

FINAL REPORT: A2600

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Datum Points: R17, elevation: 364.18; R16, elevation: 361.06

Excavation Dates: 15-17 June, 2004

Location: Directly north of **A2500** on the western slope of the South Acropolis

We began excavation in this area in order to see if wall **D103**, being excavated on the terrace below, was a spine wall that continued eastward and up slope to incorporate a boulder visible on the modern surface (this boulder rested within our trench along the northern boundary). Excavation revealed that the wall **D103** (later discovered not to be a spine wall) did not continue into **A2600**.

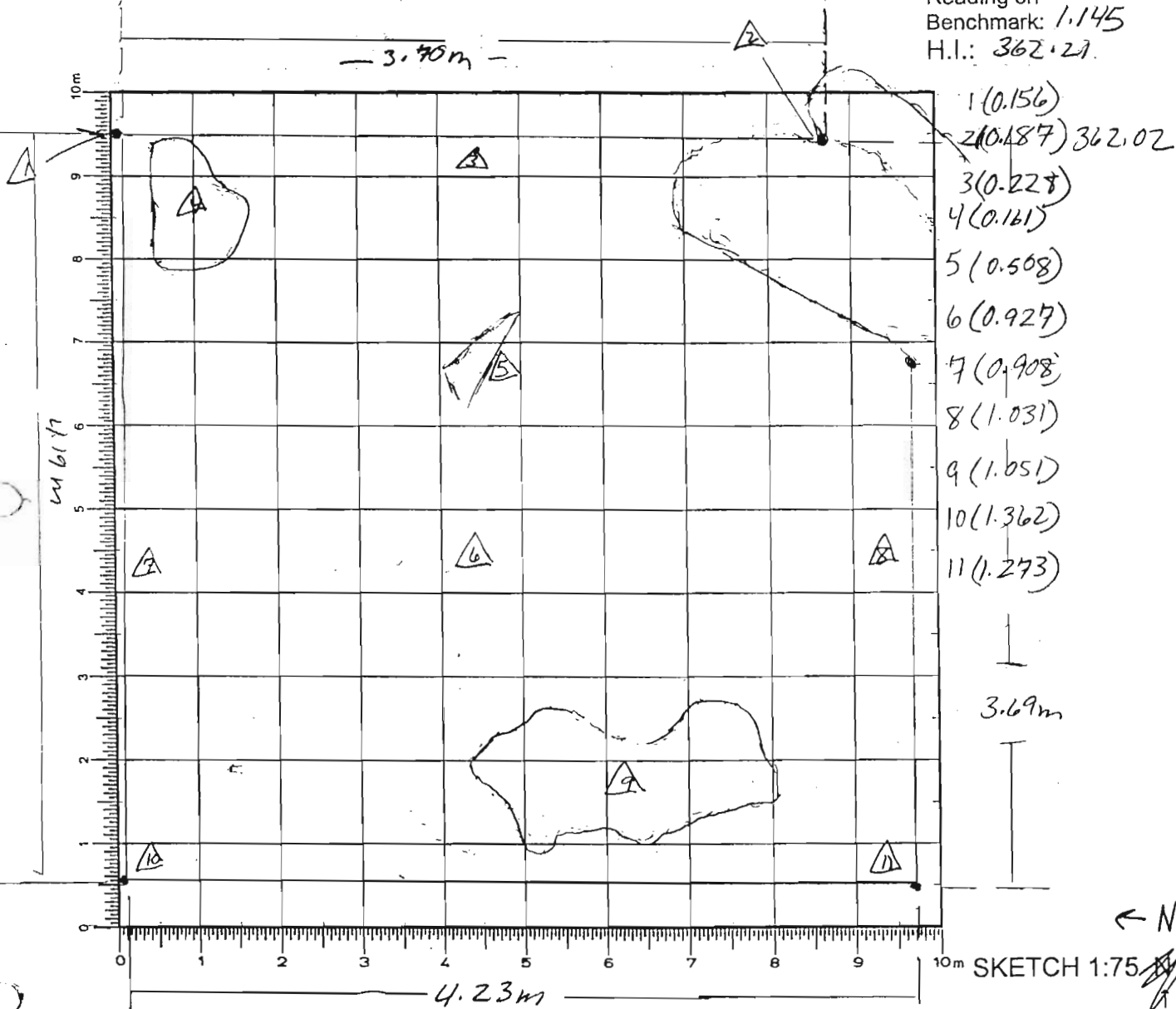
A possible N-S wall, running along the eastern line of **A2600**, was uncovered, however the stones were so slipped and affected by slope erosion that it was difficult to identify a clear linear accumulation.

