

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA RADIOCARBON DATES XXI

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INTRODUCTION

This date list includes most of the archaeological and geologic samples dated in this laboratory since publication of our last date list (R, 1978, v 20, p 210-233), as well as some samples dated previously which lacked adequate sample information.

The BP ages are based on AD 1950, and have been calculated with the half-life value of 5568 yr. All samples were counted at least twice for periods of not less than 1000 min each. Errors quoted for each sample include the sum of the statistical counting uncertainties in the measurement of the sample, the background, and several counts of our mid-19th century AD oak sample, but do not include the possible half-life errors.

The MASCA corrected dates which appear in the comments were obtained by applying appropriate correction factors based upon tree-ring-dated samples to dates calculated with the 5730 half-life, but do not include any additional errors associated with the correction factors. For further explanation, see University of Pennsylvania Dates XVI (R, 1974, v 16, p 198-218) and Ralph, Michael, and Han, 1973.

In addition to our 2 8L counters, a small 1L counter is employed for counting undersized samples. Larger errors associated with these dates are a direct result of small sample size and consequently reduced number of counts. Use of the small counter is indicated in individual sample comments. In all counters we continue to use pure CO₂.

All samples were pretreated with 3N HCl and some, where noted, were given additional pretreatment with 2% NaOH for the removal of possible humic acid contaminants.

Ages have been calculated with the use of our mid-19th century AD calibration samples which have an average age of 145 yr. When calibrated for this age, these calibration samples have ¹⁴C contents equal to 95% of the NBS oxalic acid standard. The average $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relationship between the oak standard and the NBS limestone standard #20 is $-24.95 \pm 0.23\%$ as measured on this laboratory's Micromass 622 mass spectrometer. Where $\delta^{13}\text{C}_w$ is reported, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relationship has been measured with respect to the oak standard and the results corrected accordingly for isotopic fractionation.

SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS

I. ARCHAEOLOGIC SAMPLES

Czechoslovakia

Valča, Slovakia series

Wood samples from layer of chernozem with inclusions of peat and wood from Valča, Czechoslovakia (ca 49° 10' N, 19° 30' E). Coll and

subm 1977 by Vaclav Bucha, Československá Akad věd Geofysikální Ústav, Prague.

P-2712. Sample 1 **5250 ± 240**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = -1.73 \pm 0.22\%$

Wood at 3.1m depth as measured on slanting profile (cut). *Comments*: sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date*: 4120, 4090 to 4070 ± 250 BC. (VB): likely date ca 4000 yr BP.

P-2713. Sample 2 **5530 ± 80**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = -0.94 \pm 0.31\%$

Wood at 4.6m depth as measured on slanting profile (cut). *Comments*: *MASCA corrected date*: 4430 ± 80 BC. (VB): likely date ca 5300 yr BP.

Ireland

P-2737-A. Reask, Co Kerry, Sample 170 **2210 ± 40**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.13 \pm 0.22\%$

Charcoal from Reask, Co Kerry, SW Ireland (52° 6' N, 7° 30' W). Sample is from Structure G, Sq 4, E side of Early Monastic Enclosures. Coll 1975 by Thomas Fanning; subm 1975 by Kathleen Ryan, MASCA, Univ Mus, Univ Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. *Comments*: NaOH pre-treatment. *MASCA corrected date*: 400 ± 40 BC. (TF): expected date ca AD 600 (Fanning, 1973; 1975).

Cyprus

Dhali-Agridhi series

Samples are from Neolithic site of Dhali-Agridhi, ca 18km S of Nicosia, Cyprus (35° 2' N, 33° 26' E) and represent both Aceramic and Ceramic phases. Coll and subm 1976 by Y M Lehavy, Atlantic Co Community Coll New Jersey.

General Comment (YML): site is important for establishing chronology of Neolithic Cyprus. Dhali-Agridhi's Aceramic phase is contemporaneous with Aceramic Khirokitia, yet different in character (Lehavy, 1974).

