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PSTB

10G/58 - Tues June 21, 1983 - I feel good + rested today. is sunny and hot but not too bad. Kathleen, John and I started working here then Kathleen left to help Wendy. found a half dozen or so finely polished black steveds some were rims and some looked like they would fit together

At one point while sifting through the dirt shoveled out of the pit I saw a few miniscule flakes of what looked like mica but they were too small to really tell and crumbled when I tried to pick them up.

Lots of Jute and some steveds were being tossed up so we sifted through by hand to get them out. we also took a flotation sample and a jute sample for dating.

Lot 58 ends at 136 cm. since we had to redefine the levels.

From here we are taking it down with trowels in search of the rest of the burial.

Some rocks were encountered along the west excavation wall

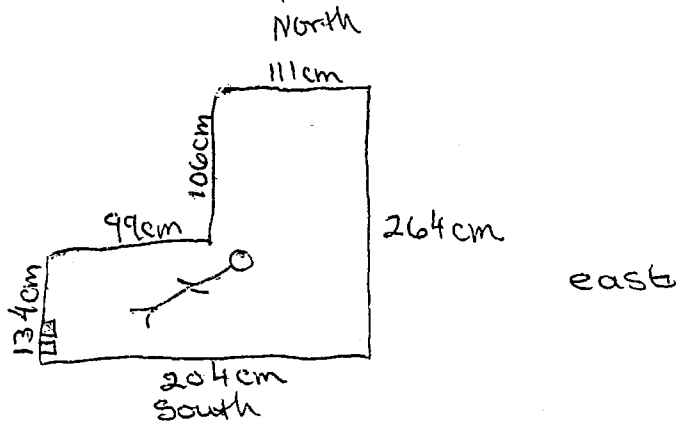
1 meter - top - left stone
1 meter 20 cm - bottom

97 cm - top - right stone
115 cm - bottom

Wendy thinks these stones may cover the feet of the burial body.

pit shape →
w/ presumed body orientation

west



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106/59 John and I started going down slowly from 136cm in search of the burial. We straightened around the west wall and its corners and cleared around the two large stones found at 106/58 then we worked in ~~to~~^{topped} the west wall at a diagonal on either side of the area where the body presumably is. Before lunch we got down to about 147cm on either side of the burial area. (The NW corner and wall is a bit higher for drainage purposes). Bill was assisting us by screen the dirt for us.

After lunch we started scraping down the area left above the burial. we did this by trowling off ~~the~~ small horizontal layers. Near the SW. corner we found what may be part of the foot bones. and left it undisturbed for today. We also found a very large intact portion of a pottery vessel. It ~~too~~ was left intact and partially buried until tomorrow when the rest of the body can be uncovered. Measurements, drawings etc will be taken then. The afore mentioned pottery piece had an orangish slip and was located about $\frac{1}{2}$ way or a little more between the head and presumed feet of the burial body.

In two areas we found what seemed to be small slightly scattered associations of matching/similar sherds.

One group seemed to have an orangish slip and was located at about the level of the large intact sherd and 46 cm from the south wall and 33 cm from the west wall. a small concentration of obsidian also appeared to be in this area.

The other group seemed to have a drab~~ish~~ slip w/ a little bits of white in it. At the same approx level, 23cm from south, 12 from west

We also found sherds, obsidian, some chert and tons of jute shells.

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Helped Wendy pay the workers. Now I will be monitoring work on test pits 10P, 10Q, and 10R. A ~~sample~~^{flotation} sample was taken from 10P/7 and taken right down to Bill.

In 10R at the bottom of the 80 cm level (lot 7) we seem to be getting to the rock so all of the 80-90 cm level (lot 8) will probably be just rocky stuff.

In 10Q finished (lot 9) 70-80 cm, was a very small lot, and began on ~~the~~ the 80-90 cm level (lot 10).

In 10P finished (lot 7) 60-70 cm and began (lot 8) 70-80 cm. Lot 7 was very small + so far there is nothing from lot 8.

In 10R finished 80-90 cm (lot 8) it was full of lots of rocks but at the end of it the start of 90-100 cm (lot 9) one med size sherd was found (put in lot 8) and we decided to dig the 90-100 cm level (lot 9). At the end of 90-100 (lot 9) we are leveling out and flattening the bottom of the pit believing that we have reached the bottom.

In 10Q finished 80-90 cm level (lot 10) was a small lot and will begin 90-100 cm (lot 11).

In 10R decided to go from 100-110 cm (lot 10) since some sherd, jute, and obsidian were found in 90-100 cm (lot 9).

In 10P work was terminated about 11:00 so the workers could go help extend and strengthen the pit in group one. Work was terminated at the 70-80 cm level (lot 8) it has a small amount of sherds the lot 8.

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In 10Q work was terminated about 11:00 so they too could go help strengthen and extend the pit in group one. At the time they were digging in the 90-100 cm level (lot 11) as of yet nothing had been turned up.

In 10R they were down about 5 cm into the 100-110 cm level (lot 10) so far only jute has been found.

The cm level to lot number scale given to me by Wendy and used in numbering the lots mentioned above.

North → South pit order.

→ measured from NE corner.

	<u>10P</u>	<u>10Q</u>	<u>10R</u>
levelling	—	—	—
0-10	1	1	1
10-20	2	2	2
20-30	3	3	} 2
30-40	4	4	
40-50	5	5	3
50-60	6	6	4
60-70	7	7	5
70-80	8	8	6
80-90	9	9	7
90-100	10	10	8
100-110	11	11	9
		12	10