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between Kufa and Mecca (Darb Zubaydah)
with the aid of fieldwork"

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Notes on Illustrations:

This volume is intended to contain illustrations of monuments and other items found mainly by the present writer along the Kufa-Mecca road (Darb Zubaydah), and which are discussed in Volume I of this thesis. The photographs (colour and monochrome) included here were taken by the present writer during the period of fieldwork in May and June of 1973. Conditions were not always ideal; during this period constant travelling through different regions offered various obstacles, and at times bad weather conditions were involved; in addition the writer's knowledge in photographic technique is not that of a professional. The plates in this volume represent various subjects, e.g. water tanks, wells, remains of ancient foundations (khāns, fortresses etc.), the track of the road (where road paving or clearing is visible), way-marks (a'lām), Kufic inscriptions, and small finds (pottery and glass fragments etc.). Furthermore two important 'Abbasid mile-stones which are in the possession of the Department of Antiquities in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia are also included.

Maps compiled by the writer, under the supervision of Professor W. Brice of Manchester University, explaining the pilgrim road and its monuments are also included. In addition a number of plans (drawn at my request by

Mr. Ṣalah al-Ḥilwah of the Department of Antiquities, in Riyadh) have been selected to represent sites, mostly related to water tanks, which show outstanding features. The intention is to present in as useful and representative manner as possible, a sufficient body of authentic material to illustrate the features that remain along the pilgrim road. Many plans and drawings of certain sites have been excluded since these latter are covered with sand, and thus show no clear or characteristic features. Description and identification of such sites has therefore been restricted to the text of the thesis. Nevertheless those plans, here excluded, in addition to other supplementary documentations about the pilgrim road, will be available for consultation at the Department of Antiquities in Riyadh, or in the Department of History and Archaeology, Riyadh University, Saudi Arabia.

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1. Small birkah at al-'Aqabah, looking towards its western wall with corner steps.



2. Circular well at al-'Aqabah built with roughly cut-stone; part of it cut in solid rock.



1. General view of sub-divided tank at al-'Aqabah. Now filled with soil and mud.



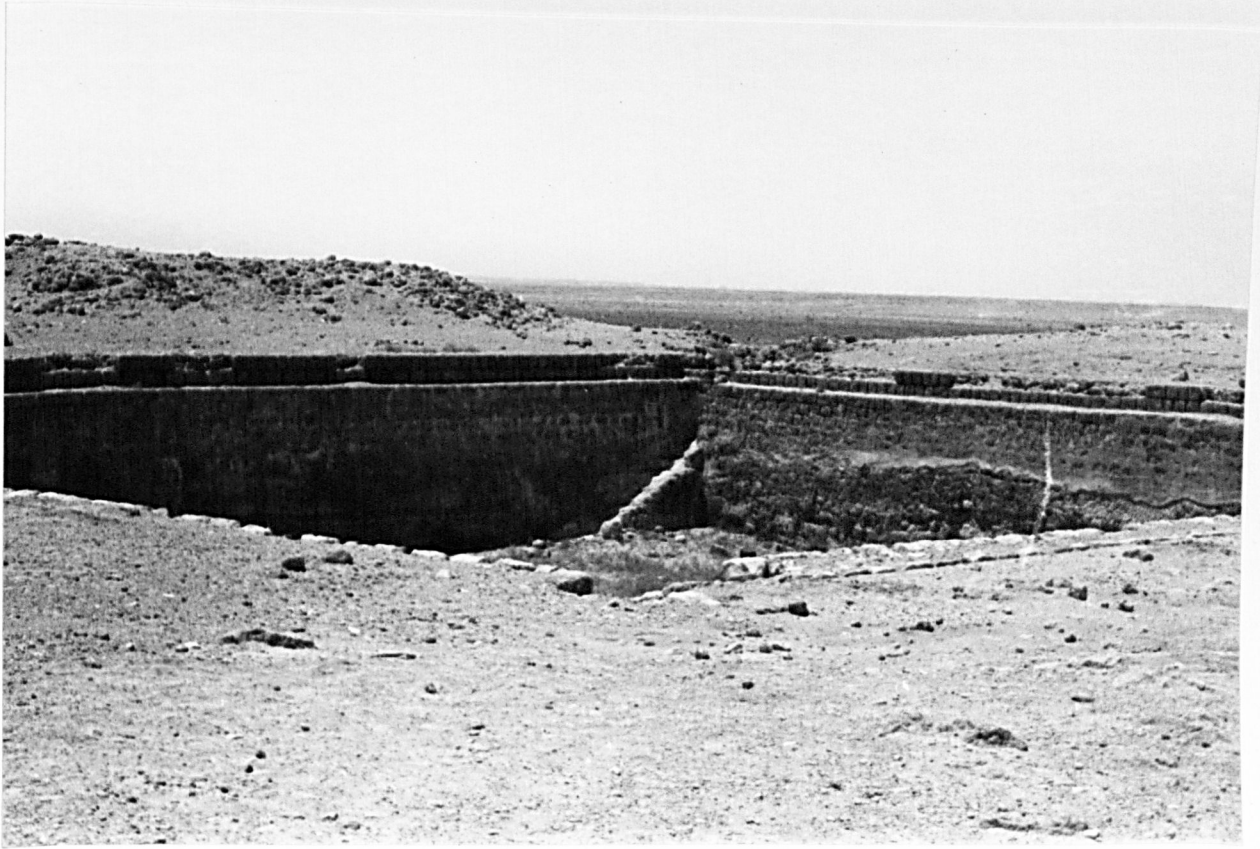
2. Details of internal buttresses within the enclosure wall.



1. Dam of al-'Aqabah across ravine at Sha'Ib al-Batn.



2. Close-up of the dam as seen from the south. It has suffered slight damage.



1. Birkat al-'Amya, built partly from cut-stone and partly cut in solid rock. Stepped channel in south western corner.



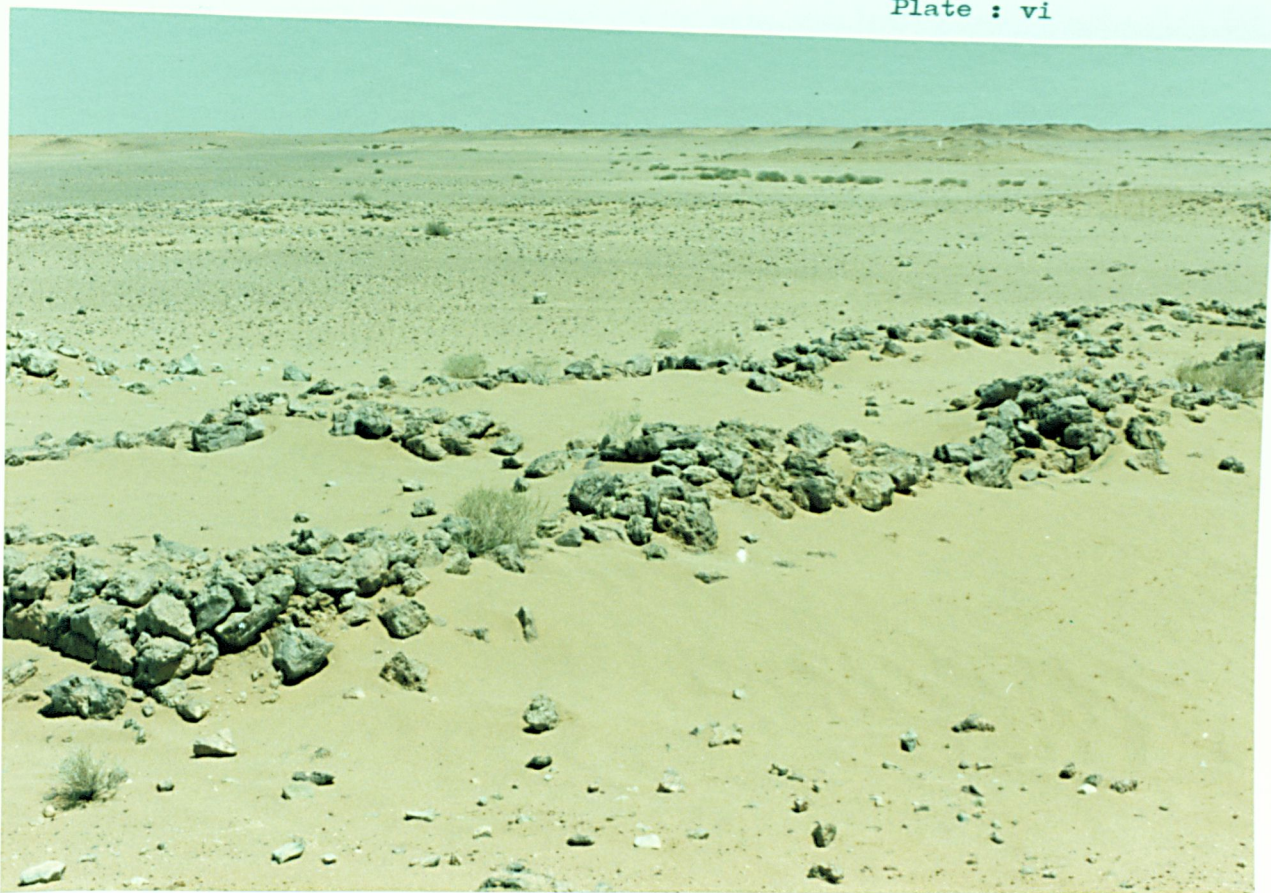
2. Main entrance of the birkah. Steps descending to bottom of tank.



1. Birkat al-Haytham (al-Qā'): western wall. Steps and buttresses still visible.



2. View of mouth of channel at the north east corner, original plastering visible.



1. Remains of ancient foundations of rest-houses at al-Haytham (al-Qā').



2. Birkat al-Jumaymah: the channel, originally stepped, is at the south-west corner.



1. Western side of Birkat al-Jumaymah.



2. A well at Zubalah, still containing fresh water.



1. Remains of ancient cistern at Zubālah.



2. Western side of the birkah showing stairs descending in opposite directions.



1. Ancient fort or palace at Zubālah seen from the north.



2. Another view of the fort seen from the east.



1. Bedouins often assemble at Zubālah, in search of water from its wells.



2. Way mark ('alam) 4 km. south of Zubālah indicating direction of pilgrim road.



1. Birkat ash-Shihīyyāt, western side, the inlet and part of flight of steps.



2. Remains of ancient fortress at ash-Shihīyyāt.



1. Large circular cistern at ash-Shihīyyāt choked with sand.



2. Close-up of the inlet with original plastering on interior of birkah.



1. Ancient well at ash-Shihīyyāt, filled with debris.



2. Track of Darb Zubaydah between ash-Shihīyyāt and Birkat Hamad.



1. Large rain pool near Līnah east of Darb Zubaydah. The water here normally lasts for several weeks.



2. In most of ad-Dahnā desert the pilgrim road was paved with stones laid on the sand.



1. Birkat ath-Tha'labīyyah showing main tank and inlet in background,



2. Birkat ath-Tha'labīyyah from the west viewing main steps and buttresses in interior.



1. Birkat al-Bid', showing inlet and settling tank on left and main reservoir on right.



2. Details of inlet, with sloping channel, which was formerly covered with a layer of lime.



1. Well of al-Bid'. It has been repaired and contains fresh water.



2. Lower section of well showing neat lining of roughly cut stone, with small opening just above water level.



1. al-Khaḍrā' , west of al-Bid': a former pilgrim station, and still an important water source.



2. Ancient well at al-Wusayṭ once connected with the water trough to its north.



1. Small trough (hawd) at al-Wusayt.



2. An ancient well at Zarūd, once a prominent station on the pilgrim road.



1. Birkat al-Huwayd, a square tank ca. 47km. north of Fayd.



2. al-Huwayd: south wall. Present height ca. 2 metres.



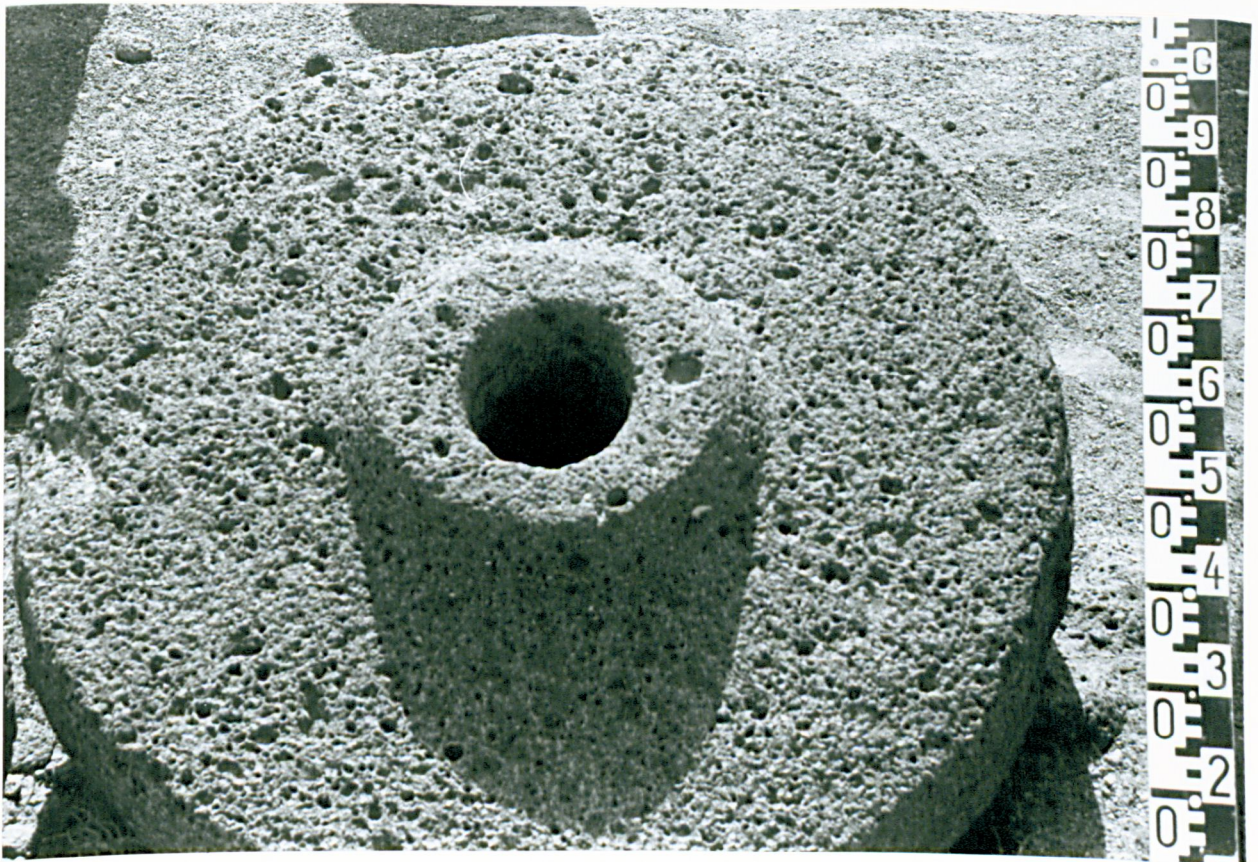
1. The remains of the famous Fortress of Fayd (now Qaşr Khrāsh).



2. Inside the village of Fayd the ancient wells are still discernible.



1. This ancient well at Fayd still contains a good supply of fresh water.



2. A granite mill-stone found in the ancient settlement of Fayd.



1. 2 km. south of Fayd the road had to be cleared and widened for ca. 18 metres.



2. Birkat Uraynibah (al-Mudhayribāt) between Fayd and Samīrah. Looking southwards.



1. Main features of Birkat Uraynibah: Channel and double stairs.



2. Close-up of the interior of Birkat Uraynibah showing thick covering of plaster.



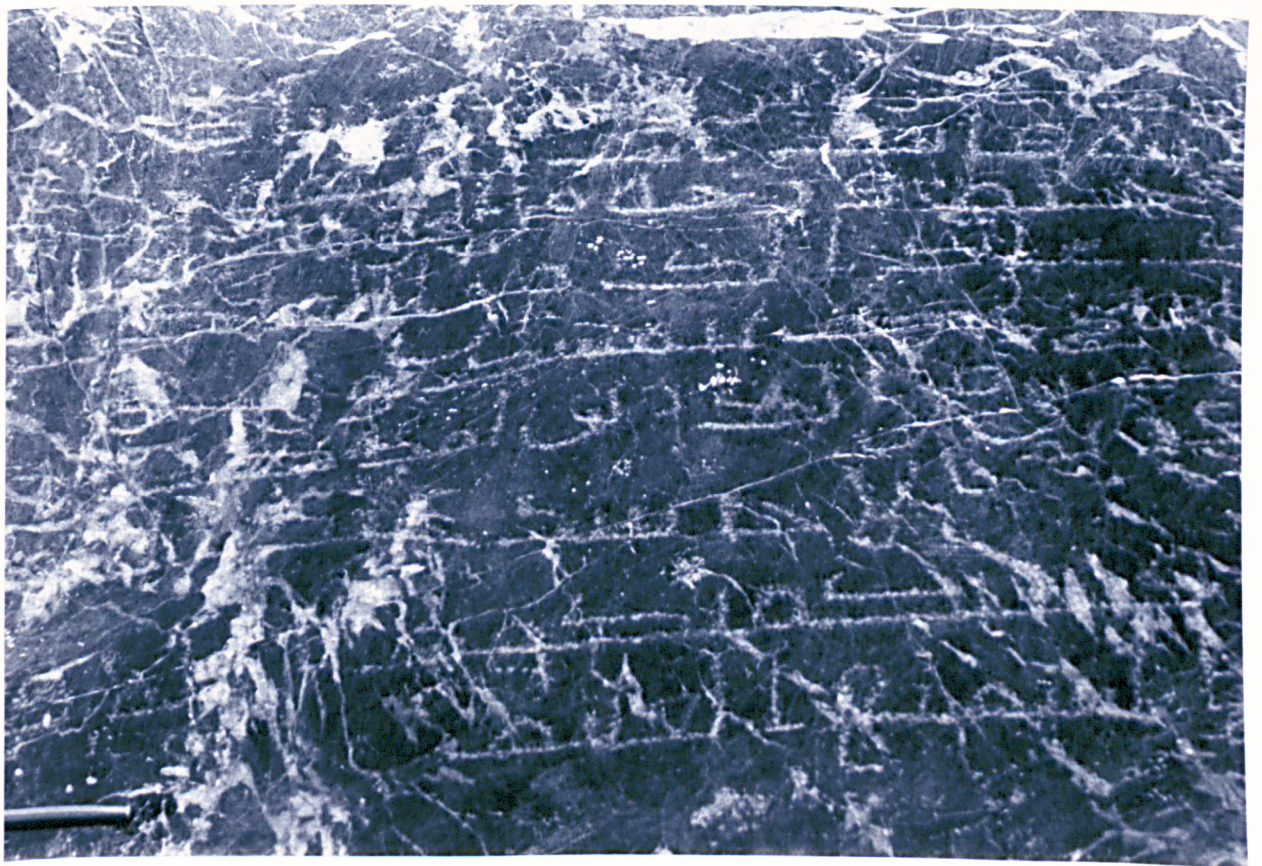
1. Ancient building revealed by extensive flooding 5 km. south of Samīrah.



2. Ancient arch damaged by local people.



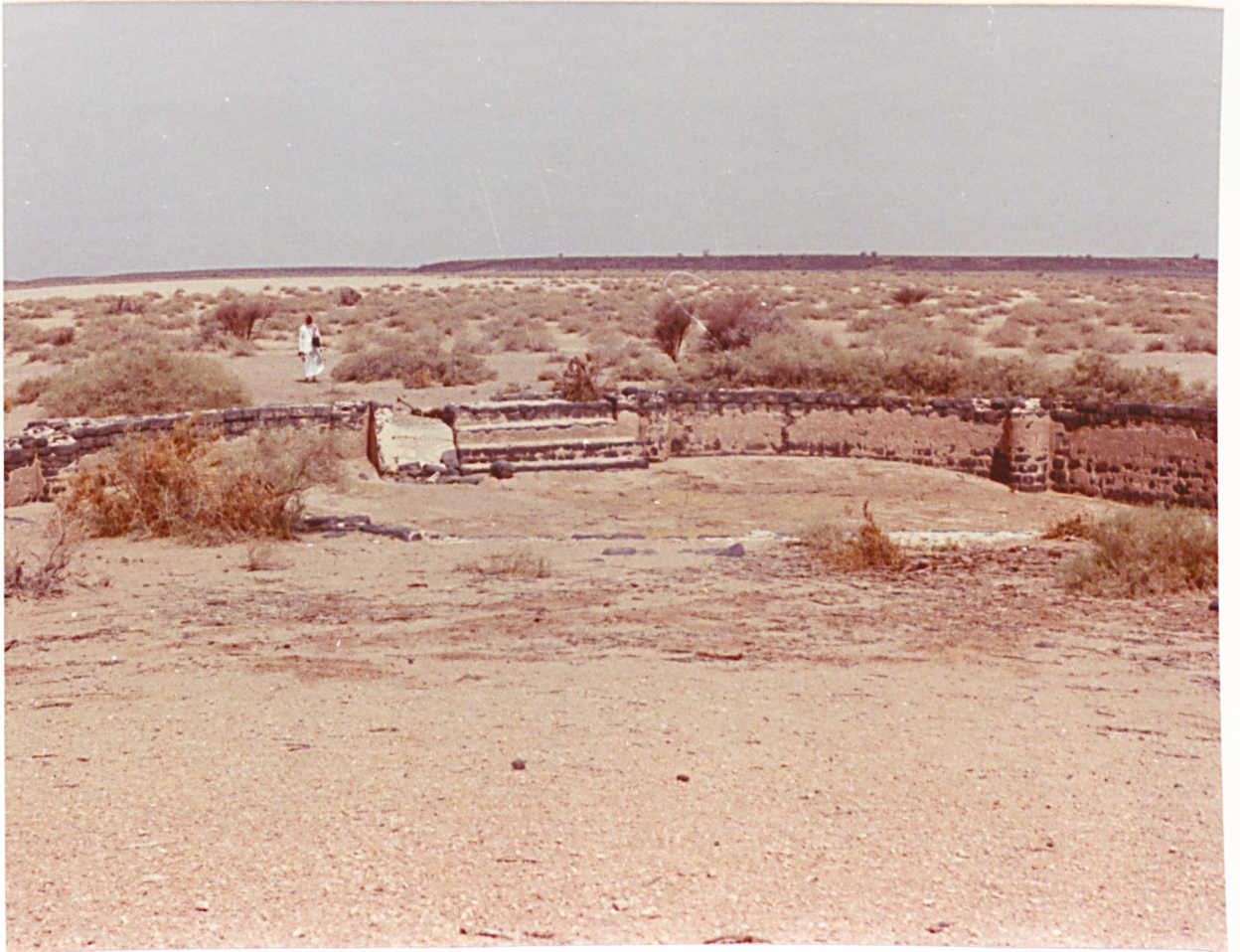
1. Early Kufic text from the mountain of Dlay' an-Nīs, 48 km. south of Samīrah.



