

Mason Book 1 ✓  
1932 Piedras Negras

Monday, March 21, 1932. Five

Clear day, not hot. Stayed in camp  
till 10:00 then out to floor work.

Stela 40: Upper part  $260 \times 115$   
 $\times 40$  max. Lower "  $230 \times 100$   
 $\times 40$  max. Just done

Stela 10. Only half good.

" 9, now covered

" 11 quite good, lower half face  
down  $210 \times 100 \times 45$ . upper half  
face up  $190 \times 105 \times 45$ .

Top of altar #2 about  $100 \times 35$  sq.  
Saw glyphs off?

Altar 1. 220 down, 35 thick.  
largest fragment 140 wide.

leg of altar #1, about average ✓  
 $135 \times 40$  square.

#4, face down, 2 pieces, low in place  
 $110 \times 130 \times 35$  +  $200 \times 135 \times 35$ .  
Still has stucco facing on red &  
green colors.

#5, 1 large piece, face up  $250 \times$   
 $125 \times 40$ . At top, base  $200 \times 110$

#1 + 3, too large to take

#2, too far to take.

#8, fair quality. Large low fragment  
(close in place)  $180$  av.  $\times 130$

$\times 40$ . 5 low piece ca  $160 \times 130 \times 40$ .

#7, 2 pieces, high relief, upside down  
Total  $220 \times 100 \times 30$ .

#6, whole  $285 \times 80 \times 35$

Leg of altar + average 80x50x40.

#13, sculptured portion 180x90x40, 3 pieces.

#15, lower portion: 185x65x40, (- much). Upper part in 2 pieces, not found today

Stelae 37-39, 41-43 eroded

" 16-23? " "

" 12 + 14 gone + 36

" 35, like 8, badly eroded.

Lower piece 190x100x40. Upper 6 pieces about 130 high

34 Lower part 160x80x40

upper 130-160x85x45

lower part face up, upper part down ✓ 4  
33, eroded, unique, face 270x85x40

32, entire, eroded. B face, curved 245x50x45

30? Erosion except for 1 piece from ditch 90x70x25.

29? small, broken, 6 pieces, all right

30? normal, eroded

28 + 27, eroded

26 face face, large upper piece 155x120x30. Lower piece (~25?) 180x30x? many small pieces

25? Buddha? Large upper piece 190x120x35. Lower piece

24=?

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~~Spent latter part of morning & after-  
noon measuring & figuring sizes &  
weights of stelae & making on same.~~  
Warm night. Wounded about my  
leg, also not feeling well generally  
Tuesday March 22.

Fine clear warm day. Set men  
to clearing right side of pyramid  
27 preparatory to searching more  
carefully for lintel 1. Stayed  
in camp in morning, making  
one night's division of stelae  
& accounts. Same in afternoon  
& evening. Espanza bought more  
supplies, also telegram from Davido  
demanding return of wagon wheels.

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Began till midnight writing letters  
Wednesday March 23.

Slight rain last night & morning  
lowing & dull. At last got  
to work with 9 men, sent one  
who talks English, with Parris.  
Men began moving stones at  
base of # 27 on right side in  
beginning another part for best of  
lintel I. Lint with another  
gang finishing excavation of  
building on top of acropolis, many  
strudging stelae. Parris began  
surveying but without stadia.  
Decided to move men and  
have them first remove & dig  
under great tree trunk lying

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or slope which is probably same  
as liberally made to cover lintel.  
Had new work stela 18 + put 3  
parts together. Carpenter took mea-  
surements for loss for 5, 6, 7, +  
feet of altar 4. Joints are slightly  
different. One has no trace at  
base; one is bit preserved. + appar-  
ently has line of incised glyphs above  
and eye in addition to above  
one, as all other have also. Good  
intact under but minor variations,  
especially in teeth + tongue. ||  
Stela 18, when put together, is  
about 380 long. Began to drizzle  
in middle afternoon. American  
began to separate right part

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room of temple # 27 down to floor  
level. Worked till late at night  
on accounts, letters, etc. Confused  
with Sat. regarding division of  
stela + later with Mendoza  
Tentatively divided 12, 14, 40, 13 +  
26 to Photo., 36, 6, 10, (5, 7) to  
Gutierrez

Thursday March 24. Rained  
rainy + decided not to work.  
Rained + drizzled most of day.  
All spent most of day fixing  
up office + rest of camp.  
Esparza arrived at night with  
remainder of night equipment  
including Paris stadia rod +  
drawing board to permit him to

get to work. <sup>Monday</sup> Holy <sup>✓</sup> Thursday <sup>9</sup>  
Friday March 25  
Good Friday. Men did not wish to  
work. Developed a lot of films last  
night; dried them this morning.  
A cloudy & threatening all day. A  
little drizzle but no rain. Spent  
most of day typing up accounts  
& odd jobs.

