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5 Feb 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02-30-1

We are about to begin excavating (it's almost 9:30am), & we have spent the last two hours setting up posts for structure #104. This will be our first day of work, & I will begin on the north side of N1 trench, which has 178° orientation & a width of 1 meter. Leigh Anne will be excavating the other end of this trench moving S/N and we will meet in the middle after each excavating 7 meters excavation units. Brad will be concentrating on the E/W axis (88° orientation), subop. D. I'm C & Leigh Anne is Subop. D. Even though this is a little out of order, I should also mention it's sunny now though it was overcast this morning & I'm feeling kind of tired.

0-10 cm
BGS

50-C/001: Unit 1 is the N. most unit. I will measure my depth using my SE post (because it should be highest). The soil is full of limestone w/ a dark black clay - seems very dry & crumbly. We encountered no tumble or cultural features. A few shreds, lithics, & bajareque pieces were found. I will now continue on to the next lot (10-20cm BGS)

50-C/002: This lot was excavated 10-20cm BGS ^{from the} SE corner ^{of EU #1, N.} most EU. The soil appears to be the same, & when we began excavating on 5-2-02 in this ^{lot} unit, we had only found a couple of large pieces of bajareque + a few pieces of pottery.

6 Feb. 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02'-30-2

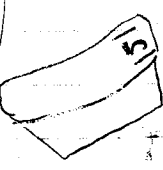
10-20cm
BGS
continued
from SE
corner of
EU#1,
N. most
trench

It's 10 minutes to 8, and we got off to a slow start because Brad needed some help extending his trench. It's already much sunnier than yesterday and will probably be warmer today as well. I am continuing excavations on the northern most excavation unit of Structure #104, lot 2. I am working with Manuel de Jesus Aguilar & Luis Aguilar Amaya again today. Both seem to really enjoy the work, & I know I'm definitely feeling better.

After 2 lithics & 4 sherds, I think we're ready to move on to the next lot. There is one large rock sticking out of the SE corner & still waiting to see what it will be. The workers told me that floors & walls are normally found below 40 cm, but Brad actually found a lot of flat rocks closer to the surface (less than 20 cm) that could be part of a larger structure.

20-30cm
BGS

50-C/003: It's about 8:15 & we're starting the 3rd lot. The soil remains the same, & we have found a few from SE corner small ceramic sherds, a couple of small pieces of E.U. #1, N. most EU of bajareque, & one lithic.



Sherds are getting bigger as we go deeper in the SE corner. We even found one with a rim that appears to have the number 15 on the ~~rim~~ box. More rocks are turning up in the SE corner which are probably tumble. Ed recommends we go another 10 cm.

30-40cm
BGS

50-C/004: It's 9:30 & this will be lot 4 of the day from the SE corner of EU#1, N most EU. There seems to be more ceramics than anything else. We're also starting to really run into a layer of rocks

6 Feb 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02-30-3

40-50 cm
BGS

50-C/005: A little after the morning break, & we've almost begun this new lot blw 40-50 cm BGS of EU#1, N. most EU. Digging has become more difficult as we are encountering more tumble; However a lot of red pottery sherds, a handle to a pot/jar, & a piece of (Central Mexican) green obsidian have kept us interested. The soil, the weather, + just about everything else remains the same.

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50-C/005 Continued: This morning Manuel, Luis, & I are continuing to excavate lot 5, \approx 40-50 cm BGS of EU#1, N. most EU. In the first 5 minutes, we turned up a lot of obsidian flakes + more sherds as we continue digging around a large rock in the center of the EU. The soil seems to be quite full of limestone as well, but remains the same. Today has already started out hotter than yesterday, & we're in full sun. Feel a little tired (woke up from a bad dream earlier this morning & couldn't get back to sleep), but Luis & Manuel never seem exhausted. Sometimes I think gringos don't know what hard work is -

Finished this lot out w/ brown obsidian from Ixtepeque, Guatemala. These people were far from the periphery, & they traded w/ Mexico & Guatemala.

50-60

cm
BGS
of EU#1,
N. most
EU

50-C/006: As we begin this lot, Manuel has been explaining how brutal pick axes are on pottery. Sometimes I think the artifacts don't stand a chance against them, but he claims the red tools aren't so bad. Hopefully Bryan has more. So far we have the same dry, crumbly dark black clay filled w/ limestone.