2. Rock with inscription, showing veins of quartz.



1. Remains of ancient foundations at Mahd adh-Dhahab.



2. Round reservoir at Dlay' ash-Shaqq showing main features.



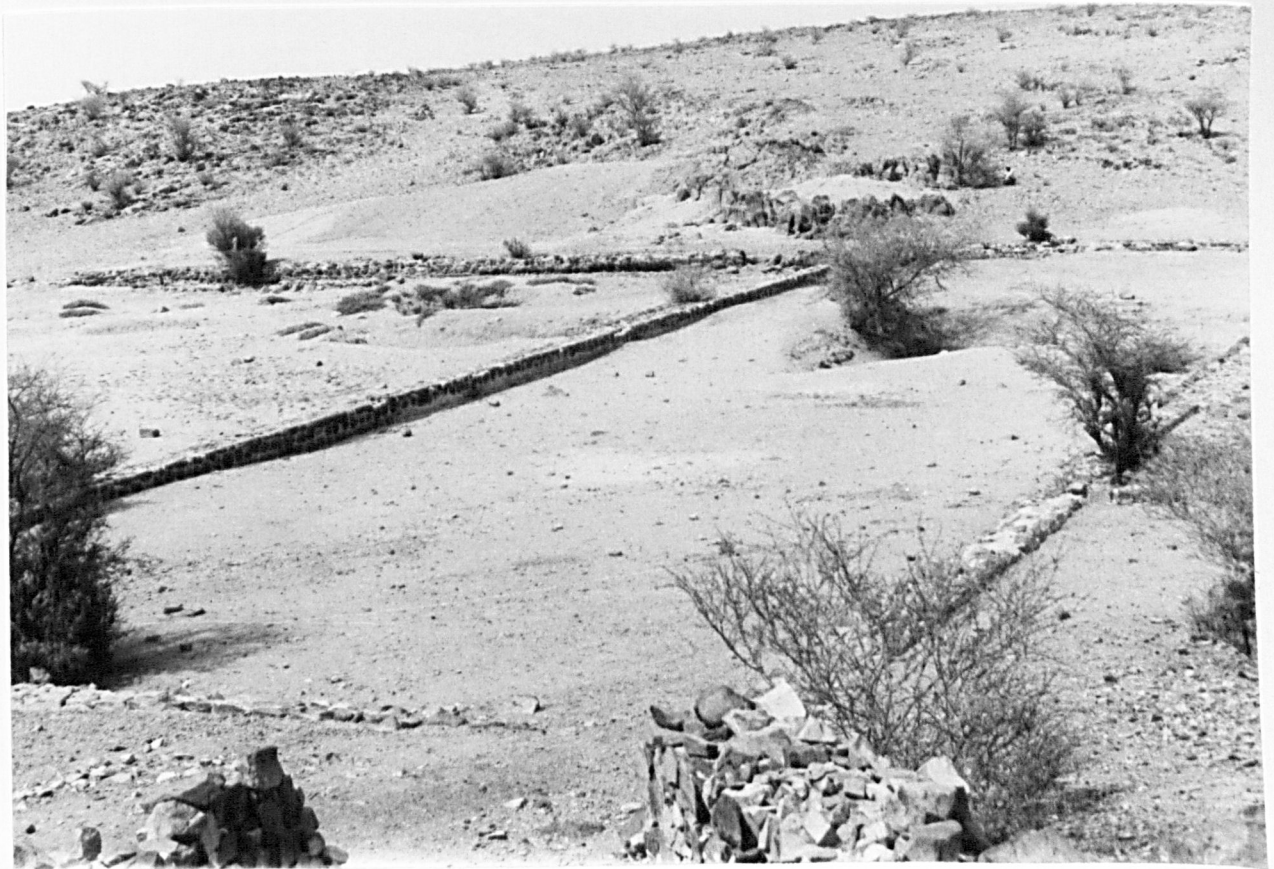
1. Rectangular pond at Dlay' ash-Shaqq with corner steps and internal buttresses.



2. Remains of ancient fortress at the station of Dlay' ash-Shaqq.



1. Fortress at Dlay' ash-Shaqq. This was apparently a gate.



2. View of Birkat al-Mislah with settling tank and part of main cistern.



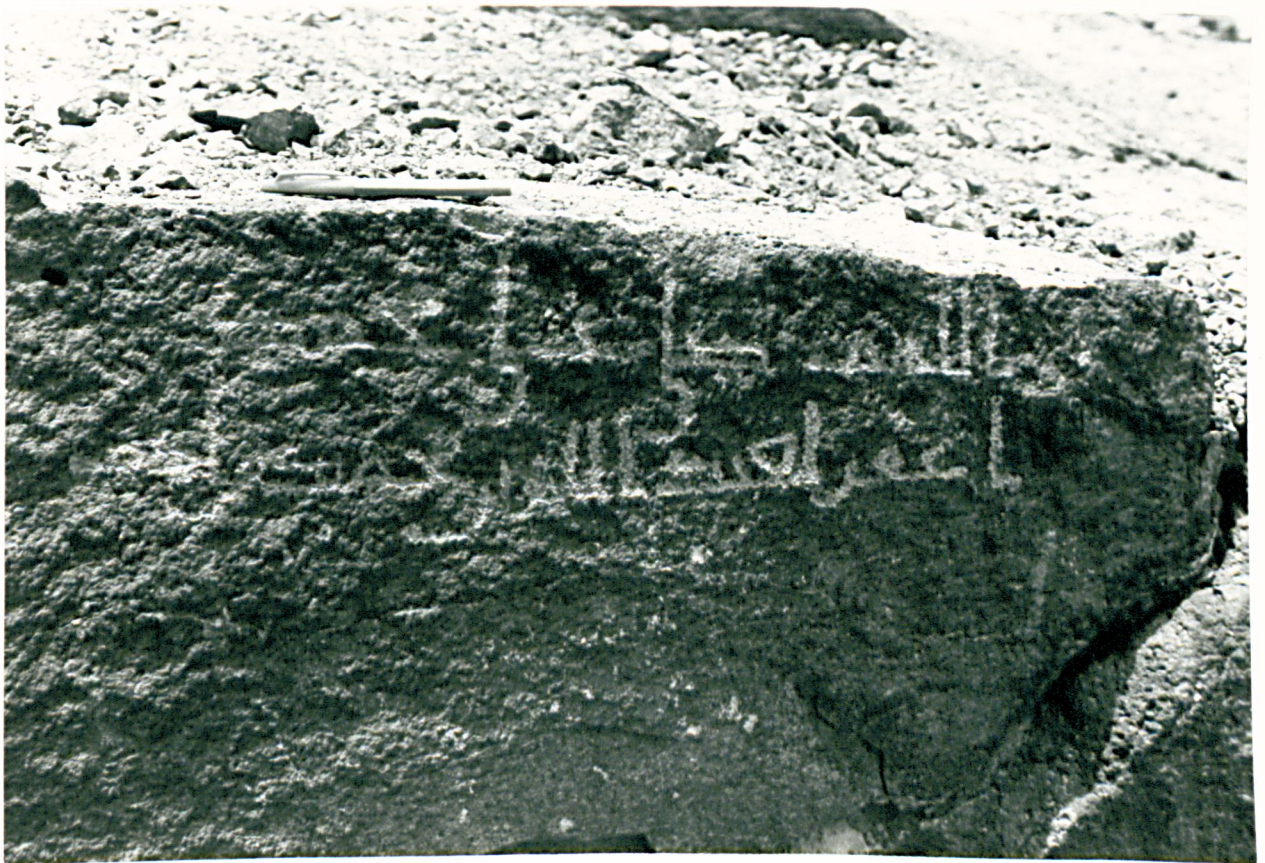
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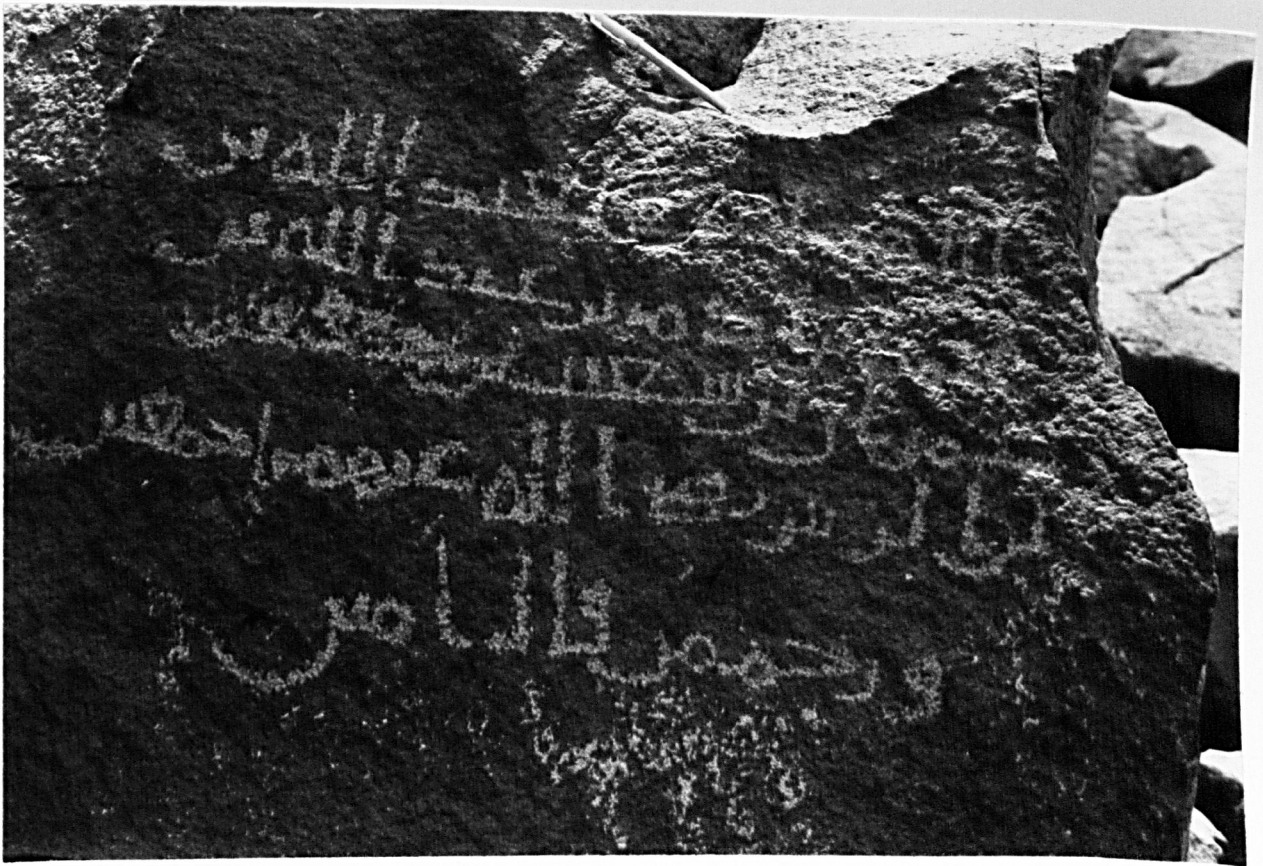
2. Ancient well at al-Mislah, well preserved but choked with soil.



1. Ancient and modern in the village of as-Suwārqiyyah, a stronghold of the Banū Sulaym.



2. Early Kufic inscription from as-Suwārqiyyah.



1. Undated Kufic inscription from as-Suwārqiyyah with the name of 'Abdullah b. Muḥammad a descendant of az-Zubayr.



2. Another undated Kufic text from as-Suwārqiyyah.



1. The pilgrim road, Şufaynah-Ḥādhah route traversing eastern edge of Ḥarrat Raḥaṭ.



2. The road in very rough areas was sometimes divided into two lanes by immovable boulders.



1. Recently discovered Kufic inscription from Ḥādhah.



2. Another inscription from Ḥādhah with the name Muḥammad
b. Ya'qūb b. Ishāq.



1. Pilgrim road near the station of Ḥadhah, with cleared track.



2. Birkat al-'Aqīq (al-Birkah), a four-sided stepped cistern.



1. In cleaning the birkah a bulldozer was used, causing considerable damage.



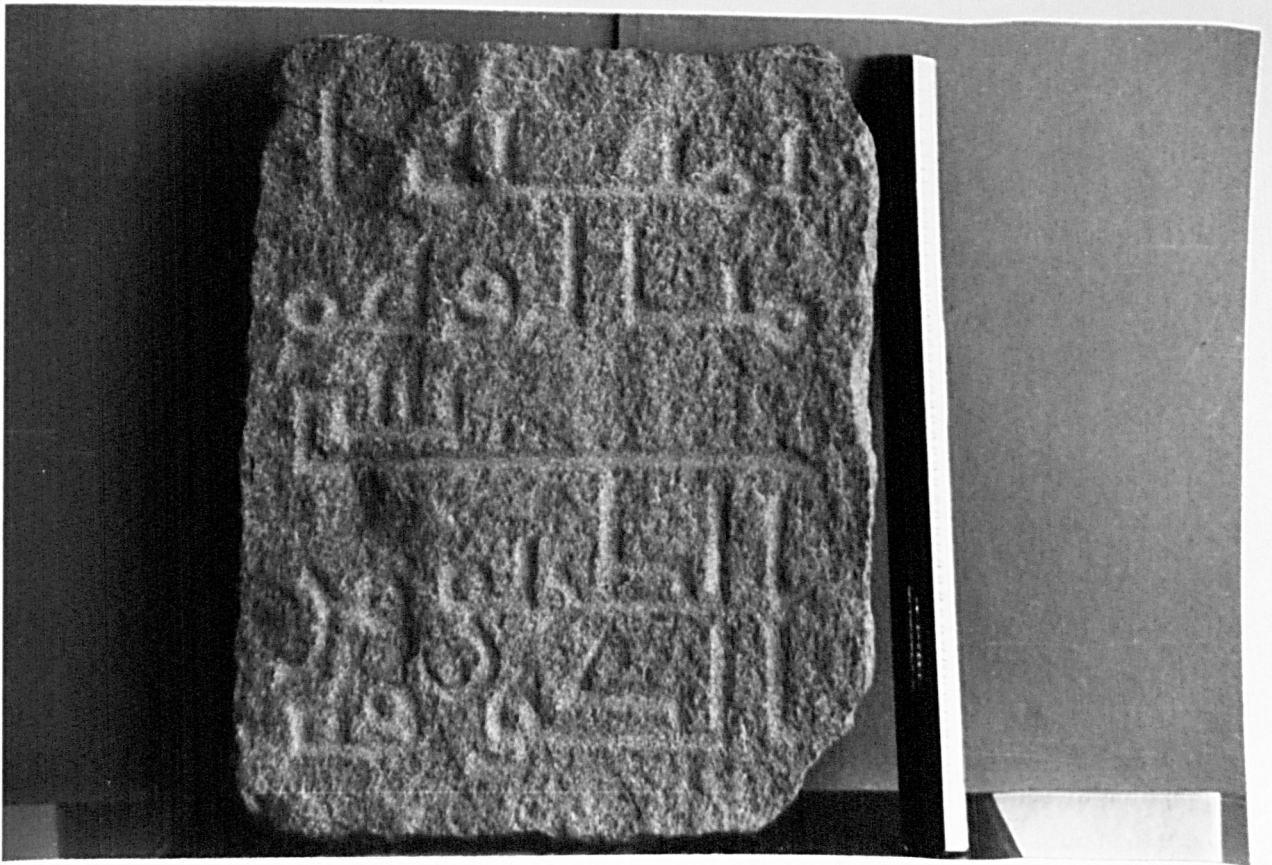
2. Birkat al-Kharābah: the settling tank seen from the south.



1. Birkat al-Kharābah: the main tank after clearing it showed a depth of 5.84 m. and diameter of ca. 54 m.



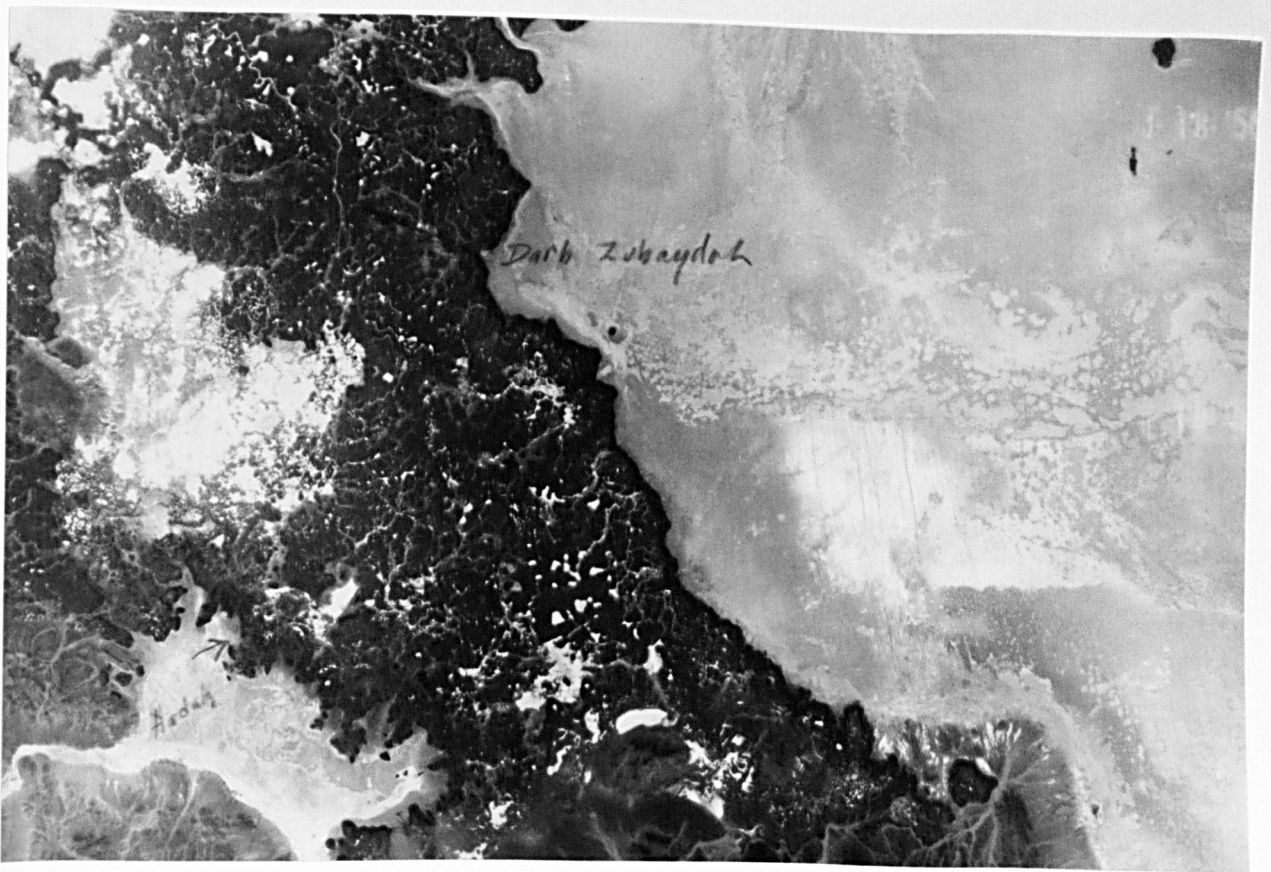
2. Guard-house built between the settling tank and main cistern with two sluice-ways underneath,



1. 'Abbasid mile-stone marking 2/3 of the Kufa-Mecca road.
Distance in miles.



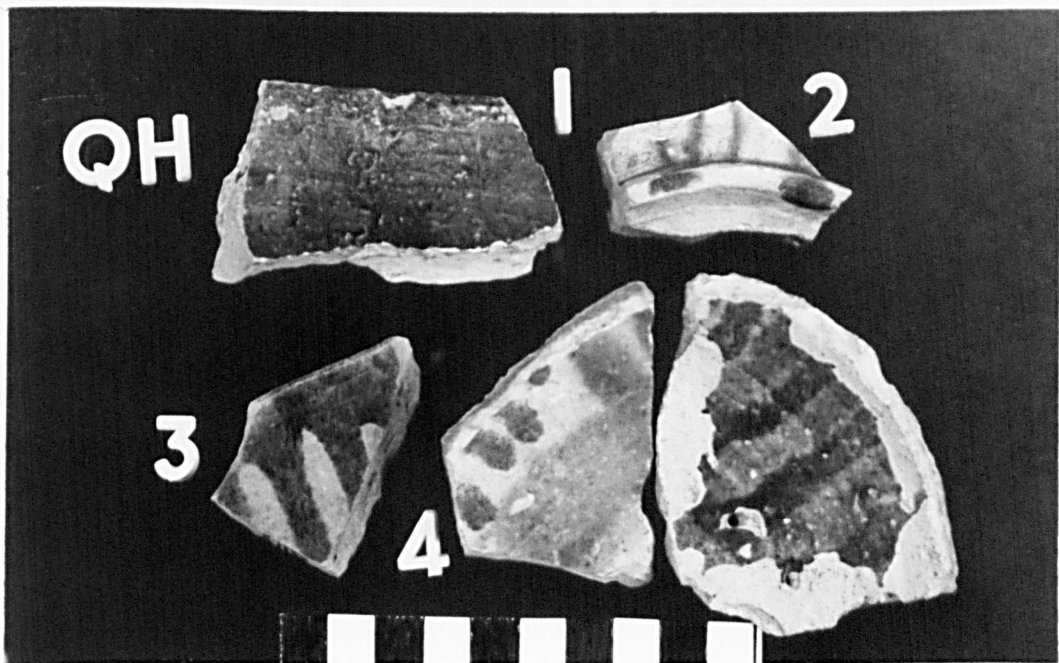
2. 'Abbasid mile-stone indicating distance from al-Kufa on the
post route.



