

Measurement of Lines and Angles.

A number of propositions respecting measurements and the laying-out of plans are ^{more or less} flatly stated below, for the sake of clarity and ready reference. They are hypotheses, with greater or less amount of evidence behind them. This is given in Appendix .

They are important if true because they explain ^{they} ~~asymmetries~~ ^{certain marked} encountered where symmetry is expected, and indicate a striving for perfection thwarted by inability to mechanically ^{lay out true} ~~layout~~ right angle on a large

scale, or else ignorance of the final effect of failure to do so. ^{They also} ~~may help in spotting expected features of a partly excavated mound.~~

Lines were measured, presumably with cords for long ones, with considerable accuracy, ^{but} absolute standard units such as our foot and inches may have been used, ~~but~~ were not necessary to produce the results observed. Lines meant to be equal may merely have been measured against the first one laid out, taking that as the unit for all. The process would be "Make the rear facade equal the front", not "Make the front facade equal so many feet, make the rear equal the same number of feet".

Two adjacent sides were first laid out, the two others from the ends of these, with linear measurement, producing a basic outline. Interior points were measured ^{from adjacent sides of} ~~from~~ this, in most structures producing a secondary outline from which points were ^{probably} ~~in~~ turn measured, in a similar manner.

There is some evidence that interior points ~~were~~ were measured from the nearest pair of adjacent ^{sides of the} ~~outline~~, without check-measurements to the other pair.

There is also some evidence that points on a established line (such as door-corners) ^{might be} ~~were~~ were measured serially, each being measured from the location of the next prior one. In such a case, and error in

Further evidence is that sometimes the acute angle of a parallelogram outline is on the left, sometimes the right of an observer facing the front or rear. (Cf. Fig 1 with Fig 8).

the common-sense view that rectilinear plans were intended.

"Displacement", as here used, means a given point is to one side or the other of the position it would occupy ^{if the plan were} on a strictly rectilinear, ~~plan having one side in common with the actual plan.~~ ^{accurate}

~~Expected displacement~~ With a basic parallelogram outline, ^{of measurements} measurements from either side, or series ~~from~~ starting from either side, will automatically displace interior points in one direction only, and in the amount by which, on reaching the same distance behind the actual common facade, the ^{both} sides have diverged from rectified sides.

If ~~the~~ sides are neither at right angles to the common facade, nor parallel to each, the direction and amount of ~~expected~~ displacement ^{was} depends on which side ~~is~~ used as the measurement base. With a rectilinear outline no displacement is expected; ^{the axes coinciding} with a ~~plan~~ known

non-parallelogram/outline either of two displacements (or a displacement and non-displacement) ^{depending on from which side is the basis for measurement.} is expected; with the more common parallelogram outline, only one displacement is expected. In any case, the farther the point is behind the selected facade, the greater the expected displacement with reference to a ^{rectilinear} side (or axis) erected

on it. Since observers tend to look at a facade on a line at right angles to it, ^{points behind the facade, if visible,} displacements of interior points tended to destroy the symmetrical effect usually aimed at. This is much more noticeable on small-scale elevation drawings than on the buildings themselves.

There is no evidence that any attention was paid to it by the Maya ^{then} and other free standing buildings in construction of ball courts, ^{or of} palaces, or sweat-houses, nor in laying out the substructure terraces and outer wall-lines of pyramid temple buildings.

The stairway of a pyramid or other platform extends both inside and outside the outline. Its side walls cross ~~both~~ the basic outline and reach, or nearly ~~the~~ reach, the innermost outline at the

The divergence between a true and a rectified axis, starting from a point in the same facade, gives the same thing. There are on Fig. 3 the varying displacements of central doorways, using an exaggerated original outline angle.

symmetrical

~~This is the intended point~~
We have insufficient data to say whether such stairway distortion actually occurred or not, but the basic angle used in Fig. 6 is not exaggerated.

top. On pyramid temples the inner outline may be well behind the outer, and displacement at the top considerable. Laying out the stairway to agree with both ^{upper and lower} sets of points, ^{as measured equally from corners} on a pyramid using a known basic angle, would distort it noticeably, and swing its center line, apparently an important ceremonial axis, to one side, and distort it noticeably as seen from the front (Fig 6, a).

Probably in one case at least the stairway axis was swung from the measured center at the top by sighting, and the walls lines measured from this. ^{was centered by measurement} (Fig 6, b). Similar procedure on higher units would straighten the stairways, but accentuate the displacements between the top of one and the base of the next higher, ^{stairway} (Fig 6, c).

~~What is the case?~~ Such a situation probably existed, but whether it is a conscious adjustment ^{of stairway distortion by} the displacement is a question.

There is some evidence that in judging ^{stair-axis} stair-wall angles, better approaches to right angles were ^{generally} obtained than ^{was done for} in the basic outline.

Such a situation would have a specific effect on terrace lengths on either side of the stairway - plus on the acute angle side of the pyramid or platform, minus on the other, ^{resulting} discrepancies being greatest at the bottom.

For a more thorough adjustment there is very good evidence that all stairways were ^{sometimes} laid out ^{by} from sighting from or to the center of the temple building ^{facade} - probably ^{common} the axis only being sighted, side walls measured from it. Symmetry ^{on one axis} of Temple building, stairways, ~~inter~~ altars and central stela (in the final phase) was thus achieved, all showing the displacement expected only for the building facade. ^(Fig. 7) In this known ~~case~~ ^{Temple} case the displacement is about 1.15. At the base this full amount is added to the ^{expected} length of terrace on one side of the stairway, subtracted on the other, producing ^{thereof} a discrepancy of 2.30.

outer?

not clear to me

all something?

stair + base? 1.15 by length of side?

an actual one of 2.20,

in dimensions of parts of the primary outline which should have been equal, and which could be effected only by one measurement error, and not a cumulative series. ^{This} otherwise ~~the actual dimensioning is 2.20.~~

~~at the top it was 1.15~~
Evidence is found in Akhenmadi's —, b. —, E. indicates the pyramid stairway was proportionally off-center at the top also, as required for centering on the building.

Taking all periods of this structure together, it is clear that stairways were ^{Sometimes} not only "straightened", but also lined up on a single axis from the temple facade center, and this must have been a conscious adjustment

on a parallelogram pyramid. Displacement ^{that of} tended to make the silhouette steeper ^{than a true cross-section} on one side, less steep on the other, provided one looks at the facade at right angles to it ^{as in an elevation drawing.} (Fig. 6, a and c). Outsets, ^{presumably} measured equally from the corner points defining these silhouettes, would show a similar horizontal crowding ~~xxx~~ on the obtuse side, stretching on the acute side of any facade. Allowing for irregularities due to cumulative errors there is some evidence that this actually occurred. In any case, ~~non-symmetrical~~ ^{irregular} horizontal spacing of a rising series of

It is probable that ~~temple~~ altars within the temple ^{and altar niches when present,} were also carefully set on this ^{ceremonial} axis, also, ^{there is a little evidence} and possible that sometimes the interior of the temple room (but not the exterior) was laid out from the axis, ~~in order to~~ displacement of the inner rear wall being adjusted so that the niche could be centered in it and also be ~~too~~ accurately centered on the ceremonial axis.

corresponding outsets was tolerated, though easily detectable and, one would suppose, easily adjusted *with eye*.

detectable of displacement
All adjustments ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ occur on pyramid temples only, and seem referable to a requirement that a straight line on stairway axes of ascent be maintained from the bottom ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of the

pyramid ~~stairway~~ to the central temple doorway, and perhaps thence to the temple altar and niche, if present; ~~probably~~ ^{possibly also} there was

~~also~~ ^{special} a conscious effort to get this line at right angles to the facade. *This line, from the plaza to the temple center of the temple facade, we have called the ceremonial axis, since it is frequently marked with altars.*

While the evidence for some of the above notions is not as complete as might be desired, the existence of ~~careful~~ ^{rather accurate} linear measurement on all types of structures seems to the writer conclusive.

Such care had no structural ~~significance~~ ^{or ritually important} value and must therefore have been aimed at aesthetically pleasing symmetry. For practical purposes it achieved its aim and produced nicely balanced facades except on pyramid temples. Angular measurements ~~are~~ ^{were} as clearly bad as linear ones

were good, and here caused trouble. These Maya must have been poor geometers. Either they could not mechanically ~~xxxxxxxx~~ lay out one line at right angles to the other, except by chance; or failed to realize how a badly judged ^{initial} angle would, with careful linear measurement thereafter, pile up trouble with the ceremonial axis in the end.

and basic outline angle
IP For a given number of terraces, the higher the terrace, the flatter its slope and the ~~greater the terrace~~ ^{expected} deeper the exposed terrace tops used, the greater the displacement at the top of a unit. All these factors contribute to the distance of the ^{and inner} ~~outer~~ outline to land the original one.

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Appendix —

Linear measurement and estimated angles.

We have a very fair body of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ structural remains accurately surveyed as they now survive. There are, of course, small errors in our own surveys, and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ it is unlikely that in/building the Maya followed their own guiding lines with absolute accuracy; ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and some cases given points, such as corners, have very clearly moved from their original positions through settling. Nevertheless, an examination of the plans forces one to the conclusion that the buildings could not have been built without linear measurement, that is, taping.

Through most of the buildings, for instance, one may say that ^{something approximating} standard pier widths ^{and door widths} were used, and room widths fall into groups.

This is not to argue for the existence of an arbitrary standard unit of measure, like our foot. An early pier might be taken as proper for later pier widths. A string, stretch^{ed} across the early pier and knotted or otherwise marked would be sufficient to produce the observed tendency toward standardization in this regard. If a new dimension was decided on, such as a wider or narrower doorway, it could be standardized for the new building by the same expedient, the first doorway laid out becoming, in fact, the unit for this feature. ^{As if to say, here is the basic width of all the outside doorways marked in this article. Use it to set the proper stretch between the piers.}

While ^{of course} standard units ^{but} may have existed they were surely not necessary to produce what we find; but ^{at least} measurement in empirical/units, ^{standard for the immediate purpose,} must have been used. For long distances cords would seem the obvious means of taping, and would/introduce errors due to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ humidity, which varies with the time of day and the season, and ^{with} tension on the cord.

The best ~~xxxx~~ structures on which to note ^{Because of this, and because long lines would be most difficult to estimate correctly without measurement, long lines}

A translation of what the architect said need not be something like "Make the piers of S-6 3.4 feet wide, L-10 those of 3-8" but rather "make the 3-9 piers the same width as those of J-9. Go measure them with a stick."

"As if to say, here is the basic width of all the outside doorways marked in this article. Use it to set the proper stretch between the piers."

Because of this, and because long lines would be most difficult to estimate without measurement, ~~long lines~~ ^{close} The correspondence of long lines which in theory should be equal will constitute the best evidence that measurement occurred, and how accurate it could be.

actual

In order to present ~~evidence-fer-thw-above-conclusions-~~ evidence of taping, we first select the two ball courts, ~~which~~ the plans are simple, of which ~~xxxxxxx~~ consist mostly of long lines, and which are close to bed rock and have settled little if at all. Then we will examine some palaces and ~~a~~ temples, ~~xxxxxxx~~ and try to work out some consequences of the supposed accurate linear measurement combined with poor estimation of ^{right} ~~right~~ angles. In the figures points are numbered ~~and~~ identified. Lines ~~measurments~~, scaled from the plans, are ~~indicated~~ by these numbers preceding the measurement. Each lettered group of measurements pertains only to lines which in theory should be equal. In brackets at the bottom is the maxium variation or discrepancy for the whole group.

~~Figurexxxxxx2~~

The discrepancies in the various measurement groups of Figs.

1 and 2 seem to the writer to be of the order one should expect if the plans were originally laid out on the ground with reasonably ^{linear} careful ~~measurement~~ of the sort we are postulating; it does not seem ^{that} possible ~~the~~ discrepancies could be be so little without it. In working backward from our plans to those of the ^maya we must allow for a number of sources of error, any or all of which may be reflected in our figures. Our own errors may arise from shrinkage or expansion of paper, in scaling from the plan, in drawing it, in the surveyes themselves and in selecting the exact spot on a poorly dressed stone as a corner. Maya errors might arise from failure to actually place a corner at the exact point laid out for it, from differential stretching of measuring cords due to varying humidity, and of course from plain carelessness.

discussing the non-rectilinear but nevertheless parallelogram form of the outlines of these structures, and before

Before proceeding with actual free-standing buildings, with their more complicated plans, let us examine the hypothetical one of Fig. 3 .

~~This~~ Broken lines show a rectilinear building plan super-imposed on one of ^{non-rectilinear} parallelogram plan, with a much exaggerated error in the angles. All later dimensions are identical in the two plans. ~~Theoretical~~

Theoretically room widths and wall thickness should be slightly less in the parallelogram (shaded plan) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ as they would be if ^{end-walls} room-ends

and door-jambes were exactly equal in each building. This inconsistency does not affect ^{our use of} ~~the usefulness of~~ the diagram, and makes it much simpler.



In each case we have chosen the length of the front and one side at random, and laid off ^{one} the side from one end of the front, ^{common} random, ^{also.} in one case making it 90 degrees, in the other choosing it at ^{located} choosing the angle between them, at random. Three corners are thus fixed.

Now when the fourth corner is determined it will determine the lengths of the other side ^{and} or rear, or conversely, those lengths will determine the position of the fourth corner. To obtain the degree of correspondence in these lengths observed in the ball courts, the simplest procedure ^{on the ground} would seem to be this.

For the shaded plan Two men would stretch a cord from Y to X Z, mark ~~xxxxxx~~ the length and walk toward the rear. Two others would mark the length Z-X on another cord and walk to the left. ^{The marked point on one} One end of the long cord would now be held at X, ^{that} and one end of the short one at Y, ^{the marked points on} the cords stretched and the other ends then brought together. The fourth corner is now located and ^{procedure,} corresponding sides ~~xxxxxx~~ are equal, except for errors in this, which, of course, are to be expected.

Without measuring any angles a parallelogram is automatically produced, opposite angles being obtuse and acute respectively ^{because} if we started with an obtuse ~~or acute~~ angle. ^{The result would be the same if we started with an acute angle.} If we started with ~~YZY-Z-W~~ and a right angle, all angles would of necessity be right angles, and the plan a rectilinear parallelogram. Since this is never the case we can ^{have} restrict the term "parallelogram" to mean one like V-X-Z-Y in which opposite pairs of angles are obtuse and acute respectively.

The parallelogram plan is obvious when looking down on small-scale drawings, but not very apparent when looking at the buildings themselves. ^{repeated} Its/presence seems an adequate indication that linear measurement of considerable accuracy has been resorted to. Conversely, the ^{degree of} correspondence of theoretically equal lines, ^{reflected in the measurement groups of our figures,} is a measure of the accuracy of the parallelogram. Glancing back at the ball-court plans we see that each structure is an approximate parallelogram so far as points are known, as required by the correspondence of measurements, already cited. Further that for each

by holding it firmly or with a knot

court each structure fits into a larger parallelogram if we join their inner corners, ~~byxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ proving, as we take it, that ^{the} twin structures and ^{alley} field were laid out as a single unit from single longitudinal and transverse ~~the~~ base-lines, and that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a single initial error the direction, and to a large extent the amount of in estimating the angle between them has determined all the other errors in ~~the~~ angles in both structures. There is no reason to suppose that rectilinear parallelograms were not intended, and this becomes practically certain when we find the same situation in other types of structure.