Saturday, March 26. Back to  
work after 2 days of enforced  
idleness. Panned dull but only  
daze which blew off by middle  
morning. 9 men to begin. Che,  
Abel Sierra, next back to camp,  
ill, leaving 8. Sent 4 <sup>including</sup> with  
Pacho Mata to excavate on

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pyramid 421 see if there is a buried  
trunk under it. Altho 4 with  
Eduardo searching for buried trunk  
trunk of great tree. Pavis at work  
surveying. Pavis excavating room of  
27, many studying stones, sent  
with gong on roof of // American  
broke thru floor of right front  
room <sup>B</sup> found cache of flints &  
obsidians is with fragments of  
broken plain red vessel or vessels.  
Man B. came to assist them & I.  
In a small space several caches  
with fragments of vessels of red ware  
So much broken that, as usual,  
individual caches are indistinguishable  
Americans' notes, not for boys!

Notes by OWA Jr. 3/26<sup>11</sup>

First cache found approx 2 ft.  
from entrance + 6" to 1 ft  
from median wall - large  
pieces red pottery under  
which were numerous objects  
in obsidian, jade + flint.

Second cache found under  
floor + about 3" from  
surface - large loose  
stones under + alongside.

Third cache found  
2 1/2' from right end of  
room + approx in center.

Floor thick, abd 4-5"  
+ objects found in it

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Few pieces of small  
broken pottery + 2  
obsidian pieces near top.

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30 chipped flints, about 16 obsidians  
+ 16 jades including 5 carved or  
rather mixed. Probably 3 pottery  
pieces; apparently looks inserted over  
cache, uncertain if the one  
containing vessels. Floor very poor  
+ impossible to tell if floor has been  
broken thru to lower cache. They are  
found in dirt just below floor +  
just above embankment fill. Shards +  
objects are scattered but by falling

in interest between enclaves.  
 On afternoon he found a few more,  
 rather few, & generally isolated, with  
 a few shreds. Floor differs greatly,  
 near vestibule is rather thin with  
 small loose stones just below large  
 enclaves beneath that. On east (?)  
 end, thicker & thicker with very  
 large stones as enclaves. In  
 center near front wall thick and  
 clayish. Front wall badly fallen  
 & for most of length not seen  
 above floor level, only for 1st meter  
 is it much higher than floor (30cm)  
 Beyond that, top at front is but  
 slightly above floor level &  
 sloping greatly outward // Anuran

says there was no missing bed in  
 center near to suggest altar like  
 that found in corresponding room to  
 left. But floor in center  
 is very soft, not hard packed &  
 apparently no floor, - possible indication  
 of altar there. Rear & front walls  
 continue down below upper floor  
 & plaster shows well on the walls  
 beneath floor, darker & sooty (?)  
 Width of room at vestibule 130cm  
 (possibly originally slightly less as  
 wall is fallen forward slightly, width  
 at back uncertain as wall is greatly  
 sloping (not found yet). Length  
 from edge of vestibule trench to  
 rear wall 385cm.

Very sticky day but not extra humid.  
 Felt heavy at night & did no work  
 Sunday March 27, Easter.

Men were willing to work today  
 on account of Thursday & Friday  
 being cloudy & still in morning,  
 threatening. 4 men under Eduardo  
 seeking lintel under tree, 4 under  
 Pando Mota one + 2. Latter  
 has found a floor about 6 ft  
 or more, possibly 2 m. below  
 floor of temple. At rear center  
 but about on line with rear wall  
 of building found top of cylindrical  
 stone apparently exactly similar  
 to that found in north door.

very black. It was found at  
~~the~~ ~~top~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~temple~~  
~~at~~ ~~a~~ ~~depth~~ ~~of~~ ~~about~~ ~~250~~ ~~feet~~  
~~below~~ ~~the~~ ~~floor~~. No trace yet of walls.  
 Found few nodules of large & smaller  
 pieces of limestone. Walls of upper  
 temple do not extend below upper  
 floor, or only a few feet.  
 Rubble fell large at back. Lower  
 floor of good smooth flat plaster  
 with black earth below. Rubble  
 fell seems to be of large stones  
 broken near wall. After stone  
 below is slightly sloping & was  
 apparently intended for a sort of  
 light, apparently about 30 or  
 slanting above floor. Top is a door  
 below level of thick stone above

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AND No  
MKSUNG  
DIB. of 3/6  
on 2/1/51

~~just below center of rock slab  
to fault in its center about 25cm  
in front of edge of the slab which  
is on line with ledge of upper  
rock at back. Bolled Linton & Parris  
into conference, as depth of  
excavation in fill makes it very  
dangerous. To try show it up a  
uncovered section of lower floor &  
decided that it should be entirely  
cleared & that to do so it would  
be necessary to pull down over  
wall which is that in some places  
about 4.5m above lower floor.  
Set up at work during our call~~

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~~on stone preparatory to filling it.  
Top now much fallen but  
obvious new base. Wall apparently  
165 cm thick above ledge & 185  
cm below ledge (= + ledge).  
Apparently very straight when  
alter with vertical extension so  
that ledge which it is thick.  
Upper part full of earth & large  
stones. Level of rubble also fill  
(= upper terrace of pyramid at  
east) is about 20-40 cm  
below level of floor of upper.  
Not as noted above & crossed out.  
There is a slight extension of~~