1. Aerial photograph of Darb Zubaydah north of Hādah.



2. The road here is clearly visible as a fairly straight line in the plain of Sahl Rakhah.



1. Pottery fragments of the splashed ware type.



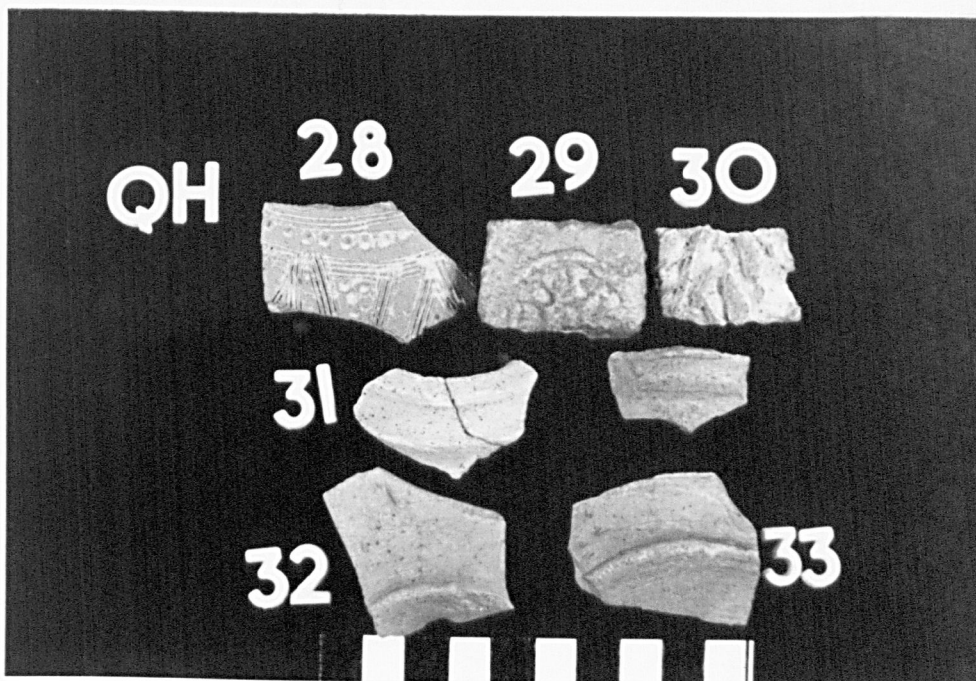
2. Rim fragments painted with green and turquoise green glaze.



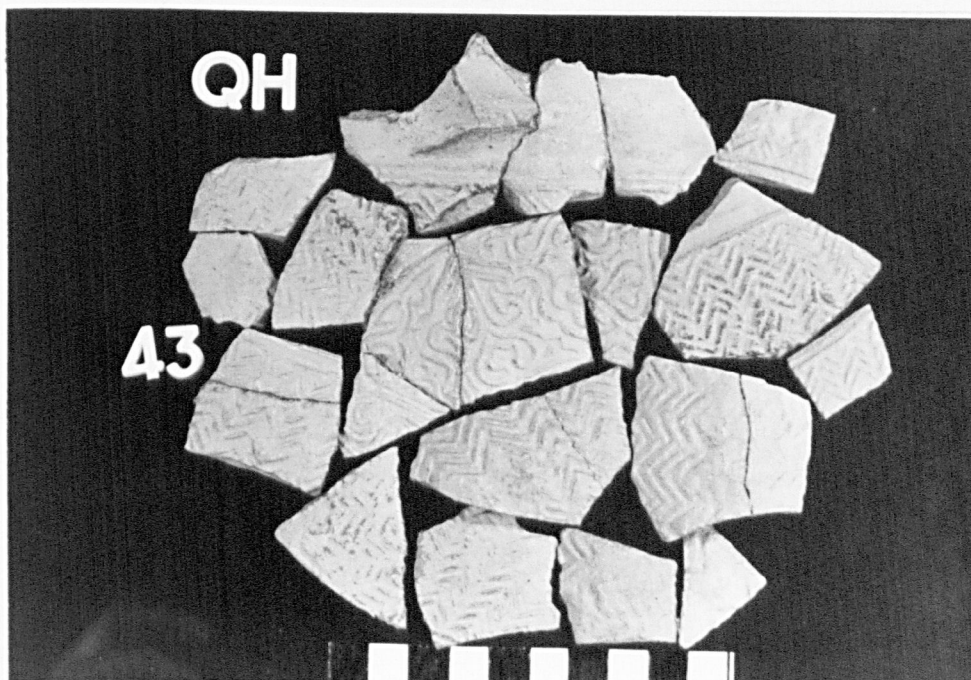
3. Handles of lamps and jars painted in green glaze.



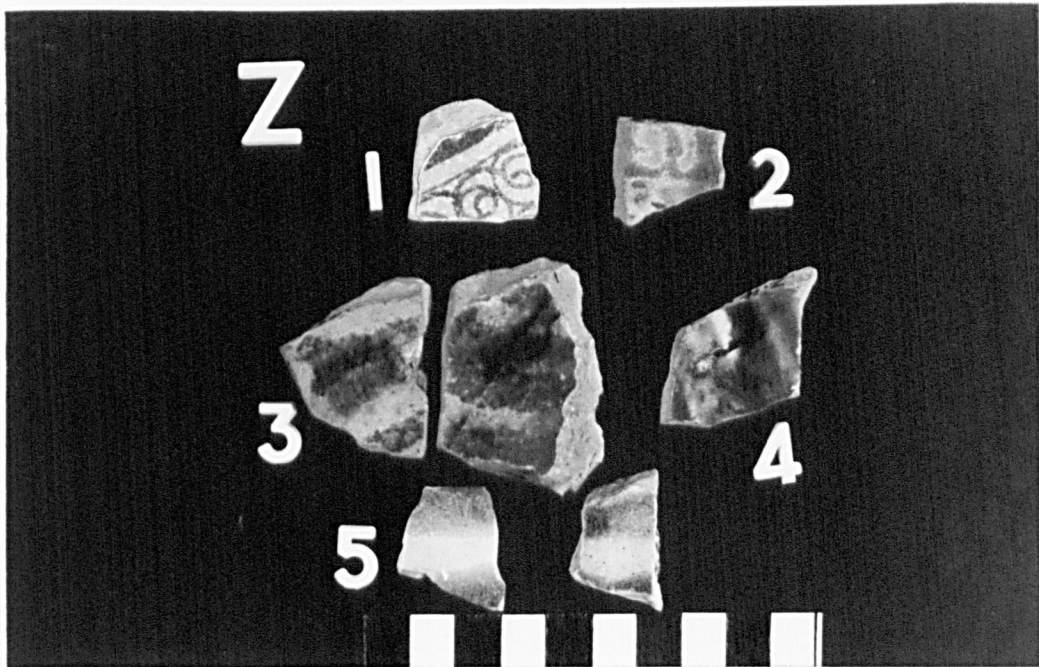
1. Shoulder-fragments with different decorative motives.



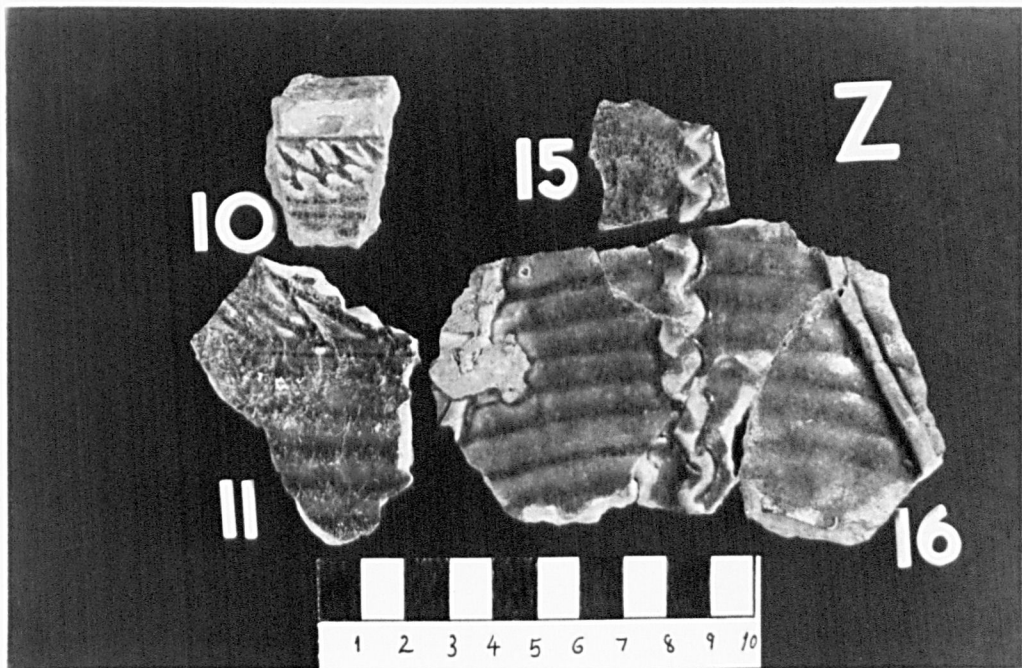
2. Unglazed pottery, some with incised and relief decoration.



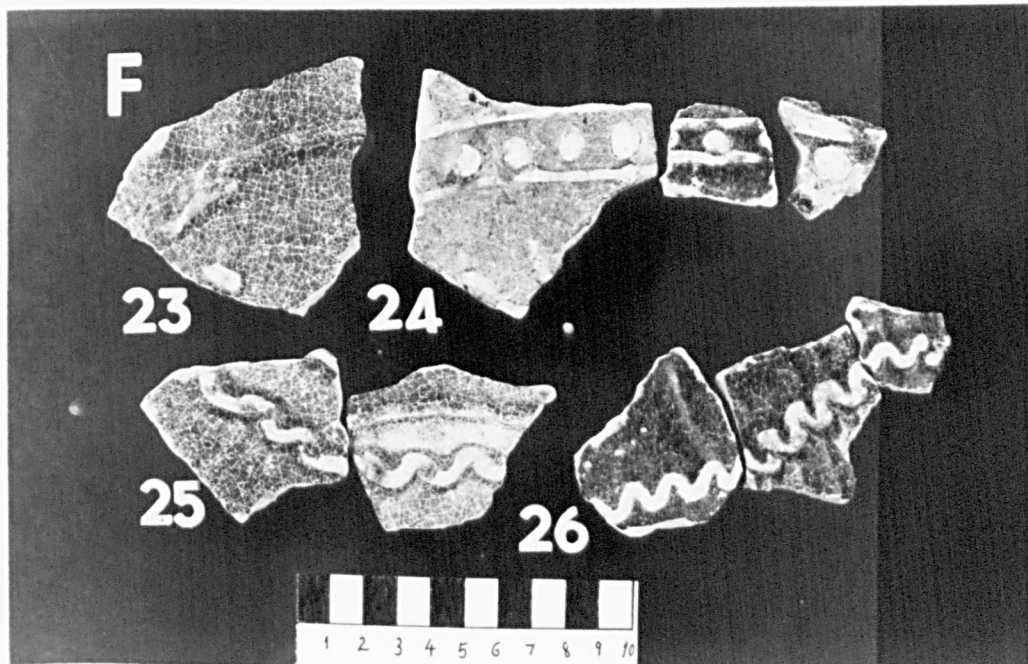
3. Sherds from unglazed pilgrim bottle with floral and geometric design.



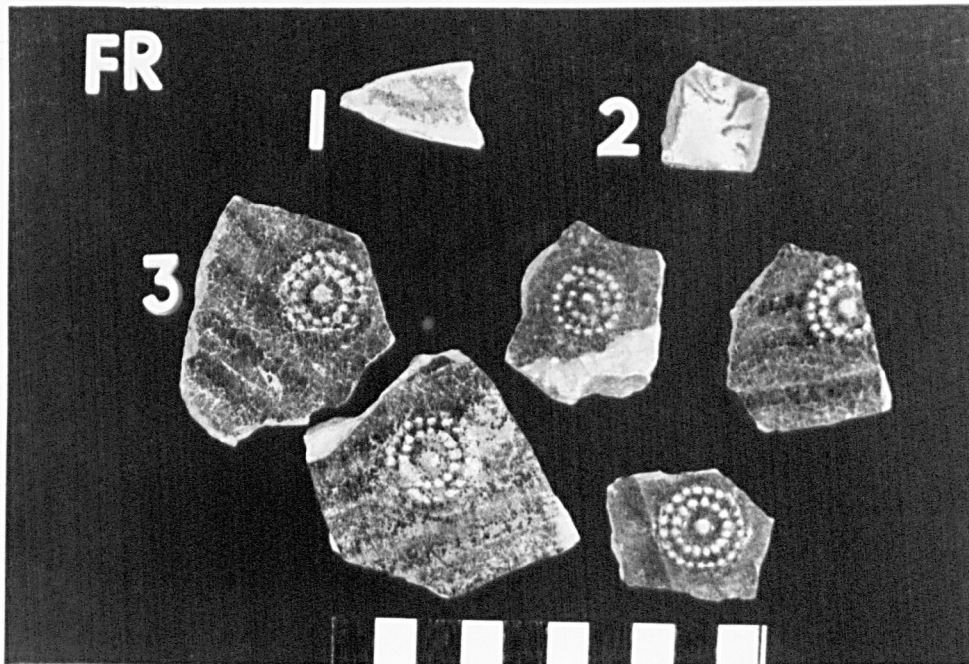
1. Some sherds of the splashed ware type no.1 painted in lustre.



2. Green earthenware fragments with cable ribbon design and incised zigzag lines under the glaze.



3. Fragments bearing various designs. Note the dotted lines.



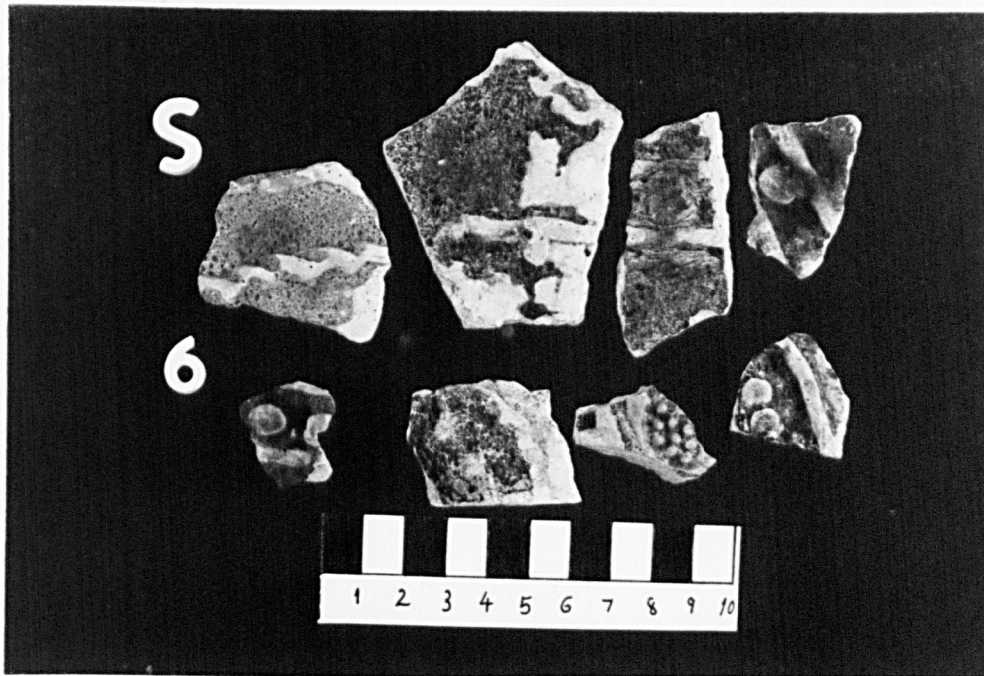
1. Sherds no.3 are from storage jars of typical Mesopotamian type.



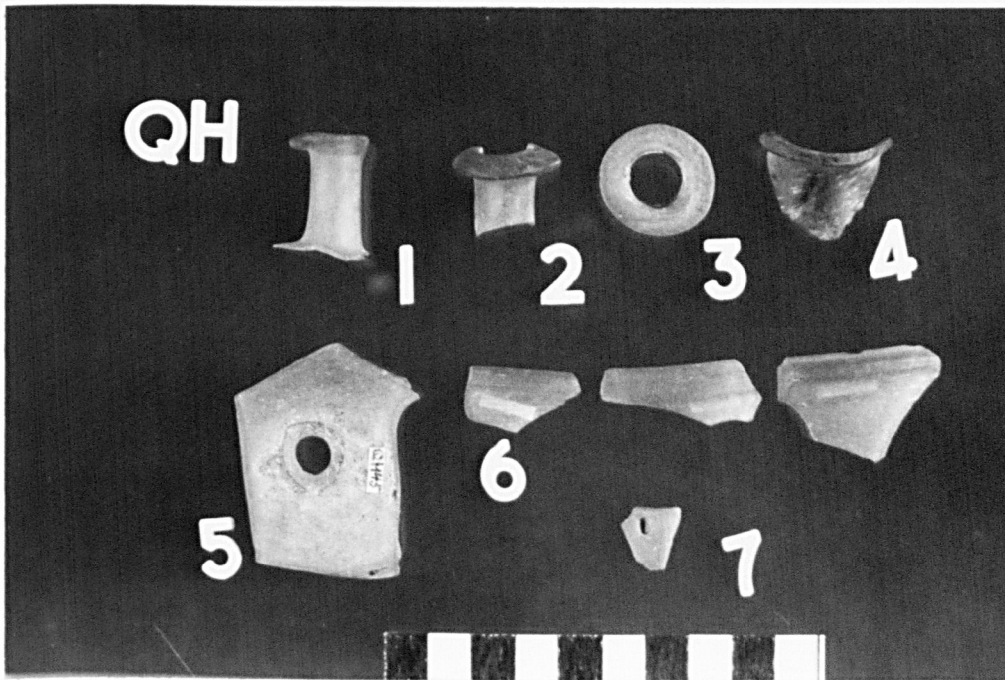
2. Sherds from al-Bid' no.1 painted in lustre. No.2 is painted dark blue.



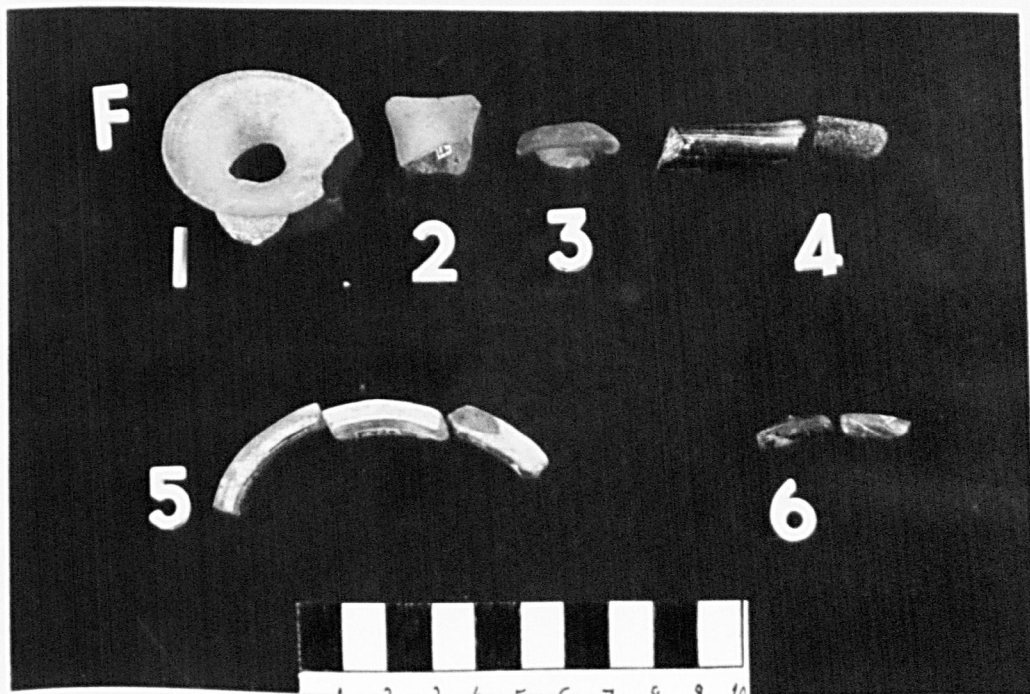
3. A complete vase with turquoise green glaze.



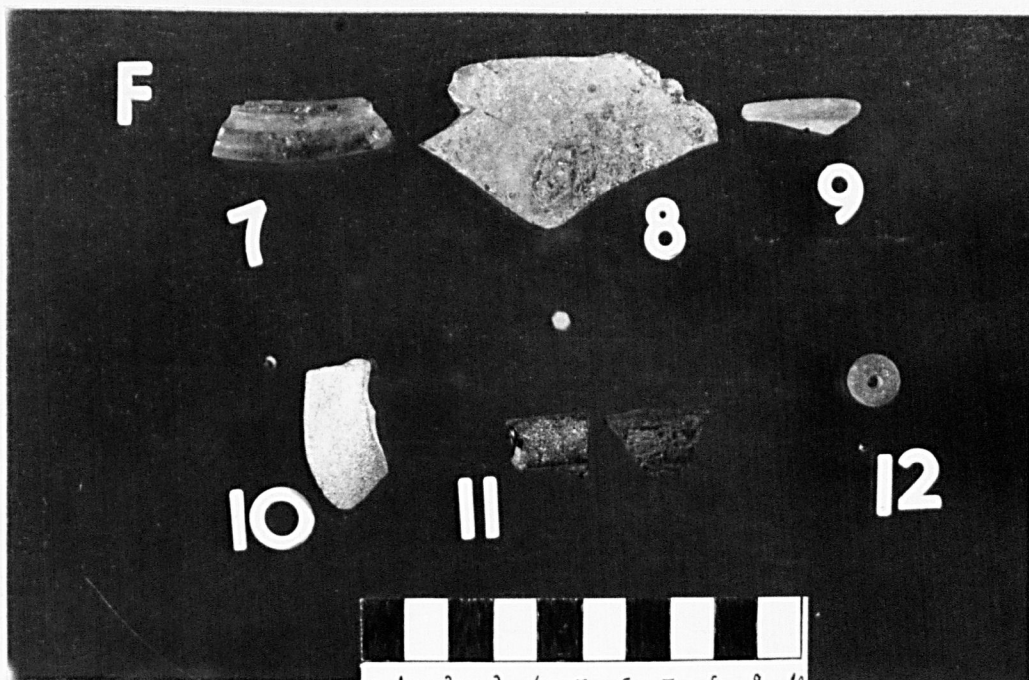
1. Newly discovered sherds from Samīrah with green-blue glaze.



