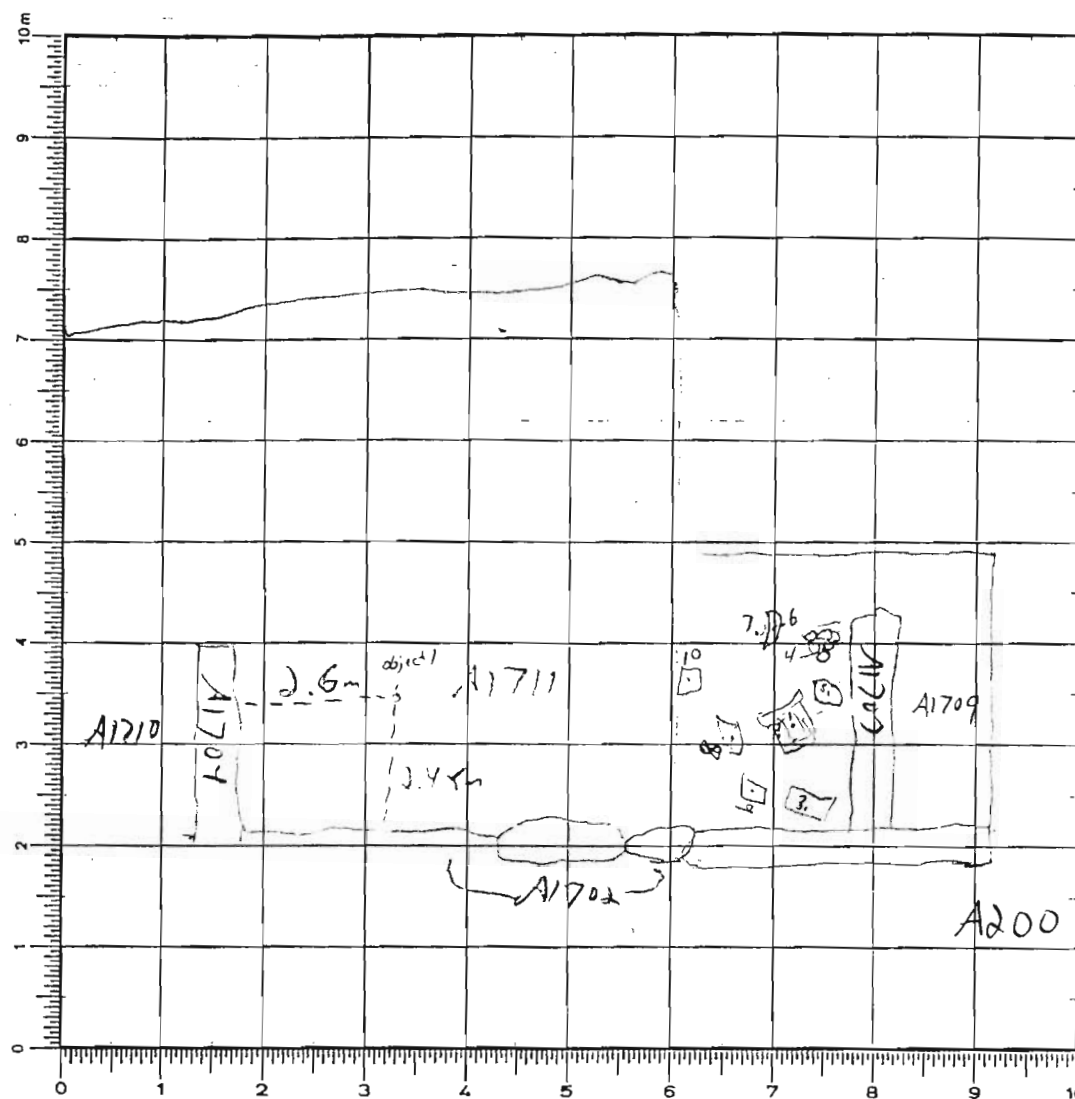
12 June - A pass (A1710.2) was started in order to remove another layer of tumble from the area west of A1704, properly part of the room dug as A400. As the pass began, fragments of what appears to be a large pithos rim appeared and was left in situ. The pass continued up to the wall A1702 (which, again, is an extension of A402). Much more tumble was removed; some were very nicely worked stones, flat + about .5m long. Pass was completed with some pottery but no bone.

13 June - Pass actually continued as A1710.3 to define A1702 more. More tumble was removed from right up against the wall, and the face of A1702 became more clear. Many of the wall stones have slipped out, however, because the erosion level is high here, as the excavation of A400 showed, and A402 was also poorly preserved. Very little pottery + bone was collected.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1711 Excavator PAV

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R6  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.386 → Rt. 16  
 H.I.: 369.106 → Rt. 20



B = 2285  
 Obj. 1 - 2.445  
 = 365.56

P.H. 10.

1-3.035 = 366.071  
 2-3.156 = 365.95  
 3-2.85 = 366.256  
 4-3.154 = 365.952  
 5-3.015 = 366.091  
 6-3.16 = 365.946  
 7-3.349 = 365.757  
 8-3.195 = 365.911  
 9-3.112 10-3.37  
 SKETCH 1:75 N  
 365.994 365.736

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 11 June 03 Locus above: A1703 + A1708Locus parameters: 6.3m x 2.6m

Verbal description:

Dark brown soil filled with smaller rocks and larger stones.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

11 June - Pass A1711-1 was started in the west side of the trench, just east of A1704, in order to remove the wall tumble layer. There is the hope that more courses of A1704, A1702, and A1702 will appear. A standard soil sample was taken throughout the pass.



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1711 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

11 June - Pass began to yield some burnt material and roofing clay about 1m from the west edge. Also, about <sup>1.5m</sup> in, large amounts of pottery + bone emerged, after very little had been collected before that.

Object 1 emerged 2.45m from A1704 + 2.6m from A1702 in the course of excavation. The object was a round metal coin with a cross clearly depicted on it. It is probably Late Roman or Byzantine coin, so it must be a later intrusion in the wall tumble. (entire black soil) (greenish soil)

As the pass moves east, more evidence of burning and roofing clay becomes visible. Also, large fragments of pithoi are revealed. Those that were loose were collected, but most were left in situ. Because of the appearance of the pithoi fragments, the pass will have to be much more shallow in the SE corner of the room.