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~~near wall hole made. Not well~~  
~~made & probably originally stuccoed.~~  
~~Entered out about 80 cm. to look~~  
~~at wall hole made in also~~  
~~165 thick, made by about 80-100~~  
~~deep. Right side (facing~~  
~~center) about 20 cm to right of right~~  
~~wall of hole, so that total width of~~  
~~extension is about 50+ width of~~  
~~hole, i.e. 50+100=150. Left~~  
~~side was not measured. Remains~~  
~~of near wall is in good condition~~  
~~for only about 2 m. to right (S)~~  
~~of central near extension, & beyond~~  
~~the face is destroyed. Max height~~

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~~of faced wall 80 cm. Presumpt~~  
~~is that it continued to meet outer~~  
~~face of side (S) wall, which was~~  
~~presumably of same width. // Extension~~  
~~with 4 men (total of 5) worked all~~  
~~day on pyramid of 27, steps~~  
~~front, beneath great tree, & practically~~  
~~finished it without results. Slight~~  
~~top of bucket #1. // But beneath~~  
~~tree they located five rows of~~  
~~steps at base. I attempted step~~  
~~in last step but easily followed.~~  
~~Each row one large block. 9 steps~~  
~~in row of 2.60 = 29 m. row, &~~  
~~radius of 360 = 40, angle  $135/2 = 33^\circ$ .~~

carpenter making box for #6,  
 Paris surveying Acropolis; but excavations  
 same. Mary B. wanted help moving  
 + getting started what I could not  
 give so she worked on getting it  
 cleared by middle morning + clear  
 lots still. No local evidence  
 that it is Easter Sunday.

Monday March 28.

Sky uncertain whether to rain  
 or clear. Raindrops + patches  
 of blue sky. Paris surveyed  
 parts of #42. Pancho + 3  
 men digging thru falling back  
 of temple. Eduardo + 1 man

cleaning lower steps of 27 for  
 photography. 3 others moving  
 stone near cube #14 over, looking  
 for lintel #1. Sharp drizzle at  
9.00 // American continued exca-  
 vating near B. + found good floor  
 70-75 cm beneath upper floor  
 Good plaster. Rubble fill. Different  
nature in lower half (see visible)

+ upper half. In former, rubble  
 well packed with small stones +  
 earth; in further half fine rubble  
 without earth. In further  
 half great pile of large stone-like  
 building stones + slabs. Such are

found about in center of room  
 above remnant of piled rocks. The  
 rocks a slab are relatively flat but  
 not masonry. Some seem to be  
 well fitted together like joining.  
 Some run thru out but probably  
 originally reached almost to  
 upper floor level. Walls with  
 dark surfaced plaster. Wall at  
 front sloping & falling. Width of  
 room at lower floor 140 cm.  
 Inner side of vestibule well  
 not straight face. A few odd  
 objects found. Under hard stone  
quantities of small fire blackened

stones, ash, etc. A leaf like a  
 corn husk, ash, etc. certainly  
was a fireplace of some kind. //  
 Spent most of afternoon photo-  
 graphing stela for Mary. Espinosa  
 returned with last load.

Letters & business till 11:00 at  
 night. <sup>+ still</sup> Afternoon mostly clear

Tuesday March 29.

(Still, clear, warm day) Were  
 woken late & I stayed in  
 camp till about 8:00 on  
 business. Mexican customs  
 celado Paniagua left with  
 Espinosa. // baquetas here

finished making box for #6,  
 + are beginning on #7 + #5. //  
~~Panels #4 + 3 others as have~~  
~~filled near walls of pyramid #42~~  
~~temp.~~ // Dave Antram finishes  
 excavating left front room of  
 temple #27. I heard off piled  
 stones of fireplace + found fire  
 cement floor under it. This  
 rested on fine rubble fill + had no  
 cauls under it. Wall, rested on  
 this with a little clay + compact,  
possibly concrete, fine rubble  
between. // In rear room,  
 feature described but not noted before,

is rather clear. At height of  
 about 210 above present lowest  
 joint (lower floor?) (room has  
 filled in) + apparently about 130  
 above level of upper floor of outer  
 room to left, in left half of  
 front vertical wall is a projecting  
 course of masonry. Wall is now  
 almost vertical above the joint, but  
 sloping, so that the section  
 probably originally sloped inward.  
 Stones are in courses, + each  
 one projects beyond that below  
 slightly - probably remains of  
 corbeling of arch, at left end

fossils, also corbelled but uncertain  
 if not well fallen away. Shows  
 below this ledge thick, also it  
 shows slab + in course. Ledge  
 + corbelled not obvious for  
 125 cm on either side of jamb of  
 doorway, but no definite break.

Corbelled not obvious on right side //  
~~See flange at foot of pyramid,  
 near foot of right terrace, to  
 right of edge of staircase + to  
 left of stair 19. Edwards found  
 found section with flat limestone  
 slabs abut on level with lowest  
 steps of staircase.~~

~~Met~~ Stayed in camp in  
 afternoon, mainly for a conference  
 with Arman, Sat. + John.  
 Dave had been going over budget  
 + thought things were in desperate  
 shape. General impression reached  
 that they are not as serious as he  
 fears, but worse than I believed.  
 Developed 24 films, 22 good.  
~~Punch notes found a cache of  
 flats + obelisks with broken vessel  
 in a breach near wall of temple  
 # 12. It fell out when wall  
 was felled. Probably was buried  
 under other stone in niche~~

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Began writing introduction to last year's report. (Good day)

Wednesday, March 30

Dawned clear, still, slightly cool. Late to work. Took many photos.