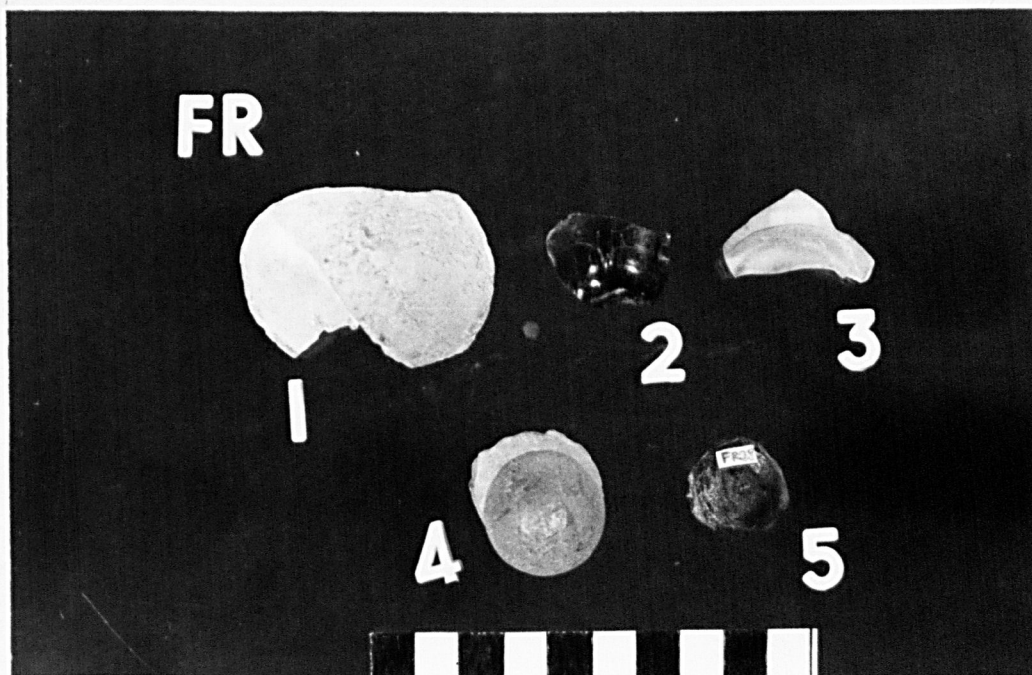
2. Rim and neck fragments of small glass bottles.



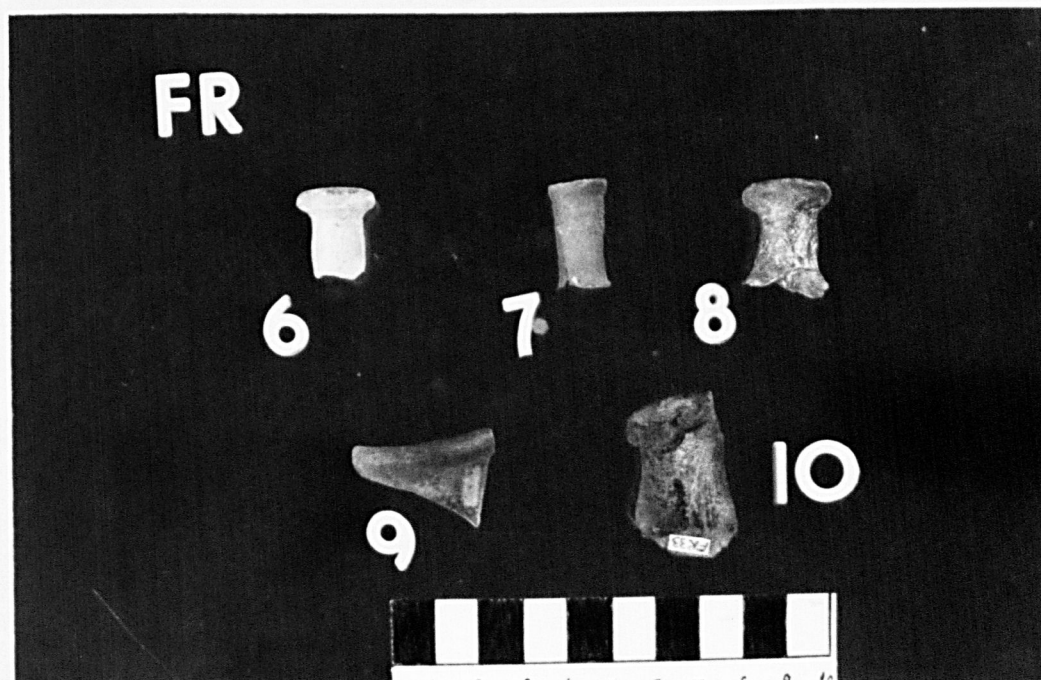
3. Fragments of glass, including bracelets.



1. Fragments of bracelets including nos. 8 and 10; they appear to be wasters from bottles.



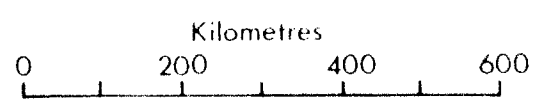
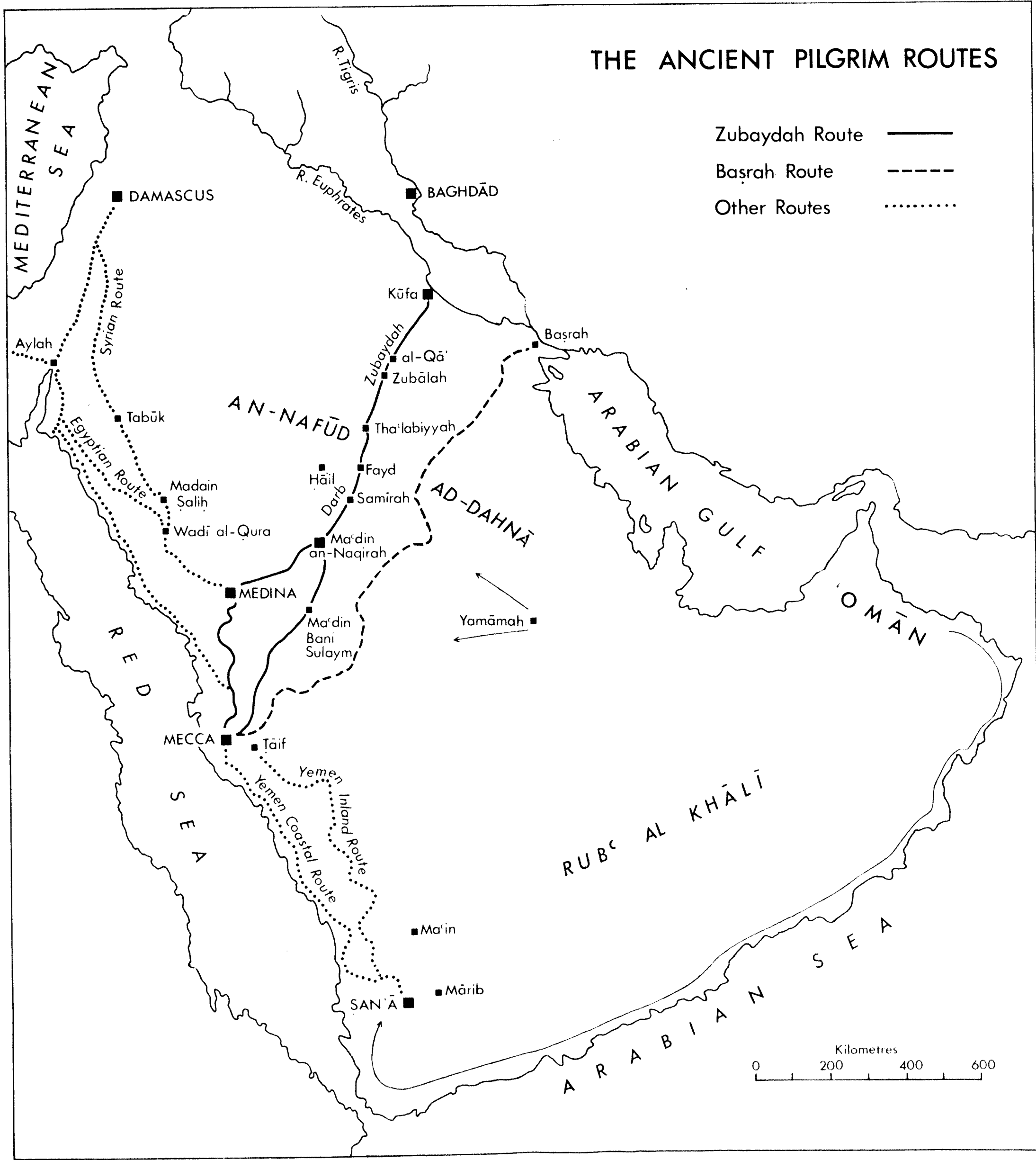
2. Bases of glass bottles from Fayd Riyadh University collection.

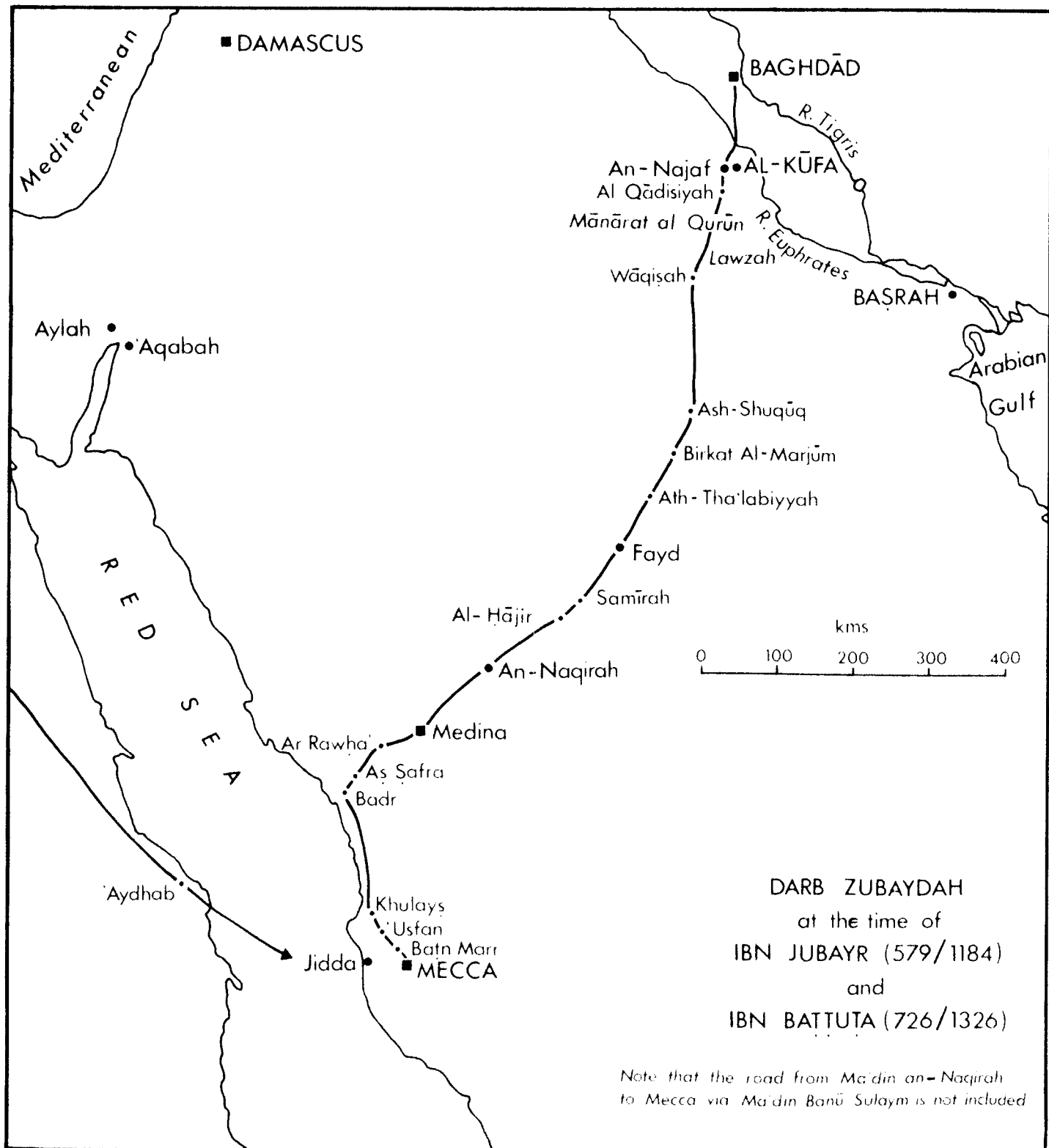


3. Among these fragments is no.10, which appears to be a waster.

THE ANCIENT PILGRIM ROUTES

- Zubaydah Route ———
- Başrah Route - - - - -
- Other Routes

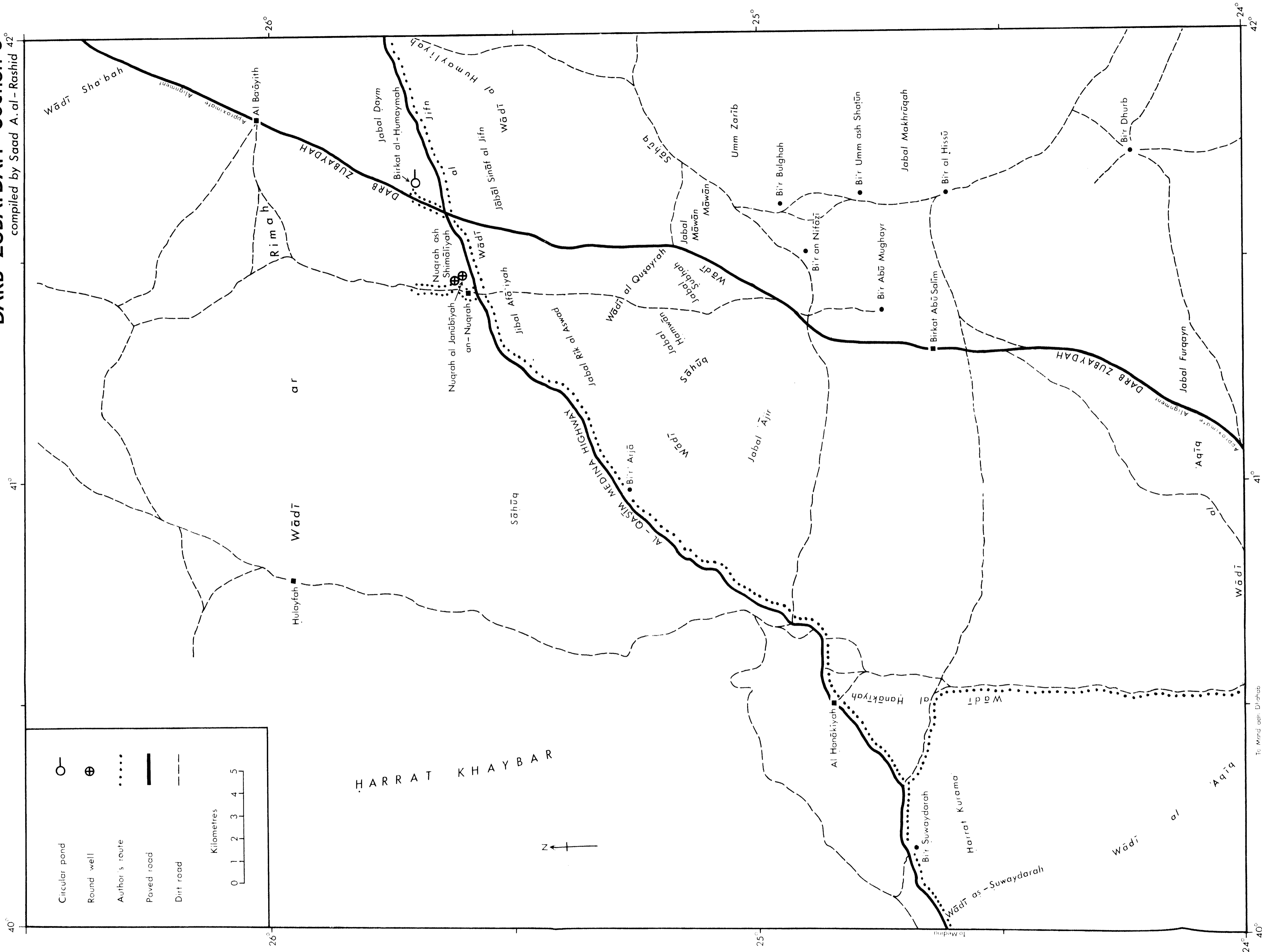




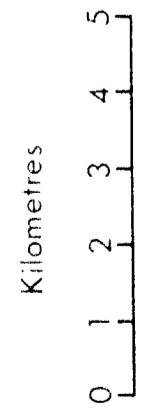
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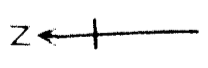
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- Circular pond
- Round well
- Author's route
- Paved road
- Dirt road