Just found some peccolite - very similar to obsidian actually

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PO2'-30-4

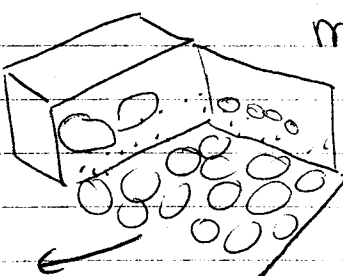
Maybe by the time I leave, I'll know a little more about identifying rocks. Did find carbon though + some interesting green rocks (that everyone mistook for jade)

50-C/007 : 10:50 - Hot day! We are burning up & going deeper. So far the soil is the same, but we have the beginning of a floor I think.

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PO2'-30-4

It's about 7:30 am, Manuel + Luis are finishing up cleaning our EU. It's already bright + sunny like most days, but I feel awake + ready to go. We have ~~recovered~~ discovered what looks like a floor from Lot 7 yesterday. The strange part is that Lot 5 probably represented a layer of midden which wasn't obvious until now. Ed thinks this may represent a floor that was made before the ^{structure} ~~house~~ was built. New people/ancestors



Cross section of trench

50-C/007 → 70 cm BGS
EU #1, N. most trench

later covered it w/ trash & another layer of tumble or floor. Manuel named the possible floor at the bottom of 50-C/007 César.

Piso César

Drawing DO2'-30-1 goes along w/ this description.

50-C/008 Wall clearing from 50-70 cm BGS on S. wall of EU #1, N. most trench revealed more bajareques, ceramics, & 2 lithics. This was a dead give away, however w/ regards to the midden.

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(Pat's B-day)

P02'-30-5

0-10 cm
BGS

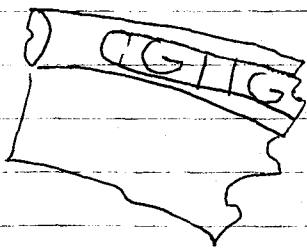
50-C/009, EU#2 facing South: We have begun the next EU heading towards structure #104 moving S. A few Shards have turned up but mostly it appears to be dirt.

10-20 cm
BGS

50-C/010, EU#2 facing S: We are seeing more rocks that may indicate tumble (though I'm hoping that a little deeper it will be a floor). Lots of ceramics showing up.

20-30 cm
BGS

50-C/011, EU#2 facing South: Several large pieces of ceramics in S. central corner. 2 jar lips w/ pseudo glyphs were found on top of rocks/tumble.



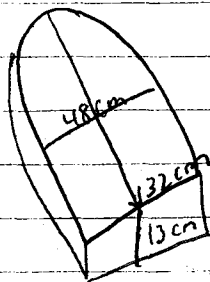
larger, gray, reddish piece



smaller
brighter
orange
color

30-40
cm BGS

50-C/012 We've been finding large modified rocks mostly at 45° angles.



← one example

11 Feb 2002 Kristin Goodnow

PQ2'-30-6

40-50 cm
BGS

50-C/013, EU#2 - Today ^{we} are beginning a new lot which will probably cut through a midden & hopefully end in a floor or wall (at least for now, that is the speculation). As usual, today is starting out overcast, but will probably heat up & dry everything out (it rained last night & a lot of dirt has washed into both EUs). Luis & I are working with someone new today because Guillermo asked Manuel to help him out on his project. The new worker seems much quieter, & Luis hasn't said a word all morning. His name is Rolando Ramiro, and even though he claims to have had experience, each new piece of pottery seems to surprise him. Today is definitely going to be interesting.

A large bag of ceramics & a surprising number of pedrasals turned up in this lot. I will begin excavation 50-60 cm BGS

50-60
cm
BGS

50-C/014, EU#2 - Some obsidian & ceramics. Manuel just came back, and Rolando is now working with Alison or Patrick (Yehh). Haven't found anything special. Take that back - Manuel found a sherd that looks like it has an "M" inscribed on it.

50-60
cm
BGS

50-C/015 - Luis just found 3 teeth (possibly from a dog in the SE corner). I just learned you have to put them in paper bags so they last longer & don't decompose.

60-70
cm
BGS

50-C/016 - It's just before lunch, & this will probably be our last lot in this excavation unit. Although I was hoping for a floor, we seem to have just found dirt, though remarkably lighter due to all the ceramics (which probably started in the last 2 lots).