P-2769. Sample 3 **5700 ± 100**

Charred bone from Area 2, Loci 21 and 24, Layer III, Concentration A. *Comments*: *MASCA corrected date*: 4560 ± 100 BC. (YML): found with high concentration of Dark Faced Burnished Ware, which is earliest known pottery in Cyprus. Previous ¹⁴C date for same deposit: GX-2847-A, 4465 ± 310 BC (Lehavy, 1974, p 98).

P-2768. Sample 2 **7400 ± 60**

Charcoal and charred bone from Area E, 200m W of original site under paved floor. *Comment*: date beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available (Oct 1980).

P-2775. Sample 1 **7990 ± 80**

Charred bone mixed with charred material and soil from Area 12, Loc 008, Layer III, Concentration B. Sample is from lowest loc in deposit, next to a pit. A few fragments of stone bowls assoc with sample.

Comments: date beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available (Oct 1980). Previous date for same deposit: GX-2848-A, 5340 ± 465 BC (Lehavy, 1974, p 98).

Kampia mining area series

Possible ancient mine at Kampia, Cyprus (35° 12' N, 33° 15' E). Coll and subm 1977 by J D Muhly, Dept Ancient Hist, Univ Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

General Comment (JDM): mine possibly of Roman date.

P-2716. Pekisterka ore body **2240 ± 60**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +14.57 \pm 0.47\%$
 Rope. *Comment:* MASCA corrected date: 410 ± 60 BC.

P-2720. Pitharochoma ore body, Sample A **2260 ± 40**
 Timber support. Wood id by R C Koeppen, Forest Prods Lab, USDA, Madison, Wisconsin, as pine, *halepensis* type. *Comment:* MASCA corrected date: 410 ± 40 BC.

P-2721. Pitharochoma ore body, Sample B **2440 ± 60**
 Timber support. Wood id same as P-2720 (see above). *Comment:* MASCA corrected date: 710 to 690, 530 ± 60 BC.

P-2719. Mitsero **1510 ± 170**
 Charcoal from copper smelting furnace at Mitsero, Cyprus (35° 12' N, 33° 12' E). Coll and subm 1977 by J D Muhly. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: AD 460 to 480 ± 170. (JDM): furnace possibly of Roman date.

Greece

Akrotiri series III

Samples from important Bronze Age settlement at Akrotiri on volcanic i. of Thera (Santorini) (36° 16' N, 25° 27' E), Cyclades, Greece. Coll 1976 by Christos Doumas, Ministry Culture and Sci, Athens; subm 1978 by H N Michael. For analyses of this and two previous series (R, 1977, v 19, p 191-193; R, 1978, v 20, p 215-216), see Betancourt and Weinstein, 1976; Michael, 1976; 1978; Weinstein and Betancourt, 1978; Weinstein and Michael, 1978.

General Comment: all samples are from Rm 5 in W House.

P-2791. Sample 1976.9 **3340 ± 60**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +2.79 \pm 0.24\%$
 Seeds and charred material from Jar π2, Δ1. *Comment:* MASCA corrected date: 1710 to 1690 ± 60 BC.

P-2792. Sample 1976.10 **3670 ± 180**
 Volcanic ash and organic material from Δ1. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 2150 ± 190 BC.

P-2793. Sample 1976.11 **3300 ± 140**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.62 \pm 0.21\%$

Volcanic ash and organic material. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date:* 1660 ± 140 BC.

P-2794. Sample 1976.12 **3180 ± 50**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +3.98 \pm 1.20\%$

Soil (?) from Jar π 1, Δ 2. *Comment:* *MASCA corrected date:* 1540 to 1510 ± 50 BC.

P-2795. Sample 1976.13 **3380 ± 170**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +1.04 \pm 0.29\%$

Volcanic ash (?) and organic material from Jar π 9, Δ 2. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date:* 1750 to 1710 ± 180 BC.

P-2717. Plagiada **3180 ± 45**

Charcoal from the Bronze Age site of Plagiada, near Myrtos in SE Crete (35° 0' N, 25° 30' E). Sample is from villa, probably of LMIB date. Coll and subm 1977 by J D Muhly. *Comment:* *MASCA corrected date:* 1540, 1510 ± 50 BC.