First we return to our hypothetical buildings of Fig. . On either plan the distances from any door-jamb to the end walls are the same, line 1-3 equals 5-7 and so on, ^{and also equals} and ~~and~~ 2-4 ~~equals~~ 6-8, etc. But, taking the axis ^{A-B} of the rectilinear plan which we believe was intended as a reference line, there is what we shall call a displacement ^{of points} in the parallelogram plan. The line 1-3 is displaced to the position of 2-4, and 5-7 to that of 6-8, and so on throughout the building. Starting, as we have done, the two axes from one point in a facade (at E), ^{and direction} if as we proceed inward or rear-ward their divergence ^{expected} ~~gives~~ measures the amount ^{ward toward} of displacement along any longitudinal line. For instance, 1-3 is shifted ~~xxxxx-in-the-direction-of~~ D-C, and the amount ^{and end walls} not only equals 3-4 and 5-6 but also the divergence between the axes at the line of the inside of the front wall. This follows because the two sets of jambs are parallel respectively to the axes. Of course, ~~xxx~~ the divergence between any pair of lines, parallel to these axes and meeting in that facade line common to both plans yields the same result.

Since these lines steadily diverge the farther we go from the facade, ^{and at an exaggerated rate,} the medial wall and rear doorways are greatly displaced with reference to the front one in the shaded figure,

and the rear twice as much as the medial. Being centrally placed they are on the axis C-D instead of A-B.

Turning back again to the ball courts we see this theoretical displacement demonstrated in Structure R-11 by the positions of the side marking stones, which ~~are approximately~~ true transverse axes, ~~not~~ on lines running from the facade centers on ~~the axes at right angles.~~ In this unusual case, where the buildings face each other and fit into a larger parallelogram, the simplest way to measure the displacement is to ~~at right angles.~~

Expected
are on the ~~correct~~ sides of rectified axes and ~~reasonably~~ their centers, at the bottoms, *are* reasonably close to being on the true axes. At these ~~distances~~ *from the alley sides,* the expected displacement is about 50 cms. Four meters further in it would have been a meter. Taking cognizance of this simple principle may be of practical value in less than complete excavation. Failure to do so might lead to missing suspected features by excavating on a rectilinear rather than true axis. The first step would be to excavate ~~two~~ *an* adjacent corners to determine the direction of divergence, and ~~as a check, an adjacent corner.~~ *as a check, an adjacent corner.* Theoretically, if both turned

We cannot claim or assume that measurements of the outline always were so accurate as to produce the parallelogram form. Therefore an adjacent corner should be excavated. *turned out* Theoretically, if both out acute or obtuse a search for interior central features should be initiated on the rectilinear axis, but extended to either side if not found there. It might be displaced by measurement of either of one-half the facade length from ~~one~~ side only. In this way, good measurement combined with earlier bad might explain a displacement otherwise supposedly intentional.

Returning again to Fig. , which contains many ~~maxx~~ points within the exterior outline, analagous to the centers of the ball court markers. Suppose, after laying out the parallelogram outline ~~WXYZ~~ VXYZ with careful measurement but some error, the inner room corners are now laid out from it, again with some error. It would be simplest and natural to next lay out the ^{interior} door jambs ^{corners} from the ~~inner~~ ^{room corners} ~~sides of the walls~~ by a third set of measurments, again with some errors. These errors in related but separate sets of measurments would tend to ~~mixxxxxxxx~~ accumulate or cancel themselves ~~ixxxxxix~~ by chance, and so modify the correspondence of theoretically equal lines, and amounts of displacement, in an unpredictable manner. But in general maximum discreptancies could, due to accumulated individual errors, rise higher for series of interior measurments than in those defining the outline, although the actual maximum error in any one taping operation was the same.

in the positions of the inner wall-sides themselves. Therefore, less consistency, in the correspondence of theoretically equal lines is to be expected for interior measurements. For instance, if point 2 was actually 20 cms left of its correct position, and used as a base for the line 2-4, point 4 would be shifted 20cms to the left also. If 3 was measured from 4 it also would be displaced to the left, and the line 6-3 would be 20cms longer than 2-4. Now suppose in

measuring from the misplaced point 2 to 4, there was a plus error of 20 cms. Line 2-4 would be the longer, the difference still being 20 cms. But suppose this measurement was 20cms short, Line 6-8 would be 40 cms longer than 2-4, two 20-cm errors having accumulated.

Still assuming point 2 displaced 20 cms to the left, suppose 4 was accurately measured from it, but 6 was not measured from 4, but from 8. The result would leave lines 2-4 and 6-8 equal, but the left doorjamb would diverge from the right. Non-parallel jambs do not necessarily disprove accurate measurements, the amount of their divergence from the expected pattern is most likely to reflect combined with inaccurate ones, the errors of which may sometimes be cumulative.

Through a series of related measurements one error might affect the whole series, or a given part of it, depending on the procedure. Suppose in Fig. the line 2-4 is first laid out, and then 10-12 and the other corresponding wall lengths to the left of the axis were checked against it, accurately. They will all be equal. Now 6-8 be checked with 2-4, but with a 20-cm plus error. Checking 14-16 against this, and so on would make all the lines to the right of the axis longer than those to the left, a single error being responsible. There is basis for believing this occurred in Str. J-9, as we shall see, and such grouping of differences confirm the presence of linear measurements, of considerable accuracy, as well as the presence of errors.

On real plans, we find them often forming better angles with the facades than do the sides of the building, and also in the same building diverging from each other in either direction.

now *6-8 remaining the same,* *6 still being measured from 4.*

presence of fairly *accurate measurements, since*

15 *left* *longitudinal* *longer*

measurment errors by the Maya architects. Our own errors could not produce such a pattern of differences, since each of our measurements, ~~ixxxgixxxxx~~ whether in the field or on the drafting table, is made by separately reading ~~thaxxamxxxxixixix~~ tape, rod, scale, transit and protractor, graduated to a standard scale. Our own errors would repeat themselves only by chance, and therefore rarely.

2.

Possibly ~~ixxxnxxxxxxixix~~ ^{might} This sort of pattern, if detected often enough, would justify the negative conclusion that tapes graduated to some standard, were not used. Certainly they were not necessary to produce what is found.

K-6

Similarly, in the ~~Ex~~ R-11 ball court of Fig.1, Group A, the The maxium discrepancies on either single structure are .11 and .05 respectively, all lines of one ^{last two} (~~first-three~~ figures) being at least 24 cms longer than any of the other. This may be the maximum single error in measurement, the grouping by structures resulting from laying them out within the general plan, but at different times.

in which logical sub-groups of measurements show plus or minus tendencies,

The evidence does not seem to support the idea that the Maya knew how to judge or lay-out mechanically true angles than they used for the out-line. However, it is at least possible that on occasions they determined the angle of a jamb without measuring to the side walls, and any such independent judgment would tend to augment the non-constancy of interior lines theoretically equal.

We should consider another possibility that might affect ~~xxxxxxx~~ the correspondence of interior lines/ lengths. Suppose the bad angles of VXYZ are due to mere carelessness. In less exaggerated amounts they would not affect the appearance appreciably. Then suppose in laying out the door jambs, where the displacement ^{of inner corners} is more noticeable, ~~they were~~ ^{this was} corrected, to ^{make the jambs} form true right angles with the facade, and this was repeated at the medial and rear doorways, working in from the front. Line 2-4 would be shortened to 2-3 and 6-8 lengthened to 5-8, and so on. Passing from front to rear ^{the left} on either side of the axis, ~~2-3~~ 2-3 would be short, 10-12 correct, ^{V-35 short.} the other side of this wall short, 26-29 correct, To the right of the axis 5-8 would be long, 14-16 correct, the other side of this wall long, 30-32 correct. ~~We do not claim to have~~ ^{we had} detected any such pattern in actual building measurements. While sometimes several jambs are more nearly at right angles than are the sides of the buildings, others diverge in a contrary direction. The very common failure of jambs to parallel the sides probably results from errors in lateral measurement, ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} from which, by the time they jambs are reached, may be either cumulative or canceling.

~~interior~~ Another possibility might be the shifting of ~~axial~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ a doorways from ~~its~~ ^{the} displaced positions as dictated by measurement on a parallelogram plan, toward the rectilinear axis, in order to place ~~it~~ ^{them one more} truly behind ~~another~~ another. To do this in Fig. we would retain the shaded plan except that door 13-14 would be shifted to position 11-13, and 29-30 to 27-28. This would cause dimensions otherwise identical in theory to vary in a definite pattern. Line 2-3 ~~would be~~ ^{decreases to} longer than 10-11, and this ~~longer than~~ ^{longer than} to 26-27. To the right of the axis, passing from front to rear, the lengths would increase from 5-8 to 28-32.

We shall see that in Str. J-9 two out of three groups of measurements ~~show this~~ reflecting locations of three pairs of doorways show this pattern, ~~but the amounts of variation are too slight for certainty,~~ but we have ~~their~~ concluded this may be by chance.)

Since it does not appear in the case of the three doorways giving passage clear through Structure J-2, where it would seem most desirable, again the evidence ^{for correction of displacement.} seems ~~negative,~~ ~~though~~ one can scarcely be sure that some correction of displacement never occurred, since the pattern in measurements would be disturbed by the errors already discussed.

Thus far one might say that the Maya were unaware of these displacements caused (we believe) by an initial bad angle, or at least did not care about it.

~~Finally~~ Below we present groups of measurements from a number of ^{actual} palaces, in the same way as we did for the ball courts. They seem to show the same order of accuracy in laying out original outlines, ^{lateral measurement to interior points, but often} similar errors in angles, ^{as expected,} and ~~in~~ greater final errors in locating ^{such} interior points. ~~These may be due to accumulation of more than one error.~~

In Fig 4

Groups A to E reflect the accuracy in laying out the main masses of the facades, ^{of Str. 5-11, et} which is of the same order as encountered in the ball courts. The last two figures of Group D also show ^{how} accurately the central feature of an end ^{facade,} a doorway, was placed. Its center is ^{10 1/2 cms off,} one-half ^{(between the last two figures,} of their difference, ^{or 10 1/2 cms. off,} or ^{within 3 1/2 cms. of true center,} ~~10 1/2 cms. off.~~ Groups F and G show the centralization of a pier in the rear, and of a doorway in the front facades, in both cases ~~more accurate~~ despite the longer measurements concerned.

Among the interior measurements note that within the first four figures, ^{of group H} applying to the rear side of medial wall sections, the maximum difference is ¹¹ .07, and for the remaining figures, ^{referring to} on the front sides it is ¹² .10. Only by ^{combining front and rear measurements} combining ^{on group I which disregards} is the indicated maximum of .19 obtained. ~~Disregarding the lateral medial wall doorways (Group I)~~

Group I reflects surprising accuracy in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ placing the central medial wall doorway in the center of the medial wall as a whole. One should remember that in moving a doorway or other feature from a correct to an incorrect position, we added to the length of ~~XXXX~~ wall on one side and subtract the same amount from ^{the length} ~~length~~ on the other. Therefore the difference between these lengths, which is what is reflected in our tables, is twice the amount the doorway is out of place. Here, on the rear, this difference is .07 and on the front .06, so we may say the doorway is centered on the wall within less than .04.

Such an error in a short facade should be ascribed to more carelessness since

(S-F)

(S)

center of the central medial wall doorway is within about 5 cms of the center of whole medial wall; ^(In the same manner) the center of this doorway ^{interior} is within 2 and one-half cms of the midpoint between the transverse walls, ^{from which measurements for door-jambes were probably actually made. These transverse walls} which run approximately parallel to the end walls. The doorway therefore ^{presumably} though meant to be directly behind the outer doorway 32-33, should be displaced toward the buildings left, by reason of this accurate measurement. ^(Theoretically) With reference to the outer end walls, this ^{displacement} should be a little over 15 cms, but is actually about 25 cms. The reason is not far to seek: Point 19 is about 15 cms farther from the ^{line of the} right side wall than is ^{Point} 28 from the left. ^{Measurements} Location from the interior transverse walls, indicated in Group J, would add ^{the} ^(implying those walls) this error to that inherent in the paracaleogram outline of the building. ^{Here is a fairly clear instance of} Accumulating or canceling errors ^{an accumulated error.} in the original lay-out must evidently be allowed for.

Group K treats the other two medial wall doorways in the same manner and confirms that medial wall doorways were laid out ^{from} the transverse walls, or vice-versa. Note that the only measurement varying more than 2 cms reflects the fact that the ^{door-jamb} line 10-21 runs sharply counter to the general direction expected.

^{Summarizing thus far,} Part of the displacement of the medial wall center doorway seems to result from the errors in angles when laying out the outline, as was the case with the transverse markers of the ball courts; and part ~~from a secondary procedure in which the principle is the same, but the results of two errors accumulate.~~ ^{from happening to} The inner doorway being very much narrower, the outer jambes of complex design and, finally, other medial wall doorways ^{centers being} necessarily to one side of outer door centers, the displacement was ^{probably} evidently unimportant. ^{frequent} Laying out short lines such as doorjambes without ^{check-measurements} reference to the outline of the building, perhaps with the eye alone, seems demonstrated, and is analogous to the line J-0 of Fig ^(b). Such a practice there

errors in lineal measurements from it, which happen to increase rather than decrease the displacement.

Structure J-11, just considered, is probably the latest, certainly the most complicated in plan of the palaces. ~~Str. J-11~~, ~~Str. J-9~~ In its earliest form, shown in Fig. 5, Str. J-9 is the simplest and probably the earliest of the vaulted palaces.

~~Groups~~ Dimension Groups A and B cover the ^{again} outline, ~~a~~ parallelogram. Of the ten outdoor doorways, 8-9 may be a secondary feature. The others are grouped in threes, or form three tri-partite doorways, with a maximum variation of 20 cms in width (Group C). But the two rear ones, ~~seen at the same time~~, are almost exactly the same width. Group D shows the front one closely centered, while Groups E and ~~F~~ F show ^{others} ~~the two~~ ~~near~~ ~~to~~ ~~symmetrical~~ placement in the rear facade. They are therefore ~~displaced~~ displaced with reference to a rectilinear axis, but this could not be checked with the eye when observing the building itself. ~~Groups G checks the central position of the~~ Groups G, H and I check ^{respectively} the central and symmetrical placements of the center doorways of of these three tri-partite units.

Groups J and K show dimensions on the inner outline of the building. ~~and~~ Comparing the ~~discrepancies~~ discrepancies with those of the outer parallelogram, (Groups A and B) J shows a large ^{each outer} difference, K practically none. If the ~~aya~~ ^{aya} determined/wall thicknesses ~~separately~~, from the outer outline, both cumulative and canceling errors may be involved. Group L repeats for the inside the location of the central front doorway, the discrepancy being nearly double that on the outside (Compare with Group D). Group M does the same for one ^{side jamb} ~~jamb~~ ^{of the rear tripartite groups,} each ~~of the central doorways of the rear group~~, and is comparable with Group F. Again the interior discrepancy is much greater. ~~There~~

expected

A correction of/displacement of points 23 and ~~24~~ 26 would tend to cause this difference, but not in such an amount. If it ^{correction} has occurred it should have been applied also to the ~~positions~~ ^{central doorways of these groups and to the} points defining the medial wall doorways obviously meant to be directly behind these ^{latter.} doorways. Group N checks this for one side of such a pair, and the figures decrease in the manner expected. /But this may be by chance since the displacement of the medial doorway ^{is slight, and even so} is not in fact fully corrected. Lack of point locations prevents for checking this pattern for the other rear pair, but point 35 is displaced about ~~2~~ .20 as called for by ~~the~~ the parallelogram outline. ^{is almost exactly behind the central front doorway} Conversely, ~~considering~~ the central medial wall doorway ~~and~~, but the measurements of Group O, ^{referring to it} do not yield the pattern expected from a correction. Rather this group ^{the largely} indicates slavish measurements from end walls, with errors ^{correcting} the displacement of the medial wall doorway by chance, and causing the jambs of the outer doorway to ^{parallelogram axis direction.} take ~~axis~~ run against the ~~axis~~ ^{Noted that} all dimensions to one side of the building axis are identical, those equal to each other, to the other nearly ~~so~~, but all greater ~~than~~, and decidedly so.