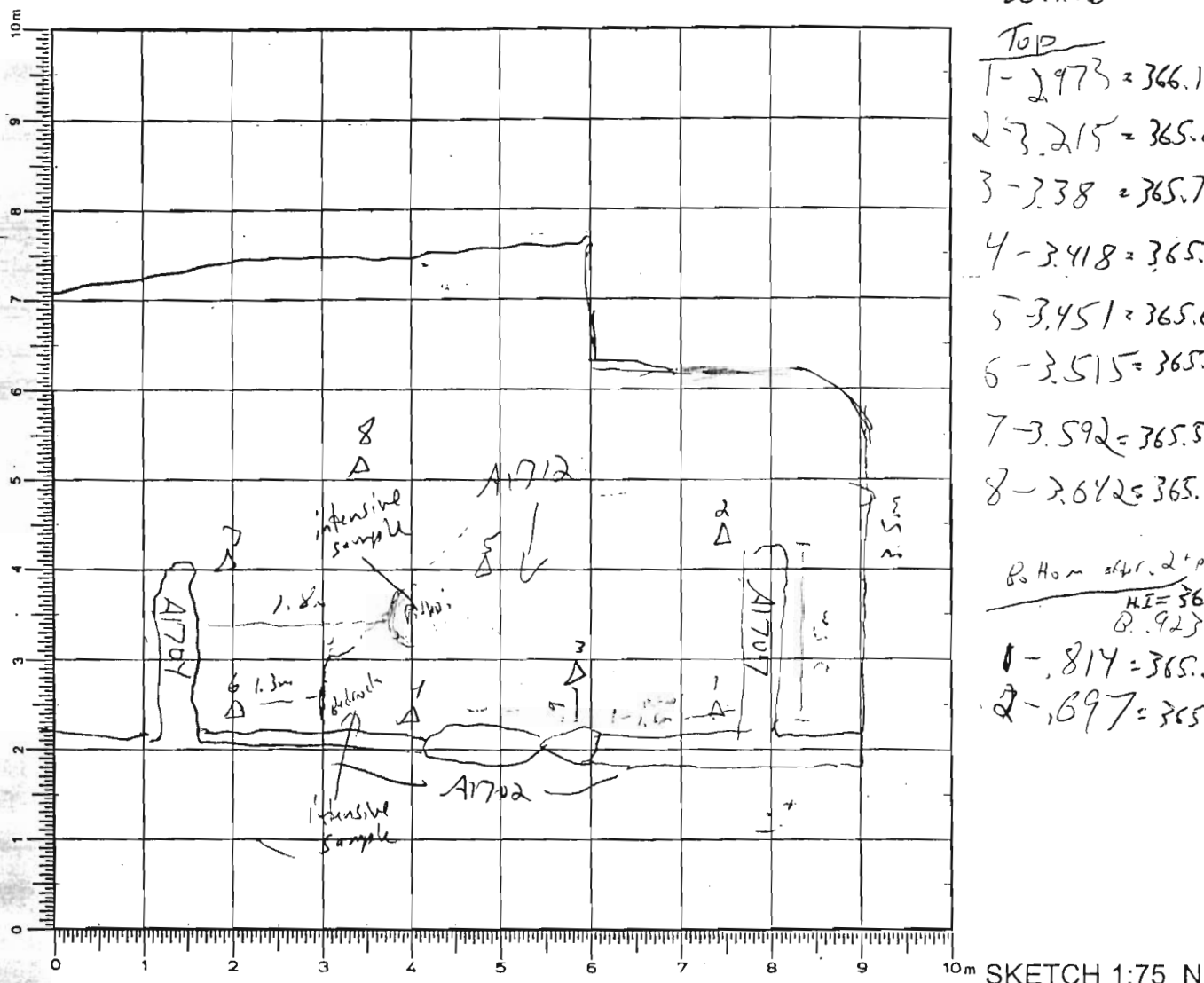
The pass was not completed today. Along with the object(s), a small piece of pumice was collected, a small sea stone, and a fragment of shell.

12 June - Pass continued in SE corner of room, where a large deposit of pithoi fragments was revealed. The level of the roofing clay and other burnt material is much higher here than in the west part of the trench. Very little bone was collected, but many of the loose pithoi fragments were collected.

The soil in and around the fragments was removed and the fragments were cleaned down in order to define them more clearly for photographs and drawings. Much of this pottery lot, A1711.2, will be fragments of what appears to be 2 different large pithoi. Removal of the pithoi will occur in the next locus, which will be screened due to the appearance of roofing clay.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator PAV

Elevations 365.72  
 Benchmark used: R6  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.386  
 H.I.: 369.106



Top  
 1-2973 = 366.133  
 2-3.215 = 365.891  
 3-3.38 = 365.726  
 4-3.418 = 365.682  
 5-3.451 = 365.655  
 6-3.515 = 365.591  
 7-3.592 = 365.514  
 8-3.642 = 365.464

B. Hom after 2 + pitio:  
 HI = 366.643  
 B. 923

1-814 = 365.829  
 2-1697 = 365.946

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 13 Jan 03 Locus above: A1711Locus parameters: 6.3m + 2.6m

Verbal description:

Large stones mixed in a greenish-grey soil with patches of reddish soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator RAV

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
A1712.1	97 kg	129	Archaic
A1712.11	5.275 kg	36	Archaic
A1712.12	12.7 kg	82	Archaic
A1712.13	12.85 kg	169	Archaic
A1712.14	2.45 kg	161	Archaic & LMHC
A1712.15	8.4 kg	207	Archaic, LG, Byz.
A1712.19	1.05 kg	111	Archaic, Hellenistic, O, LMHC
A1712.5	-	-	Archaic

### OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	A1712.19	Spindle wheel	1.8m W x 2.7 N		
2	A1712.14	Polos cap	P	?	

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
A1712.1	X				Std. 1 + 1cm sieve	
A1712.11	X					
A1712.12	X + 1/4"			1/2"	Intensive (4)	Sea Stones + Iron 1/4"
A1712.15	X + 1/4"		X	X	Intensive (2)	Sea Stones
A1712.19	X + 1/4"			X	Intensive (1)	Sea Stone

