

Site: SPHINX  
TEMPLE Season GS-79-80

Area: N. COLONNADE Square R16 Locus Number (4e)

Progress of Excavation 28/II/80 R16A2: (4e) appears flush w/ sloping  
(to N) surface of (5) (mm. thin) or (6) BLUE GRANITE DUST.

Probably much same or identical w/ (4d). but shows very large  
limestone frags. More gypsuum. This taken out to bedrock  
bottom depression for granite sheathing to reveal N edge  
of (6) to bedrock floor. II 4/II/80: (4e) here looks to be  
essentially same (continuation of) (4d). Region so mottled w/ concentrations of  
or admixtures of granite dust, mortar, gypsuum, mud spots in R16A1, because  
has focus of edge of granite sheathing taken out. (4e) R16A2, same →

Locus Description Mottled Mud Sand Gypsuum, Mortar (PINK)  
and granite dust.

Location in Square \_\_\_\_\_

Under Locus (4d) Over Locus Bedrock bottom

Locus Dimensions 7.72 - 7.67 surface

Levels \_\_\_\_\_

Analysis of non-artifactual materials Granite chips, large limestone  
frags, mud spots, pink mortar frags, gypsuum spots, pockets  
of granite dust

general elevation, brown soil mottled w/ gypsum. Buff soft gypsum and stone chips adhering to face of ledge of bedrock likely remains of original packing between granite sheathing and ledge. Designated (6b) (4c) removed - really is bottom of (4d) here. Contained few scattered charcoal flecks. Several pieces (large) of alabaster.

NOTE. Quantity, fragment sizes, alabaster increased toward bottom (4d) - and (4e).