

Azoria 2004

Final Report for the Prytaneion Complex (Trenches B2000, B2100, B2400 & B2500).

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Introduction:

This excavated area does not consist of a single trench, but rather a cluster of related and contiguous trenches. These trenches, which consist of B2000, B2100, B2400 and B2500), are located to the south of the southern Azoria acropolis, in a large flat area which was originally considered as a possible site for the city's agora. Together, the trenches form a complex consisting of a large public building, an associated road and a porch or transitional area between the two.

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The complex consists of three distinct but interrelated parts. The first was a large building, which was excavated as both trenches B2000 and B2100. Next, directly to the east of this building, there was a transitional space of some sort, possibly a porch, which was dug as B2500. Finally, there was a road surface which ran along the eastern side of the transitional space and was dug as B2400. Each of these units will be dealt with separately in turn within this report as far as loci and pails, though the interpretation of the various units will be combined at the end to better show the interrelationship of the units.

The Building:

The unit consisting of one large building is located directly to the south of the terrace, which holds trenches B100-B400, on the northern edge of a large, flat spur of land jutting out from the acropolis. The building, in fact, abuts up against the terrace in the north. Indeed, a portion of a modern terrace wall was dismantled in order to excavate the northernmost area of this structure. The building was dug mostly as B2000, though the south-western quarter was dug as B2100. The structure takes the form of a rough rectangle, being defined by four walls of similar construction, namely they each possess very large, or megalithic, rocks, which are interspersed with small and moderately sized stones in order to form a wall line. The loci of these walls are B2005 in the north, B2004 in the east, B2007 in the south and B2104 in the west. These walls tend to be best preserved in the west and in the north, where the modern terrace wall helped to preserve them. B2005 is perhaps the best preserved, having suffered damage only in one spot near its western end, where there was a problem with drainage. It is also the thickest of the walls, reaching around 1.40m in thickness, since it also serves as a retaining wall for the ground directly to the north. Various wall cleanings have been done along the span of this

wall and labeled B2005.1-4. The walls of the building, on the other hand, tend to be most poorly preserved in the east and south, where the slope has allowed the constituent rocks to be displaced. Indeed, the line of B2007 is preserved only by two megaliths in the extreme south-east corner. In the case of B2004, on the other hand, some of the original megaliths can still be located, having rolled down into the area of trench B2500. These four walls outline a structure which is roughly rectangular in shape, measuring 13.70m north-south by 6.95m east-west at its greatest extent.

The topsoil was removed as locus B2001 for the entirety of the building, even above trench 2100 in the south-eastern corner of the building. A total of six pails are represented by this locus. B2001.1 consists of all the topsoil over B2100 and the original extent of B2000. However, B2000 was later extended northwards across the entire width of the building and the topsoil here was collected under B2001.2. When the modern terrace was removed, the material collected during this process was gathered under B2001.3. The removal of this terrace wall allowed the trench to be expanded north again (to its final and largest extent), and the topsoil here was removed as B2001.4-5. Finally, some cleaning was done on the other side of the wall, in the extreme north-west corner of the site as B2001.6.

Immediately below the topsoil in trench B2100 and B2000's original area and first northern extension, there was a layer of brownish-grey loose soil and pebbles, which had been disturbed by plowing. This layer was removed as the equivalent loci B2102 and B2002. The pails for these loci are B2002.1-4 and B2102.1-3. In pail 2102.2, a hard packed clay surface or floor was reached, but otherwise the pails from these equivalent loci did not reach any floor surface.

After the disturbed plow-zone material, the next layer of material consisted of grey roofing clay mixed in with wall tumble, directly overlaying a hard packed white clay floor. This layer covered almost the entirety of the interior, except for patches in the south-west. For the most part, this layer underlay the plow-zone material. In the extreme north, however, this clay/tumble layer existed to a much greater height, as it was protected by the modern terrace wall and the slope. In this region, the material above the bottom of the plow-zone material was removed as B2006 (pails 1-9). Otherwise the material, including that below B2006, was removed as either B2003.1-12 or B2103.1-3. In the area of the two northern extensions of B2000, the layer was still fairly thick and was taken down as two separate layers, the uppermost consisting of B2003.3-4 and B2003.6-8 and the lowermost consisting of B2003.5 and B2003.9-12. As this material was removed in the north, a raised platform of clay bounded by small rocks was uncovered against the north wall, except in the extreme north-west corner (B2003.6) where the same drainage problems which had damaged B2005 had eroded away the floor. The floor of the building was also damaged along the south and east. In various places, bedrocks outcrops poke up through the floor. In other places, especially towards the north-south centerline of the building, there were rocks with flattened tops sitting on the surface of the floor, which may have acted as bases for some sort of roof supports.

In the process of removing the plow-zone and the clay/tumble material in the south, a well preserved portion of a pot was found imbedded deeply in the floor. A sondage was dug to remove the pot as B2106.1. In this sondage, it was discovered that the pot (an amphora with no bottom) had been buried deeply and wedged in place with several large stones. There was also evidence for a lower floor in the south, near the level

of the stones. Therefore, the sondage was expanded southwards, using the new locus B2107 (pails 1-3), in order to trace out the floor level, which was reached on pail 3 and which was continuous throughout the area of the sondage. The sondage was then expanded again to the west (B2107.4-6) in order to continue tracing the floor. However, an intermediary floor, which had apparently been missed earlier, was uncovered between the levels of the other two.

Other features of note include a 0.75m wide bench, built from moderately sized stones and labeled as locus B2105. It is built up against the west wall of the building (B2104), starting in the northwest corner of B2100. Another feature consists of a very large rock or bedrock outcrop which lies along the north-south centerline of the building, in line with the Bench B2105. This rock shows signs of having been worked on at least three of its sides and possibly along the top as well. It has been designated as locus B2108. An intensive soil sample was taken from crevices in the top as B2108.1.

The pottery recovered from the building tends to span a wide variety of periods. Even discounting the material from the disturbed topsoil and plow-zone layers, sherds from the Late Minoan IIIC, the Late Geometric-Early Orientalizing, the Archaic, and the Hellenistic Periods all have appeared in the various pails. Some Final Neolithic sherds have even appeared in the material taken from the sondages around the pot. However, material from the Archaic period seems to predominate as its presence is constant in the various pails, whereas the presence of other periods is more variable. Other items of note which were recovered include several possible stone tools, spindle whorls, and loom-weights from various loci, including a geometric weight from B2003.10. A Hellenistic lamp was recovered from B2006.1 (near the area of drainage damage), and a bronze pan or scoop was recovered from wall cleaning (B2005.2). Two fragments of a figural terracotta plaque were also recovered from the area of the building (B2001.6 and B2003.4).

#### The Porch:

Directly to the east of the large building, there is a long, narrow area, which was excavated as trench B2500 in an effort to try and clarify the access to the building and the transition between the building and the road dug as B2400. Trench B2500 measures 4.00m on its northern edge, 12.72m on its eastern, 1.93m along its southern boundary, and 14.12m along the west. The trench also tends to slope downwards somewhat towards the east and south. Several very large rocks could be seen within the trench, some of these at least appeared to have slipped down from the eastern wall of the building.

The topsoil of the trench was removed as B2501.1-3 (starting in the north and working south. The removal of this material revealed the presence of several distinct areas which were removed as different loci.

Among these areas were two possible ramps leading down from the building to the road. The southern one (B2505) is the most clearly defined of the two. It consists of a hard packed cobbled slope set between large rocks, including a bedrock outcrop with a divot carved out, possibly to hold a post. It also leads up to an area of B2004, where a line of three small stones may indicate the possible threshold of a doorway. A shallow pass was taken across this area as B2505.1. The northern ramp (B2503) is less certain as it is less well defined by large rocks, except near the eastern end where it joins B2400. A large bedrock outcrop may have served as part of a threshold with B2004, and the slope

corner, there is a pair of large stones, forming an angle, one of which has a slightly indented flat top which may have supported a post. A single pass was dug here as 2503.1.

Between the two, there was a raised area of roofing clay mixed with tumble. This area was excavated as B2502.1-2, down to a level consisting of moderately-packed clay, which may have been an ancient surface.

To the north of B2503, there was another raised area of clay, designated as B2504. This area was bounded on the south and east by moderately sized stones, on the north by B2400, and on the east by B2004. This area was excavated in a single pass as B2504.1, down to a hard-packed clay layer which appears to be a floor.

The pottery of this trench seems to be a mixture of Archaic and Hellenistic, with some Late Minoan IIIC thrown in. Items of note include some possible stone tools, a carnelian bead and a spindle whorl, both found in the topsoil of the southern half of the trench, and a schist lid found in B2504.

#### The Road:

The easternmost trench in the complex was B2400, which consists of a road running along the eastern side of the building. It starts off against the terrace, which B2005 in part retains, to the north of trench B2500. Then it turns south, through a set of two extensions, running along the eastern edge of B2500, to a point roughly equal with the northern edge of B2505, where the presence of a dirt-dump ramp prevented further excavation. B2400 measures around 12.45m north-south by 5.90m east-west at its widest. In general, the level of B2400 lies somewhat lower than that of B2500.

The topsoil of the trench was removed as locus B2401, with a total of six pails. In many places, the removal of this material was enough to expose the surface of the road proper, which consisted of hard packed clay mixed with stones with lines of stones at irregular intervals to form a series of steps or terraces in order to stabilize and decrease the slope of the road. This road surface was bordered on either side by often large rocks which formed the boundaries of the road. In the east, this boundary consisted of a wall of moderately large rocks, on the other side of which, and further down, there was a terrace wall. Both of these ran into a large bedrock outcrop in the east of the southernmost extension of B2400.

In certain places, the hard road surface was not so apparent. In the first southern extension, for instance, a layer of somewhat consolidated layer of clay/tumble mix overlay the road surface. This material was excavated as B2402 (pail 1).

Further south, roughly in line with B2502, an 'L' shaped line of well dressed stones, forming a bench, was uncovered against the western edge of the trench and labeled as B2404. Along its northern edge, and running eastward to the previously mentioned large bedrock outcropping, another double line of well dressed stones formed a set of two steps across the road. These steps were labeled B2505. The matrix in front of these features was removed as a separate locus, designated B2503 (pails 1 and 3-4). Meanwhile the soil above B2404 was cleaned off as B2403.2, while that above B2405 was cleaned as B2403.5. In the area between the steps and the bench, the matrix of B2403 consisted of clay mixed with tumble, at the bottom of which a road surface of harder clay was uncovered. This surface ran up to the base of both the bench and the steps, and all the tumble seemed to have rested on top of it. It would seem, therefore, that

the material of B2403 was somewhat akin to B2402 in that it was constituent similar to the road surface, but differed from it in hardness.

Up in the north, another feature was uncovered, directly below the top soil. This feature consisted of a ramp of fairly large stones, which was bordered on the outer edge by a wall or balustrade of larger stones and which led up from the level of the street to the level of the terrace above. This ramp was designated as locus B2406, and it allowed access from the upper terrace to the road below, and hence to the large building which ran alongside it.

Considering the facts that the area was a road and that the majority of the matrix removed from the trench consisted of topsoil, it is not surprising that the pottery recovered from B2400 dates to a variety of periods, from Late Minoan IIIC to possibly Ottoman, with both Archaic and Hellenistic being fairly common. Of special note were two Argive silver coins which were found within 5-10m of each other (one at the top of the B2402 deposit and the other over the Bench B2404). These coins display an Alpha on the obverse with a crouching wolf on the reverse, and date between the fifth and third centuries B.C.E.

#### Interpretation:

Taken together, these four trenches display an interesting complex of interrelated elements, with a focus on public function. The public nature of the large building, for instance, seems indicated by a variety of factors. First, there is the size of the building itself and the size of the rocks commonly used within its walls, both of which would tend to deny any small scale or private function due to the effort involved in construction. The absence of cross walls within the structure would also tend to play down the possibility of a domestic function for the building. The presence of a road running (as far as can be determined) along the entirety of one side of the building and connecting it with multiple terraces, would also indicate some public function.

Indeed there seems to have been some attempt to monumentalize the access to the building in the presence of B2500, which served as an intermediary or porch between the building and the road, with its two ramps leading into the building. In addition, the area between the two ramps was especially emphasized by the presence of the bench B2404, which created a flat area higher than the adjacent road and which fronted the even higher level of B2502. Indeed, considering the post hole to the north of B25005, and the possible post support to the south of B2503, this area may have been roofed over. Perhaps this combination of elements represents a grand central entrance into the building, of which there is admittedly no direct indication due to the damage to B2004 in that area, and which was flanked by smaller ramped ones.

If the public nature of the complex is certain, its exact function is somewhat more nebulous. The presence of the bottomless amphora built into several subsequent floors in the centre of the building, along with the fragments of the terracotta plaque may indicate a ritual function. And yet, they remain the only substantial evidence thereof. It may, therefore, be that the building may have served a variety of public functions, which included not only ritual but possibly civic as well. In such cases, the functions of the building would be more amorphous and harder to define. Therefore, it would seem that this building could best be described as a Prytaneion, which likewise fulfilled a variety of functions in the ancient polis, including ritual and civic ones.

## AZORIA Project

p. 5Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2001 Excavator MCA

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

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to be well-preserved.

After removing the thick vegetation from

the area + some surface cleaning, we ~~are~~  
remove the top soil of both trenchesB2000 + B2100 together as locus  
(E) (W)B2001. Even prior to excavation, theinitial clearing seems to have revealed  
blocks of at least 2 walls - one along the  
east side of B2000 which seems to turn the  
corner + form another wall running E-W along(at NW corner of B2000) The southern ~~to~~ limit of B2000 + B2100.  
The NW wall along the east side of B2000  
is in line with a large block in the modern  
terrace wall between B2000/B2100 + B1400.

In our first pass (B2001.1) - about

10 cm deep - we find many sherd<sup>some</sup> (large),  
but very little <sup>bone</sup> pottery. We also findone stone tool (= object #1) [see sketch]. When this locus is complete,  
trenches B2000 + B2100 will be excavated separately.

After this first pass we change loci.

elevation calculations

$$\begin{array}{r} @① \\ (\text{NE}) \\ \text{of B2000} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.41 = 359.55$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @② \\ (\text{NW}) \\ \text{of B2000} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.28 = 359.68$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @③ \\ (\text{SW}) \\ \text{of B2000} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.67 = 359.29$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @④ \\ (\text{SE}) \\ \text{of B2000} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 2.13 = 358.83$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @⑤ \\ (\text{center}) \\ \text{of B2000} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.50 = 359.46$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @⑥ \\ (\text{NW}) \\ \text{of B2100} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.03 = 359.93$$

$$\begin{array}{r} @⑦ \\ (\text{SW}) \\ \text{of B2100} \end{array}$$

$$360.96 - 1.43 = 359.53$$

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2002 Excavator MCA

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

(8 June 04 cont'd)

not a continuous line of stones - 3 <sup>large</sup> stones just outside B2000 seem to be from wall B200<sup>3/4</sup>. The possible south wall is still questionable - no new evidence pros or cons after first pass. Photos taken after B2002.1.

We make a second pass across B2000; = B2002.2.

The soil is more compact & has a little clay in it, but we keep digging in this locus. The soil is filled w/ small rocks & a good amount of pottery.

We find a possible stone tool [object #1].

We expose a lighter soil, with a lot of clay in it - probably roofing clay - & very gravelly gravelly. B2002.2 is <sup>more similar</sup> closer to this new soil, perhaps, than to B2002.1 - maybe B2002.2 should have been a <sup>new</sup> separate locus rather than a pail w/in B2002?

The roofing clay should indicate that we are digging an interior space - support for the proposed south wall? Moreover, the presence of roofing clay <sup>should</sup> indicate that the floor surface will be well-preserved.

Wall B200<sup>3/4</sup> is gradually becoming better defined - at most 2 courses preserved? In one of the gaps of the wall we come down on the bedding for the bottom course. A few larger stones (not in situ) in the southern half of B2000 = trouble from B200<sup>3/4</sup>?

### Calculations:

$$H1 = R2 \\ 359.32 \\ + 2.20 \\ \hline 361.52$$

top of B2002.1:

(1) 361.52	- 1.98	(3) 361.52	- 2.25	(5) 361.25	- 1.87
359.54		359.27		359.38	

(2) 361.52	- 1.94	(4) 361.52	- 2.14	(6) 361.25	- 1.98
359.58		359.38		359.37	

$$H1 = 359.32 [R2] \\ + 1.93 \\ \hline 361.25$$

top of B2002.2:

(1) 361.25	- 1.78	(5) 361.25	- 1.97
359.47		359.28	
(2) 361.25	- 1.80	(3) 361.25	- 2.03
359.45		359.22	

bottom of B2002.2 -	(1) 361.25	(5) 361.25
	- 1.87	- 2.00
	359.38	359.25
	(2) 361.25	(6) 361.25
	- 1.98	- 2.16
	359.37	359.09
	(3) 361.25	(7) 361.25
	- 2.08	- 2.08
	359.17	359.17

elevation of object #1 (stone tool)
(5) 361.25
- 2.00
359.25
H1 = 361.26
- 1.98
359.28

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2102 Excavator PL

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

04 June 2004,

We have started a new trench (B2100) in the large flat area south of the acropolis, identified as a possible site for the agora. We started with Locus B2102 and part B2102.1. This locus lies below the top soil, which was removed as B2001. As we remove the soil, we collect the ceramics and bones, but we did not screen.

The area is a large, rough rectangle with its long sides running North-south. A lot of pottery is being uncovered, but relatively little bone. A standard soil sample was taken. We are making sweeps going west from the eastern wall.

An iron nail was pulled out by one of the workmen from the south-central area of the trench. It was given an object number and tagged.

Along the northern part of the western wall, the soil is very reddish brown, but the sand is more of a light grey-brown. Everywhere there are significant amounts of pebbles. There seems to be a good number of large rocks running up along the west side with some placed further east (although fewer in number). The soil is generally pretty soft.

Mandy claims that the entire trench area was excavated before by Boyd. He bases his assertion on a relative depth of sherd's for a surface. Though a good number of sherd's have been recovered, one must remember the extent of the trench. However, we may still be in the plow zone.

We finished pass and pail. A set of 3 photographs were taken from north and north-east along with trench B200. We started another pass with pail number B2102.2. Once again, a decent amount of pottery, but relatively little bone is being recovered during the pass. The pottery seems to be often lesser amount per volume than above, while bone may be a little more included among the bone uses a marine shell. A chunk of carbon (the length of a thumb (16)) was found in the east-central area of the trench. It was bagged and tagged.

The pass started from the south and proceeded generally northward. The soil was much the same, being light grey-brown with patches of soil coloured reddish brown, often quite extensive. Large stones still seem most concentrated in the west, though there are a couple of large ones in the eastern half.

A base for a large pot (18) was uncovered in the north section of the trench up against and over the eastern boundary. It was left in place for the time being as a possible marker for the ancient floor.

Some of the groups of stones in the east seem to form spurs of stones starting from further west where the rocks are more continuous, running north-south. These spurs seem linear or quasi-linear. Perhaps further digging will show them to be walls. One promising candidate is a group of stones ending near the pot base. To the south of this grouping the ground floor surface. It would make, therefore, that the rocks to the north and west would be tumble. Tomorrow, therefore, we will remove this tumble down to the floor.

At end of day, a pyramidal loom weight was uncovered in the north-east corner of the trench. It was given an object number and bagged. In total, we have pulled out 2 bags of sherd's, bags of bones (1 from each pail both), one small bag of carbon, one iron nail and one loomweight.

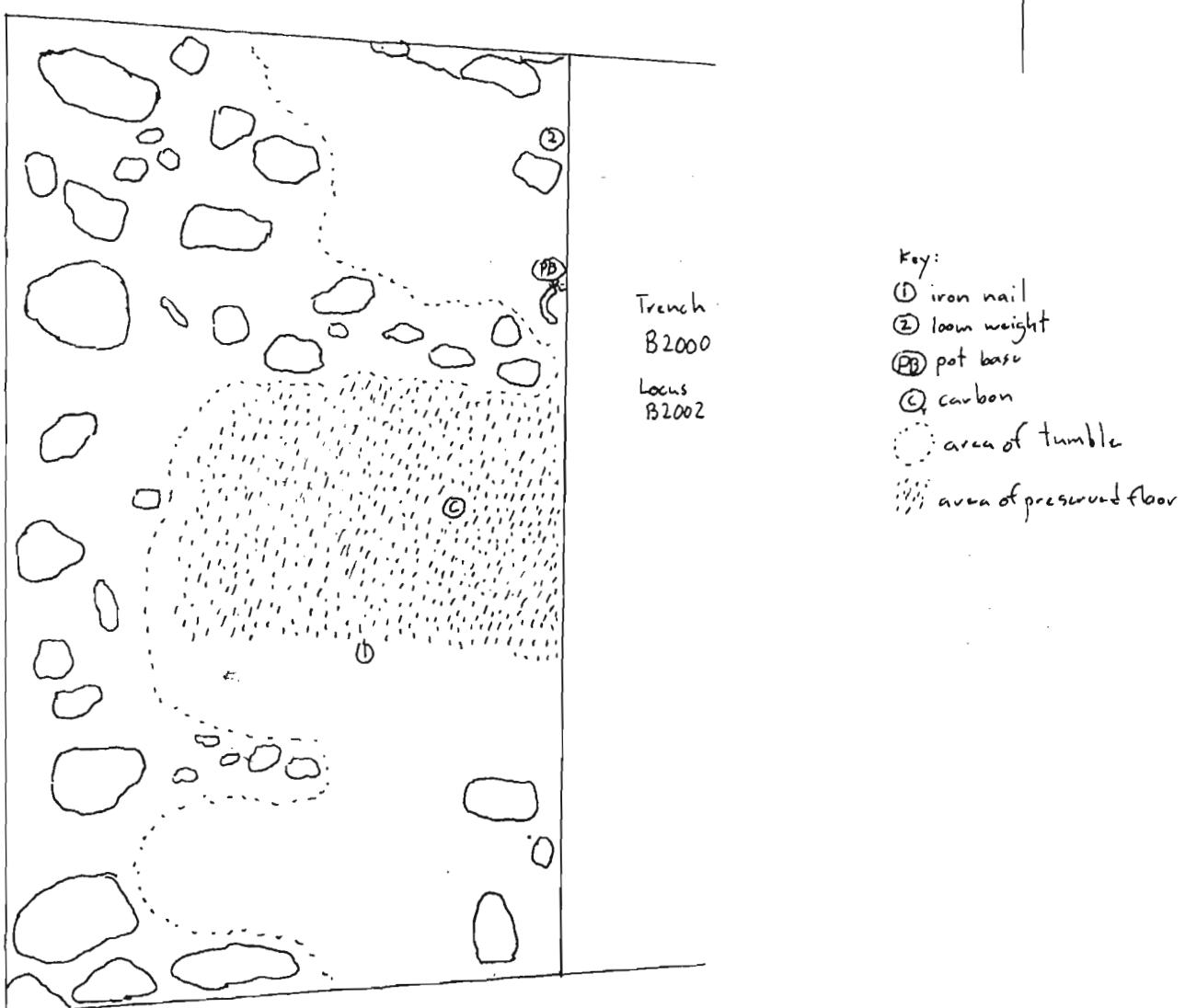
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Later, a second loomweight was uncovered from the sherd's in B2102.1. It was tagged as object #3 for this locus.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B202 Excavator PL

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

B2102 (end of 08 June 2004)



Scale 1:50

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2102 / B2103 Excavator P

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

09 June 2004

We are finishing off the pails from yesterday under the pail B2102.3. This is not very busy and does not take much time. Afterwards we swept the entire area. The small amount of ceramic and bone was bagged and tagged. A set of road photographs (1) was taken.

B2103) Having finished on that last part, we started on the tumbled rock and clay to the northwards next, labelling it B2103. We started first on the clayish brown soil to the north. We recovered both an intensive and standard soil sample (B2103.1) to the north. We recovered both an intensive and standard soil sample from this pail. As with the entire locus, we are removing the tumble down to the layer of the preserved floor discovered yesterday to the south. We are once again sweeping everything.

We recovered a good amount of pottery and bone from the pail, bagging and tagging it. We also recovered a few sea pebbles and classified them under other. We started another standard soil sample within the pail and ~~then~~ grabbed another intensive sample (12) as well. The soil is a light grey-brown with a high silt content and some pebbles. The floor continues to be highly preserved in this area. It is broken up by one upthrust large rock. Having swept the floor, we started pail B2103.2 and started into the rocky area to the west, starting from near the north wall.

The soil among the rocks tends to be much redder and we are getting more pottery as compared to none than in 2103.1. Included amongst the pottery were some large pitied rim fragments. In certain places, under the rocks, we began to come down on the floor surface. Thus I took another intensive sample (13).

In this rocky area, we are proceeding west to a line formed by two very large rocks, which seems to continue a line formed by other very large rocks outside the trench to the north. It is hoped that this line will represent a wall. One flat rectangular rock (x) was left in place as it rests on the floor and may represent part of a support for a roof.

In the centre of the north wall there is a linear rock feature which runs at a near 90° angle from the line of the wall represented by the very large rocks. About 0.75 m long, this feature may be some sort of bench. Unfortunately, this is difficult to determine because it runs into the bulk.

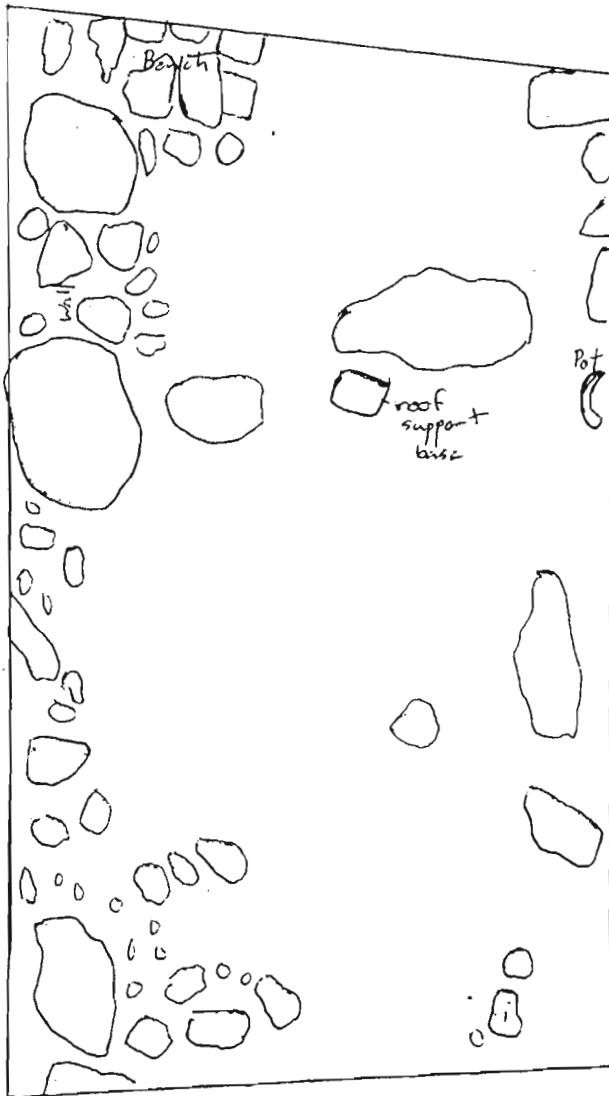
Among the bone, a sheep goat knucklebone (unworked) was uncovered. The Bone is much more common in the area of the rocks than pottery, especially in the screen.

South of the second very large rock from the north, the preserved floor surface peters out. We, therefore, swept up, and another set of photographs was taken from the south. Having finished sweeping, we moved east to the equivalent level in trench B2000, which we have labelled B2003. Starting on pail B2003.1.

In total, B2103.2 produced 2 bags of bone, 1 bag of shells and 1 bag of sea pebbles. I have decided to give the negals this wall and the bench their own locus numbers, being B2104 & B2105 respectively. This should help keep them distinct within the records.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B 2103 Excavator PL

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



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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 Excavator PL

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

09 June 2004

Having uncovered the extant floor in B2103, we ~~had~~ have moved to trench B2000 to the east and are taking down the equivalent level as locus B2003. We are moving in eastward sweeps, starting in the north. For the moment, we are leaving the pot base in place. We have taken an extensive sample ① and a standard sample from the soil in the northern area. Some ceramics and bone have been recovered, both of a moderate amount, along with an amount of sea pebbles. The megalithic wall on the west ~~is bounded by~~ of the other trench is mirrored here by a similar linear structure of very large rocks which runs along the eastern <sup>(B2004)</sup> and part of the southern side of this trench. Together they enclose a very large space, probably for public use (perhaps a sanctuary?).

The soil here is a greyish light brown with pebbles. There does not seem to be any patches of different colour, as encountered in B2103. Along the north wall of both trenches (at the north west corner of B2103) there is a long very large rock which projects a flattened face southwards. It appears to be the same height as the bench in 2103 and may have served the same purpose.

The screen seems to be turning up relatively little as compared to what is being pulled out directly.

The floor level in the northern area of 2003 has a few large rocks thrusting up through it.

Towards the end of the day, we had made a pass through the northern two-thirds of the trench. We will finish the last third tomorrow.

In the end, the pail 2003.1 today has uncovered 1 bag of sherds, 2 bags of bone (mostly empty) and a bag of sea pebbles.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 / B2103/B2106 Excavator PL

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

10 June 2004,

We are currently finishing the pass started yesterday in B2003, calling the pail B2003.2. We have taken another intrusive soil sample (12) from near the eastern wall. We are recovering some pottery and bone, but not much pottery as compared to bone, especially in the screen. Among the pottery, there was one large fragment consisting of the handle to a pitcher. The floor seems to continue southwards until, well past the place where it disappears in B2100. Then again, the large rock along the southern end may indicate that the outer wall and, therefore, the region it contains is now preserved here.

The size of the blocks in the walls around the outside of trench B2003 and B2100 and the extent of the space enclosed would seem to indicate some sort of public space and the presence of flat rocks on the floor for columns would also indicate a roofed structure. What exact purpose it served has yet to be determined.

We triangulated the pot base. Its distance from the north west stake of B2106 is 4.60m. Its distance from north east stake of B2000 is 8.75m. Its distance from the central stake is 2.30m.

We finished up the pass and swept it all down, exposing the floor. Another set of record photographs was taken from the north and south.

Next we took out the pot base, calling it as object 2 associated with pail B2103.1. The packing around it (down into the floor) we took out and screened. Next we took out the pot base, calling it as object 2 associated with pail B2103.3. We had to dig pretty deep to get it out. (12.5cm) Among the things recovered was a small plate of metal which was (1.5cm) given the object number 3 and bagged. The soil we dug through changed to a very reddish brown and there were some fair sized rocks which were wedged against the gritty, spiny sides of the pot. We enlarged the hole into a square in order to expose the feature and we are labelling it B2106 (pail 1). From now on it will be that name. We are trying to find and expose the stones supporting the base.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2001 (NEX) Excavator PL

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

10 June 2004.

We have moved to the north of trenches B2000 and B2100 together, laying out a rectangular trench above both. We have labeled this trench as an extension of trench B2000, calling it B2000 North Extension (or 'NEX'). We started by removing the topsoil as pail B2001.2 (NEX), using pickaxes and moving from east to west. The trench extension extends north to just in front of the modern terrace wall to the north and follows the outside lines of walls ~~B2004 & B2101~~ on the east and west. This layer is equivalent to B2001 which was the topsoil of the entire area to the south. For most of the area, I will fill out separate locus sheets. I have not done it for this one, however, as it is all topsoil. Instead, I simply made it a separate pail for the already extant locus.

We have recovered a large amount of pottery, but only a handful of bone. We also recovered a sea pebble, which we logged, and a ~~couple of~~ worn stone which may have been worked and/or used. We, therefore, numbered it as objects # 2 and 3 respectively. One came from the centre of the area, while the other came from closer to the western edge. Among the bone collected, there were a couple of marine shells.

We finished the pass and removal of the topsoil towards the end of the day. We took some final elevations and bagged and tagged the recovered pottery and bone. The final elevations of the Northern extension were: north west corner 360.01m, northeast corner 359.68m, south east corner 359.56m, southwest corner 359.76m, and centre 359.70m.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2106.1 Excavator PL

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

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

We dug the pot base, probably an amphora from its shape, and the dirt around it and the support stones as B2106 pail 1. The pot extends to about 0.40m below the ancient surface. At around 0.20m below that surface there are a series of large rocks which hold the pot in place. The pot is held in place by three large rocks to the north, west and east. The south lacks rocks in situ, but one was removed inadvertent as we sought the base originally. Smaller stones ring these stones, especially to the south, west and east.

The soil varies between gray-brown and reddish brown. There is a smallish patch of hard grey clay about 0.20m deep along the south. This patch resembles the floor layer above in consistency and colour. Indeed, it may represent another earlier use surface, perhaps associated with the installation of the feature. Certainly, the lack of any disturbance in the floor above would seem to indicate that the pot was placed at least somewhat before the floor.

From the soil, which we screened, we recovered both bone and pottery (not belonging to the amphora). ~~(Another)~~ One pottery fragment was left in place as it is securely lodged in the hard grey-clay.

When we finally removed the pot (after a set of record photographs were taken) we found that there was no discernible bottom to the vessel. We removed the pot and its internal dirt as one object, numbering it object #1, so that it can all be processed together. In the process of removal, several bones (identified as sheep/goat) were removed from the dirt and lagged separately. The presence of the goat bones and the lack of a physical base would seem to indicate some sort of ritual function, which fits well with the putative public nature of the enclosing spaces.