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator PAV

After 12 pass

## Elevations

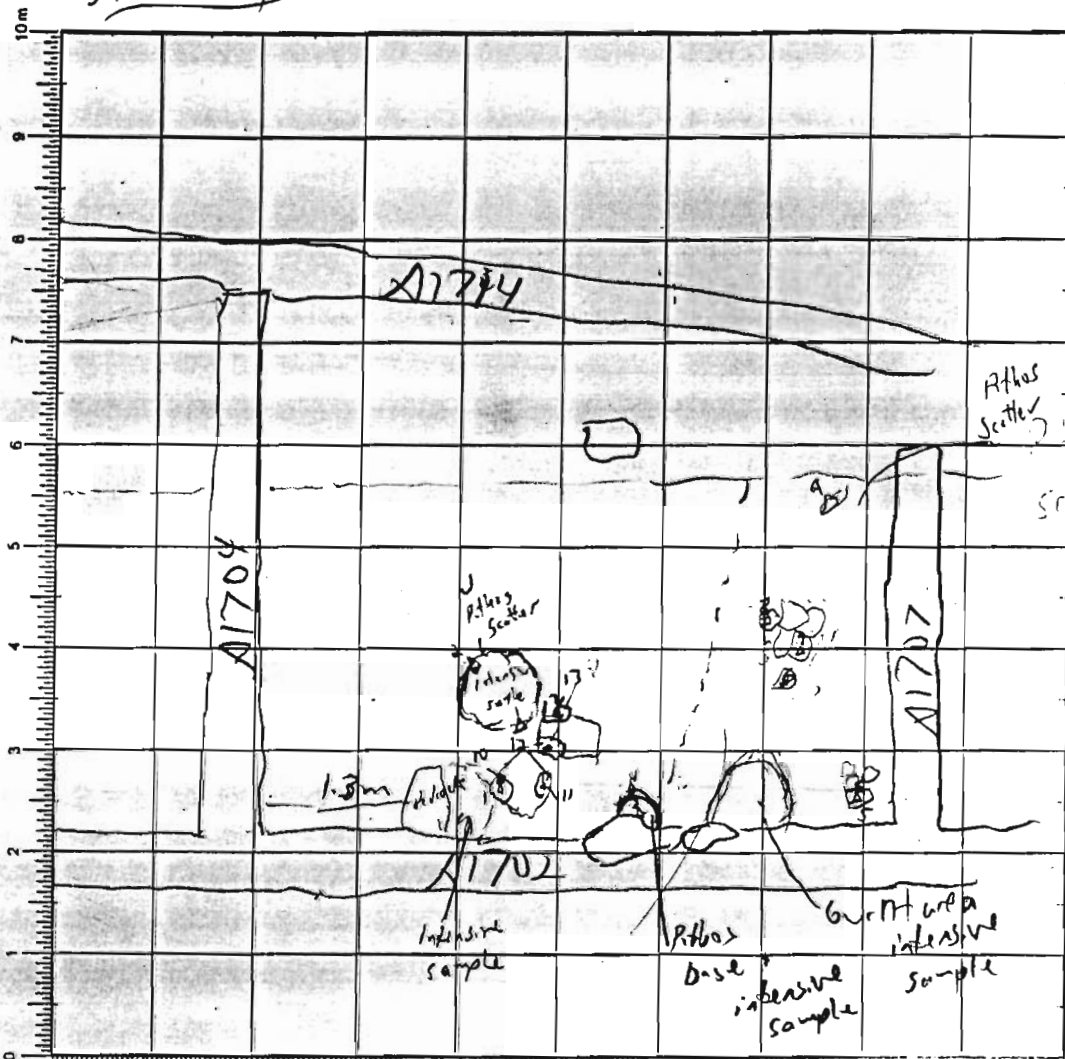
Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:

Sketch Only



H.I. = 367.804

B = 2.084

P. 1701

- 1-2.318 = 365.586
- 2-2.323 = 365.421
- 3-2.039 = 365.765
- 4-2.32 = 365.484
- 5-1.861 = 365.943
- 6-2.002 = 365.802
- 7-2.139 = 365.665
- 8-2.034 = 365.77
- 9-1.991 = 365.813
- H.I. = 367.693
- B = 1.973
- 10-2.262 = 365.431
- 11-2.215 = 365.478
- 12-2.277 = 365.416
- 13-2.309 = 365.384

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator RAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

13 June - A pass was started in the SE corner of the room bounded by A1702, A1704, & A1707. The purpose of this pass was to remove the large amounts of pithoi fragments in this section of the room. The area was 1.5 m from A1707 & 2.6 m from A1702. The pass was called A1712.1 and a fire pottery bag was made with that number. The large pithoi fragments were placed into klouvras, which were numbered A1712.2 → A1712.10. A standard soil sample was collected throughout the locus as well as an intensive sample under a <sup>extensive</sup> large fragment of a rim + handle, ~~near the SE corner~~ near the SE corner. In this area, as we removed the pithoi, the soil underneath had evidence of burning and roofing clay. The area right near the wall especially has a grey, ashy soil. Some of the pithoi fragments, as well pulled them up, were burned almost to the point of being charred. The pass started north, and worked its way south towards A1702. Therefore, A1712.2 represents the northernmost section and A1712.10 represents the extreme SE corner. All the soil was screened from this pass, 8 zambili. Some bone + pottery was collected from the screen. Pass completed by cleaning the faces of A1707 & A1702.

18 June - A new pass was started A1712.11, moving W to E starting on top of A1704. This pass is still some wall trouble, and is beginning to expose more pithoi fragments now in the west. Some evidence of burning is also starting to be found. Part of the pass has been to clear out the doorway of A1704, revealing a threshold block underneath. A large amount of pottery, mostly pithos shards, was collected, and a little bone. Pass was not completed, and will resume tomorrow.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pile(s)]:

19 June. Pass continued moving w to E under A1712.12. The doorway was fully cleared. An outcrop of bedrock appeared by wall A1702, about 1.3m from A1704. Just beyond the bedrock to the E was a large amount of black + red soil, evidence of burning. To the N of that was another scatter of pithoi fragments. An intensive soil sample was taken to the south of the pithoi fragments, in the burnt area, as well as inside the pithoi fragments where there was more black + reddish soil. At this point, near the wall A1702, we began to reach the level of the roofing clay, which is much lower in the western area than in the east, as can be seen during the removal of the pithoi fragments in the east by A1707 in pass A1712.1. Here, when the burning patch + the roofing clay were uncovered, we began screening, and continued to screen as we moved east. There were so many large pithoi fragments collected, that another pottery bag had to be made, A1712.13. A small amount of bone + a sea stone were collected during the pass. 65 zambili were screened, and yielded some bone + pottery, as well as an iron pin or nail and pumice.

As the pass moved east, we encountered more fragments of pithoi along the wall A1702 and then throughout the locus. The pithos scatter starts about 1.5m from A1707, and the ground is completely filled with fragments. Right up against A1702, right under the large, slipped boulder (which had to be braced today) was the remains of a pithos base, angled so that we could excavate the inside. Some of the soil in and around the pithos base was collected as an intensive soil sample. As excavation continued just to the east of the base, a fairly large burnt patch appeared, with bright red soil, and another intensive sample was taken. Again, the pottery bag became full, and a new bag was made, A1712.14. Pass completed today as we cleared the soil in and around the pithos fragments.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

19 June - The pass has cleared most of the soil around the pithos fragments in the SE corner. The appearance of more fragments, not only in the east but also in the west part of the room, might give some evidence as to the original function of the room. Storage being the main function of the pithos jars, this might mean that this room, which seems to be the first in a long series of rooms, was used for storage. However, due to the theory that the site was abandoned before destruction, these pithoi (there seem to be 2 different jars here) might have been moved here during abandonment.