Italy

Grotta dell'Uzzo series

The natural cave of Grotta dell'Uzzo located between Castellammare del Golfo and San Vito lo Capo, Sicily (38° 6' 35" N, 0° 20' 3" E). Mesolithic levels were found in interior of cave and its talus, a Neolithic deposit outside cave (Segre and Piperno, 1975). Samples coll 1975 and 1977 and subm 1977 by Marcello Piperno, Inst Italiano Paleontol Umana, Rome.

General Comment: all samples are charcoal and all dates are beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available (Oct 1980).

P-2733. Sample 1977-1 **6750 ± 70**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.66 \pm 0.21\%$

Sample from Trench F in exterior talus of cave, Cuts 7, 8 and 9. Assoc with Neolithic impressed and stamped pottery of pre-Stentinello type, lithic industries with some obsidian, as well as faunal and especially fish remains.

P-2734. Sample 1977-2 **7910 ± 70**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +1.11 \pm 0.31\%$

Sample from Trench F, Cuts 13 and 14, representing intermediate Aceramic level between ancient Neolithic and Epipaleolithic levels. Assoc with lithic industries, wild faunal, and especially fish remains. *Comment:* NaOH pretreatment.

P-2735. Sample 1977-3 **8330 ± 80**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.99 \pm 0.28\%$

Sample from Trench F, Cuts 16, 17, and 18. Represents rather poor Epipaleolithic horizon in which both faunal remains and lithic industries are scarce. *Comment:* NaOH pretreatment.

P-2556. Sample 1975-1 9030 ± 100

Sample from Trench A, Cut 7, representing Upper Mesolithic cultural horizon. Assoc with lithic industries, especially a unique type of end-scraper.

P-2557. Sample 1975-2 9180 ± 100

Sample from Trench A, Cut 16. For assoc, see P-2556 (above).
Comment: NaOH pretreatment.

P-2558. Sample 1975-3 9300 ± 100

Sample from Trench C, Cut 3, representing Lower Mesolithic horizon. Assoc with lithic industries and faunal remains.

P-2736. Sample 1977-4 10,070 ± 90

Sample from Trench G, Cut 9, large ash mound overlying filling of Grave Uzzo 5. Represents beginning of Mesolithic occupation of cave and assoc with lithic industries. *Comment:* this is earliest sample from cave.

P-2789. Orsanmichele 400 ± 40

$$\delta^{13}C_w = +1.04 \pm 0.37\text{‰}$$

Seeds of sunflower family, rose family, and one unidentifiable type (id by R J Tyrl, Biol Sci Dept, Oklahoma State Univ, Stillwater) from Medieval church of Orsanmichele, Florence, Tuscany (43° 30' N, 11° 0' E). The 14th century church was built for dual purpose of worship and storage and selling of grain. Sample came from grain shoot in church, ca 4m above ground level. Coll 1978 by D F Zervas, Mount Holyoke Coll, Massachusetts; subm 1978 by M B Kirkham, Dept Agronomy, Oklahoma State Univ, Stillwater. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 1440 ± 40.* (DFZ); date confirms hypothesis that seed was actually stored in church until 15th century.

P-2788. Ortu Cómidu, Area S 3310 ± 50

Charcoal from Ortu Cómidu, Sardara (Prov Cagliari), Sardinia (38° 36' N, 8° 50' E). Site is complex of stone structures with Nuraghic and Punic material (Taramelli, 1918). Sample is from earliest area of complex, a purely Nuraghic context beneath pavement of Area S, S tower of nuraghe (Balmuth and Tylecote, 1976). Coll and subm 1976 by M S Balmuth, Tufts Univ, Medford, Maine. For previous series, see R, 1977, v 19, p 194. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 1680 ± 50 BC.* (MSB): sherds found in assoc with sample seem identical with 8th century BC vessel found in Vetulonia, but see Bernabo Brea, 1980, p 197, for possible 12th or 11th century BC date of similar wares.