All morning on this work - 12 photos. Some mail came at 1:15, so late to work in afternoon. Pauch had had foot; other fire carried down excavation on 42 to lower floor level & uncovered black stone in center. Room had no wall visible yet. Rubble fill close under this floor.

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Interesting features found at foot of #27, right side. Possibly has some relation to stela east. Under material fallen from pyramid, both old & ours of last year, seem to be a floor, probably originally plastered, about on level with bottom of postulate stela 19. Seems to be about 30 cm higher than level at foot of step of pyramid. (high pile of debris ~~is~~ between.) Below this floor is small stone & earth fill, probably flooring, sherd-bearing. ~~at a distance of about 6 cm from surface~~

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~~right hand of stairway (covered  
 now except for one small stela  
 at top, & ~~rest~~ part thereof  
 uncertain), is a lined wall under  
 this level, running n-s, at L  
 & a to base of steps. At about 50  
 60 cm below this, & apparently about  
 15 cm below level at foot of steps,  
 is a good, but now irregular in  
 level, floor paved with limestone  
 slabs, rather well fitted. This  
 wall not very good, must have been  
 stuccoed. Stela 14 shows by  
 number around base & wall is 160~~

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~~seen to left of prominent edge of  
 portico stela 19. On ascending  
 see some chipped decoration on  
 objects & fragments of a light green  
 stone now found, probably limestone  
 under 14 or 19. This n-s wall  
 runs farther into plaza, possibly  
 surrounded it. There may be a  
 difference between fill over this  
 flag paving & fill to right of the  
 wall, ~~n-s~~, probably later, was at lower  
 level with raised terrace around with  
 the low retaining wall, but fill  
 above flag paving seems to be interbedded  
 with small stone fill above & larger~~



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~~stones below, all filled with earth.~~  
~~Possibly, at later time, this first~~  
~~floor was filled up level with lamplight~~  
~~toward to east side of plaza. At~~  
~~north side, & at a to the wall~~  
~~is another which is apparently about~~  
~~on level with lowest step of stairs.~~  
~~Some low height & some higher~~  
~~floor also it, possibly under~~  
~~tower A at foot of pyramid.~~  
~~It has is largely destroyed, but evidence~~  
~~by large fine rubble fill with~~  
~~irregular top level covered by an~~  
~~debris from last year. The~~  
~~walls differ somewhat & are probably~~



~~different periods. N-S wall is only~~  
~~at bottom half of height to higher~~  
~~floor, small stone & earth fill~~  
~~above, while e-w wall is only in upper~~  
~~half and resting on similar fill.~~  
~~Uncertain yet if <sup>n-s wall</sup> ~~continues~~~~  
~~under e-w wall, & e-w wall over~~  
~~n-s wall & along to east. ||~~  
~~Some large stones with flat~~  
~~faces rest on ~~filling~~ with pointed~~  
~~edges 110 cm for n-s wall &~~  
~~100 for e-w. in To be studied?~~  
~~17? 19? Out 4:15 Warm~~  
~~clear day, still, numerous doves.~~

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Thursday, March 31. Clear,  
 still, not hot. Pancho moto  
 still ill with bad ankle.

~~Have been digging on base of 42.  
 Have cleared low floor to bed  
 & base of walls. 5~~

~~other ~~bits~~ including Eduardo at  
 base of # 27 following <sup>low</sup> walls &  
 seeking lintel. Sent tenth man  
 to help Wang. Took some  
 photos // On temple 42 floor is  
 being uncovered. It is white  
 plaster but very irregular surface  
 & broken & cracked in most  
 places. After a generally good~~

✓ 36/

~~beds of earth on it below rubble  
 fill. Possibly this is beneath a  
 slightly higher floor. No steps in  
 this section. A piece of plaster  
 found with light green surface.  
 Excavation going on at rear to bring  
 down level to this low level &  
 find rear landing or wall of floor  
 or wall of rear terrace. // at base  
 of # 27, low walls & substructures  
 are peculiar. Low ~~is~~ wall at  
 r.a. to step seems to end at least  
 410 cm from inner ~~is~~ wall at  
 high level, but runs in under ~~is~~  
 wall & under terrace at foot of~~

✓ 37

~~pyramid. They run to edge of  
 latter lowest terrace wall of pyramid  
 under rubble of low terrace. E-W  
 wall, which is about on line with  
 lowest step of staircase & probably  
 is retaining wall of lowest broad  
 terrace at foot of pyramid runs  
 east beyond N-S wall for uncertain  
 distance. Excavation has indicated  
 that <sup>(rather?)</sup> going out east, beyond  
 N-S wall. Seem to be natural  
 ground above highest pyra bulber,  
 compact, damp & clayish soil,  
 with large limestone lumps. But  
 flystones certainly extend under~~

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~~a small hole near fault upon  
 it, and under E-W wall & under  
 low terrace. Also followed for  
 some distance east of S, and of  
 N-S wall, but this cannot be followed  
 further at present because path for  
 barrow must be returned. Spent  
 most of afternoon photographing  
 steles. Apparently, floor of  
 east court necessarily paved. A  
 long stretch, about 5 m, followed  
 out into court. Eduardo made  
 another hole for out in court in  
 front of staircase, about in  
 center of front face of pyramid~~

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~~with well-filled limestone slabs  
at depth of 75 cm. below present  
level, probably 15 cm. from foot of  
steps. Rubble above it indicates that  
level was internally raised.~~

~~The small, probably at foot  
of terrace, contains dirt. // Hot~~

day but not uncomfortable.  
Had beer + black shes at  
dinner. I started thunder.