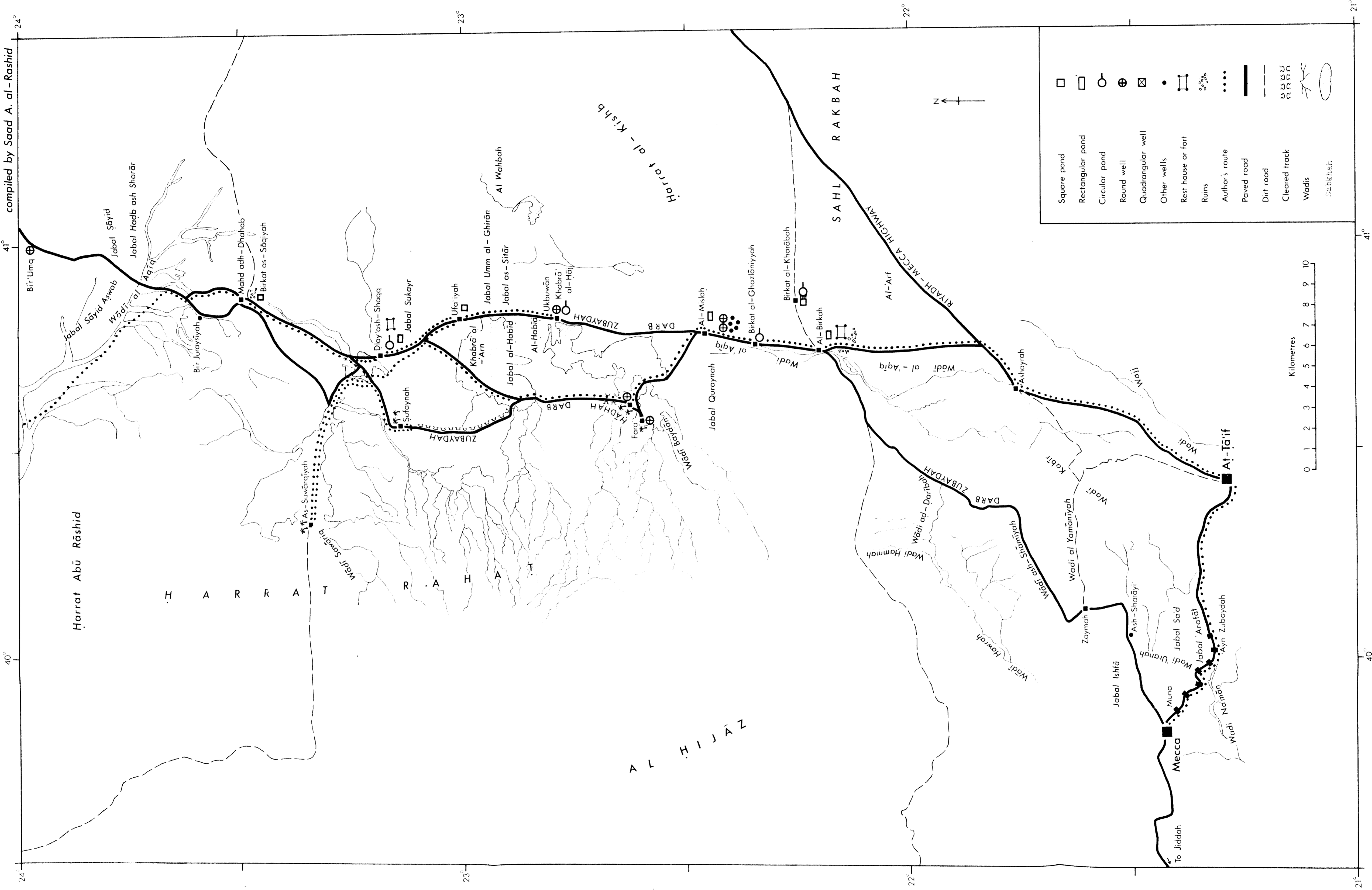
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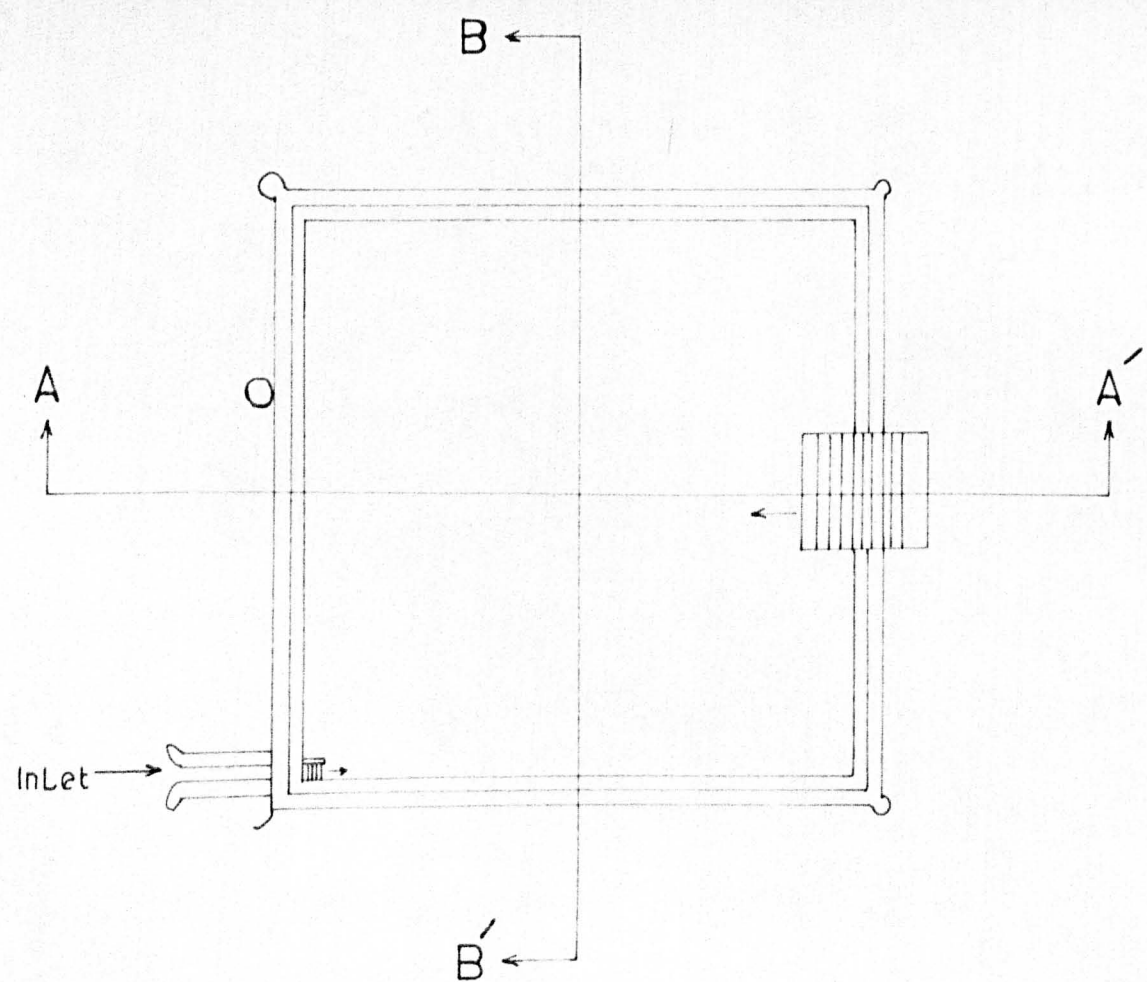
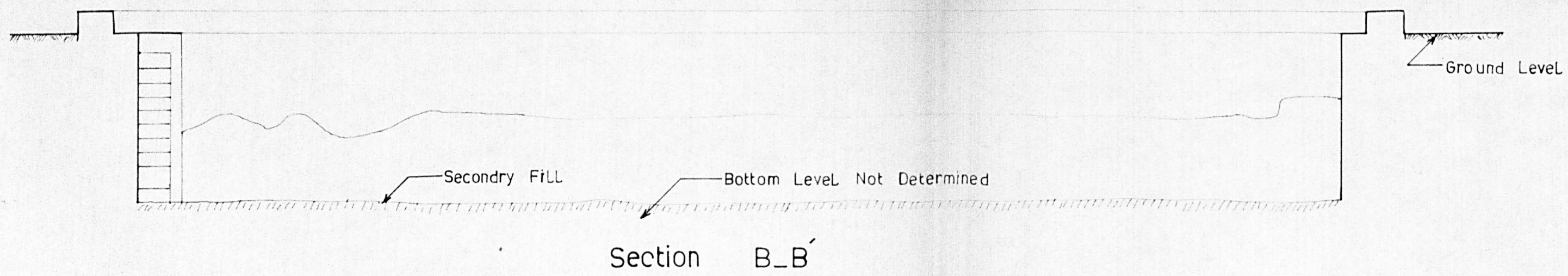
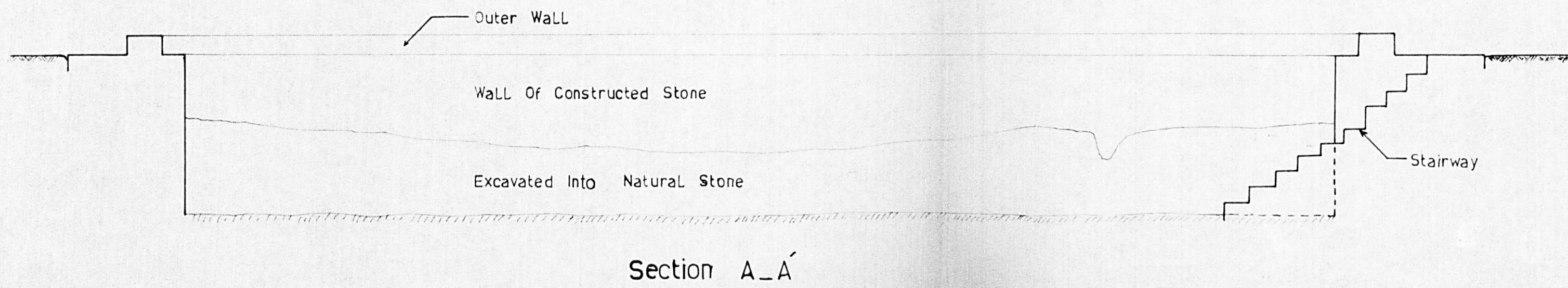


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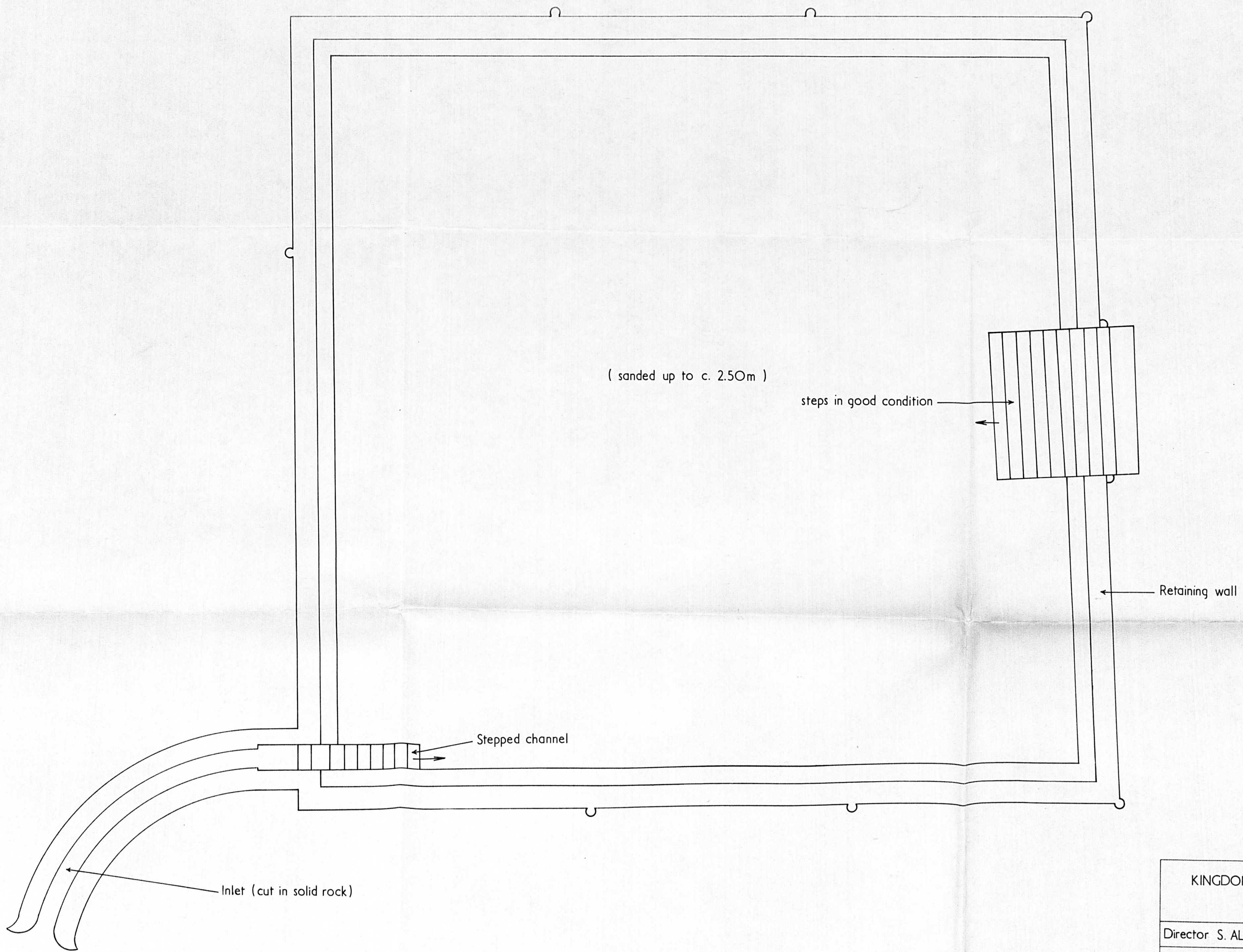
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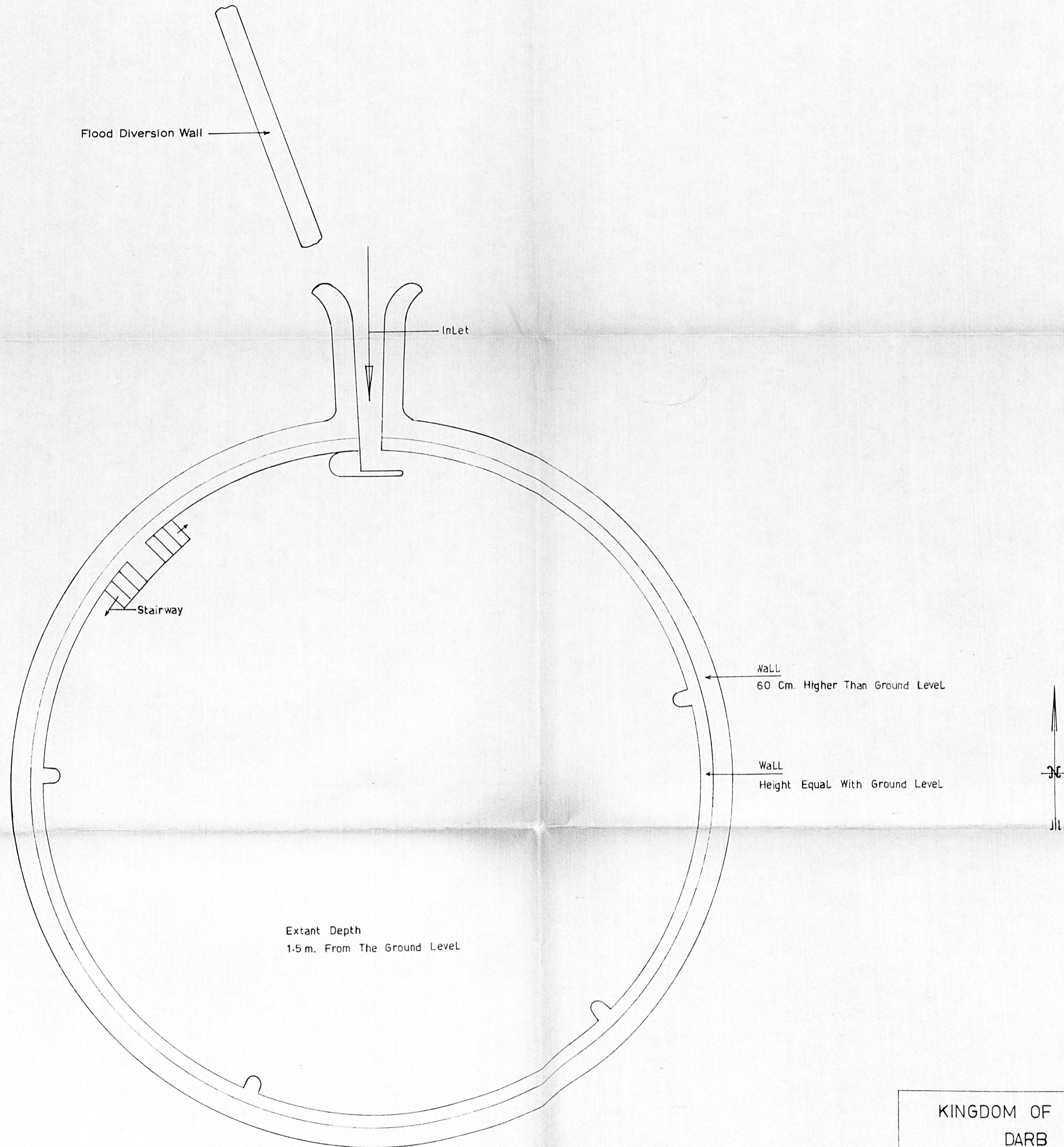




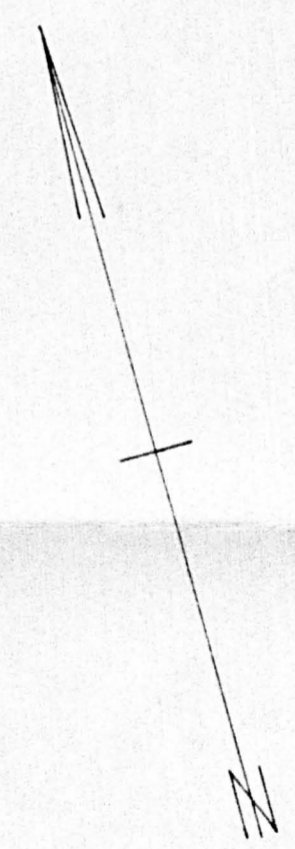
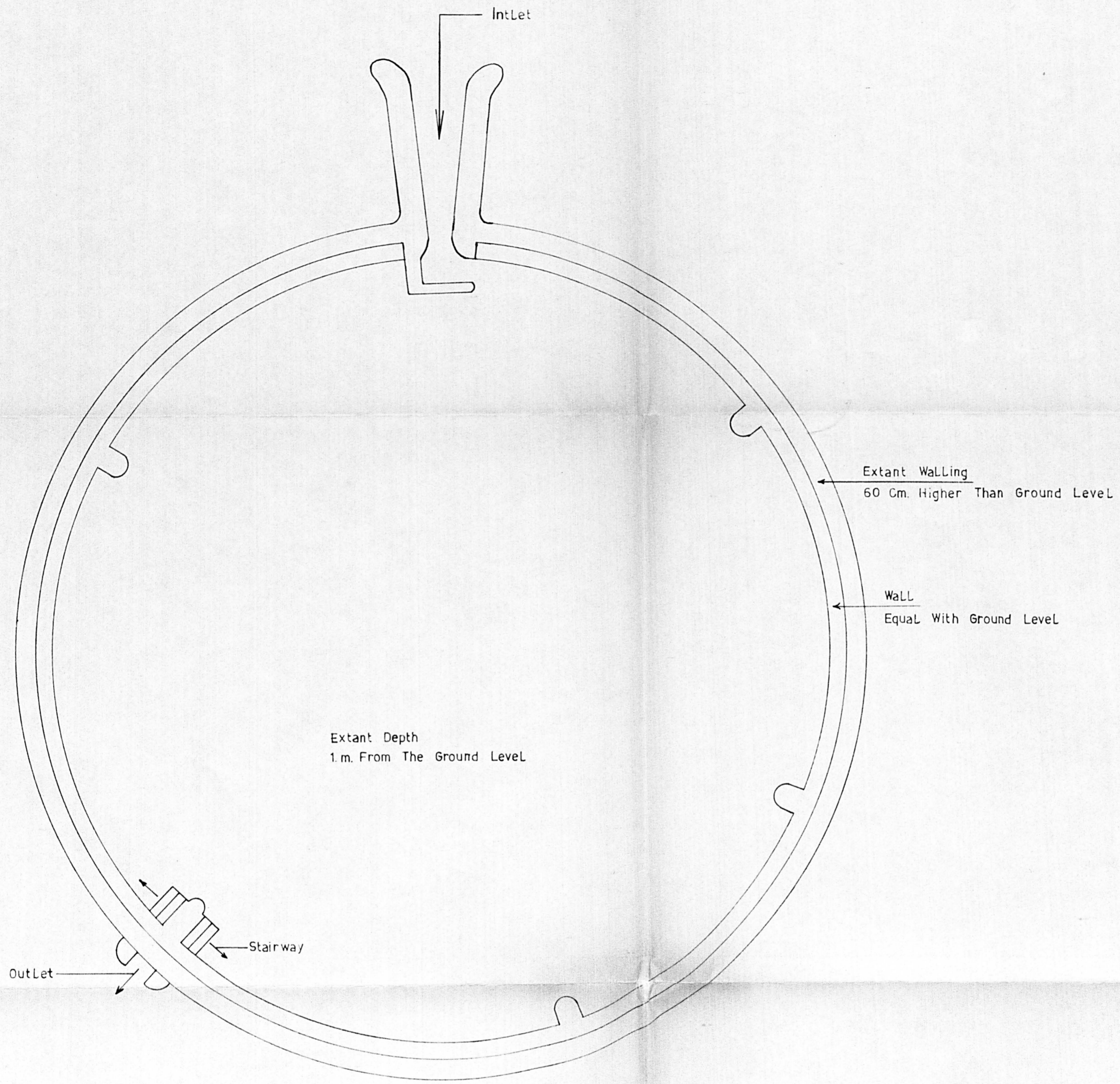
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Director: S. A. AL_Rashid	Section Of Site no. 7a
Surveyor: $\frac{1}{2}$ Draftsman	Birkat AL_JUMAYMAH
Of The Antiquities Dept.	Scale 1:100
Salah M. AL_Helwah	May 1975



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	
DARB ZUBAYDAH	
Director S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 4
Surveyor. S. AL-Hilwah	Birkat al 'Amyā'
Scale 1:100	MAY 1973

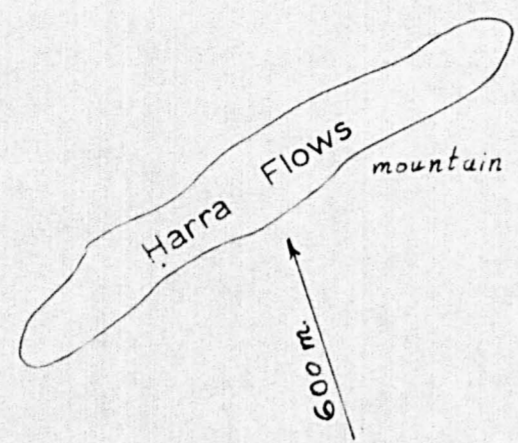


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Director: S.A. AL_Rashid	Site No. 25
Surveyor & Draftsman	Birkat: URAYNIBAH
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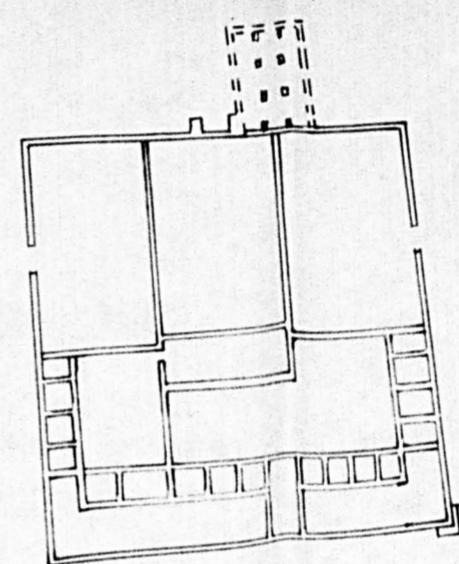


Note:
 Inner & outer wall facings of prepared stone.
 Interior bonded by cement mortar. Inner & outer walls plastered.