20 June - Pass started in the W moving E as A1712.15. This pass will bring us down to just above the floor surface. Full screening was begun. When we began to pull up the west pithos scatter, which turned out to be almost the entire rim of a pithos, we placed the ~~fragments~~ fragments into 2 crates, named A1712.16 + A1712.17. An intensive soil sample was taken inside the pithos room, as well as in the SW corner of the room. The pass continued moving east until we reached the pithos base directly next to A1702. It was removed + placed into a crate marked A1712.18. As the pass continued, more pithoi fragments were uncovered near the wall. A soil sample was taken N of where the pithos base was, because the soil began to show more evidence of burning. In fact, as we swept large chunks of carbon appeared in the soil. 86 zambili were screened and yielded some bone, pottery and pumice. Carbon was collected during the pass, as well as some seastones. A good amount of bone was collected, especially a large horn core right by the doorway, mirroring the two ~~found~~ found outside the doorway in the other room. Pass was not finished.

23 June - Pass continued across the locus moving east under A1712.19. Full screening was begun. Larger pieces of pithos fragments were put into crates, starting w/ A1712.20.



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1712 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

23 June - ~~44~~ Zambili screen + yielded some bone, pomice + pottery. The pass yielded a small ~~amount~~ amount of bone. The large pithos fragments took up crates A1712.20 → A1712.28. The pottery from the screen <sup>was collected into A1712.19.</sup> A spindle <sup>named object 1</sup> whorl was found 1.8 m from A1704 + 2.7 m from A1702. It was found in the dirt + moved so no elevation was taken.

A soil sample was taken in the SE corner, where another outcropping of bedrock occurred. Pass was completed, but we have yet to reach the surface of the floor. Finding the floor might be problematic because of the outcroppings of bedrock, especially in the SE corner. It seems as if the floor banks up higher in the east part of the trench.

The intensive sample was taken in the SE corner of the room because the soil on the bedrock was a dark red with some bits of carbon. Perhaps there was a layer of clay from the floor on the bedrock, left there ~~intentionally~~ intentionally in order to support A1707.

17 July - A 2<sup>nd</sup> object was added to ~~the~~ pail, A1712.14, a part of a small female figurine, the top of a polos cap.



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## OBJECTS

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### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1713 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

16 June - Pass was taken from the extreme E + W boundaries, outside the 2 cross walls, in order to define them at a lower level to the north. Pass moved W to E and little pottery was collected in the west, but as the pass continued, more pottery appeared, even some bone + shell. The pass revealed that A1704 continued all the way up to the spine wall. About 2.6m in from the extreme West edge, a stone tool was found, conical in shape, about 2m long, and was collected as Object 1. Further along, 3m from A1707, a flat stone appeared, which might be a tumbler, or part of the spine wall. The pass was completed.

A 2nd pass was made, down on the remains of the spine wall <sup>(A1714)</sup> in order to clear off modern surface material such as weeds + grass. The pass was called A1713.2, and collected very little pottery. Elevations were then taken throughout the locus.

Object 1 was deemed a terracotta tripod leg + was added to the pottery pail  
A1713.1

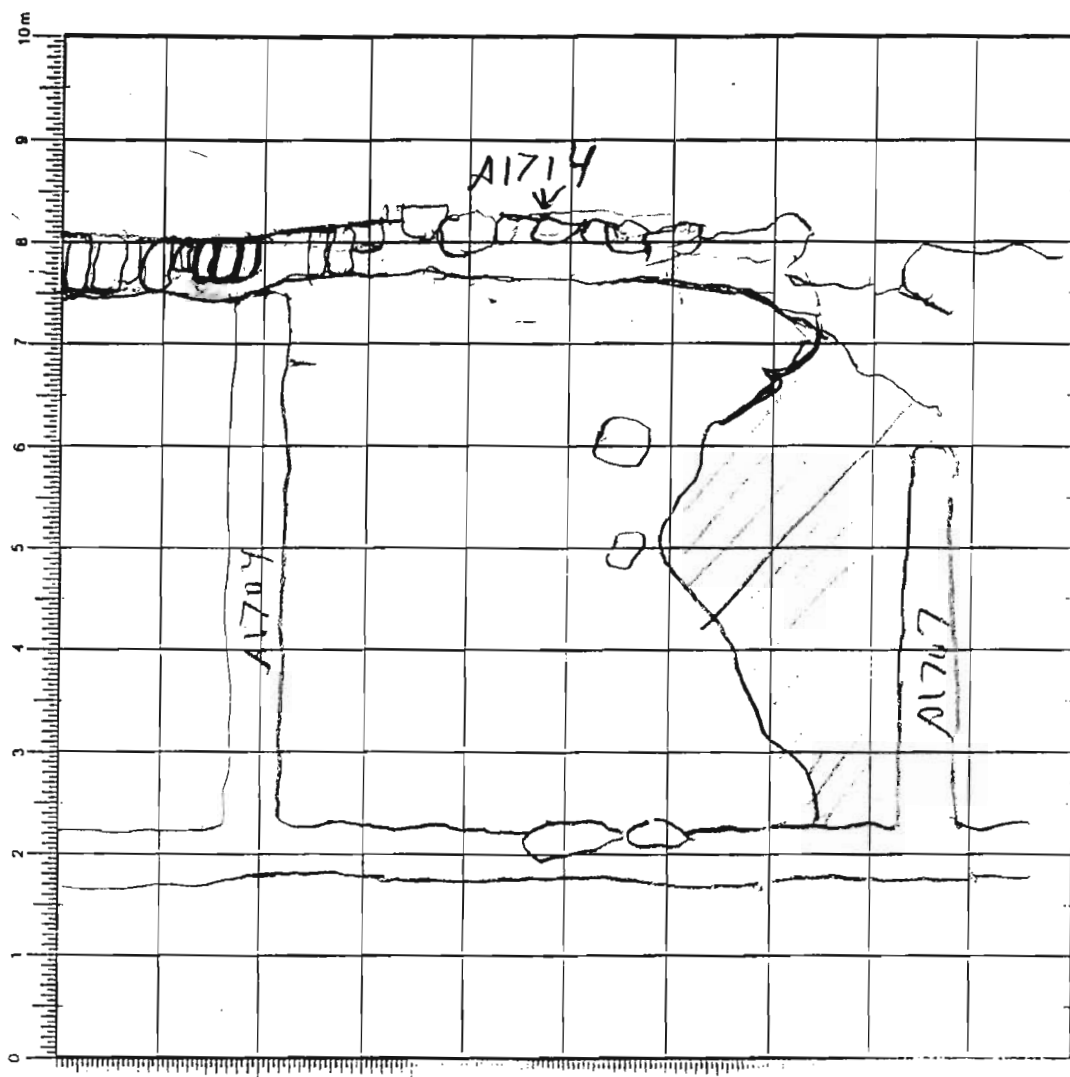
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1714 Excavator PAVElevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 16 June 03 Locus above: A1713Locus parameters: 55m X about 6.7m

Verbal description:

Some large stones (3-4m long) placed together in a top course of a wall.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

16 June - Although the spine wall has been visible from the terrace below the trench, now that A1713 has revealed a little more of the tops of the stones it has become necessary to give this wall a locus number.