With the removal of the pot, we stopped work on the feature until tomorrow when we will take some final elevations.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2106.1 Excavator PL

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

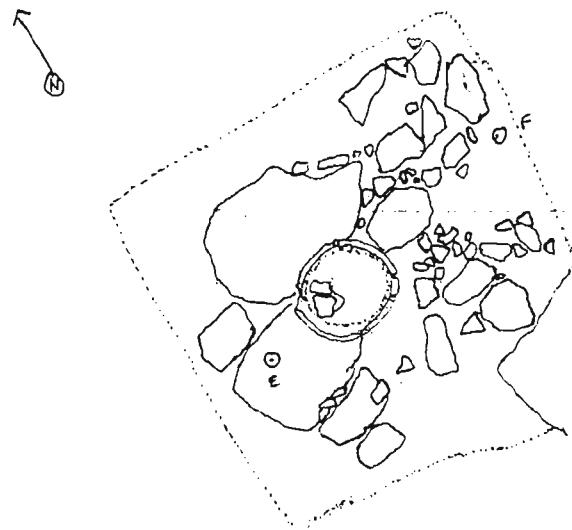
'sketch' of B2106

AE 3.00  
AF 3.83

BE 3.20  
BF 2.52

CE 4.61  
CF A.31

B2106.1



Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2002 NEX Excavator PL

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

11 June 2004

We have started into the soil in the plough zone below the topsoil in the north extension of B2000. We have labelled this locus B2002 NEX. It is stratigraphically equivalent to B2002/VB2102. We have started on a first pass, moving westwards. Unless we hit floor first, we will then have a second pass (digging pail nos 2) and then change locus numbers as we move the level of the floor in the southern trenches.

The soil here is rather loose, being a light grey brown in colour. We are sowing the soil. We have collected a lot of pottery, including some fairly substantial clumps, but little lone. ~~More bone material~~ Halfway through the pass, we learned that sowing further pass was unnecessary and so we stopped.

Rocks of large size appear along the western side ~~(foot)~~ along the line of B2004 but little shows up on the east. At the bottom of the ~~(foot)~~ pass in the east, however, a grey roofing clay bar made an appearance. In all likelihood we have reached the bottom of the plough zone in that area. By the end of the day, we had not completely finished the pass, so we closed the pail and swept it all clean.

The roofing clay seems to continue westwards a good deal, but there are more rocks. Indeed, it appears that there is some wall tumble in the extreme west. Perhaps, when we finish the pass, we will uncover more. We uncovered a lot of pottery and bone from this pass, which ~~was~~ was bagged and tagged (as standard).

NB: There is trouble with the NEX moniker in the database. Therefore, do not fill out separate locus forms with their own pails for each new locus in the northern extension. Instead, continue the equivalent locus from B2000 and the pail numbers there. Thus pail 2002.1 NEX is now pail 2002.3 ~~(ex)~~ NEX now.

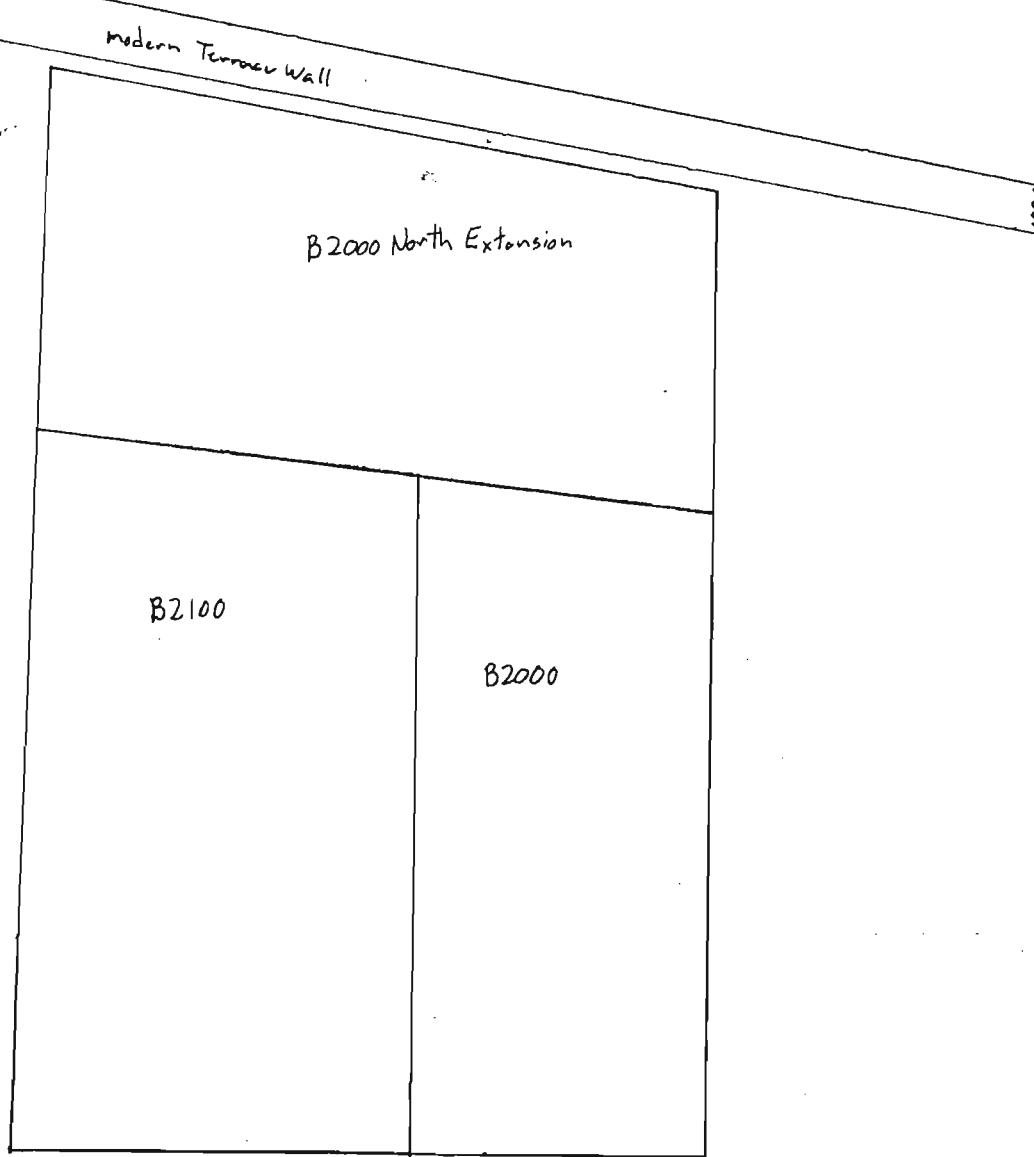
The NEX is now simply a spatial designator and has no form in the database.

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2000/B2000 NEX/B2100 Excavator PL

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

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Scale: 1:75m

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Trench/Locus B2107 Excavator PL

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

11 June 2004

We are taking down an area (about 1 m. on a side) in the form of a rough square to the south of the pit which was dug to extract the amphora (B2106.1). We have named this new locus B2107 and started digging down the (unexcavated) immediate surface area of locus or pail #1. The soil here is a hard grey clay in which little pottery or bone seems to be recovered. Near the base we rock in the north east, we found some carbon, so I took an intensive soil sample (I1) from the area. We are screening the soil, but only recovering some small pottery fragments but no bone so far! After finishing the pass, we switched pail numbers to B2107.2.

In B2107.2, the soil was somewhat softer but more or less the same colour. There were some small areas of reddish brown, but these petered out quickly without obvious continuation below. More carbon was recovered along with some pottery and a bit of bone, but not much of any of them. More bone and pottery was recovered from the screen. At the finish of the pass we took elevations low in the north and one in the south. These were 359.13 and 359.09 m above sea level respectively.

We then started on the next pass, labelling it B2107.3. In this pass, we are removing the soil down to the level of the hard grey clay encountered in B2106.1 in order to see if it continues (it does) and if it represents an early floor level. We are taking a second intensive soil sample of this pail (I2). In the process of digging, we pulled out a couple of substantial pottery shards. We have also uncovered lots of small rubble in the clay beneath. The soil seems to break off rather readily at the level of the hard grey clay beneath. This indicates that the hard grey clay is some sort of surface, one associated with the installation B2106.

Record photos were taken after pail B2107.2 and more will be taken on Monday for B2107.3. Actually, those photographs were taken of B2107.3 at the absolute end of the day on Friday (while the towns were going on).

Elevations:  
 01 (W) 359.66  
 02 (E) 359.70  
 Elevation:  
 01: 359.13  
 02: 359.09

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

14 June 2004

The workmen are starting the day removing the modern terrace wall directly to the north of our current trench, so that we might expand the trench northward. The workmen, during the course of the removal, have uncovered numerous fragments of pottery and a stone tool. We have recorded them as pail B2001.3 in locus B2001, marking it as 'Terrace on the tags'. The removal has revealed large stones which might be part of a wall on the north. If this is so the building would be a rough rectangle measuring 13.70 m N-S and 6.95 m E-W.

Having completed removing the modern terrace, we turned to completing the pass from the last day in locus B2002 NEX. We are labelling this material as pail B2002.4 NEX. We are not screening this pail, but we are pulling some pottery and bone out (a good amount in actuality). We are digging on the western edge of the north extension, up to the wall tumble. This tumble, however, may actually be part of the baulk B2105. We will see as we remove more.

We are expanding the trench to the north into the area of the old terrace wall. This area will also be the north extension of B2000. We have started by removing the topsoil of the new area as B2001.4 NEX. Shortly after starting, we uncovered a possible stone tool, which we logged as object #5. The area is an irregular quadrangle which follows the putative line of the walls whose stones are visible on the surface. The east wall measures 4.55 m, the north 6.60 m, the west 2.70 m and the south (along the previously excavated part of the extension) is 6.96 m. The elevations for the section are noted in the left-hand box. We are not screening the topsoil, but we are still recovering a good amount of both pottery and bone.

The back wall seems to slope inwards some distance. Another possibility is that this all represents some sort of platform. The platform would probably have been stepped to account for the slope. It may be, therefore, a sort of stadium seating for people inside. The soil around is a dark grey topsoil with a good deal of pebbles mixed in. The platform on the east side seems to come out further. Maybe its some steps leading up to the seats or the seats form a kind of 'L' shape.

The area on the east is definitely shaping into something. Already a bench is taking shape running north-south along the wall and more rocks are being exposed. Seating is definitely looking like a strong possibility now. As the digging continues, the stones of the back wall are also being uncovered. These are definitely in stepped rows, which seemed to have been preserved by the terrace. Part of these stepped rows, however, may be part of a double-faced wall, which supports the higher ground level behind. Above the level of the seats is a layer of tiling clay on the east which turns pebbly as one goes west. By the end of the day the eastern third of the topsoil remains. It will be taken down tomorrow.

R2 (359.32 m) HC 362.94

D1 (SW) : 2.65

D2 (NW) : 1.86

D3 (NE) : 2.24

D4 (SE) : 2.62

D5 (C) : 2.86

Elevations :

D1: 360.29 m

D2: 361.08 m

D3: 360.70 m

D4: 360.32

D5: 360.09

measurements

west edge: 2.70 m

north edge: 6.60 m

east edge: 4.55 m

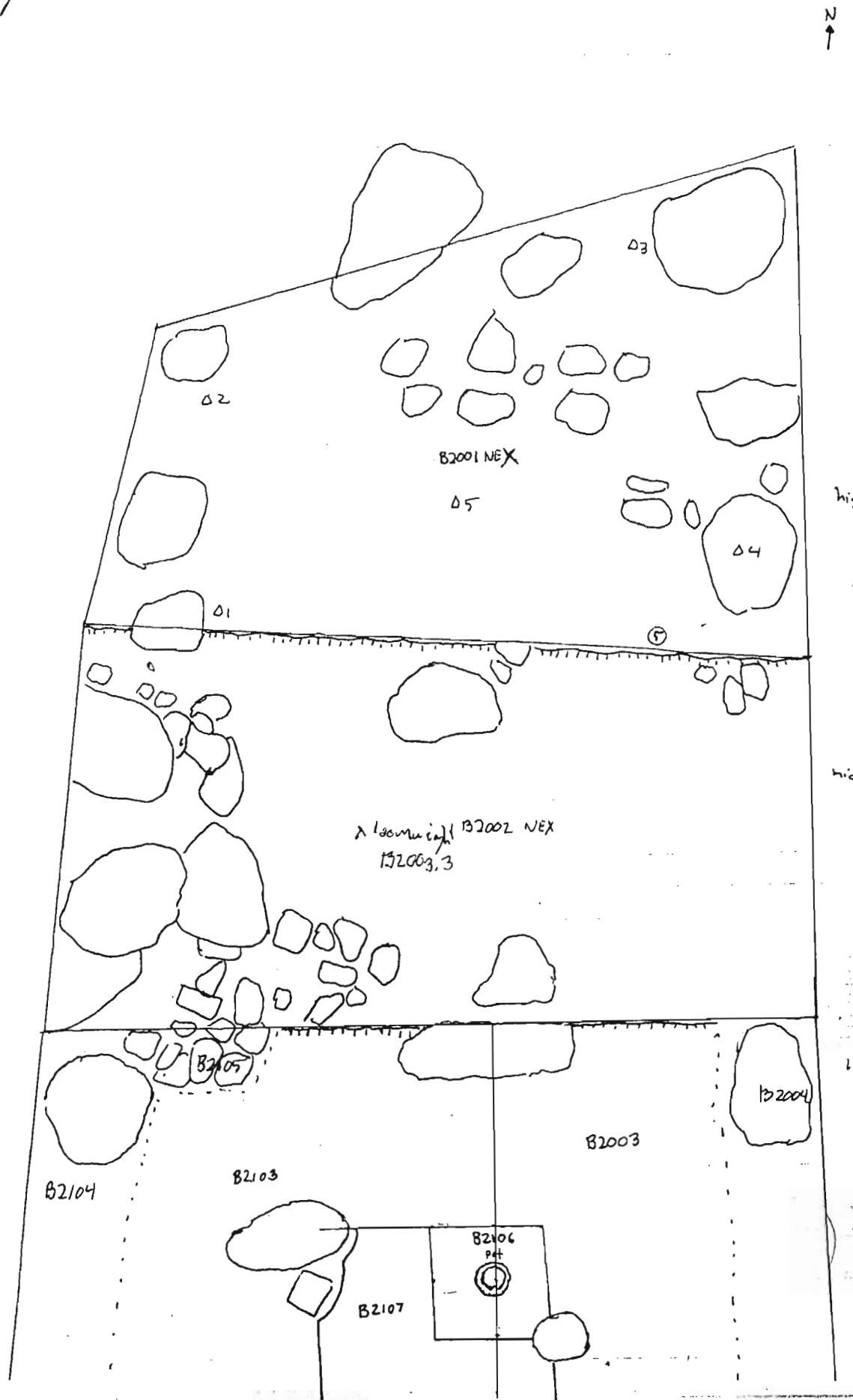
south edge: 6.96 m

Year 2001 Trench/Locus B2000 NEX Excavator PL

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

*sketch of North extension (Both parts)*

*14 June 2004*



Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2107 Excavator PL

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

14 June 2004

We have expanded the sondage to the south of the amphora feature towards the ~~south~~ west and north so that the feature now forms the north east corner of a rough square 2 m on a side. We are attempting to find out more of the older floor level and if there are any features ~~located~~ associated with it obscured by the upper floor surface. We are digging this expansion as a continuation of the sondage locus B2107. We have started with pail B2107.4. This pail is roughly equivalent to B2107.1 in that it starts at the newer floor level and represents a pass down to a depth of about 5 cm. We are taking an intensive sample of this ~~(pail)~~ pail (I1). We are pulling a few small fragments of pottery haphazardly from the ground but no bone yet. The soil of this first pass is hard with a lot of chunks of grey clay from the floor. In the south, there were some fragments of yellowish schist. We are screening all material from this locus. In the screen we uncovered a burnishing stone and logged it as object #1 for locus. We are pulling out some pottery and bone, but not a lot of either, especially the bone. One blue pebble was also recovered.

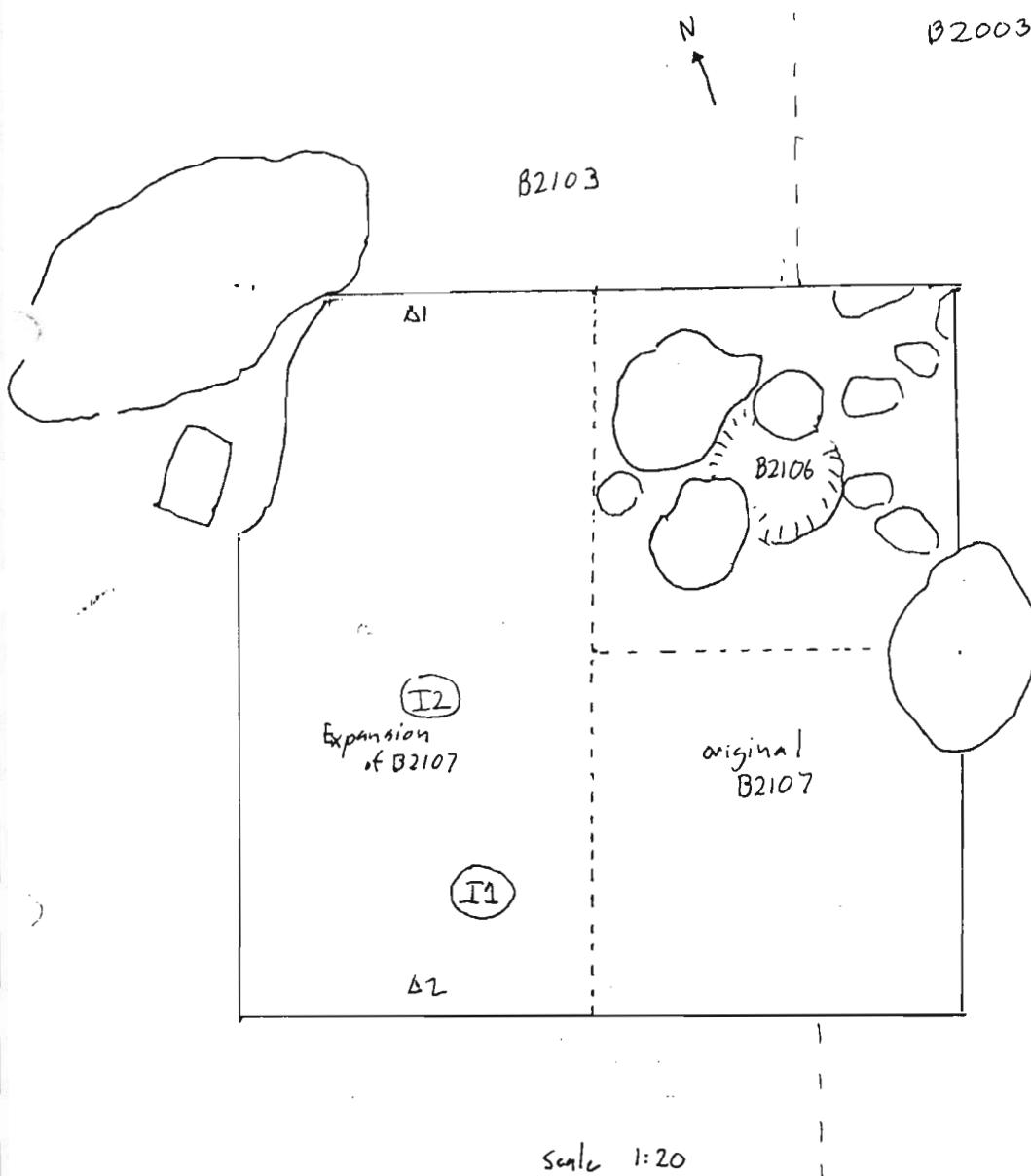
Having finished the first pass, we started on our second in the new area, labelling it B2107.5. This is roughly equivalent to the second pass in the original sondage (B2107.2). We are still screening everything. In the process, we discovered another (?) floor surface (above) midway between the other 2. This floor was signalled by the sherdor and by the carbon stones and sherdor which lay on this ~~surface~~ surface. We are proceeding carefully in order to uncover this intermediate surface, sweeping frequently. We are taking another intensive soil sample from this pail, because it is coming down on the intermediate surface (I2). The matrix itself continues to be hard packed grey clay. There is a good deal of small pottery sherdor and tiny carbon flakes (not kept) but there is a dearth of bone even in the screen from this pail. At the end of the day, we have only completed about 1/3 of the pass down to the intermediate floor. Tomorrow, we will continue with it.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2107 Excavator PL

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

14 June 2004

Sketch of B2107



Bottom of B2107, 6  
Δ1: 359.16 m  
Δ2: 359.23 m

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2107 Excavator PL

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

15 June 2004

We are continuing the pass in the new part of the sondage down to the intermediate floor, which we left unfinished yesterday. The next pail is B2107-6. We are continuing to screen. We are continuing to find the intermediate floor surface, though its depth seems to be increasing as we go west. We are pulling out some fragments of both bone and pottery. As we go, we are sweeping vigorously in order to keep an eye on the surface. However, we may have accidentally gone through the surface layer in a small portion of the nest, because some reddish material is showing up. We have corrected and will try and avoid making the mistake again. ~~(see left-hand box)~~. Having finished the pass, we swept the area vigorously. A single pebble was recovered from the screen and tagged as other, but was subsequently lost when a gust of wind caught the bag, which I had thought secured against just such an occurrence, and caused it to fly away. After sweeping, we took final elevations for the intermediate floor, one in the north Δ1 and one in the south Δ2 (see left-hand box). A set of record photographs were taken of the intermediate floor from the south and west. Within hatted work in this area until the pottery from it could be examined and the chronology better understood.

R2 (359.32)

r: 3.42

HI: 362.74

Δ1(N): 3.56

Δ2(S): 3.51

Elevations:

Δ1: 359.18

Δ2: 359.23

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2001 NEX Excavator PL

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

15 June 2004

We are continuing the pass left unfinished yesterday in the second part of the north extension. The new pail number is B2001.8 NEX. We are still not screening this material.

As they progressed, the workmen pulled a possible stone tool from the pile. This was logged as object 7 from this locus.

The top soil continues to be a dark brown/grey with a good supply of rocks between pebble and cobble size. The long rocks of the west wall of the public building ~~continued~~ have been defined and ~~thus~~ their line can be seen turning somewhat eastward from its original course as it connects with the visible north wall. We are finding a good deal of pottery and some bone.

Having finished the pass, we have started in cleaning the north wall of the public building, which we have labelled locus B2005 NEX. The pottery and bone we find in this locus will be logged under B2005.1 NEX. We are not screening this material as it is simply wall cleaning. We have cut back the northern bank by about c. 30 cm in order to expose the back of the wall. The material removed will be part of the same pail.

Having finished the cleaning, a set of record photographs were taken from the south of this locus and locus B2006.1. Some pottery was recovered from the cleaning, but no bone.

We made one pass through B2006.1 and then jumped over the the rocks which formed the west wall. There we made another pass in the area outside the wall, which is in the trench. Since it is outside the wall, I decided to do it as another pail (B2001.6 NEX) of the topsoil from B2001 NEX. The soil is decidedly different from B2006.1, having less clay, more rocks and a brownish colour. We are pulling a good deal of pottery from it and some bone. Having finished this area between the wall and the edge of the trench, we returned to start another pass of B2006.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 NEX Excavator PL

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

15 June 2004

Having finished cleaning the wall, we have started taking down the area of roofing clay and tumble directly in front of the north wall. We have labelled this area B2006<sup>NEX</sup>, and have started pail B2006.1 NEX as the upper part of the slope. We are making a pass over the entire expanse of the area. B2006<sup>NEX</sup> is probably equivalent to B2003 which is similarly composed of clay and tumble, but it is higher than the latter and so we have given it its own locus number. We started a pass from the east, near the bench and worked our way westward. As we approached the north wall, we found no course beneath the one on the surface. However, there may be one further back, since the wall is layered. The workmen uncovered an imported Hellenistic lamp which we tagged as object 2 for the locus. It was located up against the north wall in the ~~s~~ west. ~~as~~ A possible stone tool had been previously found near the bench in the east and given the number 1.

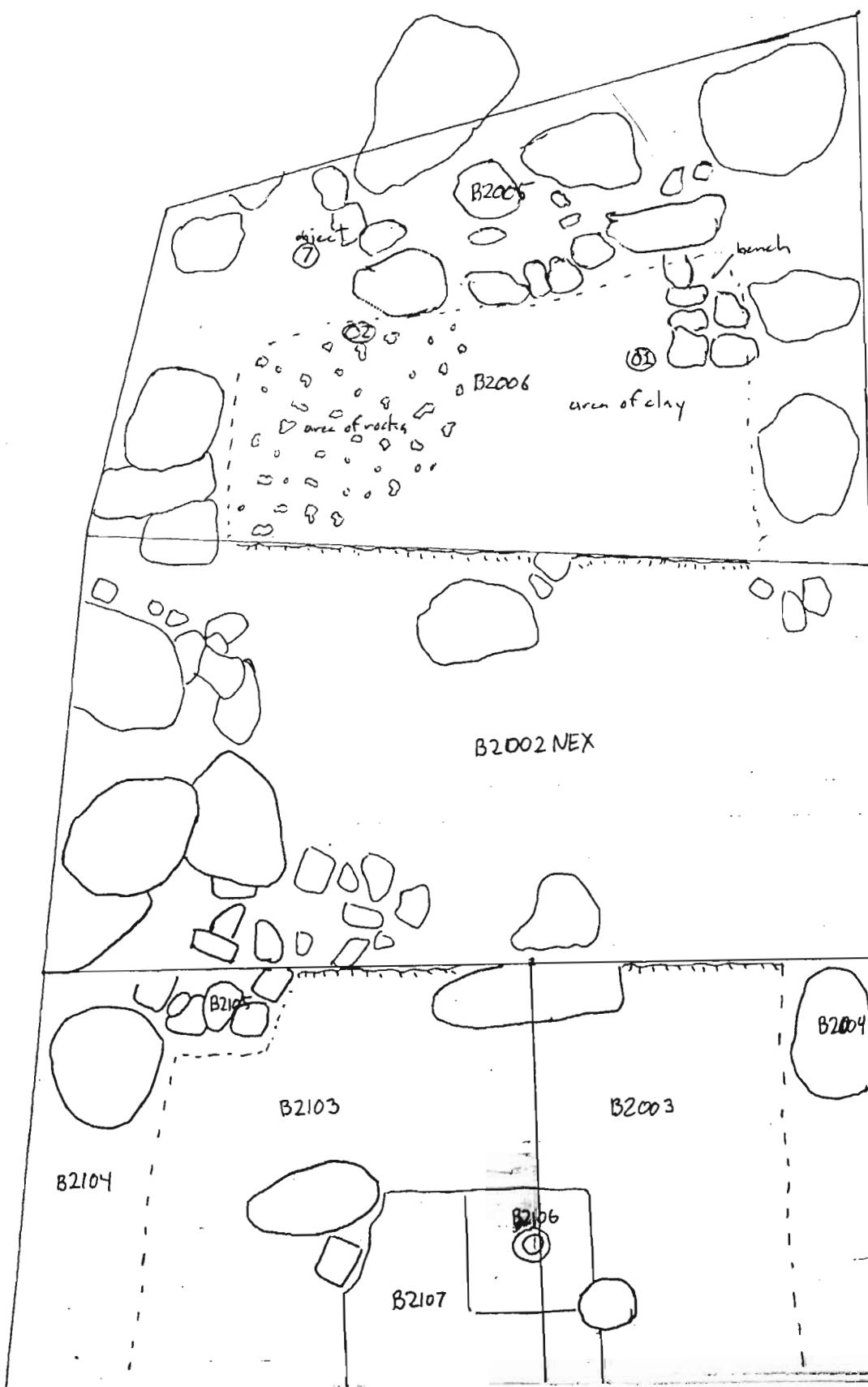
HI: 362.75  
r: 2.32  
depth:  
360.43 m

1. The soil continues to be a mixture of whitish gray clay and rocks with the rocks concentrated further west (near the wall).

With some undercutting, a lower course for the wall. We started another pass (B2006.2 NEX) but had only just begun when the day ended. We still collected some bone and pottery though, which was bagged and logged. Odds are tomorrow that we will not immediately continue with the pass. Instead we will focus on the more rock intensive area of the west, which is higher and has, therefore, a better chance of preservation beneath. We will return to the area of the second pass (B2006.2) maybe after that.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2000 Excavator PL

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

15<sup>th</sup> June 2004N  
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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 Excavator PL

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

16 June 2004

We are continuing in locus B2006, starting a pass in the west in stony area of B2006.3 <sup>NEX</sup>. We are looking to see if the bend on the eastern side is mirrored on the west. We are, of course, screening everything. There does seem to be a regularized rectangular feature of rocks on the west side, apparently starting somewhat further south than the bend on the east. We are pulling up both bone and pottery, including 2 fragments of a strainer. A possible stone tool was uncovered and given the object number 3. It was located up against some rock which seem to form an 'L' with the possible bend running against the west wall.

A standard soil sample was taken of this pail. We recovered a good deal of silt from the area.

object 3
H: 362.52
RI: 2.90
EI: 359.92

Having finished in the west, we started in the east, that is, pail B2006.4 <sup>NEX</sup> which is a continuation of B2006.2 NEX. We are trying to see if the 'L' of the linear rock formation, running against the north wall seems to continue. Truth to tell, it does not seem to, disappearing instead into the north wall. We finished off the area, and returned to B2006.3 NEX. The directors did not agree with the linear area of stones against the west wall, so we took it ~~down~~ down to the bed of the clay which seems to underly it all. We pulled out some pottery and bone from this area which we logged.

Afterwards, we turned to doing some wall cleaning (B2005.2), but then we returned and started down on another pass ~~into~~ into the clay, and pebbles, which forms B2006. We started in the eastern half, calling it B2006.5 NEX. We will take down the western section as a different pail tomorrow. The soil here is clay and stone, but rather loose, coming off easily about 10-15 cm down. We screened this pail. We also managed to recover a good amount of pottery and bone, including part of a vertebra. By the end of the day, we had finished the eastern portion of B2006NEX.

Year 2001 Trench/Locus B2005 Excavator PL

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

16 June 2004

We proceeded with further cleaning of the north wall (B2005) in order to help define its stones with precision. In the process, we removed a couple of very large stones at the very upper edge of the western half which were only sitting on the wall and may have been part of the terrace. We labelled this clearing as B2005.2 but we didn't screen it. We also uncovered a possible stone tool, which we labelled as object #1 for the hours. We are recovering some pottery and bone from the pass. We later found a possible stone tool, labelling it object 2. Then we started taking down an area between the west wall and north which forms a possible false corner. This area had a few large rocks but they were laid on soil and small rocks. In this area, we uncovered a rounded bronze object with a hole, which we labelled object 3. We took its elevation and logged it (see side box).

Object #3
H: 62.63
R: 2.84
L: 359.92 m

In this area of the pail, we are pulling out a significant amount of pottery, much of which appears at first glance to be Hellenistic (light colors, fine fabric, thin walls, some black "gloss" visible).

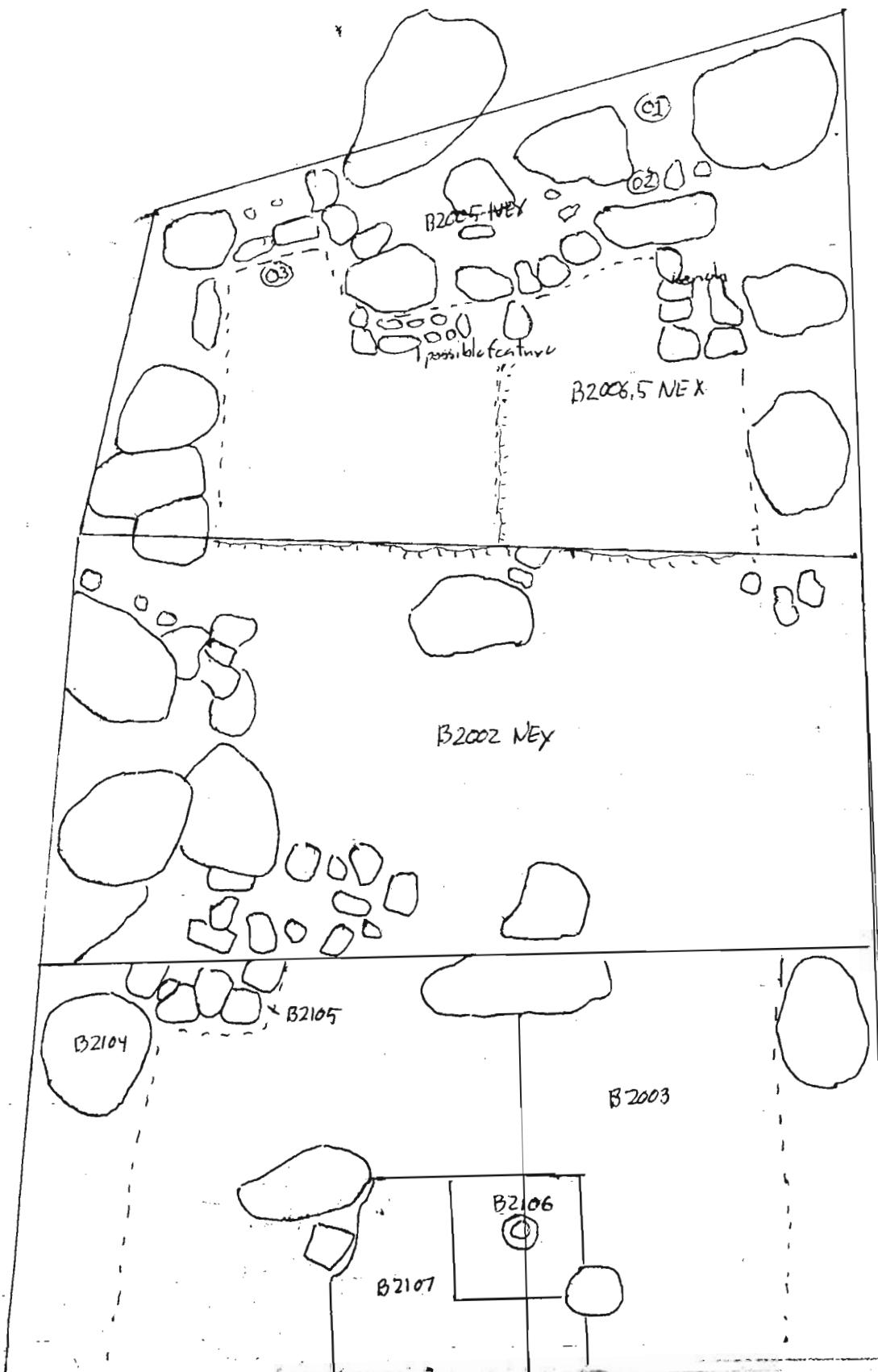
We removed the 'false corner' material back about 0.75m and came to what we consider to be the true remains of the northern wall in that area (there were a couple of larger rocks with substantial ones underneath). The removal formed a roughly rectangular inset bounded by the west wall, the thinner portion of the north wall and the thicker and more silted region of the north wall ~~back~~ to the west. We then spent some time cleaning and defining the rocks in the area, trying especially to define the possible feature of rocks which runs against the north wall (one part of the 'L' which wasn't). At the end of the day, there was still some cleaning to be done in this area. We will finish it up early tomorrow (it's mostly just sweeping everything clean).