This is the type of pattern already referred to as suggesting that ^{standard} abstract units were not used. Part of the discrepancy of 40 cms or about ~~14~~ 14 cms in this group ^{At} has probably accumulated from location of the outside of the facade doorway (Group G). /Point 49 the end wall ^{end} is about ~~15~~ 15 cms thicker than is the other/wall at point 56, and a discrepancy of 29 cms between the first and last three figures would ~~now~~ be expected, ^{From here on} if no further errors occurred. /Good measurement on either side of the axis, but with an error of 21 cms in moving the tape from one side to the other,

Handwritten note: Candor requires us to note especially that points 33, 40, 41 and 49 were destroyed by the Maya, and in restoring them we have assumed perfectly straight end walls. The figures involving these points would vary somewhat from those given, if we knew the exact locations of these points, but probably not much.

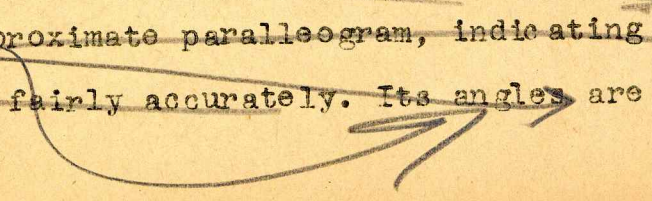
(Group C)
 Using it as an example we can try to figure out how ^a this discrepancy of ⁶⁵ 40 cms might come about, without conscious correction of ^{expected} displacements and without such large errors in any single measurement.

Assume the inside corners 49 and 56 show accurate expected displacement, which is true within narrow limits, ^{and that} Lines 57-58 and 63-64 have been laid off to fix the tripartite doorway, with a plus error on the right of the axis of .17 (Group D). Now, to locate the rear corners of these jambs, points 50 and 55, measure 57-58 from the side of the outline, or this distance minus a wall thickness from point 49 to get point 50; For point 55, repeat the process, ^{on the other side,} but start with 63-64 as the unit of measure. If this ^{natural operation} is done accurately, the discrepancy of .17 will be carried to the inner sides of the front wall. Point 55 ^{approximately} in fact/meets these conditions; but point 50 is about .17 left of its expected position, so that the jamb line 50-58 is at right angles ~~to~~ to the facade, instead of more or less parallel with the sides, as is the jamb 55-63. ^{two} The discrepancy of Group D may be the sum of these errors.

Now from these jambs perhaps points 52 and 53 were ^{re}located in the same manner (Group B). In checking 50-52 against 58-60 there is a plus error of 4 cms in one direction; but in checking 53-54 against 61-63, a plus error of 14 cms in the opposite direction. The net effect is to add 10 cms to the 34 cm discrepancy for points 50 and 55, or for points 53-56. 44 cms. This is 11 cms less than shown ^{for these} in Group 0, due probably to our own errors in scaling, ^{and accumulation of the former errors are exactly} ~~discrepancy~~.

But ^{an} 14 cm error in the short measurement 53-55 could only be due to carelessness, and ~~need not be postulated~~. Suppose 53 as well ^{angles of the} The pier of point 53 is an approximate parallelogram, indicating that its sides were measured fairly accurately. Its angles are much

65
44
1420
1365
55



poorer than those of any other pier in the building, including that next two it, which suggests that ^{a bad error did occur} ~~an additional error occurred~~ in locating either point 53 or 54, ^{of this pier,} after which good measurement would produce the observed parallelogram form, in a direction counter to that of the outline.

While we have postulated measurement for ~~the~~ points 53 and 54 from point 55, we could as well assume measurement from point 50, with a ~~negative~~ ^{minus} instead of ~~positive~~ ^{plus} error.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Now in locating points 45 and 37 of the medial wall doorway, in order to place it behind the outer one, the lines 53-56 would be the natural unit, and it would be measured from points 48 and 40, during which 10 cms of additional error could accumulate. Group 0 shows this as plus, and therefore tending to correct the displacement of the jamb. ~~37-45~~. Suppose for argument, in locating the other jamb they measured the same unit 53-56 from points 41 and 33. They would immediately

discover something was wrong, the resulting medial doorway being ~~THE same~~ procedure using the shorter unit 49-52, ^{on both sides} would make it too wide, very much too narrow. They would abandon a centralized position for it

~~XXXX~~ and move the second jamb position for a full-width doorway. ~~THE~~ Or, more likely, ~~attempting to use~~ instead of using 53-56 as the unit ~~XXXX~~ ^{on both sides,} to locate the other jamb they would measure 49-52 out from points 41 and 33. in the first place.

Two circumstances indicate that this was done: the identity of the first three measurements of Group 0 and the fact that medial wall doorway is about 10 cms narrower than any of the front ones as measured in the facade, where they are ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ very close to

~~identicalXXXX~~

Or they might lay off the second jamb from the first without any check measurement to the other side wall, or use 55-56 and 49-50 as the ^{two} units on either side respectively, in which case the door width would come

out about correct. They may or may not have realized the discrepancy reflected in Group O. In the building itself measurement would be required to demonstrate it.

in these units. We have, without assuming anything very improbable, shown how a large discrepancy might build up from smaller ones, and how it might infect a series of later measurements, whether realized or not.

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dividers

Setting a pair of ~~calipers~~ at ~~1x22x~~ 1.25 in our original
 (1 to 100) the seven
~~max~~ plans and then checking ~~of~~ pier widths of Str. J-11, they are all
 found to ~~be~~ vary only a cm or two except one, which drops to about
 1.20, Setting them at 1.20 and repeating this process for the ^{outsides of the six} ~~nine~~
 piers of the tripartite doorways
 piers of Str. J-12, they vary in the same way above and below this
 new setting, except for one, which drops to about 1.10. For the
 inner sides
 available four ~~insides~~ of these same piers the result is the same,
 1.10
 with the minimum measurement on the same pier. The difference between
 1.20 and 1.25 for a pier width is of course inconsequential and we
 can say they were meant to be equal in both buildings. But the
 suggests
 consistent differences as between the two buildings ~~indicates~~ ~~that~~
 in each building
~~the use of some one pier/as the standard for check measurement~~
 measurements of the others in that building. However, less consistency
 in this matter can be seen in other plans, notably of Strs. J-2 and J-12.

Since by and large wall thickness²⁹ are of constant thickness, exterior only a parallelogram/outline necessitates a similar interior one, with an minor changes in the angles. The converse is also true, so we are justified in using interior outlines only to demonstrate the supposed tendency toward parallelogram outline ^(This is necessary position of) in buildings where one or more exterior corners is lacking, ^{unknown} or may be affected by accommodation to something else. Shifting from exterior to interior outlines where necessary, ^{or combining parts of each,} we now illustrate this tendency in more places, which ^{seems} to take it out of the realm of chance. Abandoning the tabular presentation of figures, dimensions will be give in the order ~~XXXXX~~ rear, front, building's left, then right.

For Structure J-2 (Fig.) these are ^{on the interior} /30.75, ~~and~~ 30.80 ^{known} 4.32 and 4.33, discrepancies of .05 and .01. The ^{outside} of one end wall and both interior transverse walls follow the expected non-rectilinear outline. ~~XXXXX~~ Of the ~~six~~ ^{exterior} doorways six were meant to be opposite six others in the other facade, and show displacement in the ~~expected~~ direction and approximate amounts expected. Displacement ^{two} of medial wall doorways meant to be behind outer ones is clear for one jamb only in each case. They are less than standard exterior doorway width, which may cloud the picture, and the ^{expected} displacement is not great.

For Structure J-21 we have ^{available} neither four exterior or interior corners. ^{with four,} But adjacent acute and obtuse exterior angles, and an acute interior ^{angle} ~~one~~ opposite the ~~int~~ exterior one leaves little doubt of a ~~XXXX~~ parallelogram outline. We can check its probable accuracy by measurments ~~in~~ ^a of ~~the~~ parallelogram enclosing all exterior doorways, with their outer ~~jamb~~ ^{jamb} points of the extreme ~~doorways~~ as corners. The figures are 10.08, 10.13, 7.14 and 7.16, with differences of .05 and .02 respectively. All doorjambes of one facade show the

The medial wall doorway is displaced a little, within the limits easily produced by linear measurement errors.

with respect to those of the other, expected displacement/~~and~~ the transverse interior wall, on the side known, runs in the expected direction. Medial wall doorways, here narrow, were probably meant to be directly behind piers, and are displaced ~~in~~ toward the parallelogram axis.

We should expect that occasionally the first angle laid out on the outline ^{of a building} would be close to a right angle, even without an accurate way of measuring it. Str. J-13 illustrates this. The interior outline measurements are ~~xxxx~~ 11.05, 10.93, 4.30, 4.06. Settling/may have increased the discrepancies of .14 and .24. The angles are approximately right angles and we expect little or no displacement. The interior transverse wall ~~is~~ is at approximately a right angle and the rear doors almost exactly behind the corresponding front ones. The one exterior angle known is somewhat acute. However, few facade lines are absolutely straight and the rest of the end wall may have cancelled this parallelogram tendency. The non-displacement of exterior as well as interior jamb-points suggests that it did.

Str. J-23 (Fig.) shows considerable evidence of movement by settling, and one corner is entirely lacking. However, medial and interior transverse/walls are not affected by this and are at approximate right angles. The plan as a whole looks like a rectilinear one disturbed by settling, in agreement with the interior walls. On the buildings ~~left~~ ^{right}, front and rear right jambs show no displacement, as expected in a rectilinear plan. But passing from here to the left, ~~xxx~~ ^{front} jambs do show a consistent displacement toward its left, with reference to the corresponding ^{known} jambs in the rear facade. The reason seems clear. All pier widths are very close to equal, and so are all door widths except the

right front one, which is nearly 20 cms greater. The displacement is probably ~~xxxx~~ caused ~~by~~ not by an angular error and consequent parallelogram outline, but by a linear measurement error ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ infecting a series. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ This interpretation implies that in laying out the jambs a doorway was incorrectly laid out; the adjacent pier ~~xxxxxxx~~ measured from this; the next jamb from ^{the} this pier, and so on, without further error. Judging by this example, consistent displacements ~~series~~ do not necessarily imply ~~a~~ a non-rectilinear (or even a rectilinear) parallelogram outline; but they still seem to imply accurate ^{linear} measurement. This, combined either with an initial angular or linear measurement error, would tend to produce consistent displacements.

It seems to the writer we have demonstrated a decided tendency of linear measurement to produce parallelogram outlines, either approximately rectilinear or not. But errors would naturally on occasion work against this tendency, especially in longer buildings. Structure J-12 (Fig.) the remaining free-standing palace on which we have much accurate data is an interesting ^{non-rectilinear} example. Its right end shows the typical/parallelogram situation, its left in net effect a rectilinear one, both left corners showing slightly obtuse angles, but a line joining their interior ^{an} corners being at approximate right angle to the facades. The measurements ~~are~~ of the interior outline are 33.80, 35.55, 5.90 5.70. The differences, .25 and .20 would tend to be a little greater for an exterior outline.

The left transverse wall is parallel with the left end wall, the right with the right. There each ^{the end room} was laid out from ~~its~~ ^{The}

nearest end walls, and one is approximately rectilinear, the other not. Both are approximate parallelograms, indicating the careful measurement. Now if the door-hambs are laid out from ^{the} those of one facade should show ^{with reference to those of} the left end ~~they should show~~ little displacement/apart from chance error. If laid from the right all should show such displacement, which they do. Since we know only three of the ~~extrem~~ ^{four} /extreme jambs, and initial ^{linear} error such as occurred in Str. J-23 might produce ~~the same~~ ^{this} result. But this would not affect the medial wall doorways. A line passing through the center of ~~the~~ this, and parallel to the "parallelogram end" of the building comes close to bisecting ~~opposite~~ outdoor doorways. It was probably meant to be centered on these, and, if working from the right end, this line would automatically be the axis of the three doorways.

This is the last free-standing palace on which we have ~~mu~~ much data. The Sweat-house P-7 is accurately ~~planned~~ drawn, but being only partly excavated many points are well above floor level, and one corner is badly settled. In addition, the floor-plan of an earlier building may have been used in laying it out, with added chance of accumulating errors. ~~There is a~~ ^{A large} Correction for settling would tend to give a parallelogram outline, with which the direction of the passage would agree. But an almost exactly symmetrical placement of the four front door-jambs would be destroyed by such reconstruction, and these are ^{known} ~~located~~ at ground level. Corresponding sides of the steam room are very close to equality and a rear doorway is neatly centered in its wall, in each case some points being seen only above floor level. We add this building to the discussion to

be fair and to emphasize that while accurate measurements will yield typical types of plans, their mixture with bad or accumulating small errors may prevent it. And also to buttress our conclusion ~~xxxx~~ in Str. J-12, that measurement from one side ~~only~~, if it is not at a right angle to the facade, may cause displacement of points further back.

In this case the displacement of the steamprom door, while slight, is probably connected with the direction of the left end wall, although the right wall would have no such connection.

Implied is a failure to use check-measurements from each side for one point. In the parallelogram or rectilinear buildings, this would not be apparent. ^{in the resulting plane} That ~~xxxx~~ they were not made,

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is a fact of some importance. Any displacement, ^{the bad angle of} which agrees with/either side, is probably caused by accurate lateral measurement, and therefore not intentional.

In all these building^s, the displacement is inconsequential from the visual point of view, and there is no evidence that it was ^{realized or} consciously corrected. ^{Bud} From rather meagre evidence on temples we think it became evident and resulted in compromise adjustments. ^{visually} We can best show why it should by use of another hypothetical plan, Fig. 6, ^{by} This time the plan, while much simplified, is less hypothetical. Like R-16 it consists of pyramid, supplementary platform, plinth platform and three-door temple, the whole set on a terrace crossed by the main stairway. For emphasis we have added column altars at points 2 and 3, by analogy with R-9. ^{The restored} Over-all dimensions and ^{the reasonably accurate} rectilinear cross sections of R-16 are used, as well as the actual angle between front and left side (others being unknown on that building).

Only the rectilinear outline ~~at base level~~ is indicated
 in broken lines ^{at base level only.} (WXYZ); this is distorted to UWYZ in accordance with
 the R-16 angle and construction proceeds, using the R-16 cross sections
 at right angles to each side.

The Maya must have laid out the first terrace, built it, and
 then measured from its top for the base of the next. The top would not
 be perfectly ^{regular.} built. There is thus likelihood of ^{measurement} many errors by
 the time one reaches ~~the~~ ^{has laid out the temple building, these being} ~~the~~ among six
 secondary outlines, and these affected by errors in the slopes of
 five terrace walls. ^{with so many, they would tend to cancel out}
 and ~~the~~ each unit should show the ^{it, as here, one started with it.} same parallelogram form, The last
 one should correspond to the first in direction, but ^{somewhat} a different
 angles would be expected. This situation is actually seen on Str.
^{so far as excavated (Fig} K-5-3d, Therefore displacement is to be expected, just as in the
 ball courts and palaces, though perhaps more affected by errors.
 The difference between pyramid temples and those structures lies
 in this: ^{on temples} central features were conspicuous; and they are more displaced
 because of greater depth behind the base of the facade; ^{by a given initial angle error} ~~the~~
^{upper} The ^{of Fig 6, a} elevation ~~the~~ conforms to our plan and shows how very
 apparent is the increasing displacement ^{affecting} ~~the~~ column ~~the~~
 altars and the conspicuous masses of stairways and temple doorways.
 We have ^{arbitrarily} shaded the ^{right} ~~the~~ side walls in order to emphasize the
^{side terrace and building walls} front facade. Standing on the rectilinear axis, ~~this~~ ^{only} would not
 be visible until the observer had retreated over 100 meters from
^{the facade.} ~~it.~~ The effective visual displacement ^{of central features} is therefore within the frame
 of the silhouettes rising from Y and Z. ^{Outlines of central doorway,}
^{stairways, altars and these silhouettes are therefore emphasized by}
~~with~~ heavy lines.