Developed 24 films after dinner.  
to be with gentle warm breeze  
at night. Began to rain  
hard in early morning.

✓ 40/

Friday April 1.

Rainy, drizzling to hard. Uncertain  
whether to send men to work. John  
said it would clear, so sent them.

Rained all morning. I stayed  
in camp till about 9:30,  
getting Dave started on book-  
keeping + arranging films. All  
others out on jobs. Tent found a  
large beautiful piece of stone coming  
yesterday + now in sight, also  
some rubble, one fallen. #24  
was ~~sof~~ <sup>up</sup> many digging trenches  
for stratigraphy + I had help from Tent  
as he can't survey today //

✓ #41

~~4 men on pyramid #42 measured  
near latter wall of pyramid  
terrace, + now clearing top. //  
5 men at base of #27 clearing  
debris of last year in back for  
lateral. No new features except  
that Edwards dug a hole full at  
in plaza + found flag fragment, and  
another east of #19 which  
showed rubble full but no fragment  
found. // Began to clear about  
11:00, but intermittent light +  
heavy showers + sunshine continued  
through early afternoon. 4 men  
continued work on #42.~~

#42  
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~~At right near found another  
fairly destroyed section of latter  
wall at higher level than one  
below. Obj top about on level  
with floor of upper temple room  
and its face apparently about on  
same level as face of top pyramid.  
Upper level does look as tho  
they had been formerly exposed.  
Possibly face of uppermost latter  
terrace wall of pyramid. But  
the uppermost terrace at level of  
floor of upper room and has  
been very wide. It is probably  
but a little overgrown, and~~

#43

~~Does not appear on other side~~  
~~(to be) of central cut. Somewhat~~  
~~fallen, but top is about 370m~~  
~~from inside of rear wall of temple~~  
~~+ about 630 from inside of front~~  
~~wall, terrace consequently about~~  
~~2m wide. I ignored budget +~~  
accounts with Anson who  
insists that finances are in a  
very bad way. I felt lazy at  
night, so played some bridge.  
Clear sky at bedtime.

Saturday April 2  
Cold last night. Day dawned  
lovely as soon as low haze

#14

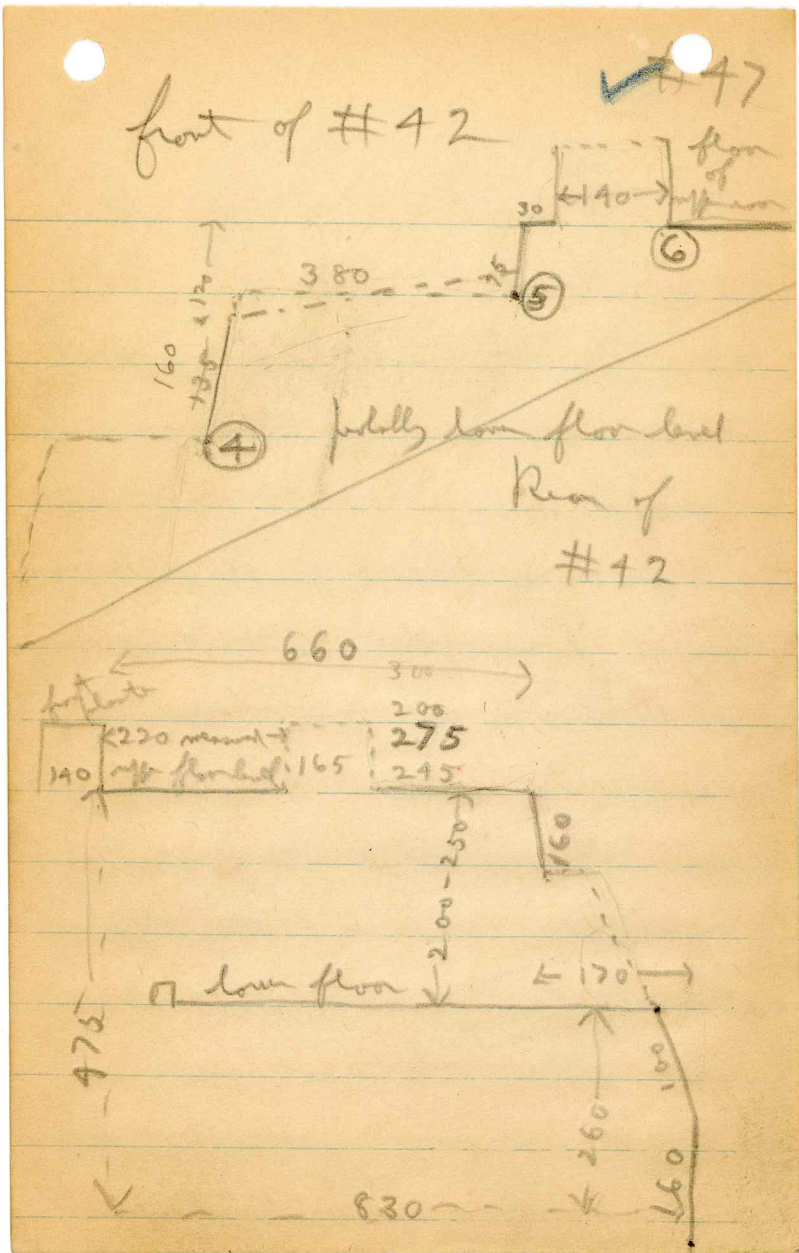
blew off, but about 7.00 it  
clouded up again + began to  
rain again as yesterday. 8 men  
today, including one sent me from  
Jint's gang, 3 on 42 + 5 on 27. //  
Some of men have no change of  
clothes, almost all no blankets.  
Some sleep in wet cloths in  
hammocks without blankets, +  
without fire, but lying without walls.  
I used 4 thicknesses of blanket  
over me last night + mattress  
beneath. But they are accustomed  
to nothing else. Was on # 20  
27 hunting for rest of hotel #1