Dense tumble within loose gravelly slope wash characterized every pass within **A2600** that followed the initial surface pass (**A2601.1**). The pottery found in this area ranged in date from LMIIC through to Hellenistic, demonstrating the level of disturbance encountered.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus ~~A2600~~
A2601 Excavator ESKA

Elevations

Benchmark used: R16
Reading on
Benchmark: 1.145
H.I.: 362.21



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

Today's date: 15 JUNE 04 Locus above: topsoil/modern surface wash

Locus parameters: directly north of and adjacent to A2500

Verbal description:

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

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
A2601.1	4.60 kg	449	LMIIC, Archaic, Hellenistic
A2601.2	0.985 kg	85	Hellenistic, Archaic
A2601.3	3.39 kg	398	Hellenistic, Archaic
A2601.4	9.33 kg	381	Hellenistic, Archaic
A2601.5	2.35 kg	352	Archaic, Hellenistic
A2601.6	2.82 kg	162	Archaic, Hellenistic

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	A2601.1	spindle whorl	SW corner SW corner Az601	—	
1	A2601.3	bronze nail	just north of bedrock along eastern wall	361.29	
2	A2601.3	loom weight	& east edge of trench	361.54	
1	A2601.5	spindle whorl	f. removal; at tumole (eastern edge)		

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
A2601.1	✓ reg				standard	
A2601.3	2 ^{reg} 1/4" sca.				standard	
A2601.4	✓ reg					
A2601.5	✓ reg					
A2601.6	✓ reg					pebble

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

15 June 04

We are opening a new trench just north of A2500. Mark, working down on the next large terrace of the hill, has come upon an extremely large spine wall running up slope - (seemingly). In the area of our new trench, A2600, a few large rocks rest partially exposed and seem to be in line with Mark's wall. We hope to see if the wall continues east (uphill) through this area.

- Several large stones also seem to be in line w/ the N-S wall that we think (although very disturbed by slope erosion) may have run behind A2500. Our eastern back (up slope) boundary is on the same line as A2500's. Since there was slightly greater preservation found last year in Melissa's trench just upslope from our two when she was further north, we hope we may expect the same and some of this N-S back (of the trench) wall, if it exists, may be preserved.

- The old stairway cut by Will passes through a small portion of the SE corner of our trench, we can expect a small amount of disturbance from this although the steps were rather shallow and appeared to penetrate only through the surface.

- We began by cleaning the vegetation and loose surface rubble. We did not collect for this.

- Our first pass^{ND1} about 10-15cm deep, is working from the west (down slope) eastward (up slope). This is A2601.1

- This pass began at the bottom of the slope with the Karma ^(SP2) and as we moved up slope (east) Tassos changed to skalistini in order to deal with the rocks ~~we~~ we are finding.

- About $\frac{1}{2}$ way^{up the} up on the northern edge of the trench we have come to an area where the surface matrix is darkened apparently from burning brush.

- a standard soil sample is being taken from this pass.