The distortion of the main stairway, especially, is
 apparent even at close range, if the observer looks at right angles to
 the terrace, which provide an adequate visual base-line.

The stairways are constructed as parallelogram in plan. Taking the main one as example, this could result from accurate measurements from corners to points 8 and 9 at the top, 10 and 11 at the bottom, provided lines thus established were extended to 12 and 13. But there was never any flat surface on which to lay out 8-10 and 9-11. Pyramids were always built before stairways, which extend ^{beyond} outside the outline. To make the extension a cord would probably be held at 9, the other end in the hands of someone on the plaza, with a third sighting to direct his movements until it passed over point 11. Under these conditions he would probably notice his bad ~~angle~~ ^{somewhat} angle and correct it with his eye. Str. K-5-2nd combines a parallelogram pyramid with a rectilinear stairway (Fig.), proving that stairways were not controlled by the pyramid outline. Because of that example, and because we have good reason to believe the R-16 stairway was ^{approximately} about centered at the top let us suppose cords were swung from 8 and 9 as before, but ^{by eye} without regard to 10 and 11, with good results. Applying the same principals to the other stairways, we get the elevation ^{of Fig 6, c.} shown below. Now it is possible to do directly at the stairway, place the altars on its center axis, and ascend from one to the other at right angles to the steps. We believe ^{round} the R-16 elevation, if we dug it out more completely, and added inset/corners and other decorative details, would closely approximate this elevation, ^{which is} exactly like ^{Fig 6, a,} the upper one except for rectification of the three sets of stairway side walls, and shifts in the altars to correspond. In visual effect the displacement is especially ^{less so between} noticeable as between pyramid and supplementary platform, ~~and between~~ it and plinth platform. The stairways are of course asymmetrical

But on the structure itself ~~but~~ these discrepancies are not measurable with the eye except at a distance; displacements of upper stairways and building are visually minimized by the set-backs which contribute to them; and individual stairway units are not distorted.

but are not distorted in themselves.

with respect to their own units, Line 15-Z is longer than 11-Z on the plan, and Y-14 shorter than Y-10 on the plan so that at the base the first terrace is about 2.00 longer on ^{one} side of the stairway than on the other. Corresponding but diminishing ^{discrepancies} distances occur on the second and third terraces, reaching equality at the top of the later. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Instead of swinging the ~~the~~ side walls of the plan on points 8 and 9 at the top, we might have done so on points 10 and 11 at the bottom, ^(Fig. 6, b) *extending lines thus obtained to the top by sighting.* This would accentuate the displacement between pyramid and platform stairways, and transfer the ^{same maximum} linear discrepancy in terrace lengths from the longer base to the shorter top, to which the stairway naturally leads the eye. ^{*It would be much more apparent.*} Since in Str. K-5 2nd and 1st, and presumably K-5-3d, a two-meter discrepancy occurs at the base, our choice of the top from which to make the correction seems justified, since there, the points corresponding to 10 and 11 are

being ignored. That it corresponds to what happened on R-16 is highly probably ~~since~~ Points 1, 14 and Z on the plan and lower elevation are in true relationship for R-16, point 14 being midway between side walls of the R-16 main stairway at second terrace level. That it is not exactly in the center of our reconstructed stairway can be attributed to accumulating errors which are not reflected in the drawing. With ~~xxxx~~ stairway correction on points 10 and 11 (not excavated) it would be much farther to the right, as we look at it; were the stairway placed in line with units higher up, this center would be decidedly farther to the left.

Whether such ^{*(with this sort of displacement correction)*} an elevation as ~~this~~ was ever actually constructed, (as we believe it was in R-16) we have shown how accurate ^{linear} measurement combined with a poor initial angle and

up the center of all stairways to the center of the Temple. This is the most important visual line for observers near the base as they would be during ceremonies. The marking of this line at bottom, top and 4 intermediate levels on Str. R-9, shows the Maya were concerned of this. Such a procedure seems a logical next step

better judgment of stairway angles could produce it, unless some further adjustment was made. The conspicuous stairways, though each is rectified, are badly displaced with reference to each other. To correct this it would be easy to lay out all stairway side-walls at once, or ^{from} ~~on~~ a single ^{stairway} center line, swinging from the temple instead of the pyramid top level. On our elevation we would push the platform stairway to the left till its center was under that of the doorway, and move the main stairway still more till its center was also below ^{further} that point. This would ~~increase~~ ^{increase} the discrepancies in terraces lengths on either side, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ but would yield a straight line of sight (Fig. 7)

The plan and elevation of Str. K-5-3d, much better known than R-16, can be explained in this way. Unfortunately the main stairway side walls were destroyed by the Maya, and ^{must be} ~~restored~~ (Fig.). In spite of many other restored points, ^{at least the} ~~found~~ angles of the original outline ^{were} ~~was~~ clearly the parallelogram UWYZ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ or a slightly larger one enclosing the outsets, and not the rectangle ^{VXYZ}. As in Fig. 6, the axes of rectified and actual basic outlines, AB and CD are drawn through their ^{front} ~~common~~ center.

~~The front of the pyramid bulges forward of the~~

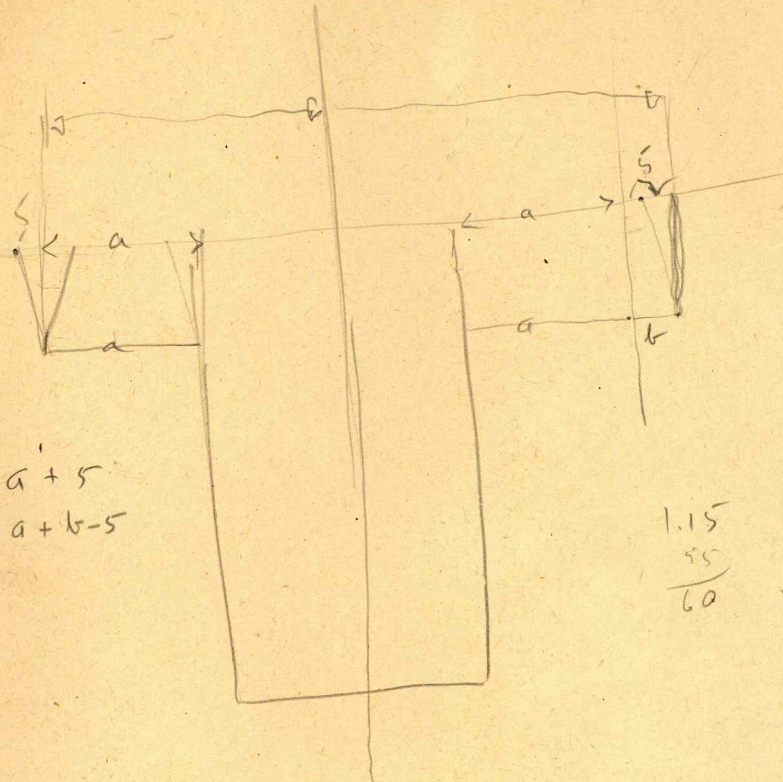
The use of outsets causes the actual ^{basic} outline to ^{twice} ~~step~~ errors in ^{caused the} measurements for this may have prominent ~~xxxxxxxx~~ irregularities at the base, which are not affected by settling. Higher pyramid points (^{known} ~~shown~~ at the front ^{only}) have been affected by settling. Only the basic outline is restored on sides and rear. The ^{points} ~~parallelogram~~ U'W'Y'Z' ^{are} ~~define~~ the theoretical ^{corner points} of the top outline. At the front center, where settling is not involved, the pyramid top is about the expected distance forward of this, and very ^{nearly} ~~close~~ to parallel to Y'Z'

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outlines, Ab and CD are drawn from the facade. The center of the/ ^{central}
 door ^{Point 1,} is fixed by assumption of three equal doorways, checked by ~~the~~
 known point ⁴ on the right side/wall. ^{building} ~~This~~ ^(Point 1) is only 15 cms from being
 equidistant from the sides of the basic parallelogram : i.e. shows
 the expected displacement, ^{which is about 1.15 m.} and is nearly on the true axis. But the
 pyramid column altar, though far forward of this, shows almost
 exactly the same displacement, and ⁿⁱ a line joining these two points
 about bisects the most reasonable reconstruction of the platform
 stairway. So far as it goes, this confirms the procedure of of
 Fig. 6,c as to one ^{upper} stairway unit. ^{Expected displacement of the} ~~and~~ ~~one~~ altar is increased about
 75 cms to center on this ^{on} and (presumably) the main stairway.

Lines thus marked by the Maya we will call "ceremonial" axes,
 whether they coincide with true or utilitarian axes or not.

The temple altar was certainly intended to be centered ~~behind~~
 the doorway, But it was removed and probably was, ^{that is} ~~also~~ exactly
 on this axis. But it was removed during excavation after location
 by general measurements only. Its precise position cannot be used
 in this connection. The same remarks apply to the upper altar
 in the next period. If ^{temple and pyramid altars} ~~these~~ were, as reconstructed, on ~~the~~ opposite
 sides of the true axis CD, the evidence for sighting from ^{Temple} ~~that~~ facade,
 would be rather complete for altar placement at least,
 would be rather complete.

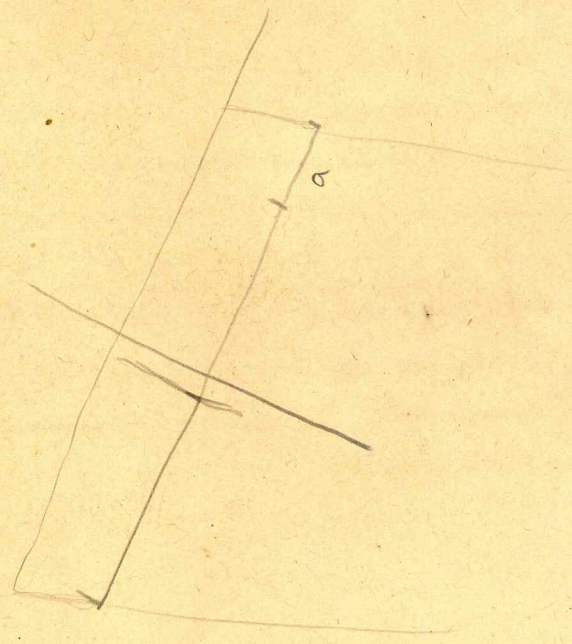


$$\begin{aligned} & a + 5 \\ & > a + b - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \\ 55 \\ \hline 60 \end{array}$$

$\text{Perimeter} = 2a + 2b$
 $\text{Area} = b - 5 +$

60



By passing to later periods, all founded on the same two
 with repairs to the lowest at the rear,
 pyramid terraces, we can get more complete evidence. (Fig. 8
 (Point 6) nearby)

We now lack the doorway, but have both a pyramid altar and a complete
 stairway. ^{out line, definitely located.} The new ~~xxx~~ altar is 4.50 m above and 2.00 m behind
 the old. A line joining it ~~xxxxx~~ and the center of the ^{pyramid} stairway at
 plaza level almost exactly bisects the latter, and passes directly
 over the old altar and doorway-center; ^{naturally} it also passes directly
 beneath the center of a still later temple ~~xxxxxx~~ facade, bisects
 the ~~xxxx~~ main stairway of the latest period, since this ^{is a raising} incorporates
 and ^{and extension of} uses the second one. However, in this last period the same
 middle period axis also passes directly below the ^{center of the pyramid} final central
 doorway at the top and almost surely came close to bisecting the
 final period Stela 39 at the bottom. ^(when plans are superimposed) In all periods, all stairway
 centers known and all intended axial points marked by altars,
 doorways and probably the stela are very close to being on a
 single line when plans are superimposed; this ^{common line ceremonial axis} is nearly parallel
 to the rectilinear axis AB, but shows ^{in its entirety the approximate} the displacement expected
 only at the ^{early front} building/facade line. We should ^{theoretically} now expect ^{the observed} this
 almost exact/agreement in the later periods ~~only~~ if their building
 facades were directly over the earlier. This is true as to
 the two buildings known, while intermediate platform (which may
 have been a plinth for a now vanished building) is almost
 exactly above and below the plinths of the others. ^{cross in terrace}

^{layouts accurate} ~~Close~~ measurements in building up the later periods ^{terrace varied and} seem
 indicated, but ^{produce} ~~do not~~ run counter to what we know of the final
 building, which probably ^{were} had a parallelogram outline running counter to
 the basic one, accentuated somewhat by settling. ^{It's also partly known} If supplementary
 platform shows the same to a less degree, and carelessness or

Errors in terrace locations
 affect this agreement, it depends on measurement
 and on sighting later points over earlier landmarks.

it is worth thinking of
 the center of the pyramid

possibly accumulating errors are ^{probably} responsible. This was not true in the original period (Fig. 7) in which pyramid, platform and building show the same type of parallelogram outline, though not corresponding precisely, as expected. ^{with continuous measurements from the bottom up,} The reversal of displacement direction in the higher units of the final period would have shifted the doorway center appreciably nearer the rectilinear position, and away from the actual axis of the main stairway, already fixed in the intermediate period. ^{(Since this did not occur it} and plinth were ^{pre-existing} It seems probable that the building was centered on the ^{axis} stairway by sighting, rather than by measurement from platform sides. ^{The building was located from the sides by measurement, and} In the early case everything indicates, both stairways and the pyramid altar were centered on the ^{at} building by sighting, ^{and} all therefore share the ^{same} building ~~side~~ displacement, as they do.

and plinth were

A simple procedure for laying out ^{the} ceremonial axis

can be easily imagined. The center of the central doorway could be easily judged, or measured by doubling a ~~cord~~ doorway-^{cord first stretched} a man on ^{across the doorway.} width length of cord. Stretch a long cord from this point to the plaze. A third man, well ~~taking~~ ^{from the plaza} off from the pyramid would direct his movements in sighting a right angle. This fixed, ^{and} the marking of ~~at~~ points directly below this cord at platform and pyramid edges, and for location of ~~at~~ altars. If, as Morris believes for Yucatan, the ^{actual} very simple device of the plumb-bob was available, the ^{very close to} ceremonial axis would be a perfectly straight line. Points for various stairway side walls could be measured out on either side from it. Errors in these measurements would tend to prevent exact/coorespondence of such walls with the axis. ^{but not the general}

(Possibly this would be done by a third man well back on the plaza.

This is too much to attribute to error in a single measurement. The putted position in which this reasoning is based are probably almost exactly displaced the expected amount only because of cancelling errors. Those of the third terrace do not correspond precisely. But they would be no accumulation of several errors in measuring to the center of the upper terrace, once it was built. A slender, might be due what is found, but it would be very surprising that it should yield an axis in agreement with the earlier ceremonial axis.

for the main stairway
What evidence is available for R-16 indicates the sighting/
center of the
was done from the pyramid top, not from that of the temple. The
evidence for/sighting from the temple is ~~here~~ fairly specific, and also
supports the proposition that the temple displacement is the sum of
~~xxxxxx~~ smaller displacements accumulating terrace by terrace. ~~at~~
earliest

Had the ~~xxxxxx~~ period stairway been swung from the top of the
earliest pyramid, rather than from the temple which is much farther
back, the stair displacement would have been about 25 cms., the
in terrace lengths on either side zero at the top, 50 cms at the bottom.
discrepancy ~~50~~-cms. The stair displacement for all periods was probably
determined at this time, yet in the next period/~~the xxxxxxxx~~ is
known to be 2.10. If the ^{early} ~~third~~ period ^{altar} ~~axis~~ was on the ^{pyramid} stair axis,
whatever its width (which we have had to reconstruct), this figure
is true for the early period also, apart~~xxx~~ from minor measurement
errors.