# 45

in region where #14 formerly  
stood, or lay. // On 12, rear  
terrace wall continues down deep.  
~~Apparent western terrace wall~~  
is about 690 from inner side of  
front wall (height figured at 630)  
and base (solidified bed) extended  
at about 160 below level of upper  
room. In junction with front  
at foot of temple: width of  
front platform probably 140. (200  
less than at rear?) From base to  
top of low, latter terrace wall  
at front 420, i.e.,  $420 + 140$   
= 560 from inside wall of temple.

# 46 ✓

~~Present top of this wall is~~  
~~It was probably noted last year~~  
~~that in left front entrance there~~  
~~is a terrace wall, latter, at 170~~  
~~cm from inner side of front~~  
~~wall. This is probably 140 cm~~  
~~wall + 30 cm ledge. This wall~~  
~~at front 750 high. Top is,~~  
~~or was, about on level with room~~  
~~floor. Present top of outer low~~  
~~latter terrace wall is 120 below top~~  
~~of inner one and 380 out from~~  
~~it. Height of outer latter~~  
~~terrace wall at front 135 cm,~~  
~~nearly vertical.~~



#48 ✓

~~3. ... or rear of #42 measured  
 base of high wall at rear (see  
 floor preceding page. Front part  
 is actual + well made, 160 in  
 high, about that slightly better &  
 less well made + fallen so that  
 top is uncertain. I saw at base  
 of plaster, in poor condition, traces  
 of red paint. But all interior walls  
 covered with white plaster, rubble fill,  
 not fallen masonry. Possibly  
 filled in for staircase landing  
 no steps for it. Top of Base  
 is 260 below low floor level  
 + 475 below off floor level~~

✓ #49

~~Some discrepancy here as low floor  
was measured at 2.50 below upper  
one; difference here is 2.00. It is  
sensibly upper latter section of rear  
terrace wall runs to ~~the~~ low floor  
level, about 1.00 cm. ~~by 6.30~~  
cm. from ~~back~~ <sup>front</sup> part wall to  
low section of rear wall.  
How can front & rear features  
be made to agree? The latter  
feature is about ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> section  
of wall which may have slipped  
down still in position. Possibly will  
be verified when & if cut is  
carried to front. More finally~~

✓ #50

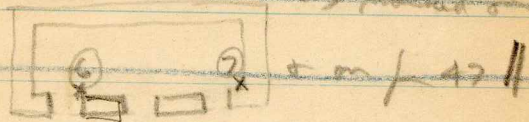
~~found low wall bounding lower  
floor at rear edge, probably inner  
side of latter rear terrace wall  
It is only made of slight height. I  
Lower floor by calculation should  
be about on level with latter  
wall about at front on ground  
face, the low wall Black stone  
stone is about 520 from inner  
side of rear wall & 610 (ca) from  
edge latter outer wall (possibly  
originally more. According to my  
calculations, since stone is  
about level with rear wall of upper  
terrace, should be about ~~7~~ 780~~

#57 ✓

~~to enter lower batter wall at  
foot, i.e., stone is fully set in  
water but further back & room  
is at least 13 m. wide (a log)  
After lunch, I went to measure  
ments & men dug to help. They  
excavated lower outer front  
terrace wall. Present max. height of  
this wall above embankment at base  
160 cm, nearly vertical. // Rained  
frequently during morning until  
about 11.00. // P.avis took sight  
at base of lower outer front 160  
cm terrace wall, numbered 4 on his  
chart & on plan on p. 47.~~

#52, ✓

~~Also one at foot of inner terrace  
wall just outside of doorway, ⑤  
It has 90 cm high instead of 75  
to embankment. ⑥ is at head of  
upper floor, left entrance, inner  
corner as marked on  
plan~~



~~Nature of lower floor is very  
uncertain & peculiar. Plaster  
floor seems to cease for short  
of inner wall, & inner wall is probably  
not such, but merely inner side of  
rear batter wall which runs  
up above floor level; inner~~



#55

Sunday April 3. Men wanted to  
work, Sat, wanted to stay in  
camp so made rearrangement of  
18 men. Dave, Fred + I especially.  
Dave took 6 good roadmen to  
hunt through hills on Mexican  
side of river, Fred with one surveyor.  
I put 4 on 42, 4 on 27 & 4 in  
another gory. ~~At least~~ Terrace  
begins on terrace at foot of  
acropolis on camp plaza. Found  
only large fine rubble fill close to  
surface. Took them off & put  
them to making wagon road in  
south group & clearing pyramids

#56

~~the // At base of #25 men are  
digging at east end of staircase  
at base for rest of level #1.  
Edward made several holes trying  
to find limits of paved floor of  
court. At east of door no. 5  
small area where a shallow deep  
enclosed rubble fill but no floor.  
Some rubble in area #4. Rubble  
fill at least 1' deep. Some in  
the terrace areas 3 & 4. But one  
already noted at level #19 in  
four feet of step, show good  
forming & it probably extends further  
south yet.~~

✓ #57

~~# On 42, bits of lower floor  
plaster were found close to inside  
of rear wall, indicating that the  
floor continued to rear wall and  
did not stop short of it as formerly  
claimed by men. Very much des-  
trayed by great weight of rubble &  
falling of rubble in excavation.~~

~~No trace of any wall except  
rear one. Socorro, in charge  
today, says that there was a wall  
at side of present cut & thence to  
base of upper temple, which fell in  
making cut, but I doubt it.  
But was being ordered to seek~~

#58  
✓

~~for side walls, on the supposition  
that the <sup>lower</sup> room was formerly at  
right angle to upper one. A  
piece of black basalt found just  
above floor. The upper temple  
seems to have had a very wide  
plafond at rear, unusual. So  
one would expect a narrow ledge  
then terrace wall, but no such  
wall appears in cut which shows  
just rubble fill to height of upper  
floor, behind rear wall of temple,  
& about terrace probably eastward. ||  
Davis's men found nothing on Mexican  
side of river; country~~

very different than // a possible  
~~wall at end of cut in temple~~  
 42, but uncertain. Shows an  
 well set up or of masonry type,  
 but of rubble in comparatively straight  
 line, and faster floor seems to  
 continue beneath it. Uncertain also  
 on other side. Excavation needed  
 made beyond this uncertain wall to  
 see if faster floor continues on other  
 side. Also floor in center of  
~~room is made of rubble of hard~~  
~~packed earth & small stones, set as~~  
~~with mud floor. Probably therefore~~  
~~another floor above this entirely.~~

~~disintegrated by night & fall of~~  
~~rubble. // threatening day with~~  
~~rain clouds but no rain. I~~  
 spent most of day in camp  
 making prints of plates. Espirya  
 arrived with much mail & with  
 Villanueva's son as a visitor.  
 Wrote letters at night. //  
 Monday April 4.  
 Still threatening, cool, still,  
 damp. Business in camp kept  
 me till late. // + men on 42.  
 W. side of room still uncertain. //  
 Made pots on stove & then  
 photographs // 3 new hunting bottles

✓ 61

#1 at base of #27, ~~Lower floor~~  
~~s. w. wall & Eduardo digging~~  
~~hole to see limits of pavement.~~  
~~E. W. wall which was probably~~  
~~retaining wall of terrace - about on~~  
~~line with lower step of staircase~~  
~~is followed at least 950 cm east of~~  
~~n. s. wall. Only below upper floor~~  
~~level of the court, hole could not~~  
~~have seen as retaining wall of terrace~~  
~~which was above upper floor level.~~  
~~Very well made below this. Max~~  
~~height 50 cm. Must be photos.~~  
~~Probably ran to n. s. wall, but~~  
~~space between must be left for~~

✓ 62

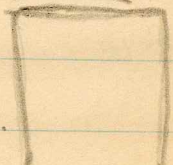
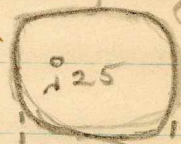
~~however. Probably also extended to~~  
~~edge of staircase. which is about 5.80~~  
~~from n. s. wall, but probably only~~  
~~150 W of n. s. wall, which has been~~  
~~destroyed between here & staircase.~~  
~~Eduardo found flagstones at a~~  
~~considerable distance from lower step~~  
~~of pyramid & staircase is being~~  
~~continued south to determine limit~~  
~~of this paving. # In #42, features~~  
~~still difficult to ascertain.~~  
~~I also seem to continue to e. of <sup>(n. s.)</sup>~~  
~~(right looking from front) of upper~~  
~~wall with apparent usual earth floor,~~  
~~but - packed with small stones - but~~

✓ #63

~~floor all gone. Saw foot or less  
cut in to left side where excavation  
cannot continue further for fear of 15  
ft of rubble: well falling. Bottom  
in right section but almost full  
part in left. Burying thin floor of  
lower room, find about 20 cm of  
wood floor, small stones & earth,  
slightly blacker than wood, with  
rotten rubble below. Still probably  
not dug deep in this rubble as very  
high debris to sides makes it  
dangerous for men. || 6 am  
trunks - shortage of beans & thin  
fletcha. Washroom strikes. Still~~