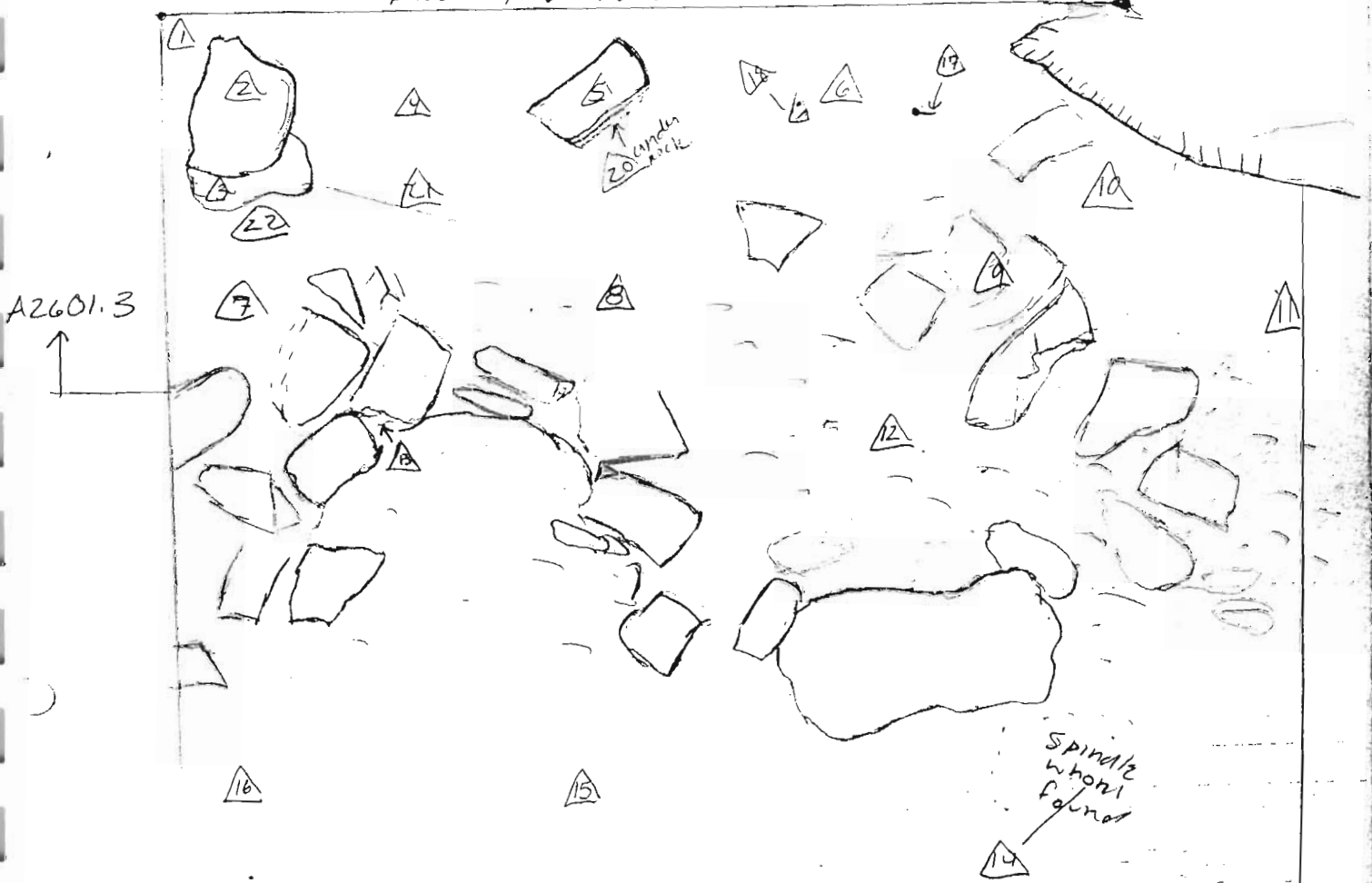
- some of the white concrete - probably from the Hellenistic tower, has come up in this pass.

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

15 June 04

- two odd spout-like ceramic pieces have come up in this pass
 - this pass is revealing a significant amount of tumble
 - a spindle whorl was found in the ~~same~~ ^{south west} area of the trench
- Trench A2600 with tumble as seen at end of pass 20 A2601.1 and A2601.2



16 June 04

- we are beginning this morning by completing the last small portion (SE corner) of the one we began yesterday. This morning's pass is assoc'd w/ pail AZ601.2.
- With the completion of AZ601.2 we are sweeping and taking elevations

Closing elevations for AZ601.1 and AZ601.2 are:

RIG	361.06 reading	(1.128)	H. ±	362.19
1	(0.301)	361.89	5	(0.410) 361.78
2	(0.137)	362.05	6	
3	(.432)	361.76	7	(0.808) 361.38
4	(0.494)	361.70	8	(0.790) 361.40
			9	(0.889) 361.50
			10	(0.863) 361.33
			11	(1.130) 361.06
			12	(1.075) 361.12
			13	(0.940) 361.25
			14	(1.373) 360.82
			15	(1.363) 360.83
			16	(1.423) 360.77

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

BWL
1-23

16 June 04, cont...

We have begun a new pass w/pail A2601.3 which begins from midway up the slope (from ~~W-E~~ W-E) to the top of A2600. In our last pass we uncovered a rough linear accumulation of stones that may represent a preserved portion of the N-S wall we thought might run in this area. Hopefully this pass will help us gain better clarity on this subject. We also suspect that some of the tumble we uncovered across the trench in passes previous (A2601.1 and A2601.2 - the same pass really) may have come from this possible wall.

- We are screening our five zembeliox from tumble with this pass. We are also beginning a standard soil sample

R16 ^{361.06} Reading (1.149) H.I.: 362.21

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Nail elev! (0.925) 361.29 ← bronze nail elevation

- We have just uncovered a bronze nail (see sketch for location), elevation above. It measured approximately 9cm in length. This has likely situated here due to

slope wash activity. R16 ^{not g.} (1.149) H.I.: 362.21
(1.150) elev (0.670) 361.54 ← a loomweight was also found (see sketch p. 3)