If the pyramid stairway ^{of the next period} was swung from/its top, passing over the
earlier altar only by chance, expected displacement would ^{result in only} be ^{about}
half the bottom discrepancy observed. Its axis should, of course,
It should, of course, be centered at the top of the top terrace.

Direct measurements to upper terrace corners were not available,
all being fallen. But outsets, ^{probably measured from them, would} probably maintain the same relationships,
~~being measured from them.~~ At the base of the upper terrace ~~these~~
the inner pair survived and show an expected displacement of ^{about} 50 cms.
The theoretical displacement of the stair, if sighted accurately from
the temple, is 1.15, or 65 cms more than that of the terrace, ~~which~~ ^{This}
would produce a discrepancy in measurements from stair-walls to outsets
of double this, or ~~is~~ 1.30. The actual figure is 1.48, ^{a close agreement.} Reconstructing
to the top of the terrace this would be about ^{change things but slightly. 1.32} 1.15, ^{very close agreement} that is, at the
top, the stairway was ~~displaced~~ ^{off-center} about half this, or 74 cms, with
reference to the outsets and, ^{to} presumably, the terrace as a whole.

A natural query is why a better angle for stair axes was achieved for stairway axes than for the original outline. The angular discrepancy seems to rule out knowledge or at least use of a mechanically accurate method of laying out right angles. Chance might account for the good angle of the K-5-3d stairway and measurement from it perpetuate it in the later periods. More evidence than is available will be necessary to disprove chance here, but there is some.

Stela 41 appears to have fallen straight backward, without subsequent disturbance. It probably was on the stairway axis.

A line joining the center of the R-16 stairway at second terrace level (Point 14 in Fig. 6,) and the center of the stela top passes within 25 cms of stairway center at the base, if reconstructed ^{at a perfect right angle.} ~~the reconstructed~~ ~~perfect~~ line from the same point, but ~~as a rectangle.~~ A similar line, parallel with the side of the pyramid, cuts the stair base ~~ixix~~ 95 cms farther from the line to the stela. The stela top is 6.50 m forward of the stair base, minimizing the effect of erroneously supposing it has fallen straight back. A stair angle better than the pyramid angle is probable here, if the stela was on the ceremonial axis, as it clearly was meant to be.

See Morris (Note)

Note: 27 by 40 in dimensions.

On Structure R-9, a line joining the center of the building doorway and the plaza column altar touches both pyramid and basal terrace altars (within 10 cms of their centers), almost exactly bisects the ^{pyramid} ~~stairway~~ ^{at} base and is very close to a right angle to the pyramid facade. Destruction prevents knowledge of the the pyramid basic angles. But this line crosses the basal terrace, which is very much askew. Sighting to ^{or from} the higher points without regard to ^{the tenues} ~~them~~ seems the simplest explanation of the position of the plaza altar, and the axis thus marked at four points is as good, as to angle, as the K-5 series. We do not know the pyramid angle. The known main stairway side wall, however, is not parallel with this line, obviously meant to be its axis, suggesting perhaps each stairway was laid out from a single sighted axis line, ^{suggesting} with errors occurring in linear measurement from it. It is apparent from this that actual stairway side walls may ^{be more askew than on} ~~not correspond~~ exactly to the axis marked for them by the ^{S.H. K-5 had with a perfectly straight ceremonial axis at a better angle.} ~~the Maya~~, and turning back ^{nevertheless present.} to K-5-2nd and first, we see that the sides of the main stairway there are not exactly parallel. Our only further evidence is certain single stair side walls, which would ^{therefore} ~~not be~~ ^{very} pertinent, except to say that none of them make so bad an angle with the pyramid as do the sides of K-5 and R-16.

check up

If, with more data, ceremonial axes turn out to ^{consistently} ~~make~~ better angles with the pyramid front than do its sides, the reason may be that it is easier to judge the direction of a cord one end of which is high above the observer ^{on the plaza} /so that in effect he sees a longer line. Or, if he is in the temple doorway, ~~having~~ looking probably lies in the fact that this line is sighted against an already constructed substructure.

To complete the picture of available data of this sort for temples, we refer to Str. R-3 Fig. , which shows a non-parallelogram outline analagous the palace J-12. One front corner is slightly acute obtuse, but much more than for a true parallelogram. ~~is nearly rectangular~~, the other/acute. The known stairway side wall direction agrees with neither side , but runs about as much askew as the better (right) side wall, but in a contrary direction, confirming independent sighting. The doorway center is displaced about the expected amount with reference to basic outline, if measured from the more accurate side. The amount of this displacement, 15 cms. is to slight to be significant, but the direction is that expected from either side. There is this much confirmation of the hypothesis that the ceremonial center was sighted from the center of the doorway. The line joining it to the known center of the stairway at first terrace level is parallel to the known side stairwall.

There is a little evidence that the ceremonial axis was on occasion carried inside the temple, and affected its design. The niche of the temple of J-4 is almost directly behind the central doorway and ^a lines joining them ^{is close to} ~~are~~ at right angle to the front of the platform, though the known side is at a marked acute angle. Presumably the outside of the temple conformed to this, but the inside does not. It may have been indepdetly laid out from the axis, to keep the niche in the center of the rear wall and still on the axis.

On R-16 a cache marks the probable location of the temple altar. It was not accurately located, but was close to directly ^{left side} behind the doorway. The ~~axis~~ of the plinth platform forms an acute angle with the front, as did presumably the outside/ of the building. But the inside left runs in a contrary direction as if idependtly laid out.

Unfortunately the K-5-1st niche and ^{earlier} ~~alab~~, and/temple ~~xxxxxxxx~~ altars were not accurately located before removal.

Returning to our theoretical Figure 6, there is a marked asymmetry in the silhouettes of the substructures, if viewed straight-on, in elevation. The terrace walls, rising from Y appear steeper than those rising from Z, and the terraces appear narrower, the whole being decidedly steeper. This results inevitably from accurate projection at right angles of the distorted plan. ~~From~~ As one ascends, each corner is behind the preceding, and therefore displaced points, ~~top and bottom, moves~~ from its rectilinear position away from ZX and toward YV. Compared with a true rectilinear silhouette, the slopes appear flatter and terraces wider on the acute angle side, steeper and narrower on the obtuse angle side. Lines ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~zzzzzz~~ projected below ~~the plan~~, projected at right angles from the corner points, spreading and contraction in illustrate this ~~xxxxxx~~ horizontal spacing, compared with that for the intended rectilinear plan.

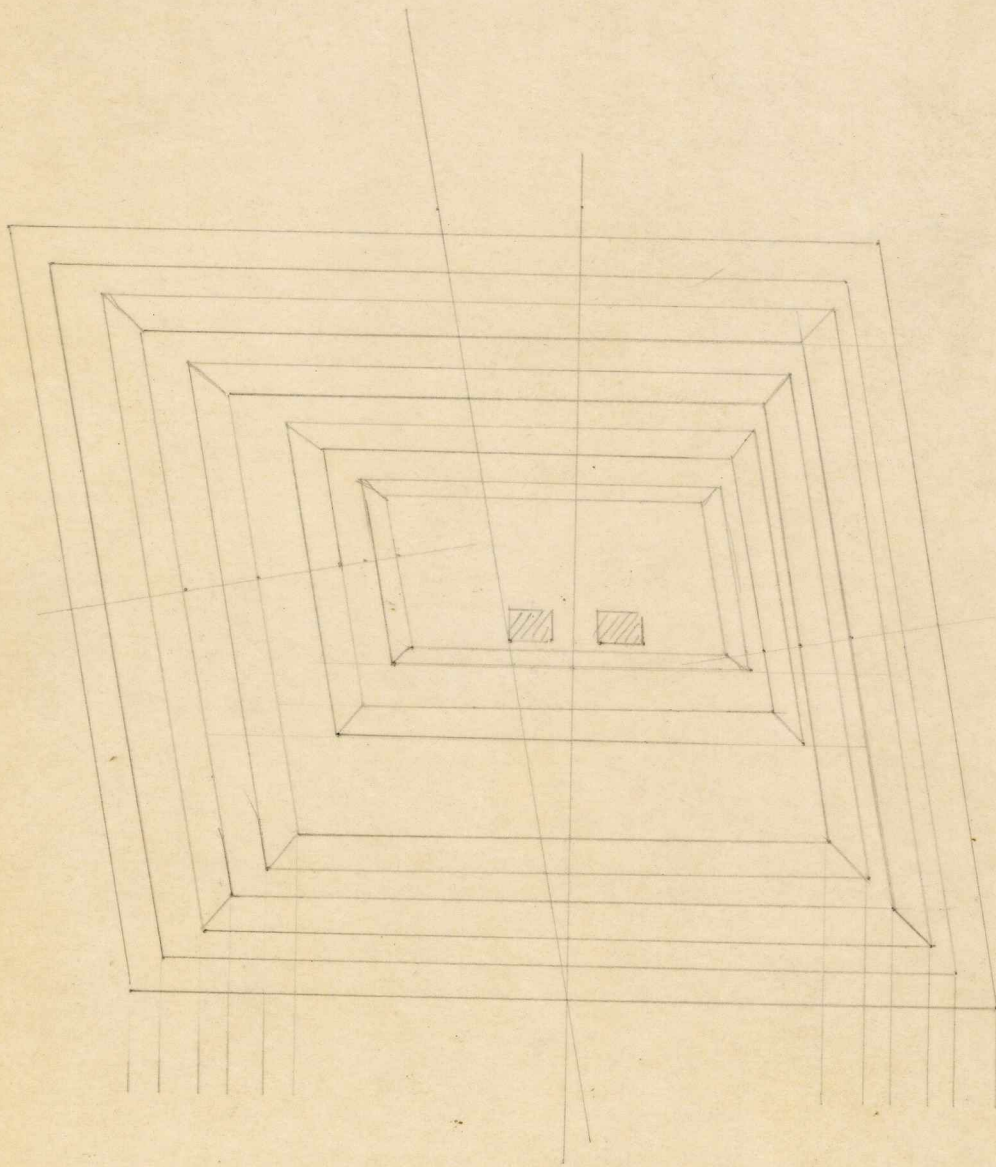
Accurate measurements in building up a pyramid would therefore tend to cause this type of asymmetrical silhouette. Outsets in terrace walls, presumably measured from the corners (generally missing above ground level) ^{be similarly affected.} would duplicate ~~it~~. ~~W^d~~ actually have this illustrated ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~K-5-2nd~~ front facade. The ^{horizontal} spacing of outsets should be irregular, as seen, due to accumulating errors. But at the rear obtuse angle, while the ^pspacing between outsets of first and second terraces is narrow, as required, the next is very wide. It seems fair to conclude that measurement and construction errors are a sufficient explanation of irregular outset spacings, ^{that they were not considered,} and that a non-rectilinear ^{basic} ^{if present, would} outline ~~will~~ tend to throw them into a pattern. ~~it would tend to make them steeper on one side than the other.~~

add?
Running it
into the
ground?

In the final K-5 period there is a hint that in principle at least ~~xxxx~~ to minimize this difficulty a way ~~xxxxxxx~~ difficulty had been found. With the ceremonial axis determined by ^apre-existing stairway, the temple center may have been located not be slavishly measuring in from the sides of the substructure, but by sighting over the ~~xxxxxx~~ stairway. This is admittedly not certain. ~~if~~ Applied to a new structure, ^{could not} the procedure ~~would be~~ ^{have been} to correct the measured center of the top of the first terrace by sighting for a right angle over the measured center of the base, and to lay off the second terrace front on an axis thus fixed.² If this process were repeated at each level, errors in judging the angle would not have a ^{continued} cumulative ~~effect~~ displacement effect. Corrections would be made ~~at~~ level ^{minor} by level, right up to the temple. The result would be ^{continued} irregularities in the widths of terrace tops at the sides, such as exist anyway, and in outset spacing. Measuring out the stairways from the axis thus finally fixed, they would lie in the centers of the substructure masses served by them, with only minor discrepancies. ~~For step by step~~
~~/Such an adjustment we have no evidence.~~

Such a correction of terraces was ^{hardly} ~~not~~ feasible, once the first was laid down with a bad angle. Suppose, in Fig. 8, b, the ~~front~~ displacement of the front of the supplementary platform ^{and of pyramid terraces} had been fully corrected, as it would tend to be by this process. ¹ Its corner would be ^{horizontally} about 1.80 nearer the bottom of the first terrace at the same distance back from the front. The ^{horizontal distance} necessary to the intended cross-section here is about 7.75; ^{horizontal components of} terrace slopes and depths would have to be compressed ^{at this point} into a horizontal distance of 5.75, and correspondingly stretched on the other side, with a

Such a correction, once the bad initial angle had been
an entire
built upon, would produce a front elevation symmetrical as to the
bases of each ~~xxxxxx~~ unit, but would run counter to common sense.
is such an adjustment of F8g. 6, and *would be*
Fig. 9 shows what would result. The terraces ~~are~~ greatly narrowed
on one side, greatly widened on the other. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Different
silhouettes would be actually constructed, a hardly desirable
result. The K-5-1st correction, if made as supposed,
applied only to the temple building in relation to its plinth,
It was a small one ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ on a relatively
spacious surface, and there was a pre-existing reason for it.



Bases of towers
etc. red-tinted

SK-6

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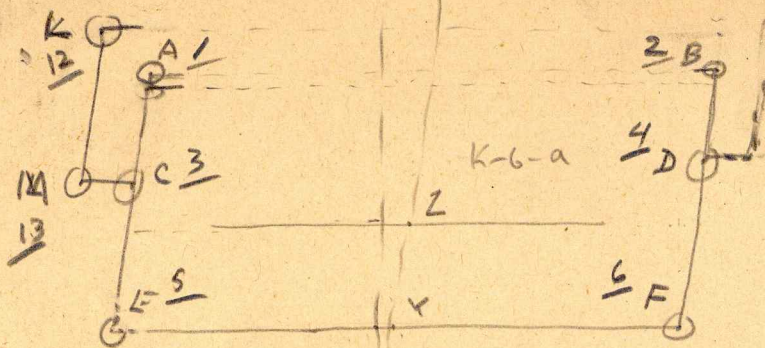