*Egypt***P-2714-A. Abydos 2570 ± 60**

Sample is from outermost coffin of Lady Sat-Nub (Body 9, Tomb 3) in communal tomb at Abydos, Egypt (25° 40' N, 32° 0' E). Coll 1967 by David O'Connor; subm 1977 by Bernard Fishman, Univ Mus, Univ

Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Wood id by B F Kukachka, Forest Prods Lab, Madison, Wisconsin, as genus *Minusops* of family Sapotaceae. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 800 ± 60 BC. (BF):* coffin is probably earliest burial in tomb and may date its construction. However, wood may have been re-used. Date of tomb on stylistic grounds is ca 675 BC.

Iran

Tal-i Kureh series

Tal-i Kureh is prehistoric site in Marv Dasht, Fars Prov, Iran (30° 12' 30" N, 52° 14' 0" E). Samples coll 1977 by John Alden, Mus Anthropol, Univ Michigan, Ann Arbor; subm 1977 by R H Dyson, Jr.

General Comment: samples counted in small counter.

P-2624. Sample No. 7F1—Lot 10 **5000 ± 290**

Charcoal from Upper Stratum VII, Terminal Lapui phase. *Comment: MASCA corrected date: 3770 ± 300 BC.*

P-2627. Sample No. 7F1—Lot 9 **4360 ± 230**

Charcoal from Lower Stratum V, Initial Banesh phase. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 3150 ± 240 BC. (JA):* this sample with P-2626 (see below) dates beginning of Banesh period in Fars (ca 3400 BC), further supported by ceramic parallels with Susa Acropole Level 17.

P-2626. Sample No. 7F1—Lot 8 **4550 ± 280**

Charcoal from Stratum V, Initial Banesh phase. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 3370 to 3350 ± 280 BC. (JA):* same as for P-2627 (above).

Israel

P-2718. Tel Michal **230 ± 40**

Charcoal sample from sand pit, 40cm below upper contact at Tel Michal, N of Tel Aviv, Israel (32° 10' N, 34° 45' E). Coll and subm 1977 by J D Muhly. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 1630 ± 40. (JDM):* pit possibly from Persian period (mid-first millennium BC). No explanation for young date obtained.

Oman

Ras al-Hamra series

Prehistoric shell mound at Ras al-Hamra in Wadi Qurm coastal area, 13km W of Muscat, Sultanate of Oman (26° 13' 38" N, 65° 9' 0" E). Mound was excavated in rescue operation and is 1 of at least 10 middens along coast belonging to aceramic *Ras al-Hamrian* horizon (Tosi, 1975). All samples except P-2673 and P-2738 coll and subm 1977 by Maurizio Tosi, Inst Univ Orientale, Naples.

General Comments: all samples are charcoal. (MT): series is first for Sultanate of Oman, and site is first aceramic coastal site found in Persian Gulf or Arabian Sea area. Proposed date for horizon is 6000 to 4000 BC; results are unexpectedly young.

P-2673. RH 2 4030 ± 70

Sample from Site RH 2, coll randomly at surface and without clear strat assoc, by R Jäckli, 1974. *Comment: MASCA corrected date: 2680 to 2630 ± 70 BC.*

P-2738. Sample 7 4170 ± 220

Sample from Site RH 2, coll randomly at surface by R Jäckli, 1975. *Comments: sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 2910 ± 220 BC.*

P-2739. Sample 6 5140 ± 200

Sample from Site RH 4, Area 11, Stratum 2. Assoc with animal bones and other food remains as well as stone and shell necklace. *Comments: sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 3960 to 3940 ± 200 BC.*

P-2740. Sample 1 4320 ± 200

Sample from Site RH 4, Area 1 at 37cm depth (lowest level at site). *Comments: sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 3110 to 3010 ± 210 BC.*

P-2741. Sample 2 4030 ± 50

$$\delta^{13}C_w = +3.73 \pm 0.40\text{‰}$$

Sample from Site RH 4, Area 7 at 20cm depth. Part of charcoal lens with ashes, 3cm thick, possibly floor of hut. *Comment: MASCA corrected date: 2670, 2630 ± 60 BC.*