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 NEX Excavator PL

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

wall clearing etc.

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 NEX Excavator PL

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

17 June 2004

Having just started the westward equivalent of B2006.5 NEX, which we named B2006.6 NEX (from which we pulled out a possible pebble), we now had to take down the linear feature against the north wall. This feature was a false feature as it did not go below the area of the upper course. We named this material which we removed as B2006.7 NEX. From this material we removed two pieces of pumice, and a spindle-whorl, which we labelled as object #4. Next, we found a possible metal nob (identified by its weight) or stone tool of an odd form which we labelled as object #5. Having taken down the feature and cleaned it, we noticed that the wall behind it and to the west was not built on any big rocks. Instead, it was mostly dirt and small rocks. And so, we proceeded to remove some of it as the same pail. In the screen, we uncovered an indentifiable ceramic piece (looking something like one half of a grape or olive on the outside). We labelled this object #6.

Having finished with the wall, we started to ~~do~~ continue B2006.6 NEX. As with B2006.5, this area consists of loose brown soil; grey clay, and a lot of rocks. We started from the eastern part of the pass and moved uphill and westwards. The loose stuff seems to become shallower as it approaches the north wall. Underneath it seems to be a layer of more compacted clay and rocks, through which a couple of larger stones (0.5m+) poke. There are a couple of patches of reddish dirt, but nothing either large or contiguous. A standard soil sample was taken. As with all of B2006 NEX, we are screening the material. We recovered some pottery and bone, and a tiny amount of pumice from this location. Upon finishing the pass, we

~~B2006 NEX~~ took a set of elevations for the locus (see left-hand box), in order to provide a control (since it has been a while since we took any). Afterwards we swept everything down. A set of record photographs were taken of the area from the south, south-east, and south-west.

Afterwards we began making another pass through the eastern section, labelling it B2006.8. We are screening the material. We are taking the soil which has clay and pebbles, down to the approximate level of the B2002 NEX which lies immediately to the south.

This run seems to have more smaller stones than further west (especially in the east near the bench). A possible stone tool was found up against the side of the bank. We took its elevation and labelled it object #7. We uncovered several large rocks at the bottom of this ~~pass~~ area, which look like bedrock outcrops. We took a standard soil sample from this point.

object #4  
H1: 362.74-3  
R1: 2.78  
E1: 359.95

object #5  
H1: 2.77  
E1: 357.96

H1: 362.73  
R:  
Δ1(NW): 2.96  
Δ2(SW): 2.98  
Δ3(NE): 2.44  
Δ4(SE): 2.97  
Δ5(NE): 2.94

E1:  
Δ1: 359.83  
Δ2: 359.85  
L3: 360.00-27  
Δ4: 359.76  
Δ5: 359.79

object #7  
H1: 362.74  
R1: 2.89  
E1: 359.85 m

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 Excavator PL

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

17 June 2004

Having finished B2006.8 NEX in the east, we moved to the west and started B2006.9 NEX. This half was less rock intensive than the neighbouring B2006.8, with fewer pebbles and rock outcrops. As with B2006.8, we took B2006.9 down to roughly the level we had reached in the area immediately to the south (roughly equivalent to the top of B2003). We also screened this material. Due to the lateness in the day, however, we did not take a soil sample from this pail as we were unsure at the outset whether we would be able to complete it.

We pulled out a small amount of both bone and pottery from both pick and screen, but nothing really substantial.

We did finish the pass by the end of the day, so we swept down the area and closed the pail.

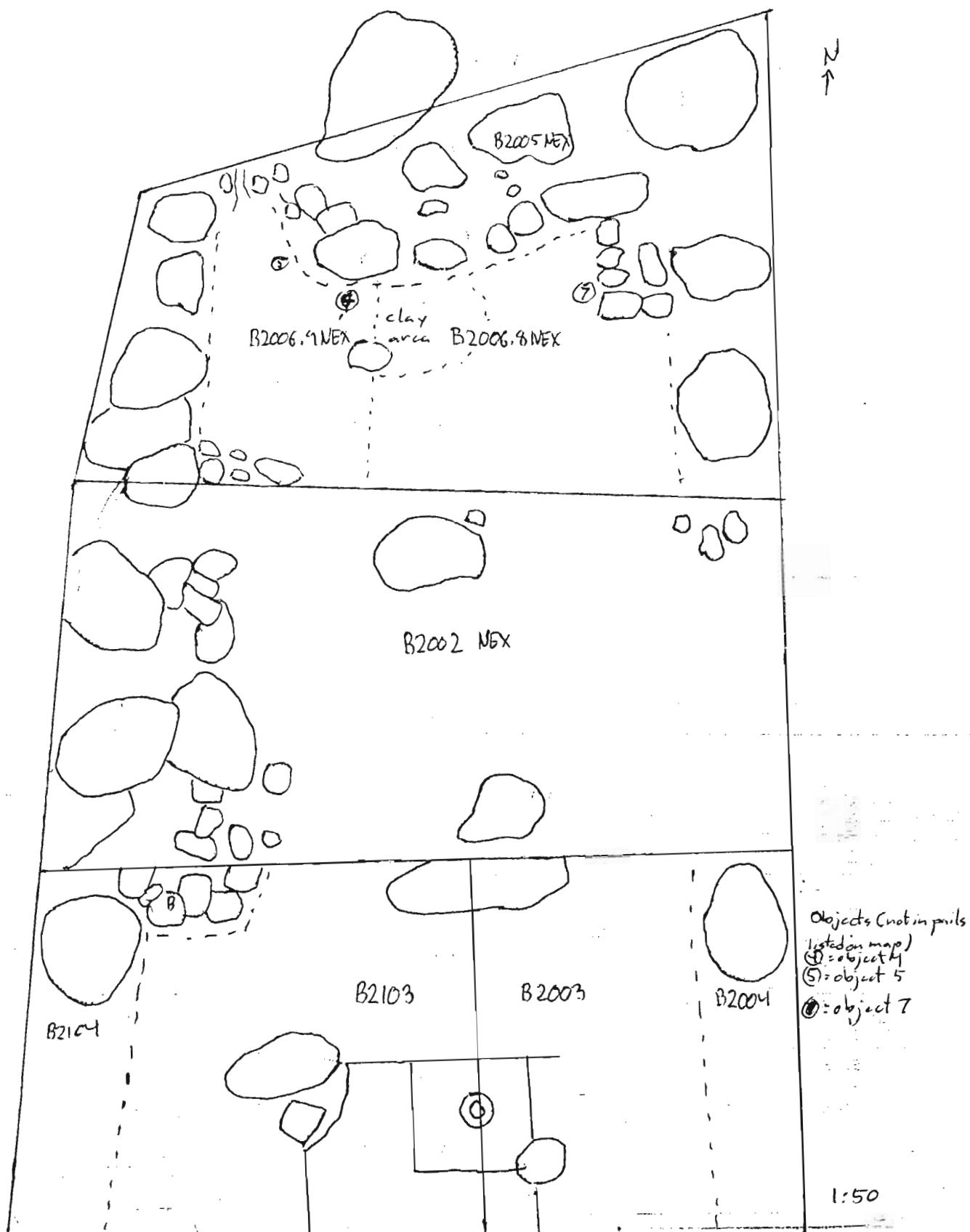
In the centre of the northern half of the area, a small region was uncovered where the clay is much bulkier with fewer rock inclusions to alter the colour. This irregular area (around 1.5-2.0m in width) seems to have properties similar to that of the floor uncovered further south. However, it is substantially higher up (c. 0.20m) so it remains to be seen what the connection may be.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 Excavator Pl.

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

17 June 2004

Sketch of end of day  
B2006 (with day's objects)



Year \_\_\_\_\_ Trench/Locus B2401 Excavator \_\_\_\_\_

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

18 June 2004

We have started a new trench today, labelled B2400. It lies to the north-east of the pyramidion, in a transitional area between 2 structures of different levels. It is hoped that we will find some mechanism for this transition (i.e. stairs) in the trench. We started ~~one~~ a pass in order to remove the topsoil, naming it B2401.1. We did not screen the materials. As we worked, we uncovered numerous possible stone features, including a possible ramp, with an outer edge defined by a line of large rocks, ~~and~~ against the terrace to the west and a possible step-terrace further east made from a ~~of~~ line of smaller rocks. Behind these rocks are several very large ones which were uncovered with digging, making the terrace quite substantial. After one pass, we had uncovered ~~all~~ <sup>most</sup> of the area. We recovered a small bit of pottery but no bone.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 MEX Excavator PL

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

19 June 2004

R2(359.32) R1:3.60  
 HI: 362.92 m B2003 NE  
 □1(NW): 3.09  
 □2(NE): 3.17  
 □3(E): 3.27  
 □4(SE): 3.43  
 □5(SW): 3.14  
 □6(W): 3.22  
 □7(NC): 3.27  
 □8(SC): 3.36

Elevations:  
 □1: 359.83m  
 □2: 359.75m  
 □3: 359.65m  
 □4: 359.49m  
 □5: 359.78m  
 □6: 359.70m  
 □7: 359.56m

We have started a pass in the south-west quadrant of the north extension of B2000, labeling it B2003.3. We are digging through the mixture of silty clay and tumbler down to the level of the ~~earthen~~ floor. We are also trying to define the extent of the brick B2005 which lies in the extreme south-west corner. The north- and south-eastern corners of the quadrant are each marked by a large rock which peaks up through the soil. We are screening everything. The soil is clayish with rocks, but fairly loose. We started by shooting the edge of the pile of large rocks which may conceal part of the brick.

We are collecting a moderate amount of pottery and bone from this pail. We also recovered a beamweight to the north of the pile of stones which obscures the brick, and some pumice from the screen. By the end of the day, we had only managed to uncover a 2x1 m area of the floor running north-south. A standard soil sample was taken of this pail. On Monday, we will continue the pass in the quadrant using the next pail number. The floor level for all appearances, seems to be sloping up to the north. This may work, considering the patches of apparent flooing clay which appeared further north. Still, we will have to be careful, in order to avoid accidentally shallowing the pass without meaning to.

B2003 NEX

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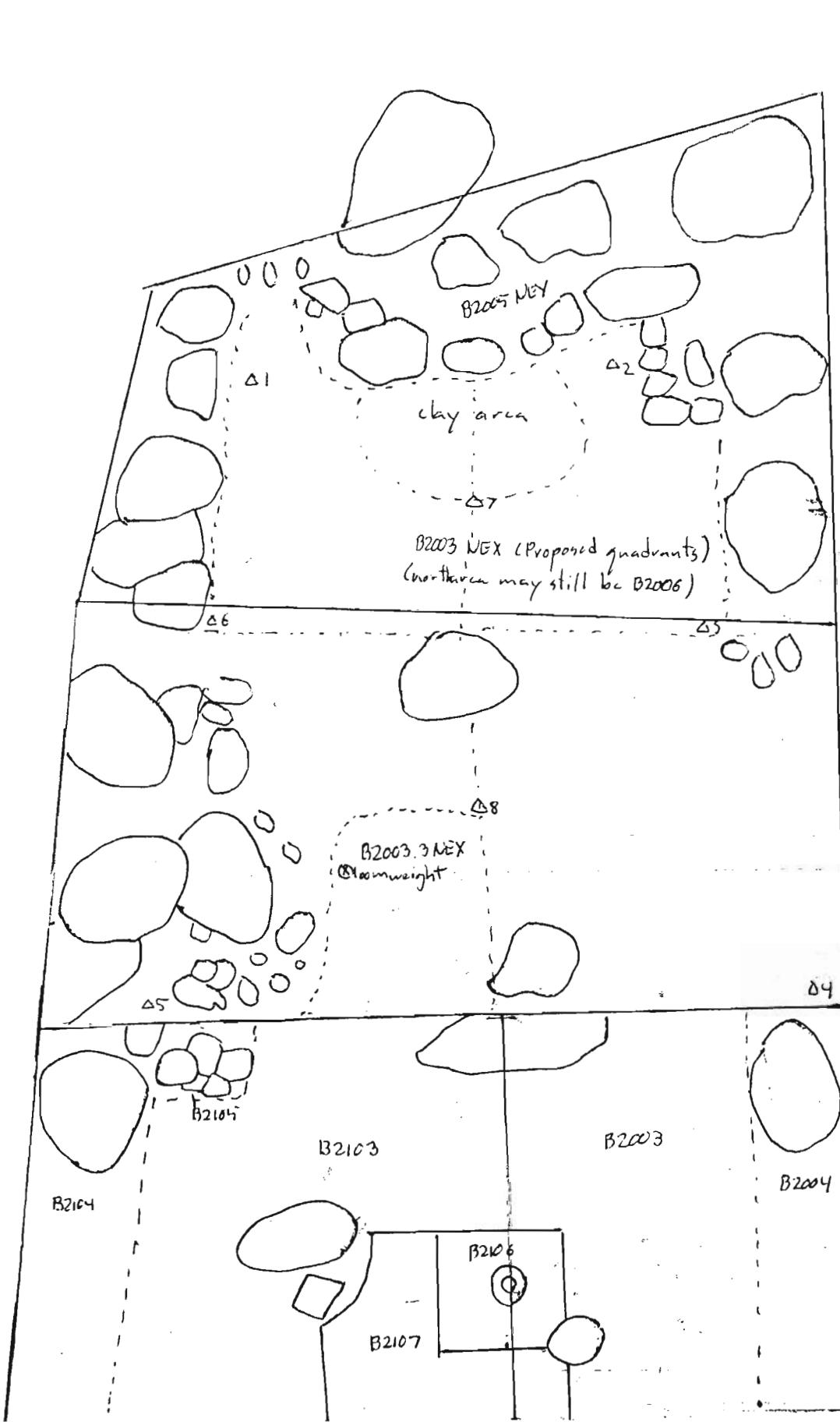
NW - - - NE  
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 NC  
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 SW - - - E  
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 SC  
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 SW - - - SE

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

18 June 2004

sketch of north extension



Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

21 June 2004

We are continuing the pass in the south-west quadrant of B2003 north extension, labelling it B2003.4 NEX. This pail is equivalent to B2003.3 NEX from the last day. The shallowing noted on Friday seems to be our fault as the surface below, upon further inspection, does not appear to be floor. We will try to rectify the situation with another pass later in the day, we removed some of the stones from the bank area. It still looks somewhat irregular, but it looks more built now. We also removed some rocks in the north of the quadrant (near the spur of rocks in the north-west quadrant). We finished the pass, recovering some bone and pottery from both pick and screen. Having finished this pass, we started another one from the south down to the floor level, naming it B2003.5 NEX. Almost immediately, we encountered a small spindle whorl, which we tagged as object #2, and a possible stone tool, object #3. We have also found a couple of pebbles which we have lagged and tagged as other. A large boulder outcrop has appeared in the middle of the quadrant. An intensive soil sample (II.) was taken from the south of the outcrop. After discussion with the director, it was decided to temporarily close B2003.5 NEX, and to make a pass over every quadrant in the north extension to remove most of the matrix before hitting the floor, thereby diminishing the risk of contamination. Therefore, we started a pass in the north-west quadrant down to the level of the pass in the south-west. We have labelled this B2003.6 NEX. We started down from the south, trimming down the spur of rocks which juts out of the west wall. We are taking a standard soil sample of this pail. We found a possible stone tool near the west wall and called it object #4. This pail is equivalent to pails B2003.3 NEX & B2003.4 NEX in level (roughly). Our level seems to be sloping up somewhat due to the slope. In the north-west corner, we came upon an area filled with cavities and sandy soil. It seems that the tumpled wall portion (that) to the north has destroyed the possibility of a floor in this area. We, therefore, closed the pail, and moved to the southeast quadrant. Now we are going to attempt what we attempted to do in the north-west. We are calling this pail B2003.7 NEX.

object #2  
spindle whorl  
I: 3.45  
II: 362.77 m  
RI: 3.44  
EI: 359.53 m

object #3  
possible stone  
tool  
II: 362.77  
RI: 3.41  
EI: 359.36 m

object #4  
possible stone tool  
B2003.6 NEX  
II: 362.77  
RI: 3.19  
EI: 359.58 m

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

21 June 2004

Object #6  
spindle whorl  
B2003.7 NEY  
HI: 362.77  
RI: 3.27  
EI: 369.50m

We started B2003.7 from the west and south. We shortly uncovered a fragment of a ~~flat~~ <sup>Object 5)</sup> beach stone gear and a spindle whorl further west (Object 6). We took a standard sample of the soil. As with all of B2003, we screened all this material. We recovered a moderate amount of bone and pottery from both pick and screen. We also uncovered a possible sea pebble, which we logged as other. By the end of the day, we had only managed to finish the southern 1/3 of the quadrant. Tomorrow, we will continue the pass under a different pail number.

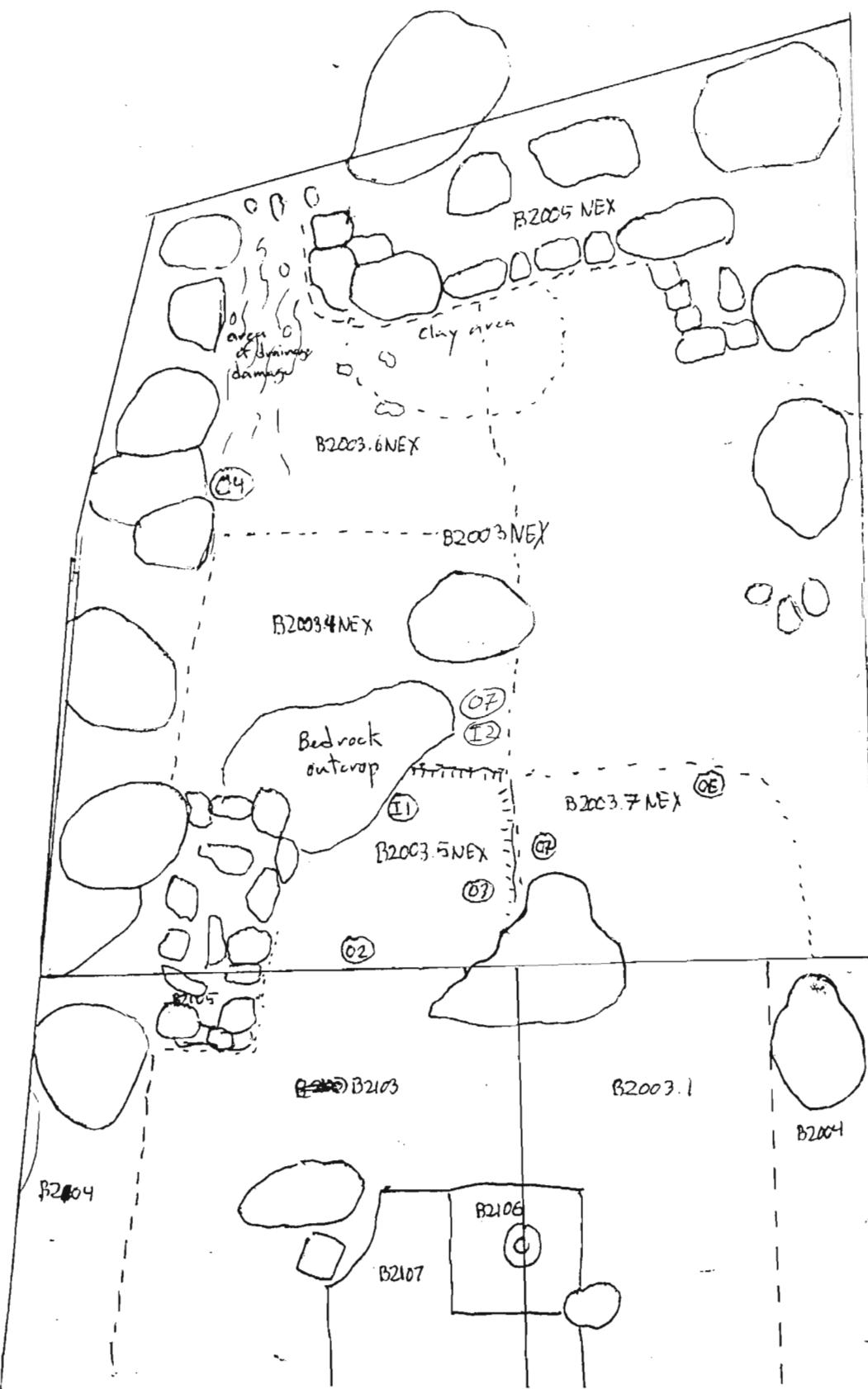
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX; Excavator PL

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

21 June 2004

Sketch of North Extension  
21 of June

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I1 : intensive sample 1  
02 : object 2  
03 : object 3  
04 : object 4  
05 : object 5  
06 : object 6

Scale 1:50

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

22 June 2004

We are completing our pass through the south-east quadrant of the north extension, calling it B2003.8 NEX. This pass is a continuation of B2003.7 NEX. It is at the same level as B2003.3/B2003.4/B2003.6 NEX, leaving a pass of about 10cm at the top of the base, leaving a small layer of soil protecting the floor surface. We are screening this material. We have recovered a small amount of juncus from this pass. We also uncovered a small amount of clay, which we logged as 'other' further north. Upon further investigation, the large cuttop in the south of the north extension looks to be straightened on the eastern edge as well, perhaps it sits in a speaker's platform. There seem to be a few more rocks in the south than the north, except for a couple of groupings.

Having completed the south-east quadrant of the northern extension, we started a similar pass in the north-east, calling it B2003.9 NEX. We had taken a standard sample from B2003.8 and have taken one from B2003.9 NEX. We finished B2003.9 NEX quickly. Mandie seems to believe that the clay patch is a floor, and I concur.

We therefore, started to dig a pass down to the floor level in a rough square set off by several large rocks in the area between the two southern quadrants, calling it B2003.10 NEX. We soon found a possible whole pot (a lot of sherds in one area with a complete base) which we logged as object 7 and got an elevation and took an intensive sample from the immediate area. We also uncovered a possible feature, in the form of an upside down rounded 'L' to the north of the 'speaker's platform'.

We finished B2003.10 NEX quickly, and started a pass along the eastern scarp towards the north, calling it B2003.11 NEX. As with all B2003, we are screening all the material from this pass. We are taking a standard soil sample of B2003.11 NEX. This pass will extend from the south of the north extension, along the area where the east wall disappears, up to where it disappears in the north. It shall bridge both eastern quadrants and shall be 2m wide. Towards the

beginning of the northern part of the east wall, Mandie uncovered an area where the floor level jumps up to the level near that of the clay area in the north. We decided, therefore, to move eastward across the whole extension, calling it B2003.12 NEX. We recovered a small bit of bone and pottery. Having completed this pass, we swept up. We then took elevations over the whole of the north extension (see reverse).

object #7  
2 possible whole pot  
H2 (359.32): 8.52  
HI: 360.84  
I: 3.42  
EI: 359.42 m

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2001 Excavator PL

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

22 June 2004,

We have created another extension of trench B2000. This one runs along the eastern wall of the building. I will refer to this area as the eastern extension (EEX). Hopefully, it will help define the transition between the street to the northeast and the pythionion. On second thought, it was decided to name this area last a different trench (B2500). It is roughly 1.55m on the south and 12.74m on the east, being roughly rectangular. It runs directly along the east wall of the pythionion.

We started by removing the vegetation and then started to remove the topsoil from the north at B2501.1. We did not get far before the day was done. We will continue the pass tomorrow. We recovered some pottery, but no bones.

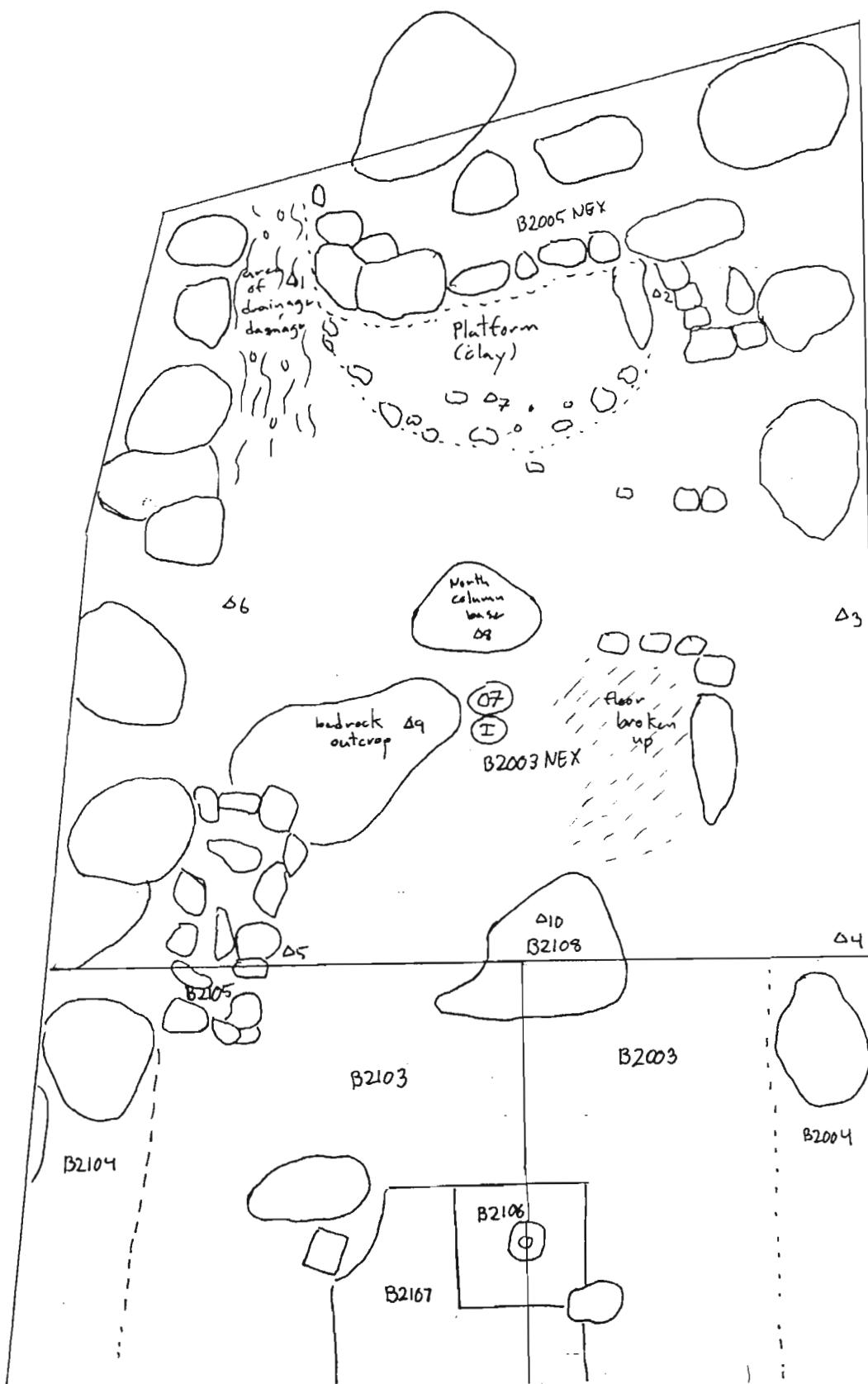
We also gave the 'speaker's platform' its own locus number (B2108). There was a shallow irregular depression on the top, which was filled with dirt. We recovered this dirt as an intensive sample in the hopes that it might reveal some function for the rock.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003 NEX Excavator PL

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

22 June 2004

Sketch of North Extension

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2501 Excavator PL

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

23 June 2004,

We are continuing our pass from yesterday, to remove the topsoil of B2500 (B2501.1), labeling the new-pail B2501.2. We are gradually making our way south. The soil is a dark gray, fairly loose, with some patches of a redder brown and a few small rocks. We are not screening this material. But, we have recovered a little pottery and a minuscule amount of bone so far.

We have encountered more rocks in the north, perhaps forming a diagonal or semicircular terrace with the north. We are also pulling out a substantial amount of ~~the~~ pottery and more bone from this area since the last time I note. We finished the northern portion of the pass and moved to the southern one, changing pails to B2501.3, in order to differentiate the possible terrace from the rest. We are working generally westward.

In general, the trench slopes down to the east (towards the dirt dump). The deposit, therefore, is thinner to the east and thicker to the west (against the trench B2000). In digging, we uncovered a possible stone tool, which we logged as object #1. We are once again finding little bone in this area. We have, however, also uncovered a pipe stem, which we logged as object #2, and a pebble, logged as other.

In the rough centre of the trench there may be a possible feature. This is a hard packed slope of pebbles, clay, and larger rocks which is flanked by a set of larger rocks, including a bed-rock outcrop.

The building wall across from it has one large stone with one side flattened. It needs more investigation, but it may be a ramp leading up from the street to the inside of the building.

We then proceeded to do some wall cleaning of the eastern ~~building~~ wall of the building, using the same pail. Here we uncovered a spindle whorl, and logged it as object #3. We also cleaned some of the wall to the north under pail B2005.3 next. Afterwards, we identified another possible ramp and entrance to the south of the northern step terrace. We decided to make a pass in the

slightly higher area between the two as a different layer (B2502) pail 1. We are taking a pass at roughly the level of a possible surface at the top of the southern ramp. We screened this material. We didn't finish the area by the end of the day. We recorded

boundaries:  
 N: 4.00m  
 W: 14.12m  
 E: 12.72m  
 S: 1.93m

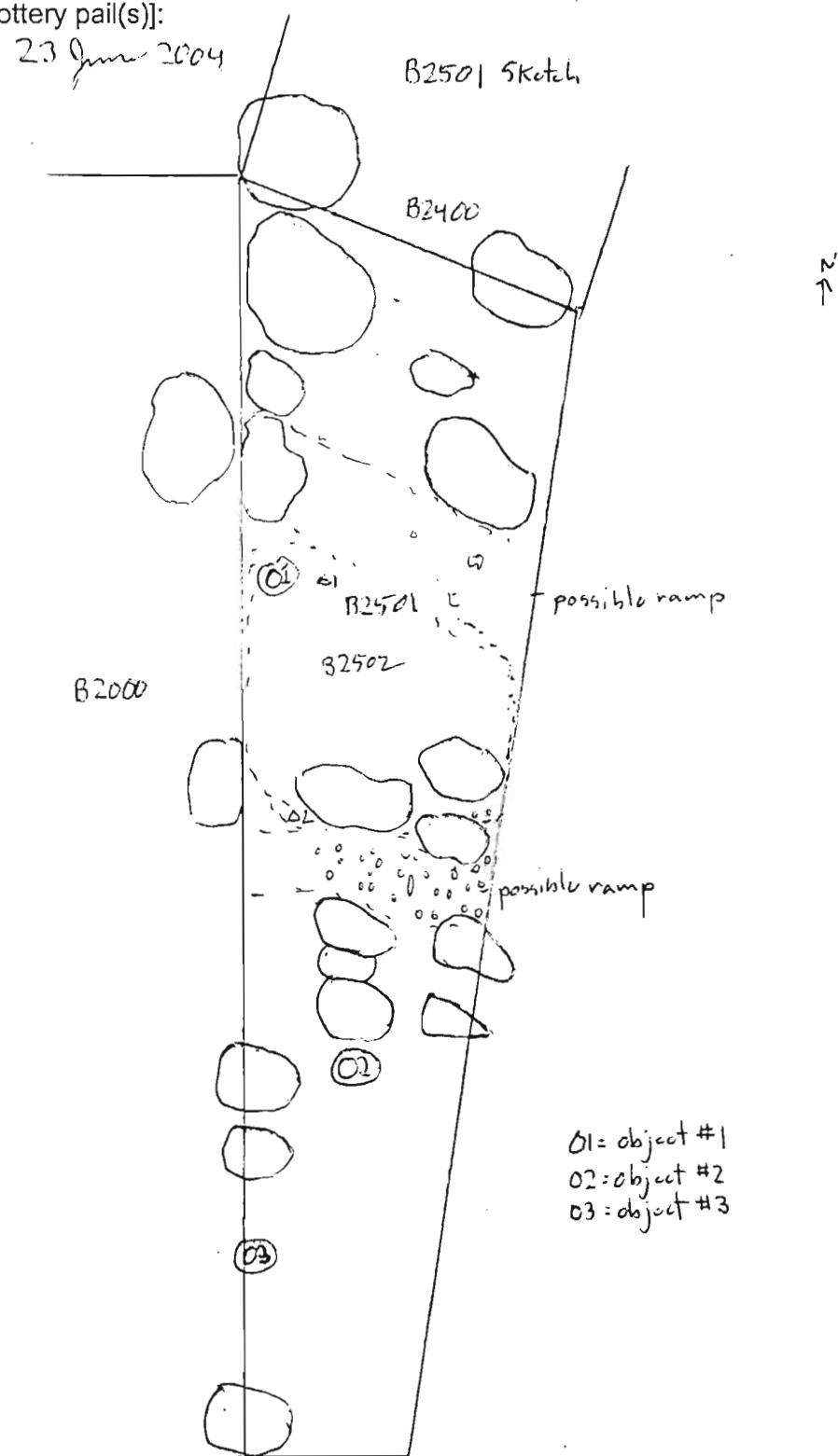
Object #1 possible stone tool HI: 362.84 RI: 3.35 EI: 359.49	Object #3 spindle whorl HI: 362.84 RI: 3.80 EI: 359.04 m	Elevations HI: 362.84 DI: 3.49 D2: 3.91 EI: D1: 359.35 D2: 359.43
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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Trench/Locus \_\_\_\_\_ Excavator \_\_\_\_\_

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

23 June 2004

B2501 sketch



Scale 1:75

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2500 Excavator PL

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

21 June 2004

We are continuing our pass in the somewhat higher area between the two 'ramps', which we have labelled B2502, starting pail 2. We are continuing down to the same potsherds surface level and screening everything. We took a standard soil sample. We then stopped the pass to the level most of the rocks in the north were sitting on. At the same time, we started on the possible 'north' 'ramp', calling it B2503 (pail 1) in an attempt to define it better. We soon found a possible stone tool in the northern area of B2503.1 and tagged it as object #1 for that locus. We also took an intensive soil sample for that locus from the centre. Below the level of the pass, the rocks are somewhat larger, but somewhat less numerous.