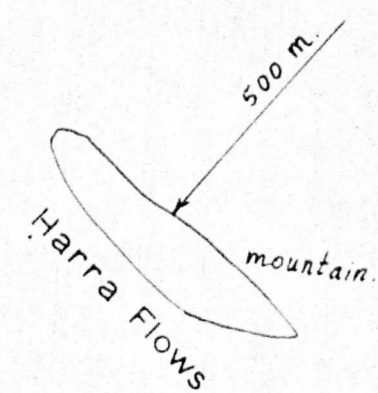
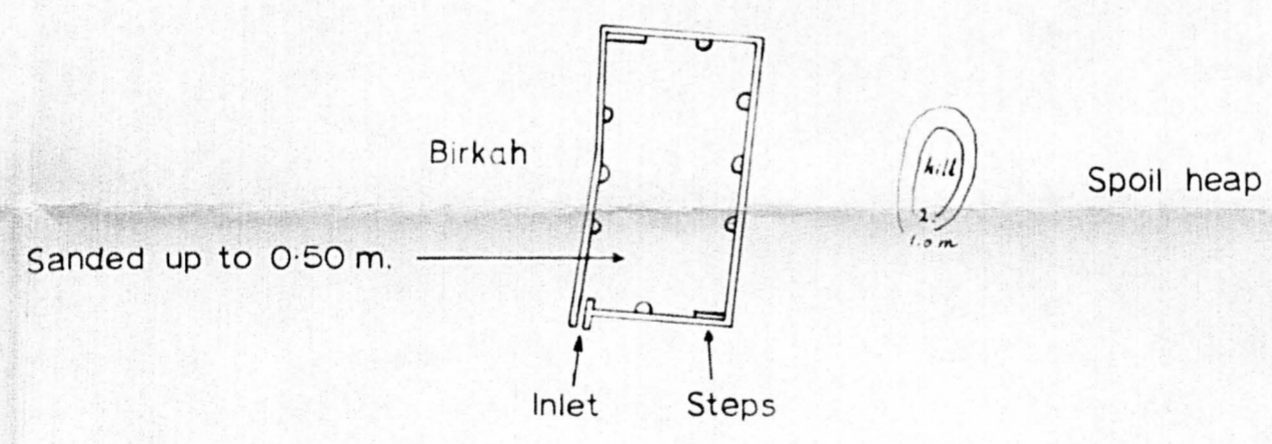
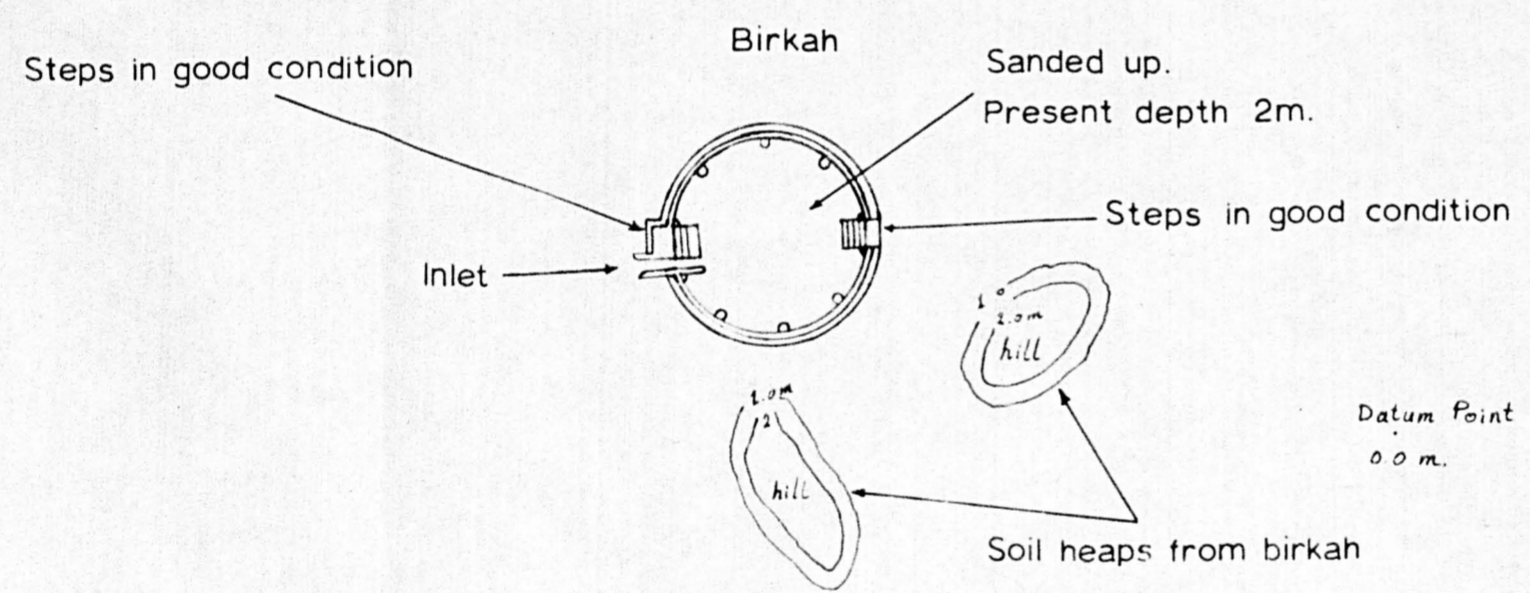
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Director: S.A. AL-Rashid	Site No. 26
Surveyor: S.M. AL-HeLwah	Birkat TūzT (al-Jaffāliyyah)
Drft. by: S.M. AL-HeLwah	Scale 1:100
Conf.	May 1973



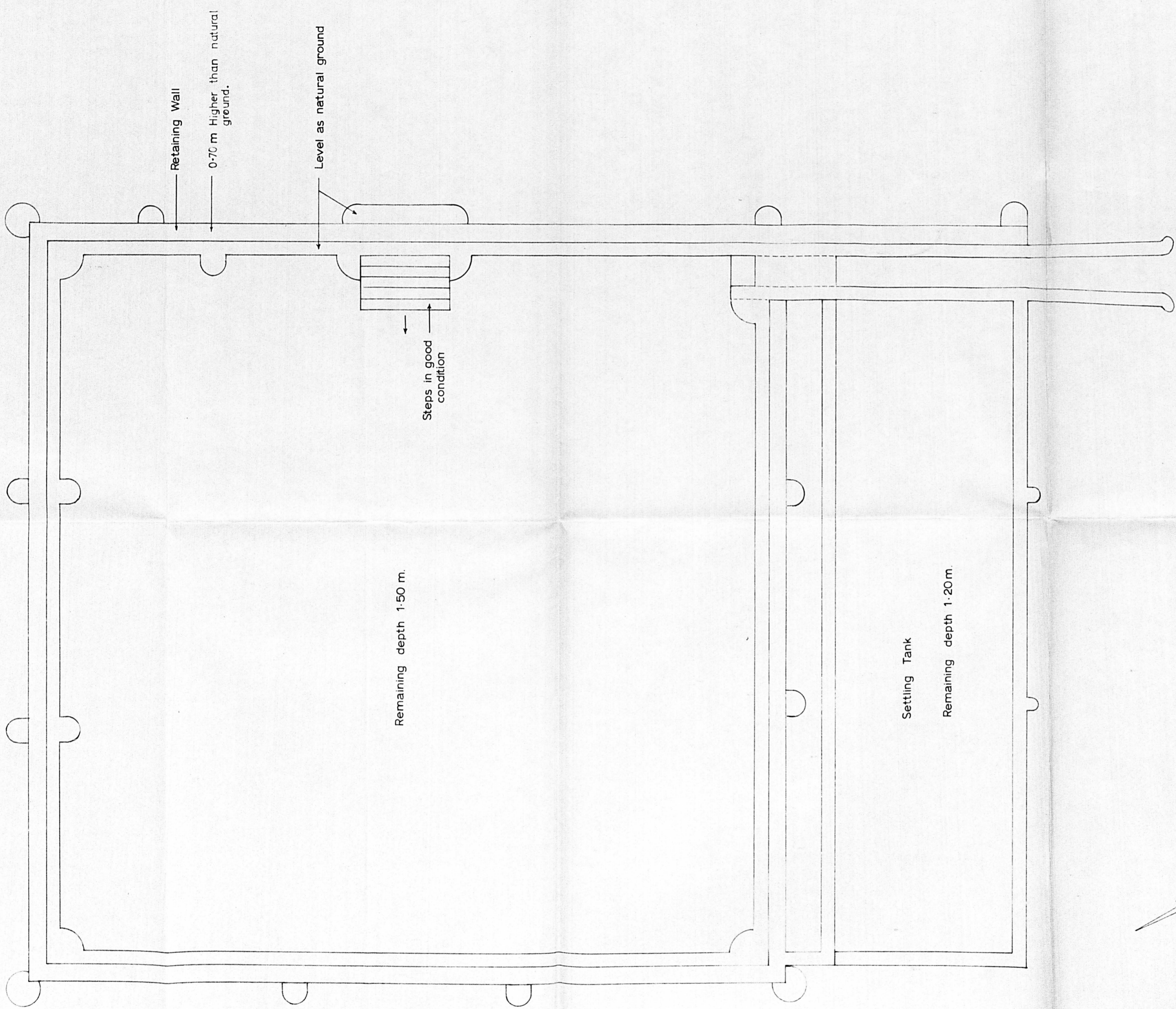
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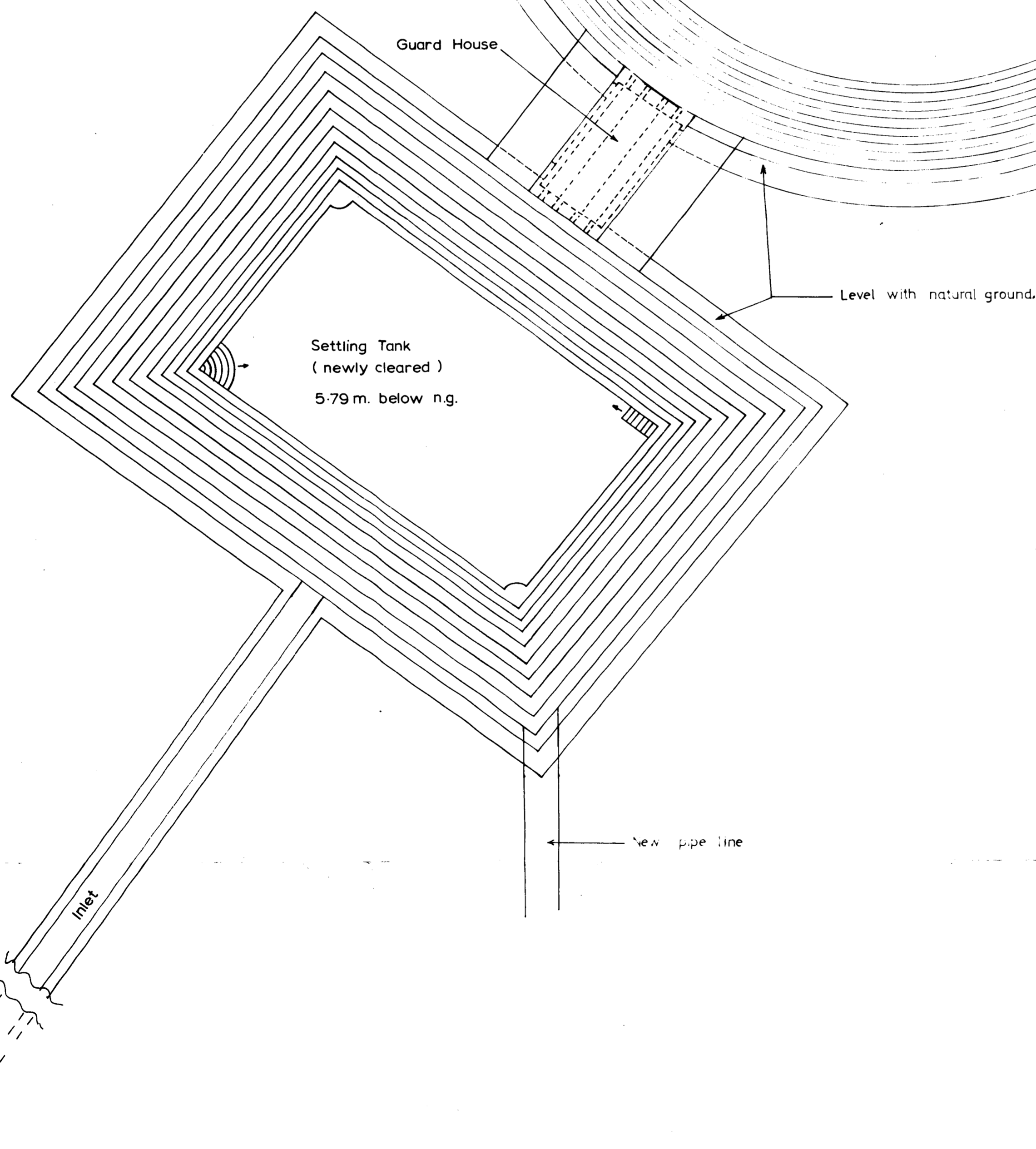
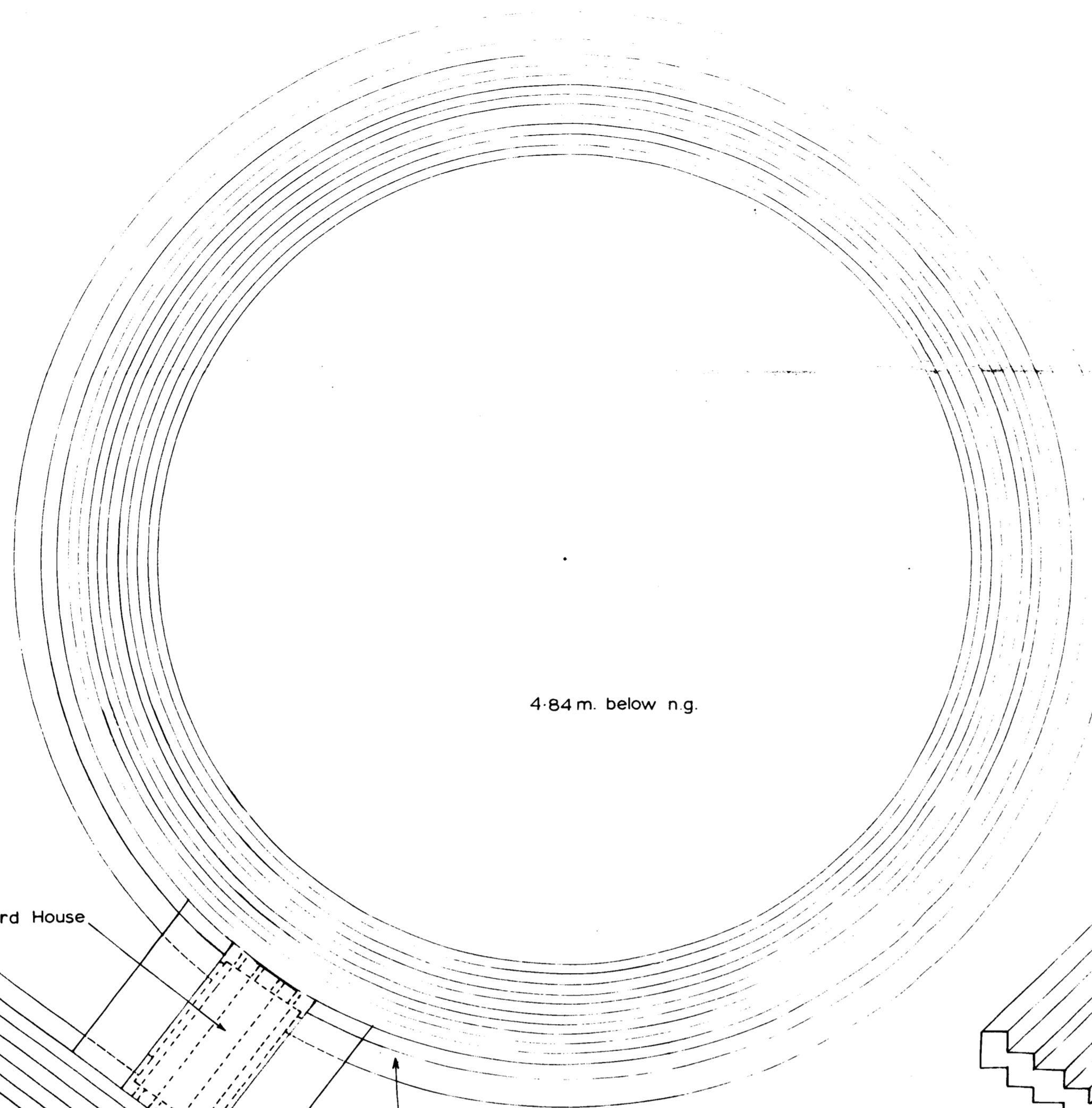
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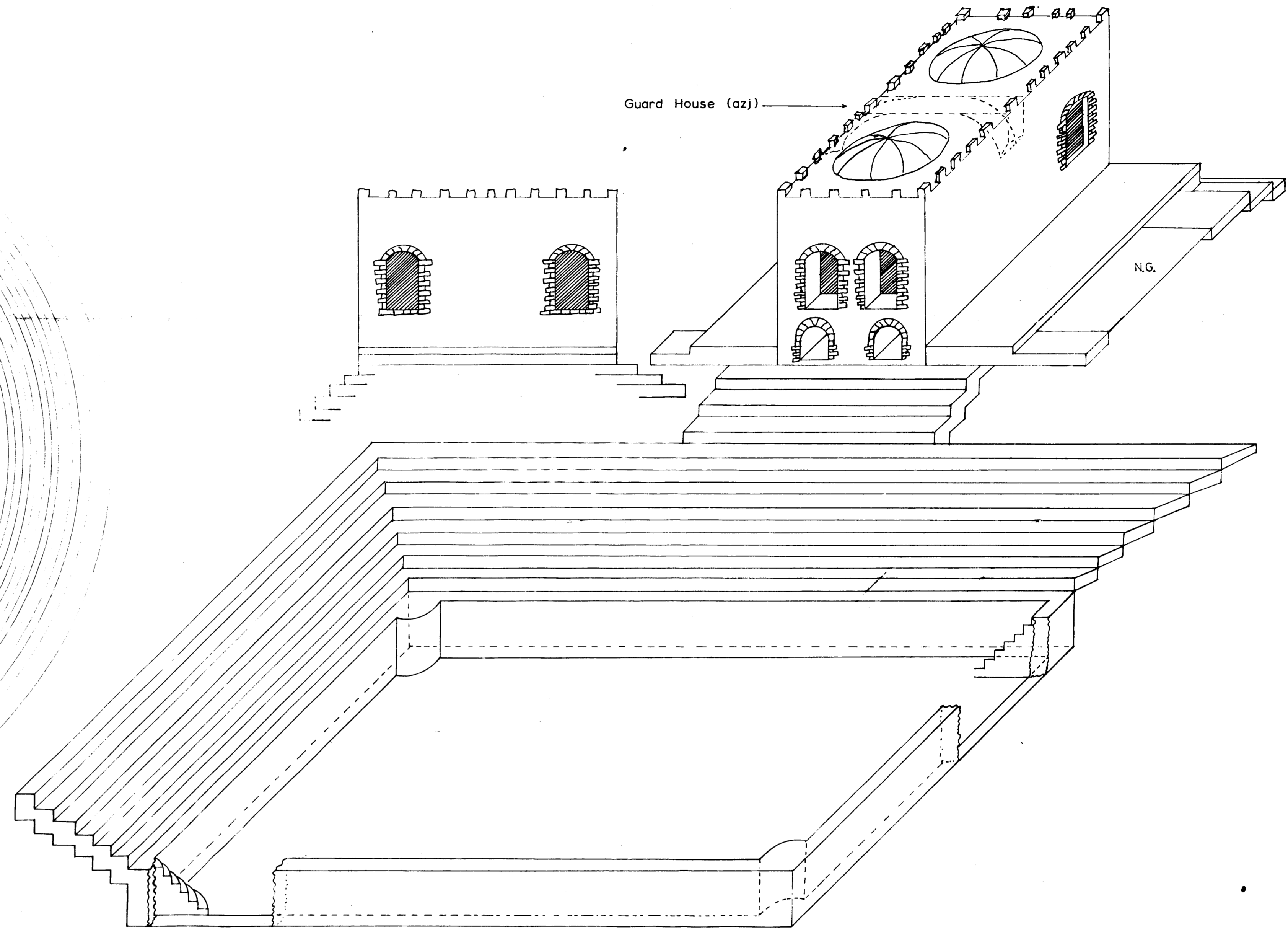
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Director: S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 31
Surveyor: S. AL-Hilwah	Dlay' ash-Shaqq (al-Kurā')
Drft. by: S. AL-Hilwah	Scale 1:1000
Conf.	May 1973



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	
DARB ZUBAYDAH	
Director: S.A. AL-Rashid	Site No. 13
Surveyor: S.M. AL-Hilwah	Birkat Ath-Thalabiyah
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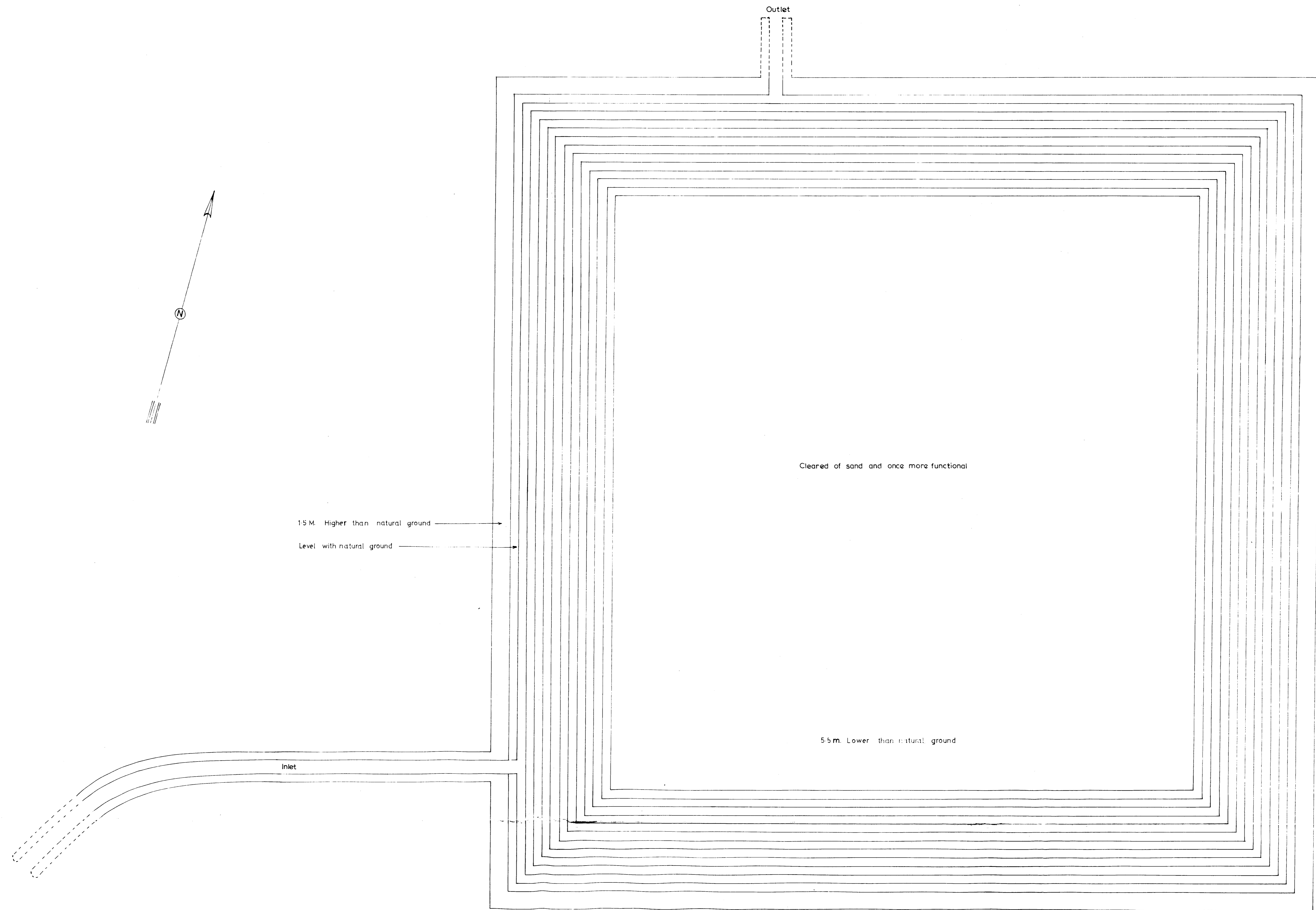