Ghana

P-2746. Gao Lagoon, Sample Gao 77-3 5860 ± 60

$$\delta^{13}C_w = +21.02 \pm 0.66\text{‰}$$

Shell sample from later Neolithic shell midden with pottery at Gao Lagoon, Ghana (5° 40' N, 0° 2' E). Sample is from waterlogged deposit in Pit D, Layer 6 E. Coll and subm 1977 by J Dombrowski, Dept Archaeol, Univ Ghana, Legon. *Comments: sample corrected for fractionation, but no reservoir correction made. MASCA corrected date: 4760, 4710 to 4690 ± 60 BC. (JD): estimated date of midden and surrounding deposits: 1000 BC to AD 1500. No European imports present.*

Kenya

Ga Ji, E Lake Turkana series

Charcoal from sandy beach deposits of high-level E Lake Turkana, Marsabit Dist, Kenya (3° 56' N, 36° 14' E). Coll 1977 by J Barthelme; subm 1977 by D W Phillipson, British Inst in Eastern Africa, Nairobi.

P-2609. Sample A, Ga Ji/2 3970 ± 60

Sample from hearth in Spit 7, Sq 3. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: 2580 ± 60 BC. (DWP): horizon includes remains of domestic animals and has ceramic affinities with sites further S.*

P-2610. Sample B, Ga Ji/4 **3890 ± 60**

Sample from Levels 1/3, Sq 1 to 4 at 2.5m below present ground level. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 2480 to 2440 ± 60 BC. (DWP):* first stratified deposit of Nderit pottery assoc with domestic fauna. Date may represent early phase in introduction of domestic animals in E Africa.

Ele Bor Rockshelter series

Samples from Ele Bor Rockshelter A, Marsabit Dist, Kenya (3° 30' N, 38° 15' E). Coll and subm 1977 by D W Phillipson. (For general account of later prehistory of this area, see Phillipson, 1972).

P-2612. Sample D **630 ± 50**

Sample from Grid Sq M/5, Level 2, charcoal and ash lens in upper part of rockshelter deposits. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: AD 1320 ± 50. (DWP):* sample dates late phase in local pastoral Late Stone Age.

P-2614. Sample F **1700 ± 50**

Sample from Grid Sq M/5, Level 3, charcoal lens sealed in rockshelter deposits. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: AD 260 ± 50. (DWP):* sample should date phase of most intensive pastoralist occupation at site.

P-2613. Sample E **1470 ± 50**

Sample from Grid Sq M/6, Level 4, charcoal lens sealed in rockshelter deposits. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: AD 540 ± 60. (DWP):* sample dates early phase of local pastoral Late Stone Age before environmental deterioration led to abandonment of agriculture.

Mali

Djenné-djéno series

Djenné-djéno is large Iron Age site in Cercle de Djenné, Mali, W Africa (13° 55' N, 4° 34' W). Site is one of richest in W Africa, containing much floral and faunal material, but life span of site is unknown. Samples coll 1977 by R J McIntosh; subm 1977 by S K McIntosh, Dept Anthropol, Univ California, Santa Barbara.

General Comments: all samples except P-2742 were counted in small counter. (SKM): previous series dated by Radiocarbon, Ltd: RL-794, modern; RL-806, 830 ± 140; RL-807, 2160 ± 180; RL-808, 1570 ± 110; RL-950, 820 ± 180 (pers commun, C S Tucek). These series provide first sequence of dates for W Africa and will bear on chronology of indigenous African urbanization as well as on domestication of African rice. Possible contamination by insect burrowing.

P-2682. Sample 15 **1430 ± 170**

Charcoal of branches and brush from Pit Mound 1, Level 16 bottom at 1.890m depth, immediately NE of Funerary Jar 12, containing infant

burial. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 570 ± 170.* (SKM): dates jar and possibly partition to House 6.