Having finished the pass on the ramp, we started a pass in the northern terrace area. Taking down the day to a level of 15-20cm below the surface. We shortly found an unguentarium rim, which we labelled object #1, in the south east, and a round schist potter's lid further west, which we labelled object #2. We are calling the terrace locus B2504, and the pail is number 1. We are screening this locus as well. In all three loci thus far, we are uncovering some pottery, but little bone at all.

Next in B2504.1, we uncovered a fragment of a bedrock quem, which we tagged as object 3, from the screen. The soil here is more reddish brown, but heavy with grey clay. There continue to be a lot of small rocks in the matrix. We then found another possible stone tool (object 4) from the centre of the locus. We also took an intensive soil sample (I) from the area. We are finding more pottery and bone from both pick and screen as we progress northward. Below, is a surface of compacted grey clay.

Having completed the pass in B2504.1, we continued some wall cleaning in the north eastern wall of the building, calling it B2005.4 NEX. We are attempting to remove some of the slipped rock. We are trying to define the true wall line and we are not screening this material. We recovered some pottery, but nothing else. Below and to the east of the B2504.1 terrace, there is a mat of burning framed by the terrace and a bedrock outcrop. We finished

this up and took elevations for different points in B2500. I made the southern ramp its own locus (B2504)

In B2005, we uncovered a second line of rocks behind the 'bench'. this would appear to be the wall face against which the bench was constructed.

## B2503 Elevations:

 $\Delta 1(W): 3.26$  $\Delta 2(E): 3.33$  $\Delta 3(C): 3.55$  $\Delta 4: 362.86$ 

## Elevations:

 $\Delta 1: 359.60$  $\Delta 2: 359.53$  $\Delta 3: 359.31$ 

## B2504 Elevation (F)

 $\Delta 1(N): 3.00$  $\Delta 2(S): 2.28$  $\Delta 3(E): 3.24$  $\Delta 4(W): 3.23$  $\Delta 5(C): 3.17$  $\Delta 6(burn): 3.49$ 

## Elevations:

 $\Delta 1(N): 359.86m$  $\Delta 2(S): 359.58m$  $\Delta 3(E): 359.62m$  $\Delta 4(W): 359.63m$  $\Delta 5(C): 359.69m$  $\Delta 6(burn): 359.37m$ 

## B2505 Elevation (F)

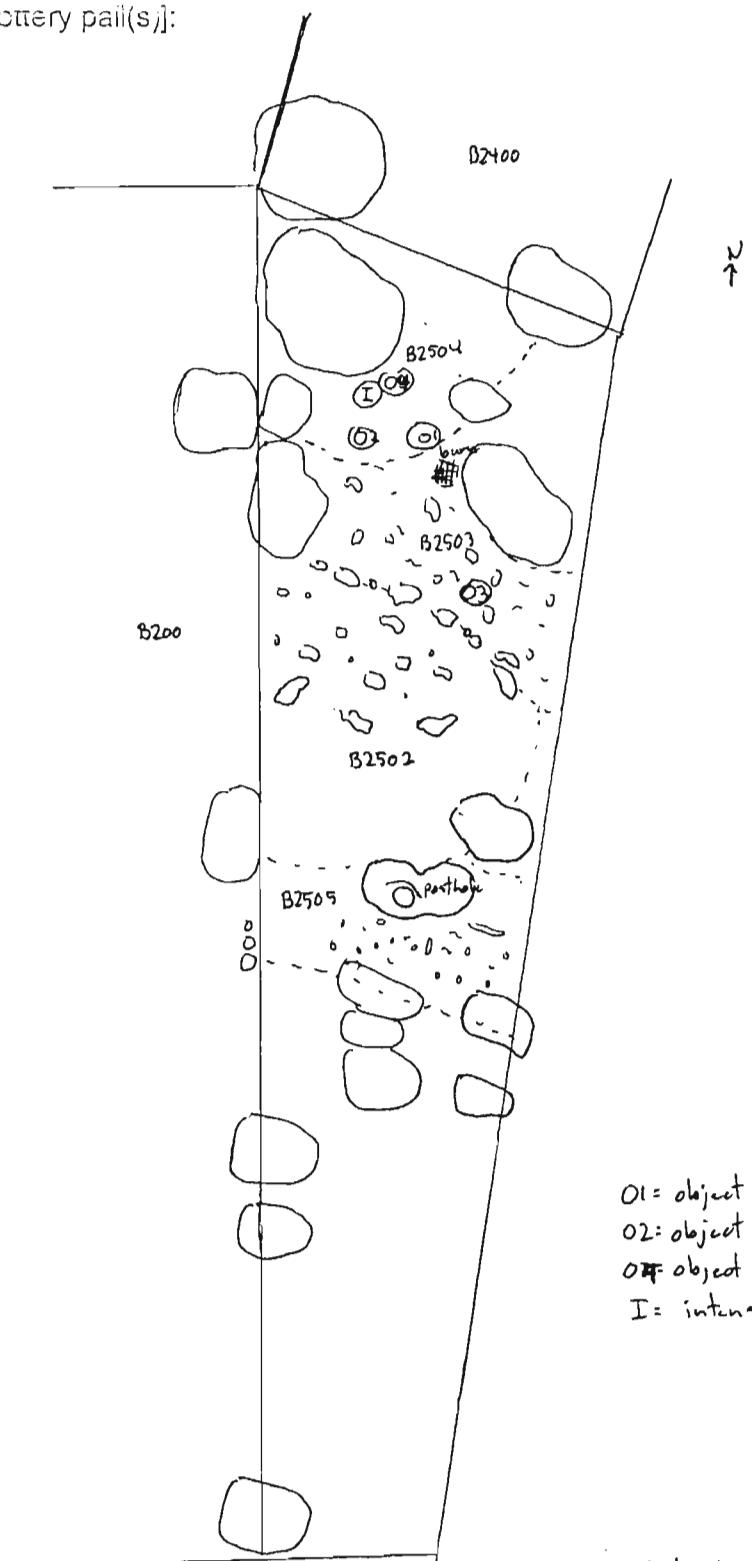
 $\Delta 1(W): 362.86$  $\Delta 2(C): 3.23$  $\Delta 3(L): 3.45$  $\Delta 4(E): 3.57$ 

## Elevations:

 $\Delta 1(W): 359.63m$  $\Delta 2(C): 359.41m$  $\Delta 3(E): 359.29m$

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2500 Excavator PL

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



O1 = object 1 (x2)

O2 = object 2

O4 = object 4

I = intrusive soil sample

Scale 1:75

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2401 Excavator PL

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

30 June 2004

We have returned to B2400, creating an expansion to the south. The measurements were taken and listed to the left. We scraped the surface clean of all loose material and then started to take down the topsoil as B2401.2. We are not screening this material. We are trying to follow the line of the road exposed originally in B2401.1. We dug down to a level marked by the top of a matrix which was somewhat more consolidated than the loose material above it. This firmer material contained more clay and pebble-sized rocks than the material above it. It is uncertain whether this represents any sort of surface, but it does represent a good place to end the pass depth. As we progressed, we encountered a cluster of rocks in the west and exposed more on the east, which formed part of the retaining wall. We left both in place for the moment. We pulled up a good amount of pottery and a minuscule amount of bone from this pail. We also recovered some punica. At the very end of the day, a worker recovered a silver coin from the eastern half of the pass (obv: a wolf's foaparts / rev: an alpha in an incuse square at right angles to obverse). We logged it as object 1 (actually its #2), but did not get a chance to do elevations. We marked the spot and will take them tomorrow. The coin appears to be Argive, though its date has yet to be determined.

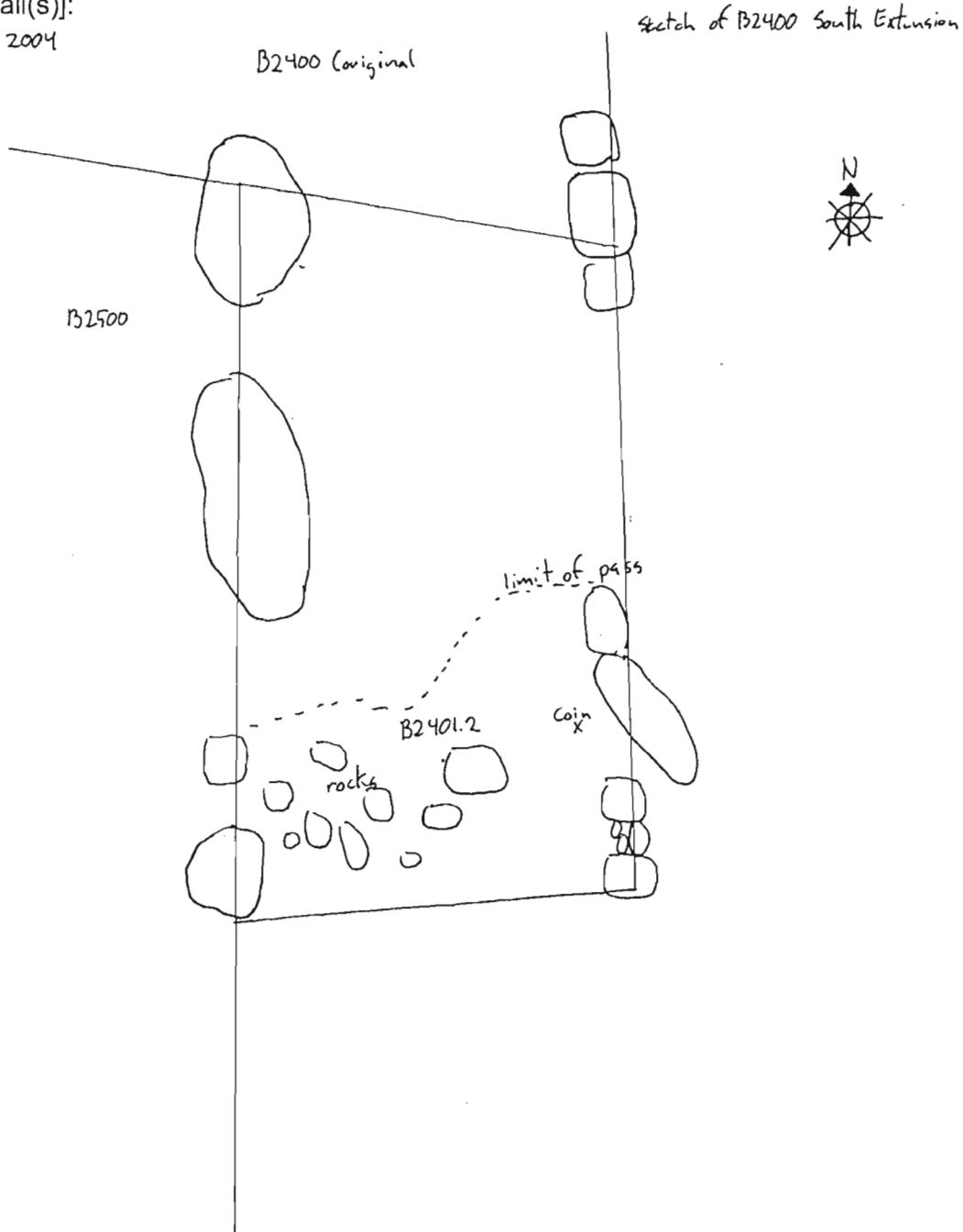
B2400 S.E.X  
boundaries  
N: 2.85 m  
S: 3.00 m  
E: 5.50 m  
W: 5.10 m

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

30 June 2004



Scale 1:50

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator PL

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

01 July 2004

We are continuing the pass, started yesterday under B2401.2, under the pail B2401.3. We are not screening this material. Unfortunately, our markings for the position of the car have moved, so we are unable to get elevations for it today. We proceeded in a northerly direction, down to the level of the slightly more consolidated soil, mixed with clay and rock. In the process, we uncovered numerous large rocks, including an east-west line of them near the south, which may represent a step. When we finished digging the pass, we swept everything down. We next started a pass through the more consolidated yet soft material as ~~B2401.4~~ B2402.1. The difference in the matrix has led me to call it a different locus. We are digging down to a more compacted surface of soil/clay/rock mix. From B2401.3 we uncovered some pottery but no bone. Shortly after starting B2402.1, we recovered a pebble, which we logged as other. We later recovered another. The hard surface below seems to have been the road surface. And there are large rocks which poke through at intervals which seem to have marked changes in level (like cobbles steps). We uncovered and defined more large stones which formed the eastern edge.

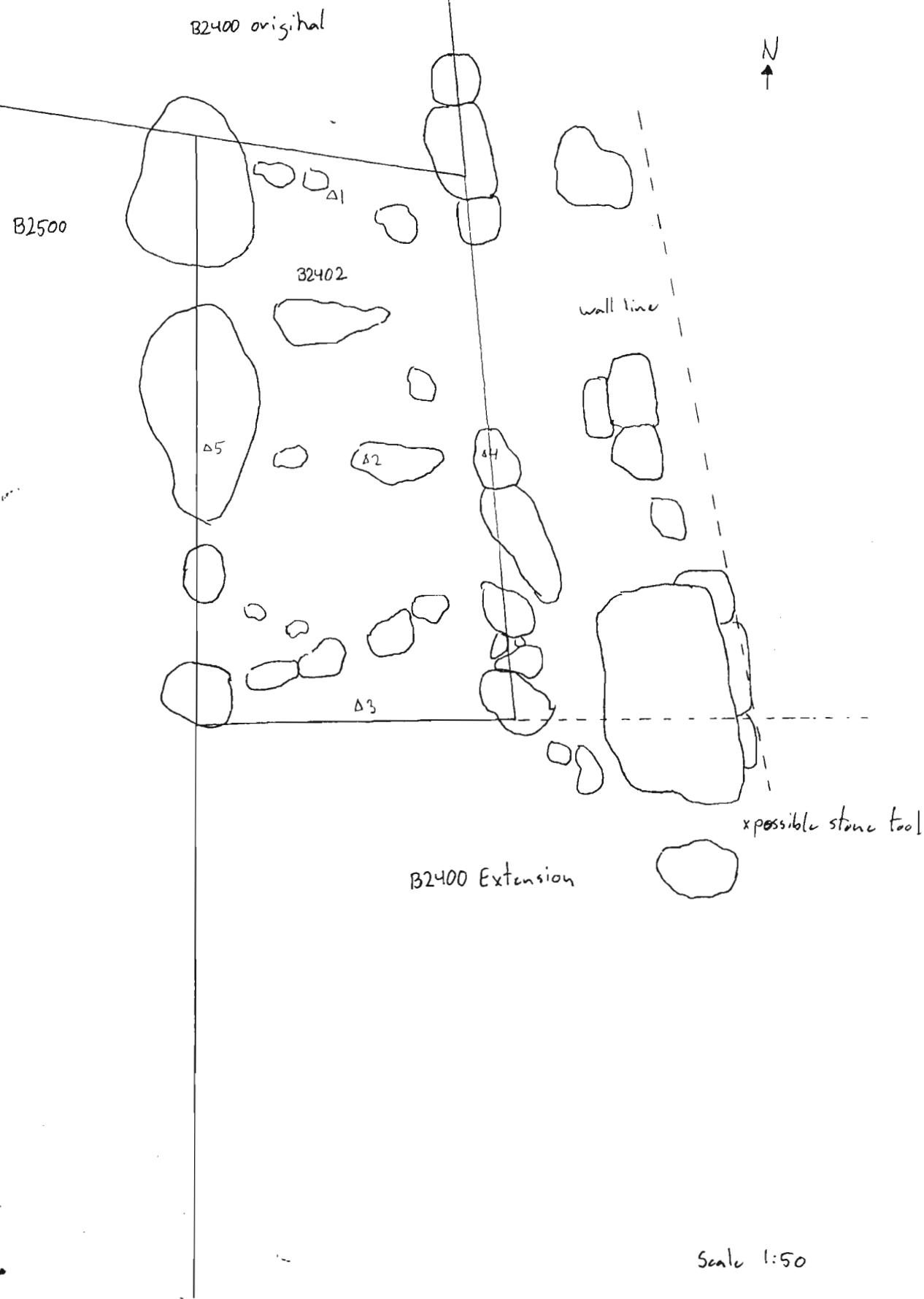
Having finished that pass, we expanded the trench again to the roughly to the line of the dump ramp. We started by scraping the surface down before starting to take down the topsoil as B2401.4. We soon uncovered a possible stone tool in the north west of this southernmost expansion and logged it as object 3, while scraping the surface. We also found some shards while scraping. Therefore, we opened B2401.4 a bit early as the scraping from the southernmost extension. At the same time, our cleaning uncovered a large wall running north-south along the edge of the terrace, about 1 m. from the road's east edge, but below any modern material. It may be an ancient wall associated in some way with the road. We will investigate this further later. By the end of the day, we had not entirely finished the scraping and cleaning of the southernmost extension and the wall. We will finish tomorrow, before starting a pass in the southernmost extension.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator PL

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

01 July 2004

sketch of B2402 Area



Scale 1:50

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2401 Excavator PL

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

02 July 2004

We finished scraping down the southernmost extension of B2400 early today. We collected the odd shard under B2400.5 and kept the same pail as we began a dug pass from the east (which is mildly down-slope). We are not screening this material. We took the dimensions of the extension as well (see left-hand sidebar). We are coming down on a hard layer of clay and pebbles below the layer of the topsoil. As we may be coming down on some sort of surface, I've had a standard (5L) soil sample taken though we are still in topsoil. We are finding a fair amount of pottery but very little bone (i.e. none so far). We soon found a possible lid or plug in the southeast, which we logged as object #4 for the locus. There seems to be more rocks on the eastern side, near the terrac wall and a large bedrock outcrop to the north. We next uncovered a (soa) pebble which we logged as other. Next, we set up the dump level and took some elevations of a previously dug section of B2400. As we were doing this, a loom-weight was uncovered by Matina, and we logged it as ~~other~~ object 5. A little later, we uncovered what looked like a quarter of a stone dish. We logged this as object 6. As we go further north, the ~~(soa)~~ hard surface ~~goes~~ beneath the topsoil seems to be coming up. In digging ~~now~~ in the northwest of the extension, near the possible northern ramp into the Prytanion, Mather exposed a large rock with a slightly indented flat upper surface which could have supported a post or column. This would mirror the more evident hole near the southern ramp. It may be evidence for a porticoed porch on the eastern edge of the Prytanion.

B2400 SEX  
Dimensions  
N: 5.70m  
E: 3.70m  
W: 3.60m  
S: 5.40m

Certainly the rock seems to be the edge of something as it forms a right angle with a large rock, which itself seems to define the southern edge of the north ramp. Also in the northwest, we uncovered a minuscule amount of carbon, which we logged. In the centre of the extension ~~bed~~ was a patch of top soil, which was looser and more pebbly, but it bottomed out on the hard surface anyway, so we just continued. Soon, a stone fragment being very smooth on one surface (possible stone tool?) was uncovered. We logged it as object 7 for this locus. Almost immediately after, we recorded a small stone which showed some signs of being worked and another possible stone tool, which ~~we~~ we logged as objects

B2402 Elevations  
R2 (359.32m) 353  
HI: 362.85  
Δ1(N): 3.46  
Δ2(C)(rock): 3.48  
Δ3(S)~~(bed)~~: 3.79  
Δ4(E)(rock): 2.94  
Δ5(W)(outcrop): 3.65  
EI:  
Δ1: 359.39  
Δ2: 359.37  
Δ3: 359.06  
Δ4: 359.91  
Δ5: 359.20

8 and 9 respectively. We also lowered the dump level to a new position

Object #9 R2(359.32m) 1.90 HI: 361.12m R: 2.41 EI: 358.71m	Object #7 HI: 362.88 R: 4.12 EI: 358.76	Object 6 HI: 362.88 R: 4.06 EI: 358.82m	Object 5 HI: 362.85 R: 4.30 EI: 358.55m
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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator PL

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

02 July 2004

→ in order to use the ~~the~~ shorter stadia rod when taking deviations. In the west, the hard surface disappears. Instead we are digging down on a softer mix of clay, soil and pebbles. This material seems similar to that B2402 further north. Upon further examination, however, this material only seems to exist in a small patch in the west-central portion of the extension, where the hard packed surface has a sudden, localized, drop.

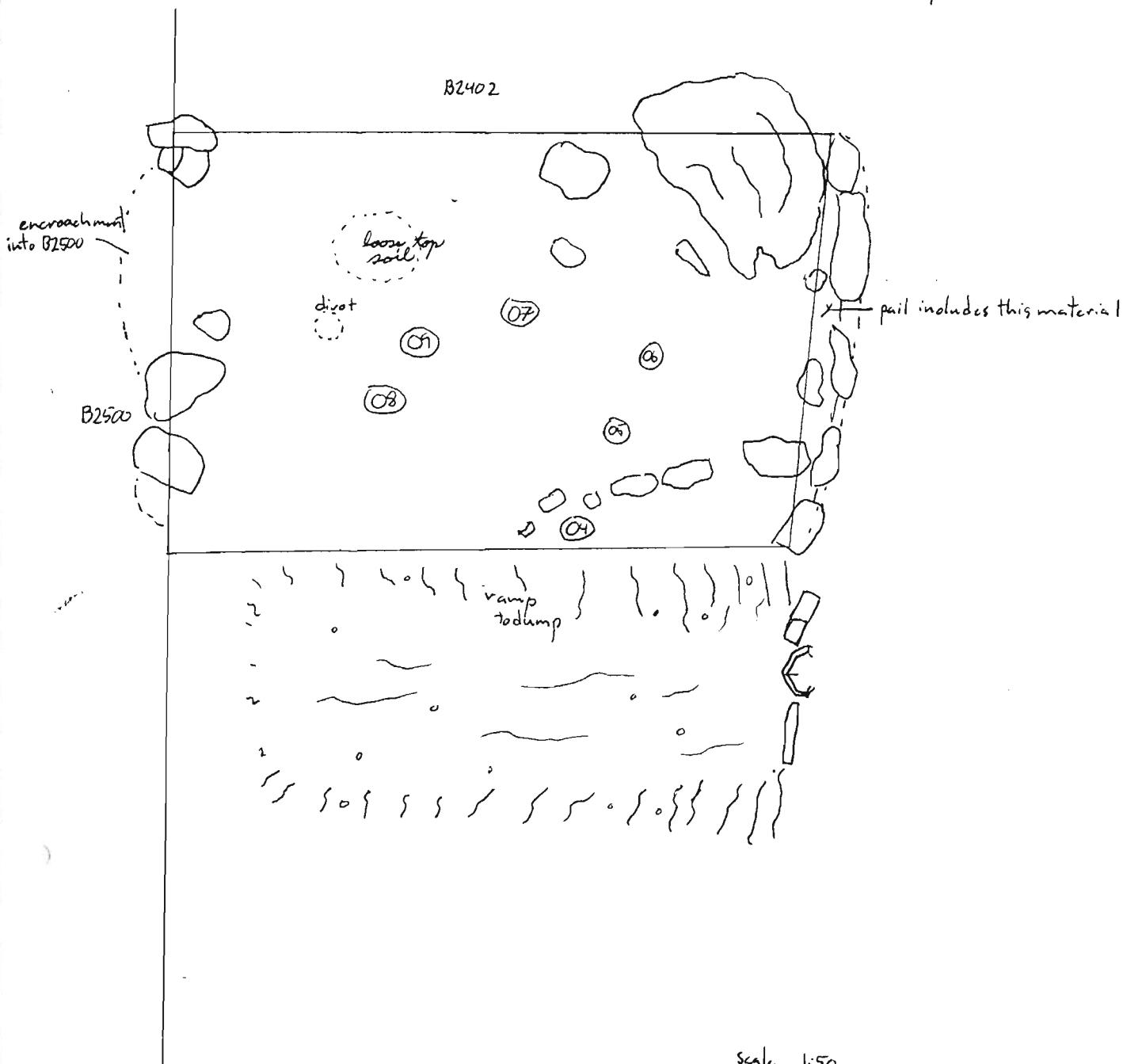
In order to follow the transition between the road and the raised 'podi' area of B2500, we continued digging the pass into the area of B2500. We followed the hard packed road surface up to the area in B2500 where there is a marked shift in elevation (between 'podi' and road). At this point, as the day was almost over, we began to sweep down the last of the loose material. By the end of the day, some sweeping was still left to be done, but not much. We will finish this quickly on Monday. In all, we recovered one moderate sack of pottery, a small amount of bone, a minute amount of carbon, one standard sample of soil, and five objects (mostly stone) from this pail.

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2401 Excavator PL

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



Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator PL

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

05 July 2004

We are finishing sweeping down the southernmost extension of B2400. Upon second inspection, there are a couple of matters of note in the interface between B2500 & B2400. First, one of the very large rocks next to the southern ramp, seems to be laid on moderately sized rocks (or they buttress it in place). A little further north is a 'L' shaped formation of stones (regularized) which may be some sort of feature associated with the pyramidion. In order to clarify the matter, we are doing 2 things. First we dug into the rocks which I had thought part of a ramp ~~in the~~ the northern foot as B2401.6. Here we removed 2 pottery shreds and some of the loose soil from the area. We did not screen this material. Next we started digging a sondage in the central area of the extension, taking it down as B2403 (pail 1). Here, we soon encountered an even harder packed clay surface immediately below (2-3cm) the hard packed clay/stonesurface we had dug down to originally. We are screening this material. Upon hitting this 2<sup>nd</sup> surface in the southwest, we took an intensive soil sample (I 1). We temporarily left this area and returned to B2401.6 in order to remove more of the dirt and loose rocks so that the interface between the 'L' shaped feature and area of the northern ramp might be more clearly defined. Here, many well set stones of moderate size (0.15-0.25 m long) interspersed with (small) pebbles as packing. Indeed the stones seem to form sets of lines (almost a <sup>stepped</sup> narrow V) between two very large rocks. Next we started a pass across the feature, calling it B2403.2. We are screening this material. We soon came down ~~on~~ (going through the clay) upon a looser layer with a heavy stone concentration, which may have been packing for the clay. At the same time, we cleaned the stones and found a line of stones in the north which defines the boundary of the feature. We did not find much of anything by either pick or screen from the top of the feature, which looks more and more like a bench. We extended the pass a wee bit to the west (c. 0.35-0.40 m) in order to help define the transition between essentially B2502 and the feature. We soon encountered a line of rocks running vaguely ~~north-south~~, <sup>west - east</sup> interspersed with pebbles. It may possibly be 2 lines of stones (steps?) but, in that case, neither line is complete. Certainly, one step is possible. We also took out some dirt in the south-east corner of the bench/feature in order to define it. The south-east corner is much lower than the other rocks of the feature, but there are still stones in place. We then proceeded to do some more clearing of the upper surface of the feature.

R2: 359.32

HI (+1.97): 361.29

$\Delta_1$  (N): 2.31 (358.98)

$\Delta_2$  (S): 2.74 (358.55)

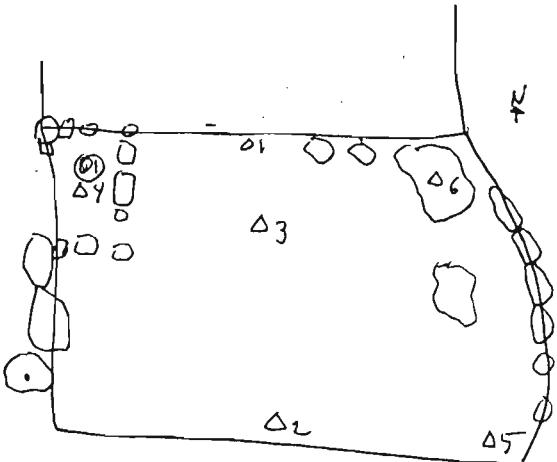
$\Delta_3$  (C): 2.48 (358.81)

$\Delta_4$  (W (inside bench)): 2.26 (359.03)

$\Delta_5$  (SE corner): 3.11 (358.18)

$\Delta_6$  (E (bedrock)): 2.44 (358.85)

O1: 2.34 (358.95)



Year 2001 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator PL

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

We soon uncovered a coin (Argive tetradbol) during the process of clearing, which we logged as object #1 for locus and took its elevation. In the southern half of the feature, we hit a patch of looser brown soil, which we dug <sup>around it</sup> carefully ~~shallow~~ as it may be from below the surface and making we wanted.

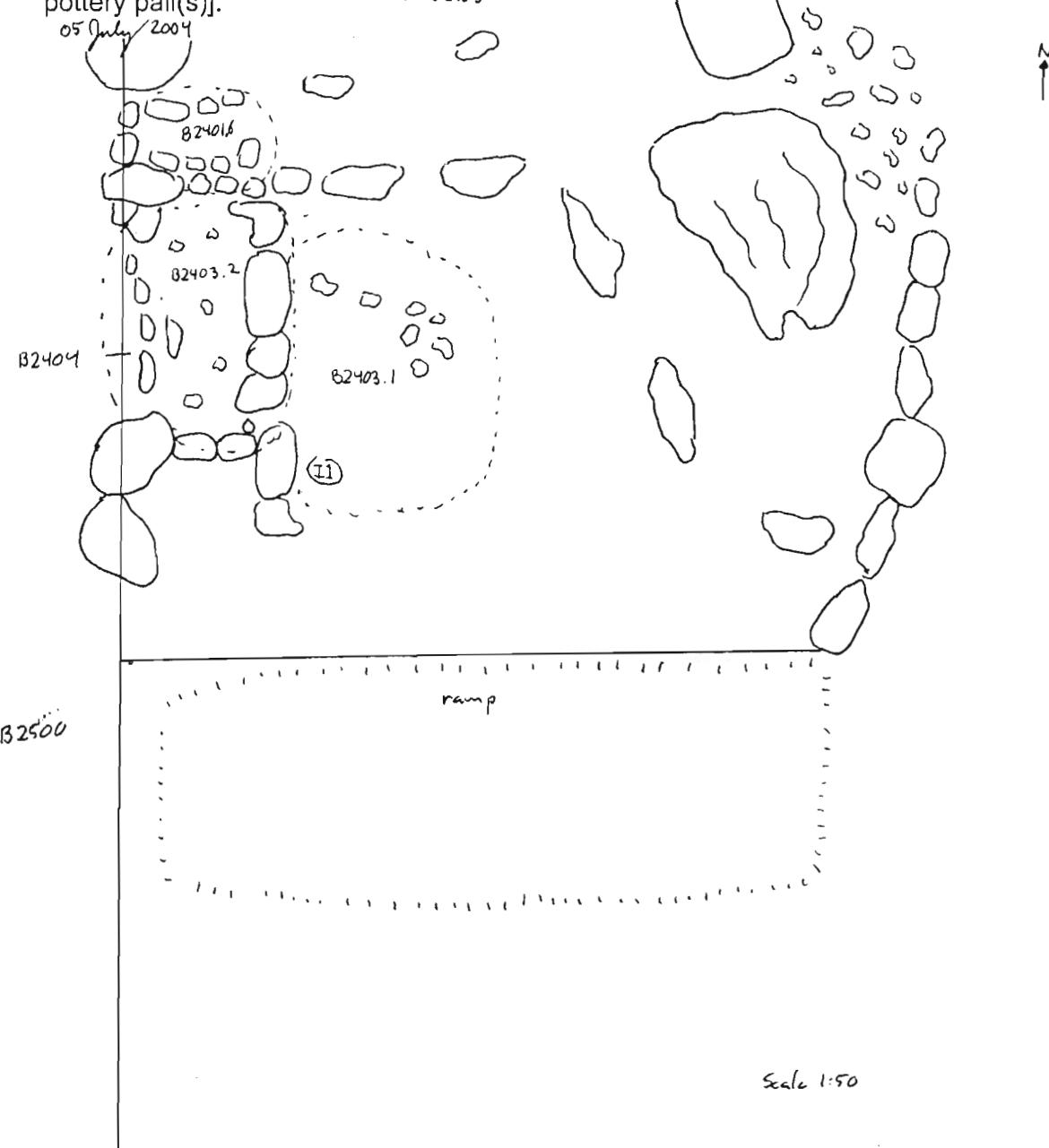
Having completed our work on top of the feature, we returned to our work in the central area (B2403.1). We are proceeding northwards from the area immediately adjacent to the feature. We are pulling out more pottery now. Many of the sherd<sup>s</sup> are pressed into the hard-packed clay, which seems to form the majority of the matrix so far. The stuff we are actually digging through continues to be a combination of packed clay and rocks. The surface to which we are digging seems fairly level and the matrix overlying it gets thicker as we go north. Several moderately large stones (0.5' at long) lie atop it singly and in piles. We are recovering a fair amount of pottery, but little bone. The pottery seems especially concentrated in areas where there are stones on the surface from tumble (from the centre north). Among <sup>one of</sup> those piles in the centre of the area, we uncovered a possible stone tool, which we logged as object #2 for the locus. One large cluster of stones (some combat into the floor) lies in the centre of the area.

