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MEMO RE: Egypt/Sphinx Project  
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I. Work accomplished:

A. Area (pit) surrounding the Sphinx cleared to bedrock for first time in 40 years. (This was necessary for accurate resistivity survey.) The sand was carried basket full at a time by some 30 men moving a continuous line. The rubber baskets were made of old truck tires:

B. One meter grid resistivity study of complete Sphinx area, Sphinx temple and Zahi's mound.

C. Acoustical survey of "hot" areas around Sphinx and in Sphinx temple.

D. Drilling:

1. Two holes to a depth of several meters were drilled in Sphinx Temple in front of Sphinx. Only small anomalies were found.

2. One hole was drilled in north-east corner of Sphinx pit where large anomaly showed. Very porous ground was observed (thru borescope).

3. One hole was drilled (causing much concern on part of Antiquities Department officials) at an angle under the right paw of Sphinx thru anomalies shown by both resistivity and acoustical survey.

E. The borescope was used on three holes (camera, light, mirrors) showing detailed magnified pictures of holes composition. We saw two of these on TV camera with comments. No large holes or passageways were observed.

II. Work continuing:

A. Mark Lehner will continue to:

1. Have shaft (B) on the back of the body of the Sphinx cleaned and observed (by lowering himself into the shaft)



and clearing a shaft in back of the head; and by removing and examining hollow in rump of Sphinx behind a set-in block of original limestone (D).

2. Continue excavation of a shaft at north wall (C) of Sphinx area (this may be a tomb or some other type of unexcavated shaft).

3. Continue examination and removal of strange looking inset blocks in the Sphinx temple (some of these are most interesting). This is directly in front of Sphinx.

4. Supervise, if Zahi agrees, the removal of sand down to bedrock in front of Sphinx Temple (F). (This has been recommended to Zahi Hawwass by well known archaeologist.)

5. Continue excavation, just getting underway, of 3 large areas (down to bedrock) on the mound to the front and north-east of Sphinx. This was noted in previous memo's as Zahi's mound (already financed).

6. It is planned to drill laterally from the Sphinx Temple wall all the way back under the right paw to the body of the Sphinx (E).

### III. Comments:

A. Cooperation and friendliness of Antiquities Department of Egypt.

From the moment the public relations representative of the Antiquities Department smoothed the way thru customs on arrival in Cairo, to the friendly but unscheduled farewell of the same officials on leaving, every representative, inspector and workman (workers, guards, drivers, etc.) were helpful and friendly.

Zahi Hawwass, though unbelievable busy, could not have been more gracious - from tea at his rest home, a trip to solar boat with Ahmed Yousseff (who put the boat together), to lunches, visits to the Sphinx site and in many other casual meetings.

B. Meticulous is the word for the work of the S.R.I. team, but closely after that warmth and friendliness are words which would characterize their attitude. From Lambert Dolphin, the project leader, and including every person on their team we cannot speak too highly. You will be receiving a complete copy of their scientific report which will include all of their names.

C. Recovery Systems International (R.S.I.)

This group of mining and drilling experts were continuously friendly and cooperative. Headed by Kent Wakefield and his son



Hugh, this group will be doing a great deal, I think, for Egypt. Our project around the Sphinx was only a small part of their's and S.R.I.'s work in Egypt.

D. The filming of the work at Gizah (including our Sphinx work) was handled untiringly by Betty and Don Weichec, assisted by Carter Lord. During the last week of our almost one month stay, Ivan Dryer, wife and friends were on hand to give direction and structure to the film being put together on "The Search."

E. Our man in Egypt - Mark Lehner.

This gentleman needs your prayer and constructive thought. He is carrying a heavy work load, and a heavier load of tension as he balances and blends: the supervision of 75 workers clearing sand at Sphinx, Great Pyramid and Chephren(second pyramid); supervise the work on Zahi's mound and consults with Zahi; supervises new discoveries of shafts in Sphinx area; continues careful journal and photographs reports of each step; talks with visiting archaeologist; and once in a great while says hello to his lovely wife Suzanne and energetic year old son.

Keep him in your hearts and mind. He is the key to our search.

#### IV. The future?

I'll be returning to Egypt on the 11th of April, which is as soon as I can clear pressing items on my conference, lecture schedule and before the summer begins.

We will need to touch base with Mark on his study of the body of the Sphinx, the shaft in the north wall, the strange blocks in the Sphinx temple, the sand removal in front of the Temple and progress on Zahi's mound. You will get another report then.

#### V. Conclusion

Are you disappointed that we didn't bring back an Atlantian artifact? Did you really think it would be that easy?

The search has just begun.

Ann and Arch Ogden (President of the Edgar Cayce Foundation) preceeded me by five days (February 10). Arch was able to observe and film the test drilling for the Antiquities Department.

Ursula and Joseph Jahoda, who helped negotiate the S.R.I. contract, came with me and stayed one week. On returning to the U.S. Joe called me every other morning with words of encouragement.



Matthew McCauley, whose Canadian Foundation made a substantial contribution to the project, arrived on February 17. His friendship with Mark and other members of our party, as well as his knowledge of electronics, proved helpful.

Ann and Arch had been holding regular morning meditation and prayer periods. A number of us joined them.