P-2679. Sample 21 **1660 ± 150**

Charcoal of branches and brush from probable hearth in Pit Mound 1, Level 23 at 3.30m depth. *Comment: MASCA corrected date: AD 290 to 320 ± 150.*

P-2742. Sample 24/25 **1910 ± 50**

Charcoal from Pit Mound 1, Level 24. Sample 24 is from possible hearth at 3.515m depth; Sample 25 is from large charcoal concentration at 3.745m depth. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 90 ± 50.* (SKM): date of stratum expected to be early or mid-first millennium AD.

P-2772. Sample 22 **920 ± 150**

Charcoal from Pit Mound 2, transitional between Levels 10 and 11, ca 0.5m NNW of cranium of Skeleton 13. *Comment: MASCA corrected date: AD 1040 ± 160.*

Somalia

P-2611. Hafun Main site, Sample C **2030 ± 60**

Charcoal from Hafun Main site, Iskushubaan Dist, Somalia (10° 25' N, 51° 16' E). Sample is part of contents of pottery vessel MS V (4), used as baking oven and set into sandy deposit at 1 to 2m depth. Site is probably identifiable with port of Opone on Periplus of Erythrean Sea (Chittick, 1976). Coll 1977 by M C Smith; subm 1977 by D W Phillipson. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: 110 to 70 ± 60 BC.*

United States

Wisconsin

Rehbein series

Samples are from Rehbein I Mound Group (47-Ri-81), burial mounds at Rehbein, Forest Township, Richland Co, Wisconsin (43° 33' 10" N, 90° 39' 40" W), belonging to transitional phase between Hope-wellian and Effigy Mound climaxes of Middle (AD 500 to 700) and Late (AD 600 to 800) Woodland periods. This phase is poorly known in Wisconsin. Samples coll 1977 by Barbara Mead; subm 1977 by J E Freeman, State Hist Soc, Wisconsin, Madison.

P-2777. Features 7 and 12, Mound 5 **1180 ± 40**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.95 \pm 0.24\%$

Charcoal from Features 7 and 12, Mound 5 at 28 to 38cm below top of mound. Sample was mixed with cremation burial in linear mound. *Comments: NaOH pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: AD 780 to 800 ± 40.* (JEF): Spring Hollow Cord-Marked vessel from Early Late Woodland period was assoc with cremation. Expected date: AD 600 to 800. Possible root contamination.

1710 ± 35**P-2776. Feature 10, Mound 3** $\delta^{13}C_w = +0.63 \pm 0.21\%$

Outer rings of log, probably *Quercus alba*, from Feature 10, Mound 3. Sample is part of log and bark roof over burial pit in conical mound at ca 91cm below top of mound. *Comments*: NaOH pretreatment. *MASCA corrected date*: AD 260 ± 40. (JEF): sample assoc with triangular projectile points and a miniature Levens Punctated vessel of Late Middle to Early Late Woodland period. Expected date: AD 500 to 700. Possible root contamination.

*Puerto Rico***Las Flores series**

Samples from Early Ostionoid-Saladoid village and ball court at Coamo, Puerto Rico (18° 3' N, 66° 22' W). Coll 1975 and 1976; subm 1976 by J J Ortiz-Aguilú, Dept Anthropol, Univ Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

P-2606-A. PRLF 76-C9**200 ± 170**

Ash from Unit TA-37, W wall, Layer II at 17 to 19cm below surface and 45 to 74cm from NW stake. *Comments*: sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date*: AD 1650 ± 170. (JJO-A): may date most recent occupation of site. Date later than expected.

P-2599. PRLF 76-C8**600 ± 45**

Ash from Unit Ta-13, W wall, Layer III at 17 to 20cm below surface. *Comments*: *MASCA corrected date*: AD 1340 ± 50. (JJO-A): may date Burial #1 and provide information on social structure of community. Date consistent with archaeol expectations.

P-2595. PRLF 76-C1**990 ± 50**

Charcoal from Unit TA-11, W wall, Layer V at 27cm below surface. *Comments*: NaOH pretreatment. *MASCA corrected date*: AD 980 to 1000 ± 50. Rootlets removed by hand. (JJO-A): may date major purposeful disturbance during end of second (?) main occupation. Expected date: ca AD 740 to 800.