By the end of the day, we had not finished our pass with B2403.1. Some material was still left in the north and east to be removed. We will finish this off tomorrow. In all, we recovered a fair amount of pottery, but little bone. I also have designated the bench feature as the new locus ~~B2400~~ B2404. In addition, we took a standard soil sample of B2403.1.

Object 2  
12+198

R: 2.61

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Sketch of B2403

Scale 1:50

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2400 Excavator P1

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

06 July 2004

We are continuing our pass, started yesterday as B2403.1, into the hard packed clay/stone mix of the central area of B2400's southernmost extension. We are labelling it B2403.3. We are screening all of this material. We are working in the northern edge of the area currently, finding a lot of fair sized rocks ~~etc.~~, intermixed with pottery, and tumbled about. We have taken an intensive soil sample (T1) from this area and are working on a standard one. As we go north, we are approaching a line of rectangular(-ish) large stones which runs up to near B2404's north end. This may be some sort of wall or step between the level above (north) and the surface below (south). Upon suggestion of the director, we are going to take the tumble in the northwest corner as a separate pail (B2403.4). This area is sandwiched between B2404 and the wall/step to the north. With further examination, it may be that the wall may represent 2 steps as there is in reality two lines of stone on different levels (the northern one is discontinuous), We took another standard sample <sup>from</sup> ~~of~~ the pail. After removing the tumble down to the surface of level in that corner (thereby revealing a very nice corner between the stepline and B2404), we proceeded to do a bit of cleaning on top of the steps as B2403.5. In all the pails done so far today, we have recovered a fair amount of pottery ~~etc.~~ (especially B2403.4) but little if any bone. Upon completion of B2403.5, we swept the extension down and took some final elevations (see back). A set of record photographs was then taken from the south. We then closed the pails and took a series of elevations in B2400 and the neighbouring trenches.

In addition, I have designated the stairs running east-west from B2404 as B2405, thereby giving them ~~their~~ own locus number.

R2 (359.32): 188

HI: 361.20

Δ1: 2.43 (358.77)

Δ2: 2.52 (358.68)

Δ3: 2.17 (359.03)

Δ4: 2.26 (358.94)

Δ5: 2.21 (358.99)

Δ6: 2.22 (358.99)

Δ7: 2.11 (359.09)

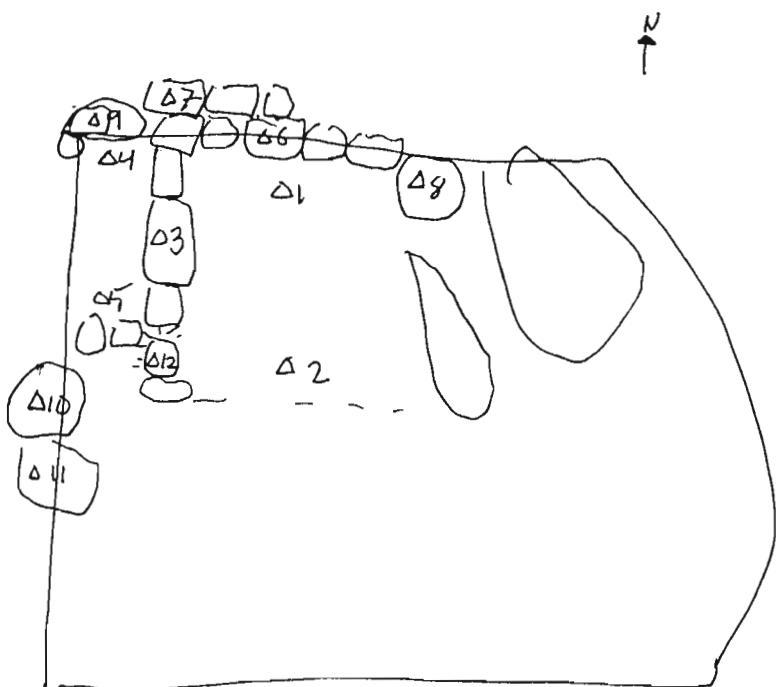
Δ8: 2.21 (358.99)

Δ9: 1.75 (359.45)

Δ10: 1.75 (359.45)

Δ11: 1.86 (359.36)

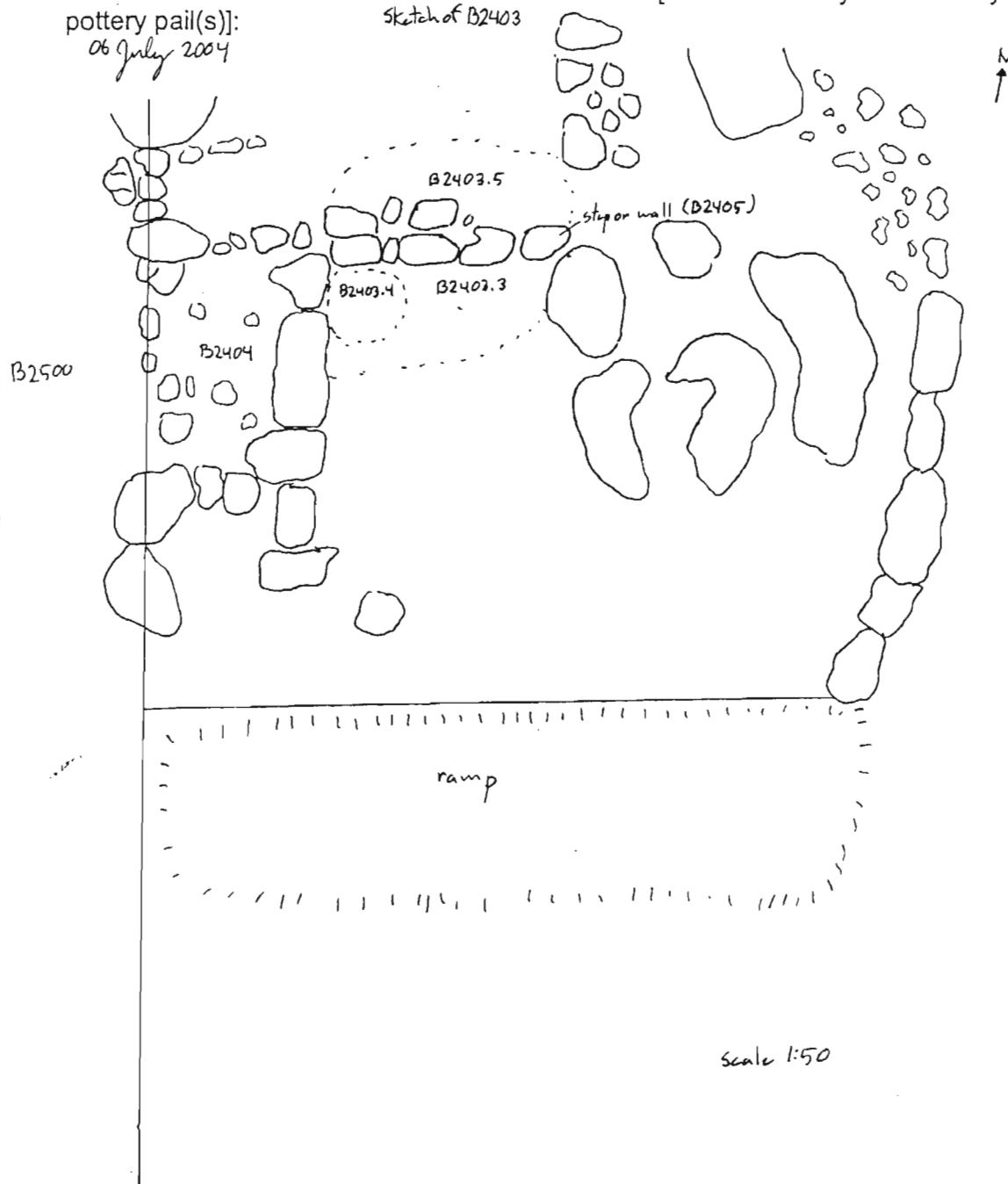
Δ12: 2.37 (358.83)



Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2403 Excavator PL

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:  
Sketch of B2403

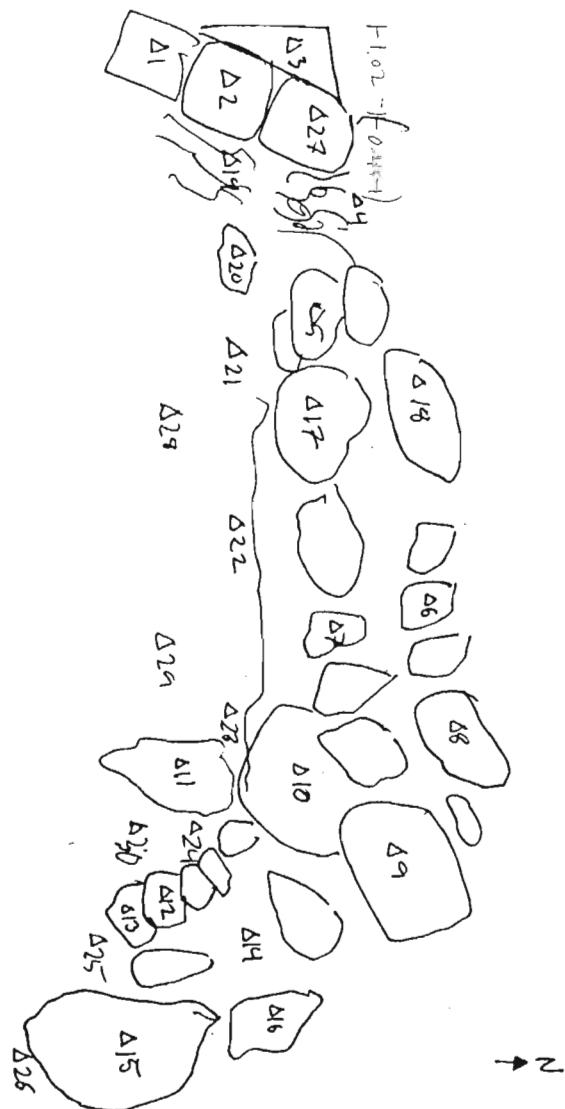
06 July 2004



Year 2000 Trench/Locus B 2000 Excavator PL

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

R2(359.32): 3.54	3.56
HI: 362.86	
Δ1: 2.54	✓ (360.32)
Δ2: 2.24	2.29 ( <del>360.62</del> ) (360.57)
Δ3: 2.60	2.63 ( <del>360.26</del> ) (360.23)
Δ4: 2.26	2.28 (360.58)
Δ5: 2.01	2.02 (360.84)
Δ6: 1.81	1.82 (361.04)
Δ7: 2.28	2.80 (360.56)
Δ8: 1.77	1.75 (361.11)
Δ9: 2.07	✓ (360.79)
Δ10: 2.37	2.40 (360.46)
Δ11: 3.01	<del>3.01</del> ✓ (359.85)
Δ12: 2.66	2.62 (360.24)
Δ13: 2.73	2.71 (360.15)
Δ14: 2.07	2.84 (360.02)
Δ15: 2.56	<del>2.56</del> ✓ (360.30)
Δ16: 2.77	2.76 (360.10)
Δ17: 2.01	2.06 (360.80)
Δ18: 1.85	1.87 (360.99)
Δ19: 3.10	3.21 (359.65)
Δ20: 2.99	3.01 ( <del>2.99</del> ) (359.77)
Δ21: 3.06	3.09 (359.76)
Δ22: 3.08	3.10 (359.75)
Δ23: 3.12	3.11 (359.74)
Δ24: 3.14	3.12 (359.66)
Δ25: 3.22	3.20 (359.62)
Δ26: 3.24	✓ 1.82 (see below) (361.01) * only one
Δ27:	
Δ28: 3.16 (359.68)	
Δ29: 3.10 (359.76)	
Δ30: 3.13 (359.73)	



3.51 (362.83) HI  
HI: 362.96

Year 2004 Trench/Locus 82500/B2400 Excavator PL

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

## Sketch Plan for Elevation Points

B2400/B2500

06 July 2004

R2 (359.32); 1.93

HE: 361.25

Δ1: 1.61 (359.64)

Δ2: 1.62 (359.43)

Δ3: 1.66 (359.57)

Δ4: 1.85 (359.40)

Δ5: 1.92 (359.33)

Δ6: 2.04 (359.21)

Δ7: 1.81 (359.44)

Δ8: 1.98 (359.27)

Δ9: 2.04 (359.21)

Δ10: 2.17 (359.08)

Δ11: 2.10 (359.15)

Δ12: 1.79 (359.46)

Δ13: 1.93 (359.32)

Δ14: 2.32 (358.93)

Δ15: 2.25 (359.00)

Δ16: 2.24 (359.01)

Δ17: 2.42 (359.83)

Δ18: 2.19 (359.06)

Δ19: 2.16 (359.09)

Δ20: 2.33 (358.92)

Δ21: 2.19 (359.06)

Δ22: 2.27 (358.98)

Δ23: 2.50 (358.75)

Δ24: 2.47 (358.78)

Δ25: 2.27 (358.98)

Δ26: 2.22 (359.03)

Δ27: 2.22 (359.03)

Δ28: 2.10 (359.15)

Δ29: 2.23 (359.02)

Δ30: 2.31 (358.86)

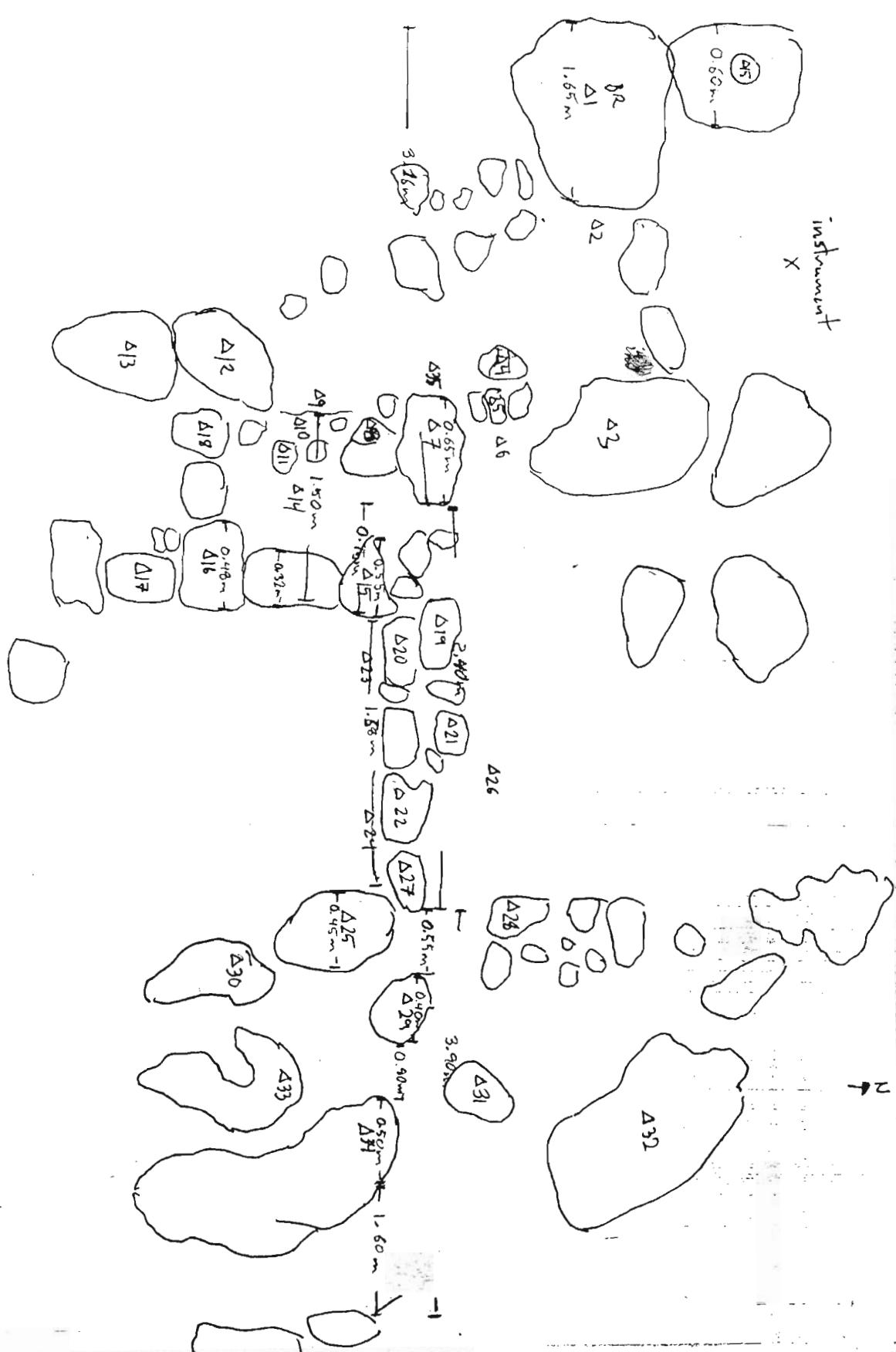
Δ31: 2.17 (359.08)

Δ32: 2.14 (359.11)

Δ33: 2.11 (358.84)

Δ34: 2.35 (358.90)

Δ35: (359.32)



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~~B1400~~

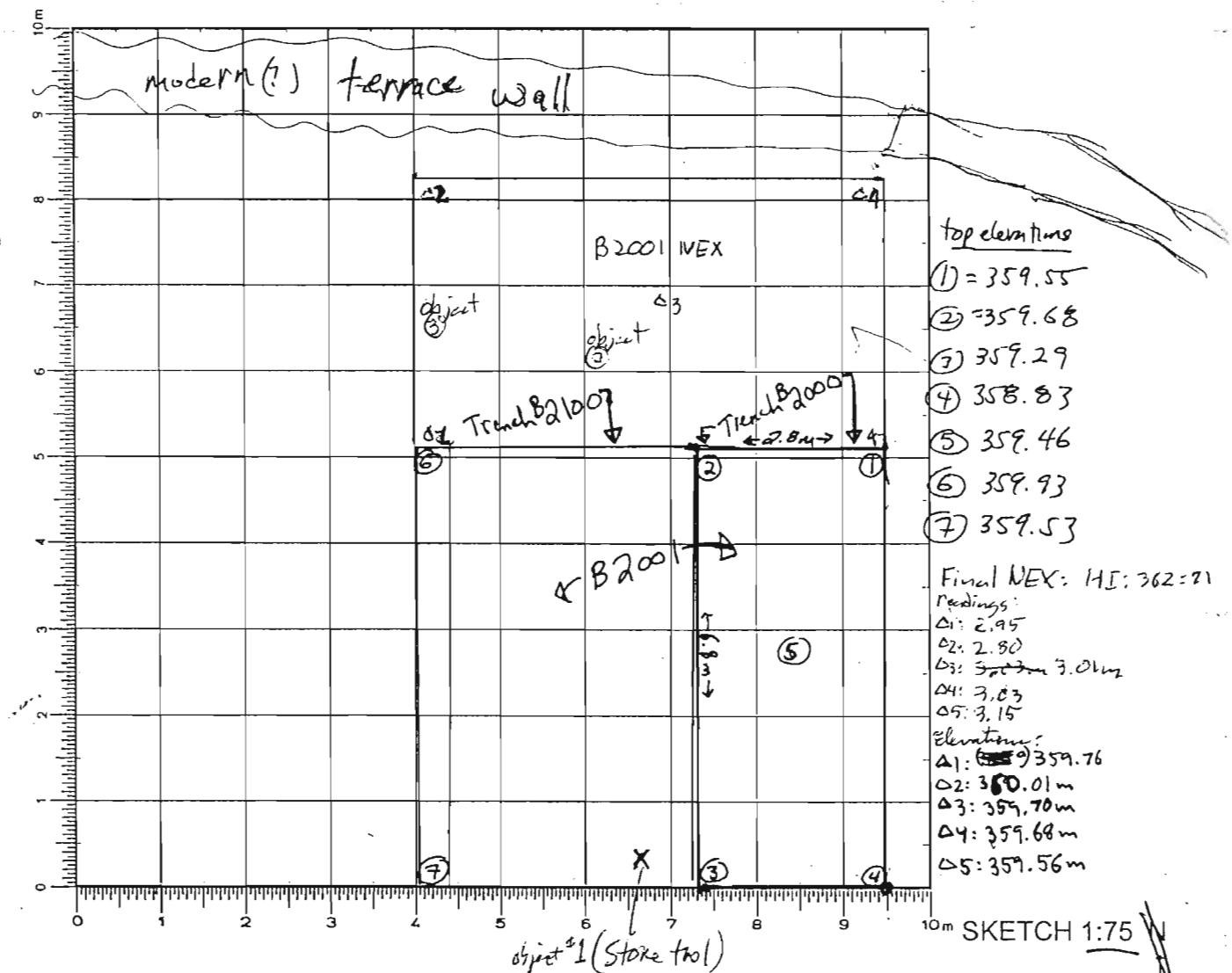
B1400

ElevationsBenchmark used: R2

Reading on

Benchmark: 359.32

H.I.: 360.96



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

Today's date: 7 June 04 Locus above: \_\_\_\_\_

Locus parameters: south of B1400, on flatter slope ("Agora"?) [both B2000 + B2100]

Verbal description:

topsoil layer (loose, dark brown, many large rocks [c.20 cm])

Later, we enlarged the trench to the north, calling it trench 2000 North Extension or NEX

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

7 June 04: We open up new area south of B1400 where the slope is much more gradual. The current hypothesis is that this area ~~will~~ might be the Agora of the settlement — whether that's true or not, it is a promising area for architectural features.

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## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B2001.1	stone tool	edge of sand side of B2001	359.25	
2	B2001.2 NEX	possible stone tool	western side		
3	B2001.2 NEX	possible stone tool	western side		
4	B2001.3 Terrace	stone tool	modern terrace		
5	B2001.4 NEX	possible stone tool			
6	B2001.2 NEX	sea pebble			
7	B2001.5 NEX	possible stone tool	western half		
8	B2001.6 NEX	fragment of ceramic	ceramic bag		

#### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2002 Excavator MCA

Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 359.32  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 2.20  
H.I.: 361.52

top of B2002.1 :

- (1) = 359.54 (NE)
- (2) = 359.58 (NW)
- (3) = 359.27 (SW)
- (4) = 358.82 (SE)
- (5) = 359.38 (center)

top of B2002.2 :

[H.I. = 361.25]

- (1) 359.47
- (2) 359.45
- (3) 359.22
- (4) 359.28

bottom of B2002.2 :

- (1) 359.38 [H.I. = 361.25]
  - (2) 359.37
  - (3) 359.17
  - (4) 359.25
  - (5) 359.09 (SE)
- inside possible corner

10m SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

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

Today's date: 8 June 2004 Locus above: B2001

Locus parameters: all of B2002;  
in "Agora" area, south of B1400 & terrace wall; adjacent to B2100 [to west]

Verbal description:

soil is brown, somewhat loose; some small rocks

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

8 June 2004: We dig first layer under topsoil, throughout trench B2002. In first pass (B2002.1), less pottery + bone than in B2001. The wall along east side of trench (now = B2002<sup>1/2</sup>) is now more visible - <sup>evidence</sup> remains of 2 courses so far, but

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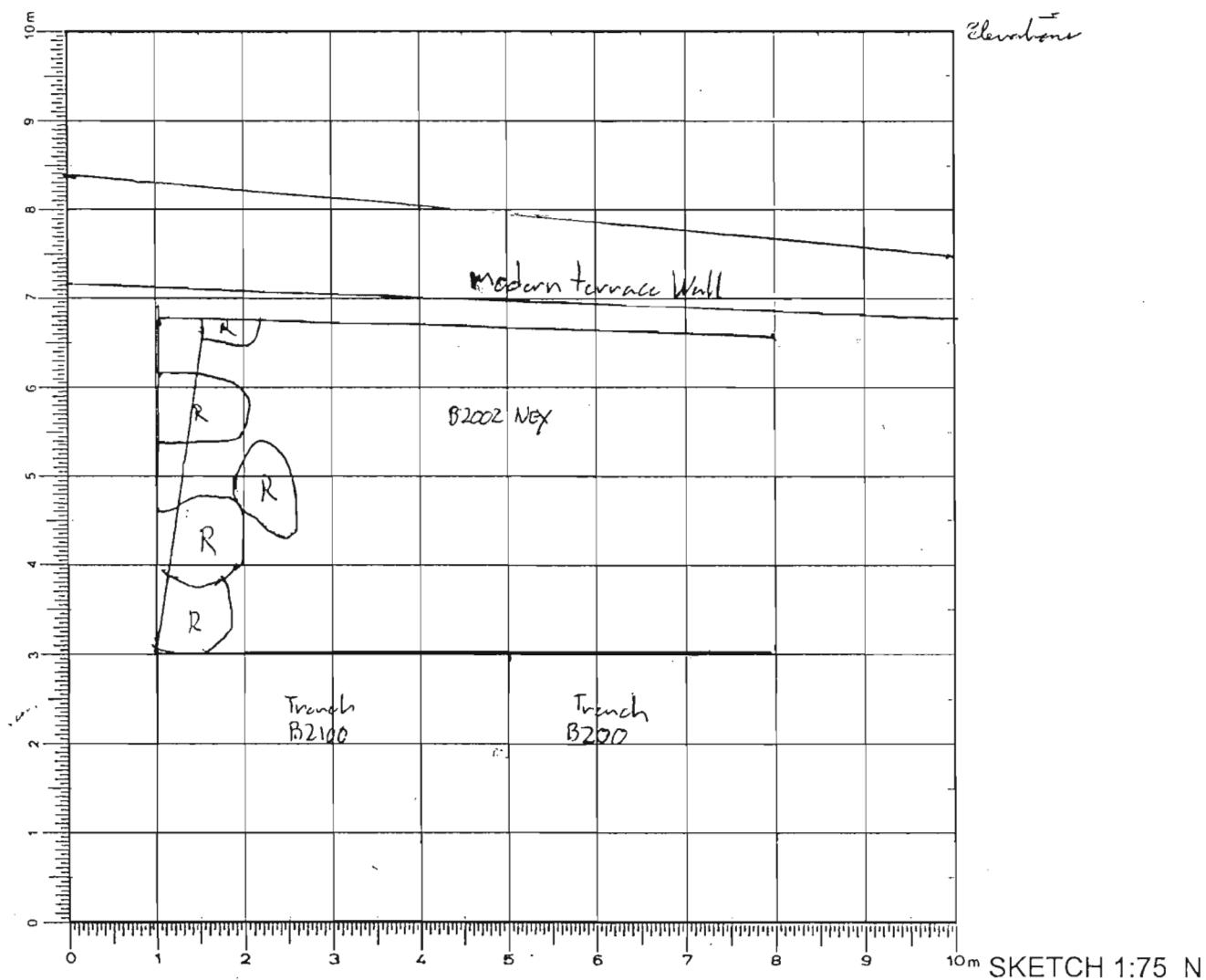
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Elevations

Benchmark used:  
Reading on  
Benchmark:  
H.I.:



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

Today's date: 11 June 2004 Locus above: B2001 NEX

Locus parameters: south edge 6.98m, east edge 3.20m, north edge 6.96m, west edge 3.70m

Verbal description: This locus is the area below the topsoil of the northern extension, but still in the plough-disturbed zone. It is equivalent to both B2002 & B2102 in the trenches to the south. Unless flooring appears earlier, we will take it down to the layer of tumble in the southern trench and, then, change loci.

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

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## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2003

Excavator PL

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (357.32m)

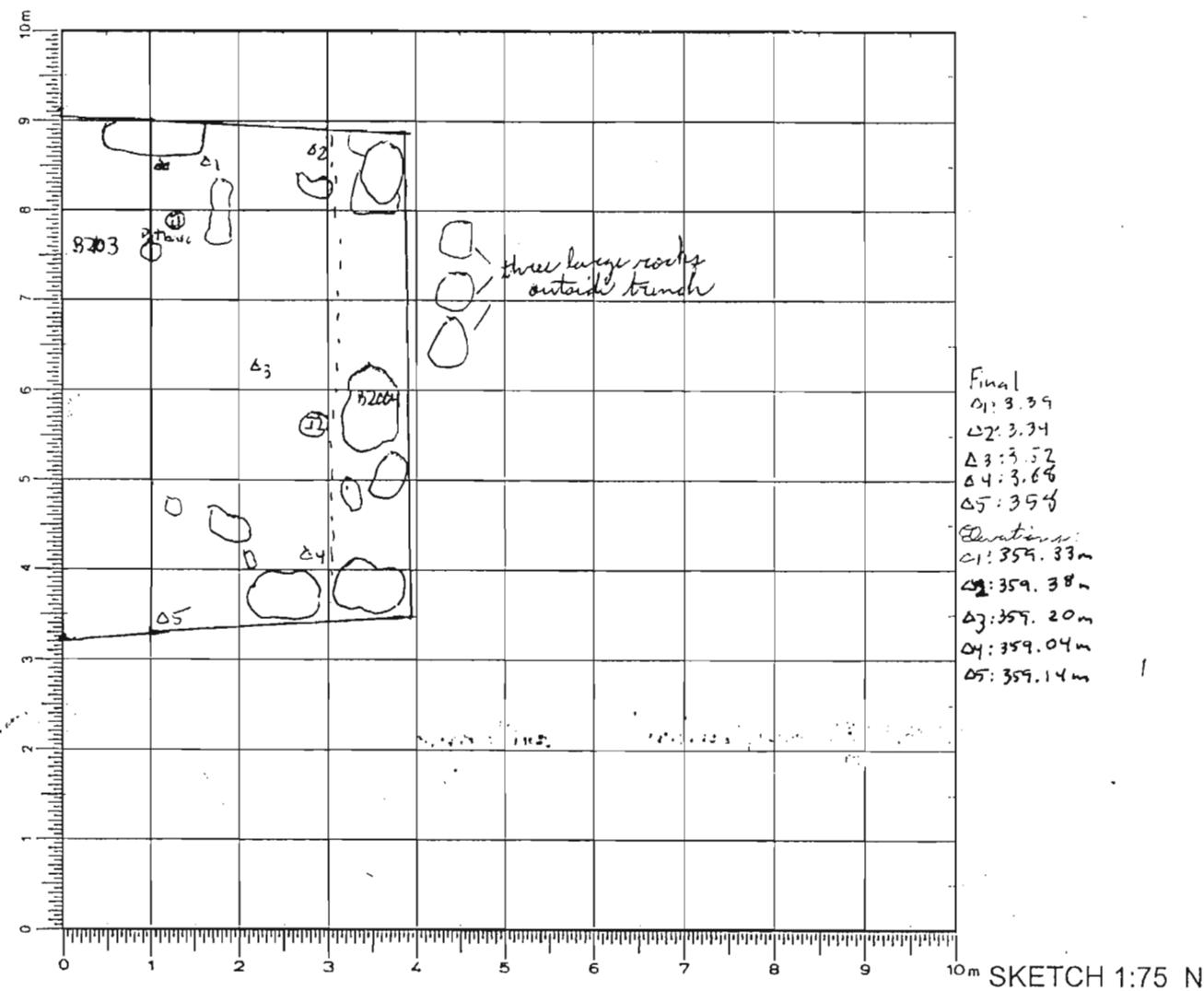
Reading on

Benchmark:

3.40m

H.I.:

1382.72m



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

Today's date: 04 June 2004 Locus above: 2002

Locus parameters: north edge 2.92m, east edge 6.30m, south edge 2.93m, west edge 6.75m

Verbal description: We are continuing along floor level found at bottom of B2003 to the west. The locus line consists of similar material (stubble of stone but mostly clay) which lies above the floor level. The soil is a light grey-brown with clay and pebbles. Several very large rocks border the area along the east and ~~south~~ south. Another very large rock, which appears flattened on the south side, lies in the north west corner of the locus and straddles into trench B2100.