Fig 1

K-6

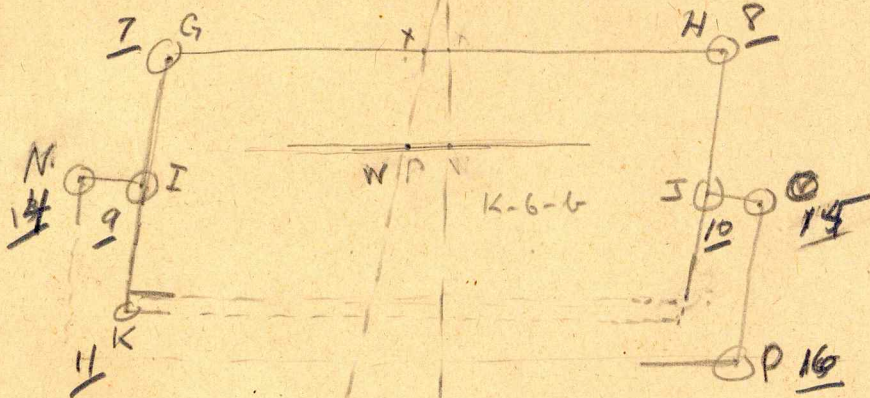
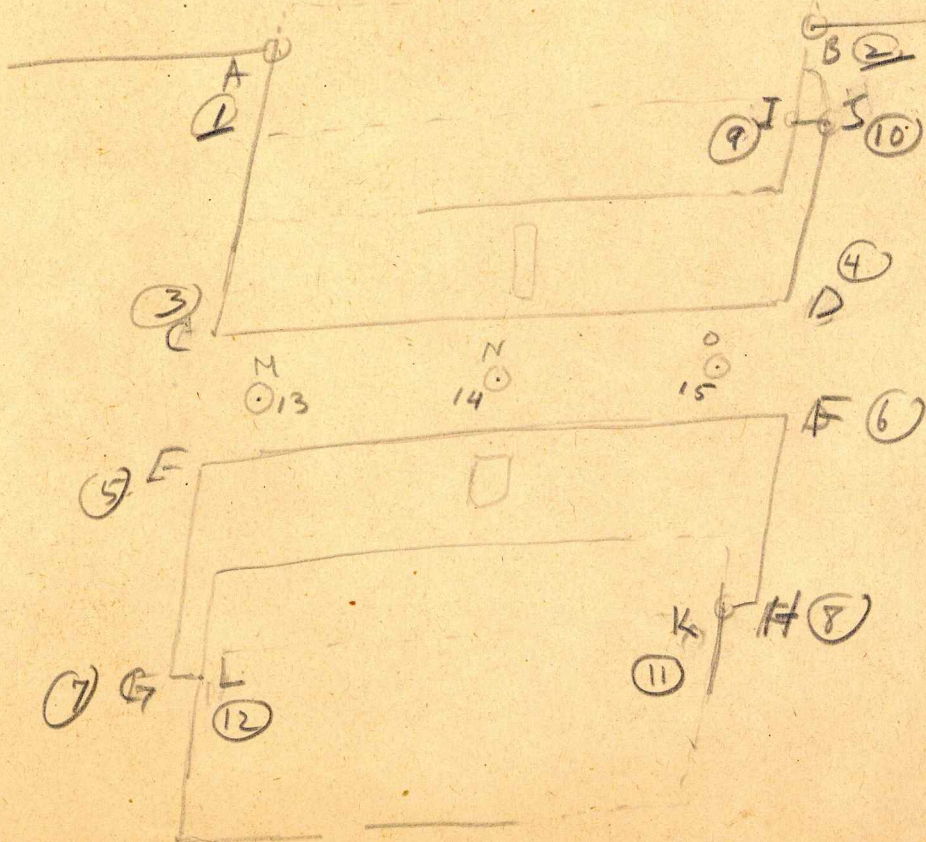


Fig 2

SK



R-11

The best structures in which to bases of the

detect the use of taping are the ballcourts, which are of considerable size, consist of structures obviously meant to be identical, and which are close to bed rock and so have not settled. (Figs.)
The following dimensions, sealed from the plans, are instructive.

~~Lengths:~~ The dimensions in question are indicated by letters on Fig. Each ~~group~~ contains dimensions which theoretically should be identical, ~~with the maximum difference indicated in parentheses below.~~
The scaling for K-6 is probably a little more accurate than for R-11 since the latter drawing had been inked, the former not.

Structure K-6

AB 21.15	AE 8.95	CE 6.60	LM 3.70	MC 1.25	EG 6.60
CD 21.25	BF 8.96	DF 6.55	OP 3.25	NI 1.25	FH 6.70
EF 21.26	GK 8.97	GI 6.56		JO 1.23	
GH 21.50		HJ 6.50			
IJ 21.55					
(.35)	B (.02)	C (.10)	D (.45)	E (.02)	F (.10)

Structure R-11

AB 17.55	BI 4.35	JD 6.90	IJ .53	CE 4.35	HN 7.85
IJ .52	JD 6.90	FH 6.82	KH .52	DF 4.35	NO 8.00
18.07	11.25	EG 6.83	GL .38		8.02
CD 18.00	AC 11.34				
EF 18.15	(.09)	(.08)	(.15)	(.00)	(.07)
GH 18.28					
(.28)					

The discreptancies seem to the writer to be of the order one should expect if we assume the plan was laid out on the ground with careful measurement, but allow for probably stretching of cords, for failure to building exactly to the line, and for our own errors in selecting the exact spot for a corner (the stone is not perfectly dressed), and in surveying, drawing and scaling. The

A glance at these plans shows that while each unit is an approximate parallelogram (as it must be, given the accuracy of linear measurement of corresponding lines) all are far from

Naturally, the longer the measurement, the more probable that these factors have contributed to the observed discrepancy. They can hardly account for the difference between the short lines LM and OP, which were therefore not measured, except with the eye. An occasional exception, especially in laying out minor secondary constructions, is perhaps to be expected.

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the plans are drawn

1	2	3	4	5	6
Stn K-6	depths	depths	depths	outsets	Field depths
AB 21.15	AE 8.95	CE 6.60	LM 3.70	MC 1.25	EG 6.60
CD 21.25	BF 8.96	DF 6.55	OP 3.25	NI 1.25	FH 6.70
EF 21.26	GK 8.97	GI 6.56		JO 1.23	
GH 21.50		HJ 6.50			
IS 21.55					

AE losses .30 inside of G and of I (i.e. 11 bud disclosed lines)
 DF " .10 outside of H and .25 outside of I (no girth 11, + displacement loss)

1	2	3	4	5
Stn R-11	depths	depths	Field Points	Outsets
AB 17.55		JD 6.90	CE 4.35	IS .53
IS .52		FH 6.82	DF 4.35	KH .52
18.07	BI 4.35	EG 6.83		GL .38
CD 18.00	JD 6.90			
EF 18.15	11.25			
GH 18.28	Ac 11.34			

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 .15 " " F .25 " " H

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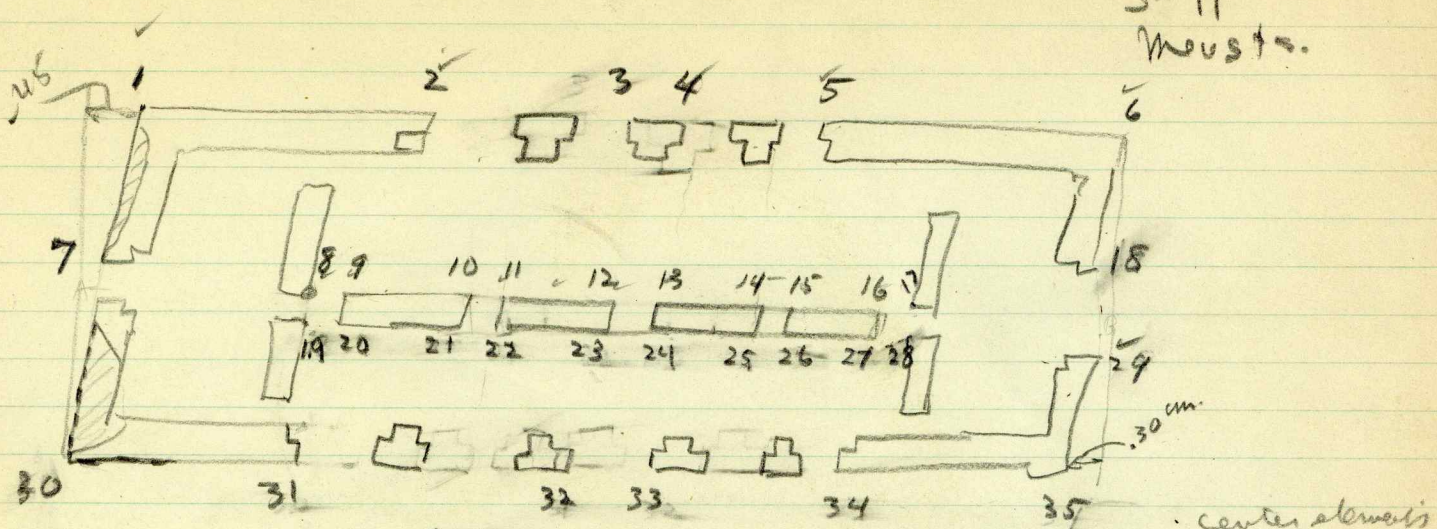
15.85
 7.55
 8.00

11.25
 6.90
 4.35

12
 11.05
 10.95
 56.01

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 2 do and

J-11
Moust.



Overall		outside		anda		center at level	
1-6	23.66	1-30	7.65	1-2	6.25	1-7	2.59
30*-35	23.52	6-35	7.72	5-6	6.24	6-18	2.63
				28	28	28-35	2.84
A	(.16)	B	(.07)	C	(.01)	D	(.25)
						E	(.02)
						F	(.07)
						G	(.05)

Med wall
Sections

9-10	2.95
11-12	3.00
13-14	2.91
15-16	3.02
20-21	3.05
22-23	3.00
24-25**	2.98
26-27**	3.10
H	(.19)

Inside

do med down.	
8-10	3.74
15-17	3.86
19-21	3.85
26-28**	3.87
K	(.17)

Close med down.

8-12	7.61
13-17	7.60
19-23	7.61
24-28	7.56
L	(.05)

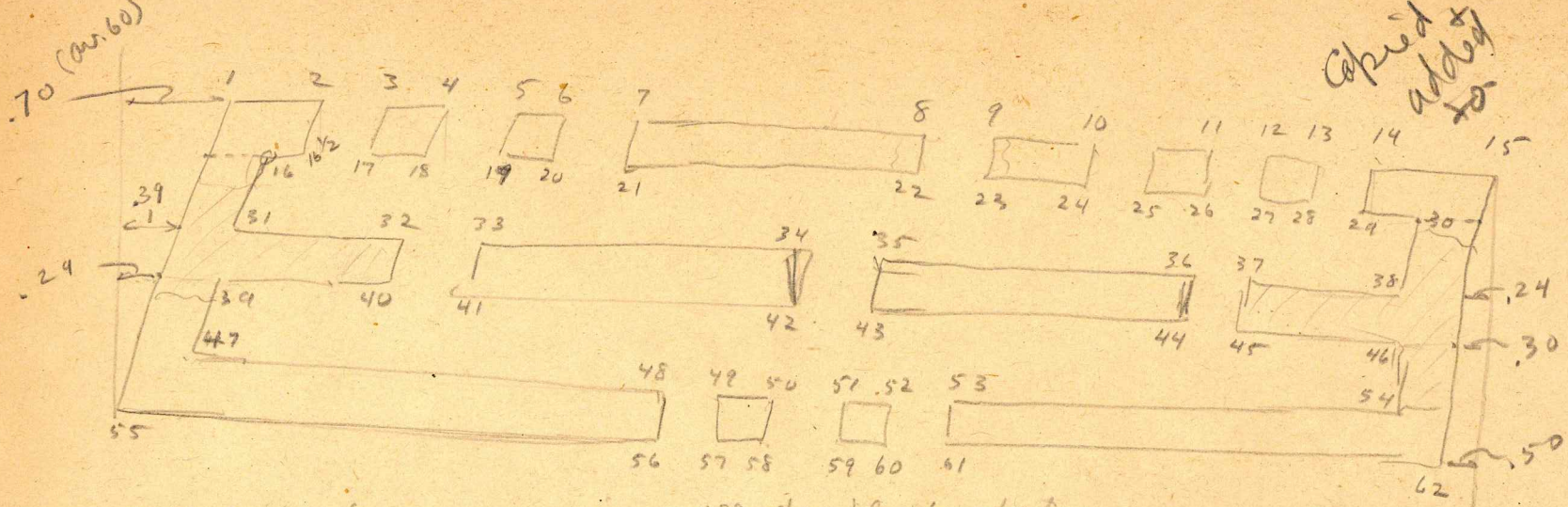
9-12	6.82
13-16	6.75
20-23	6.86
24-27	6.80
I	(.11)

A-23 } diff. 15
24-B } from to
right. 7 1/2

down curb 23-24 is
.25± rd of L curbing
from 32-33.

30
25
30
35

* Point 30 may have moved slightly.
** Points 25 + 26 well above floor level.



Capred added to

averages

16-30	29.76
	<u>29.50</u>
	126
16-47	4.40
	<u>4.30</u>
	0

(av. 80)

Outside: areas

1-15	31.66	1-55	6.86	1-2	1.84	1-7	9.36	55-56	12.20	55-58	15.06
55-62	31.83	15-62	6.85	14-15	1.96	10-15	9.40	61-62	12.37	59-62	15.20

Piff:

Inside center mod

31-34	13.65*
35-38	14.25*
39-42	13.65*
43-46	14.25*
avg	14.25
	<u>13.65</u>
	.60
47-50	13.65
51-54	14.20

Mod wall
new wall
fence wall

Mod doors

overall inside

16-21	8.40	16-30	28.95	16-47	4.43
24-30	8.05	47-54	29.45	30-54	4.45
			<u>30</u>		.02

new wall
randoms
slides
gates

central fence post

47-48	10.90
53-54	11.24
	(.34)

Inside fence tube doorway

mod side doorways

31-73	9.59
39-41	5.65
36-38	5.15
45-46	5.10
	(.55)

chick
Fowler

Overall Trip part doorways outside

2-7	7.50	16-21	8.55	14.20	13.70
10-14	7.52	24-30	9.10	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
56-61	7.32			14.07	13.25
				<u>13.75</u>	
				.32	

16.72
15.06
<u>1.66</u> (83)
15.06
<u>83</u>
15.89

15.43 (all at 15/9)
14.82
<u>.61</u>
15.55

* These points are restored on straight line from 16 to 47 + 30 to 54
* no points restored

5-9
Dawley

Here we have to deal with inside and outside measurements of free-standing walls. At a glance the plan shows the same non-rectangular parallelogram form of the outer walls; but also that the jambs of the many doorways in general do not. They are more nearly at right angles to the front and rear, than are ~~the lines bounding~~ the side walls. Evidently they were laid out independently. A rigid system of measurement from the ~~xxxx~~ outline of the building would have made them parallel to the side walls. This departure affects the lengths of inside lines ^{running to doors} which otherwise should be equal, and therefore inside measurements are grouped separately.

Outside and over-all Inside											
1-15	31.60	1-55	6.86	1-2	1.84	1-7	9.36	2-7	7.50	1-5	6.52
55-62	31.70	15-62	6.85	14-15	1.96	10-15	9.40	10-14	7.52	11-15	6.52
A	(.10)	B	(.01)	C	(.12)	D	(.04)	56-61	7.32		
								E	(.20)		(0.00)
55-56	12.20	55-58	15.06	16-30	29.75	16-47	4.43				
61-62	12.37	59-62	15.20	47-54	29.45	30-54	4.45				
F	(.17)	xxxx G	(.14)	H	(.30)	I	(.02)				

Inside to Doorways

16-21	8.40	31-34	13.65*	16-19	5.54	47-48	10.90	13-19	5.54
24-30	8.05	39-42	13.65*	31-53	5.59	53-54	11.24	31-63	5.60
J	(.35)	47-50	13.65	39-41	5.65			26-30	5.22
		35-38	14.25*	26-30	5.22			36-38	5.12
		43-46	14.25*	36-38	5.15				
		51-54	14.20	44-46	5.10				
J	(.35)	K	(.60)	L	(.55)	M	(.34)	N	(.48)

*One point restored on lines joining ~~to~~ points 16 and 47 and 30 and 54.

Groups A and H would have shown the same differences if the outer walls were of precisely uniform thickness

This table indicates linear measurement of the same order of accuracy as do those for the ball courts. The only major discrepancy is on Group K, which involves the front center doorway and the central medial wall doorway behind it. The ^{outside of the} front doorway was located very close to true center, its center being .07 cm off (one-half of the difference of .14, (Group G.)

If we suppose that the outside was first laid out, and then measured from, this initial error in locating the center doorway would automatically be added to further errors in laying out ^{corresponding} inside lines. Instead of .60 (Group K) the maximum additional discrepancy is therefore about .46, which still seems high, and poor measurement seems indicated. However, notice in Group K that all the measurements to the buildings right are alike, and those to the left very nearly so, which suggests careful measuring carried an initial error through ~~xxx~~ each set.