P-2729. PRLF 75-C38**1060 ± 45**

Charcoal from concentration within stratum, Unit TA-38, W wall, Layer IX at 130 to 136cm below surface. *Comments*: *MASCA corrected date*: AD 930 ± 45. (JJO-A): sample should date beginning of last major occupation and help determine date of initial construction of ball court. Date expected to be roughly contemporaneous with P-2598 (below).

P-2598. PRLF 76-C20**1000 ± 45**

Charcoal extracted from Hearth Feature #7 in Unit TA-37, Level "K", Layer VIIIB at 112 to 118cm below surface. *Comments*: NaOH pretreatment. *MASCA corrected date*: AD 980 ± 50. (JJO-A): assoc with earliest level of second major occupation and ball court. Date expected to be roughly contemporaneous with P-2729 (above); see comment for P-2607 (below).

P-2596. PRLF 76-C6 1170 ± 45

Almost pure charcoal from Unit TA-9, W wall, Layer VII at 42cm below surface, closely assoc with ceramics. Matrix was stratum of sandy silt, underlain by gravel. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 800 to 820 ± 45. (JJO-A):* expected date: ca AD 500 to 700.

P-2607. PRLF 76-C10/C11 1380 ± 45

White ash from ball court, Unit TA-37, W wall, Layer VIII B at 99cm below surface. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: AD 600 ± 45. (JJO-A):* this level is one of earliest at site; sample may date construction of ball court. Date consistent with archaeol expectations, but not contemporary with P-2598 and P-2729 (above) as expected.

*Honduras***Playa de los Muertos series**

Samples from superimposed living floors at Playa de los Muertos in Sula Valley of NW Honduras (14° 18' 19" N, 87° 54' 24" W). Coll 1975 and subm 1976 by N C Kennedy, Univ Illinois at Urbana.

General Comments (NCK): deposits dated by stylistic analysis of pottery to phases of Early and Middle Formative complexes of S Mesoamerica (Kennedy, 1977). Possible humic acid contamination.

P-2747. Sample 1 2170 ± 35

Charred wood from Operation H, Lot 12 at 2.2 to 2.4m below datum. *Comments: MASCA corrected date: 380, 300 to 250 ± 35 bc. (NCK):* (Late) Middle Formative cultural affiliation.

P-2748. Sample 2 2300 ± 140

Charcoal from Operation H, Lot 13 at 2.4 to 2.6m below datum. *Comments: sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 430 ± 150 bc. (NCK):* Middle Formative cultural affiliation.

P-2749. Sample 3/4 2160 ± 40

Charcoal from Operations H and H", Lot 14 at 2.6 to 2.8m below datum. *Comments: samples combined after pretreatment. MASCA corrected date: 380, 300 to 250 ± 40 bc. (NCK):* (Early) Middle Formative cultural affiliation.

P-2750. Sample 5 2310 ± 180

Charcoal from Operation H, Lot 17 at 3.2 to 3.4m below datum. *Comments: sample counted in small counter. MASCA corrected date: 430 ± 180 bc. (NCK):* Early Formative cultural affiliation.

*Argentina***Huachichocana series**

Samples from Cave CH III at Huachichocana in Jujuy Prov, N Argentina (23° 45' S, 65° 38' W). Coll 1972 to 1976; subm 1974 to 1978 by A A Fernández Distel, Inst Antropol Univ Buenos Aires (Aguerre, Fernández Distel, and Aschero, 1973; 1975; Fernández Distel, 1974).

P-2477. Sample CH III E 1 **1420 ± 190**

Charcoal from Level E 1 at ca 1.15m depth, assoc with earliest occurrence of pottery in cave. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date:* AD 570 ± 190. (AAFD): date younger than expected.

P-2280. Sample CH III E **8420 ± 530**

Partially carbonized wood from Level E 3 at ca 1.7m depth, representing first human occupation of cave, preceramic phase assoc with domesticated plants. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. Date beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available (Oct 1980).