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

This appears to be the eastern part of a large enclosed public space. (04 June 2004)

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B2003.1	F0.500 / C2.400kg	F163 / 699	LMIIIC, EO, Archaic
B2003.2	F0.500 / C3.000kg	F130 / C75	LMIIIC, LG, EO, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2003.3 NEX	3.125 kg	221	Archaic, Hellenistic
B2003.4 NEX	3.450 kg	318	LMIIIC, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2003.5 NEX	0.825 kg	83	Archaic
B2003.6 NEX	2.660 kg	161	LMIIIC, Archaic, Hell?
B2003.7 NEX	1.850 kg	132	Archaic
B2003.8 NEX	2.600 kg	152	LG-EO, Archaic, Hell
B2003.9 NEX	0.1.025 kg	73	Archaic, Hellenistic
B2003.10 NEX	1.430 kg	148	LMIIIC, LG, Archaic
B2003.11 NEX	0.760 kg	27	Archaic +?
B2003.12 NEX	0.775	61	FN, Archaic, Hell?

## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B2003.3 NEX	loom weight	west half		
2	B2003.5 NEX	spindle whorl	south edge, SW quadrant	359.38m	
3	B2003.5 NEX	possible stone tool	center, SW quadrant	359.36m	
4	B2003.6 NEX	possible stone tool	west, NW quadrant	359.58m	
5	B2003.7 NEX	possible stone tool	SE quadrant	359.50m	
6	B2003.7 NEX	spindle whorl	center, SE quadrant	359.50m	
7	B2003.10 NEX	geometric weight	ceramic base		

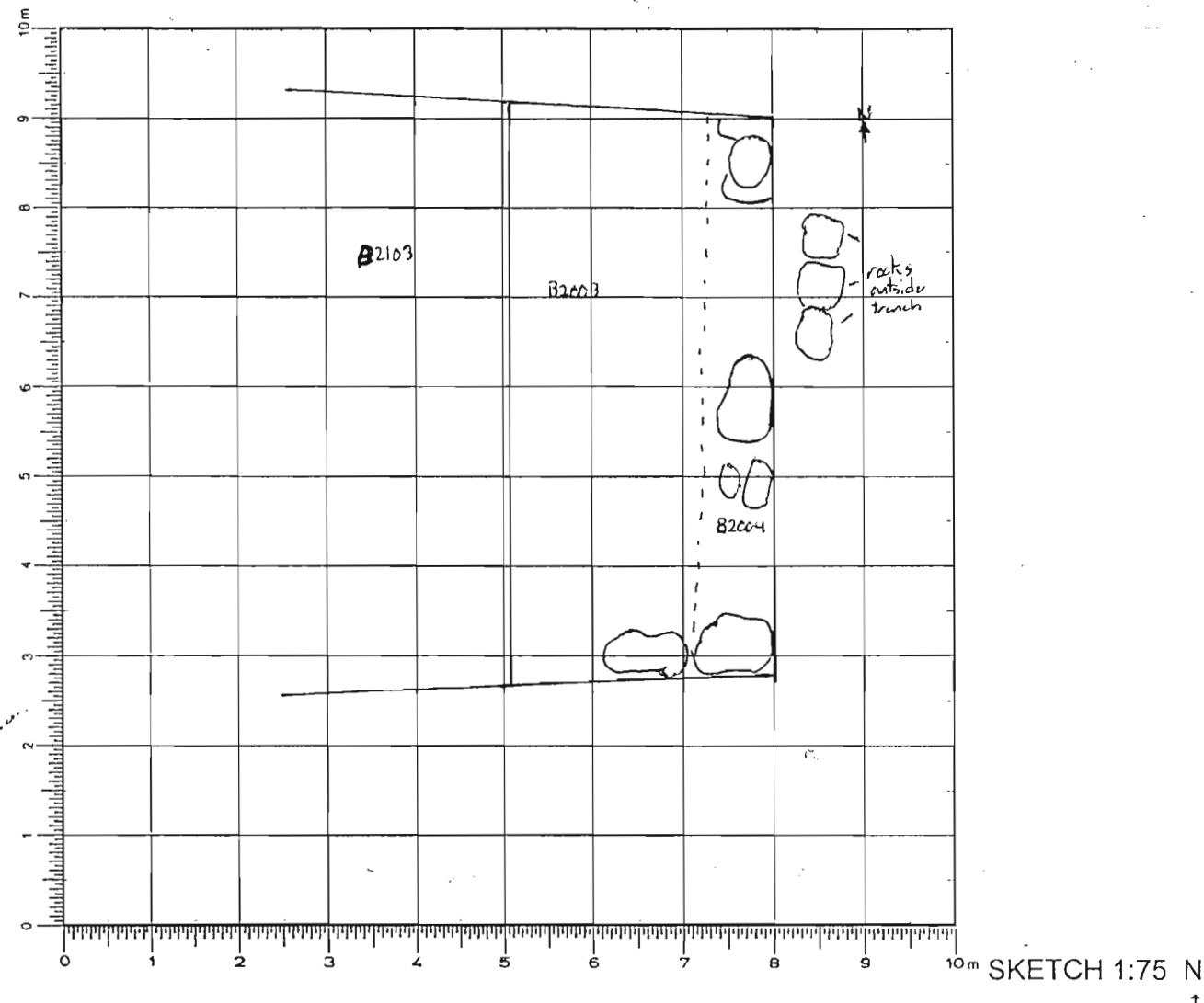
## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
B2003.1	✓				✓	(seen pebbles)
B2003.2	✓				✓ (intensive)	
B2003.3 NEX	✓				✓	
B2003.4 NEX	✓					
B2003.5 NEX	✓				✓ (1+ intensive)	
B2003.6 NEX	✓				✓	
B2003.7 NEX	✓				✓	✓
B2003.8 NEX	✓					
B2003.9 NEX	✓					
B2003.10 NEX	✓				✓ (intensive)	
B2003.11 NEX	✓					
B2003.12 NEX	✓					

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**Elevations**

Benchmark used:  
Reading on  
Benchmark:  
H.I.:



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

Today's date: 09 June 2004 Locus above:

Locus parameters: wall running north-south 6.30m

Verbal description: A wall formed by several very large stones running north-south along the east edge of the trench. It consists of three very large rocks in line with smaller ones interspersed. Three other very large rocks lie outside the trench and may have once belonged to this locus.

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

*This seems to be the eastern wall for the zone defined as trench B2003 & B2100.*

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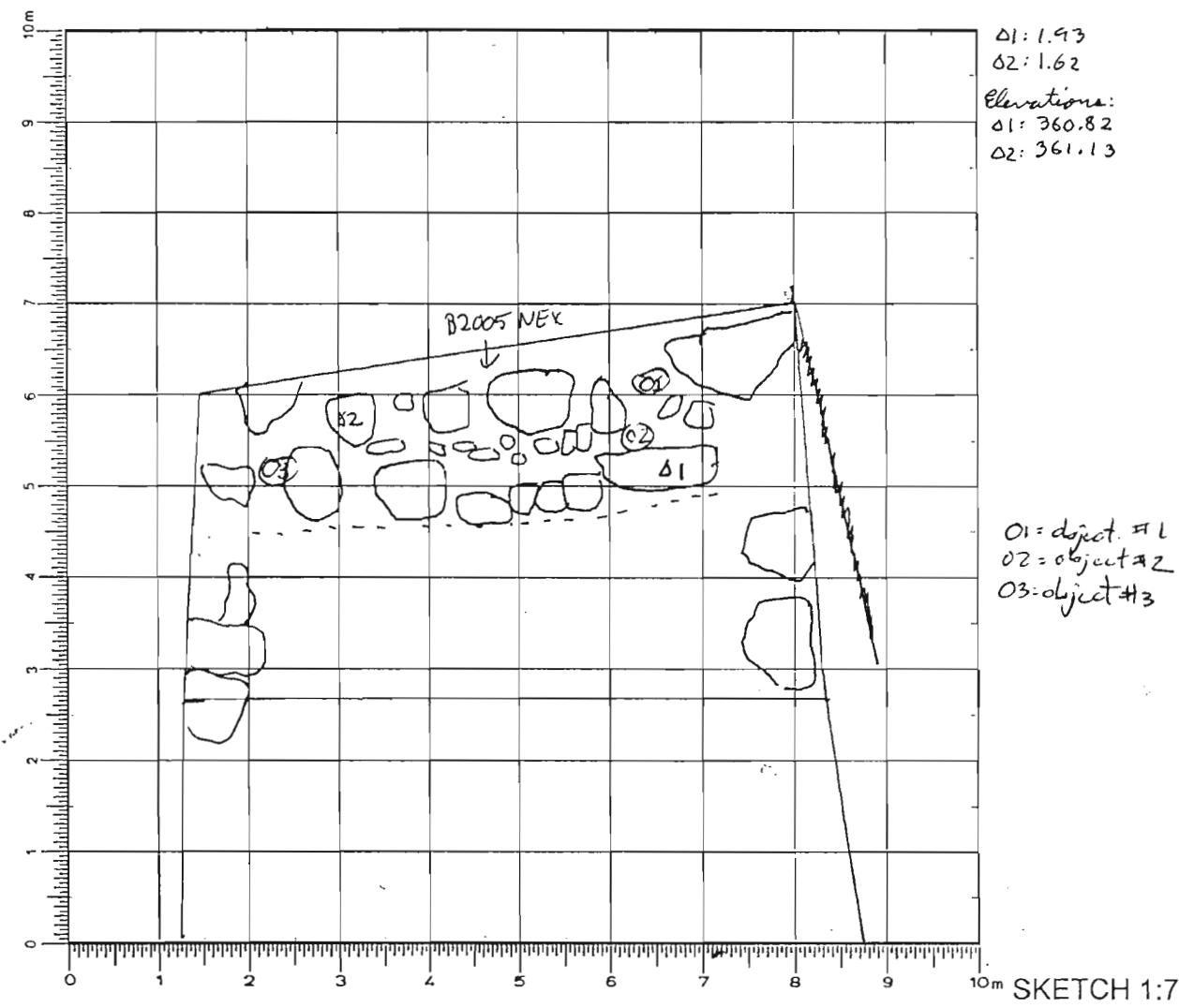
## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2(359.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.43  
 H.I.: 362.75



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

Today's date: 15 June 2004 Locus above: B2001\_NEX

Locus parameters: wall running east-west measuring 6.60m in length

Verbal description: This locus consists of the north wall of the large public building. It is double faced and has several courses of large rocks placed. This locus also consists of the material removed from between these rocks in order to define them (B2005.1\_NEX).

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

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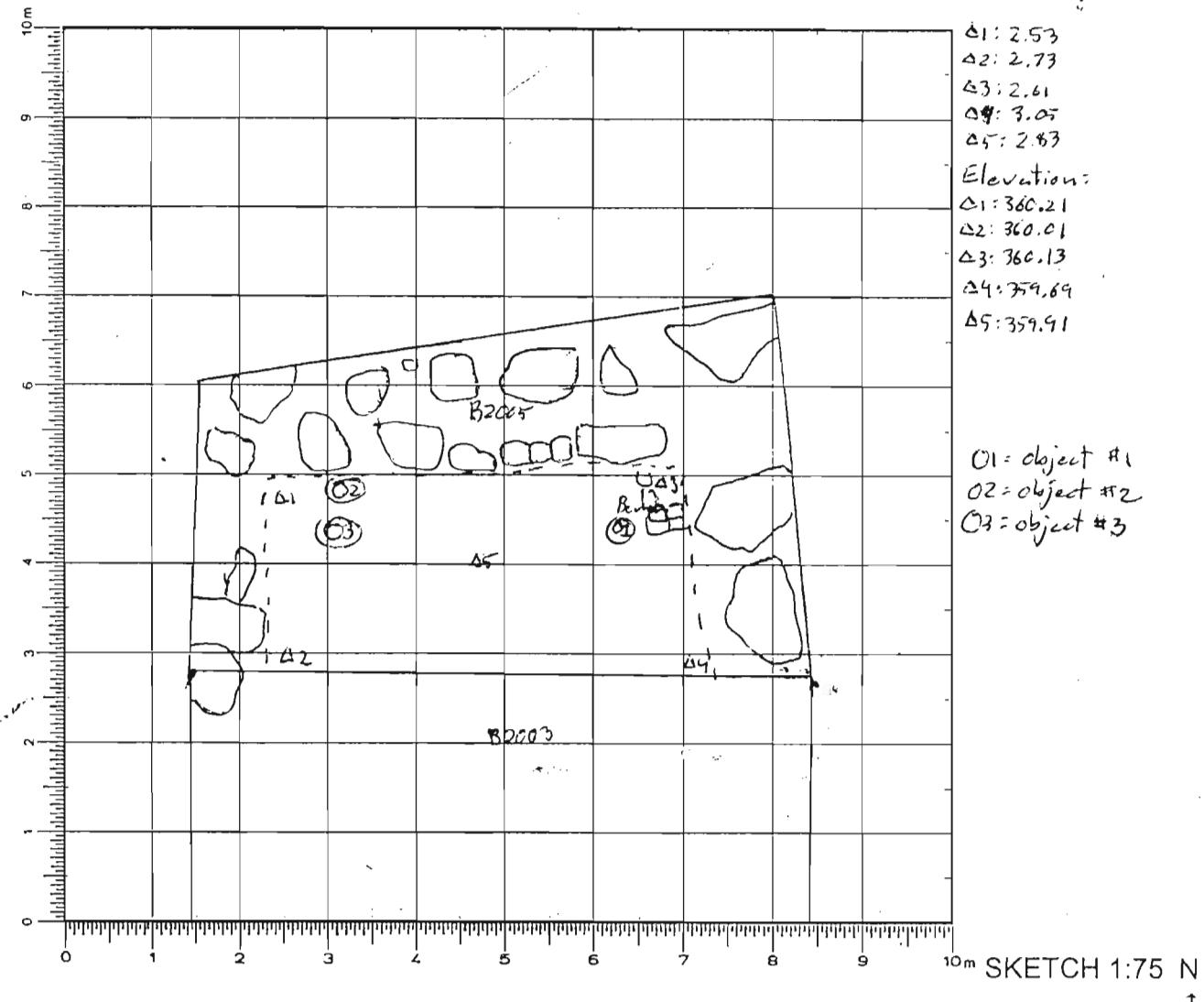
## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2006 NEX Excavator PL

Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (354.32)  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 3.42  
H.I.: 362.74



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

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B2006.1	F1550 / LG. 100kg	E400 / C168	LMIIIC, LG-EO, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2006.2	0.100 kg	12	LMIIIC, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2006.3	4.125 kg	120	LMIIIC, LG, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2006.4	0.925 kg	121	Archaic, Hellenistic
B2006.5	2.400 kg	231	LMIIIC, LG, Archaic
B2006.6	2.325 kg	298	Archaic, <del>LMIIIC</del> , LMIIIC, Ge? , LG EO
B2006.7	1.700 kg	146	Archaic, 1-2 Hellenistic
B2006.8	2.475 kg	209	LMIIIC, Archaic, Hellenistic
B2006.9	1.910 kg	49	LMIIIC, LG, O, Archaic, Hellenistic

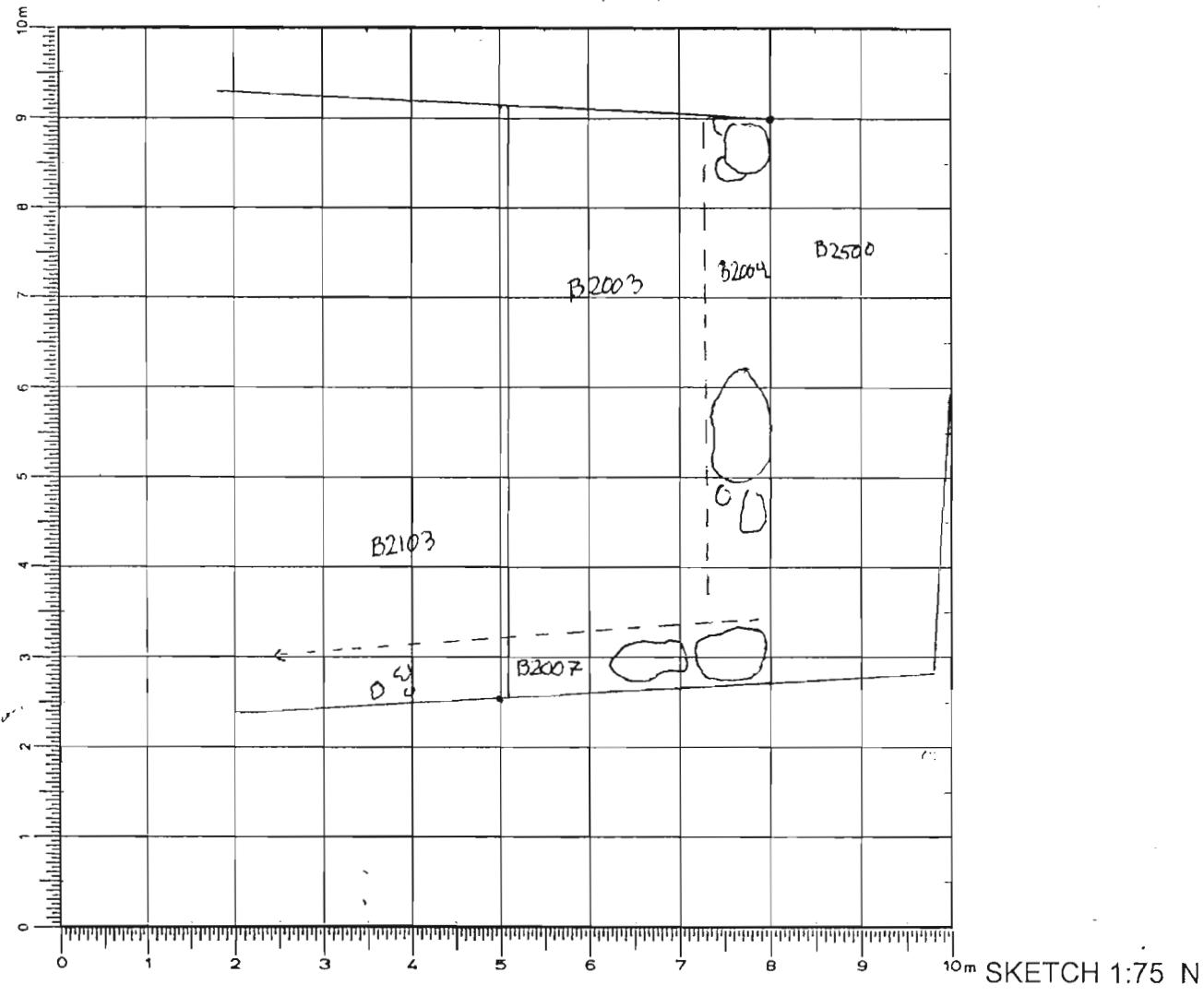
## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B2006.1	possible stone tool	east side	2.91 / 359.90	
2	B2006.1	Hellenistic lamp	west side	360.43 m	
3	B2006.3	possible stone tool	west side	359.92 m	
4	B2006.7	spindle whorl	west, against northeast	359.95 m	
5	B2006.6?	metal tool?	west against north	359.96 m	
6	B2006.7	ceramic object	screen		
7	B2006.8	possible stone tool	near border	359.85 m	

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
B2006.1	✓					✓ (pebbles)
B2006.2	✓					
B2006.3	✓				✓	
B2006.4	✓					
B2006.5	✓					
B2006.6	✓				✓	
B2006.7	✓		✓			✓ (pebbles)
B2006.8	✓				✓	

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2007 Excavator PL Elevations  
 Benchmark used:  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark:  
 H.I.:



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

Today's date: 23 June 2004 Locus above: B2001

Locus parameters: wall (south of B2000)

Verbal description: This is the southern wall of the council house (prytaneum). It is best preserved in the south-east corner of B2000 where 2 large rocks are preserved in line. It tends to peter out further west. This locus is bounded by B2003 (B2103) to the north and trench B2500 to the west.

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

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Trench/Locus B2007

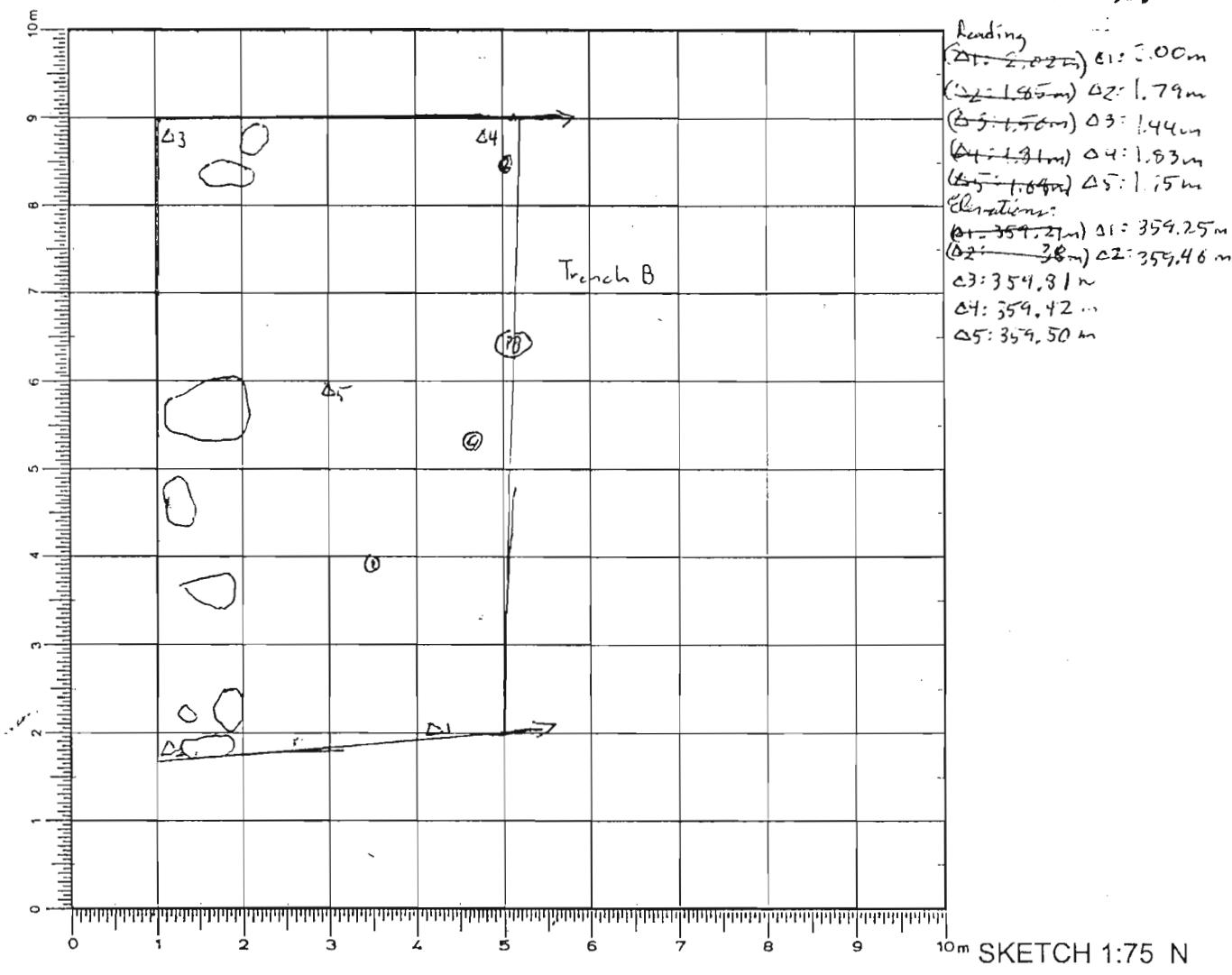
Excavator PL

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## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B202 Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32m)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: (2,20) 1.93  
 H.I. (34.50) 361.25

**DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):**Today's date: 08 June 2004 Locus above:

Locus parameters: north boundary (4.0m), west boundary (7.30m), south boundary (4.03m), east (6.74m)

Verbal description: A large rectangular area next to trench B2000 to the east, both of which lie in the very large flat area to the south of the south acropolis. This area has been identified as a possible site for the Agora. The topsoil layer was removed as part of trench B2000 (2001). This locus (B202) is being taken out similarly to the topsoil in that the warmer & bone are taken but the soil isn't screened. The soil is a light greyish brown with areas of redder brown. The soil contains a fair amount of pebbles and there are some fairly large rocks on the surface near the western edge (0.25m thick). At end of pull 202.1, photo (2) taken from north. Two pieces were taken, at the bottom of the second piece an area of intact floor was uncovered in the west central portion. A number of large rocks appear to be part of tumble, which obscures the floor. This tumble appears concentrated in the west and north.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2102 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

BM. 1.94  
1.73 R:188  
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## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2103

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## Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 32.32

Reading on

Benchmark: 1.97 m / 3.40 m

H.I.: 361.29 m / 362.72 m

## Readings

D1: 2.03 m

D2: 1.52 m

D3: 1.86

D4: 1.85

Pit: 2.03 m

## Elevations:

D1: 359.21 m

D2: 359.77

D3: 359.43

D4: 359.44

Pit: 359.26 m

Final: (D1 &amp; D2 not changed)

Readings: H.I.: 362.72

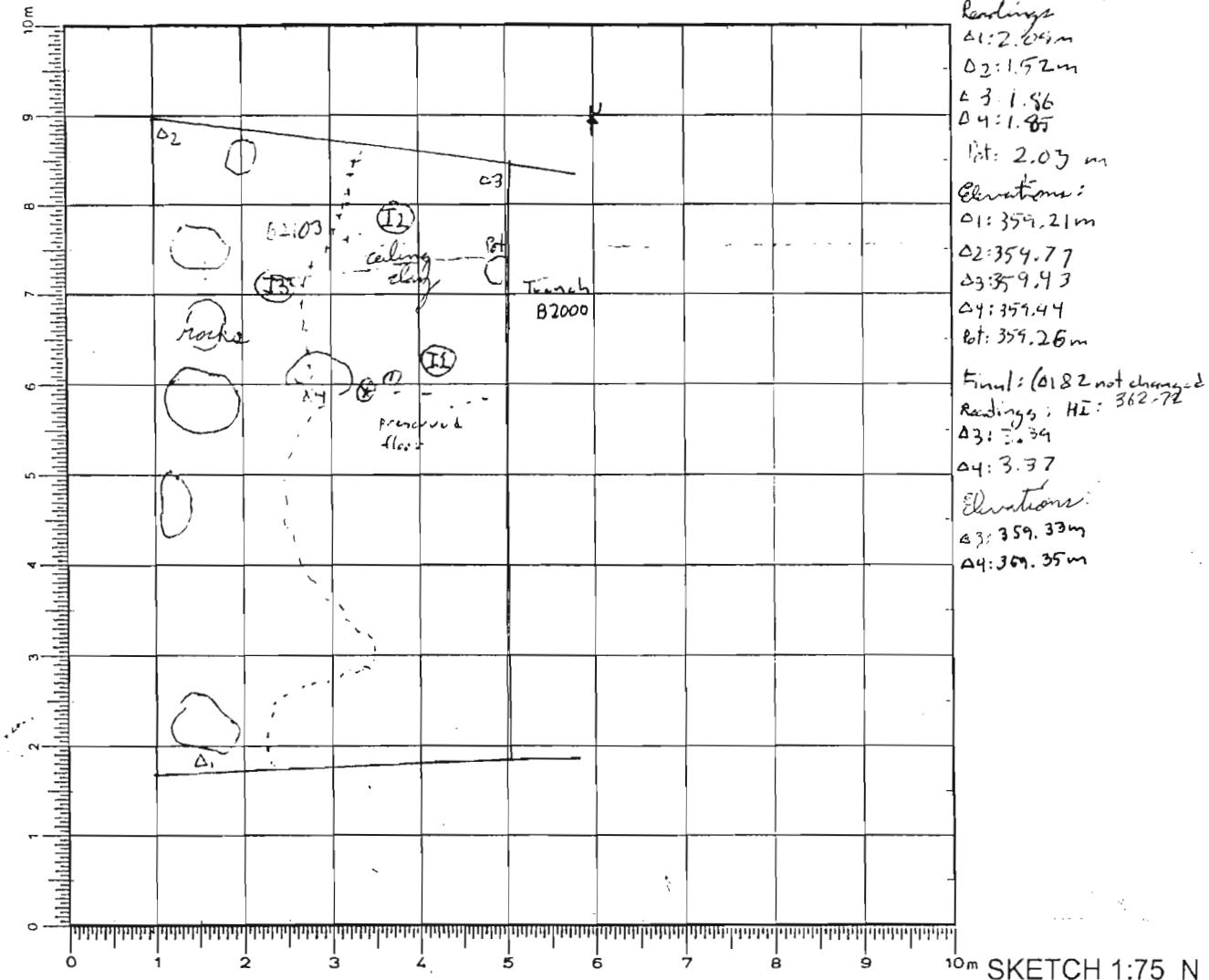
D3: 3.39

D4: 3.37

## Elevations:

D3: 359.33 m

D4: 359.35 m



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

Today's date: 09 June 2004      Locus above: B2102

Locus parameters: irregular pile of tumble with rectangular trench with parameters: west edge 7.30 m, north edge 4.10 m, east edge 6.78 m and south edge 4.03 m.

Verbal description: This locus is the area of tumble including rock and patches of ceiling clay. The clay is being taken out as B2103, while the rock will be 2103.2. This locus goes down to the layer of preserved floor encountered elsewhere in trench.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2103 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

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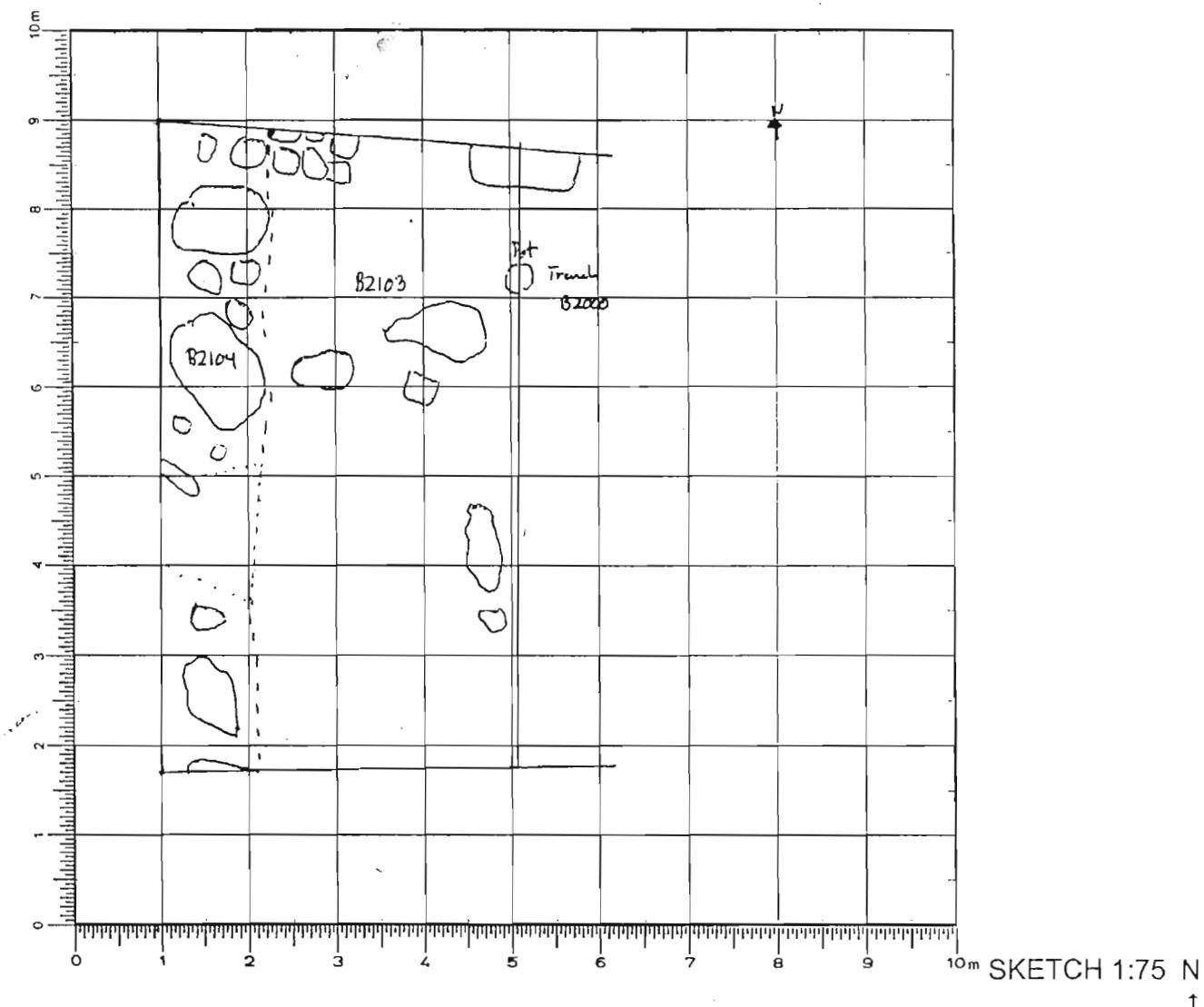
#### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2104

Excavator PL

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (359.324)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark:  
 H.I.:



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

Today's date: 09 June 2004 Locus above: 2102

Locus parameters: megalithic wall running north-south along west of trench, measuring up to 7.30m long.

