

Locus LJ 96,96,	Dor 19 91	Fld G	Sq AI,34, , , , ,	Loc. type Robber Trench?	
Open	Date 2.3/07/91	High 1.5	at 7.3	Low at	Seals: , , , , , , , , , ,
Close	2.4/07/91	14	9A	SE	Sealed by: , , , , , , , , , ,
Floor: type					Loci 96,12, , , , , , , , , ,
Length 0.8	Width 0.5	Vol			above , , , , , , , , , ,
Value ?id	Remove 2.4/07/91	Drawn?	No		below , , , , , , , , , ,
Photo #(1)		Photo #(2)			Loci , , , , , , , , , ,
Written by: KAL		Checked by: JAZ			below , , , , , , , , , ,

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: Opened to excavate material between ashlar east of W9085 for possibility of NS robber trench robbing NS wall adjacent to W9085

Limits (N) unnumbered, unexcavated portion west of L9616 W9085 ashlar
 (S) W9095 re-used column drum
 (E) L9615, L9652, L9682
 (W) W9085

Closed: Closed [L9696] when discovered foundation ashlar for column drum and then bottom of W9085's proposed NS wall. Levelled to closing level of L9682.

Matrix: [L9696]'s soil was dark brown, hard packed and dense with pottery with few shells or kankar bits. [L9696] has the highest pottery/dirt ratio of any locus in AI34. [L9696] at the north and south is defined by the column and ashlar that reach W9085. East is W9085 and west is the fine bleached brown fill material of fill/robber trench matrix L9615, L9652, and L9682 which contained less pottery and more kankar and shell bits than [L9696].

Relations: West [L9696] reaches W9085, south [L9695] reaches a re-used column drum atop an ashlar associated with W9085 and north [L9695] reaches an ashlar possibly associated with W9085. The column drum and ashlar could form a NS wall associated with W9085 that has been robbed-out. L9696 is a robbed-out portion of this proposed NS wall. The material in [L9696] was unlike the robber trench matrix in L9615, L9652 and L9682 which is an area where during L9695's NS^{through L9695} and W9082's E-W robber trenches^{through and NS} met. [L9696] was unlike the robber trench/fill material in L9616 or L9695 because it was much denser with sherds and darker. Further excavation west of L9616 would explore the NS [L9696] robber trench theory, especially a section in AI34's northern balk (optimistic).

Final Note: It is virtually impossible to decide on the sequence of robber actions in this area. They seem to be post-Roman, but this does not allow us to date the robber trenches. Since the robbed features all seem to belong to the last period of occupation in the area this should not be an insurmountable obstacle to reconstructing the building plan in AI34

NOTE S.BEVERLY 1992 - THIS IS PROBABLY NOT A ROBBER TRENCH BUT RATHER THE REMAINS OF A PERSIAN PIT CUT BY W9085. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FROM SAME PIT IS IN L9767 EXCAVATED IN 1992.

Additional Observations/Value: [L9696] is unlike any other locus in AI34 but its significance can only be determined when the directly north portion is excavated.