Placing the medial wall center doorway to the right of of the true parallelogram axis has resulted in placing it almost directly behind the outer corners of the front doorway. From this fact we might deduce that the bad angles of the building as a whole are due to mere carelessness. As a result, by strict measurement this doorway would be displaced to one side, with reference to the front doorway; but, being actually able to judge or measure much better angles, it was placed where it belonged, behind the front doorway, and therefore off center with ~~reference~~ to the medial wall itself. But this reasoning does not apply to the measurements 47-50 and 51-54, which show almost the same difference; nor to the sizable increase in the discrepancy of Groups F and ~~G~~ J, outside and inside measurements to the outer jambs of the triple front doorway considered as a whole. We must concede that relatively high ^{linear measurement} errors were made, but their ~~occurrence~~ ^{conscious} would not ~~account~~ ^{prevent} such an adjustment as suggested above ~~xxxx~~ ^{maximum}. In Group K, part of the/difference may be carried over from the error reflected in Group G., part ~~max~~ to new errors in laying out inside points, and still another part to an ~~an~~ ^{conscious} adjustment of the interior doorway.

We have already pointed out that door-jambs are laid out without

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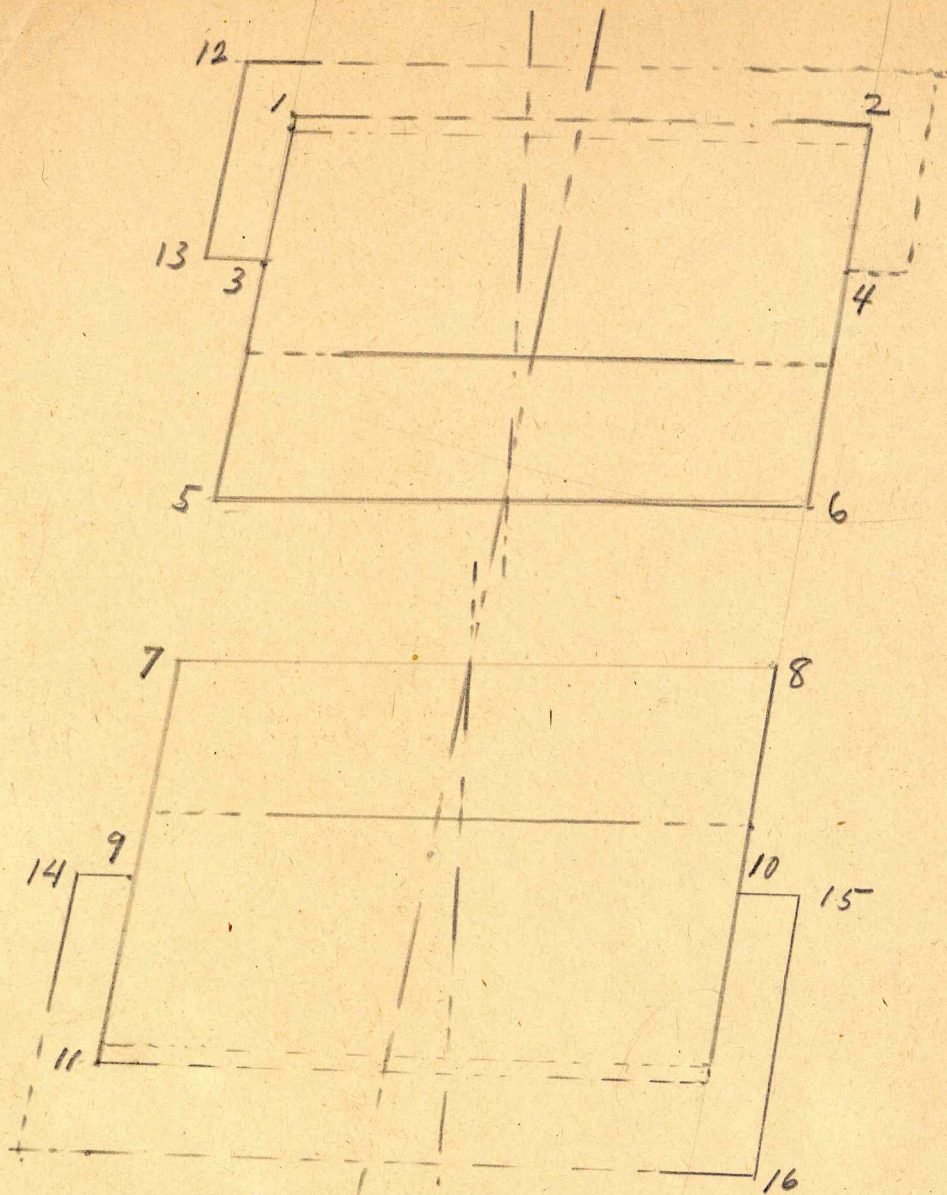
~~MEASUREMENT~~ without being controlled by measurements from the sides of the building, so that they are more nearly at right angles to the facade than are the sides, or two or three cases diverge in an opposite direction. This would tend ~~to vary~~ ^{to vary} expected measurements from the sides, ~~lengthening~~ ^{lengthening} them on one's right and shortening them on one's left as one proceeds toward the interior, from either front or rear, if the jambs form better right angles than do the sides.

If, as suggested, medial wall doorjambs were also independently located ~~with reference to~~ in an effort to place them truly behind corresponding outer wall doorways, this patterning would be carried through to medial wall measurements. We can check this as to one medial wall jamb on either side. As expected, the first three measurements of Group I (on our right as we proceed inward from the rear) increase, the last three (on our left) decrease. The ^{maximum} differences within each half of the group are only .11 and .12 respectively, insufficient to place the medial wall jambs correctly, but they are in the right direction, and may be intentional. If so, the maximum difference for the group as a whole is non-significant. The true measure of error would be the difference between the ~~ix~~ first and fourth figures, ^{none of which} or .32, which has not accumulated from outside measurements.

raises the question whether inner doorways may not have been adjusted to correspond with outer ones more closely, but on the whole fails to

Fig 1

Str K-6

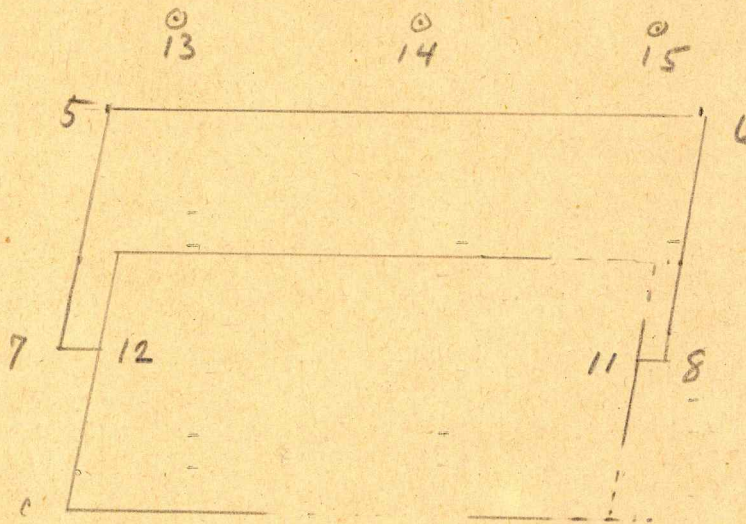
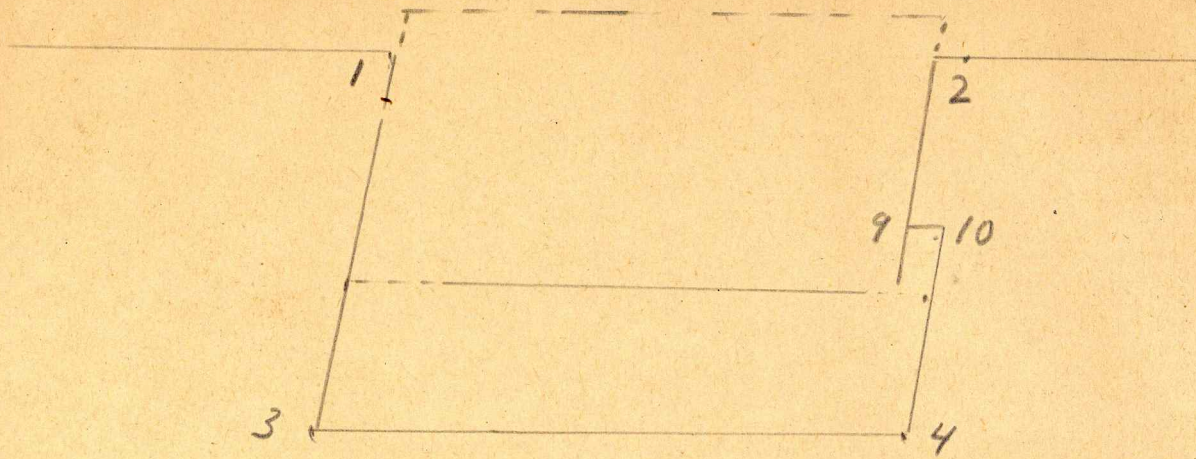


1-2	21.15	1-5	8.95	3-5	6.60	12-13	3.70	13-3	1.25	5-7	6.60
3-4	21.25	2-6	8.96	4-6	6.55	15-16	3.25	14-9	1.25	6-8	6.70
5-6	21.26	7-11	8.97	7-9	6.56			10-15	1.23		
7-8	21.50			8-10	6.50						
9-10	21.55										
A	(.35)	B	(.02)	C	(.10)	D	(.45)	E	(.02)	F	(.10)

Fig. 1. Structure K-6 (West Group Ball Court).

Fig 2

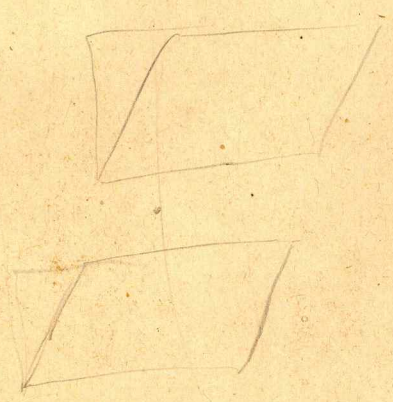
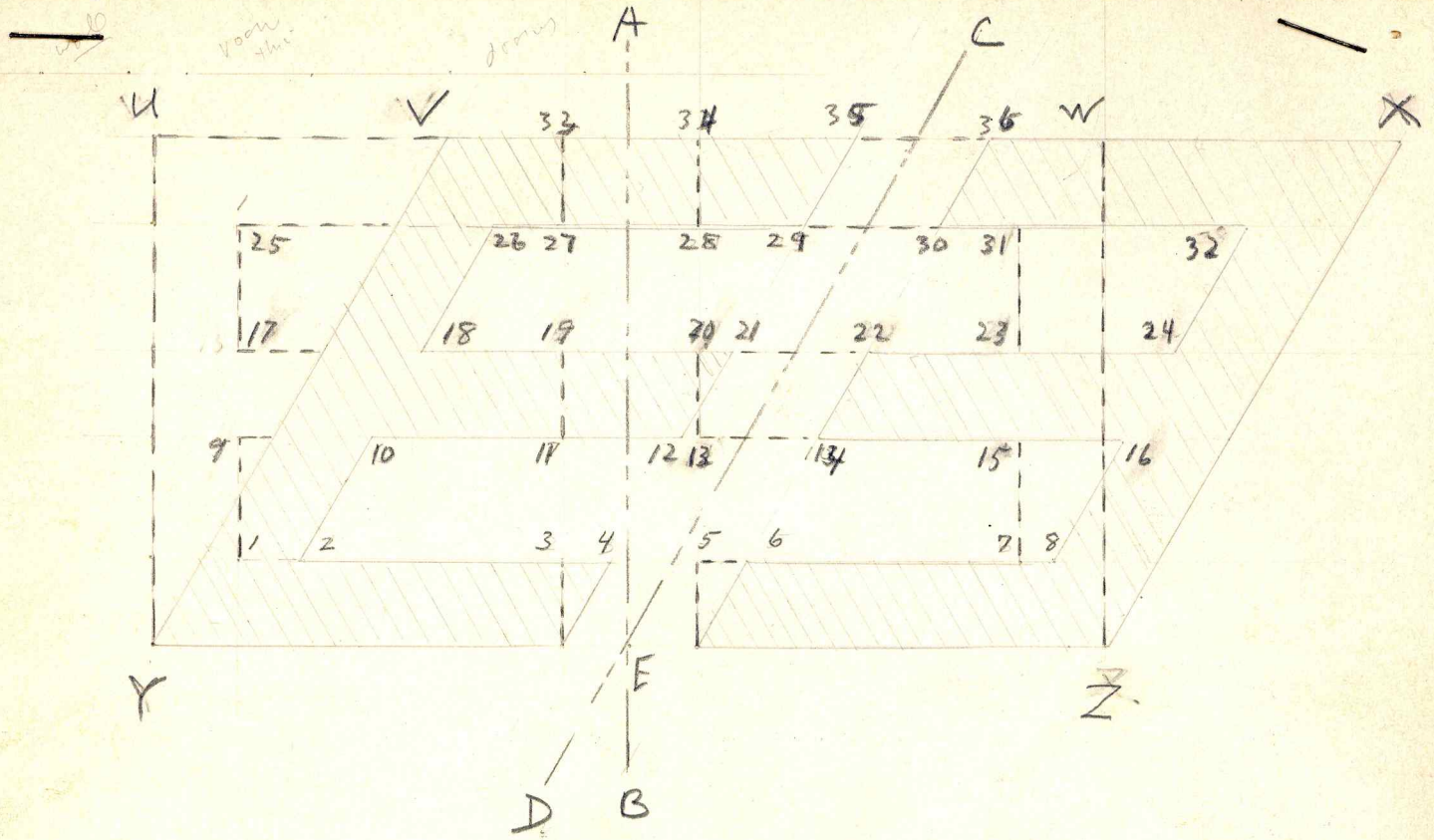
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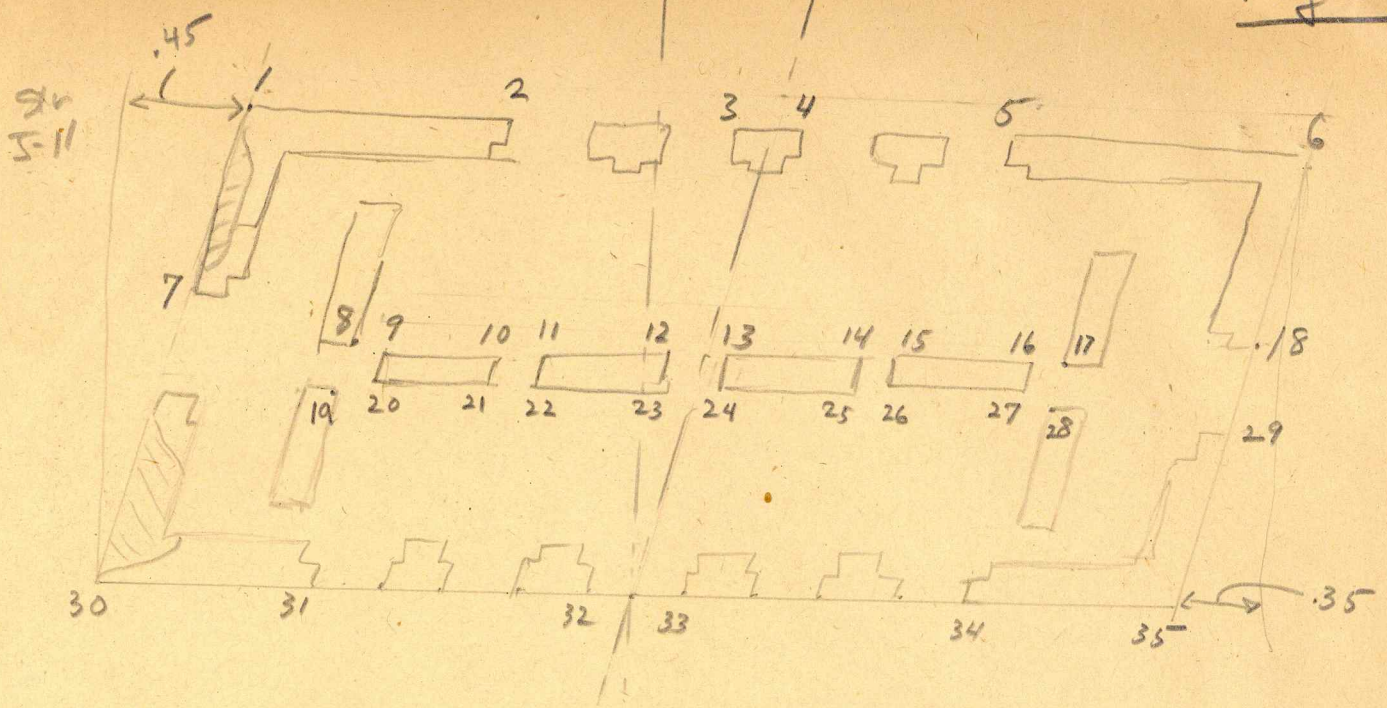