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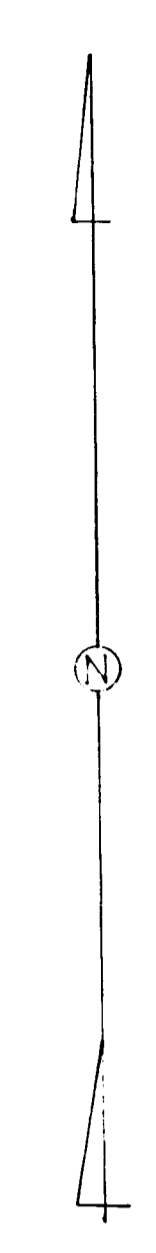


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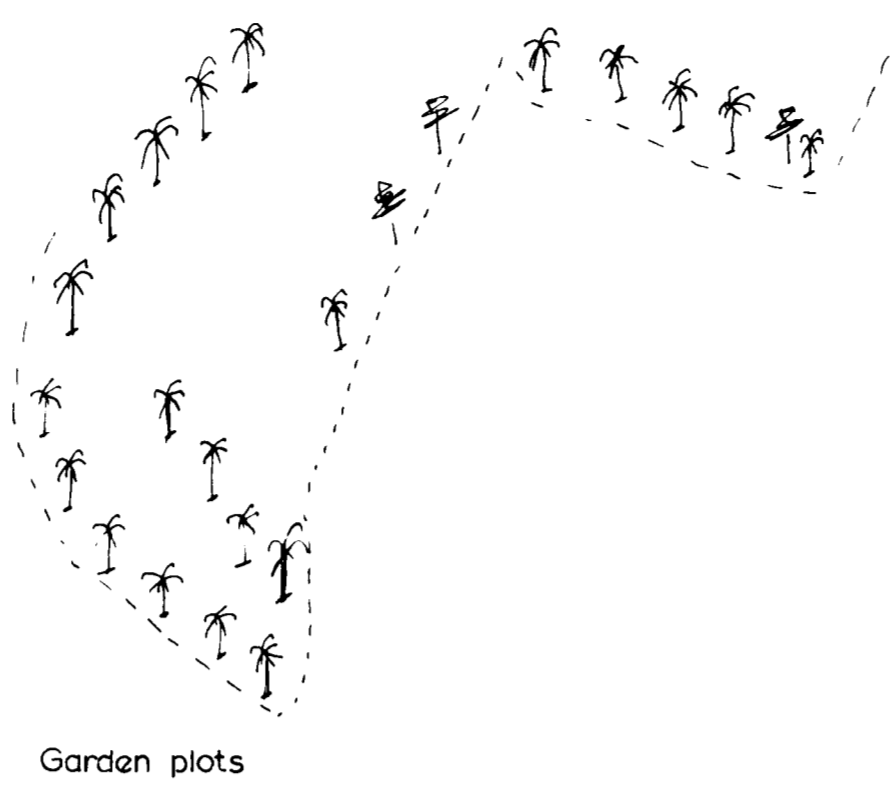
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Director, S. A. AL-Rashid	Site No. 38
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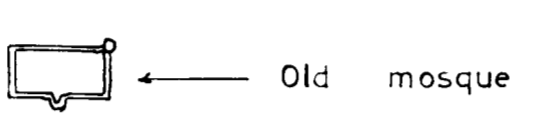
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DARB ZUBAYDAH	
Director: S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 37
Surveyor: S. AL-Hilwah	Birkat AL-Aqiq
Draft. by: S. AL-Hilwah	Scale 1:100
Conf.	May 1973



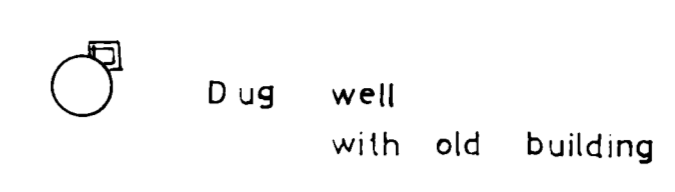
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Director: S A AL-Rashid	Site No. 35
Surveyor: S M AL-Hilwah	Birkat AL-Mislah
Drft. by: S M AL-Hilwah	Conf.
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Garden plots

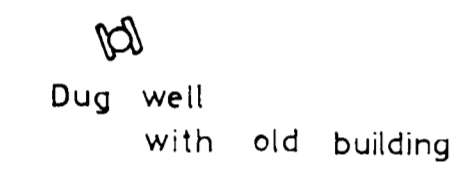
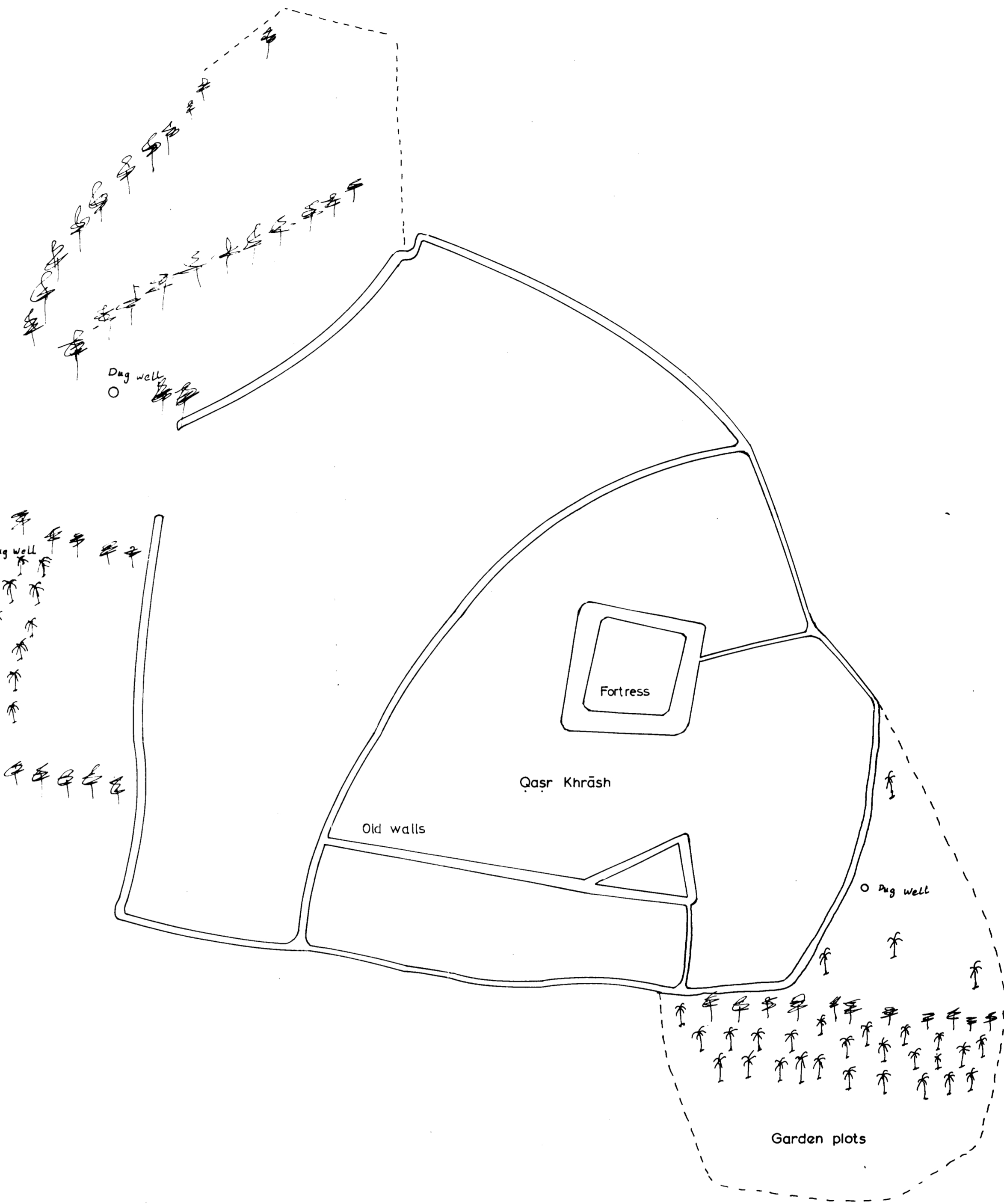


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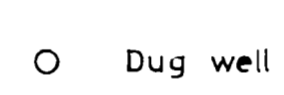


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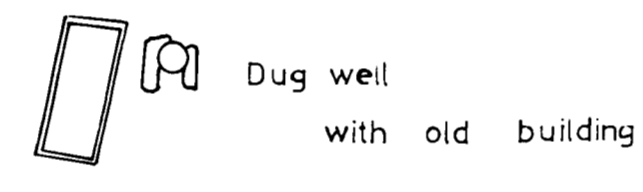
Foundations of the Old City



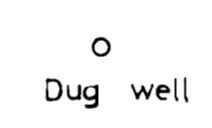
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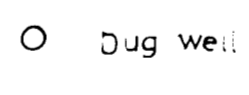
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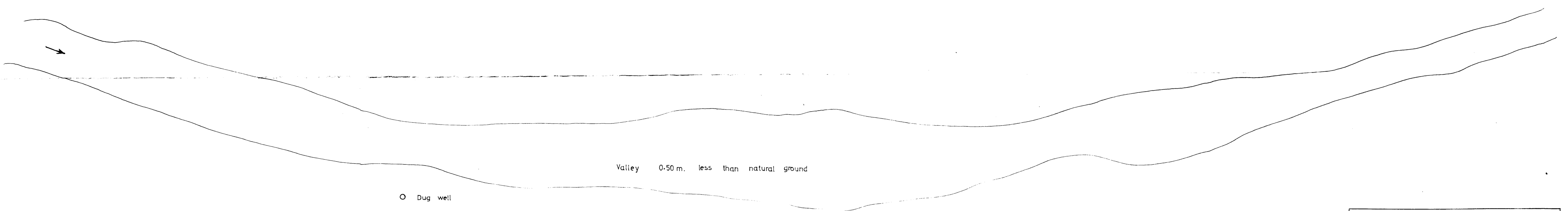
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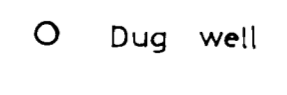
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Dug well



Valley 0.50 m. less than natural ground



Dug well

1.5 km. to the present settlement of Fayd



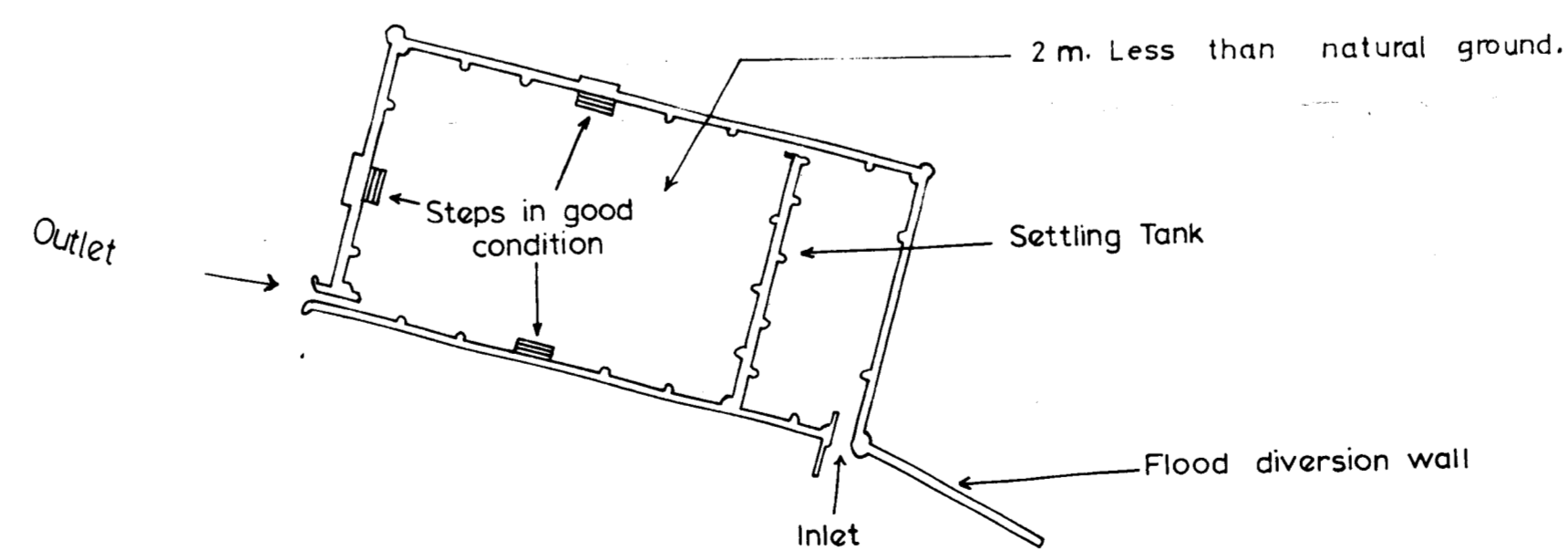
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DARB ZUBAYDAH	
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Drft. by: S. M. AL-Hilwah	Conf.
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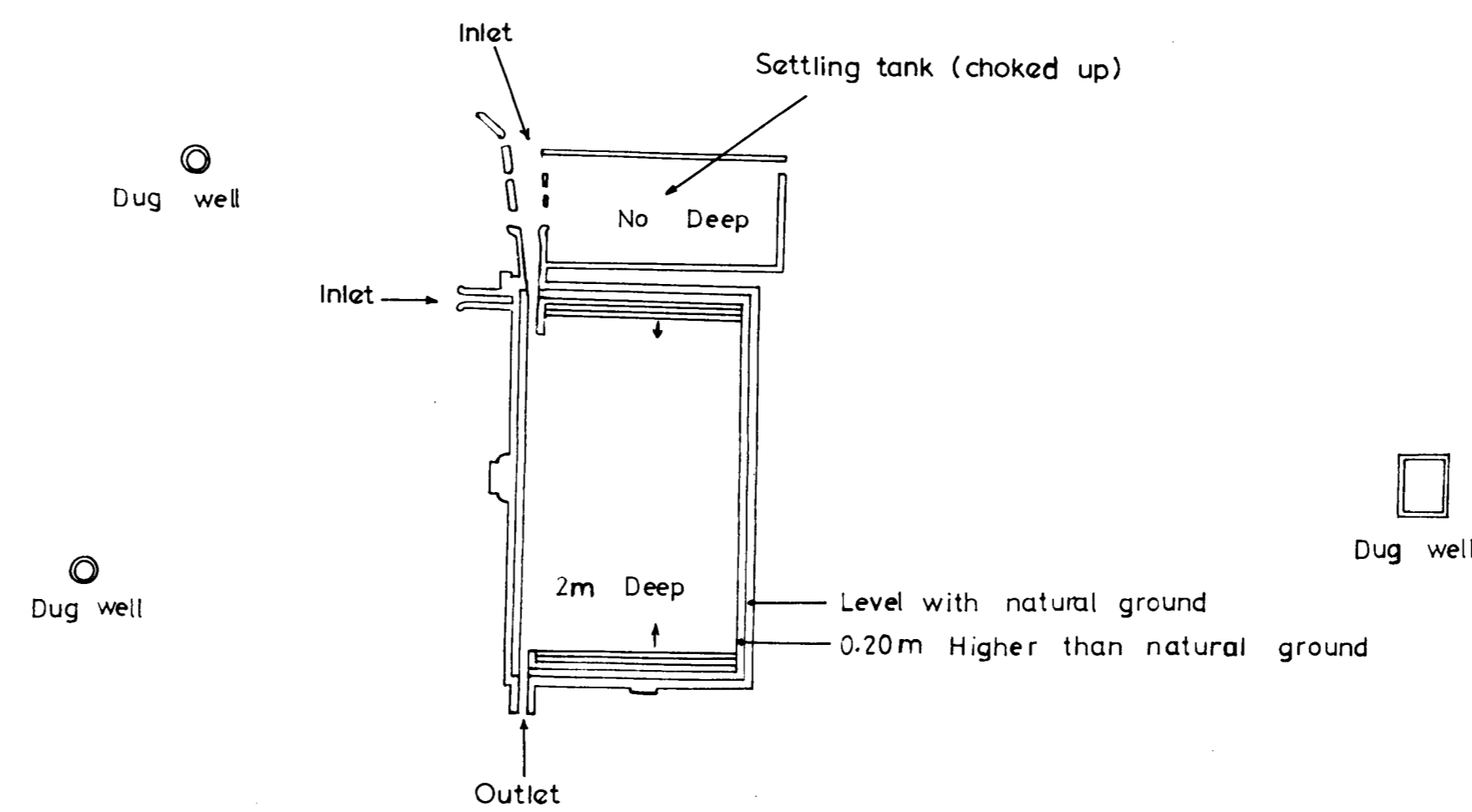
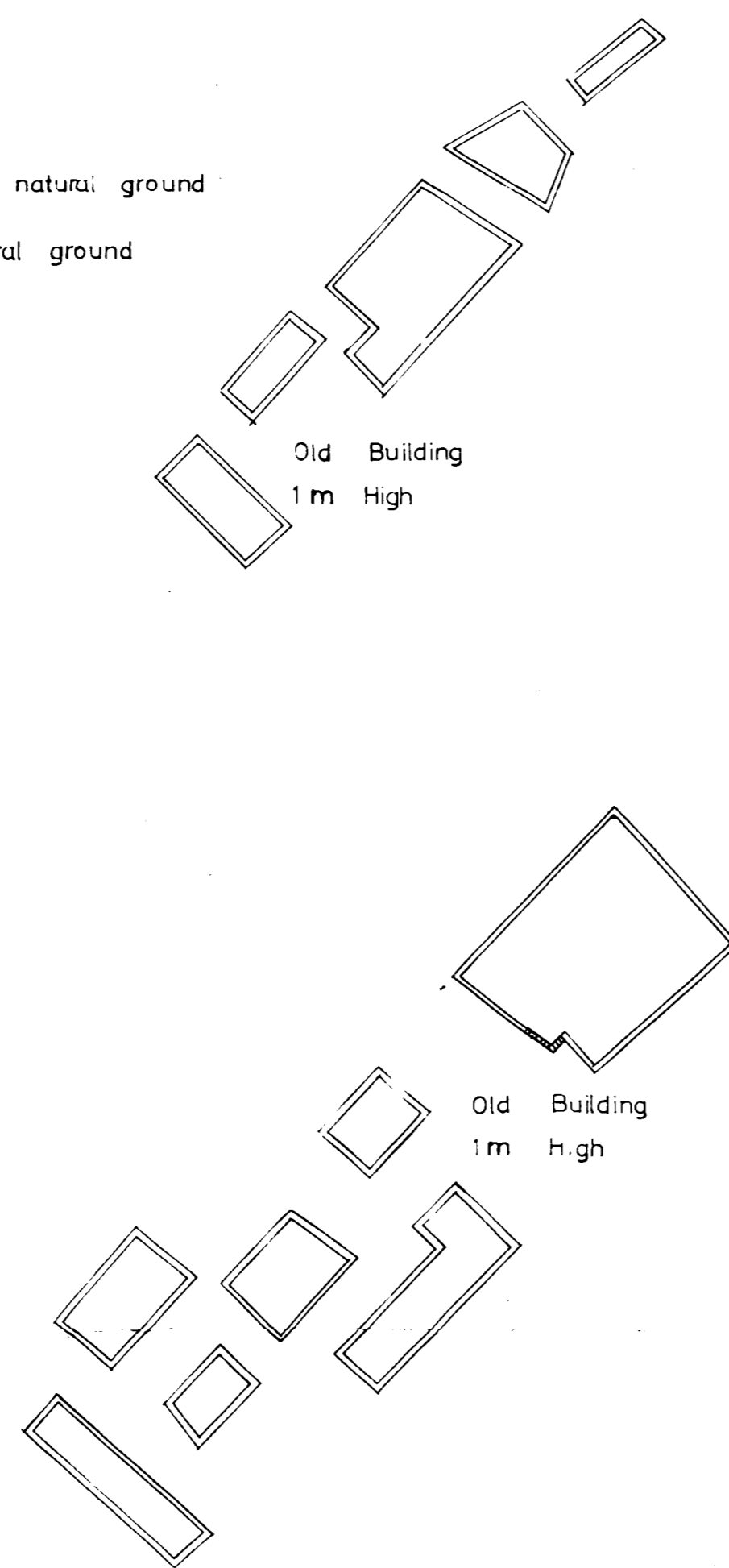
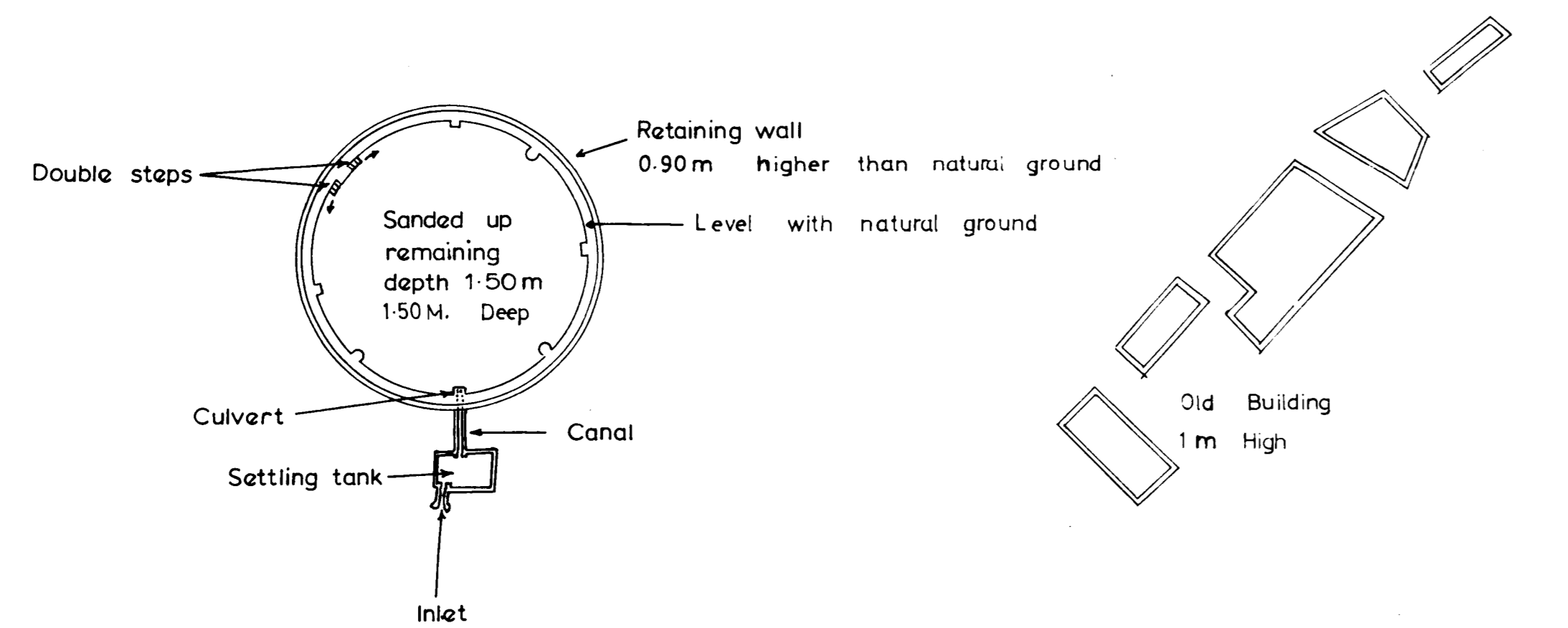
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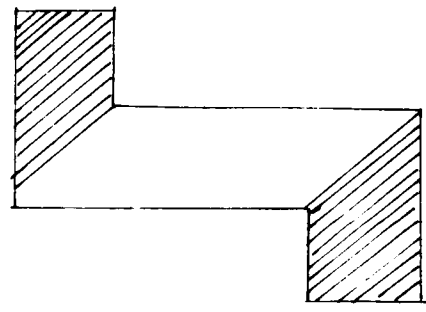