P-2236. Sample CH III E bis **9340 ± 120**

Charcoal from Level E 3 at ca 1.8m depth. Cultural assoc as for P-2280 (above). *Comment:* date beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available (Oct 1980).

P-2608. Sample CH III E 3 **1560 ± 190**
 $\delta^{13}C_w = +7.75 \pm 0.19\%$

Cob, stalk, and leaves of *Zea mays* from E 3, earliest occupation level. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date:* AD 410 ± 190. (AAFD): dated to understand origin and antiquity of domesticated corn in South America. Date younger than expected.

*Ecuador***P-2761. Anllulla Sample 3** **4020 ± 220**

Charcoal from shell mound at Anllulla, 30km SW of Guayaquil in Guayas Prov, Ecuador (2° 33' 24" S, 80° 10' 4" W). Sample is from Cut A at 3.1m depth of mound, 4m high, belonging to Valdivia/Machalilla cultures. Should date earliest ceramic phase of Valdivia culture (Meggers, Evans, and Estrada, 1965). Coll and subm 1973 by E H Lubensky, US Embassy, San Salvador. *Comments:* sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date:* 2620 ± 220 bc. (EHL); previous series dated by Inst Physical and Chem Research, Saitama, Japan: N-2907 (0.2 to 0.3m depth), 1420 ± 70; N-2908 (1.8m depth), 3660 ± 95; N-2909 (3.3m depth), 3630 ± 105. N-2909 is from same deposit as P-2761, but from slightly younger level.

II. GEOLOGIC SAMPLES

*Spain***P-2540. Canet Cave** **32,400 + 1980**
- 1600
 $^{13}C_w = +17.80 \pm 0.46\%$

Snail shells (tentatively id as *Tudorella ferruginea*, *Vallonia pulchella*, and *Cryptomphalus asperus*) from Canet Cave, Esporles, Mallorca (39° 39' N, 6° 19' E). Sample is from Trench #4 at 20 to 40cm depth in terra rossa clay above magnetically reversed interval at 1 to 2m depth, thought to be Gothenburg-Laschamp excursion (17,000 to 12,500 yr BP). Coll and subm 1976 by J S Kopper, Dept Sociol and Anthropol, Long

Island Univ, Greenvale, New York. *Comments*: corrected for isotopic fractionation, but no reservoir correction made. Date beyond range of MASCA correction factors now available. (JSK): date helps correlate unique paleomagnetic log from this site and should, on stratigraphic grounds, be 10,000 to 6000 BP; for previous date from Trench #1, see P-2408 (R, 1978, v 19, p 225).

P-2705. Cova dets Alexandres 4070 ± 250

Charcoal from Cova dets Alexandres, Escorca, Mallorca (39° 48' N, 6° 30' E). Sample is from 60 to 70cm level of 6m core in interior facies of cave sediments. Coll and subm 1977 by J S Kopper. *Comments*: sample counted in small counter. *MASCA corrected date*: 2800 to 2690 ± 260 BC. (JSK): dated as part of reconstruction of Upper Pleistocene-Holocene magnetic history and may correlate with adjacent paleomagnetic log, in which case "Magnetic Age" at 60cm should be ca 3500 yr BP (Kopper and Creer, 1973).

United States

New Jersey

P-2722. Ocean City Sewer Outfall, Sample 3 $^{13}C_w = +0.89 \pm 0.09\%$ 4650 ± 70

Peat from ca 4.15m depth of Core 9 at ca 9m below modern sea level in sewer outfall ca 3000m E of 46th St, Ocean City, New Jersey (39° 17' N, 74° 33' W), on line S 48° 32' 0" E in corridor ca 30m S of that line. Coll and subm 1977 by Barbara Liggett, Rutgers Univ, New Brunswick, New Jersey. *Comments*: *MASCA corrected date*: 3470 to 3430, 3400 ± 80 BC. (BL): sample dated as part of off-shore environmental project.

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