✓ #64

~~me slaughter a cow? Eater etc ||  
Digging under floor into center  
in side walls of lot in above (11th?)  
floor, to see if floor is really there. ||  
Other stone is about 25x20 at  
top, 21x18 at floor level, 32  
above floor level, being slightly  
back to left.  
Probably limestone.  
Smoke blackened &  
covered at foot only.  
If floor does not seem to continue  
far into hole now in rubble to right,  
but for the "floor" become soft & is  
probably only fallen earth probably~~



✓ 05

~~feet of volume. In width of rubble~~  
~~wall at either side 200-210 cm.~~

~~But plaster seems to continue~~  
~~under lower stones of the "walls"~~  
~~which are of rubble with faces which~~  
~~may be imagined to be in line.~~

~~A number of pieces of burnt red~~  
~~clay with red impressions were~~  
~~found, apparently under lower~~  
~~floor, near top of rubble, as~~  
~~reported. Do not make this out at~~  
~~all. No definite limit to plaster~~  
~~floor. Other stone 50 cm long,~~  
~~intakes in rubble of 50 cm. Not~~  
~~blackened blue floor level.~~

✓ 1166

~~app. the rubble, and it. Possibly~~  
~~just the same floor level. ||~~

~~At sides, plaster floor is often~~  
~~ends right against large rubble~~  
~~stones & plaster found in interstices~~  
~~between stones, but not turned up~~  
~~against them. This probably due to~~  
~~rubble large stones being dropped on~~  
~~plaster floor height, breaking them up.~~

~~Apparently no earth above plaster~~  
~~before building over, as is generally~~  
~~the case. Spent till 11:30 writing~~  
~~letters, checks & notes. Rained again~~  
~~at night but not hard. Moderately~~  
~~cool night.~~

#  
✓

Tuesday April 9. at camp till  
8:30 with last mail & notes to  
go off to Tenique. Thirsting,  
cloudy, still, damp, moderately  
warm. #4 on #27, 2 digging  
for hatch, 1 finding end of present  
& 1 end of 2-w. wall. #6 - W.  
wall followed to 960 from n.s.  
wall & about 1470 from edge of  
staircase. Stone it looks on with  
esquimaux & rimon angles for  
60 cm & the wall continues at  
this parallel with outer wall  
for yet another distance.  
This inner section is better

68  
✓

~~high, nearly up to present soil  
level, possibly indicating that first  
outer section was higher but has  
fallen, very probable. However,  
base of this further wall is at  
a higher level, about 25 cm higher,  
& height about 50 cm, which  
height is high, though no ledge or  
step was found at floor at squall.  
I am uncertain to determine extent  
of first floor, low wall above  
first floor floor measured at  
21.50 ft. lowest step of present  
floor is low wall, only 20-25 high.  
At edge of this seems to be wide.~~

ledge ~~80-85 cm wide~~ ~~about~~  
~~a arch low step 15-20 cm~~  
~~high. || Temple 42, around pillar~~  
~~other side the floor is unusually~~  
~~black like the plaster. Before~~  
~~came, log had found flat square~~  
~~slab beneath pillar, and under~~  
~~this a cache, getting broken as~~  
~~usual, small chipped flints, obsidian,~~  
~~small jade, bones of small animal~~  
~~+ fragments of dulled large bird~~  
~~bones, probably whistles. Excavation~~  
~~going on to S.E. side. Men~~  
~~now agree that floor goes on~~  
~~at this side with embolito.~~

~~Plaster floor found in place~~  
~~but greatly destroyed through~~  
~~dropping a weight of rubble then~~  
~~in to fill it up. Plaster~~  
~~floor certainly continues up to~~  
~~320 cm to right of (S.E.?) of~~  
~~radial line with pillar stone ||~~  
~~After lunch photo'd Sat's niche &~~  
~~beautiful stone from platform ||~~  
~~Theatering down a drizzle. || Long~~  
~~2.40 wall at #27 continues beyond~~  
~~line of excavated stones & tree~~  
~~trunks on opposite side becomes~~  
~~a staircase with small steps~~  
~~measured. Possibly connects with~~

✓ #71

~~structure #26~~ Room 11 must  
be followed further and section  
through books & stones examined.

// Ch. 42, the rubble above  
floor was filled at last with the  
issue of preliminary work of high  
and wall before notes. Slabs  
with slight better seen but  
entirely in definite in wall  
to room. <sup>2</sup> Below is followed  
so far, but beyond this the  
rubble seems to be unbroken to floor  
level but this has been  
suggested and thus before and  
may not be true.

✓ #72

Brought down stores of  
Twenty fine curved pieces of  
it to be long, large &  
admirable with 2 nicks. Really  
an alter background. Also alter  
top & 2 legs, all in fragments,  
found 11. American is getting more  
moved about frames & beams  
we will get nothing out unless  
we abandon work here & all  
get out on the road. I have  
asked Todd to come in for  
conference. Rain most of  
afternoon  
End of the book