12 Feb 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02-30-7

0-10 cm
BGS
EU#3

50-C/017 - It's bright & sunny this morning even though everything is wet from last night. I feel absolutely exhausted even though I went to bed early last night. We've found some ceramics, some chert, & a little bajaveque, but nothing out of the ordinary. A few rocks have shown up on the south side of the EU - perhaps we'll see a wall or a building edge later today.

10-20 cm
BGS
EU#3

50-C/018 We needed to remove many rocks that were at an angle because they were hunkle. Most of them seem to have been carefully selected for a structure at one time.

20-40 cm
BGS

50-C/019 Several larger rocks actually took us down 20 cm, where I think I can safely call the new feature they are unveiling a wall. Ed has just confirmed this, & Manuel has named it "Lempira" after a cacique from Honduras, following in the political leader theme he had suggested earlier.

40-50 cm
BGS

50-C/020 A few shreds, some bajaveque - not finding much of anything although the wall is definitely showing up more. Right now we plan on continuing until 70 cm.

50-60 cm
BGS

50-C/021 We are seeing the same things but with fewer lithics. On the whole, there seem to be fewer artifacts here than in the first two lots (which had about the same number of objects).

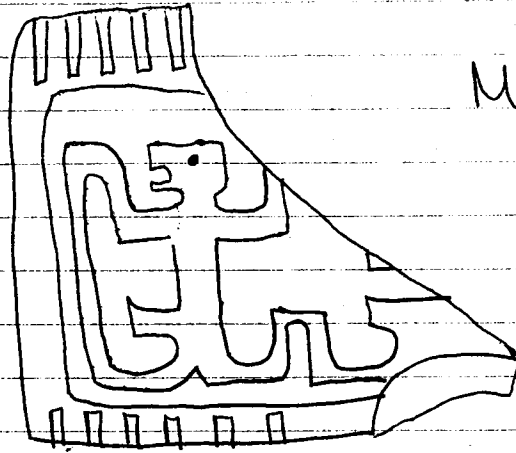
60-70 cm
BGS

50-C/022 Just found a monkey stamp!



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P02'-30-8



Monkey Stamp

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P02-30-9

60-70cm
BGS
EU#3
Facing
South

50-C/022 - It's overcast & cool this morning, & we are finishing up this lot (yesterday we found the monkey stamp ^{just} as we were about to quit). The soil seems to be the same, and Marvel & Luis are hoping to find the base of the wall in this "pique" (lot). Found the base at 70cm. Now they are clearing it off.

0-40
cm BGS
EU#3
Facing
South

50-C/023 - Clearing tumble off ~~base~~ ^{top} of wall - removing large rocks at an angle. Have found 1 lithic

0-40
cm BGS
EU#3
Facing
S.

50-C/024 - we are beginning the next ~~lot~~ ^{Lot} by clearing the first 10 cm, and as long as it doesn't appear to be a new feature, we will continue to remove tumble for an additional 20 cm. After 30 cm more, we have concluded that it was just tumble and will move into the next EU

0-40
cm BGS
EU#4
Facing S.

50-C/025 - Ed asked us to begin this ~~lot~~ ^{lot} only 30 cm inward from the edge of EU#3 moving South into EU#4 because there may be another wall. We are excavating the rest, though because it turned out to not be a wall.
of the lot

F. Morazan

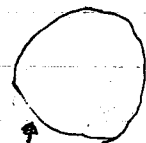
1-10cm
BGS
EU#5

50-C/026 - This EU would probably have been inside the structure, and strangely enough, we have not found any stones so far (tumble/wall for anything similar). A lot of hand bajareque suggests to Ed that this structure probably burned turning me into a pottery almost.

14 Feb 2002, Kristin Godnow

P02-30-10

10-20cm
BGS
EU#5



Actual size

⊙ side view

50-C/027 → what an overcast day! It must have poured last night, but we are pushing ahead like good archaeologists on to the next lot. Everyone is in a good mood even though I am exhausted - we are finding a lot of large rocks (same soil since the 1st day) & a strange little object (like a small bowl).

18 Feb 2002

0-20cm BGS
EU#6

50-C/028 - Vivian (one of Brad's workers) brought a radio this morning so hopefully ^{today} this morning will take a turn for the better - a lot of grumpy people have been in a bad mood so I'm finally glad to be in the field. It's overcast as usual though I don't think it will rain (we were rained out on Friday the last time I made an entry in my notes)

Well, we've gone down 10cm BGS now & we have an enormous ~~page~~ of bajareque - actually the largest Bajareque yet. Going on to the next lot.

10-20cm
BGS
EU#6

50-C/029 We have excavated 10-20cm BGS and have found enough rocks that Pat feels we may have a possible surface. Going to press ahead to next lot.

0-10cm
BGS
EU#7

50-C/030 - We are seeing a trend of less ceramics & more hard, burned bajareque w/ stick marks/indentations. However, this lot has not turned up much - we have a few pieces of bajareque & a little ceramic.

Pollo
Luis
Antonio
Rosario
Hoteles
de
Cienfuegos

Planchetas
Lying

18 Feb 2002 Kristin Goodnow

P02'-30-11

10-20 cm
BGS
EU#7

50-C/031 - We actually opened this trench yesterday, but rain made it impossible to take notes (and sprinkles this morning are proving to be a challenge). We haven't found much - a little bajaveque, a few sherds, & a couple lithics. The floor of the trench, however, may be some kind of surface. a lot of flat rocks are forcing me to move onto the next EU.

0-10cm
BGS
EU#8

50-C/032 - We just started this new lot, but only a couple of tjestos and lithics have shown up. Had to put everything in the smallest bag.

10-20 cm
BGS
EU#8

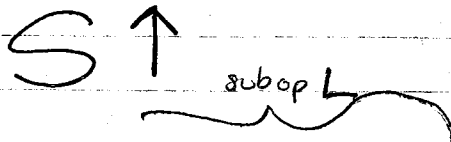
50-C/033 - Some interesting rocks have shown up in the SE corner - they almost appear to have been cut blocks, but we need to go deeper to be sure.

0-10cm
BGS
EU#9

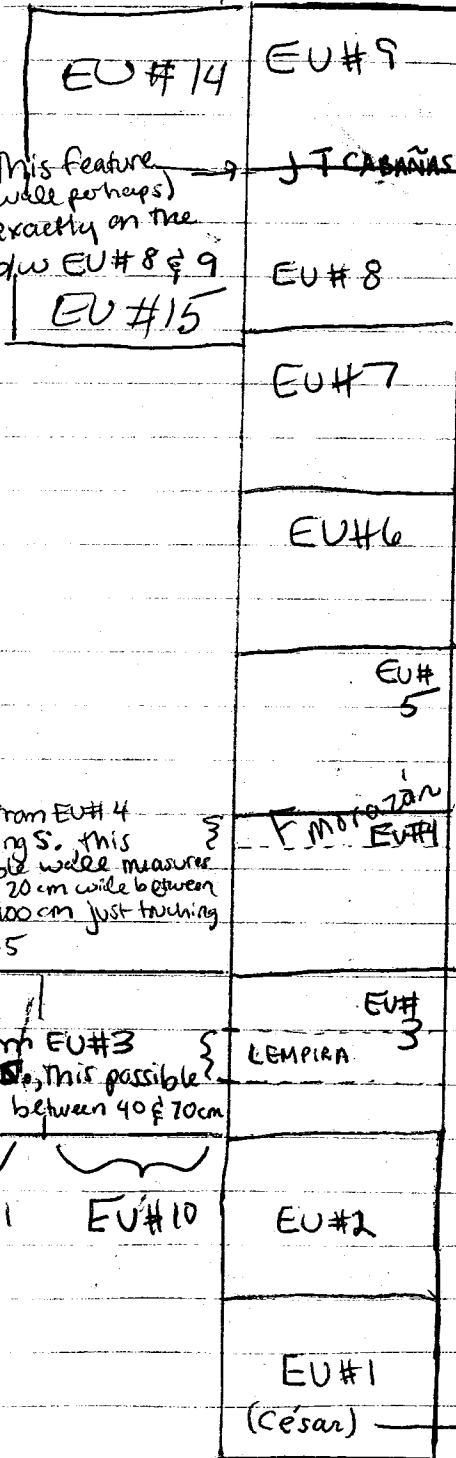
50-C/034 - Have found a possible feature which we have named J.T. Cabanas - it looks like a wall. Also had to return to name a feature found earlier which became more apparent between EU #4 & 5 which was called F. Morazan.

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P02'-30-12



Structure #104



Sub-op G

EU #13

EU #12

EU #11

EU #10

EU #2

EU #1

(César)

Feature possibly a floor

Each EU is 1M²

HERIZO
Orlando

Groundhog

20 Feb. 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02'30-13

0-10cm
BGS
EU#10

50-G/035 - We have begun excavating this new sub op. & lot around 7:30 am. The sun is already bright today, & I feel great as I went to bed early last night. The first 10cm revealed a lot of tumble that we removed on the S. side of the EU in search of a wall. Very few artifacts have turned up.

10-20cm
BGS
EU#10

→ 50-G/036 - More tumble is showing up - Ed's executive decision is to remove all of ~~them~~^{it}. Strangely enough this lot has not turned up any lithics, though we are seeing some bayouque & strands.

20-30cm
BGS
EU#10

50-G/037 - Finally we are beginning to see Lempira continued, and I actually have a blister from helping clean this lot out.

30-40cm
BGS
EU#10

50-G/038 - Wall becoming more apparent. Going to move on to the next lot. Wait. Just found a small black animal bone - looks petrified, but Ed says it was burned. I wonder if that supports the theory that this structure once burned down.

0-10cm BGS
EU#11

50-G/039 - Cutting through many roots & will probably kill this small tree north of our EU.

21 Feb 02, Kristin Goodnow

P02430-14

The day is already starting out on a good note - we have the radio back! (It was in for repairs). It's also sunny, but not too hot. Still can't believe tomorrow is my last day.

We continue to follow Lempira along the S. end of our new trench, and continue to remove a lot of tumble.
(Sub. up G)

0-10cm
BGS
EU#11

50-G/039 Continued: If we look at Lempira from a distance, it seems to be tatter (better preserved?) running west and gradually sloping down as it moves east. This lot, however, has yet to turn up anything intriguing & very little BLC (Bajareque, lithics or ceramics).

10-20 cm
BGS
EU#11

50-G/040 - A little bajareque, ceramics, & lithics. Mostly tumble that must be cleared to reveal the wall.

20-30cm
BGS
EU#11

50-G/041 - Almost the same as the last lot. Haven't seen any soil changes nor any real differences at all. Brad is working on EU that is headed this way & hopefully we will ^{or} meet up at the Basal corner.

30-40 cm
BGS
EU#11

50-G/042 - The wall is becoming much easier to see though it's ^{still} very small. My workers are beginning to seem tired; Manuel has been complaining of back pain for the last few days. Overall a very slow day as I'm sure these notes reflect; sometimes I feel like my notes could be better, but there ~~are~~ haven't any been any changes to note.

21 Feb 02, Kristin Goodnow

P02'-30-15

0-10cm
BGS
EU#12

50-G/043 — Lots of large protruding rocks along this wall. Seems like the wall may actually be getting thicker/larger. Absolutely no artifacts recovered

10-20cm
BGS
EU#12

50-G/044 — This next lot also supports my original idea stated above, though a small bag of items were recovered.

20-40cm
BGS
EU#12

50-G/045 — Have reached the bottom of the wall though not the corner yet. Will try in the next EU & hope for better results.

22 Feb 02, → overcast day, though my last official one in the field. Few sprinkles

0-10
cm
BGS
EU#13

50-G/046 → A few artifacts. You can definitely see a corner coming up. A few tricky rocks could be part of the wall or not — I opted to remove most of them

10-20cm
BGS
EU#13

50-G/047 Found Lempira's corner! It meets up with Brad's trench & wall, Goobledy, Gooker.

20-30cm
BGS
EU#13

50-G/048 — A beautiful wall! So clean! And pretty large too.

22 Feb 2002, Kristin Goodnow

P02'-30-16

0-10cm
BGS
EU #14

50-L/049 - A lot of rocks & very few artifacts. This lot & the next one though should give us a good idea of where Cabañas & Andie the Giant meet (where the corner of 2 walls come together)

0-10cm
BGS
EU #15

50-L/050 - Seems that Cabañas & Andie probably do not meet, though we are excavating deeper to be sure.

10-
20cm BGS
EU #15

50-L/051 - This will be my last lot I think & then Leigh Anne will take over the trench or maybe this sub-op.