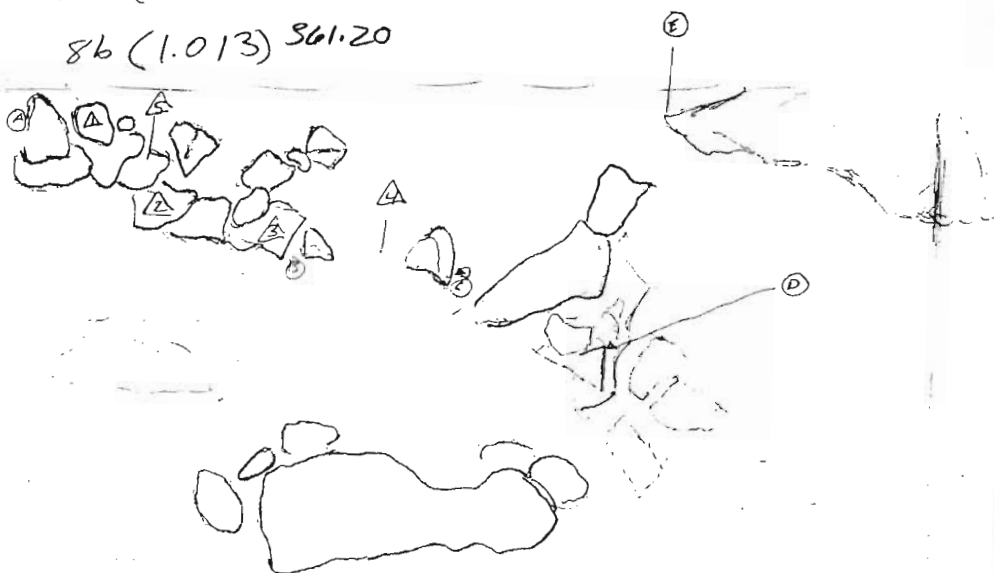
46 (0.725) 361.49

20 (0.828) 361.38

66 (0.848) 361.36

86 (1.013) 361.20

21 (0.636) 361.57



- A - B: 1.64m
- A - C: 2.15m
- A - D: 3.00m
- A - E: 2.40m

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

16 June 04, cont...

- along the northern side of the trench several nice large flat stones have come out as part of the tumble accumulated around the large stone that continued to surface in this area.
- as we are moving east (up slope) we are becoming aware that the tumble is deeper than this pass will cover as there are air cavities becoming visible below the stones where they have fallen.
- some stones that have probably slipped/tumbled out from what we think is a N-S wall running @ the back (east) of A2600 we are leaving in place for this pass so that we can have a cleaner look at what is happening with them after cleaning (sweeping).
- A260.4 is another pass through the locus and its tumble

17 June 04

We are beginning this morning by completing the pass we began yesterday afternoon - we will begin with pail A2601.5, moving south and east through the trench where we left off yesterday. Our objective is again to try to understand whether or not Mark's wall, D103, does indeed continue up slope (to east) to A2600. Further, we are getting better feeling of the possible N-S wall running across the back (east) of our trench.

- As we are trying to see if Mark's wall continues, we are having to remove a significant amount of small (fist-sized and smaller) fallen stones in order to see what lies below. All of these tumbled/washed stones are resting upon loose, gravelly soil containing shards.
- Some stones that we had previously viewed as parts of the wall are now proving to be tumble resting upon loose washed matrix.

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

17 June 04

- a small, squat cylindrical and perforated clay disk came out while Tassos was taking the pass through the SE portion of our possible N-S wall. ~~He wanted~~ It was found while cleaning the removed matrix from below his feet. It appears to be a decorated spindle whorl.

- Tassos would like to take out a number of rocks from the N-S wall? area. Many of them are clearly out of place yet we might be able to make something of the tumble prior to removing it.

Closing elevations for A2601.5

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21.06 - R16 rdg (1.108) HI: 362.17

16c (1.429) 360.74	12c (1.221) 360.95	10c (0.963) 361.21
15c (1.388) 360.78	7c (1.115) 361.06	6c (0.943) 361.43
14c (1.334) 360.84	8c (1.137) 361.03	4c (0.919) 361.45
	11c (1.155) 361.02	22 (0.962) 361.21

1 - (0.278) 361.89	5 - (0.304) 361.87
2 - (0.511) 361.66	
3 (0.738) 361.43	
4. (0.999) 361.17	

- We are beginning a new pass with pail A2601.6 moving through and razing the obvious tumble that is raising the level of the trench. The bottom (western) fifth of the trench does not contain tumble (exposed), is lower, and will not be included in this pass.

- This pass is being concluded as well as our time in A2600 as this last pass has only clarified that we have a TRENCH full of wash. We will sweep now for Pessy to take photos. Closing Elevations for A2601.6 R16 (rdg: 1.129) HI: 362.19
#16 from P. 3 sketch 11c (1.181), 361.01 12c (1.407) 360.78