1-2	17.55	2-9	4.35	10-4	6.90	9-10	.53	3-5	4.35	13-14	7.85
9-10	<u>+ .52</u>	10-4	<u>+ 6.90</u>	6-8	6.82	11-8	.52	4-6	4.35	14-15	8.02
	18007		11.25	5-7	8.83	7-12	.38				
3-4	18.00	1-3	11.34								
5-6	18.15										
7-8	18.28										
A	(.28)	B	(.09)	C	(.08)	D	(.15)	E	(.00)	F	(.17)

C+E

Fig 3





Outside

Outside

1-6	23.66	1-30	7.65	1-2	6.25	1-7	2.59	30-31	4.65
30-35	23.82	6-35	7.72	5-6	6.24	6-18	2.63	34-35	4.63
A	(.16)	B	(.07)	C	(.01)	29-35	2.84		
A*	(.16)	B*	(.07)	C	(.01)	D	(.25)	E*	(.02)

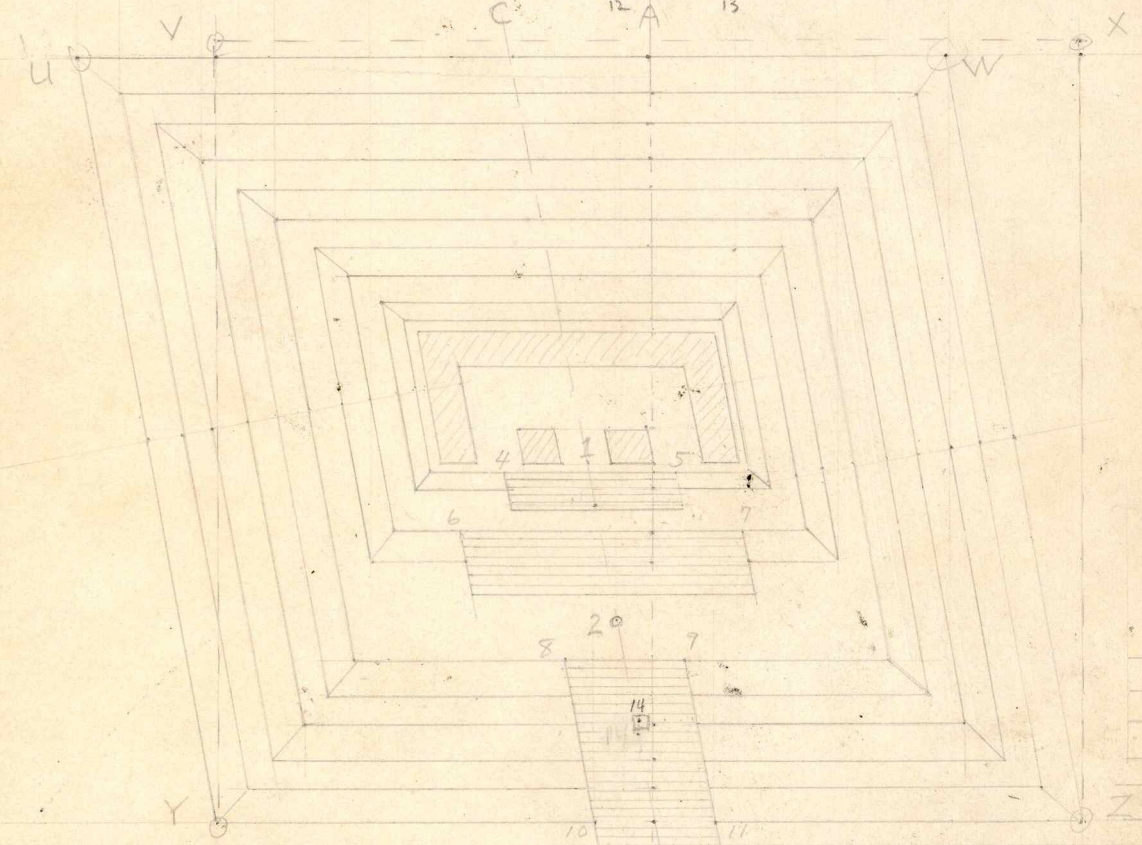
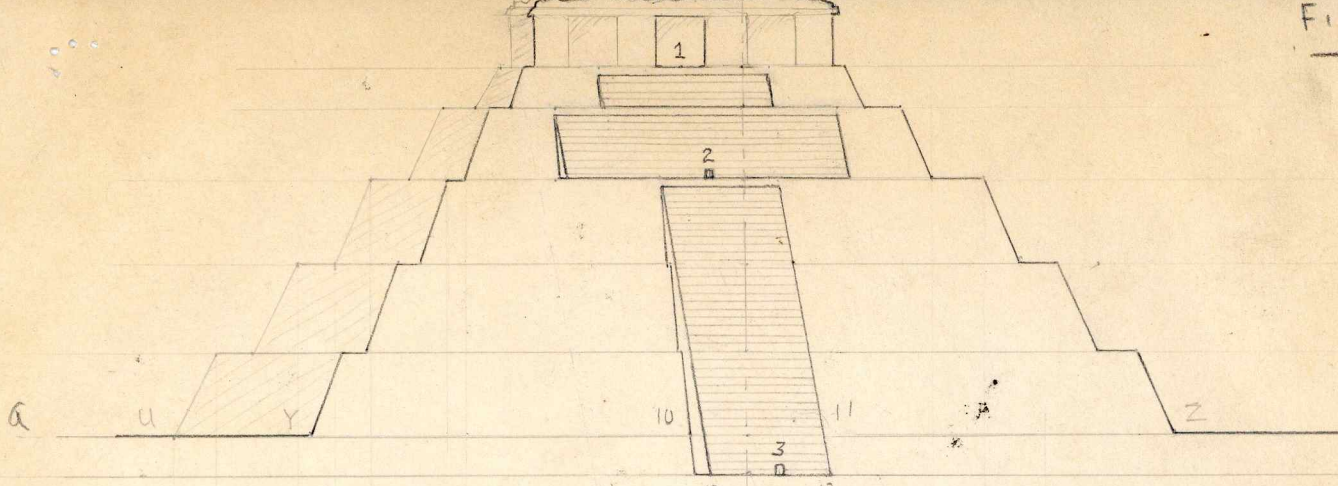
Inside

1-3	11.19	30-32*	10.87	9-10	2.95	8-10	3.74	8-12	7.61	9-12	6.92
4-6	11.12	33-35	10.82	11-12	3.00	15-17	3.96	13-17	7.60	13-16	6.75
				13-14	2.91	19-21	3.95	19-23	7.61	20-23	6.86
				15-16	3.02	26-28	3.87	24-28	7.56	24-27	6.80
				20-21	3.05						
				22-23	3.00						
				24-25	2.98						
				26-27	3.10						
F	(.07)	G	(.05)	H*	(.19)	K	(.17)	J	(.05)	I	(.05)

* Point 30 may have moved slightly
 ** Points 25 and 26 seen only well above floor level.
 Note also that points 32, 33 and 34 probably have moved forward in settling.

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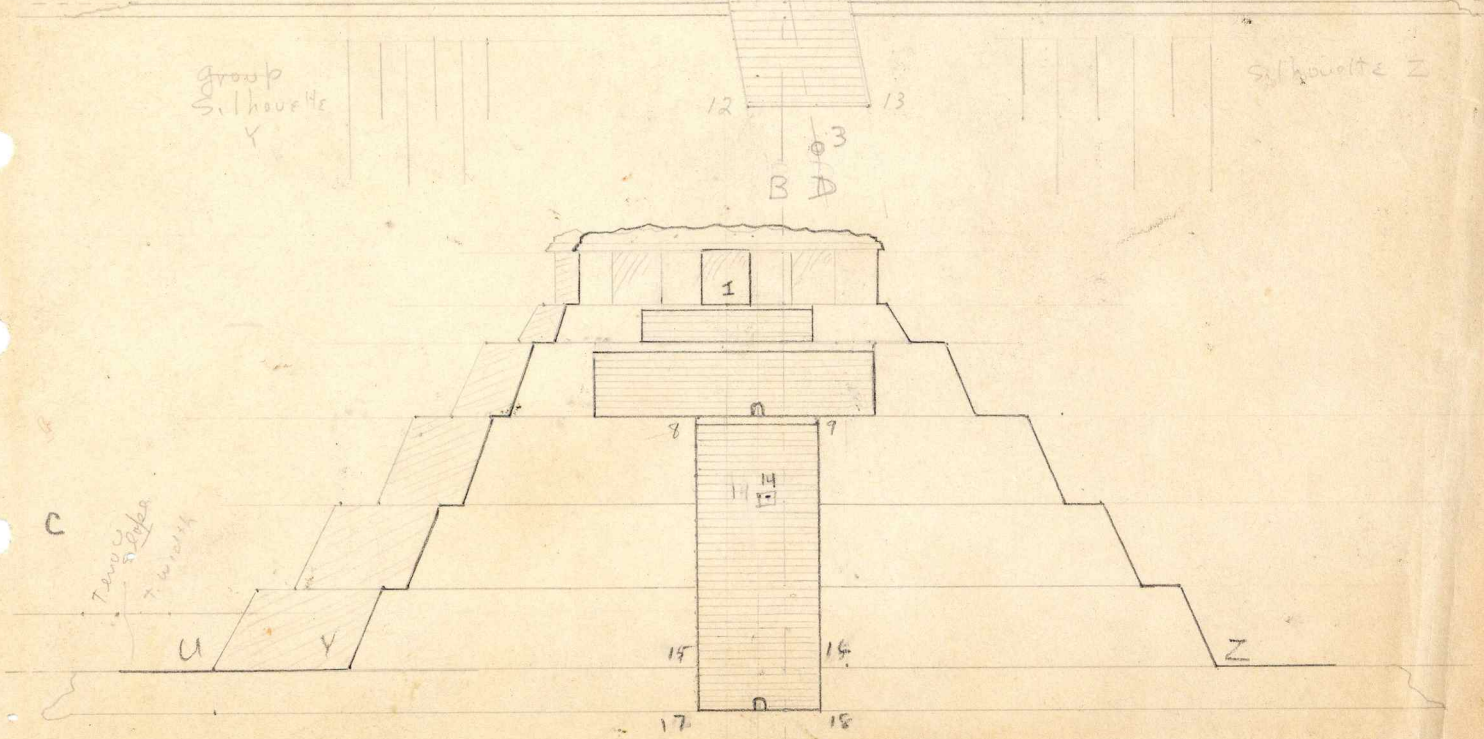
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K-5-2nd Plan. Pencil on tracing paper.

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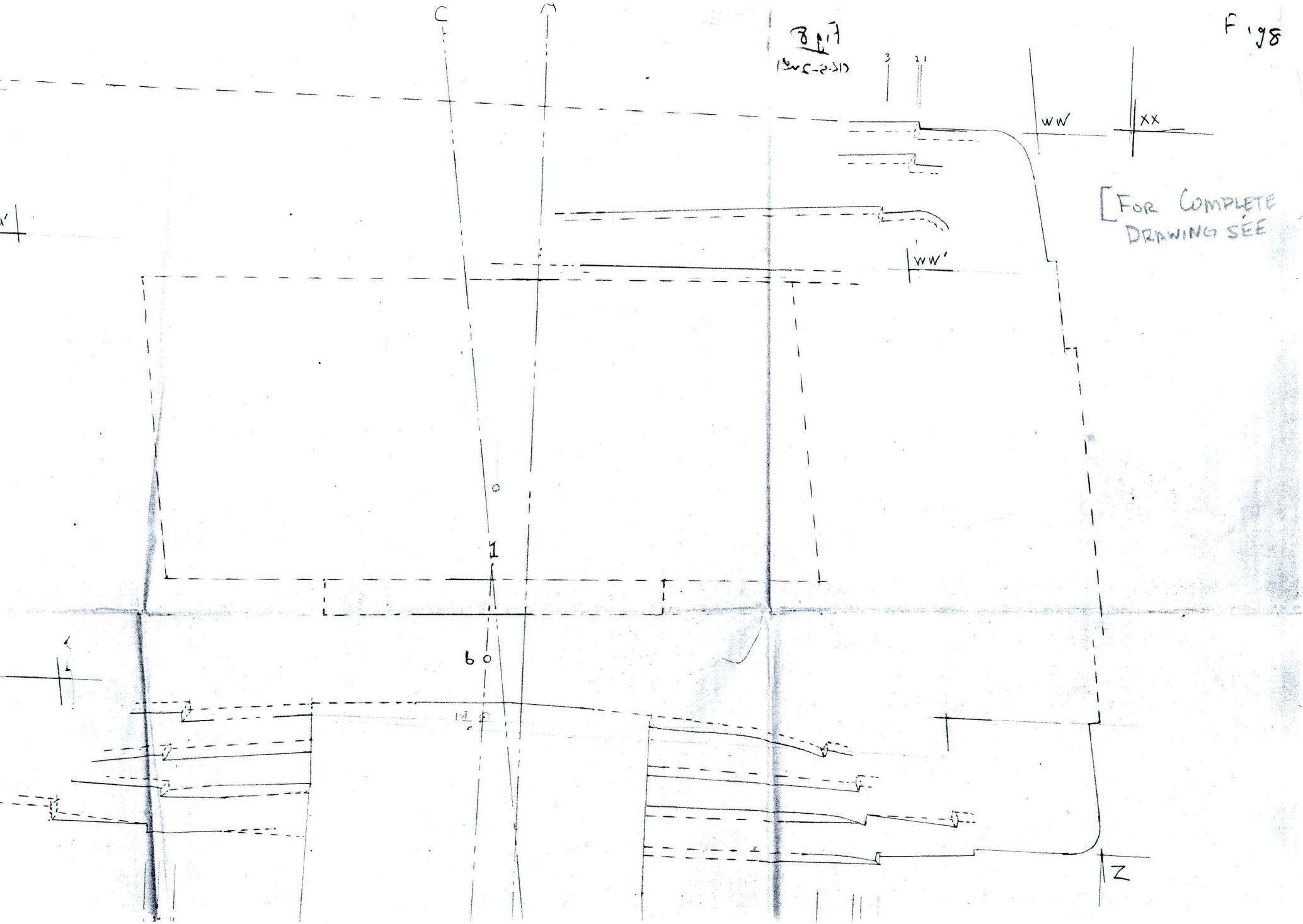
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Fig 7

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