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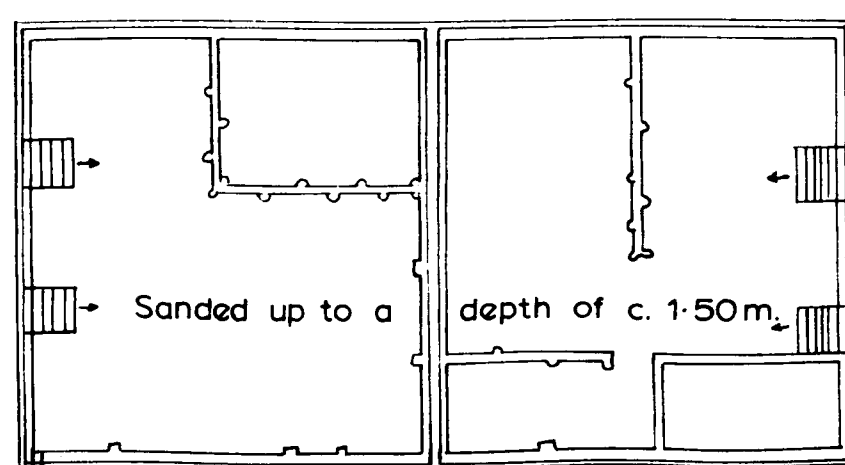
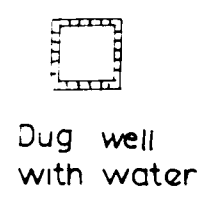
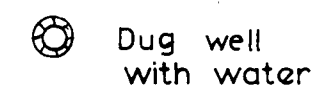
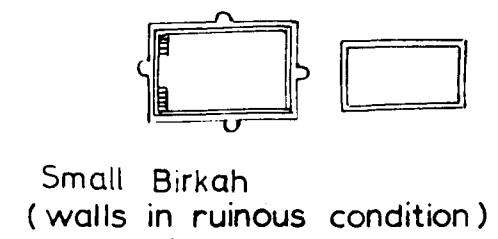
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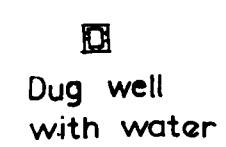
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DARB ZUBAYDAH	
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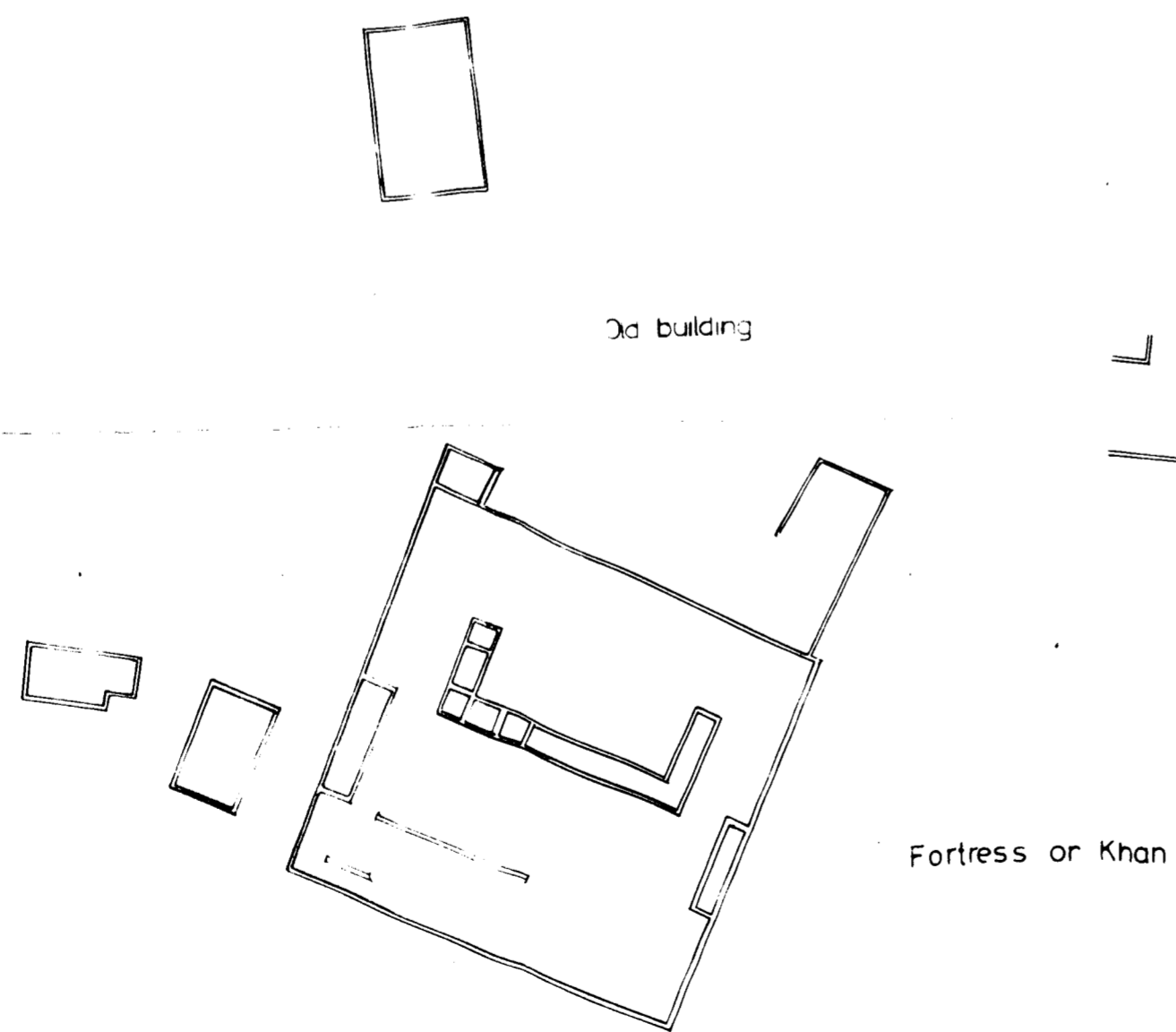
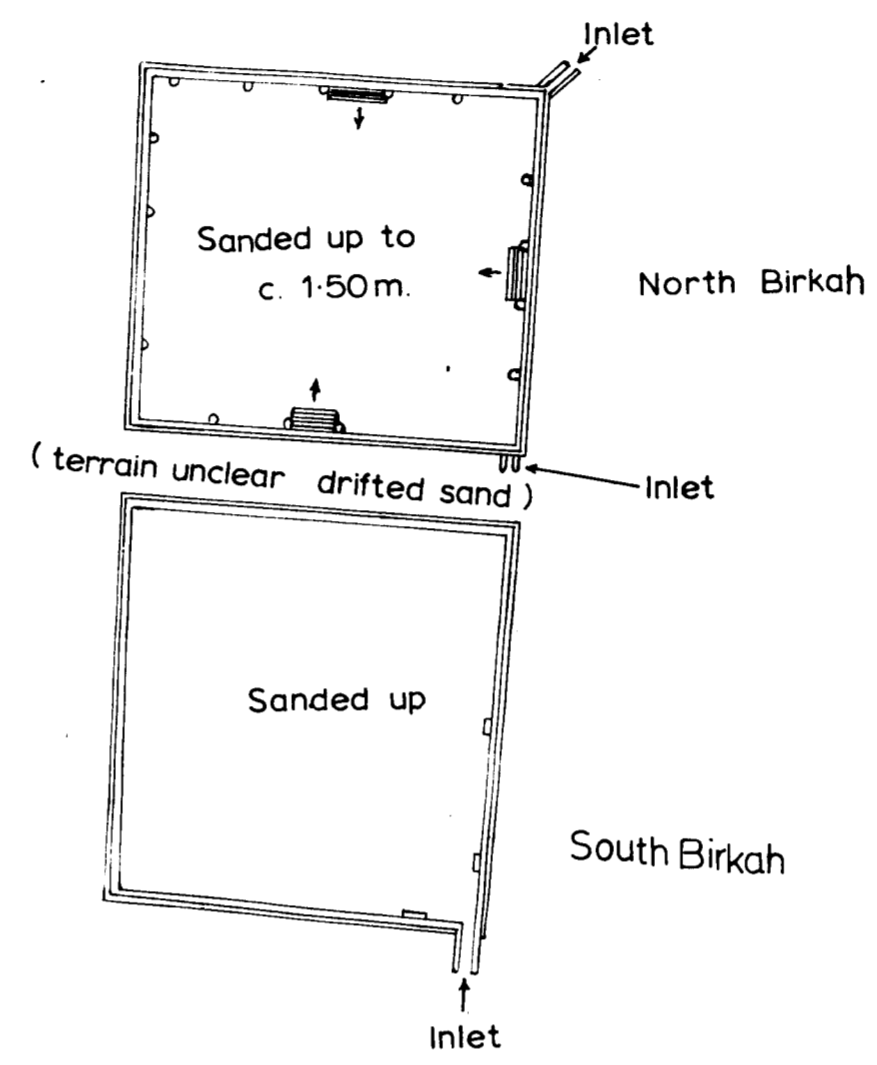
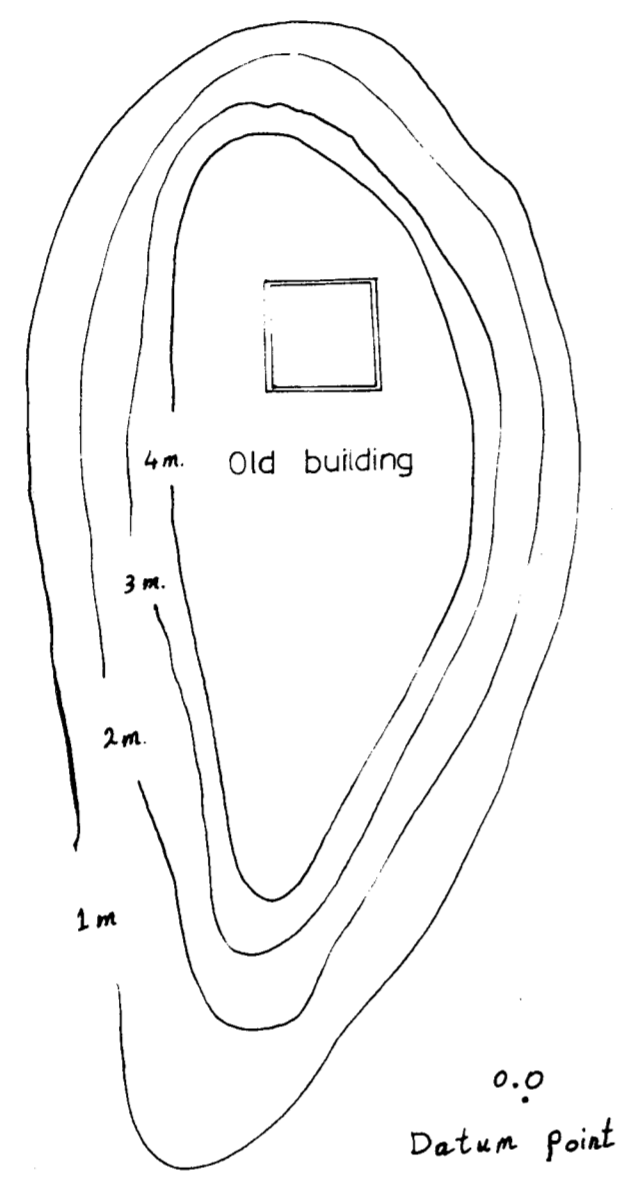
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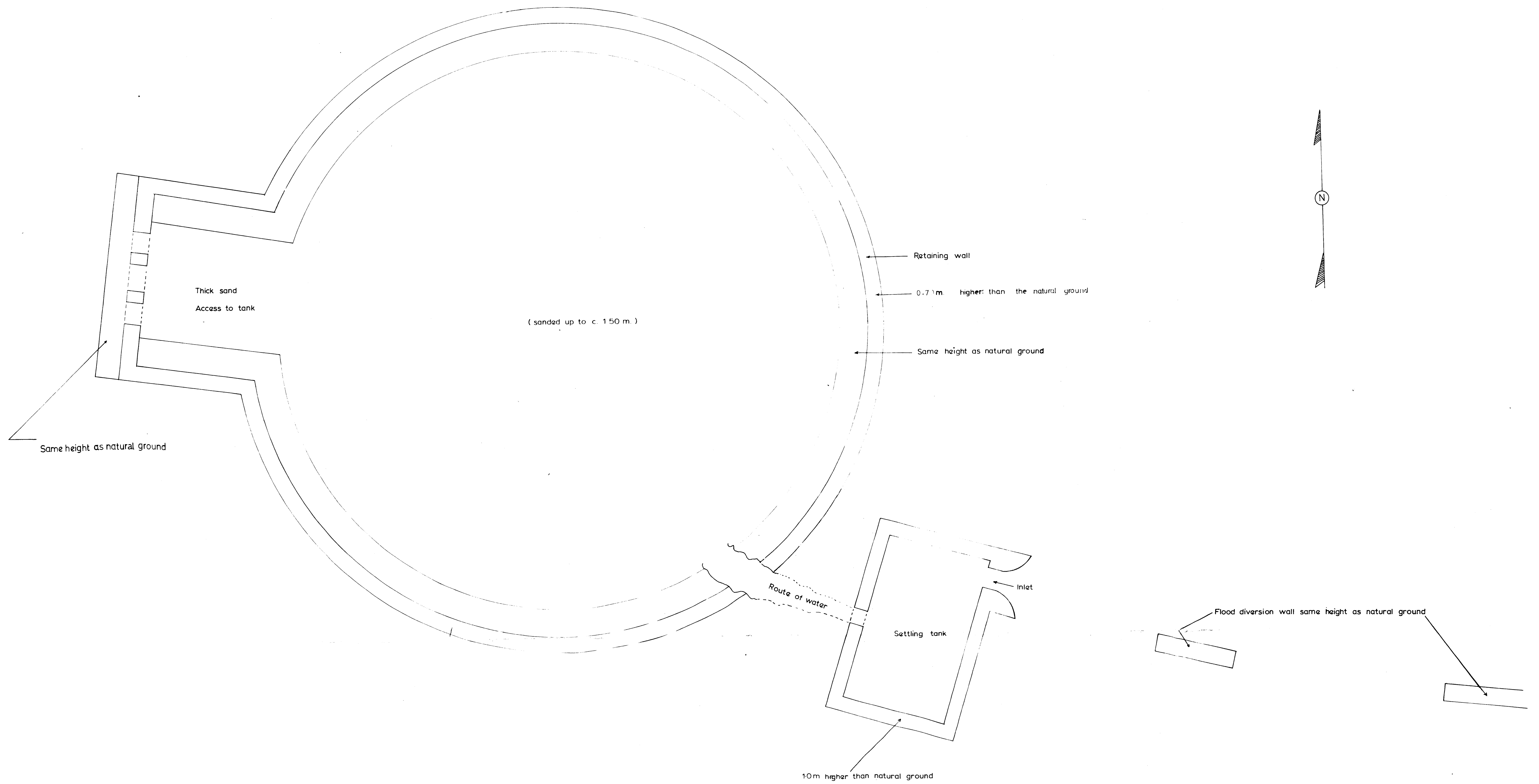
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Birkat al aqabah



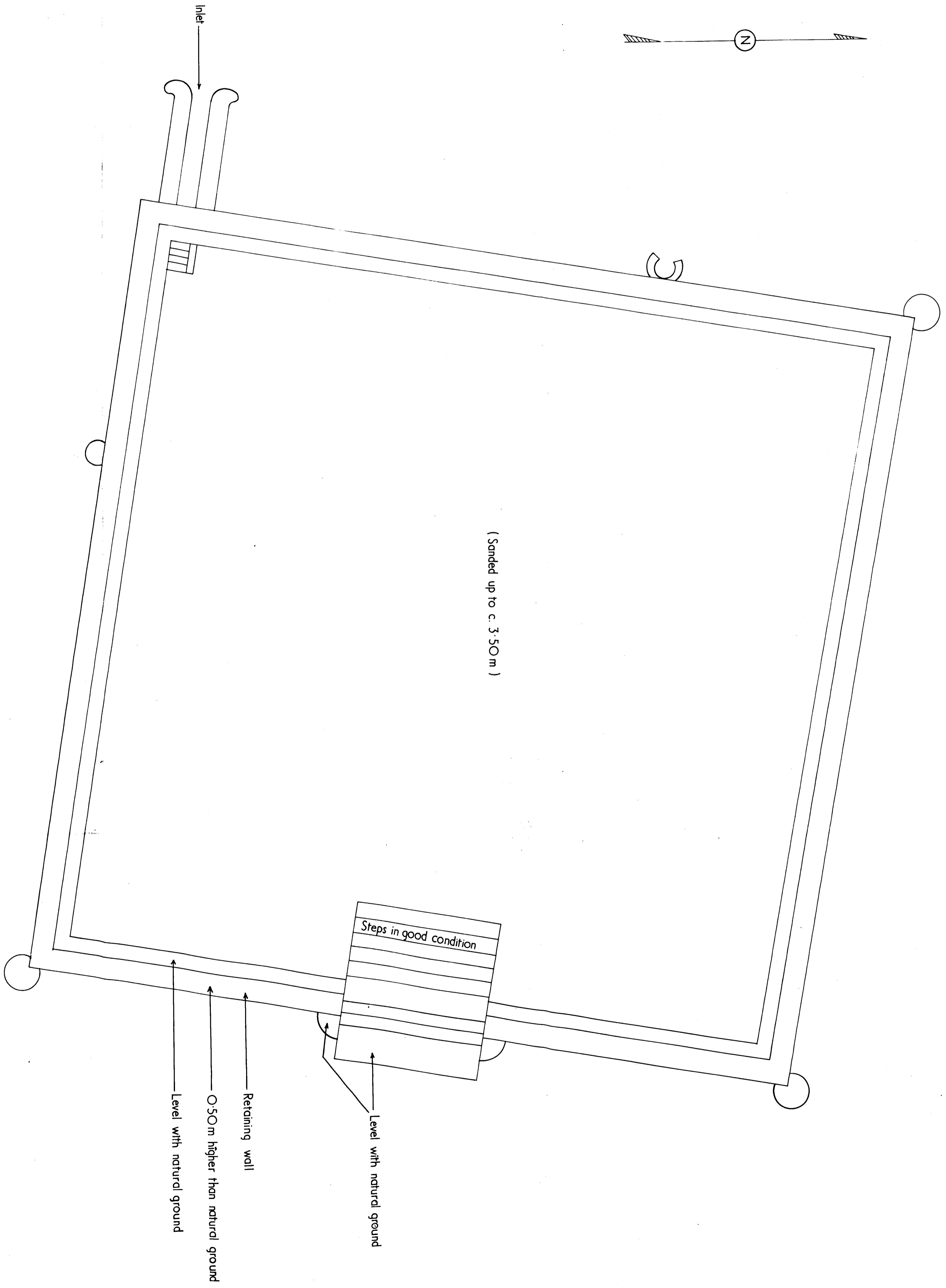
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Director: S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 1
Surveyor: S. AL-Hilwah	Birkat al-Aqabah
Drft by: S. AL-Hilwah	Conf.
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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA DARB ZUBAYDAH	
Director: S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 5
Surveyor: S. AL-Hilwah	Birkat al Haytam (Al Qā')
Scale: 1:1000	May 1973



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	
DARB ZUBAYDAH	
Director: S. AL-Rashid	Site No. 6
Surveyor: S. AL-Hilwah	Birkat ath-Thulaymah
Scale 1:100	May 1973



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	
DARB ZUBAYDAH	
DIRECTOR : S. AL-RASHID	SITE NO. 7
SURVEYOR : S. AL-HILWAH	BIRKAT AL-JUMAYMAH
SCALE 1:100	MAY 1973