Madge and Albert Doss, long time A.R.E. members, came in for a two week period and visited the site on several occasions with Albert's gracious sister Lily, known to many A.R.E. tour groups. Lily and Albert Doss are Egyptians through whom we have met many outstanding Egyptian Egyptologists.

Lily, Madge and Albert entertained us in Lily's garden apartment with a beautiful dinner. S.R.E., R.S.I. and our entire group with many of Doss relatives, Zahi Hawwas and other well known Egyptians attended.

Another highlight of the project trip was the S.R.I., R.S.I. and Walter Newman (art patron from San Francisco) banquet for the Egyptian Minister of Culture with other important Egyptians present, including members of the Antiquities Department. We attended.

Mohammed Fayed, Ahmed's father, was as usual indispensably helpful to the S.R.I. and drilling crew. He and his family insisted on our small group (Ann, Arch, Mark and I) coming for a beautiful and bountiful Egyptian dinner. Mark speaks of Mohammed as one of the most knowledgeable amateur Egyptologists in the country.

Hotel accommodations in Cairo were impossible. We clung to our rooms day by day.



- A. Two inch holes that have been drilled
- B. 2 shafts to cleared and investigated
- C. Unidentified shaft being excavated
- D. Stone to be removed and investigated
- E. Lateral drilling to be done
- F. Sand to be removed to bedrock
- G. Zahi's mound to be excavated

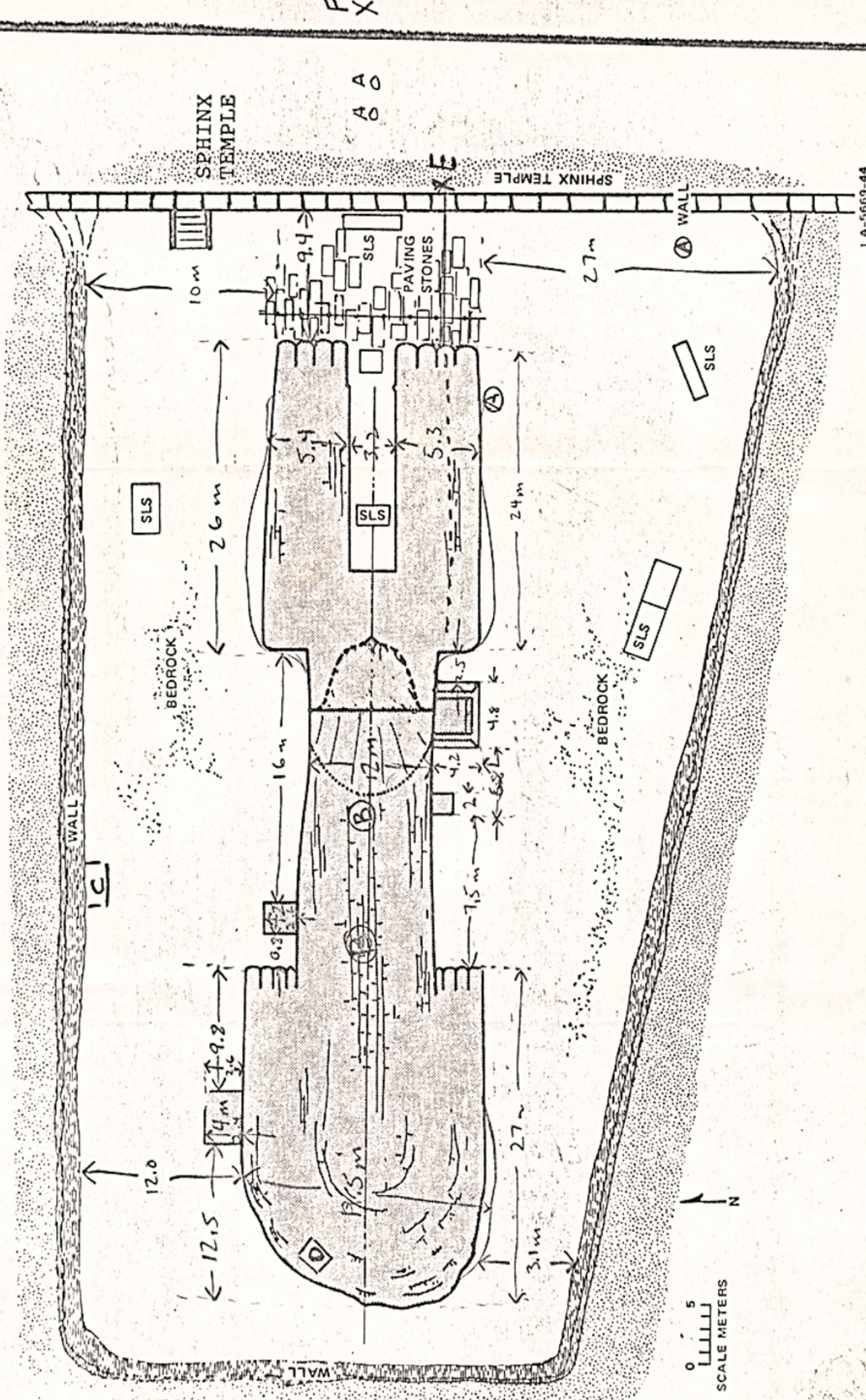


FIGURE 47 LOCATION OF RESISTIVITY TRAVERSES AROUND THE SPHINX

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