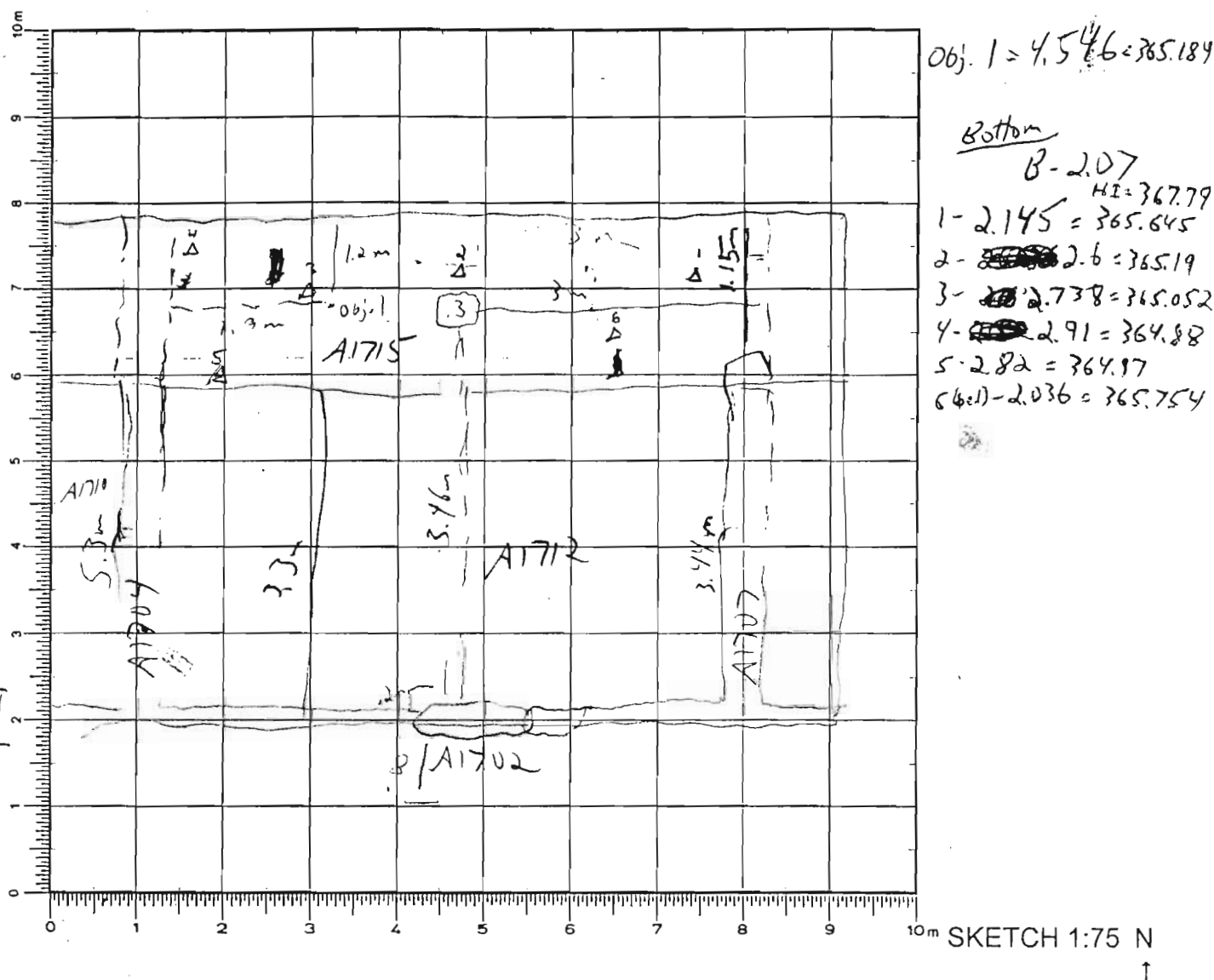
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1714 Excavator RAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

26 June - Today some work was done clearing the top of A1714 of some modern soil and modern additions to the spine wall. One sherd was collected and called pail A1714.1.

27 June - More work was conducted on top of the wall A1714, in order to define the wall more clearly and to remove some modern additions. The work was primarily done by ~~the~~ the architect, and some sherds, bone + plaster were collected as A1714.2.

30 June - More work was conducted cleaning off the wall, and some bone + pottery were collected, put into pail A1714.3.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1715 Excavator PAVElevations 365.72  
Benchmark used: R6  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 4.01  
H.I.: 369.73

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 16 Jun 03 Locus above: A1703 - A1705Locus parameters: 6.3m x 1.8m

Verbal description:

Dark brown soil with ~~some~~ <sup>very little</sup> traces of roofing clay (greenish soil) in Eastern corner. Soil is ~~not~~ <sup>more</sup> compact at this level, still very loose.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

16 June - Locus was changed because the level of the floor might be reached with another pass, and therefore the screening of all soil was begun. Pass A1715.1 started moving W to E.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1715 Excavator RAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

16 June - 1.8 m in from A1704, a loomweight was found; it was elevated to called object 1. ~~At this time some~~ Just like A1713, there is very <sup>almost no</sup> little wall tumble in this area, which is to be expected due to the distance from the walls and the slope of the mountain. Pass finished with 52 zambili of dirt screened. 1m from A1707, bedrock started to appear, and leads up to A1707. A large amount of pottery and bone came out from the locus. From the 1/4" screen came some iron, shell, bone, ~~bone~~ pumice, and carbon.

A 2nd pass was started, moving W to E again, as A1715.2. Screening resumed. 30 zambili screened. There was the hope that this pass would finally reveal the level of the floor, but the soil remained very loose, and began to take on a reddish color that is indicative of pre-bedrock soil. The pass was not completed today and will resume tomorrow. Unfortunately, it seems that we will not find the floor in this area, as expected, because the level of the spine wall (A1714) was preserved a little higher in this trench. The erosion must have destroyed the floor in this area, and it fell down the mountain. The bedrock that appeared in the last pass, in the east part of the locus shows that the floor has been lost, and more bedrock is bound to appear. There was a good amount of pottery + bone, however, from the 1/4" screen, some bone + shell were collected.

17 June - Pass was resumed as A1715.3 + screening was also resumed. It finished with little pottery + bone collected. There was mostly bedrock in the eastern section of the trench. 24 zambili screened, very little bone + pottery.