Verbal description: This locus is an architectural feature, namely a wall, made up of very large rocks interspersed with smaller ones. It contains at least 2 very large rocks (boulders) in the north west section of the trench, but is discontinuous further south. It may end with another very large rock in the south west corner of trench.

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

This locus may be the western edge of the enclosed public space indicated in trenches B2100/B2000.

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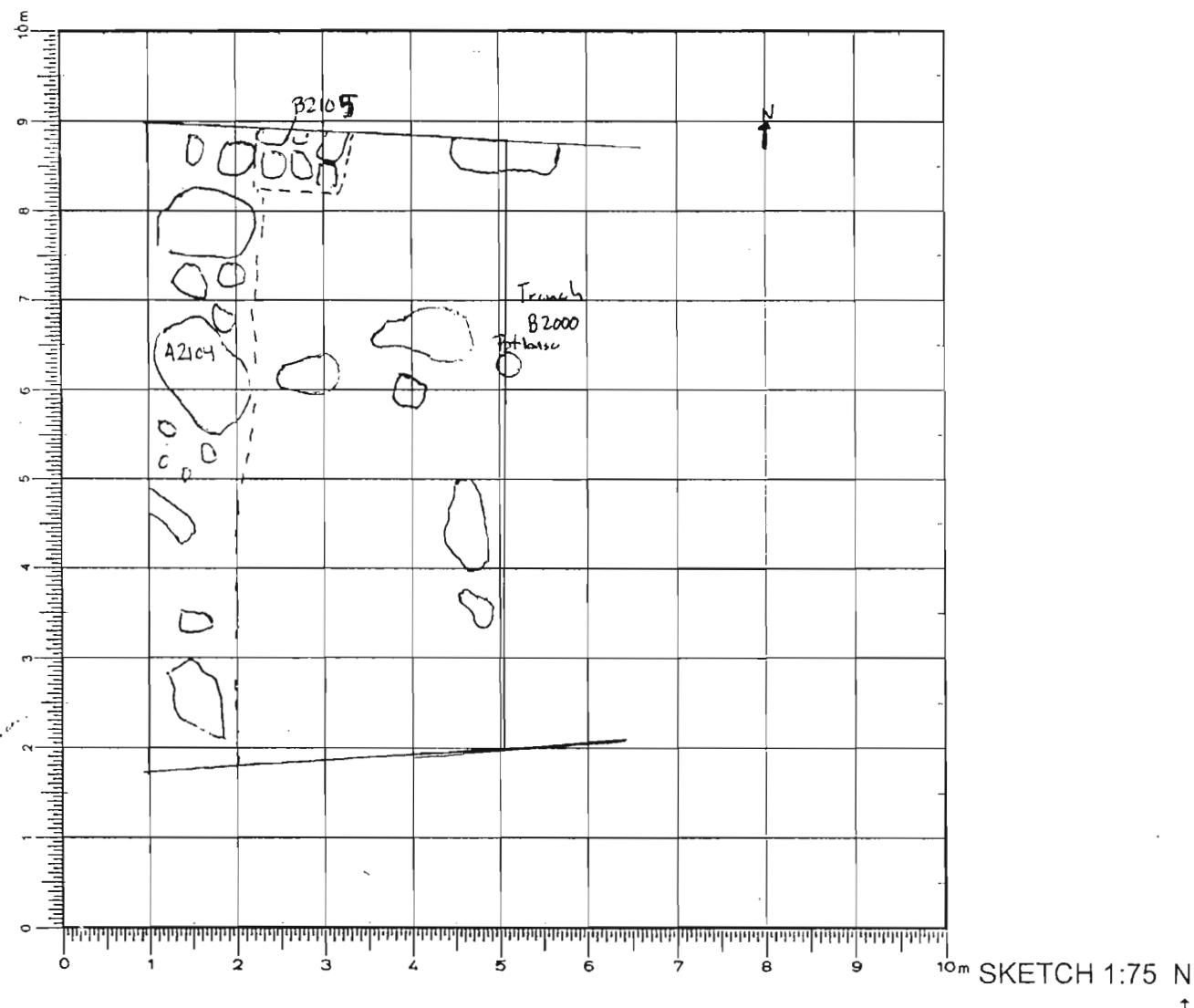
## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2105 Excavator PL

Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark:  
 H.I.:



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

Today's date: 09 June 2004 Locus above: B2102

Locus parameters: stone bench, 0.75 m long x 0.30 (exposed in trench) x c. 0.30 m high off floor.

Verbal description: This is an architectural locus which is located in the north, along the northern wall. It takes the form of a bench of stacked stones which juts out at a near-right angle from the nearby megalithic wall (B2104). It is partially covered by the northern scarp.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2105 Excavator P

## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

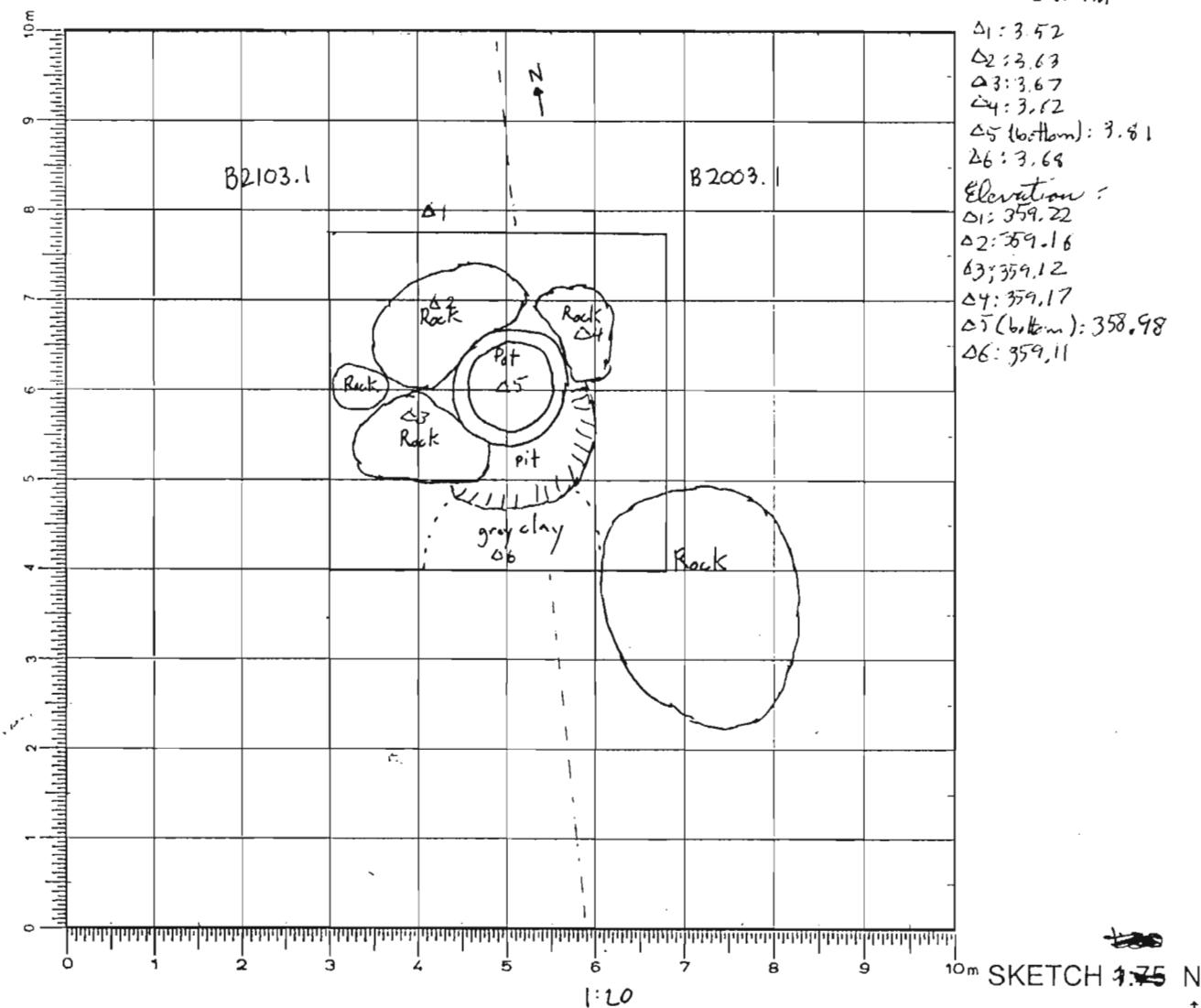
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2106 Excavator PL

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (R2 354.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.47  
 H.I.: 362.79 m

$\Delta 1: 3.52$   
 $\Delta 2: 3.63$   
 $\Delta 3: 3.67$   
 $\Delta 4: 3.62$   
 $\Delta 5 (\text{bottom}): 3.61$   
 $\Delta 6: 3.68$

Elevation:  
 $\Delta 1: 359.22$   
 $\Delta 2: 359.16$   
 $\Delta 3: 359.12$   
 $\Delta 4: 359.17$   
 $\Delta 5 (\text{bottom}): 358.98$   
 $\Delta 6: 359.11$



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

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters: packing surrounding an intact amphora base in a square (or about on a side)

Verbal description: On an attempt to remove the pottery base uncovered along B2103, we found that it continued down very deep and was held in place by large rocks. We started this locus by expanding our hole in order to expose the stone. The soil varies between grey brown and red brown. In the south, there is a patch of hard grey clay, like the flooring above. Also in the south, we dug very deeply (through the level of the support rocks) leaving a pit extending to the bottom of the pot.

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

10 June 2004: This locus appears to consist of a pot interred and wedged in place with rocks at around the time of the floor, since there was no sign of disturbance in the floor. Since the pot lacked bottom, it may have served a ritual function, such as a depot for libation or sacrifice. Especially considering that goat bones were found at the bottom.

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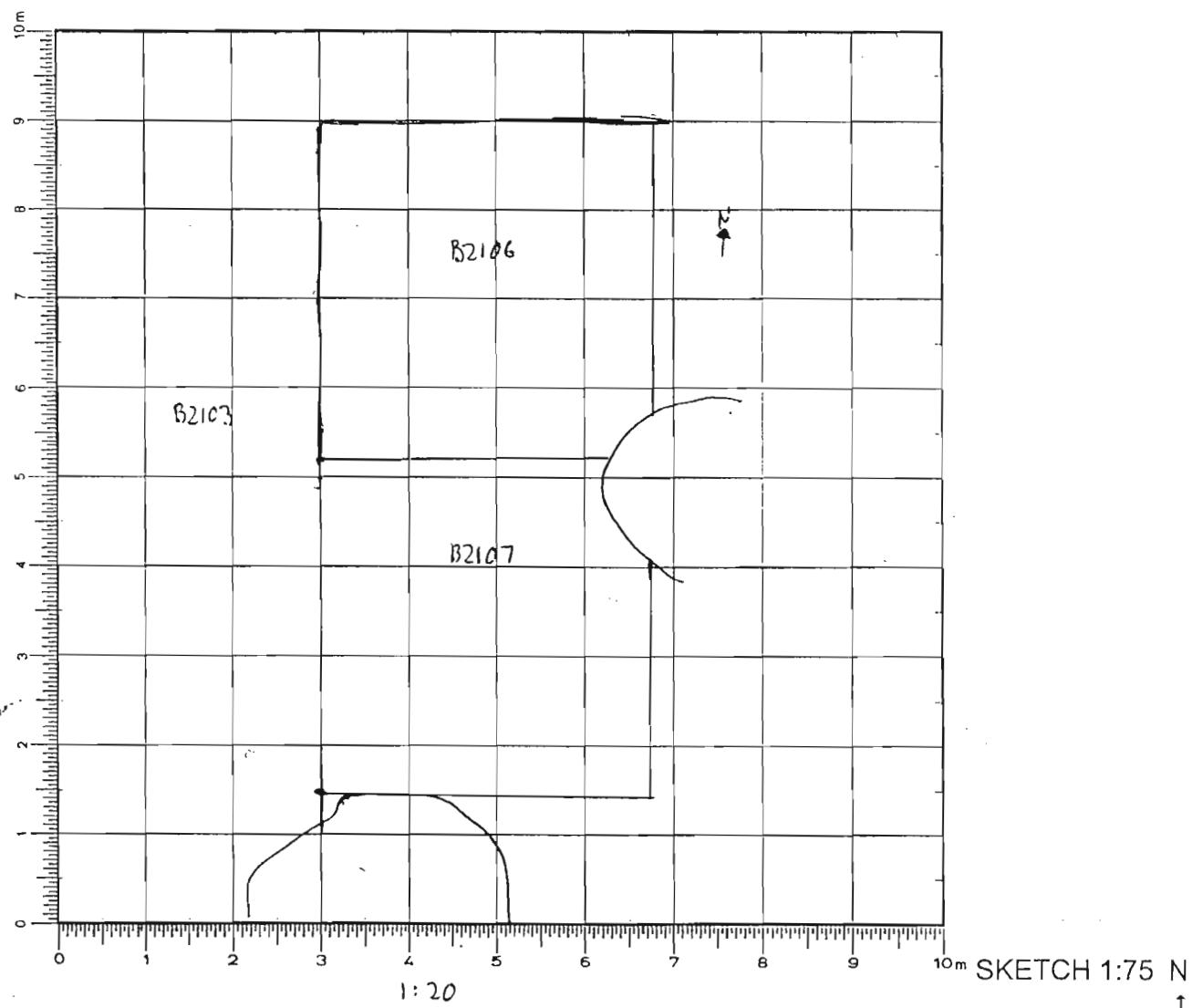
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2106 Excavator PL

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## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2107Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used:  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark:  
 H.I.:



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

Today's date: 11 June 2004 Locus above B2103

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: This is the floor and floor packing in the area immediately adjacent to the amphora feature B2106. We are attempting to dig down to the possibly early surface which may be indicated by the hard grey clay in B2106. This is a square to the south of the first feature pit.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2107 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2108Excavator PLElevations

Benchmark used: R2(359.32)

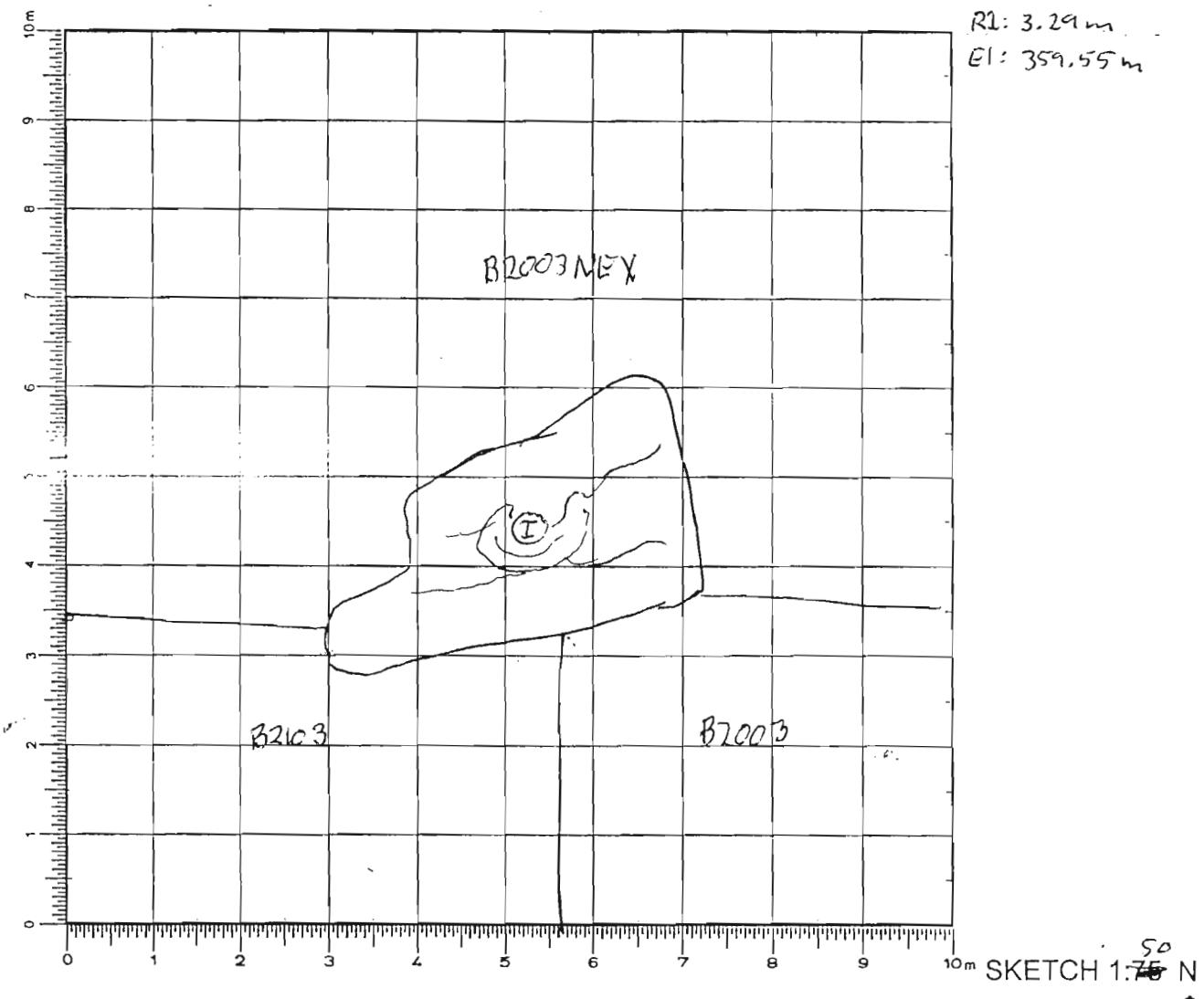
Reading on

Benchmark: 352

H.I.: 362.84

R1: 3.29 m

E1: 359.55 m



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

Today's date: 22 June Locus above:Locus parameters: 1 large triangular rock: 1.0m N-S x 2.00m E-W

Verbal description: This is a large triangular stone flanked by B2100 & B2000. It has obviously been worked on several sides and top. It sits roughly in the centre of the pyramidal complex, being flanked by trench B2100 to the SW, B2000 to the SE and its north extension to the north. There is a slight depression of irregular shape in the centre of the top.

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

22 June 2004: This rock may have served as a column base or a speaker's platform.

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2109 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

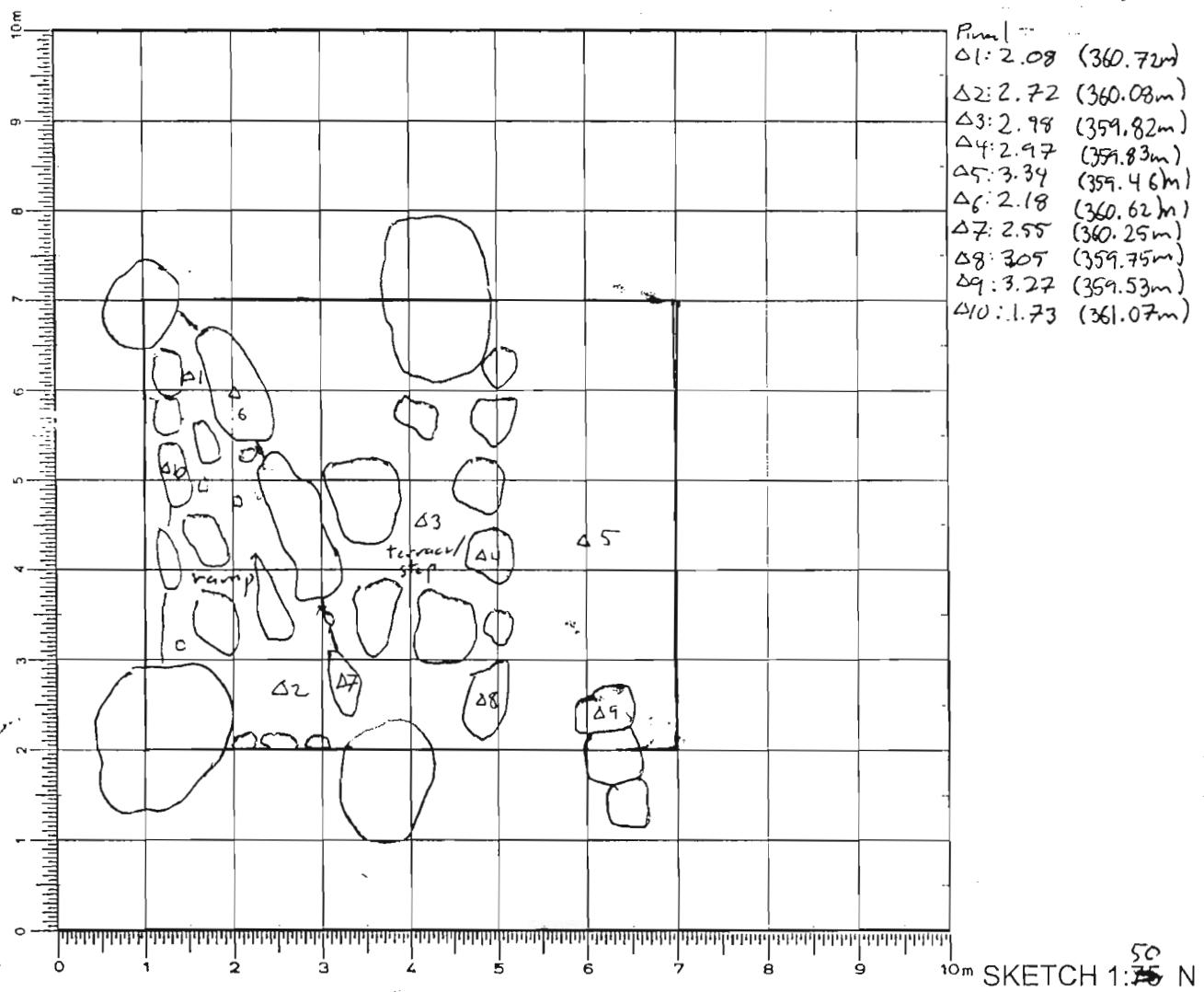
## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2401

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**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.46  
 H.I.: (362.80)

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

Today's date: 18 June 2004 Locus above: —

Locus parameters: irregular quadrangle; north edge (4.0m), east edge (3.3m), south edge (4.0m), west edge (3.3m)

Verbal description: This locus is located in an area between 2 known streets, to the north west of the pyramum (B200 & B210). It is a possible transitional space between the levels of these streets and the level of the pyramum. This locus is the level of the topsoil.

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

There seems to be a ramp or a staircase in the west which leads down to a terrace or step (18 June 2004)

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2401 Excavator PL

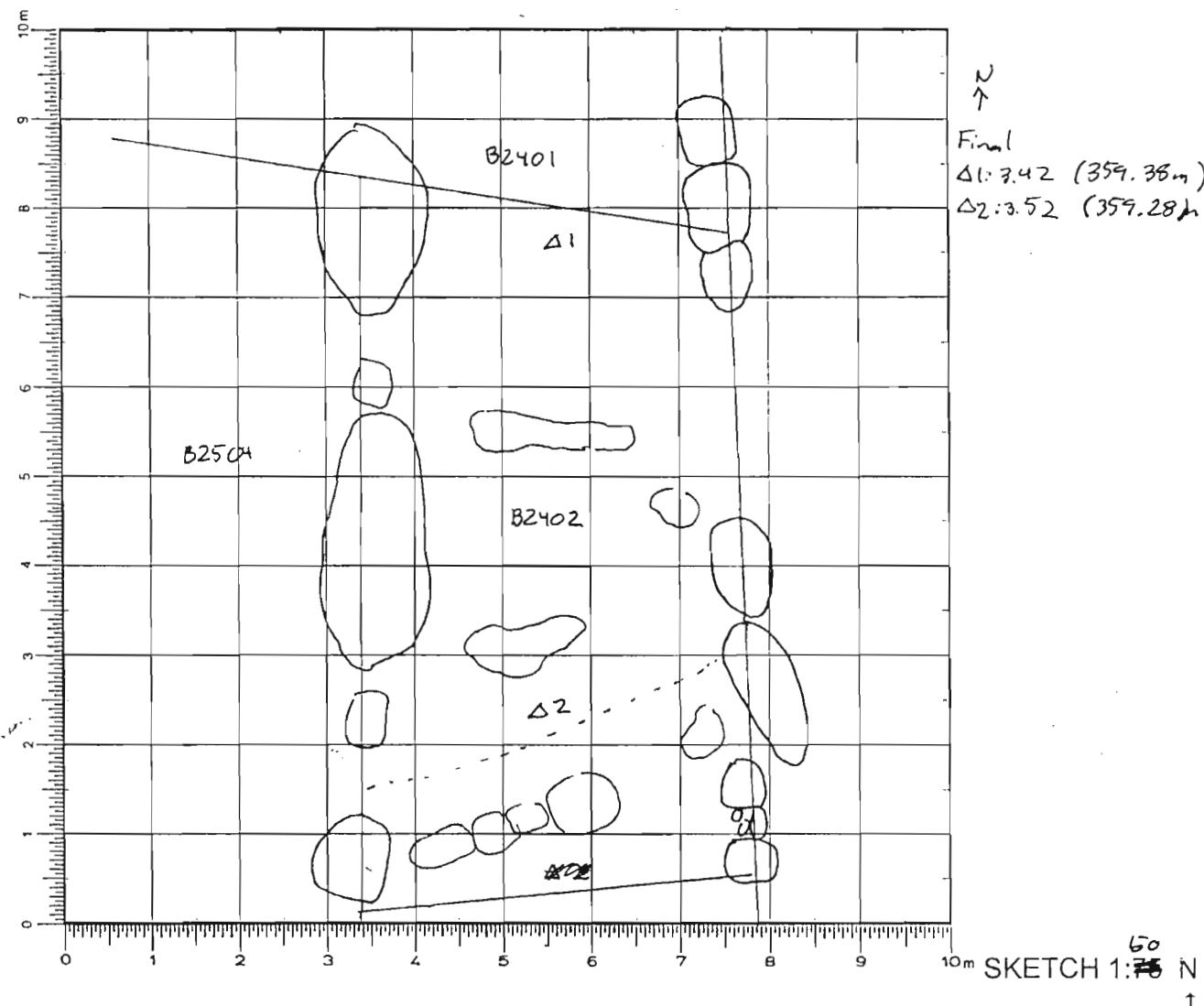
## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B2401.1	loom weight + weight	ceramic bag		
2	B2401.2	rain	south east (SEX)		
3	B2401.4	possible stone tool	west (SEX)		
4	B2401.5	lid?	south east (SEX)		
5					
6	B2401.5	stone dish frag			
7					
8	B2401.5	modified stone			
9	B2401.5	possibly stone tool			

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2402 Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.48  
 H.I.: 362.80



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

Today's date: 01 July 2004 Locus above: B2401

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: This locus is a layer of soil mixed with clay and rocks which directly underlies a layer of really loose topsoil in Trench B2400's south extension.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2402 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2403Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)

Reading on

Benchmark: 1.97

H.I.: 361.29

*Elevations:*

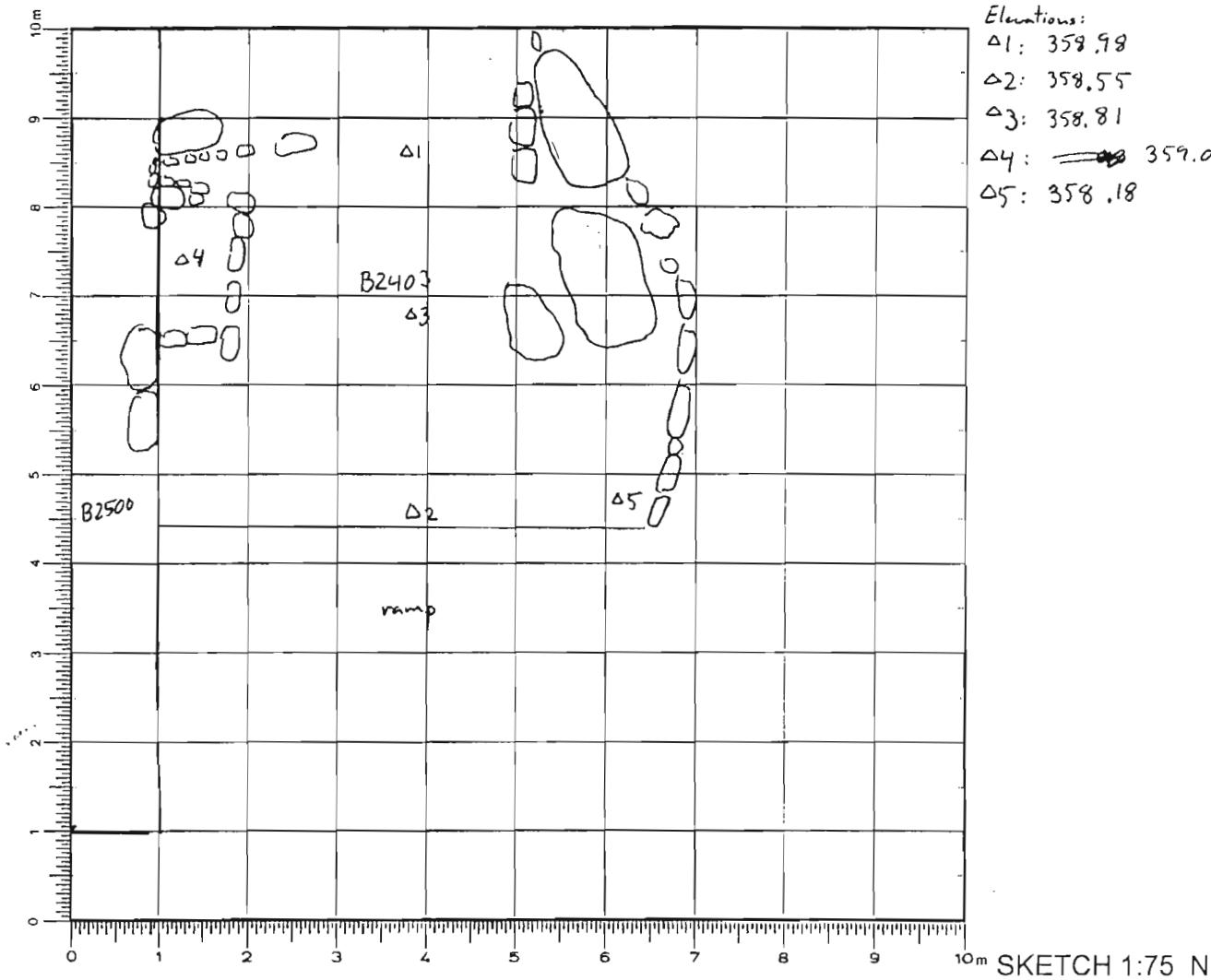
△1: 358.98

△2: 358.55

△3: 358.81

△4: ~~359.03~~ 359.03

△5: 358.18



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

Today's date: 05 July 2004      Locus above: B2401

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: This locus consists of the layer of hard packed clay/rock mix, which seems to make up (part of) the road surface and which overlies the bench feature (B2404) which lies in the southernmost extension of the trench, up against the west side.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2403 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B2403.2	Argive coin	over bench	358.95	
2	B2403.1	possible stone tool	central area	358.69	

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

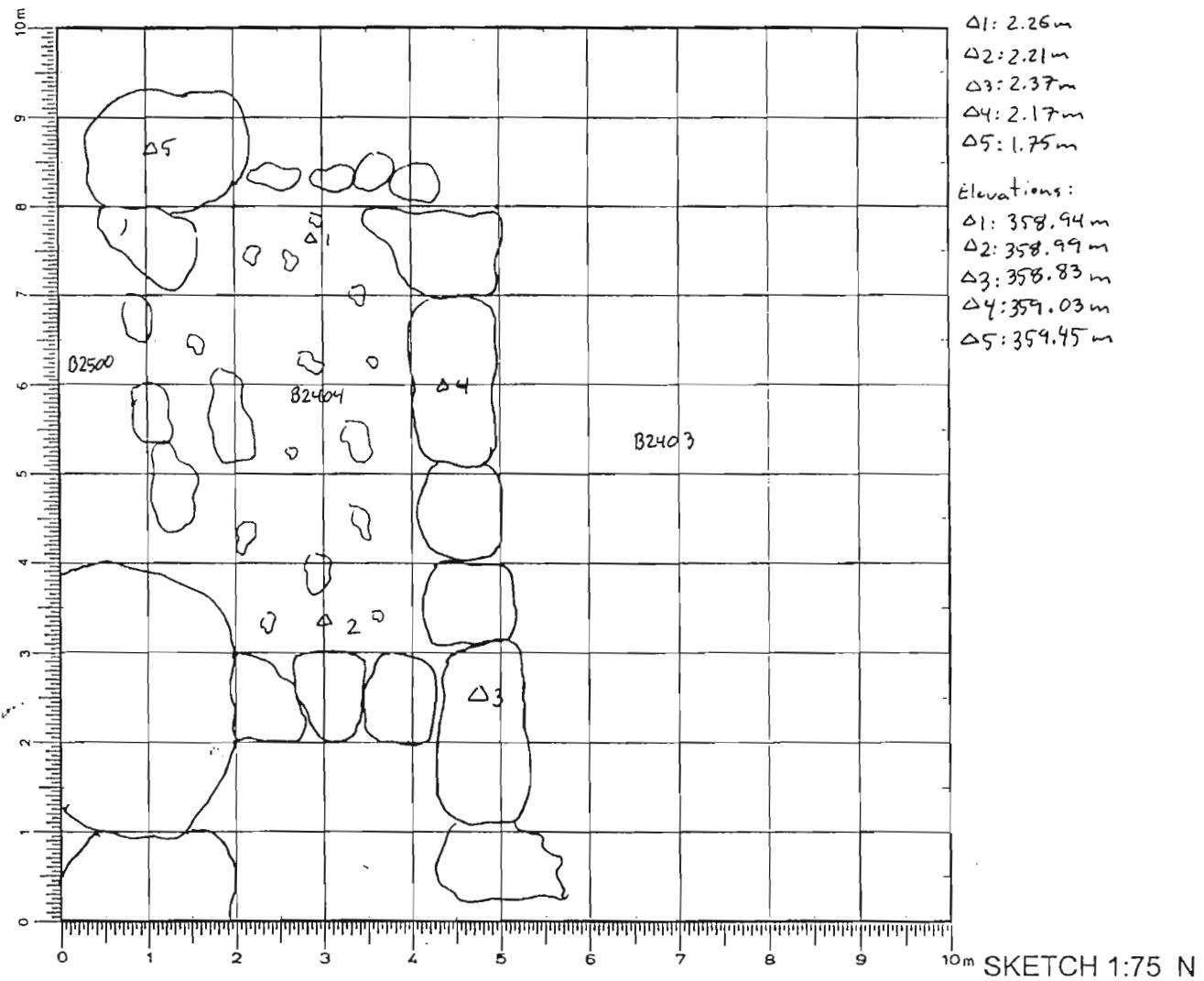
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2404 Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)

Reading on

Benchmark: 1.88

H.I.: 361.20

 $\Delta 1: 2.26m$  $\Delta 2: 2.21m$  $\Delta 3: 2.37m$  $\Delta 4: 2.17m$  $\Delta 5: 1.75m$ **Elevations:** $\Delta 1: 358.94m$  $\Delta 2: 358.99m$  $\Delta 3: 358.83m$  $\Delta 4: 359.03m$  $\Delta 5: 359.45m$ 

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

Today's date: 05 July 2004      Locus above: B2403, B2401Locus parameters: a rectangular bench around 1 m by 2m

Verbal description: This locus is an architectural feature in the form of a platform or bench which lies up against the western side of B2400's south extension, roughly in line with locus B2502. It consists of an outer wall of well dressed stones on the south and east, enclosing loose soil packed with rocks in the centre.