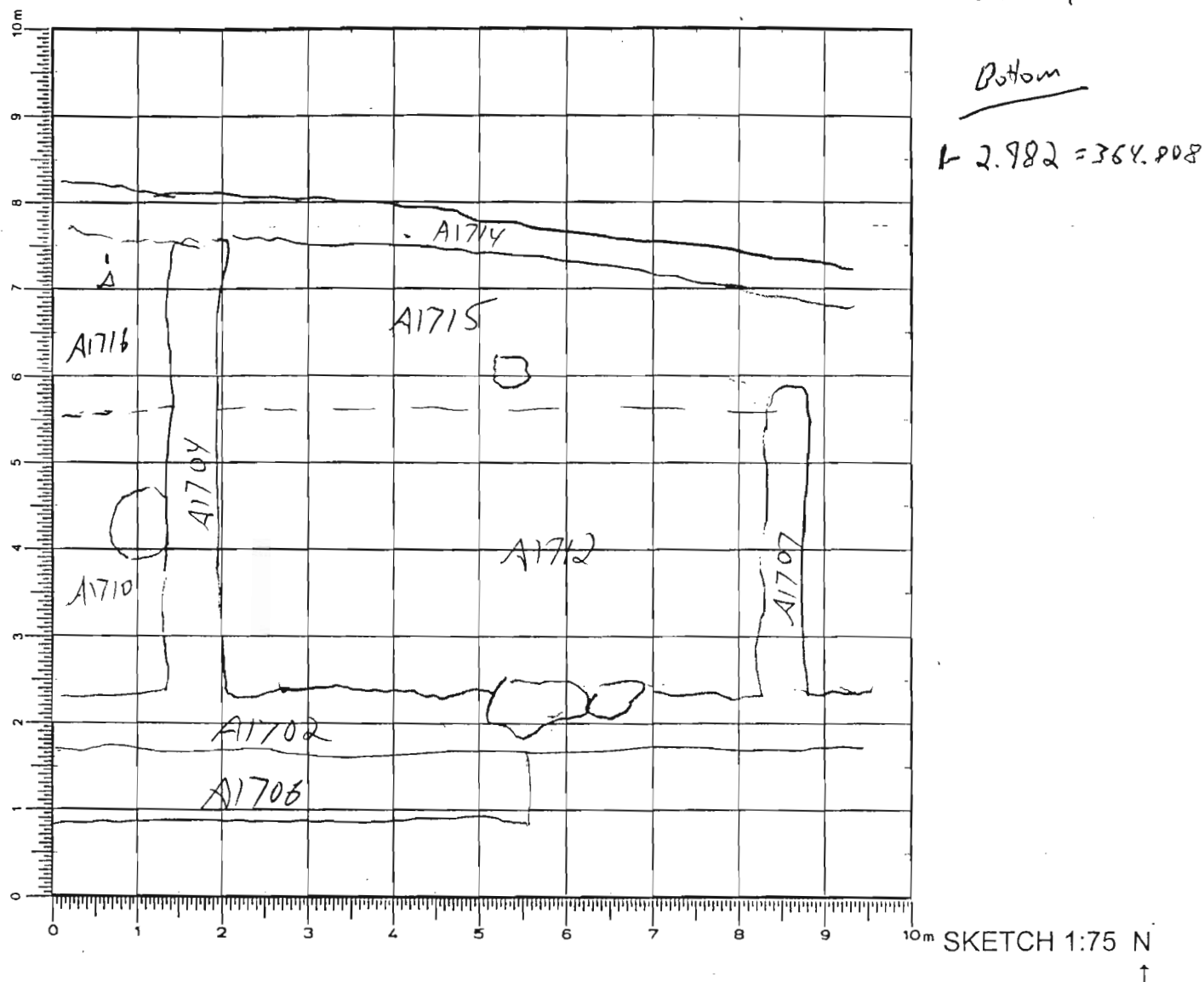
24 June - Pass A1715.4 was begun today in order to find the extent of the spine wall A1714. The pass was not completed, but 5 zambili were screened yielding only a little bone + pottery. Very little pottery was collected at this time.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1715 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

25 June - Pass A1715.5 continued the pass near the wall A1714 to define it more clearly. To achieve this, a deep pass was needed due to the level of topsoil and wash from above. Since not too much pottery or bone was pulled out, and the soil remained the same color + consistency, the deep pass was used as opposed to changing pail numbers on smaller passes with very little collection materials.

80 zambili screened and yielded some bone + pottery. The pass itself also had some bone + pottery. The large pass was completed, and the line of the spine wall A1714 was a little more clear. Unfortunately, the stones on top are somewhat large, and more soil would be required to reach behind the wall. Some sea stones were also collected.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1716 Excavator PAVElevations 365.72  
Benchmark used: 186  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 2.07  
H.I.: 367.79

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 17 June 03 Locus above: A1713Locus parameters: 1.9m x 1.5m

Verbal description:

Loose soil, dark brown, very rocky. Not much larger rubble, however

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

17 June - Pass A1716.1 was taken in northern half of the section outside the cross wall A1704, in the room that is rightly part of A400. 24 zambili screened + yielded some bone + pottery, and also a piece of pumice. The pass also yielded some bone + pottery.



Year

Trench/Locus

A1716

Excavator

PAV

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## OBJECTS

[illegible]

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1716 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

17 June - Pass also caught some roofing clay, and then the floor, near the southern part of this locus. This will allow us to follow the floor when we dig south towards the wall A1702. A sea stone was collected. Unfortunately, much of the floor in this locus was lost due to erosion down the mountain. Still, the rest of this room should yield a floor surface.

24 June - Pass A1716.2 was started to expose the line of A1714. Full screening was begun. 23 zambili were screened & yielded some bone, pottery, and pumice. The pass itself yielded some bone & pottery, mostly fine. A deep pass was needed in order to reach the top course of the spine wall A1714 & a little behind it, due to the level of topsoil and wash from above. The pass was completed and the line of the spine wall A1714 is now much clearer. Pass was only .8 m x 1.5 m.



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## OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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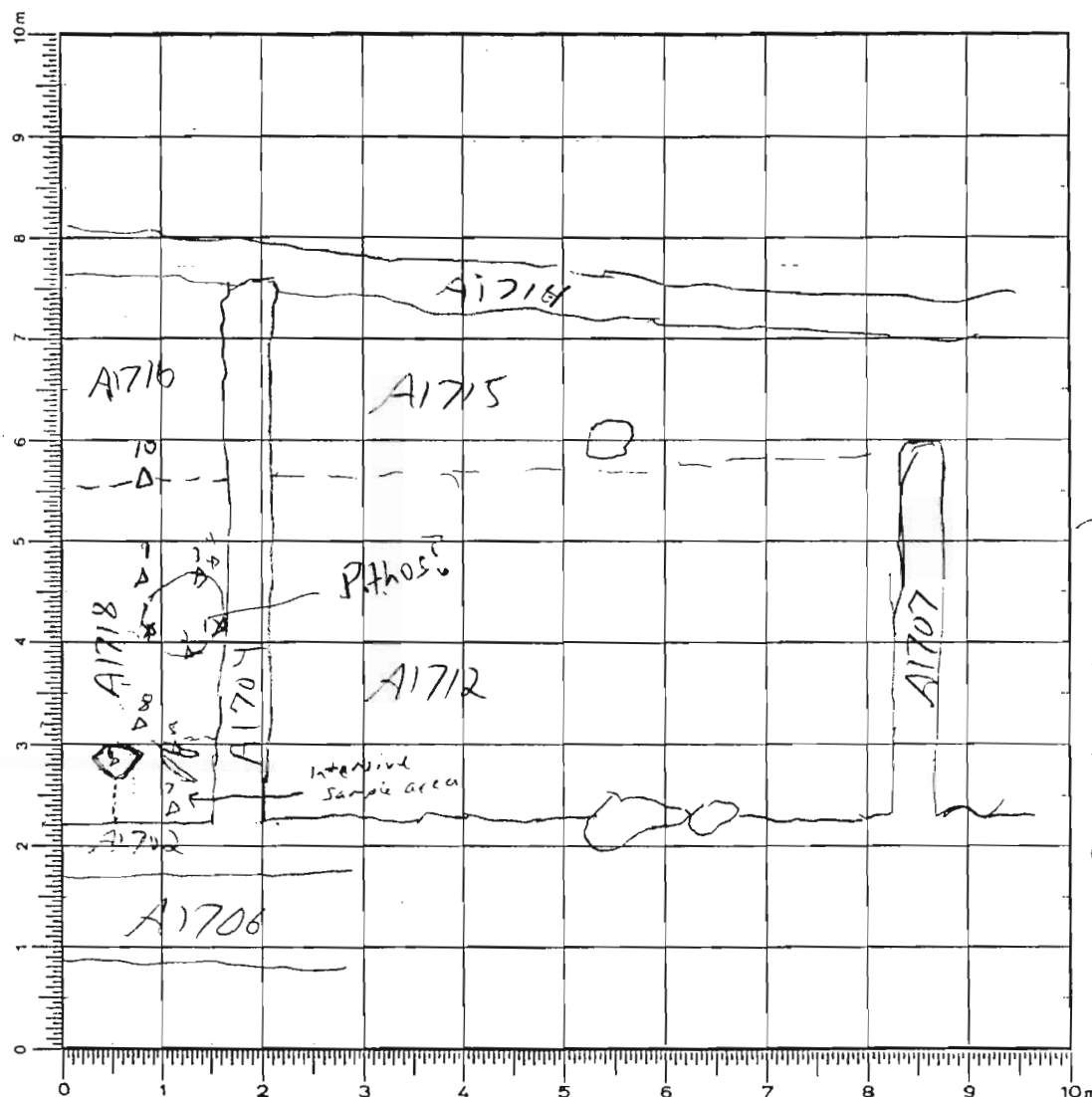
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1717 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

17 June - In the screening, some carbon, and a little bone + pottery was found. We came down on the roofing clay all the way south up to the wall A1702 as we removed the tumble. Since this was mostly tumble + loose soil, the locus # will be changed. 12 Zambili screened.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1718 Excavator PAV

Elevations 365.72  
 Benchmark used: R6  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark:  
 H.I.:



Pthos H.I. = 367.326  
 B-1.606

1 - 1.939 = 365.387  
 2 - 1.913 = 365.413  
 3 - 2.034 = 365.287  
 4 - 2.264 = 365.062

H.I. = 366.64  
 B = .92  
 5 (bone) - 1.527  
 = 365.113

Final H.I. = 366.445  
 B = .725  
 6 - 1.3 = 365.145  
 7 - 1.385 = 365.06  
 8 - 1.362 = 365.083  
 9 - 1.427 = 365.018  
 10 - 1.519 = 364.926

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 17 June 03 Locus above: A1717

Locus parameters: 3.4m x 1.5m

Verbal description:

Greenish-grey soil mixed with some loose, dark brown soil.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

17 June - Locus changed because last locus was mostly rubble + very little roofing clay. Now, the locus will be all roofing clay and then we will hit the floor surface. Pass called A1718.1.



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## OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL:

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Year 1973 Trench/Locus A1718 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

17 June - 17 zambili screened, yielding some bone, pottery, + a small piece of pumice, that was put in the bone bag. A large amount of pottery was collected, but it was mostly from the large pithos that is sitting next to A1704. A large concentration of bone was found just to the north of the pithos, against the wall as well. The rest of the locus, south of the pithos, was pretty clean. The soil in the south, however, revealed a large burnt patch with small bits of carbon. An intensive soil sample was taken in the SE corner near A1704 + A1702, as well as a standard sample throughout the locus. More courses of A1704 were revealed, as well as a threshold block in the doorway. This pass is still on roofing clay, but the next pass should reveal the floor.

The next pass, A1718.2, included the removal of the pithos into crates marked A1718.3. 11 zambili screened in the pass so far, and it yielded some pumice, bone, pottery + shell. 2 <sup>intensive</sup> soil samples were taken, one just to the north of the pithos and one from the inside of the pithos. This pass concluded with the removal of the pithos + the finding of the floor underneath. It appears that the pithos was on the rim + neck of the pithos, sitting on the floor exactly. The intensive sample taken just outside the pithos to the N was taken because there was a large concentration of bone, as well as some evidence of burning. The intensive sample taken inside the pithos was taken in the hope of revealing what might have been inside. While excavating the pithos, there appeared to be many pieces of a small, fine, cup or bowl, which were placed in the normal pottery pail for A1718.2. Pass will continue tomorrow.

18 June - Pass continued as A1718.5, moving south, trying to catch the floor. The floor surface was caught and followed up to A1702.

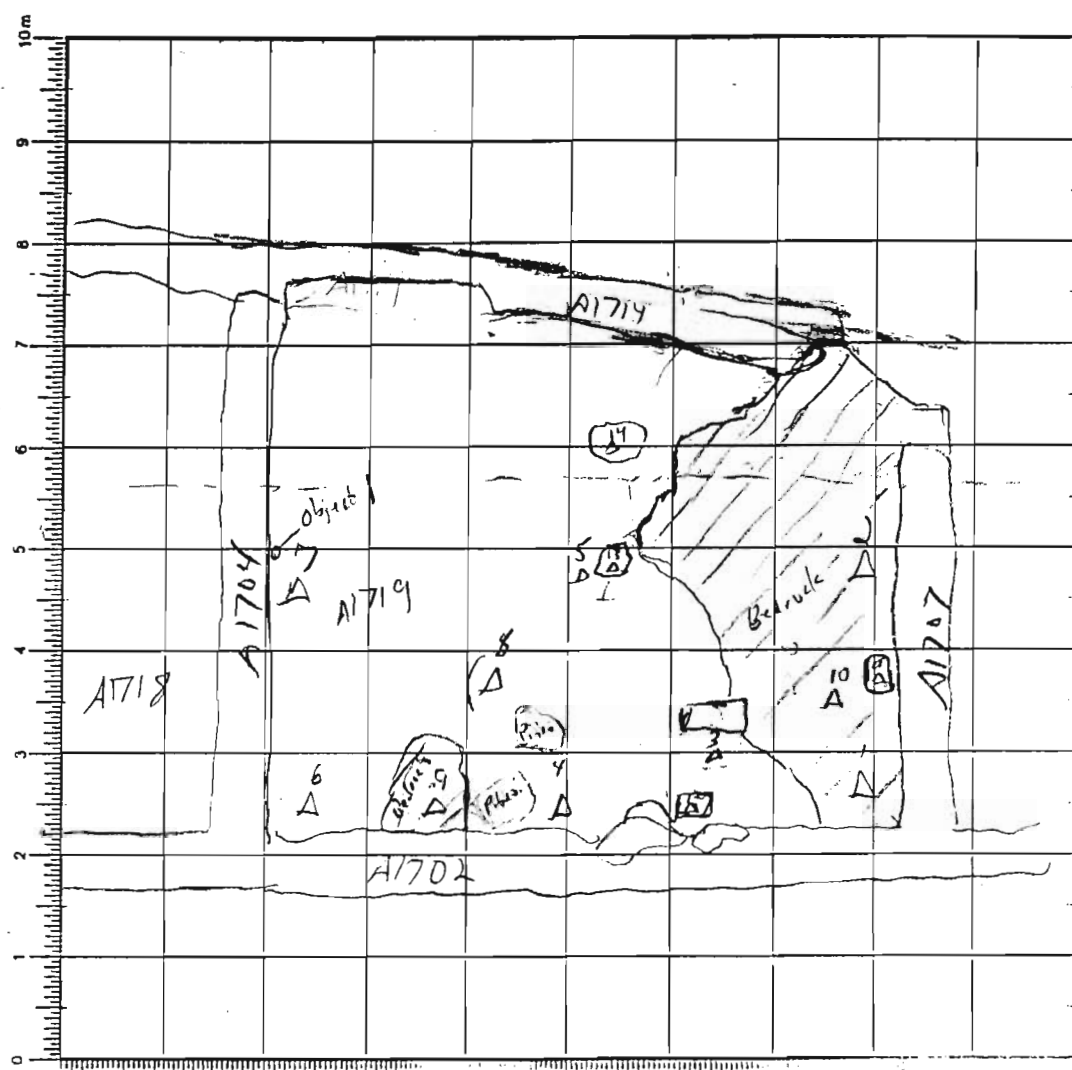
11 zambili were screened + yielded pumice, bone, carbon, and very little pottery. About one meter N of the wall A1702, we started to find a large concentration of bone and some evidence of burning w/ little bits of carbon. An intensive soil sample was taken in the SE corner, right in the area of the burning + bone.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1718 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

18 June - On the floor, 2 large pieces of bone were discovered, which means that there is a couple of centimeters left till we reach the floor. Therefore, when the pass was concluded up to the wall A1702, another pass was begun, only 2.3 m from A1702, called A1718.6, in order to bring down the level to the floor. We will also expose the 2 large bones for a picture & removal. Another intensive sample was taken in the same place in the SE corner. The 2 large bones, which were horn cores, were collected separately, wrapped in tin foil, and put in 2 different bags. In this pass, some carbon & gummi was collected, a good amount of bone, but very little pottery. 4 zambili were screened & yielded gummi, bone & pottery. The bone fragments were sitting right on the floor surface, next to a flat stone that might have been a potstand. The floor was exposed all along A1704 & A1702. Once the floor was exposed, final elevations were taken.

**Elevations** 365.72  
Benchmark used: R6  
Reading on  
Benchmark:  
H.I.: 367.693



Top

$B = 1.973$

1 - 1.628 = 366.065

2 - 1.955 = 365.738

3 - 2.1 = 365.593

4 - 2.156 = 365.537

5 - 2.318 = 365.375

6 - 2.424 = 365.269

7 - 2.488 = 365.205

8 - 2.409 = 365.284

9 - 2.185 = 365.508

10 - 2.048 = 365.645

06.1 = 2.515 = 365.175

stands

11 - 3.295

12 - 3.548

13 - 3.601

14 - 3.610

$B = 2.392$

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 23 June 03 Locus above: A1712

Locus parameter:  $6.3m \rightarrow 3.4m$

Verbal description:

Greenish-grey, hard-packed, soil mixed with some reddish lo-  
ss in places

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

23 June - Locus changed mainly due to the desire for some elevations and the lack of space on the locus sheet. This locus is a small layer of rocky clay a couple of centimeters above the floor. Full screening begun under A1714.1. ~~J. Santol~~

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## OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1719 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

23 June - As the pass began in the west, moving east, a metal pin was discovered right next to A1704, 2.8 m from A1702. The pin was called Object 1, an elevation was taken where it was on the floor, and it seems like it was a decorative pin of some sort. The pass began to reveal the surface of the floor, but the pass was not completed today. 8 zombili were screened and yielded some bone + pottery. A little bone was also found during the pass, near the threshold. The surface of the floor has been difficult to determine, mostly because of the large outcroppings of bedrock. Luckily, we were able to catch the floor near the threshold of A1704 and followed it throughout the western part of the trench so far.

24 June - Pass continued exposing the floor surface under A1719.2.

Full screening was begun. The large pithos fragments which were part of the body of the pithos found in front of the pithos base were removed and put into a crate marked A1719.3. Also found alongside the pithos fragments was a small cup or bowl base. The soil in and around the cup base + pithos fragments was taken as an intensive soil sample. Unfortunately, the base could not be taken as a whole and the pieces were placed in A1719.2.

39 zombili screened + yielded some carbon, bone, pottery, and a piece of iron slag. Another crate of pithos fragments was required, A1719.4. The surface of the floor was exposed up until about 2.4 m from A1707, when some bedrock appeared and the erosion line blurred the floor surface.

The pass also yielded a small amount of bone, with a decent amount of pottery, mostly the fine sherds not put into crates A1719.3 + 4.

H.I. = 367.68

B = 1.960

Final Elevations

1 - 1.901 = 365.779

2 - 1.956 = 365.724

3 - 2.189 = 365.491

4 - 2.199 = 365.481

5 - 2.36 = 365.32

6 - 2.485 = 365.23

7 - 2.525 = 365.155

8 - 2.382 = 365.299

9 - 2.188 = 365.498

10 - 2.037 = 365.643



Year 03 Trench/Locus A1714 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

24 June - A 2<sup>nd</sup> intensive soil sample was taken just north of the flat potstand or pithos stand next to A1702, in an area where the soil looked especially red and burnt. A standard soil sample was also taken throughout the locus.

Traces of the floor surface were found up on the large outcropping of bedrock in the easternmost portion of the trench. It was here that the pass ended.