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

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## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

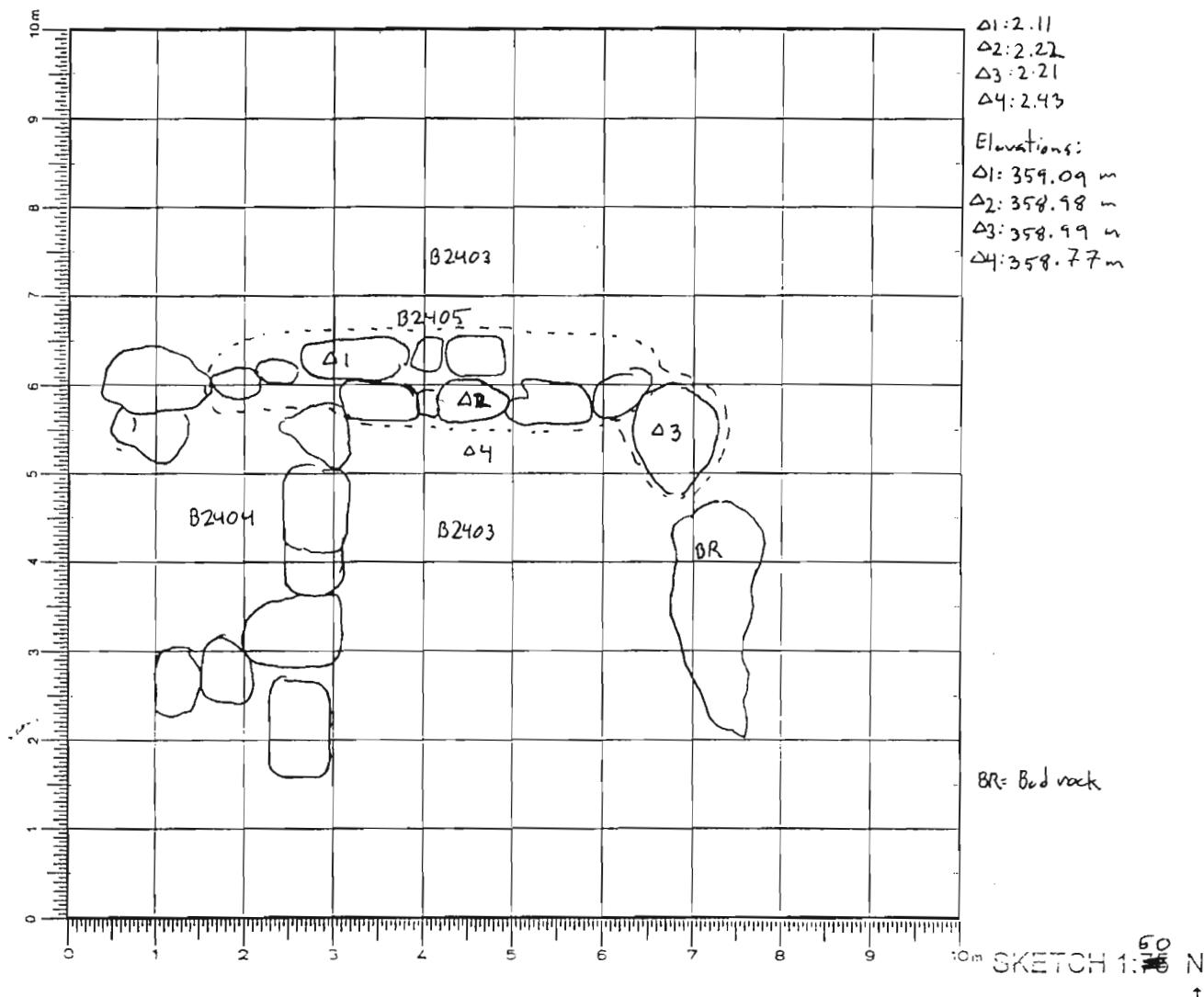
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2405 Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2: (359.32)

Reading on

Benchmark: 1.88

H.I.: 361.20

 $\Delta 1: 2.11$   
 $\Delta 2: 2.22$   
 $\Delta 3: 2.21$   
 $\Delta 4: 2.43$ 
**Elevations:** $\Delta 1: 359.09$  m $\Delta 2: 359.98$  m $\Delta 3: 358.99$  m $\Delta 4: 358.77$  mSKETCH 1:<sup>50</sup> N ↑**DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):**Today's date: 06 July 2004 Locus above: B2403, B2401

Locus parameters: Two lines of stones running east-west

Verbal description: This locus consists of two stone steps which run east-west along the north end of B2404. Each step consists of a line of roughly hewn stones (0.25m+ long). The upper (northerly) step is not preserved in the east, but the lower step (southerly) runs from B2404 to a cluster of bedrock outcrops which forms the eastern boundary of the road in that area.

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

*This step seems to help the transition between two noticeably different elevations of the street level in the area.*

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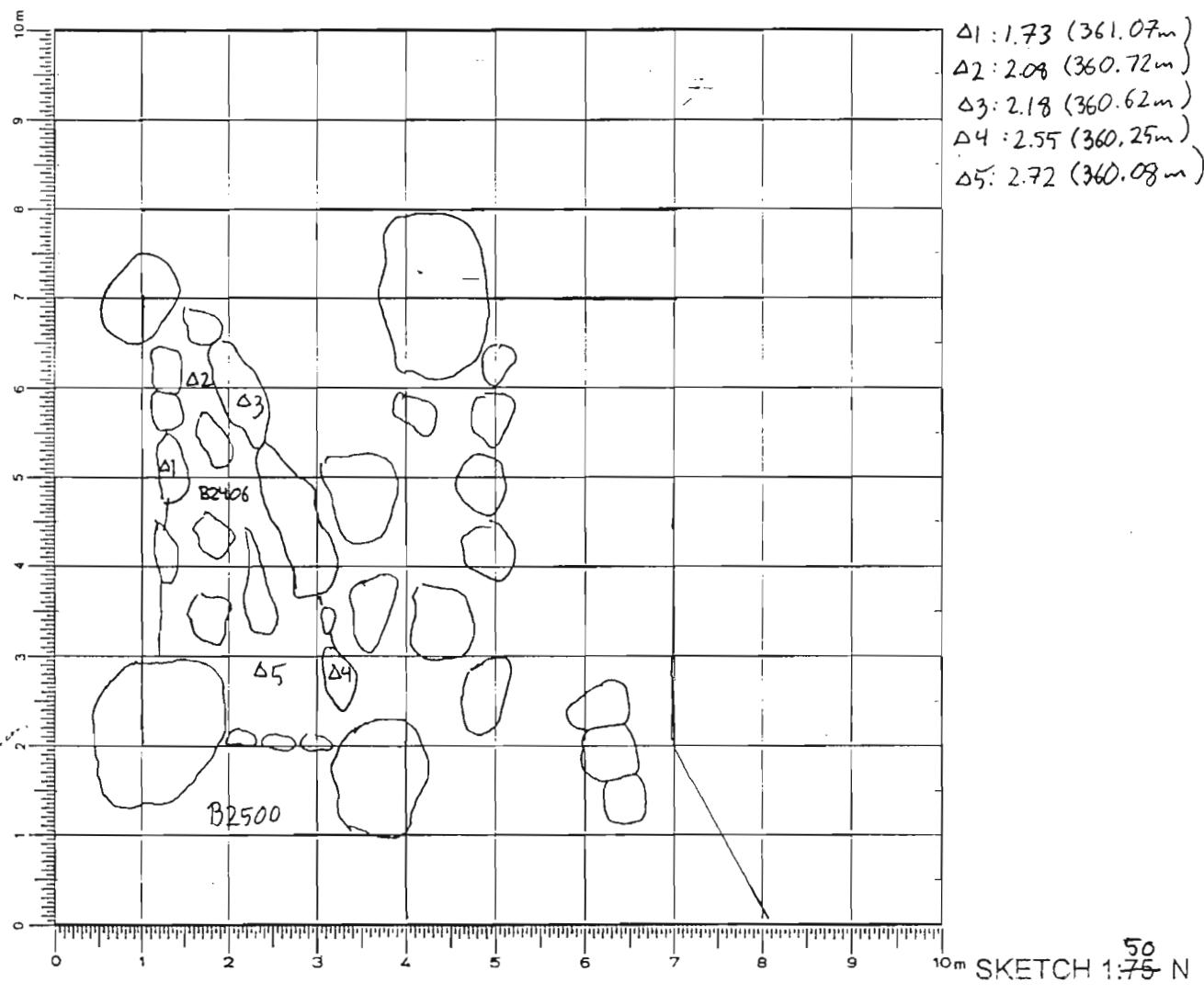
## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2406 Excavator PL

Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 3.48  
H.L.: (362.80)



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

Today's date: 10 July 2004 Locus above: B2401

Locus parameters: triangle 1.50m wide x 2.50m long

Verbal description: This locus consists of a ramp leading up from the surface of B2400 below to the terrace above. Its floor consists of several large stones and it is bordered along its outer edge by a line of very large narrow stones.

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

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## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

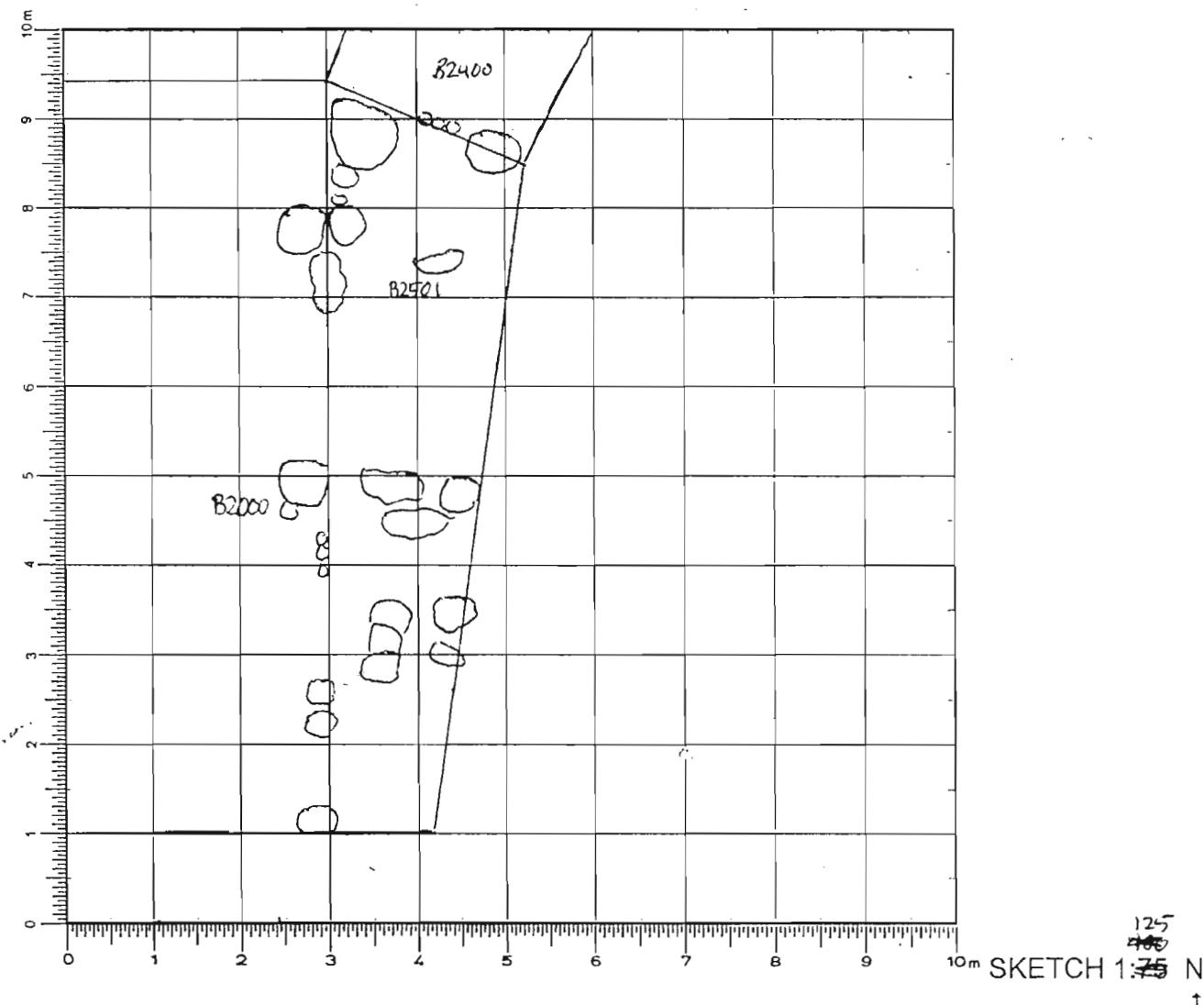
Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2501Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):  
 Today's date: Locus above:

Locus parameters: *irregular rectangle*:

Verbal description: This locus consists of the top soil of trench B2500, which is an irregular rectangle running up against and alongside the eastern edge of trench B2000. It is hoped that these banks will help illustrate the transition between B2000 and the road demonstrated in B2400, which lies immediately to the north of B2500.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2501 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2502 Excavator PL

**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)

Reading on

Benchmark: 3.52

H.I.: 362.84

Reading:

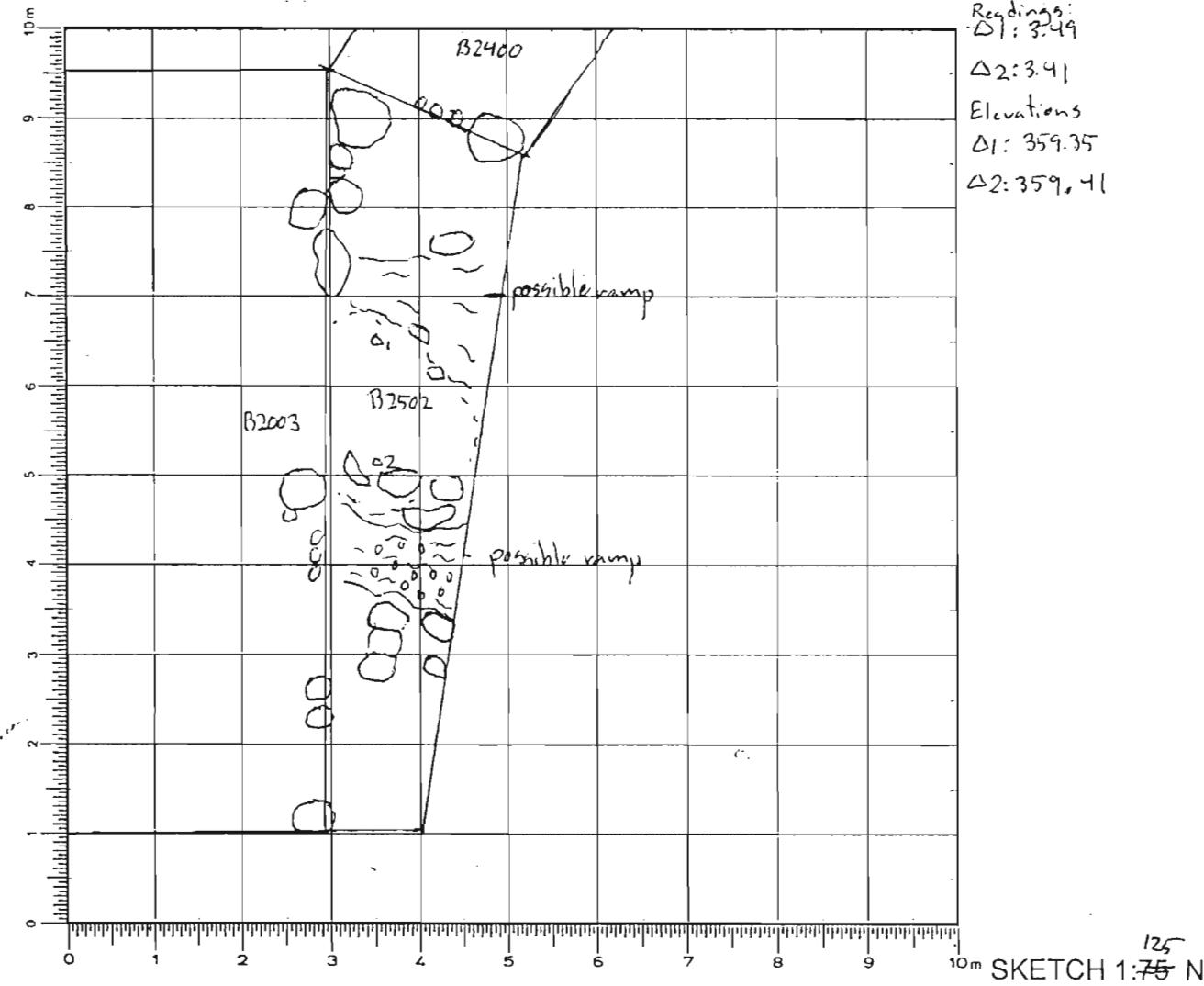
D1: 3.49

△2: 3.41

Elevations

D1: 359.35

△2: 359.41



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

Today's date: 23 June 2004 Locus above: B2501

Locus parameters: irregular patch.

Verbal description: This locus lies immediately below the topsoil in trench B2500. It is a slightly raised area of clay, soil and rocks. It is bounded on the west by B2003. To the north and south are two lower areas, which may be ramps.

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

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## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2503 Excavator PL

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)

Reading on

Benchmark: 3.54

H.I.: 32.86

 $\Delta 1: 3.26$  $\Delta 2: 3.33$  $\Delta 3: 3.55$ 

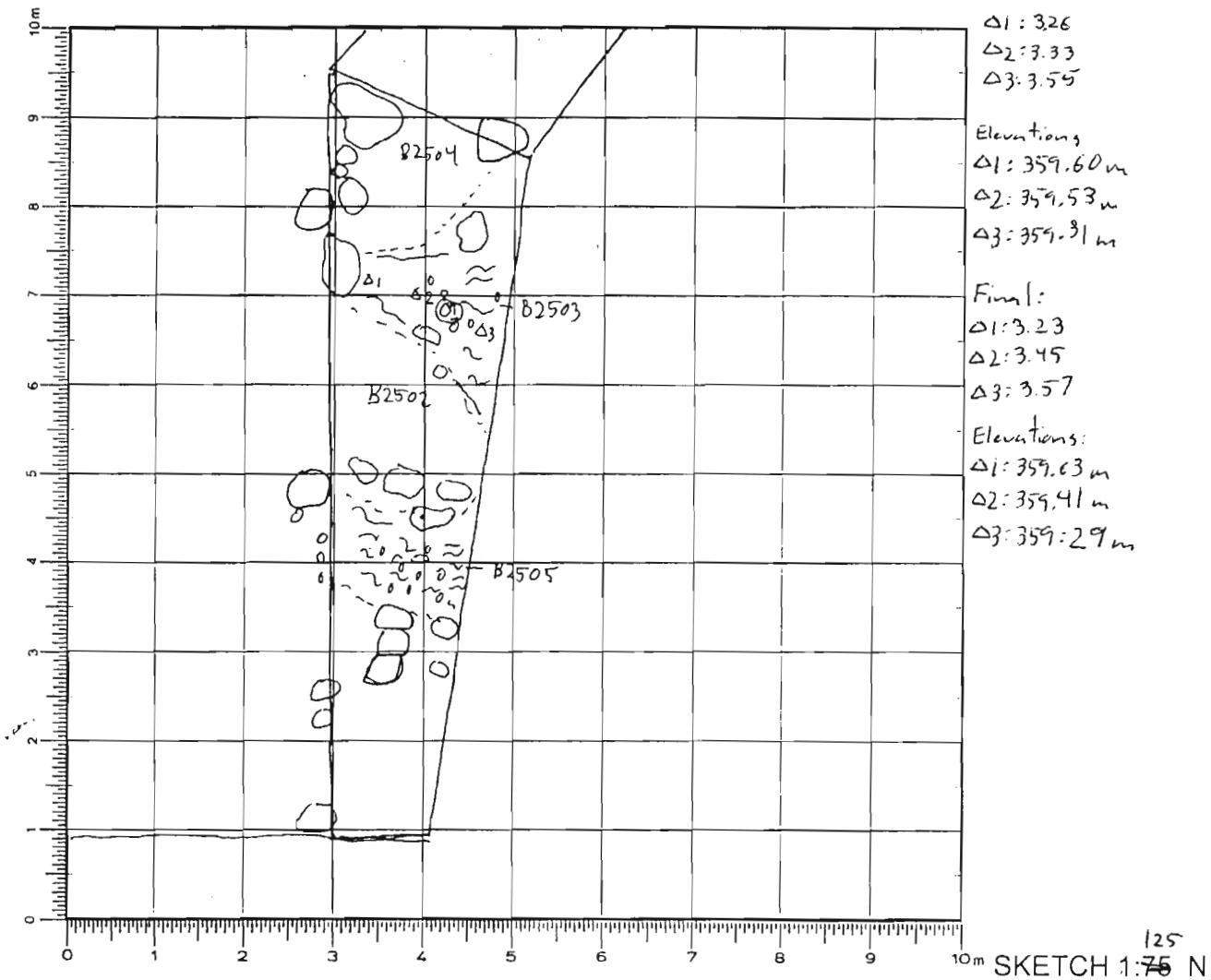
## Elevations

 $\Delta 1: 359.60 \text{ m}$  $\Delta 2: 359.53 \text{ m}$  $\Delta 3: 359.31 \text{ m}$ 

## Final:

 $\Delta 1: 3.23$  $\Delta 2: 3.45$  $\Delta 3: 3.57$ 

## Elevations:

 $\Delta 1: 359.63 \text{ m}$  $\Delta 2: 359.41 \text{ m}$  $\Delta 3: 359.29 \text{ m}$ 

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

Today's date: 24 June 2004      Locus above: B2501

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: This locus is the site of a possible ramp/entrance into the Brythonion. This locus lies to the north of B2502, to the south of B2504, and to the east of B2503 NEX. It consists of a bedrock outcrop with a cobble intensive slope to the east.

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

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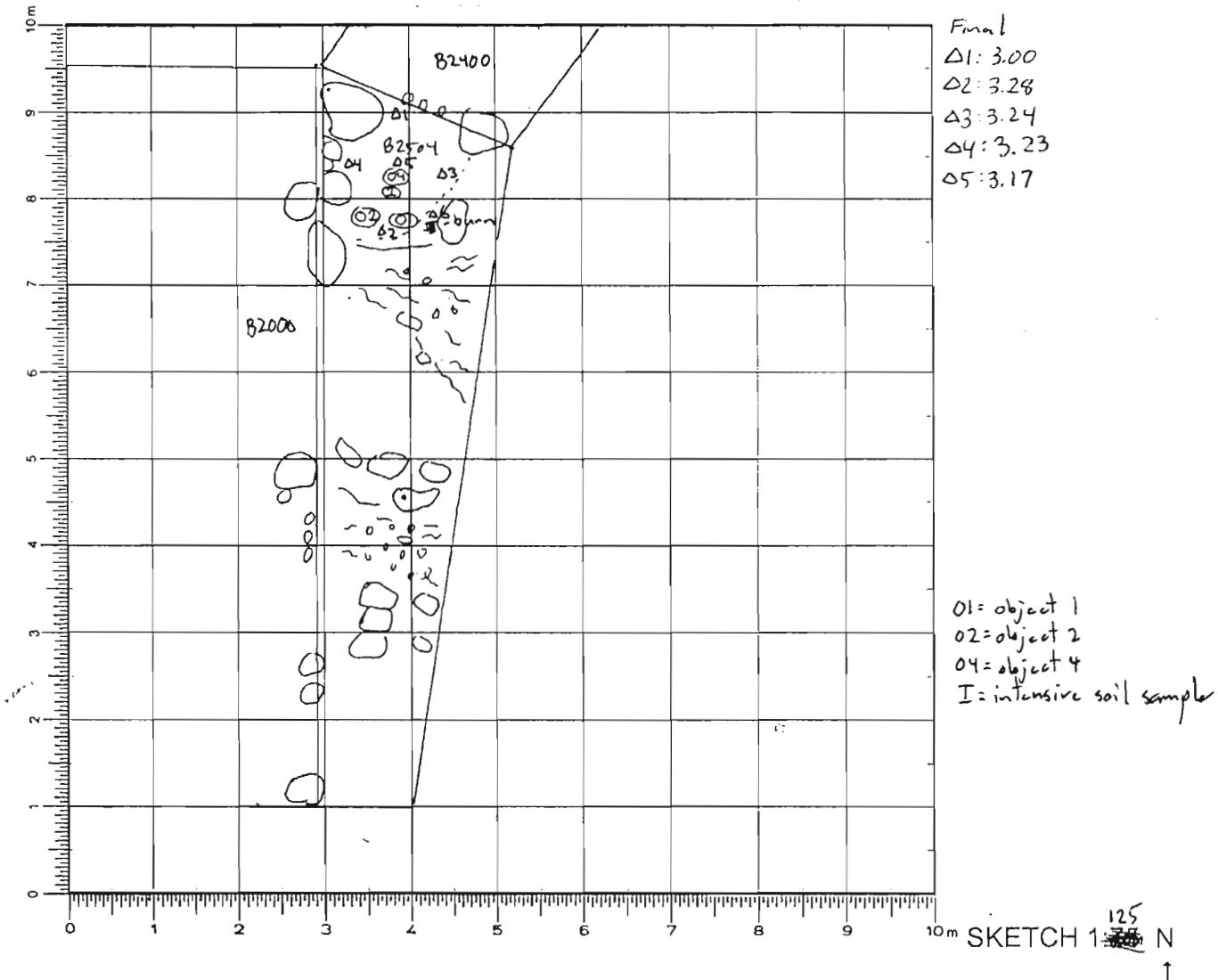
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## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2504 Excavator P1

**Elevations**  
 Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)  
 Reading on  
 Benchmark: 3.54  
 H.I.: 362.96



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

Today's date: 24 June 2004 Locus above: B2501

Locus parameters: irregular patch

Verbal description: This "loas" is the terrace in the extreme north of B2500. It is a roughly semi-circular area with areas of larger stones to the south and east. The matrix is made up of a mixture of white clay, stone and reddish brown soil. There is a surface of hard-packed white clay beneath. The locus is flanked by B2503 to the south and trenches B2000 to the west and B2400 to the north.

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B 2504 Excavator PL

## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Year 2004 Trench/Locus B2505 Excavator PL

Elevations

Benchmark used: R2 (359.32)

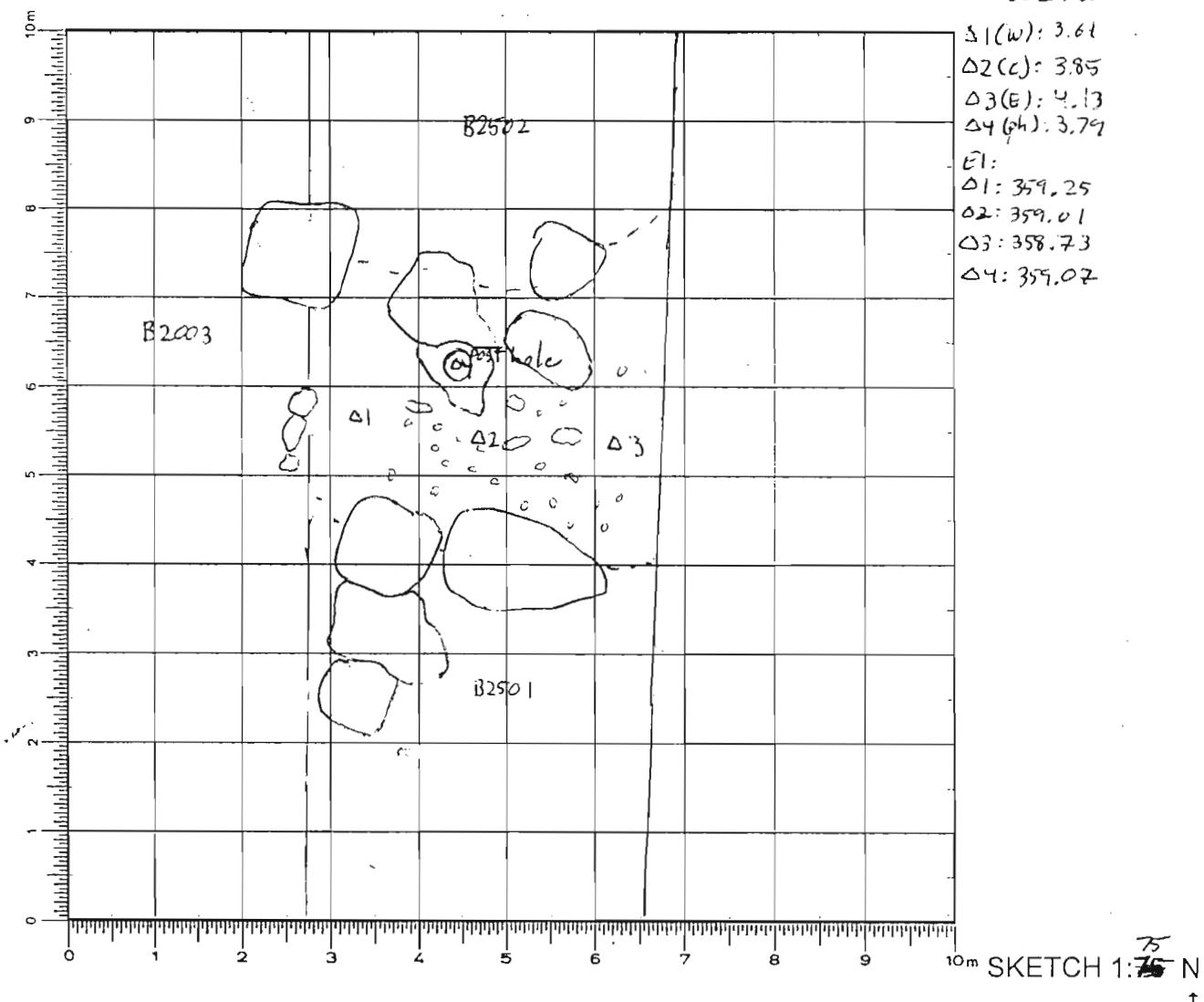
Reading on

Benchmark: 3.54

H.I.: 362.86

 $\Delta 1(w): 3.61$  $\Delta 2(c): 3.85$  $\Delta 3(E): 4.13$  $\Delta 4(ph): 3.79$ 

E1:

 $\Delta 1: 359.25$  $\Delta 2: 359.01$  $\Delta 3: 358.73$  $\Delta 4: 359.02$ 

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

Today's date: 24 June 2004      Locus above: B2501

Locus parameters: irregular patch 1.50 m north-south by c. 2.50 m east-west

Verbal description: This locus consists of the southern possible ramp which leads into the centre of the pycnion. It consists of an area of cobbling on a slope, which is flanked by several large rocks and bedrock outcrops. On one of the bedrock outcrops, there appears to be a carved hole for a post or door pivot. This locus is flanked by B2503 to the west and B2502 to the north.

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

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## OBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL