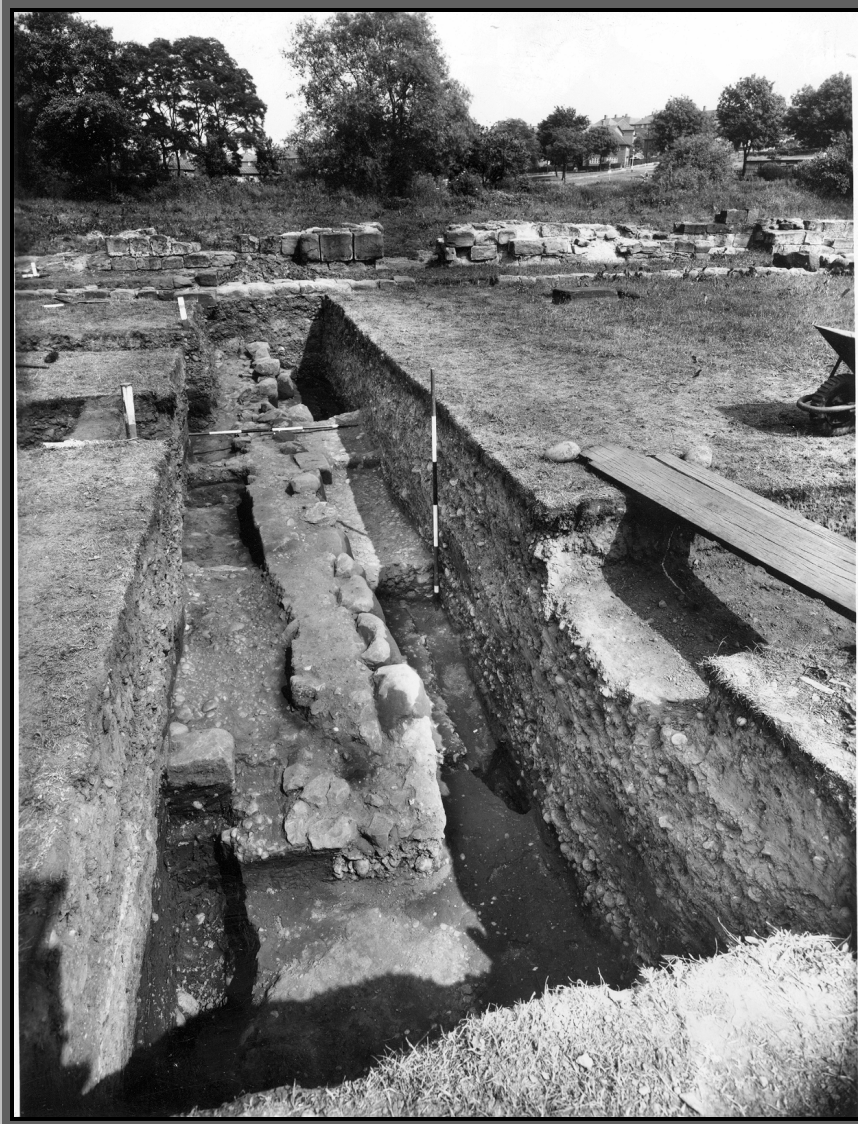


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3.1 The Trenches



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An Archaeological Overview of Weoley Castle, Birmingham

Summary

Weoley Castle is a fortified, medieval manor-house situated four miles to the southwest of Birmingham city centre in the historic county of Worcestershire (National Grid Reference SP 02158275). The site entered into the ownership of Birmingham City Council in c.1930 and thereafter two campaigns of archaeological excavation were undertaken; between 1932 and 1940 and 1955 and 1962. More recently the site has been subject to an ambitious initiative, “*The Weoley Castle Development Project*”, joint funded by Birmingham City Council, The National Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage. The aims of the project were to consolidate the surviving masonry, to increase community understanding of and involvement with the monument and to re-assess the finds collection and surviving archaeological archive. The following reports form the third strand of the initiative, “*An Archaeological Overview of Weoley Castle, Birmingham*”. The project was undertaken by Barbican Research Associates, managed by Stephanie Rátkai and monitored by Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery and was submitted in final form in August 2011, consisting of a series of reports on the archaeological archive, the ceramic finds and the small (portable) finds etc. The reports were presented in PDF format and will be available on-line, hosted by BRA (see www.barbicanra.co.uk for links). Hard and digital copies of the reports will be held by BMAG at selected museum properties. It is intended that the reports will form the basis for a synthesised monograph publication intended to bring knowledge of this important monument and the results of its past excavations to a wider audience.



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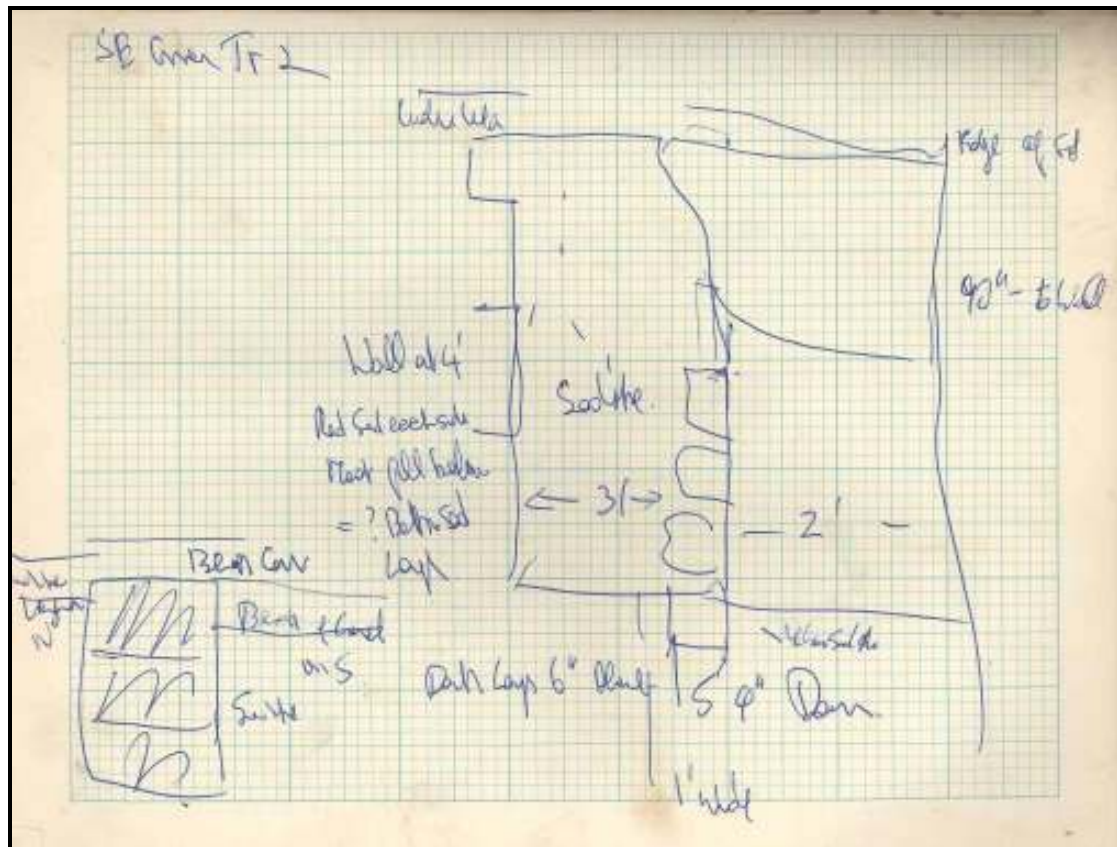
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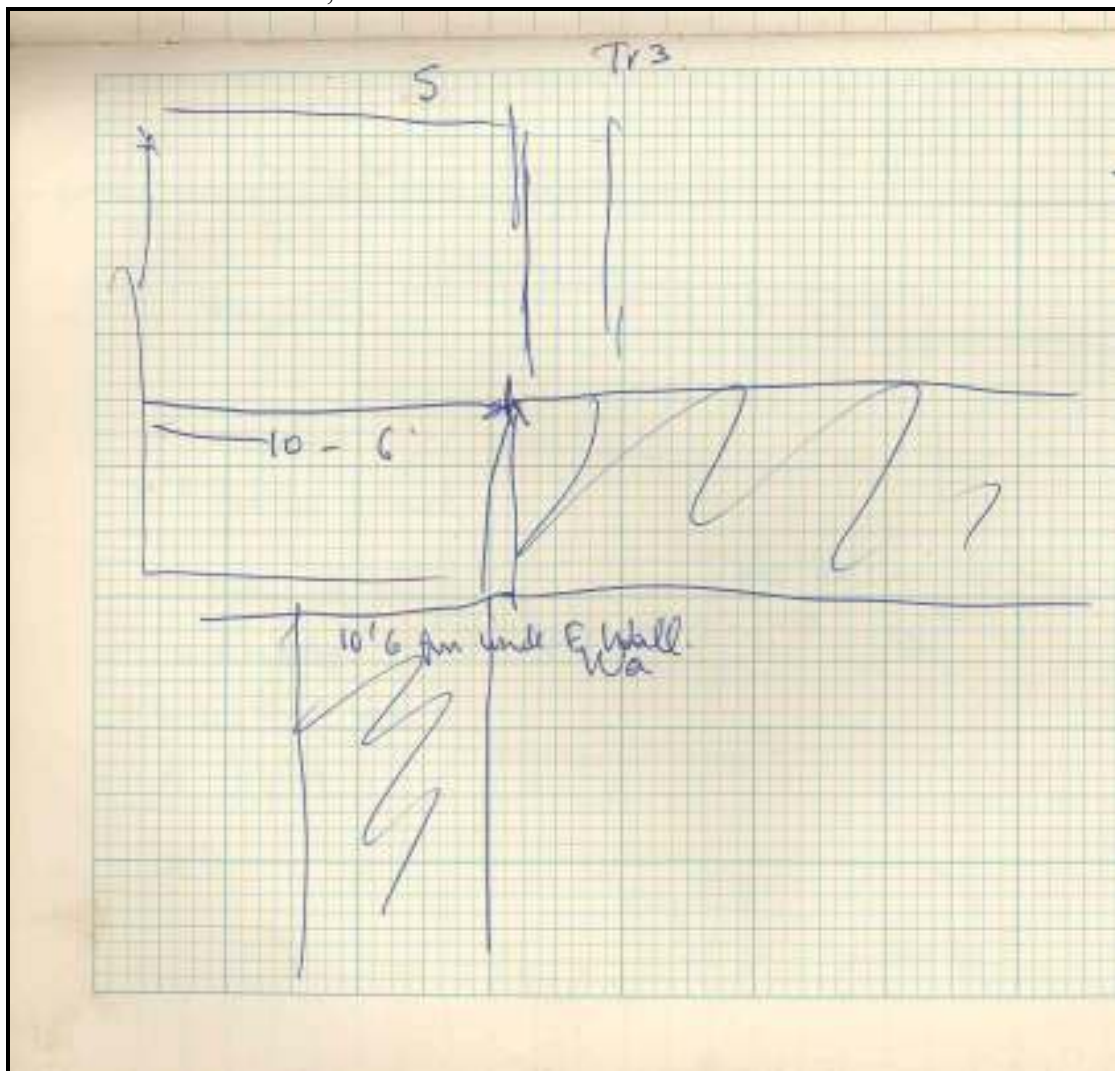
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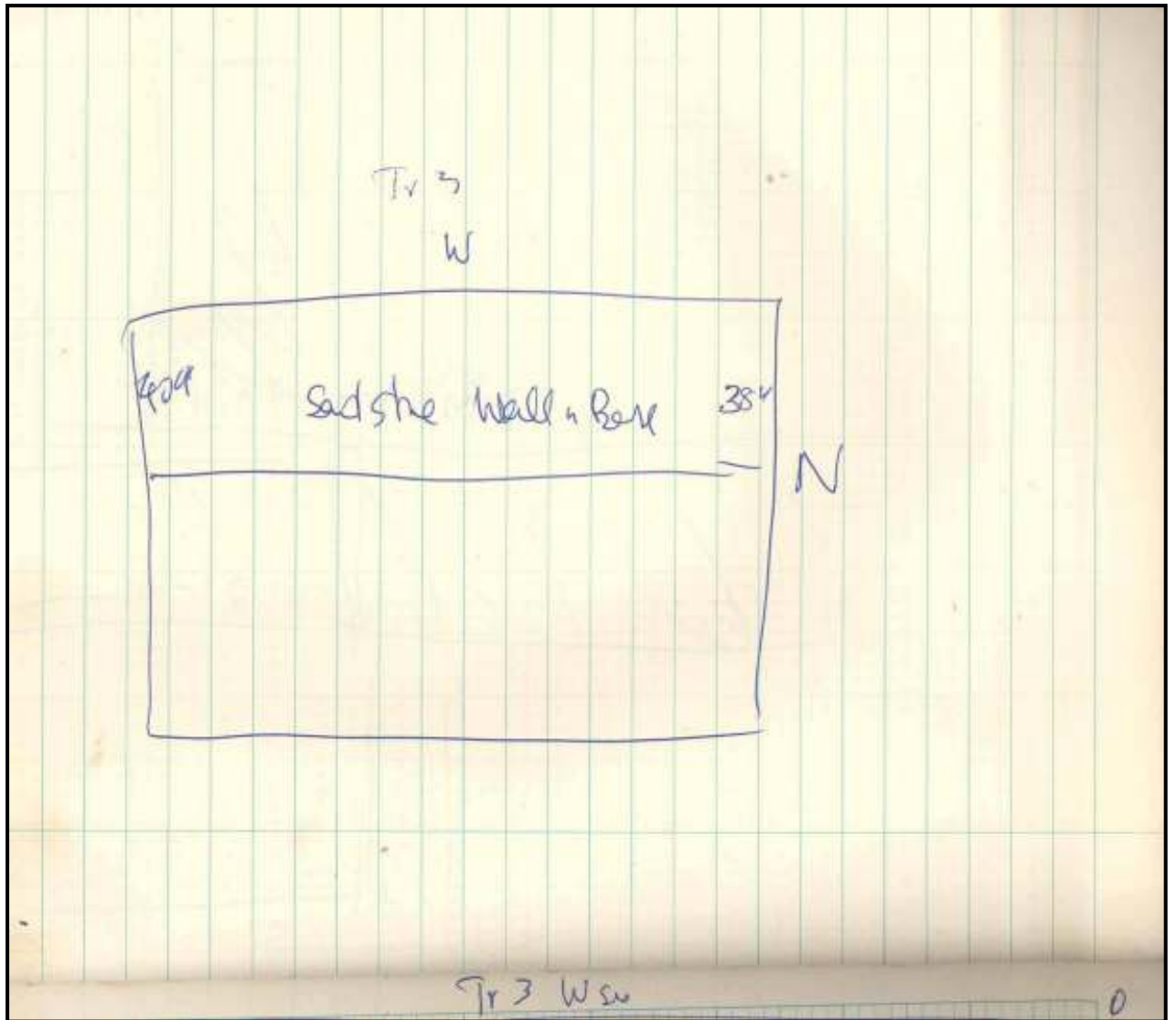
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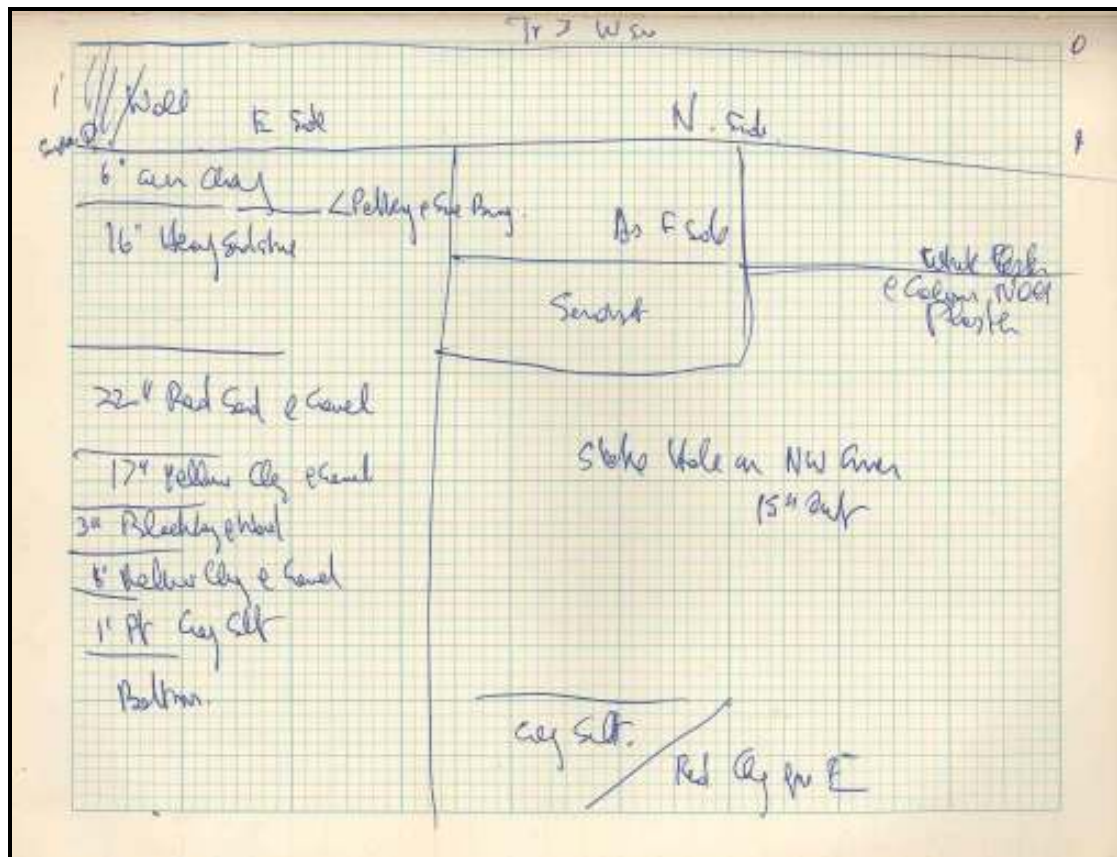
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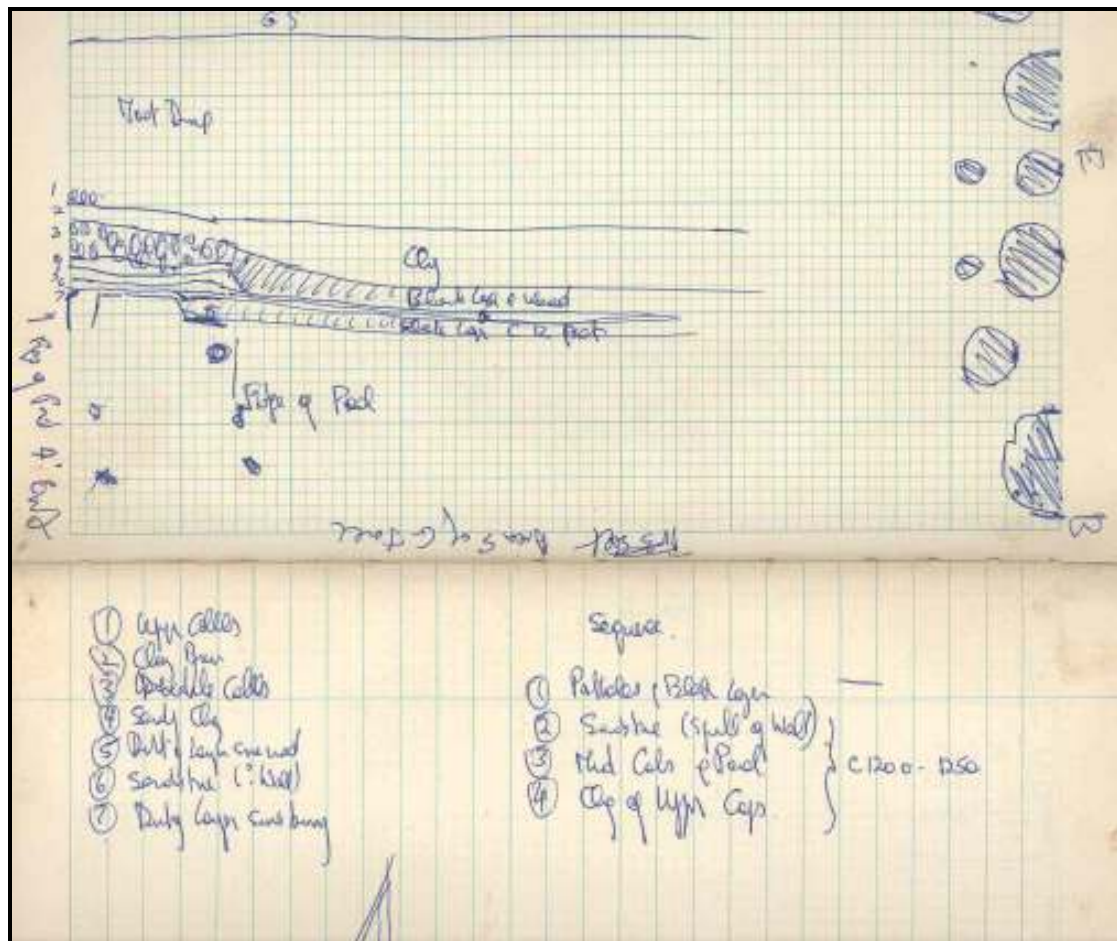
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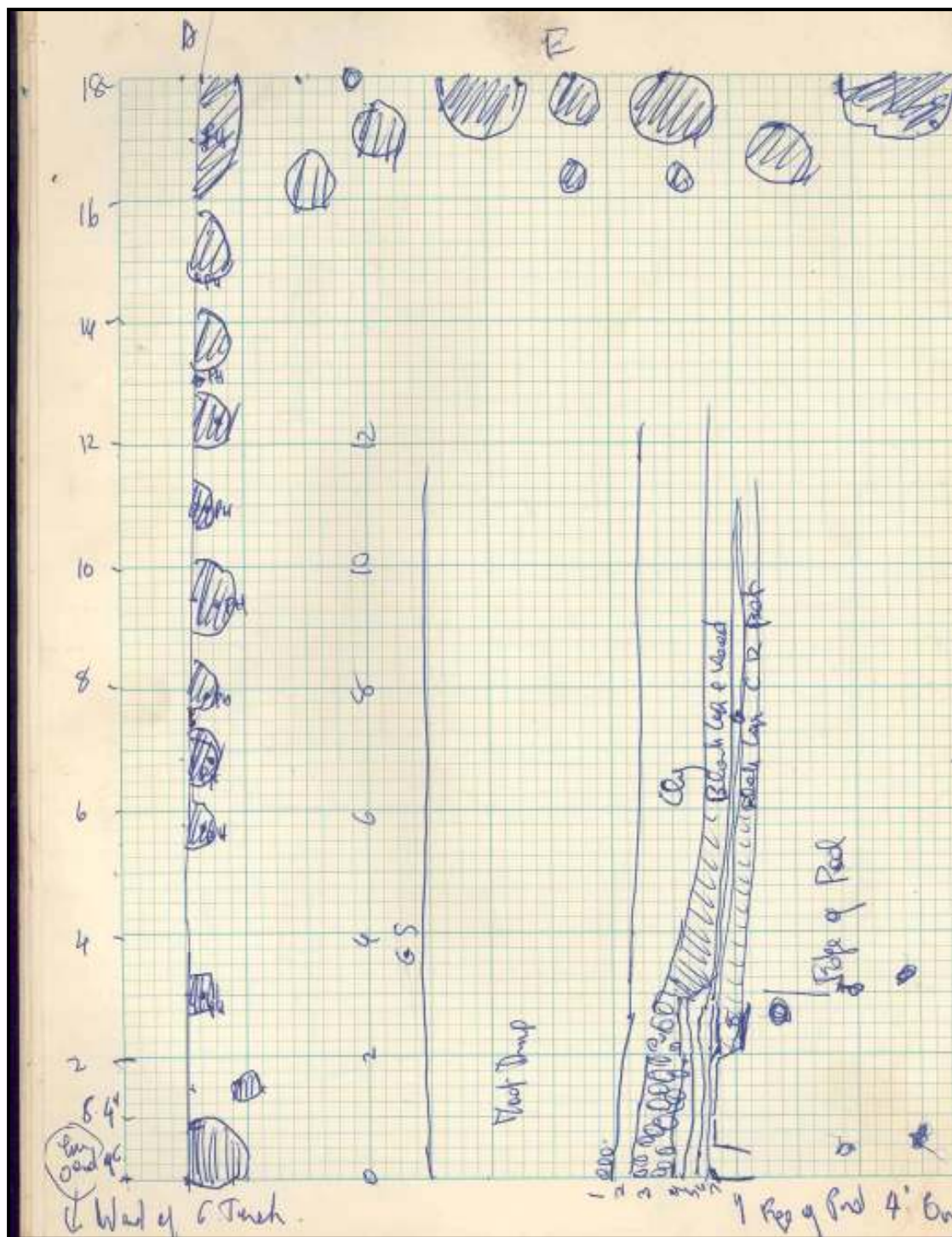
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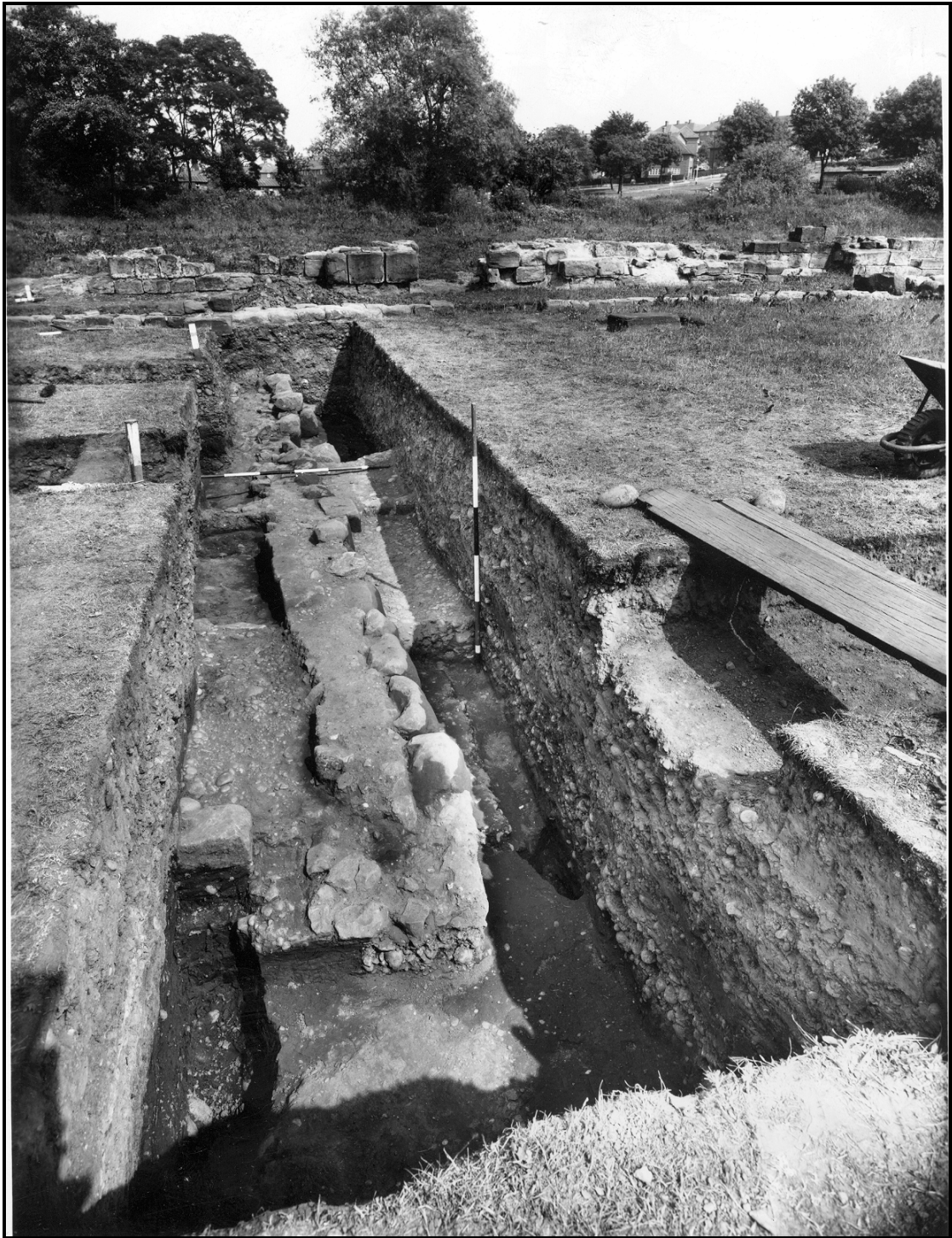
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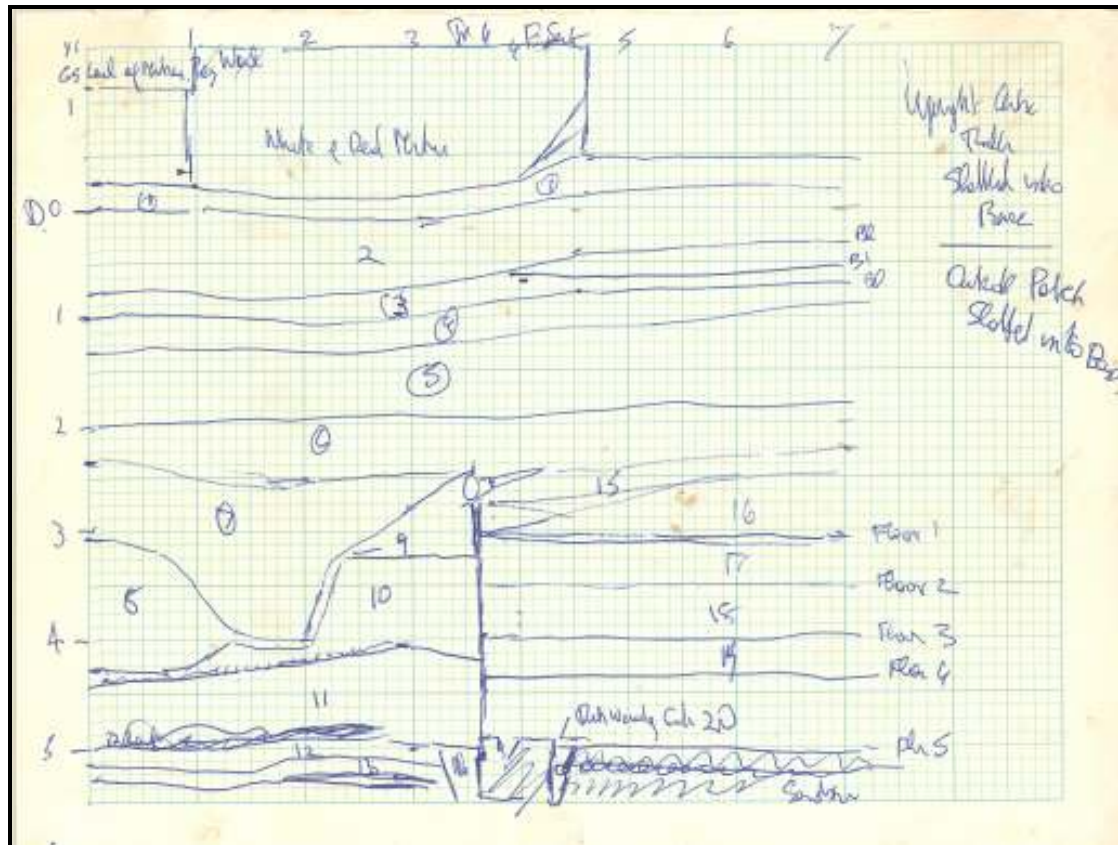


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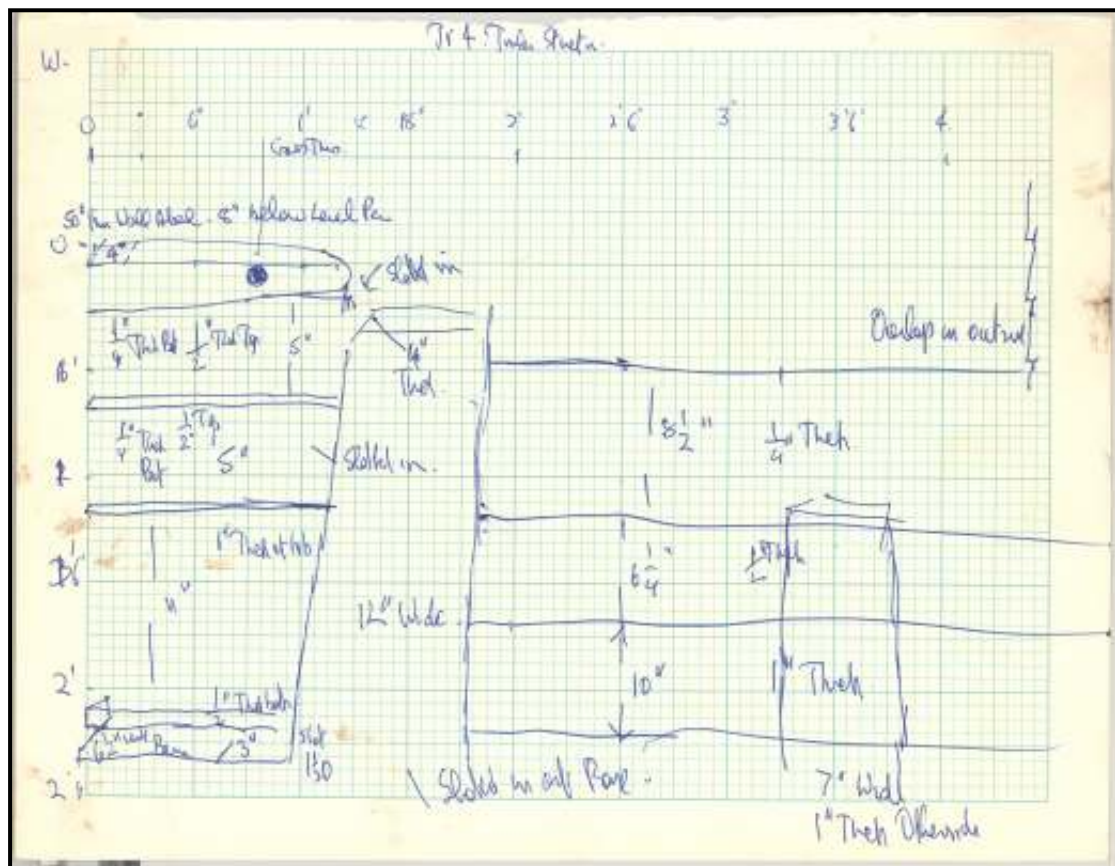


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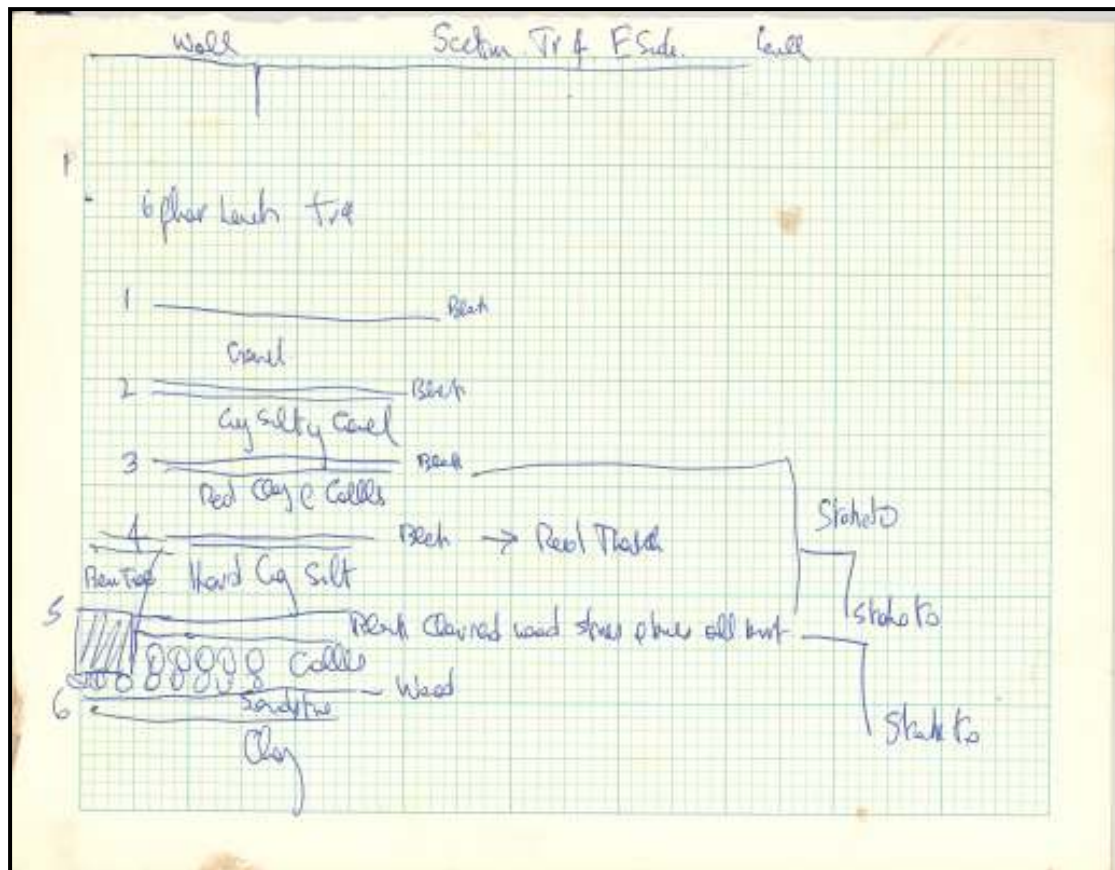
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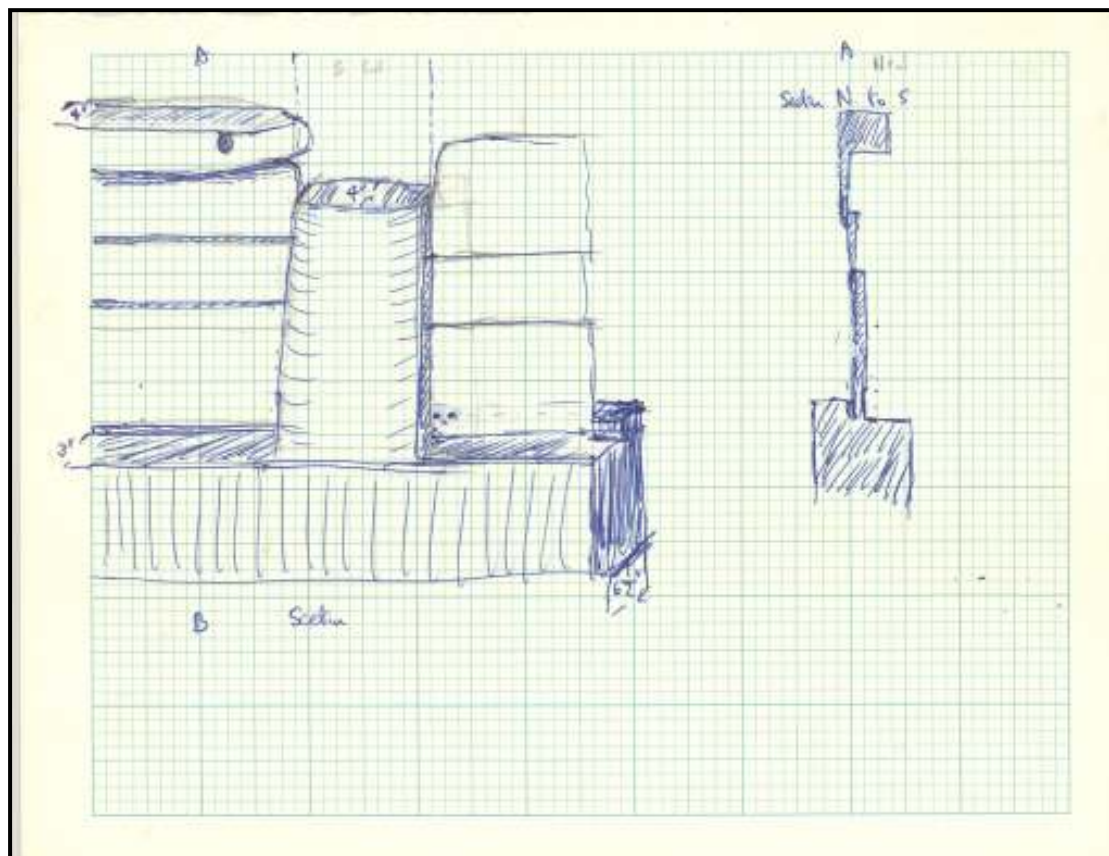
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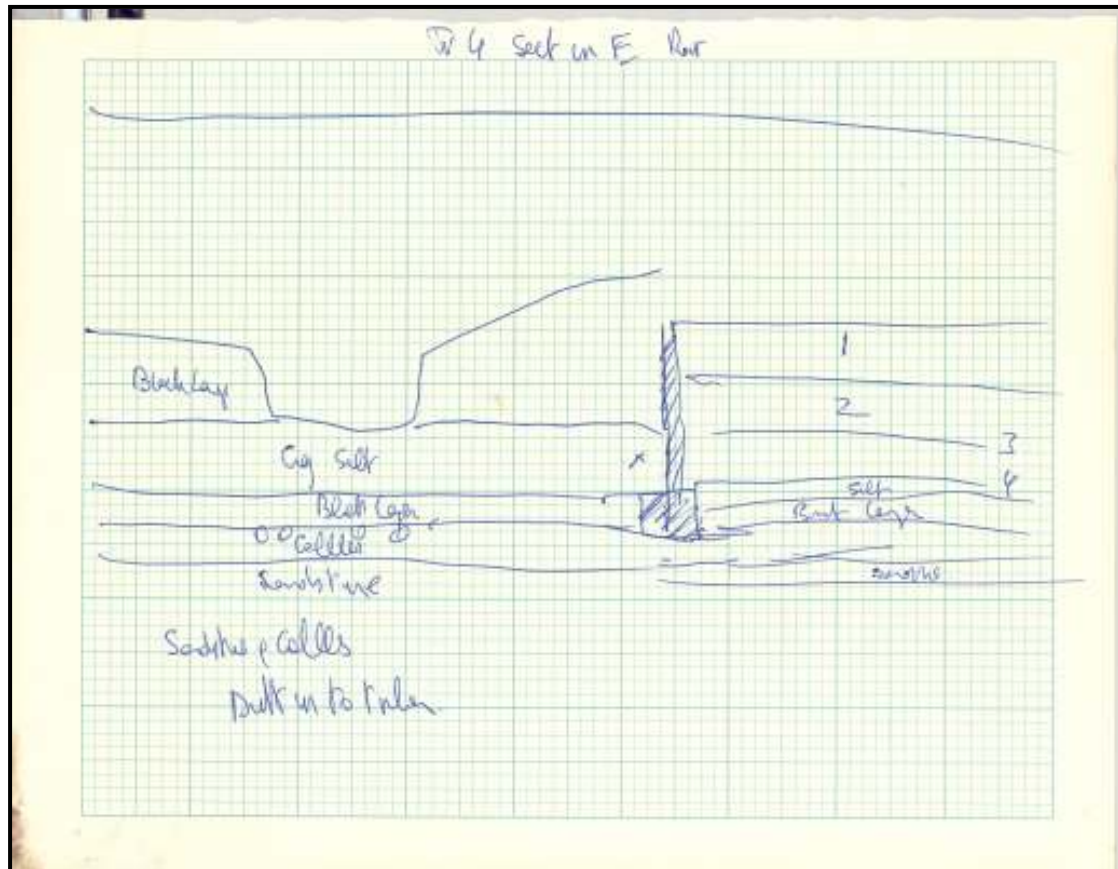
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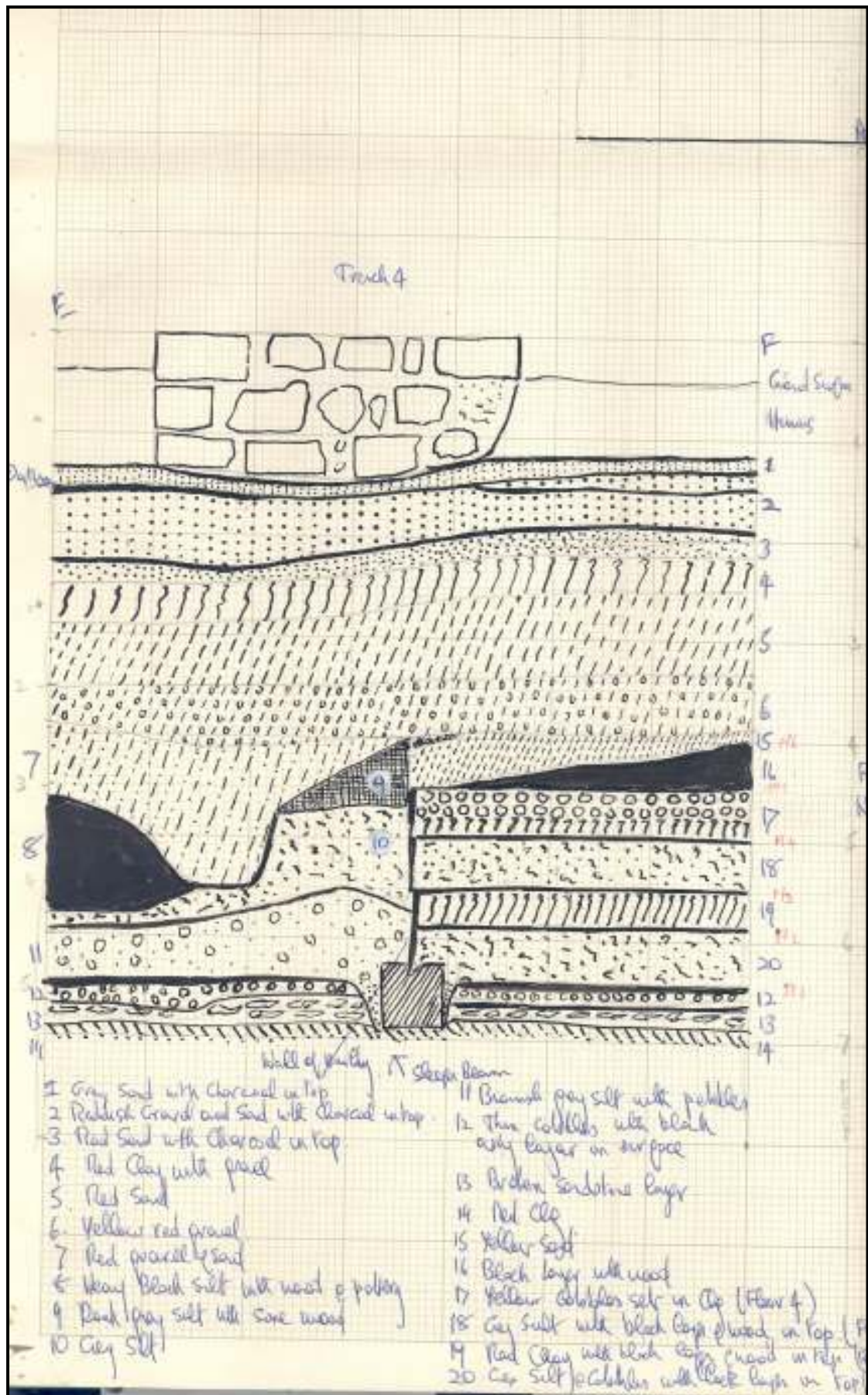
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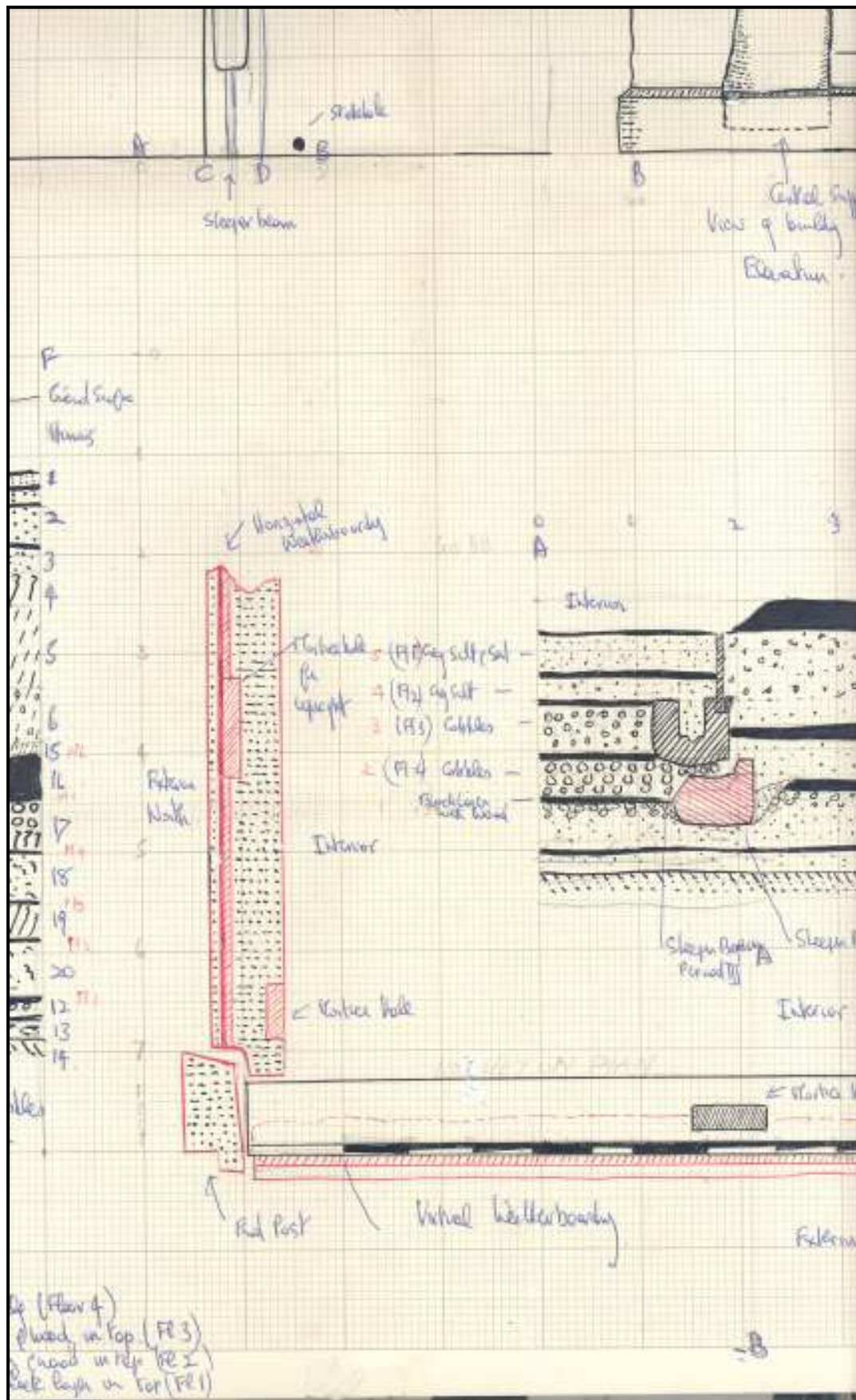


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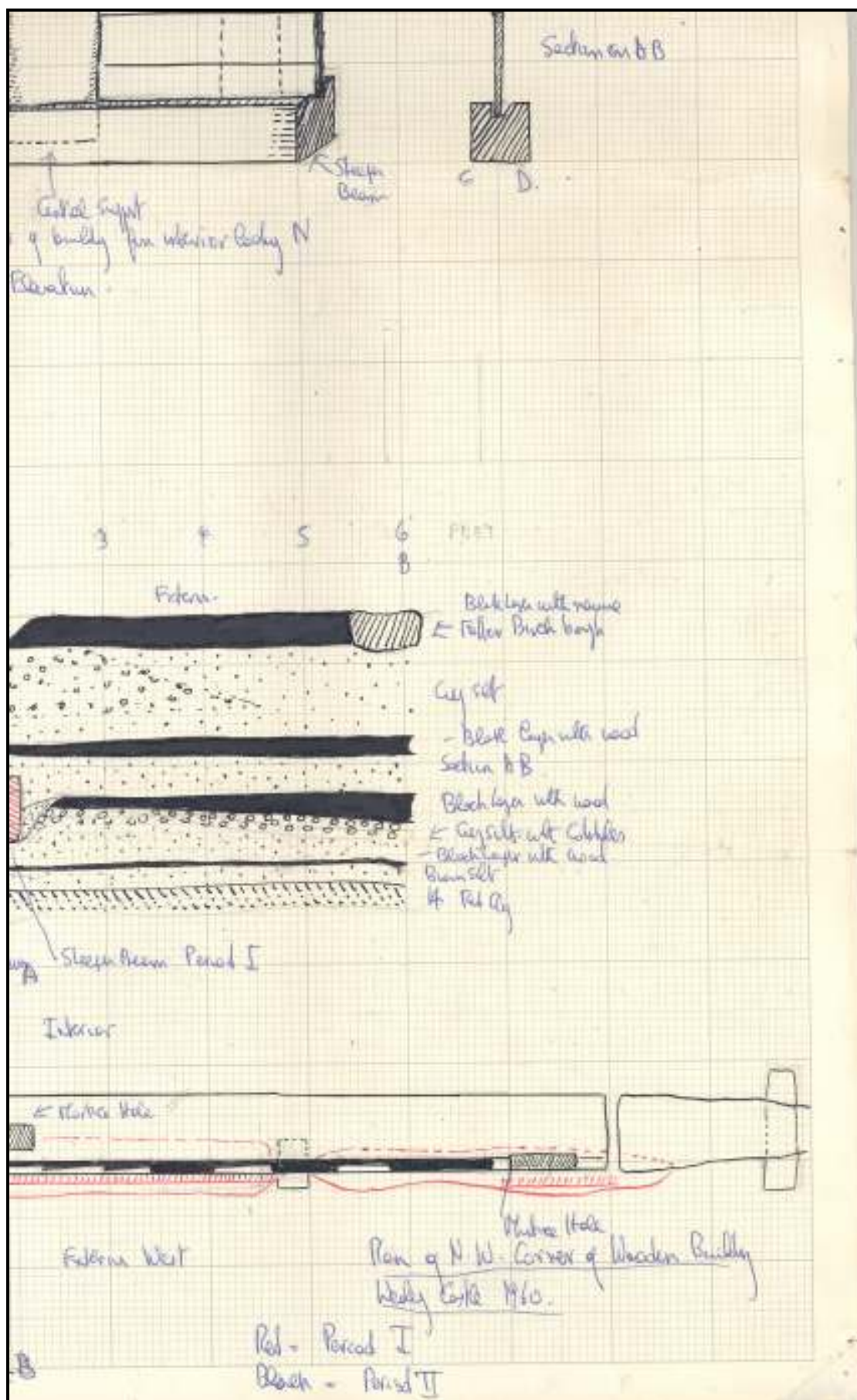


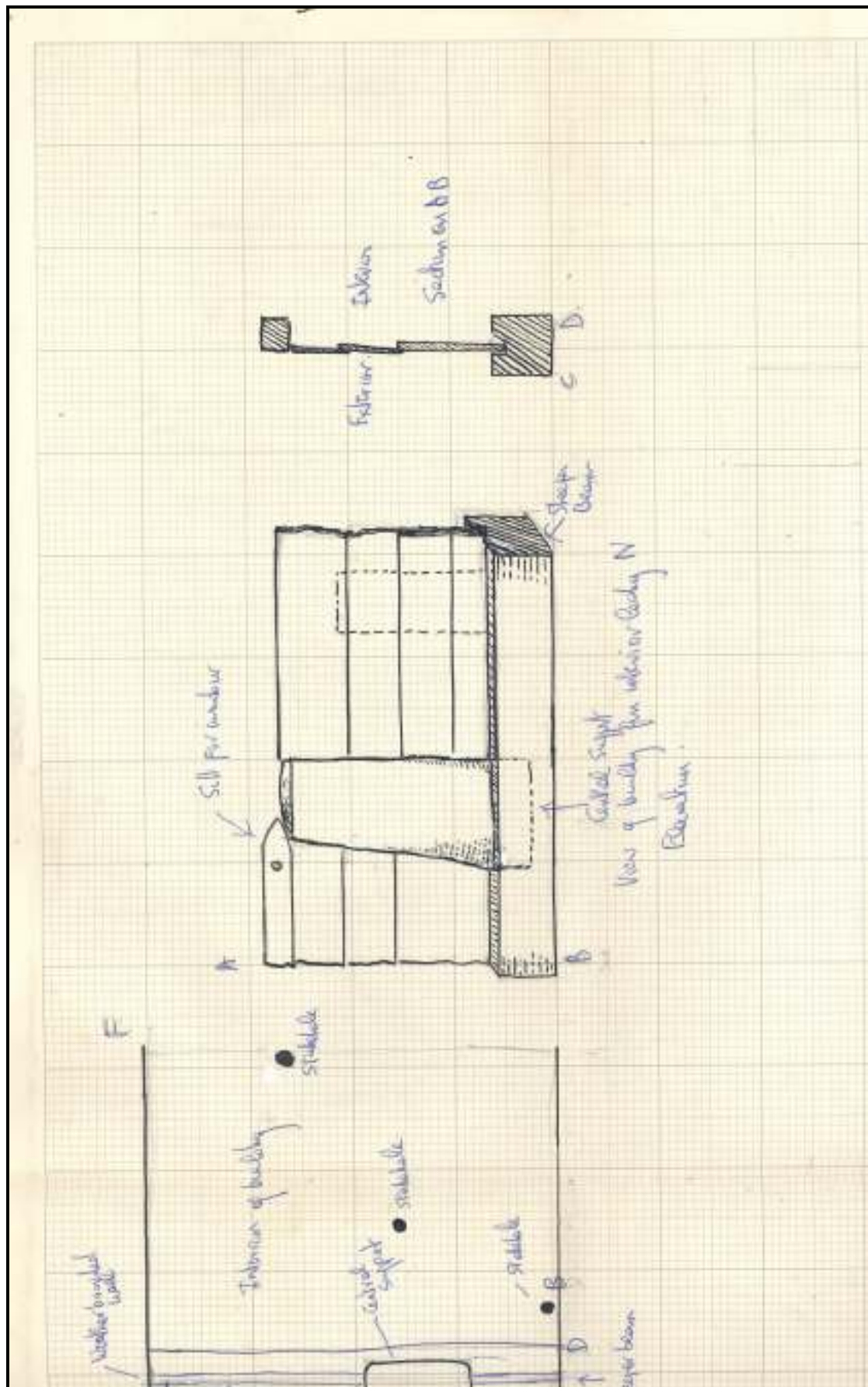
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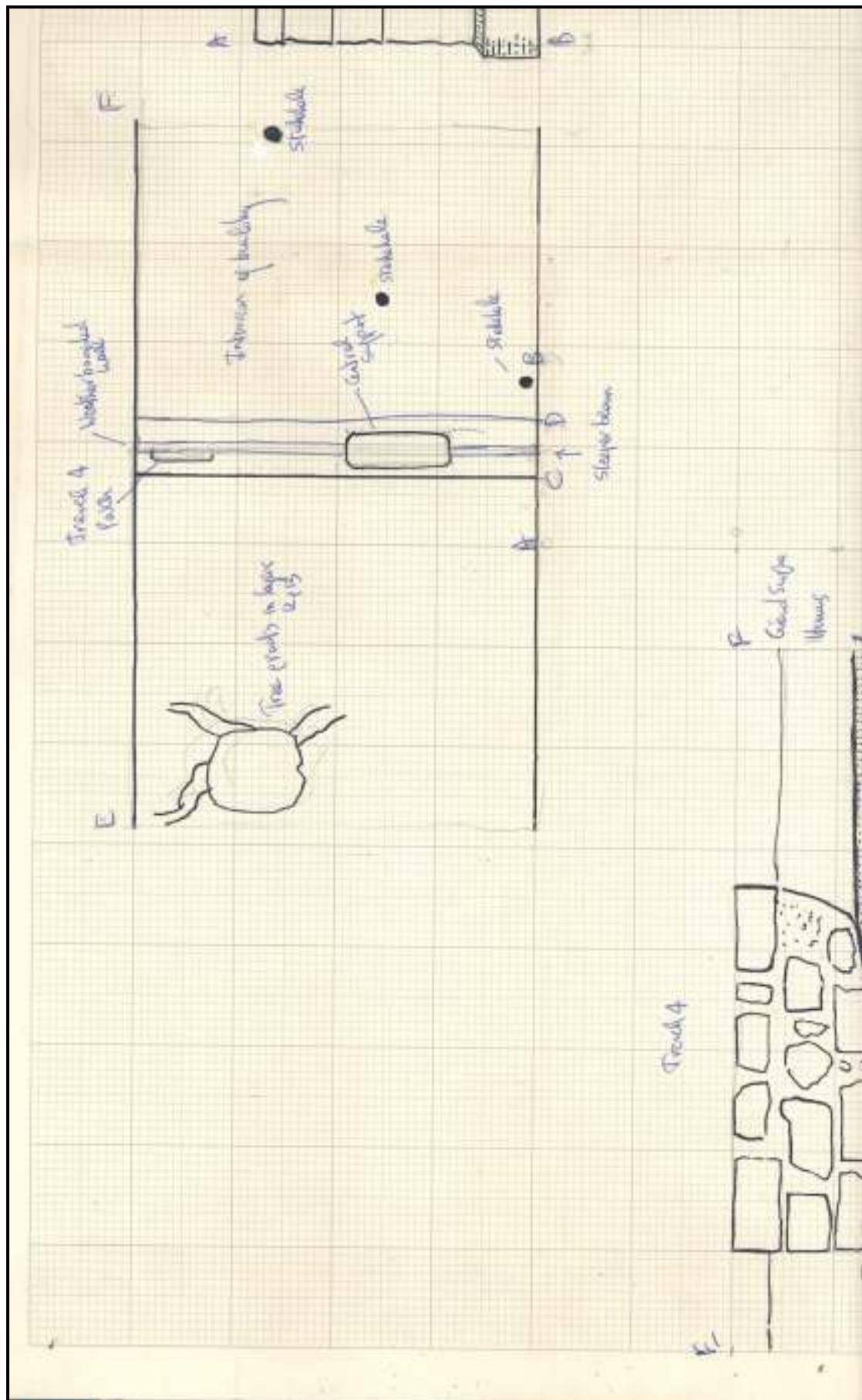


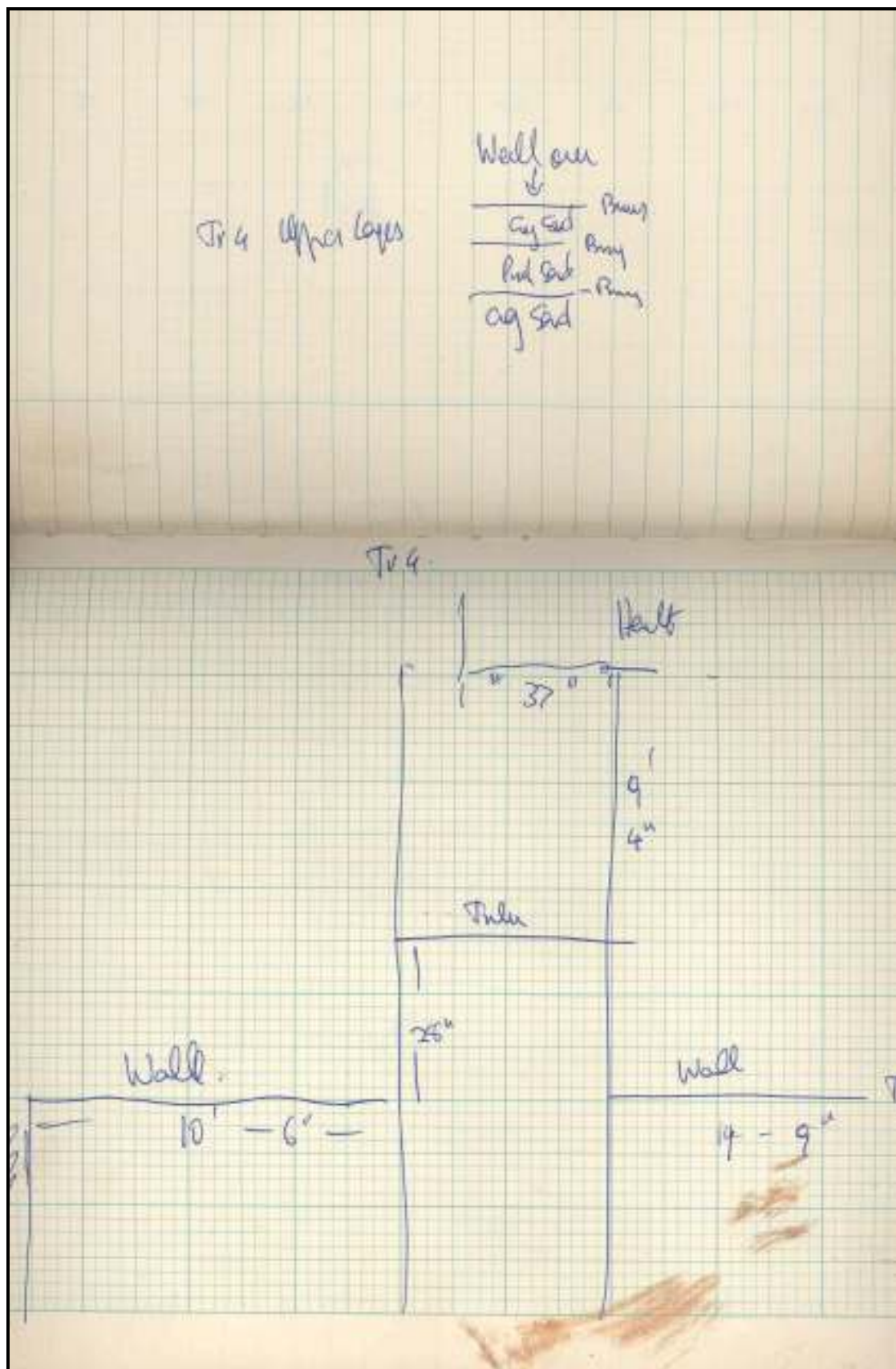
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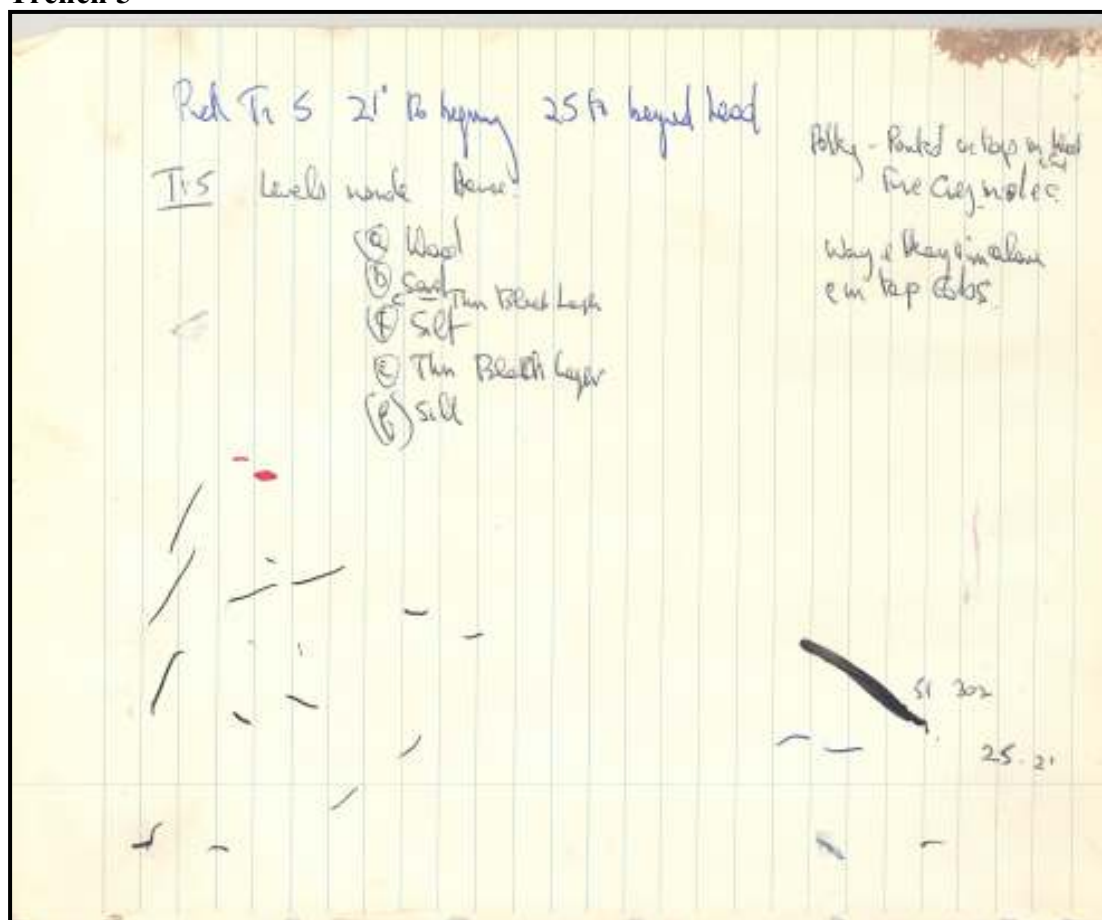
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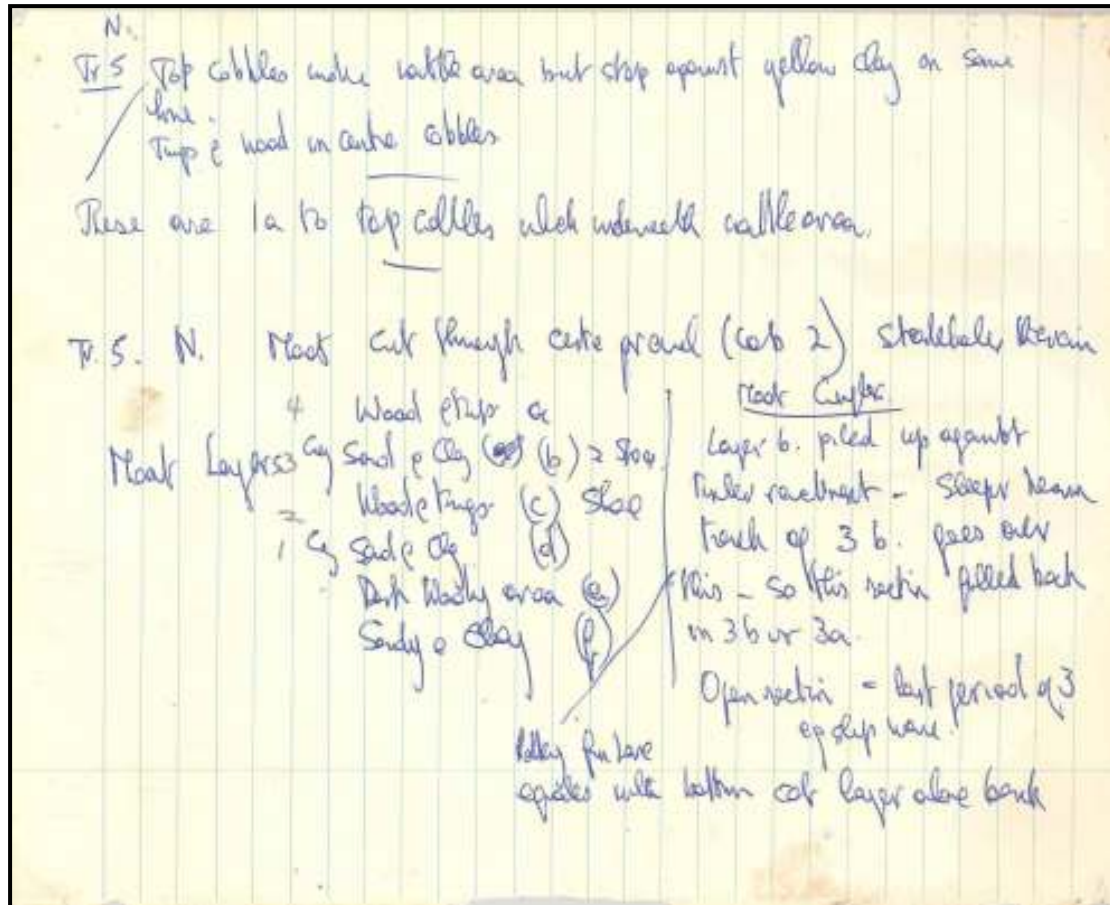


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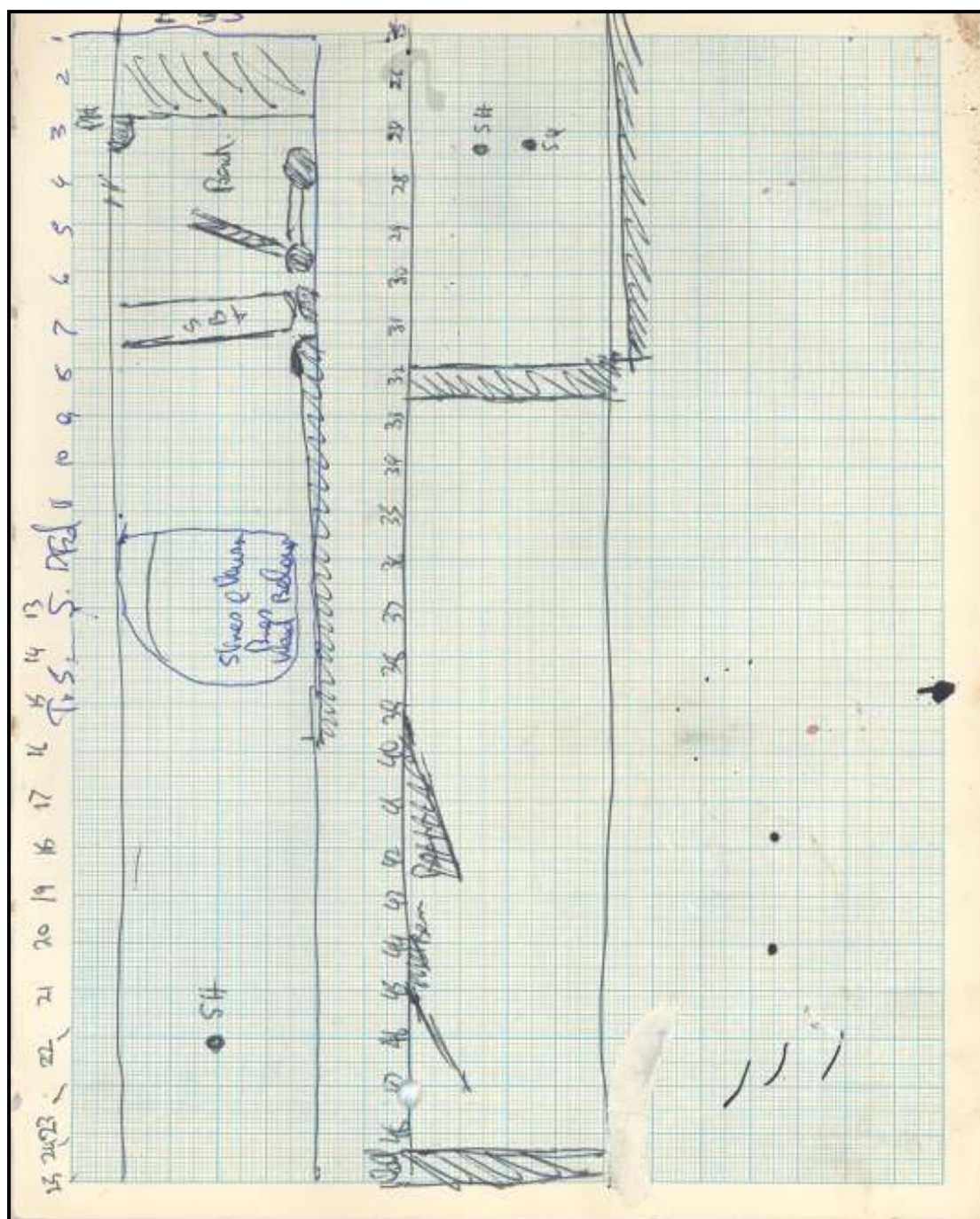
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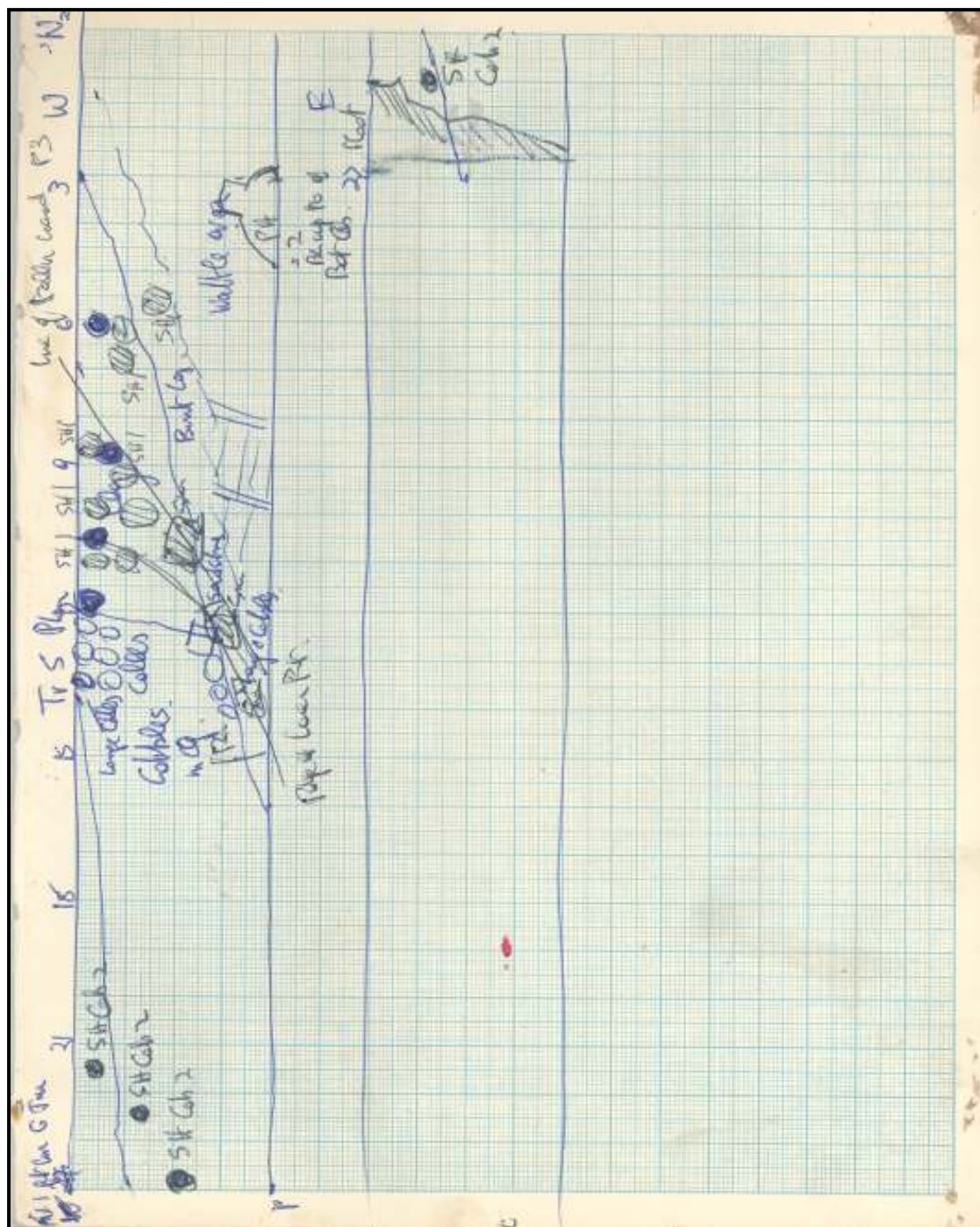
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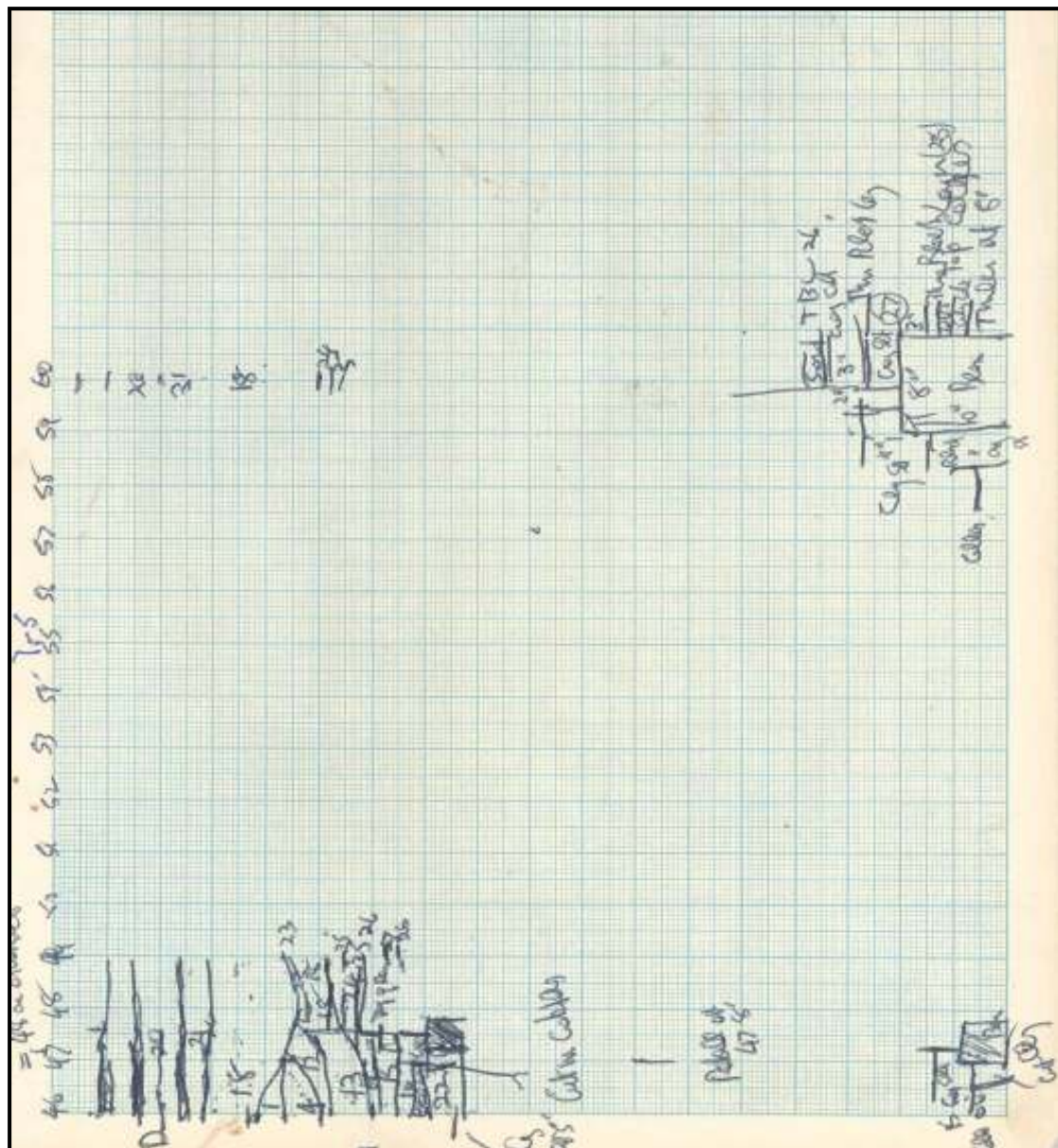


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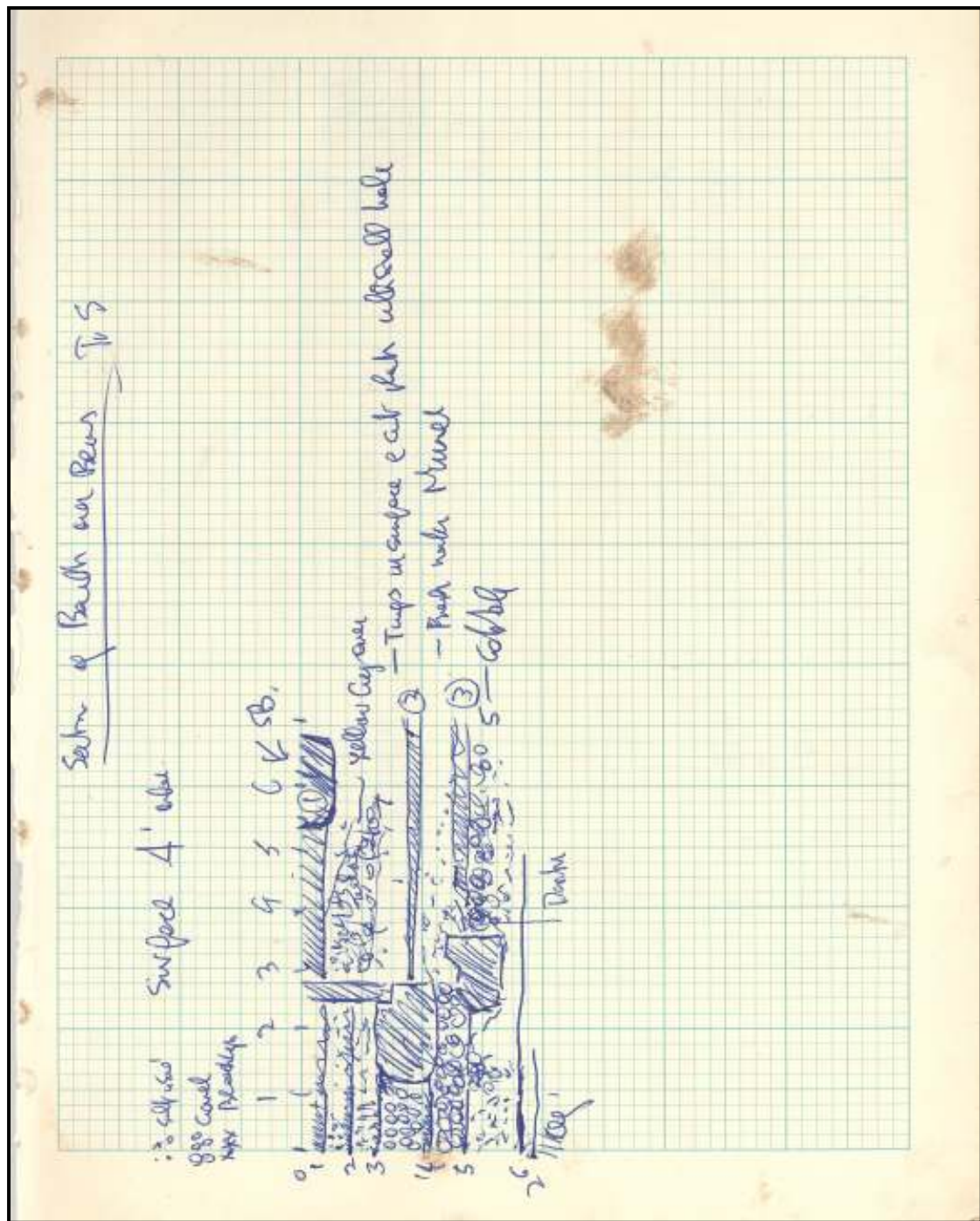


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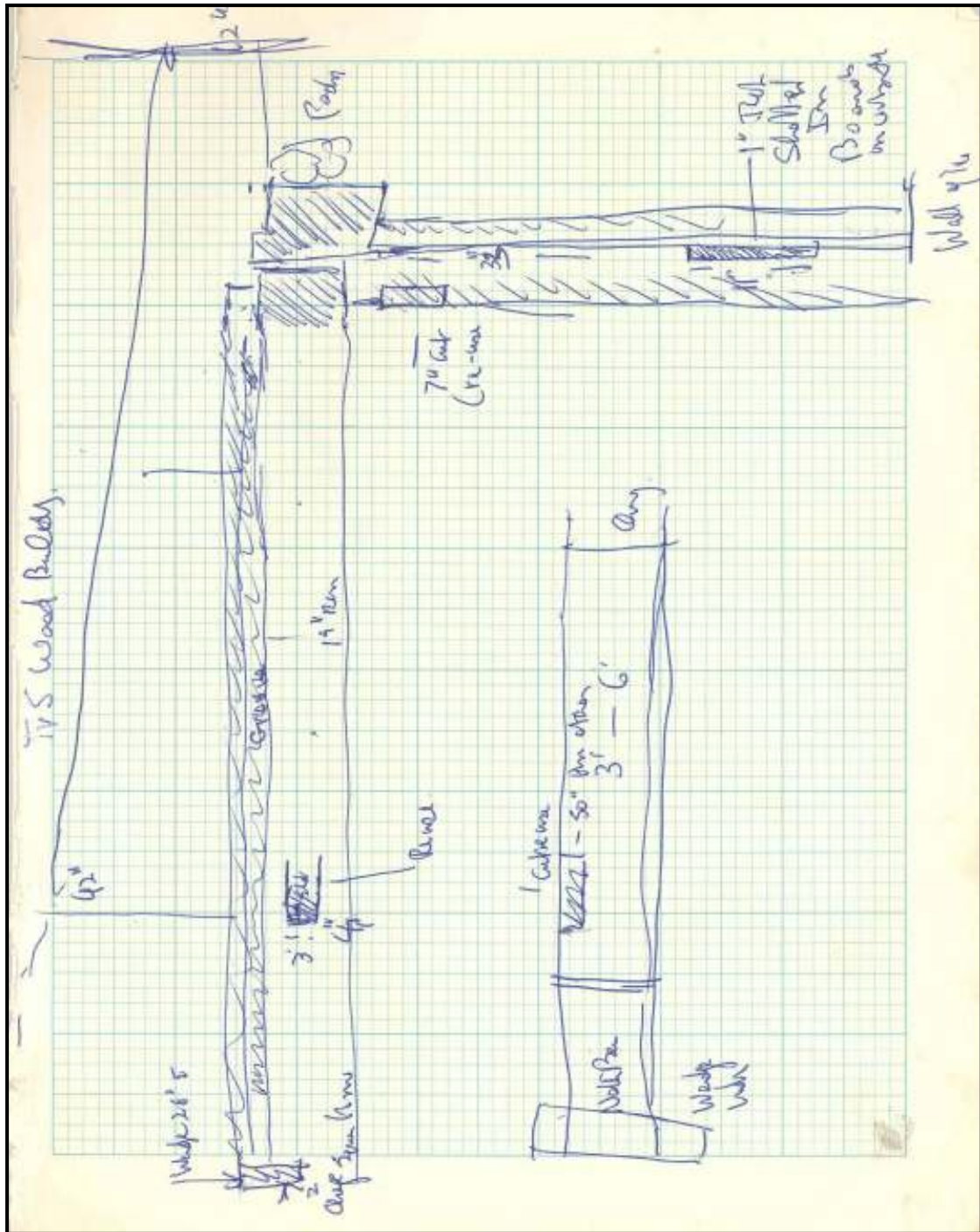




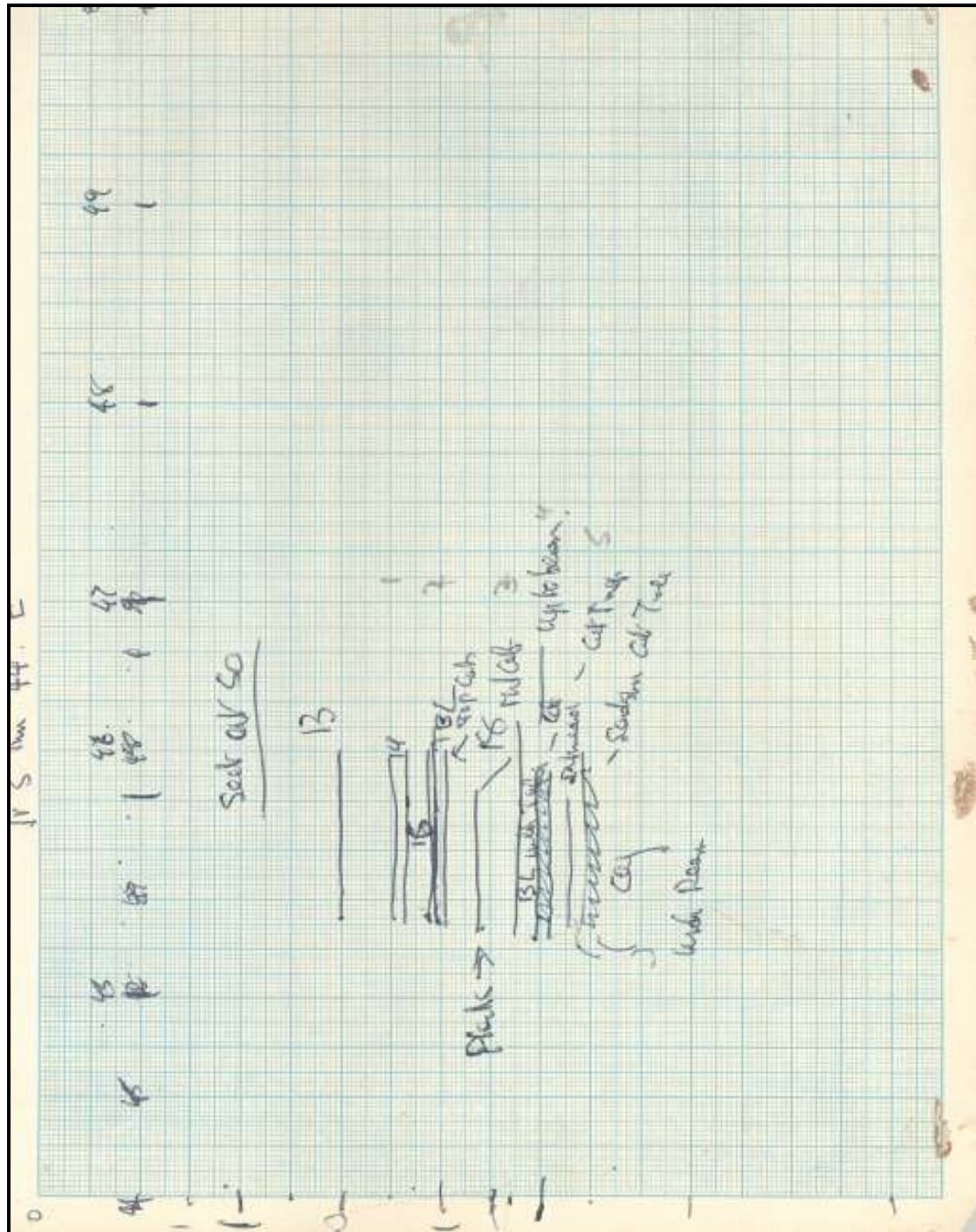
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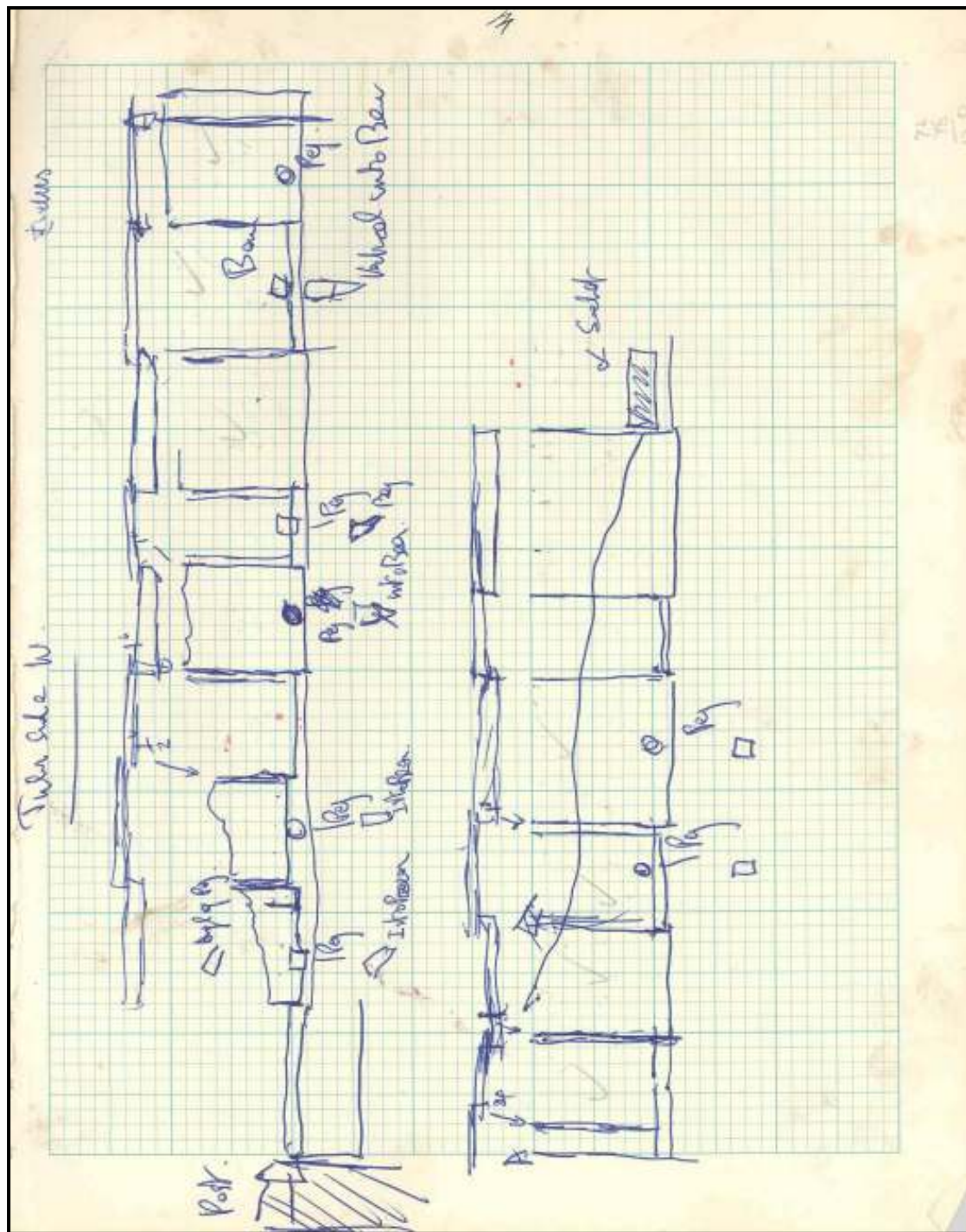


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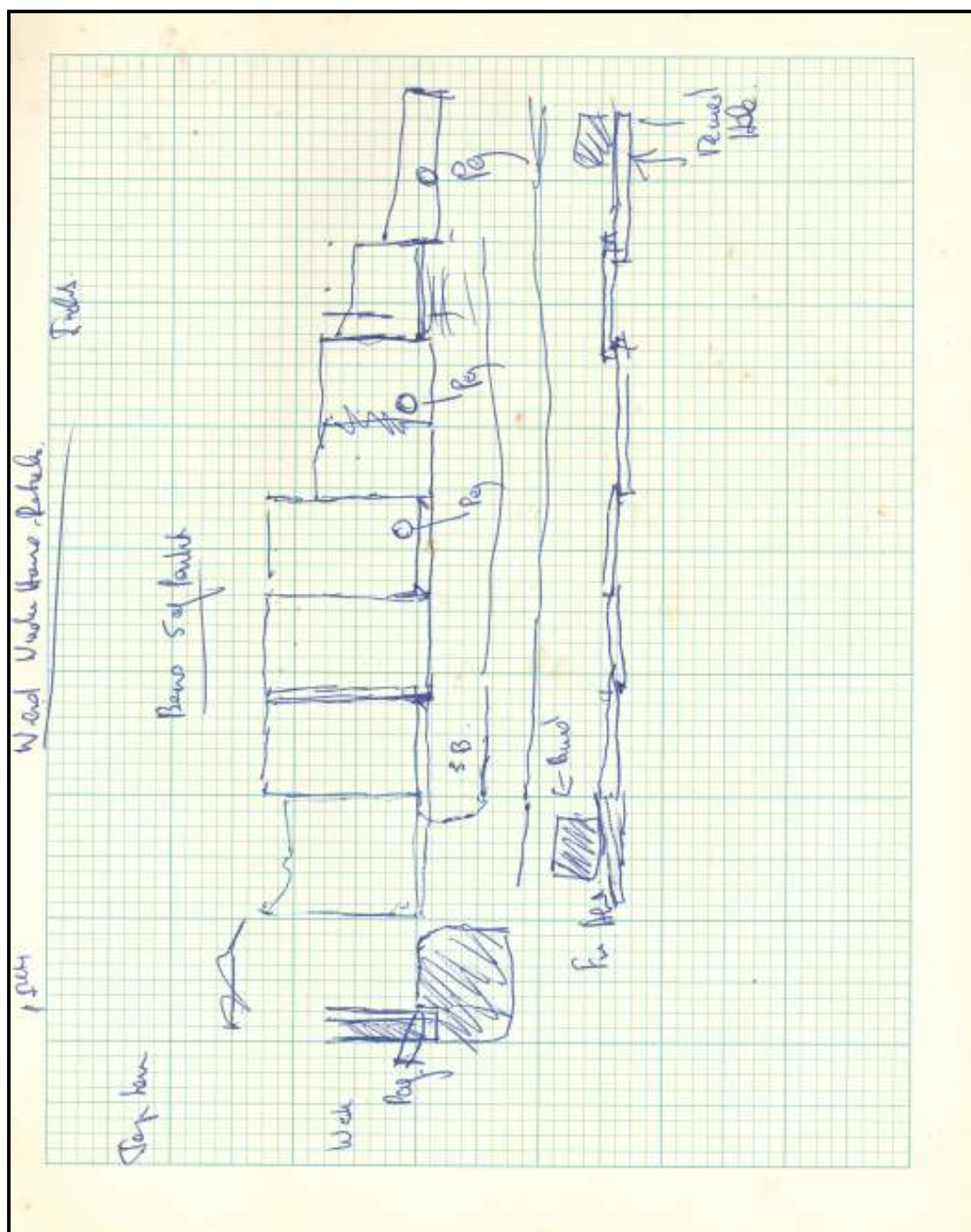


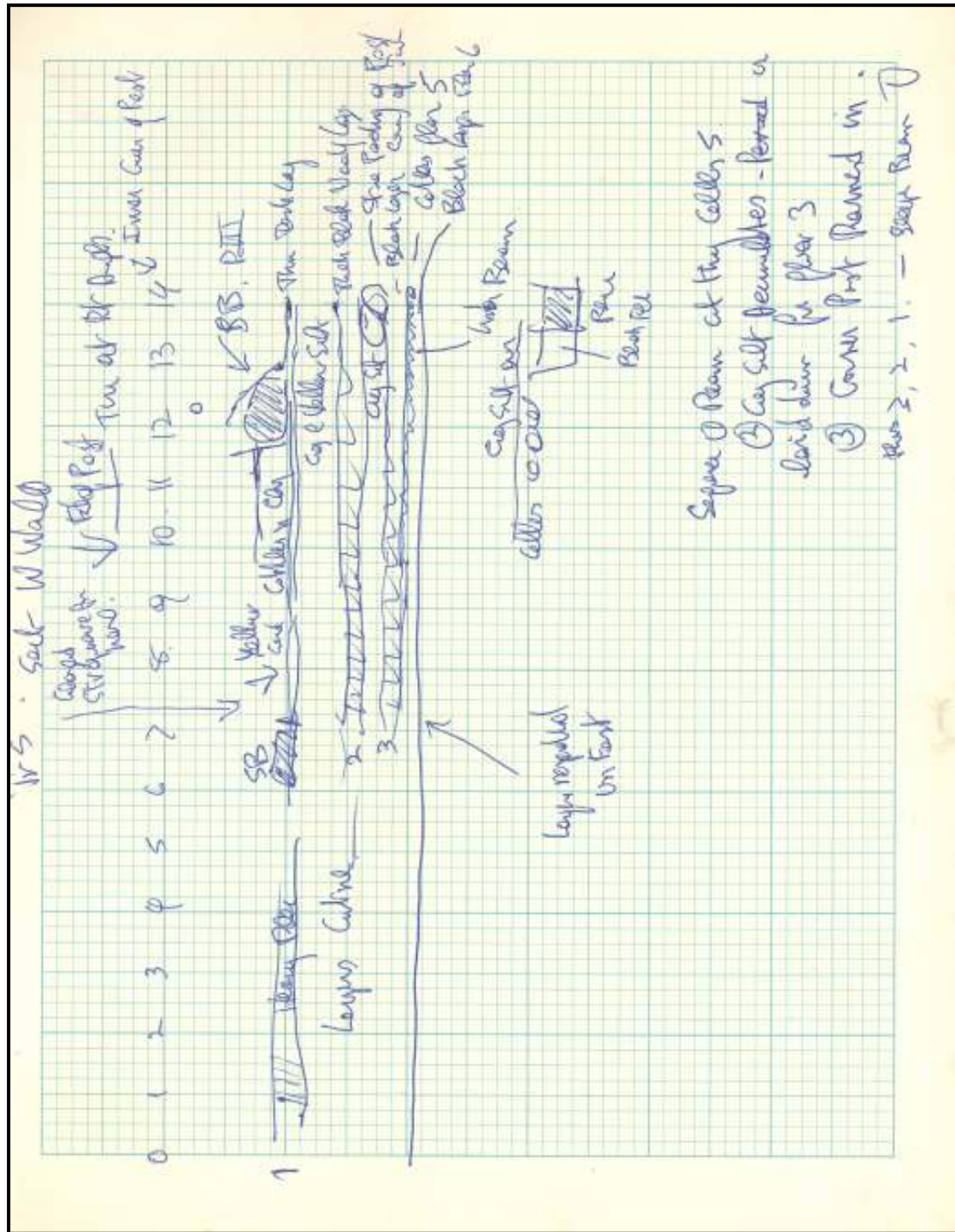
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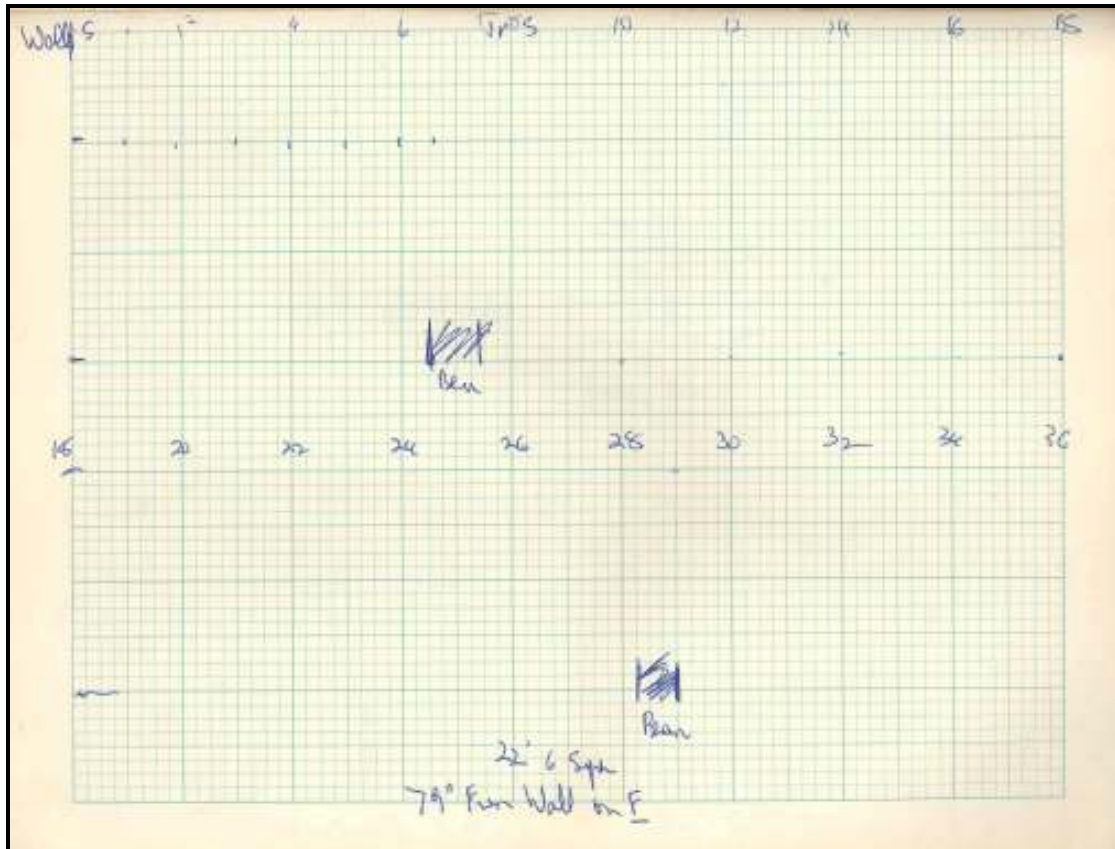




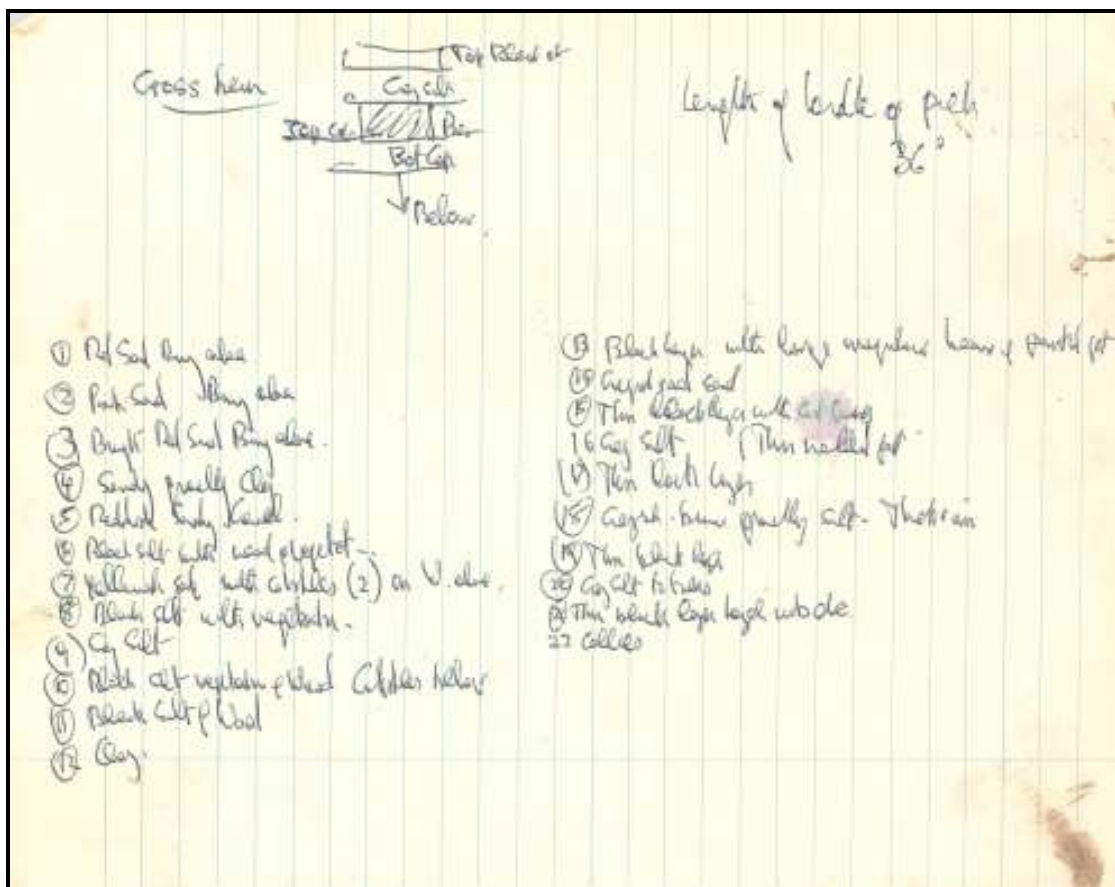
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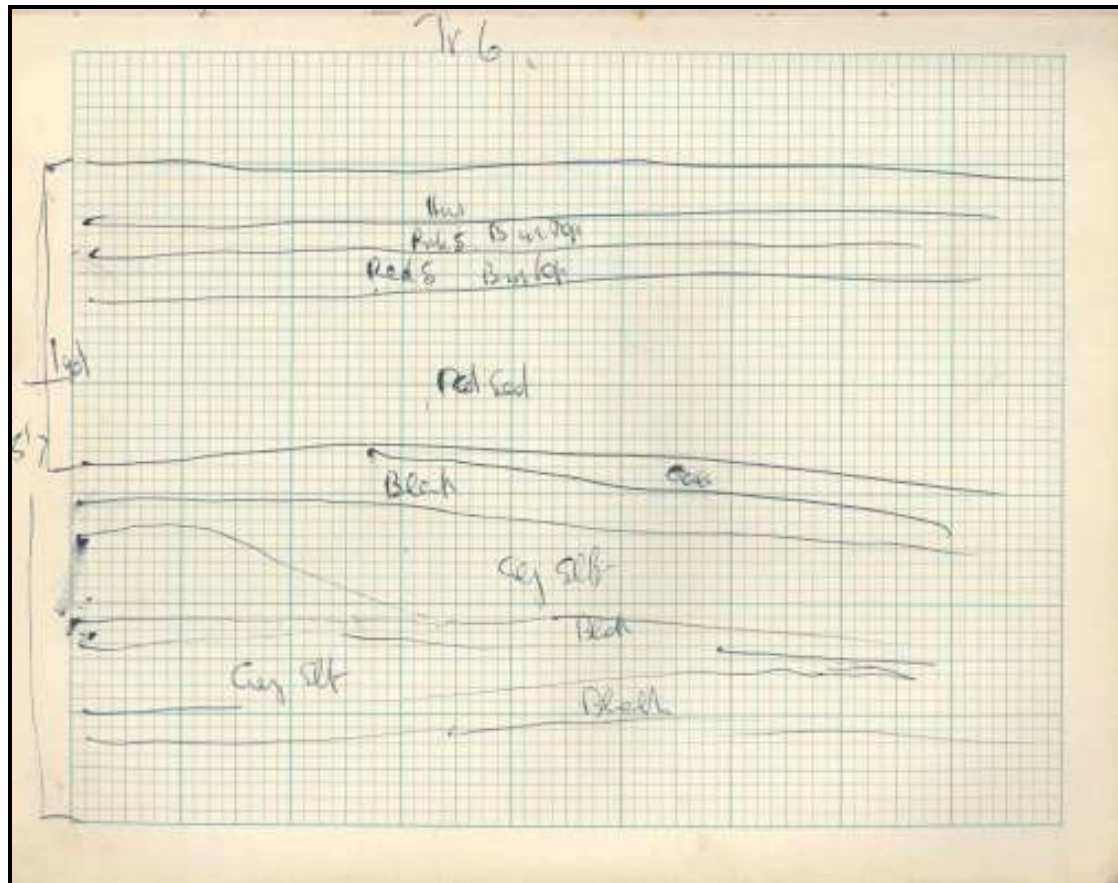


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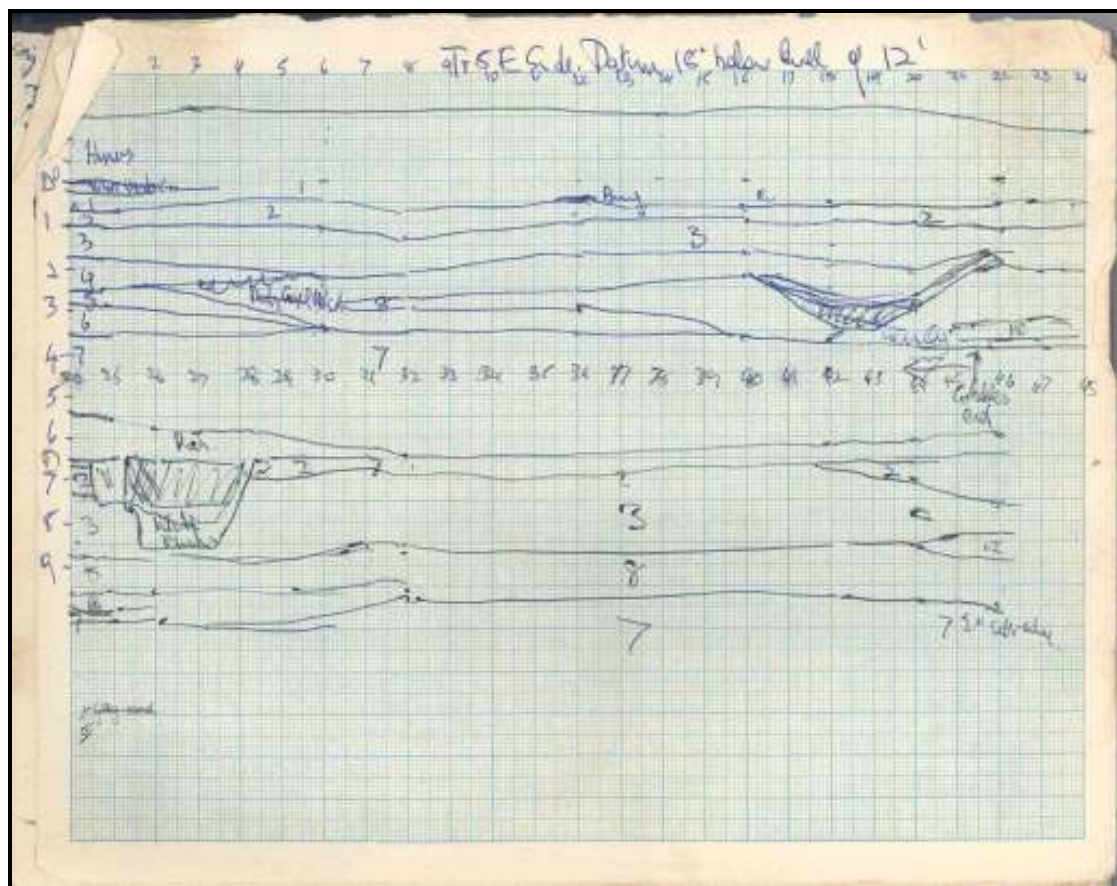


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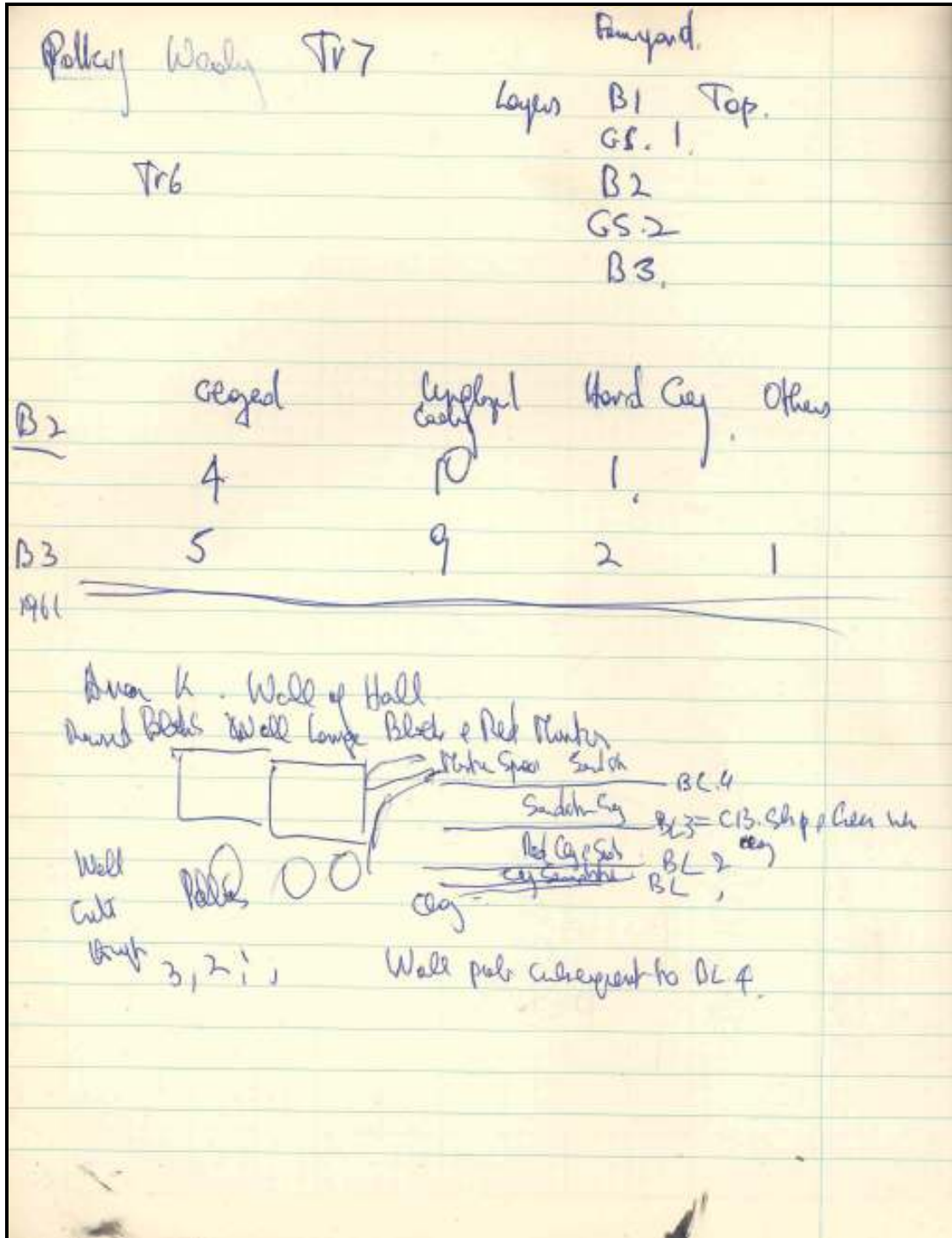


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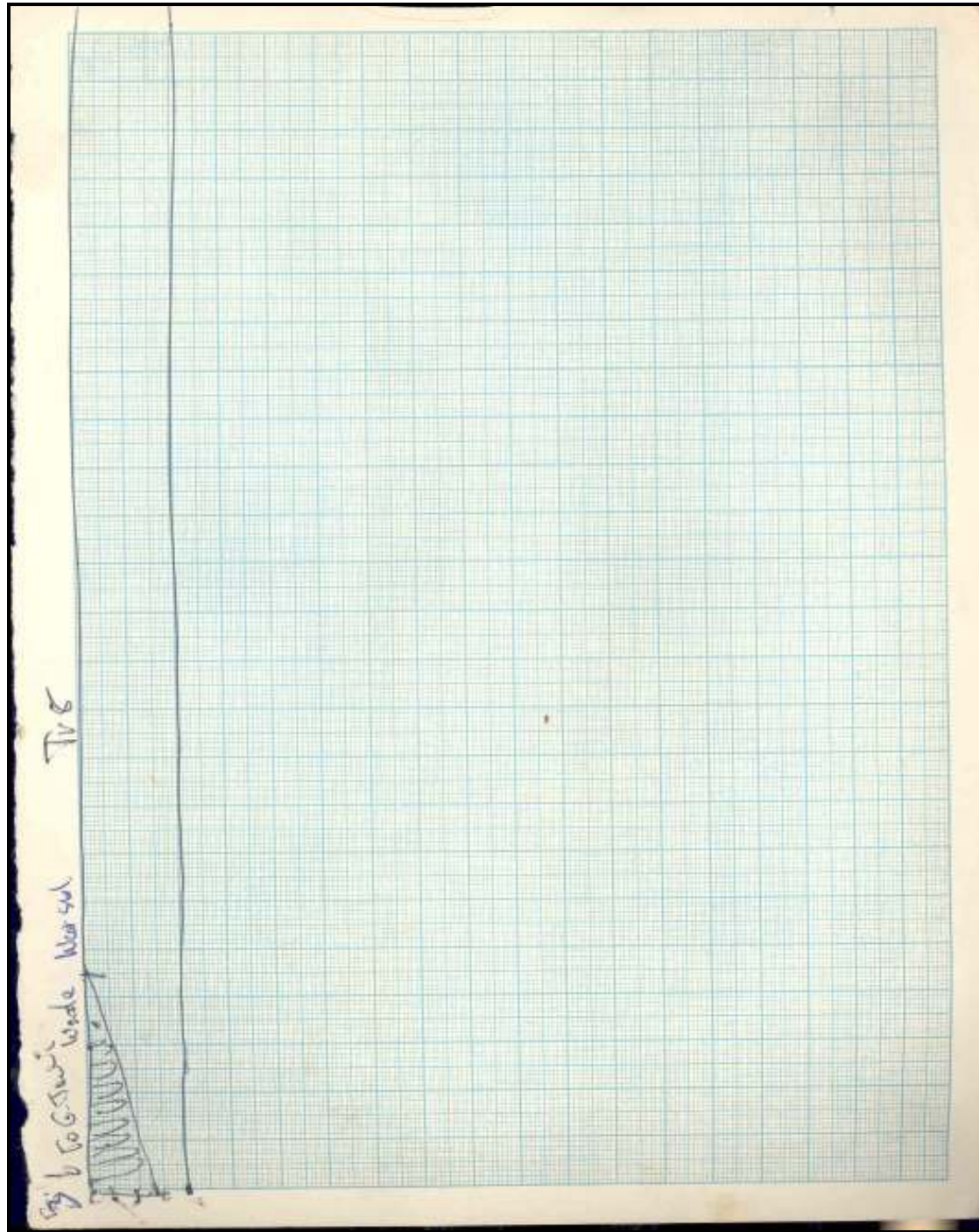
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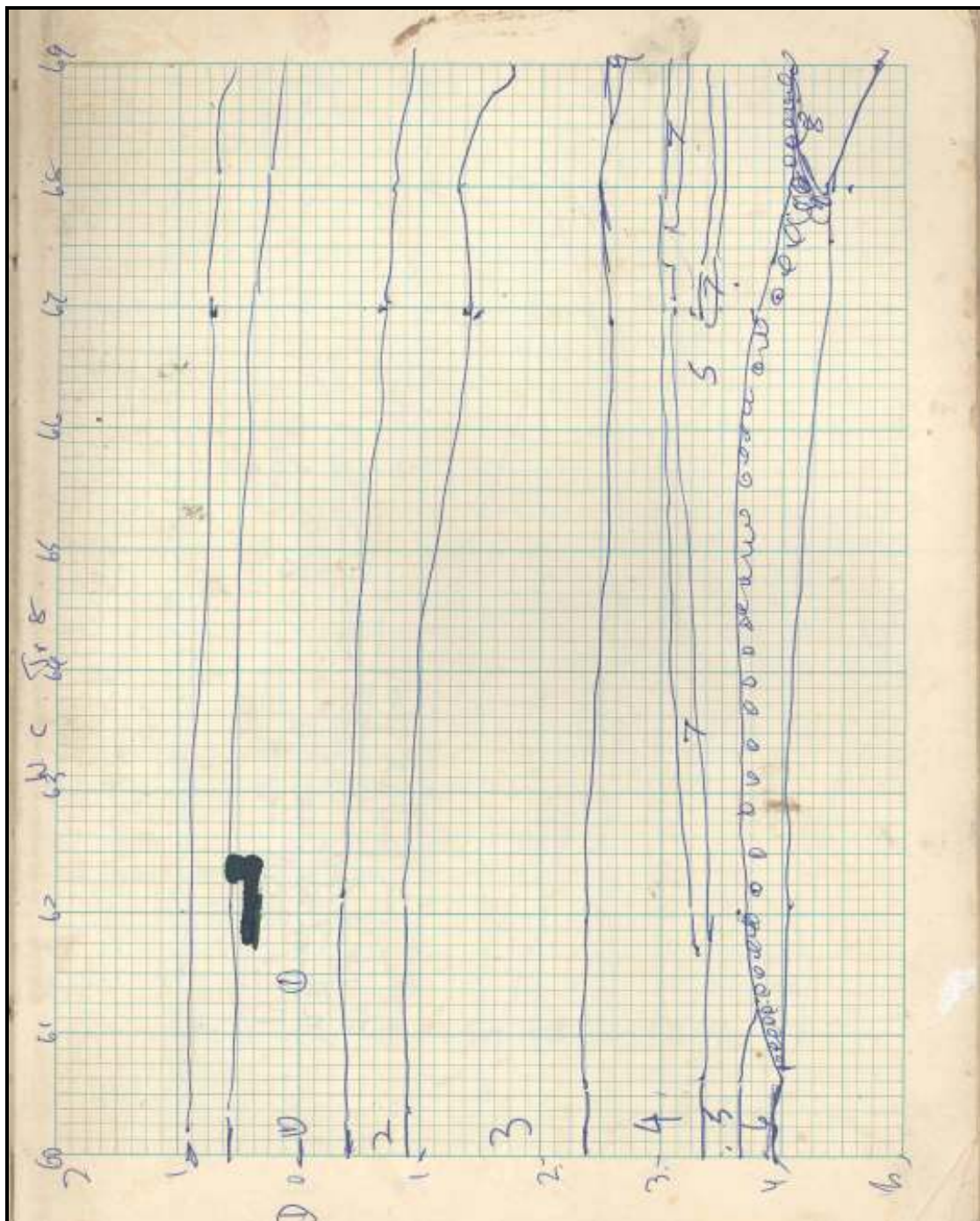


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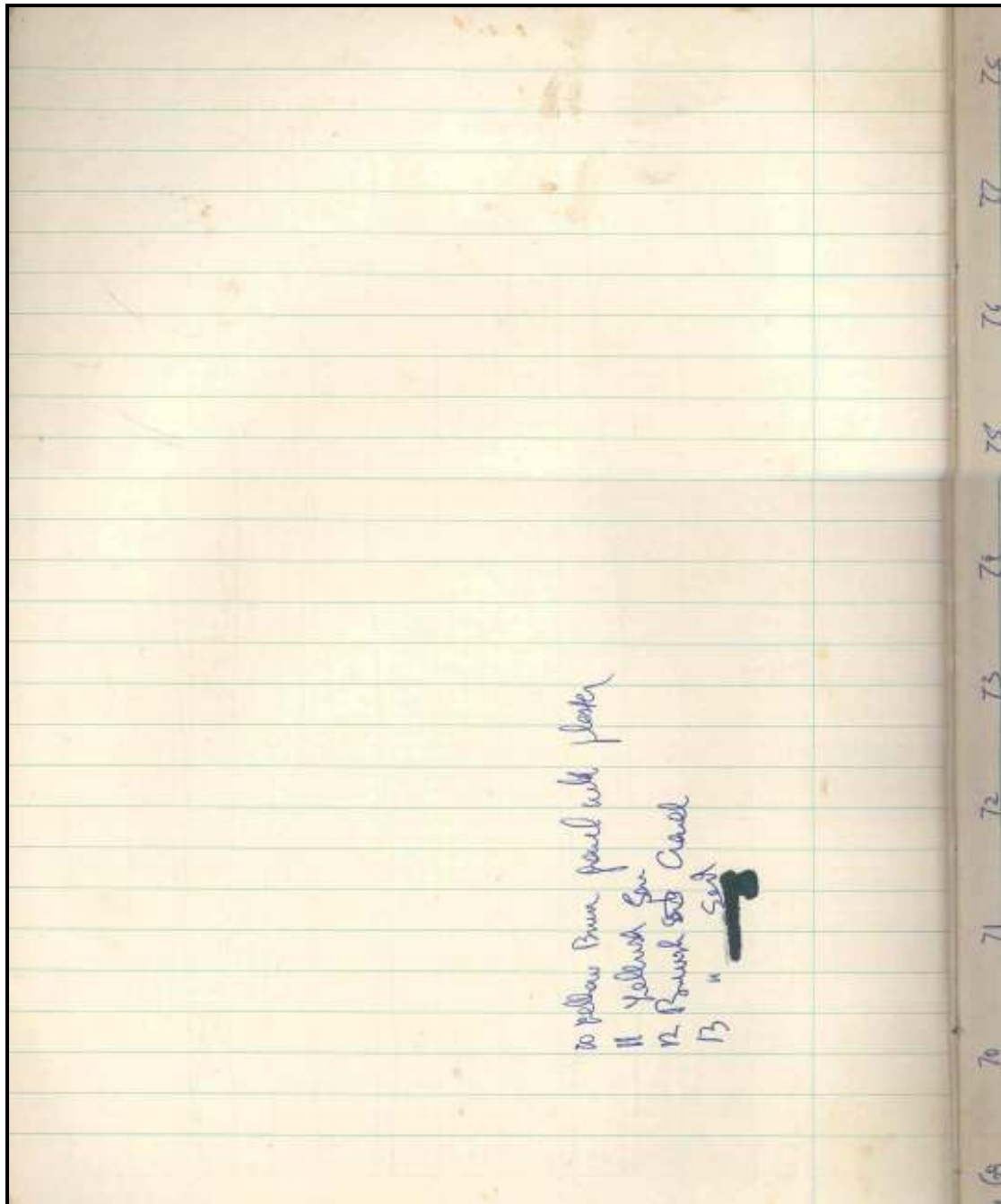
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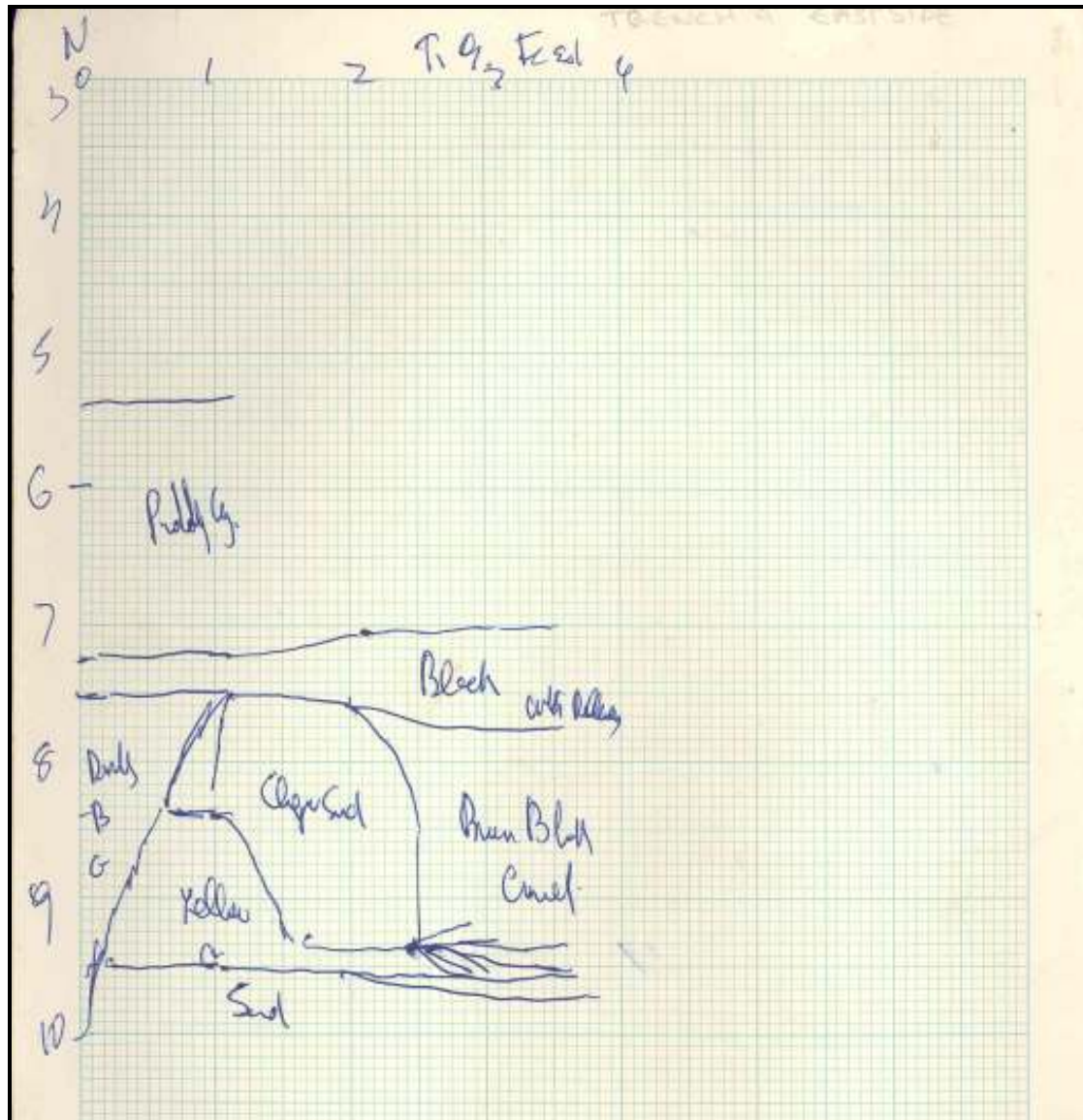
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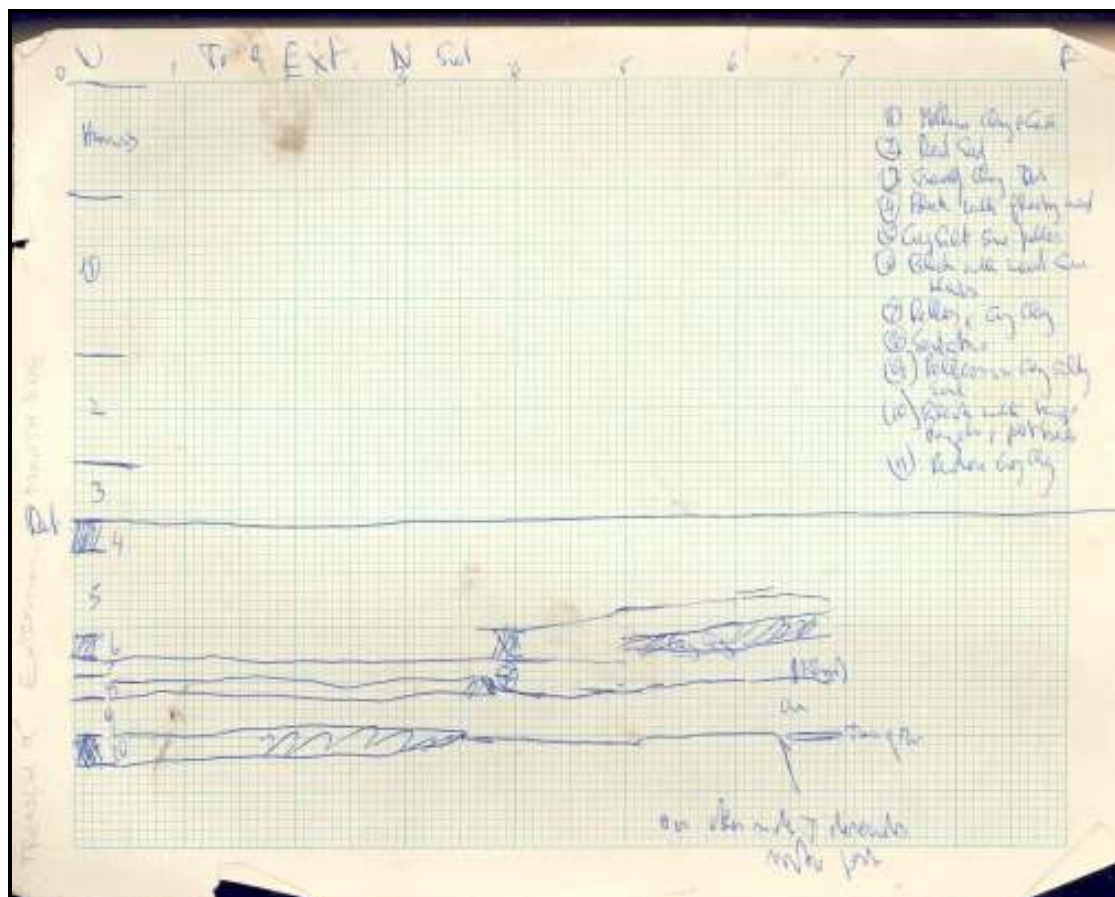
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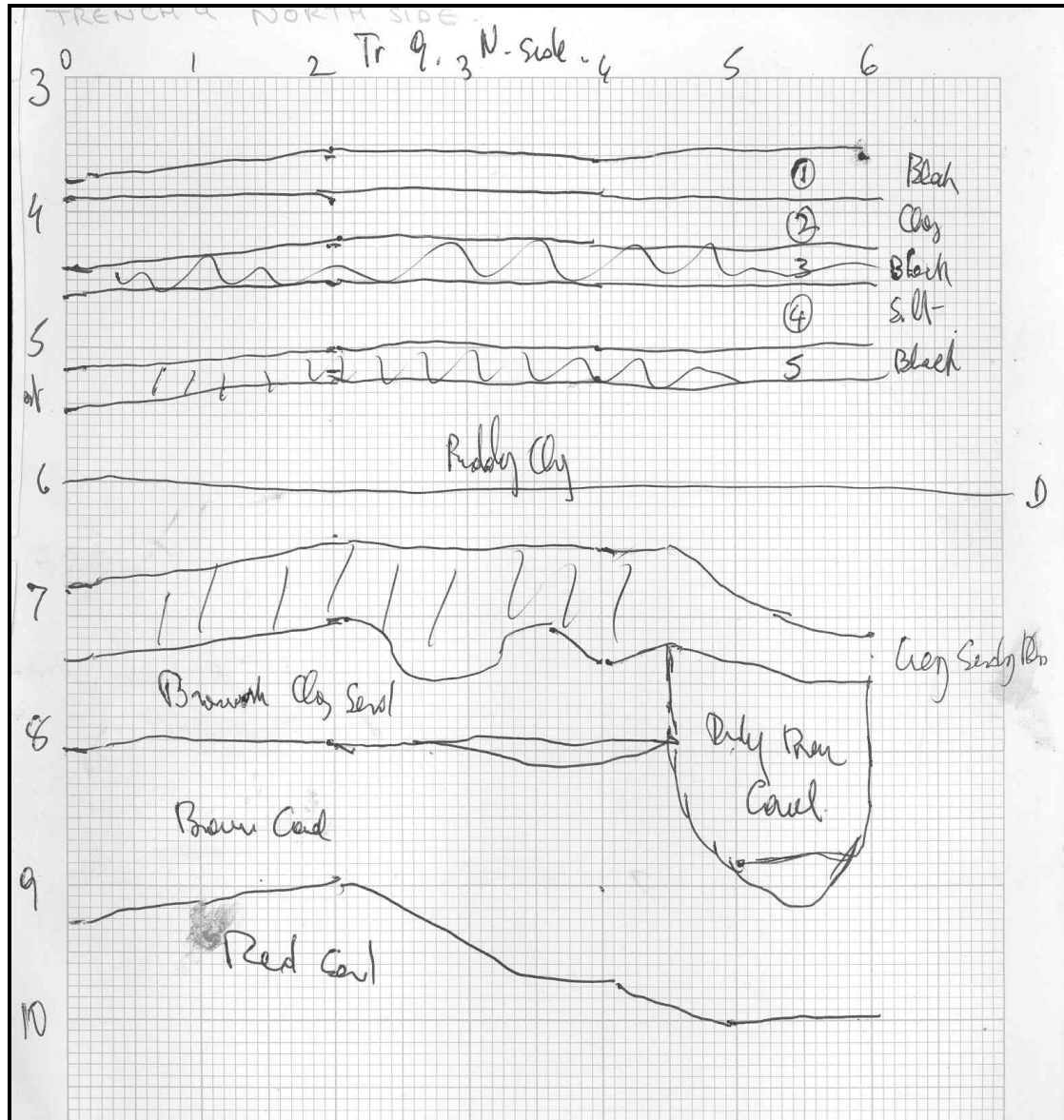
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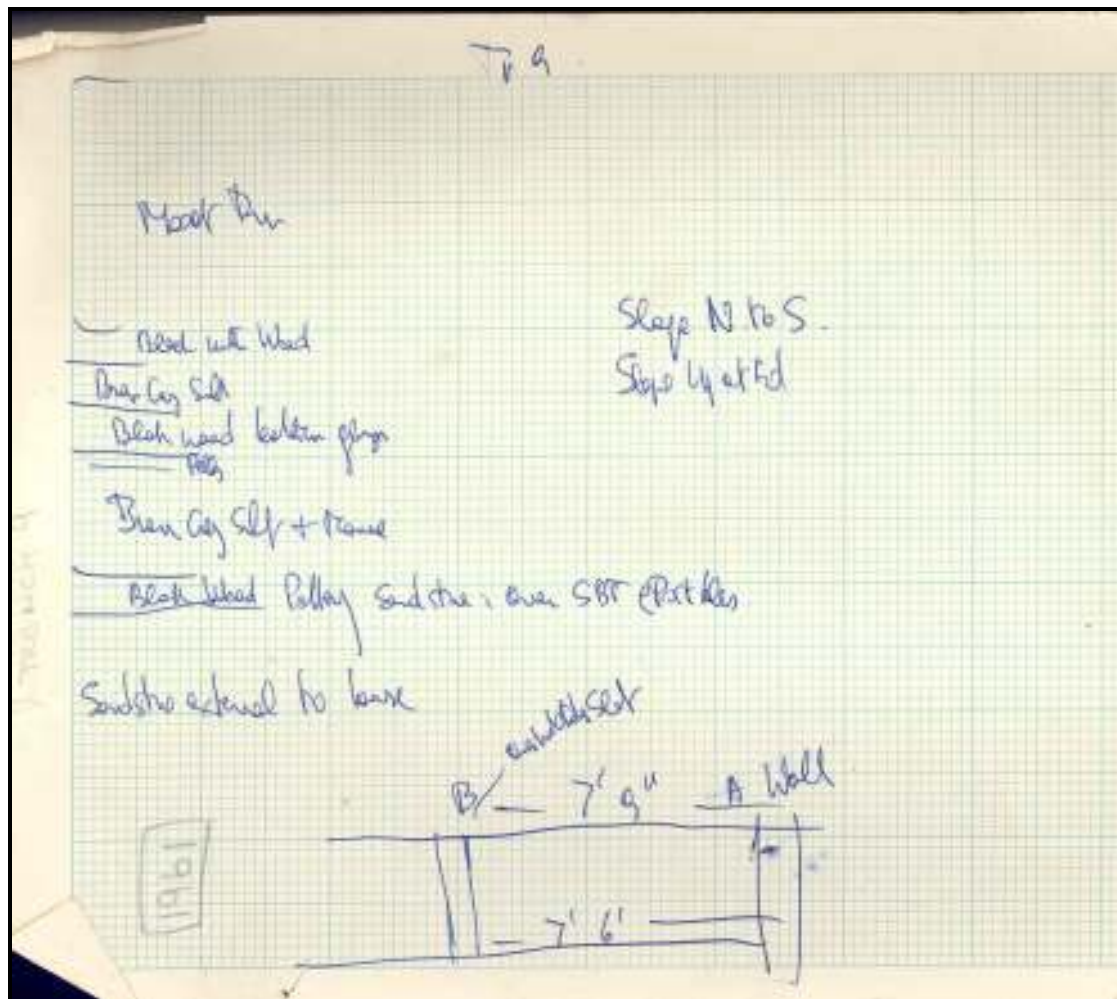
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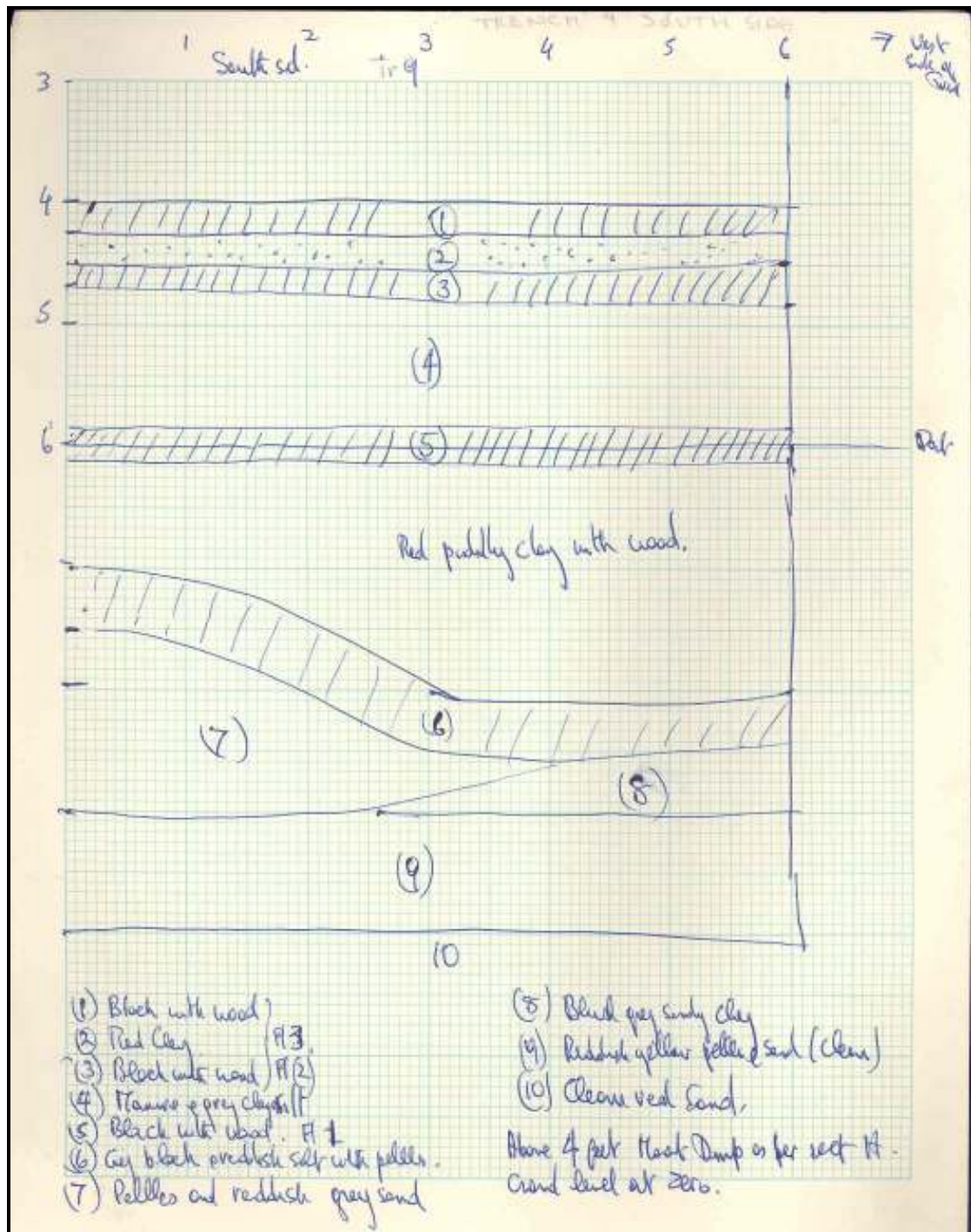
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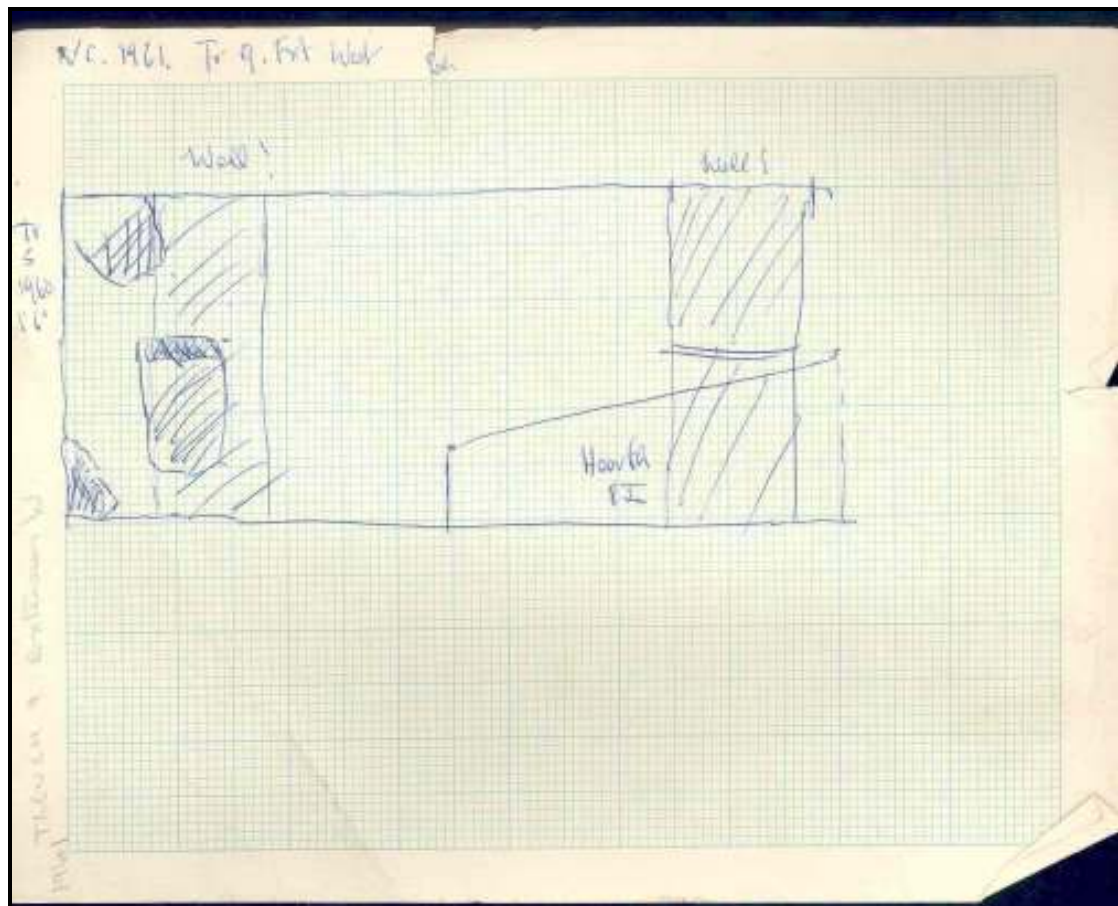
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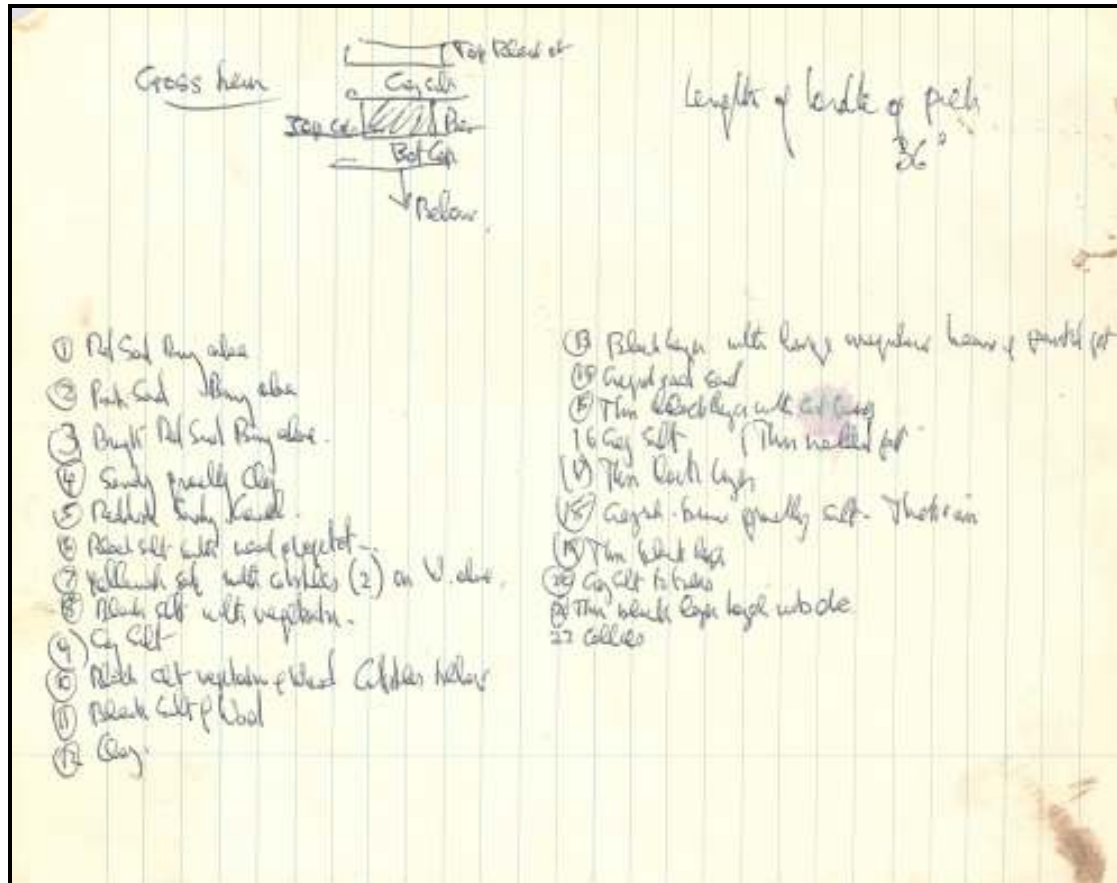
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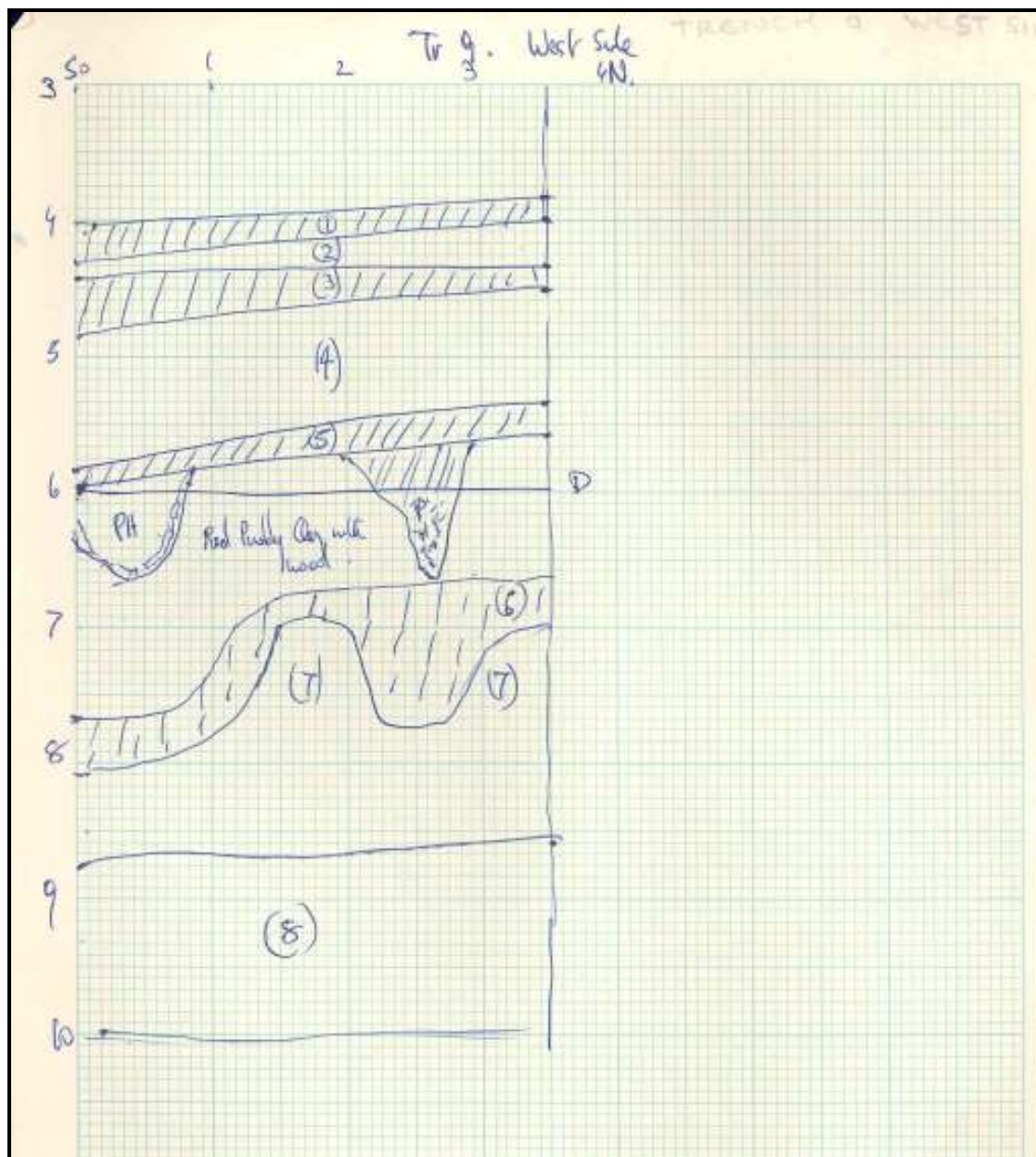
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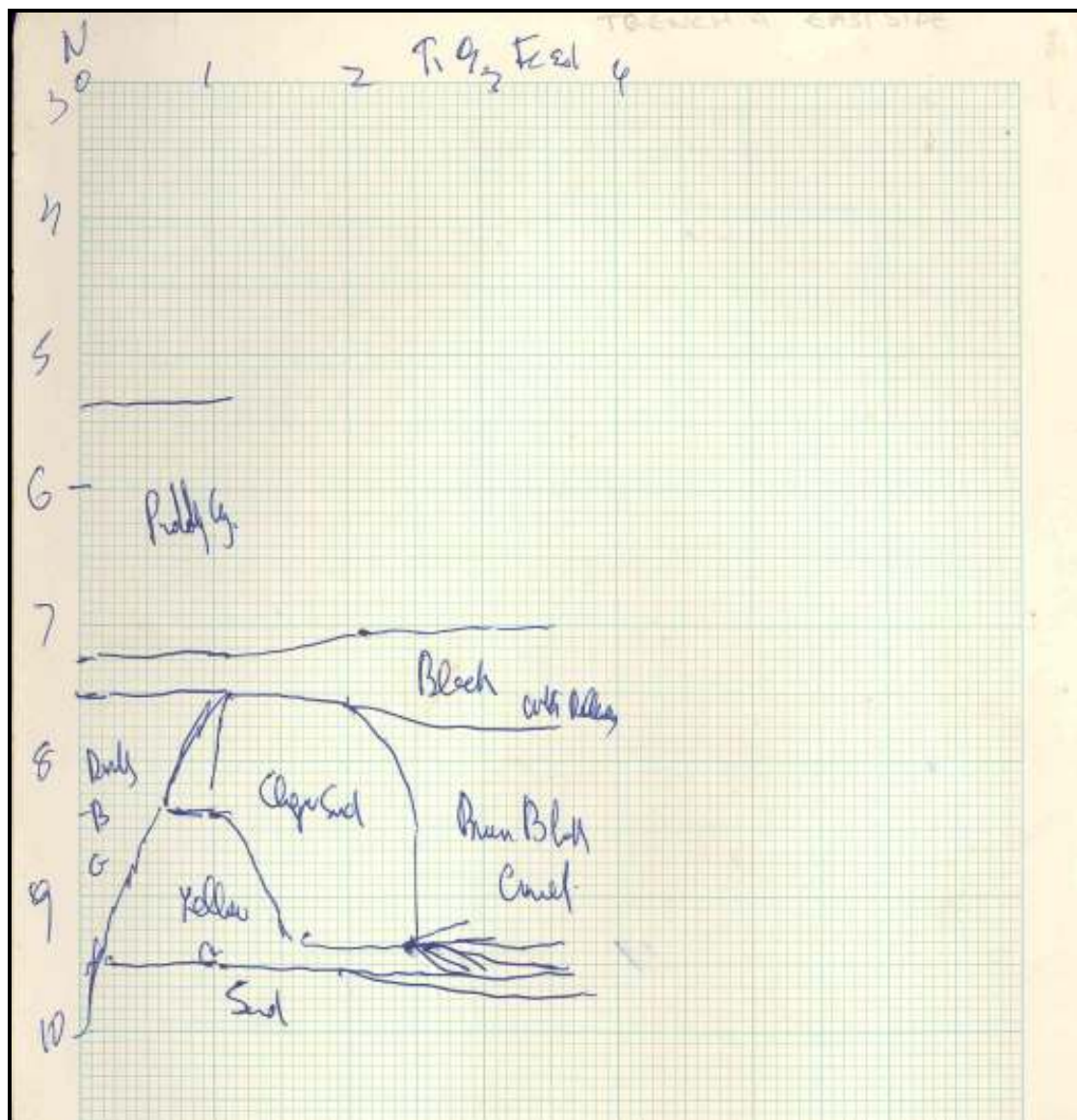
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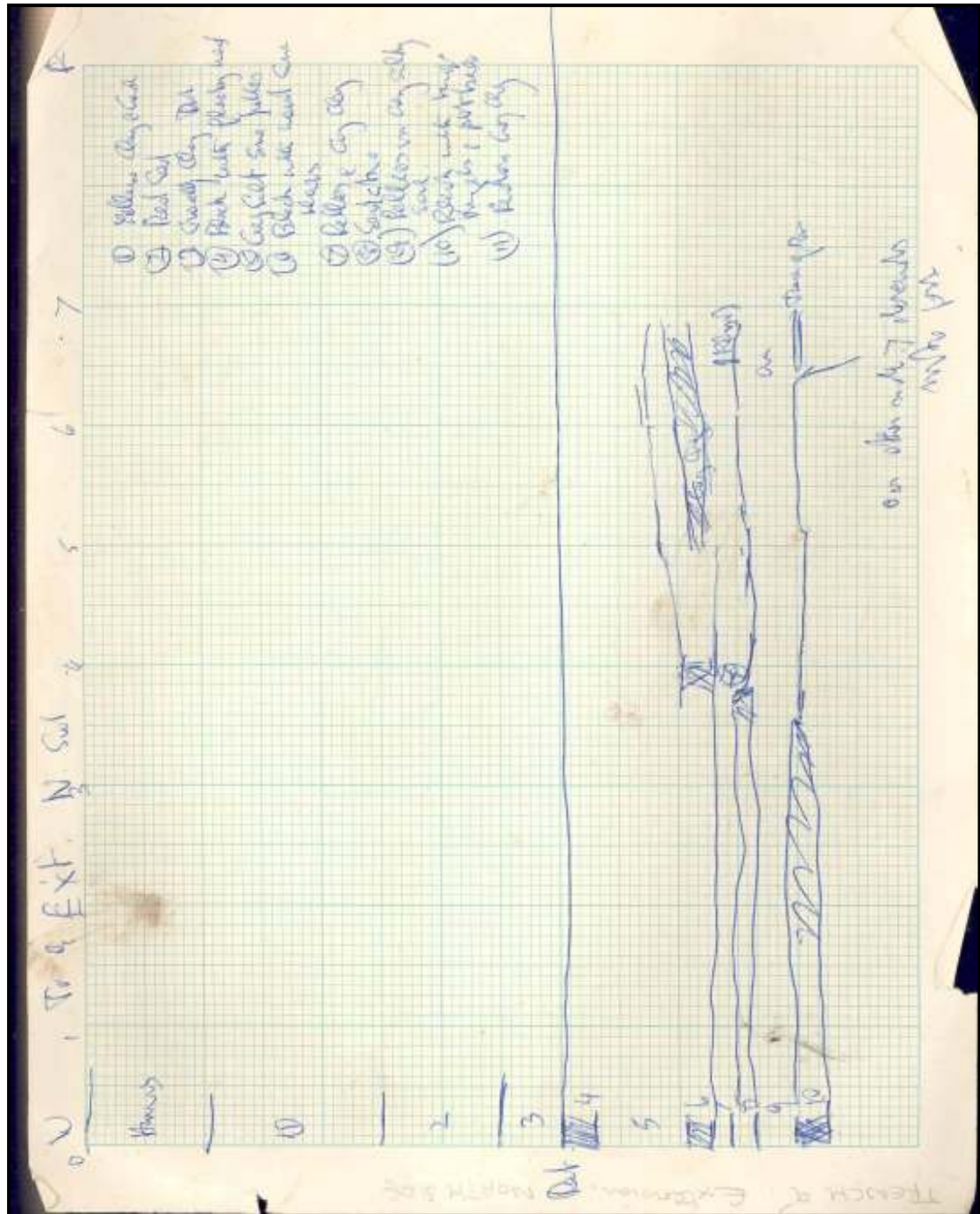
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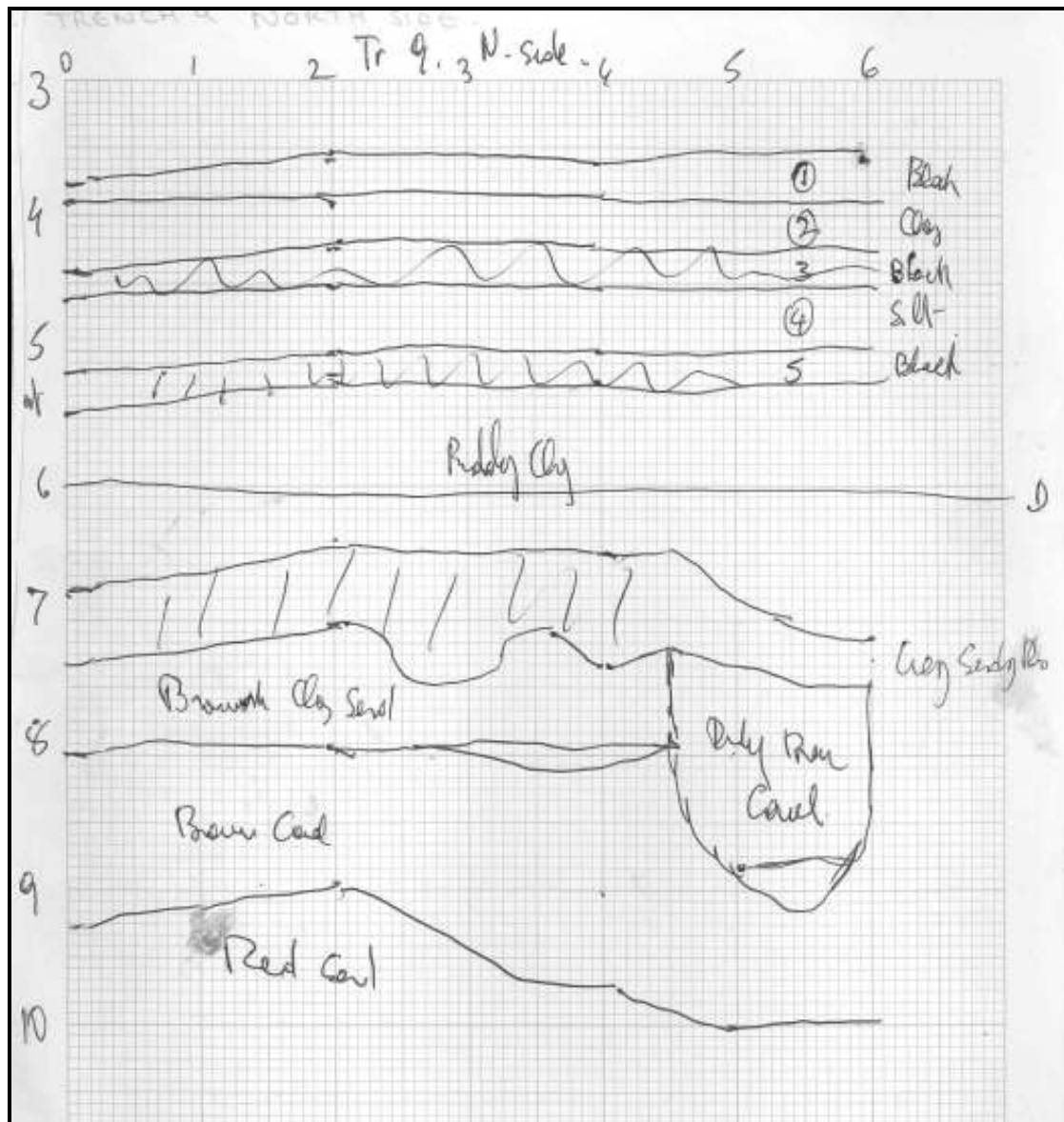
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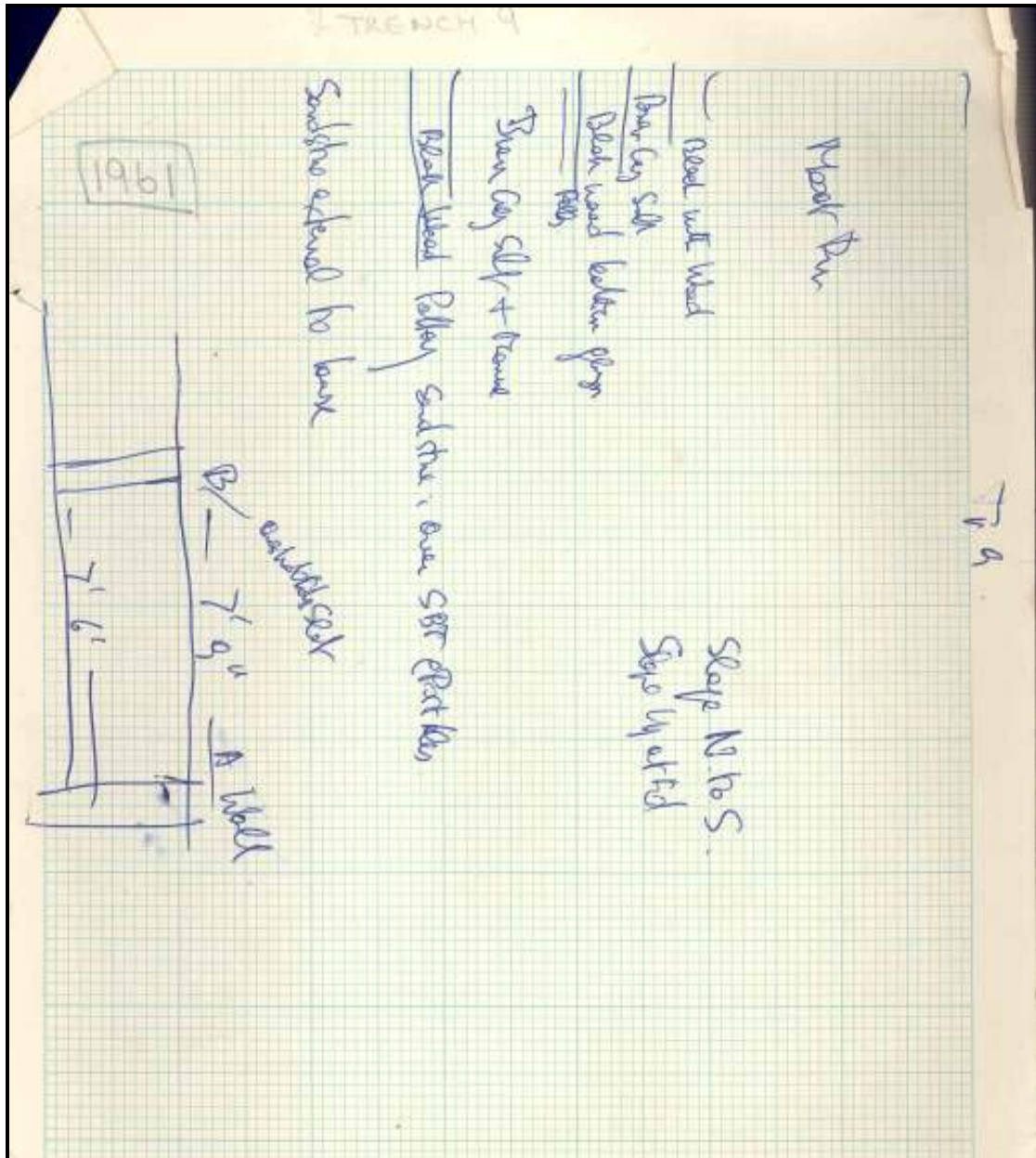
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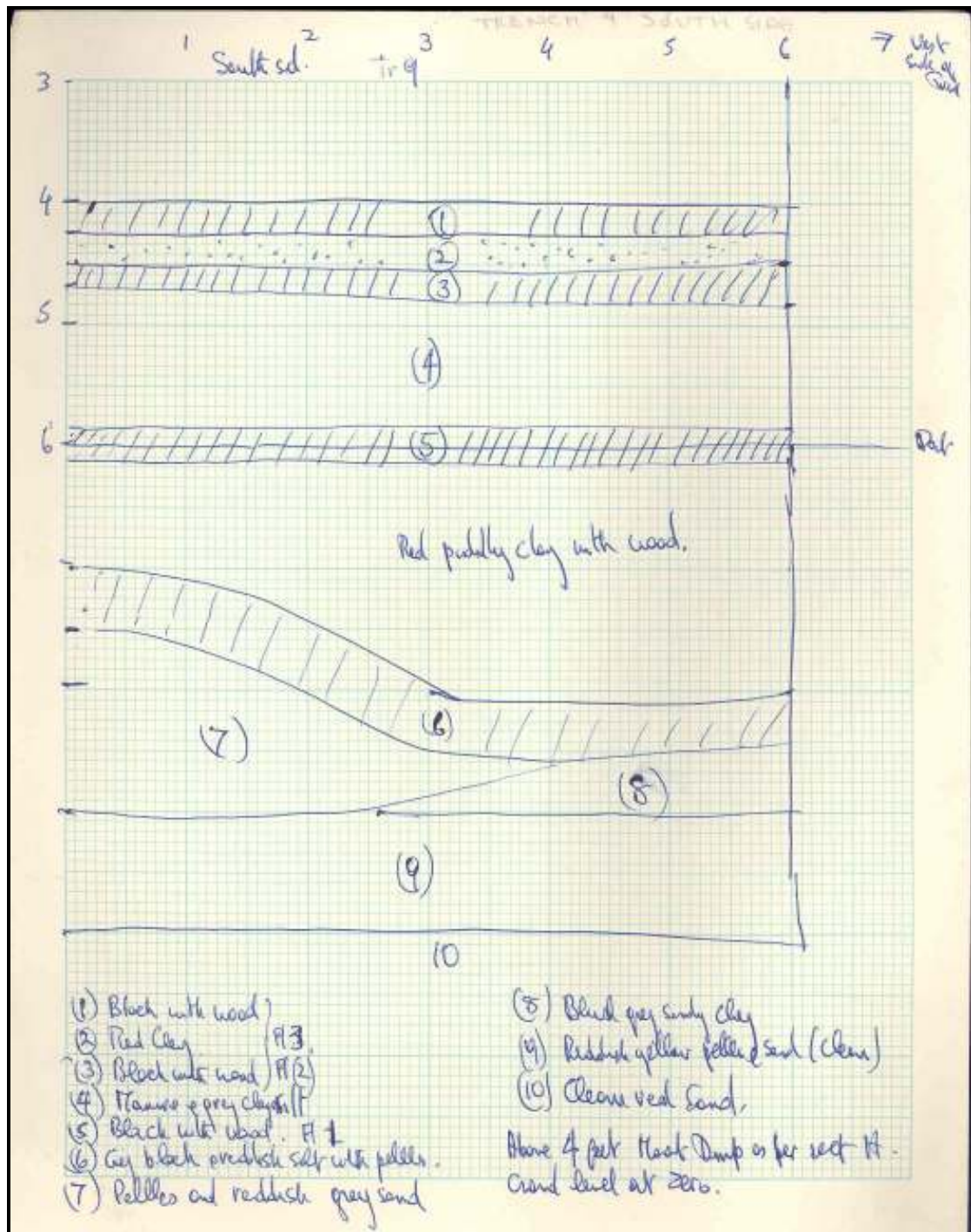
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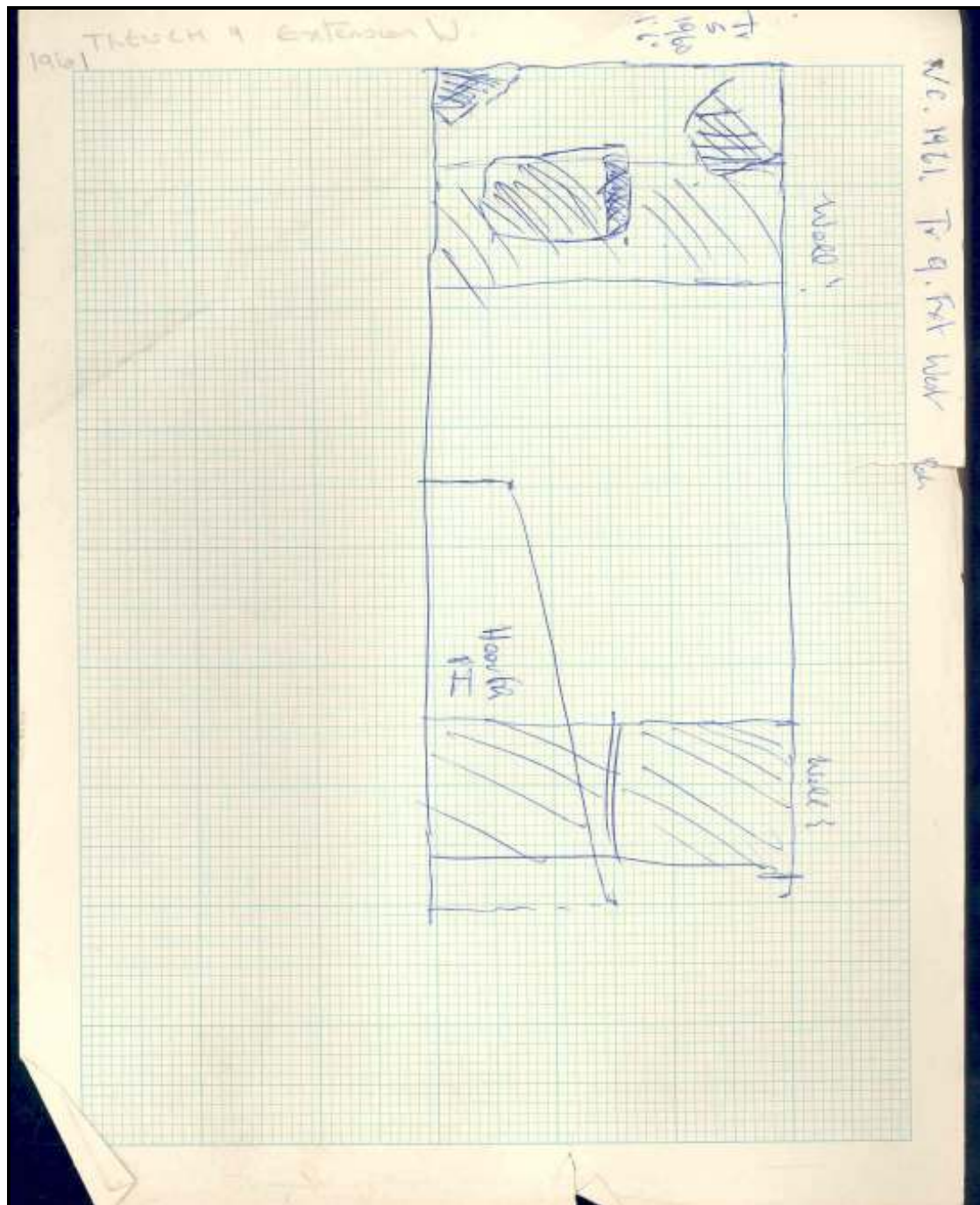
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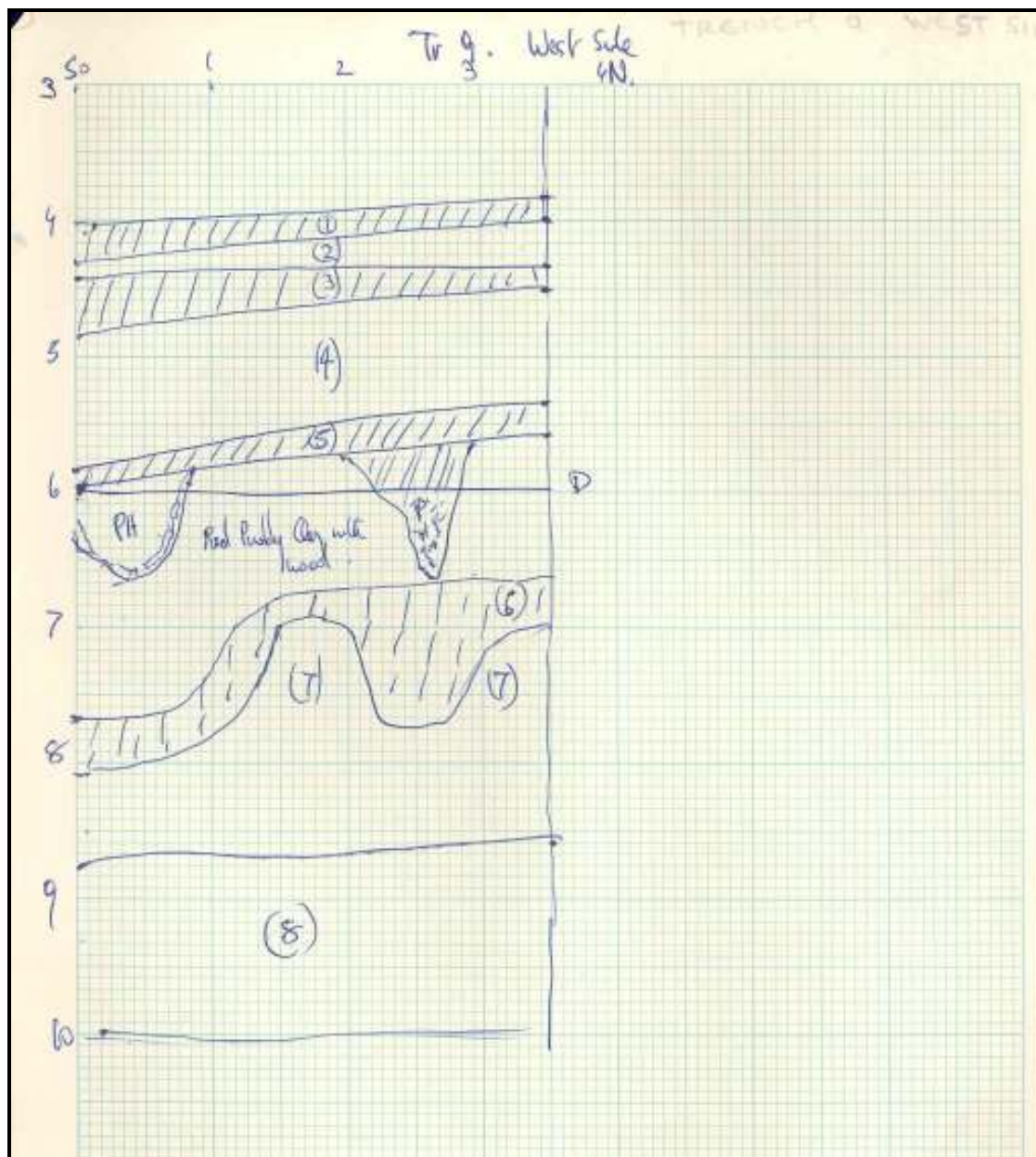
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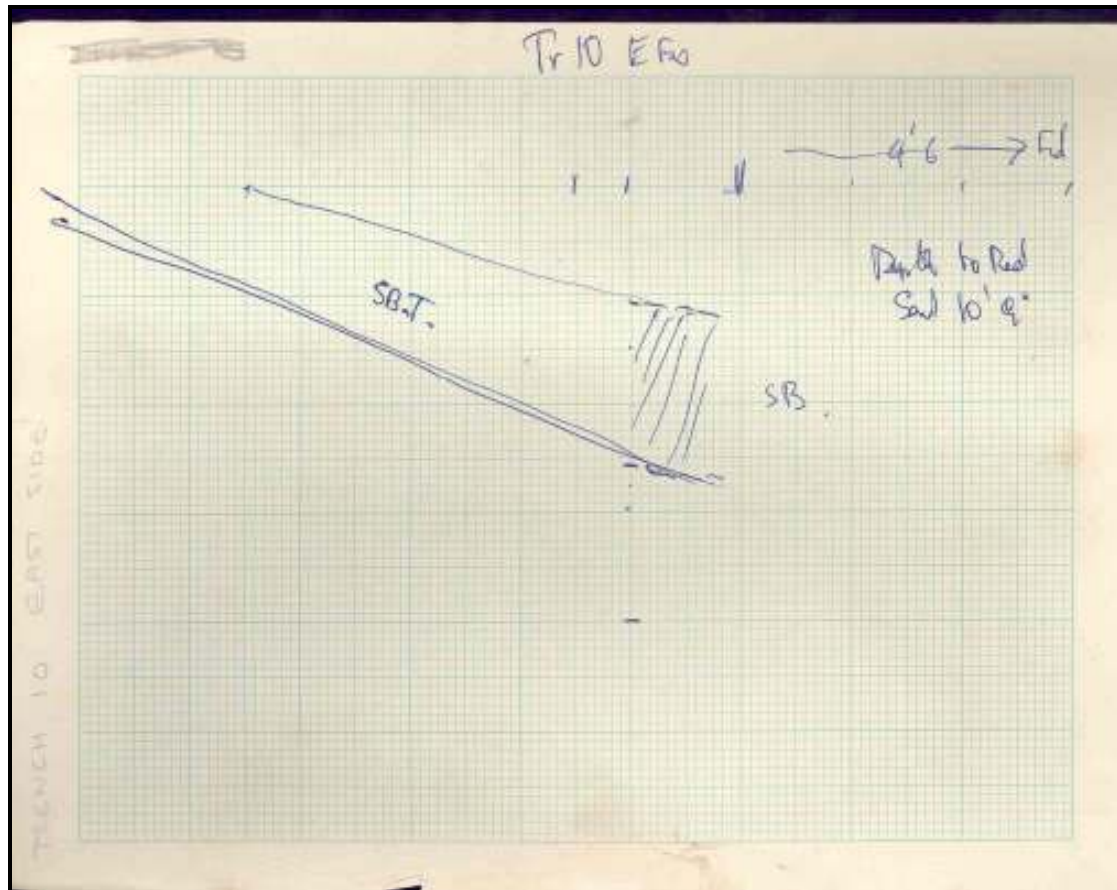


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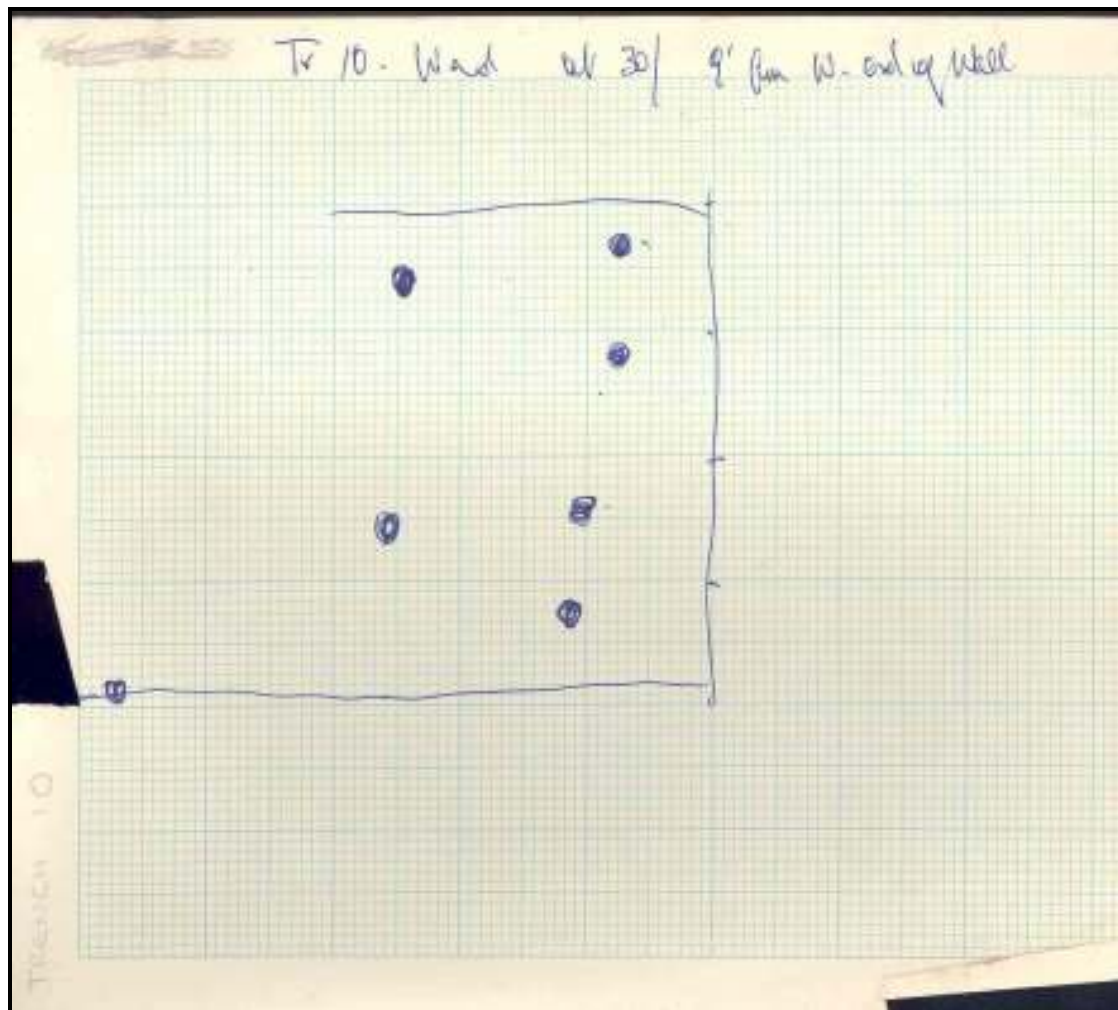


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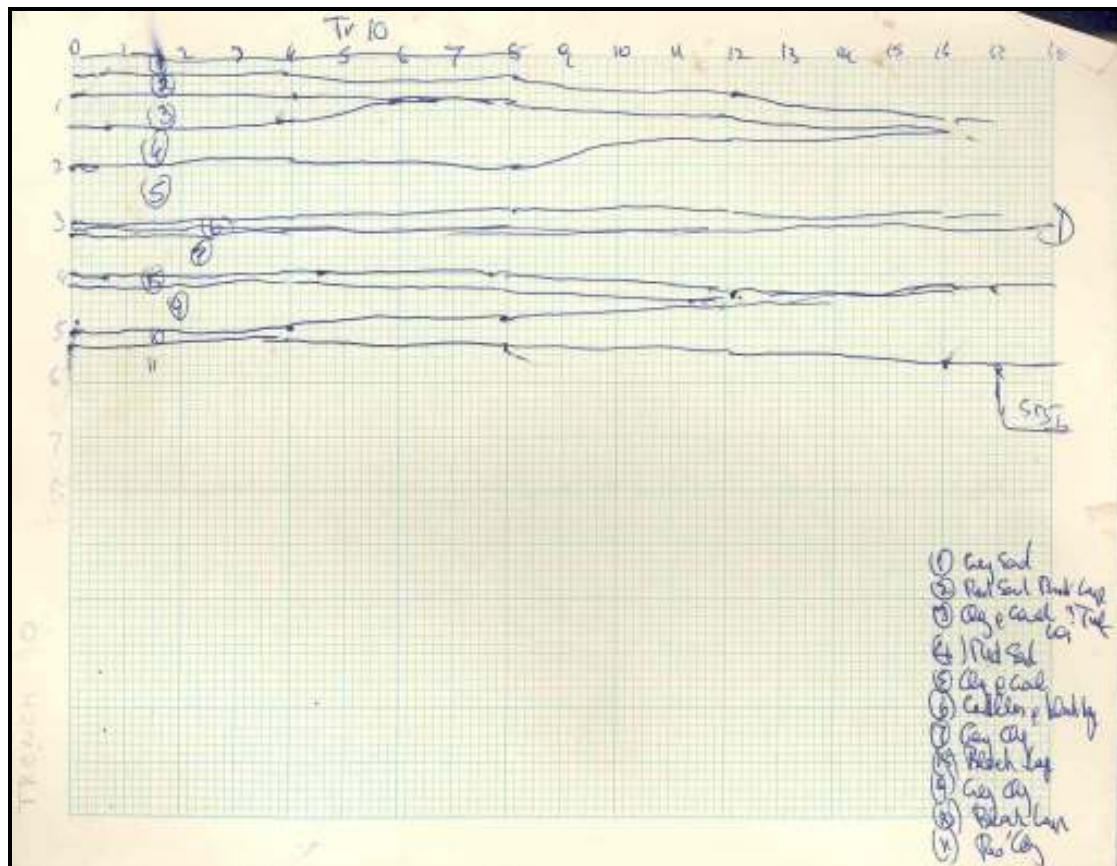
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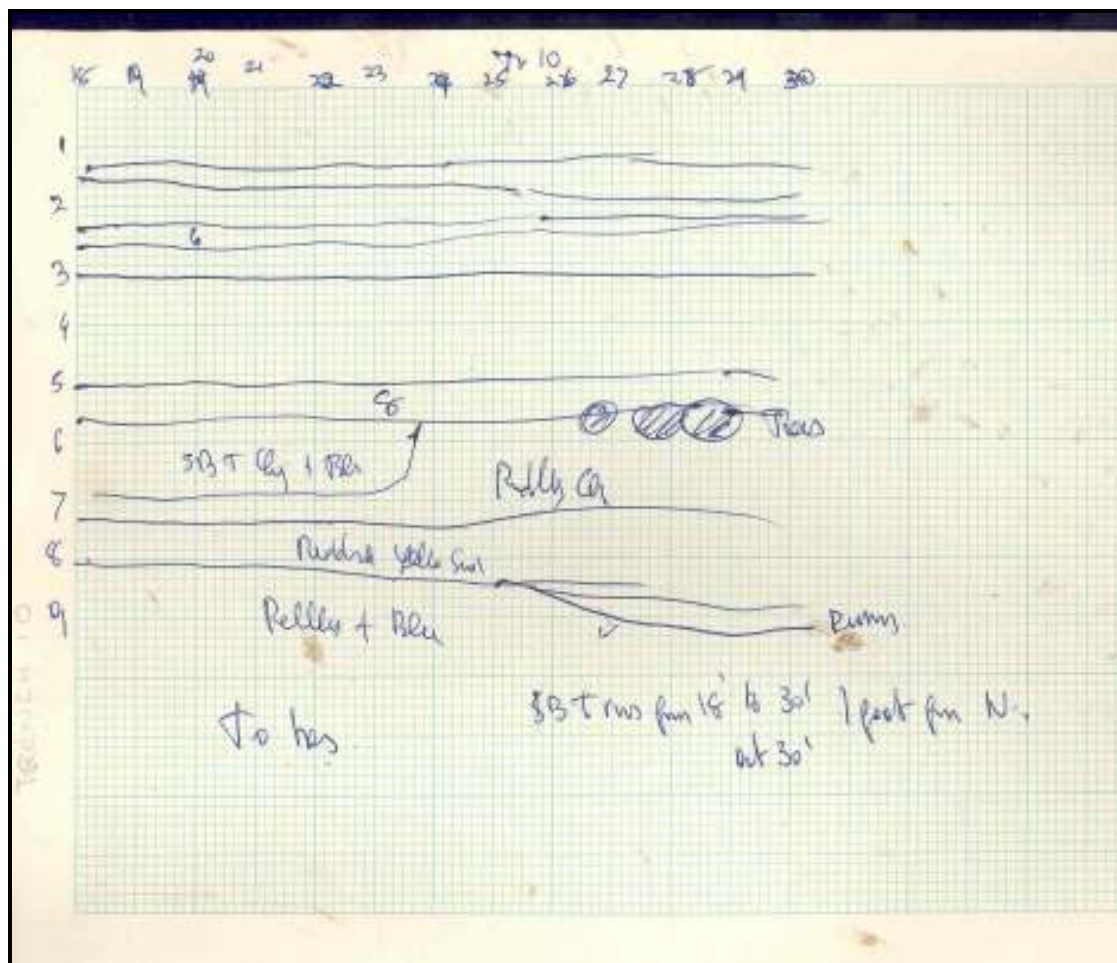
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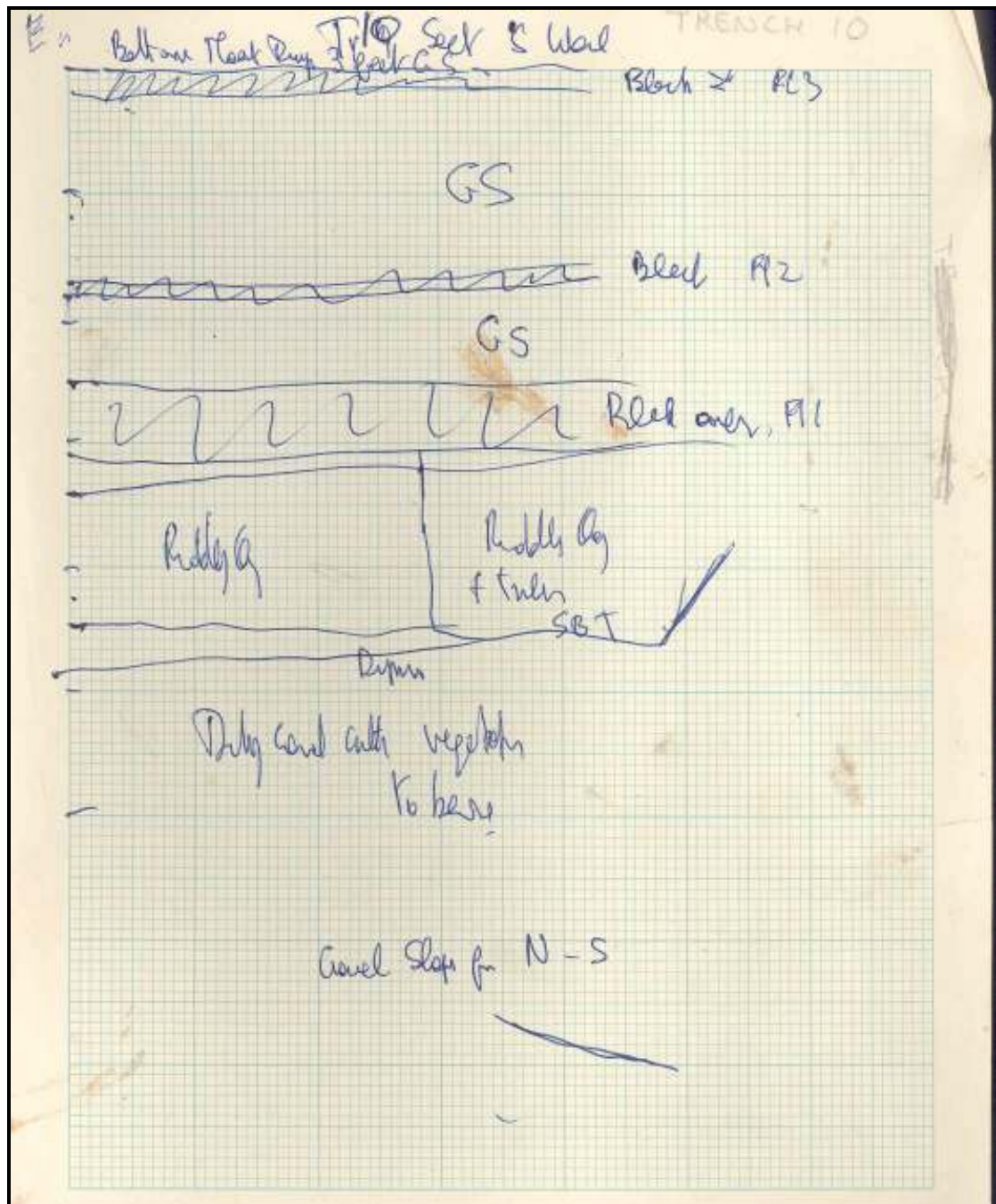
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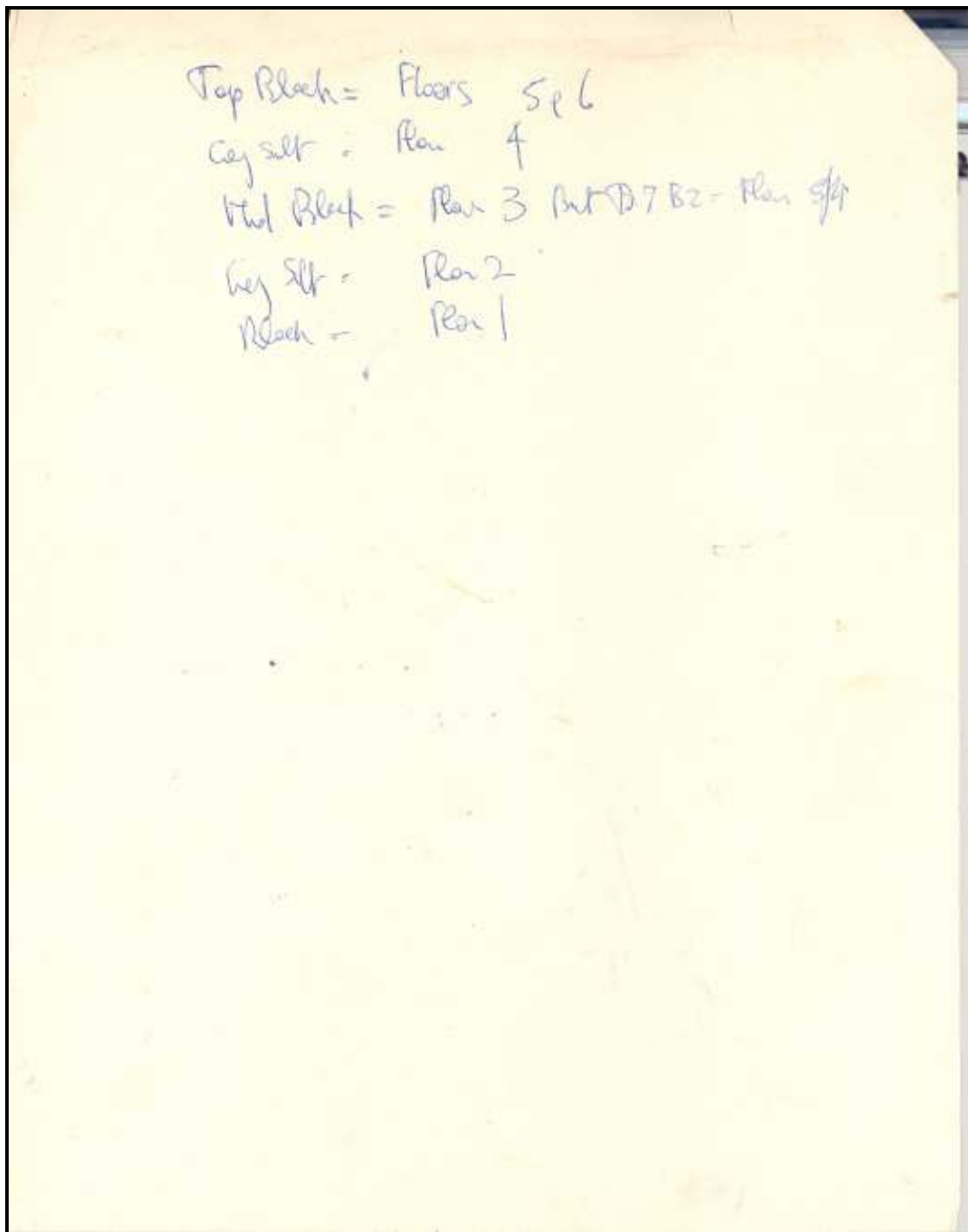
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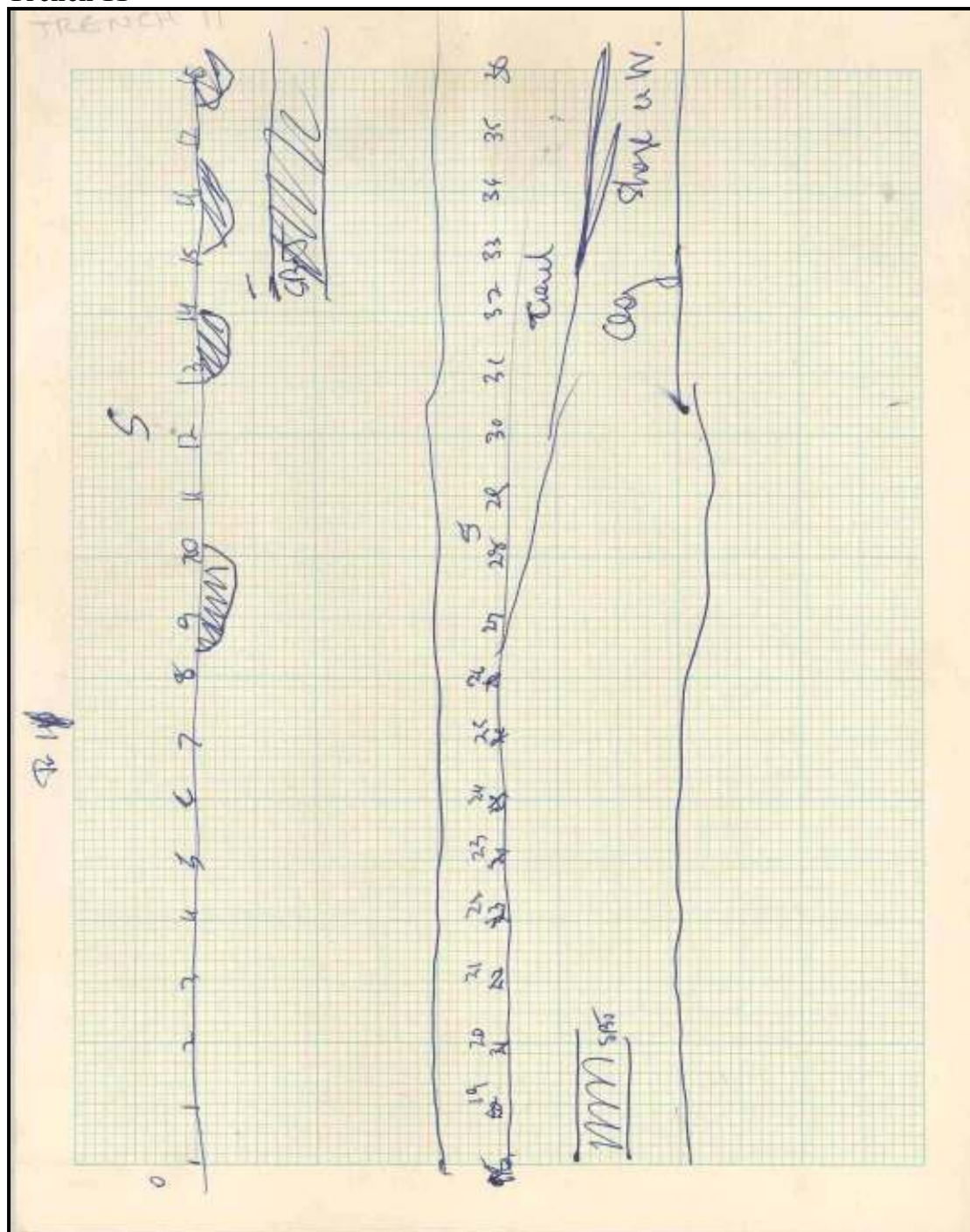


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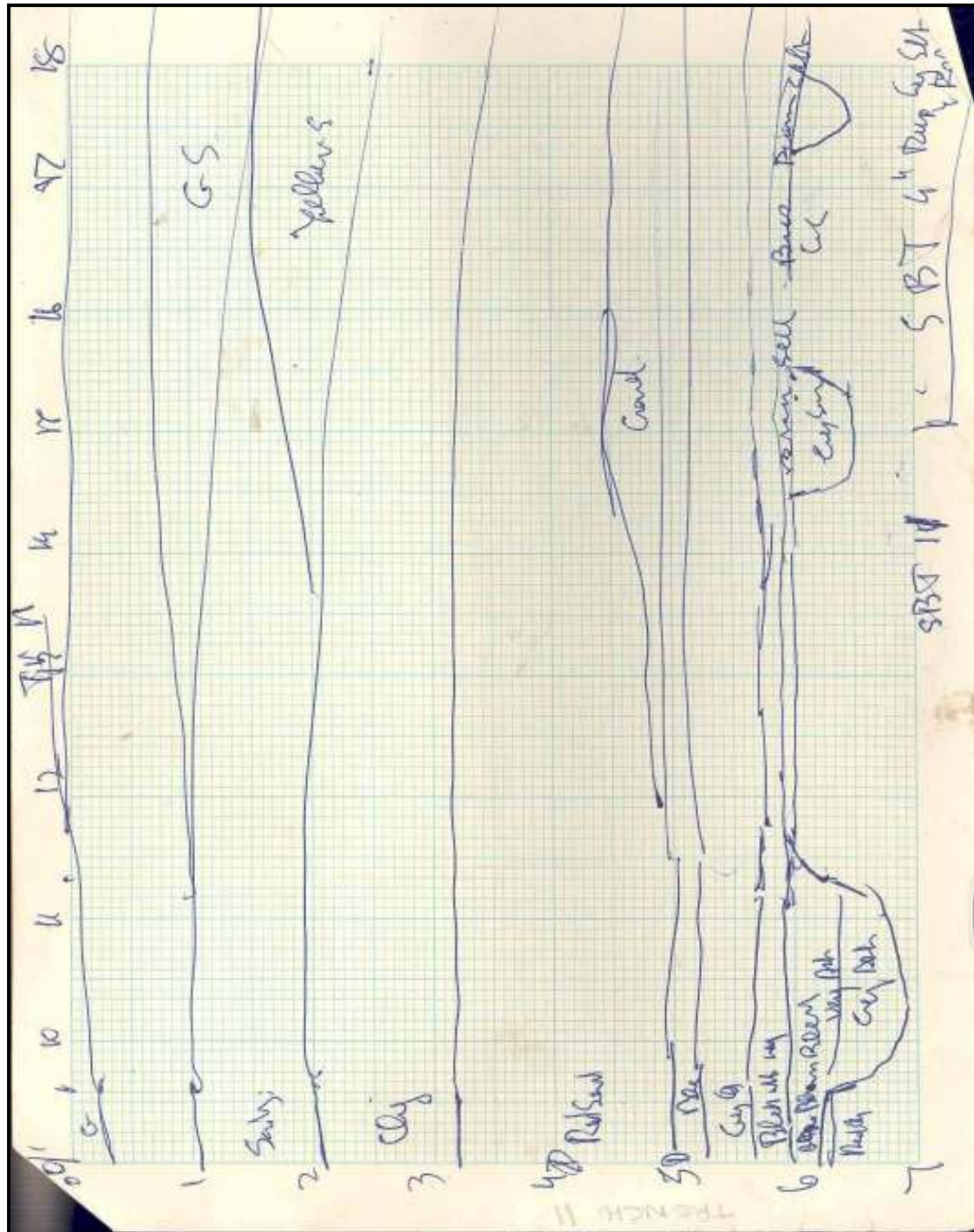


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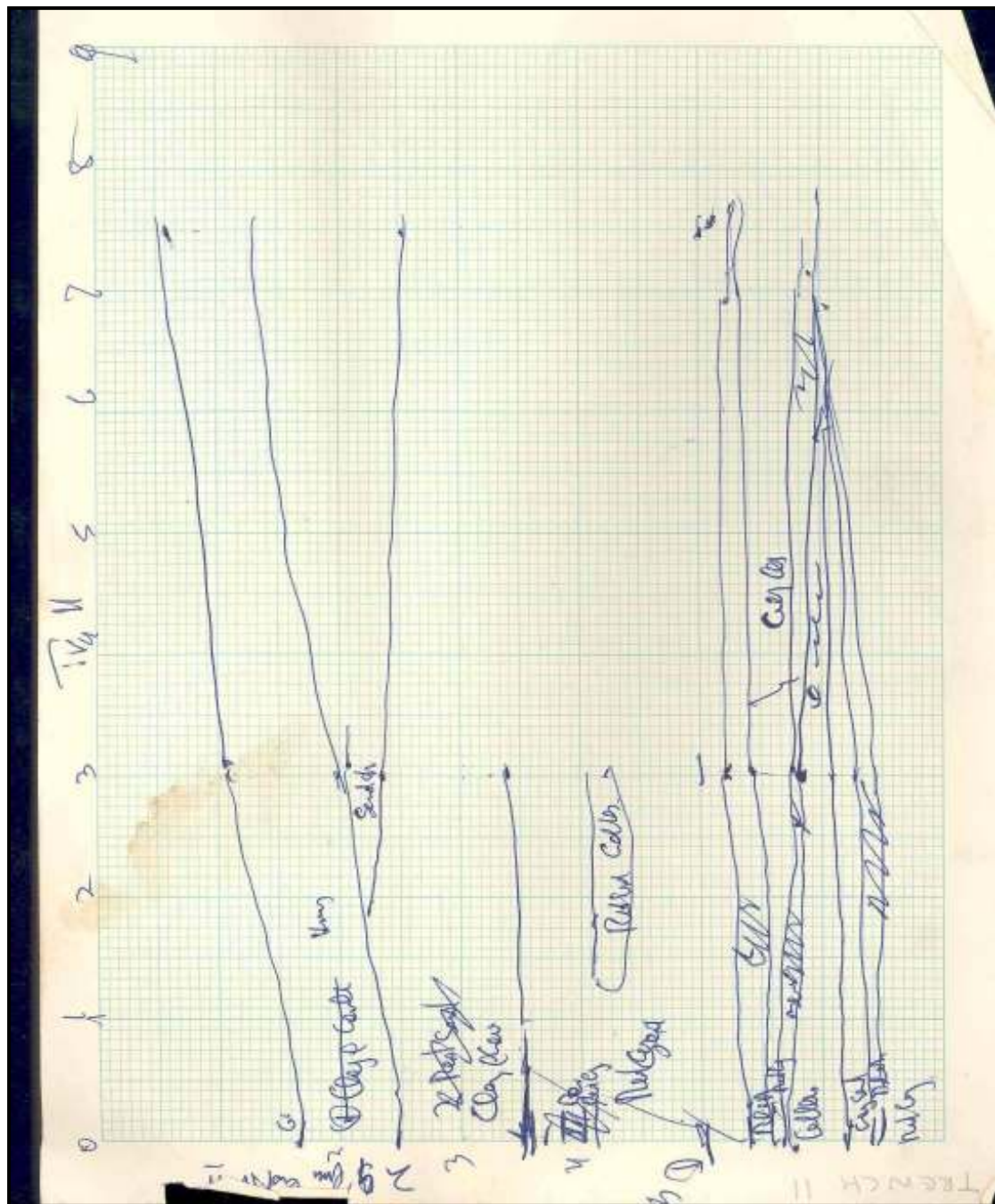
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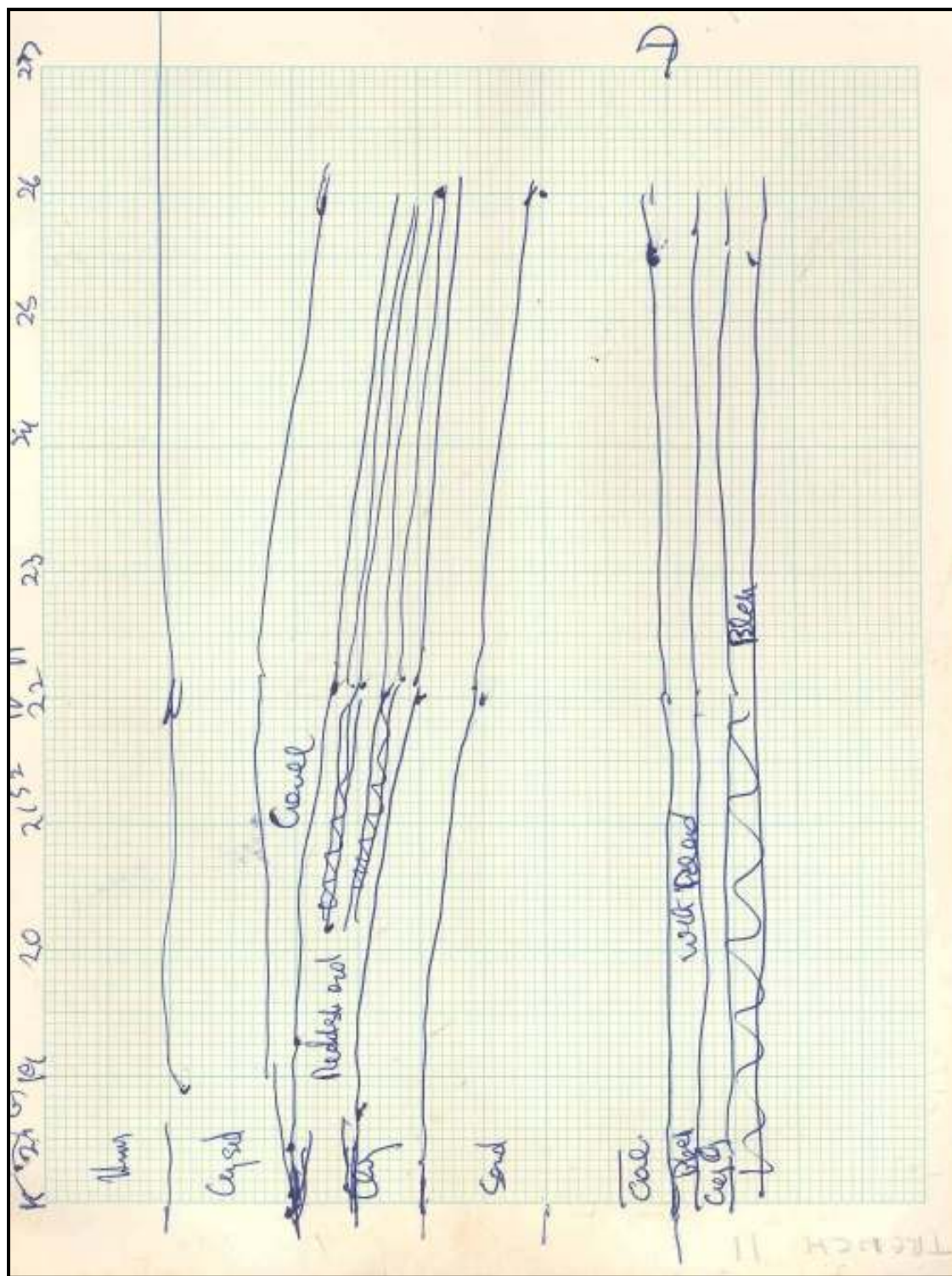
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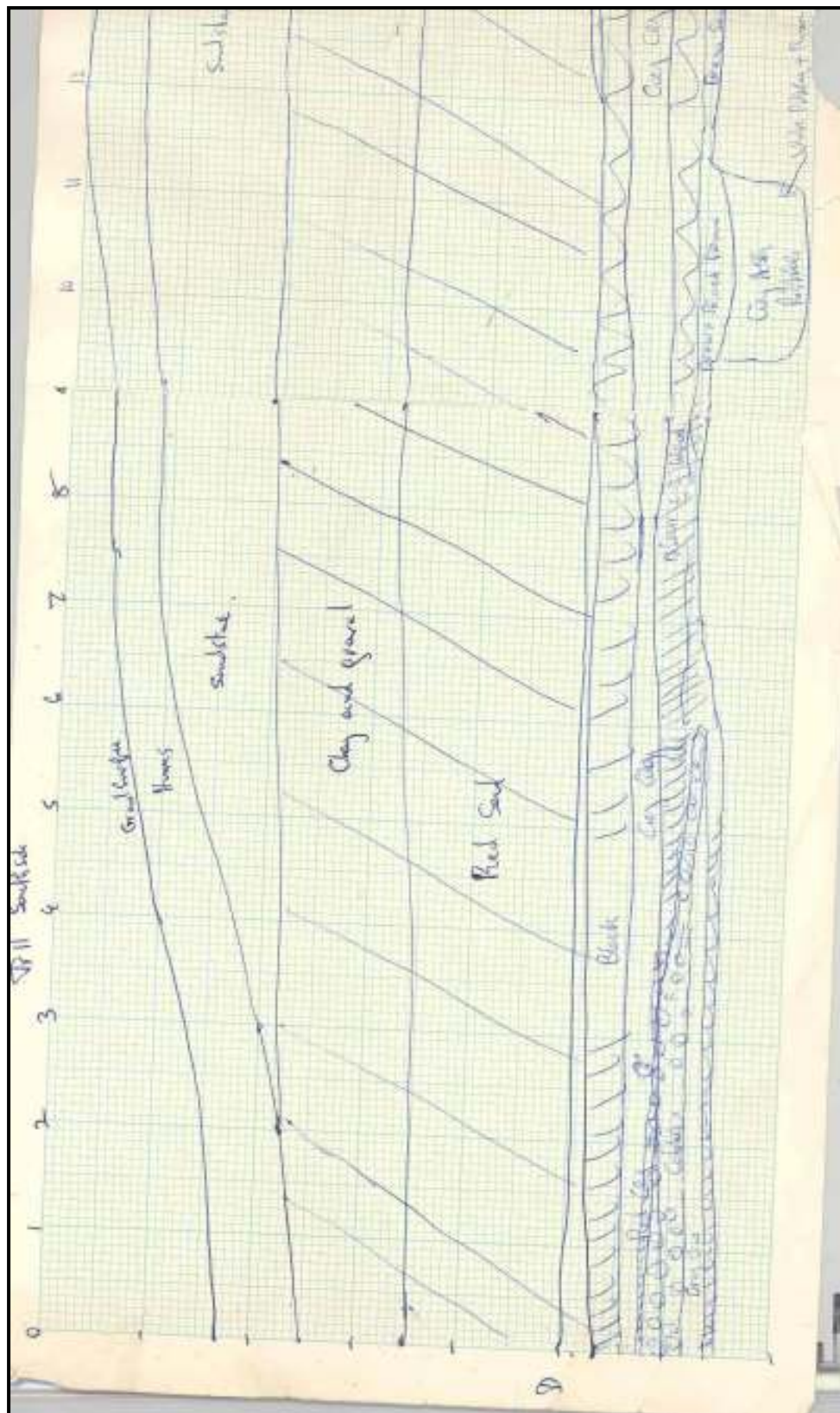
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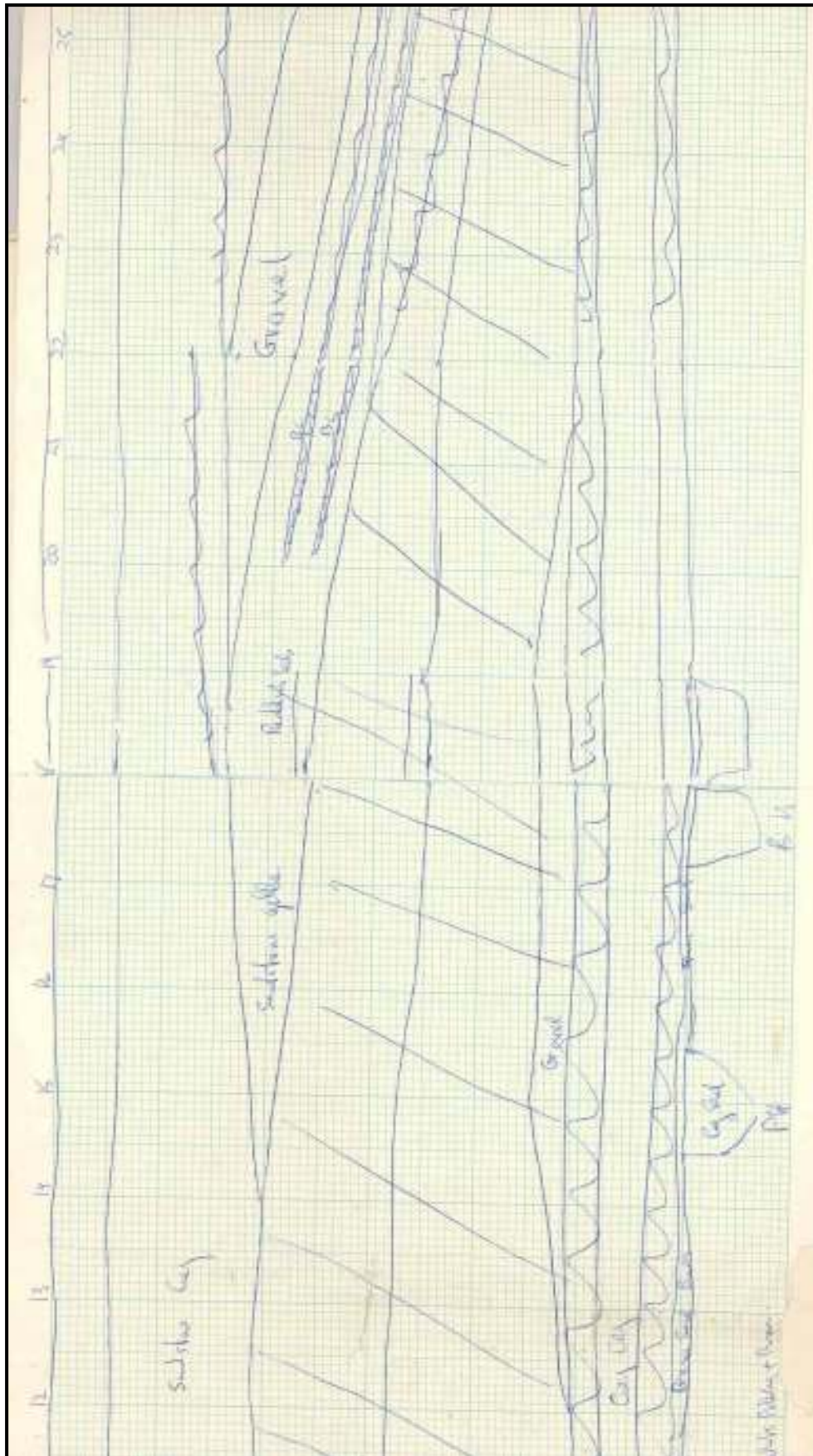
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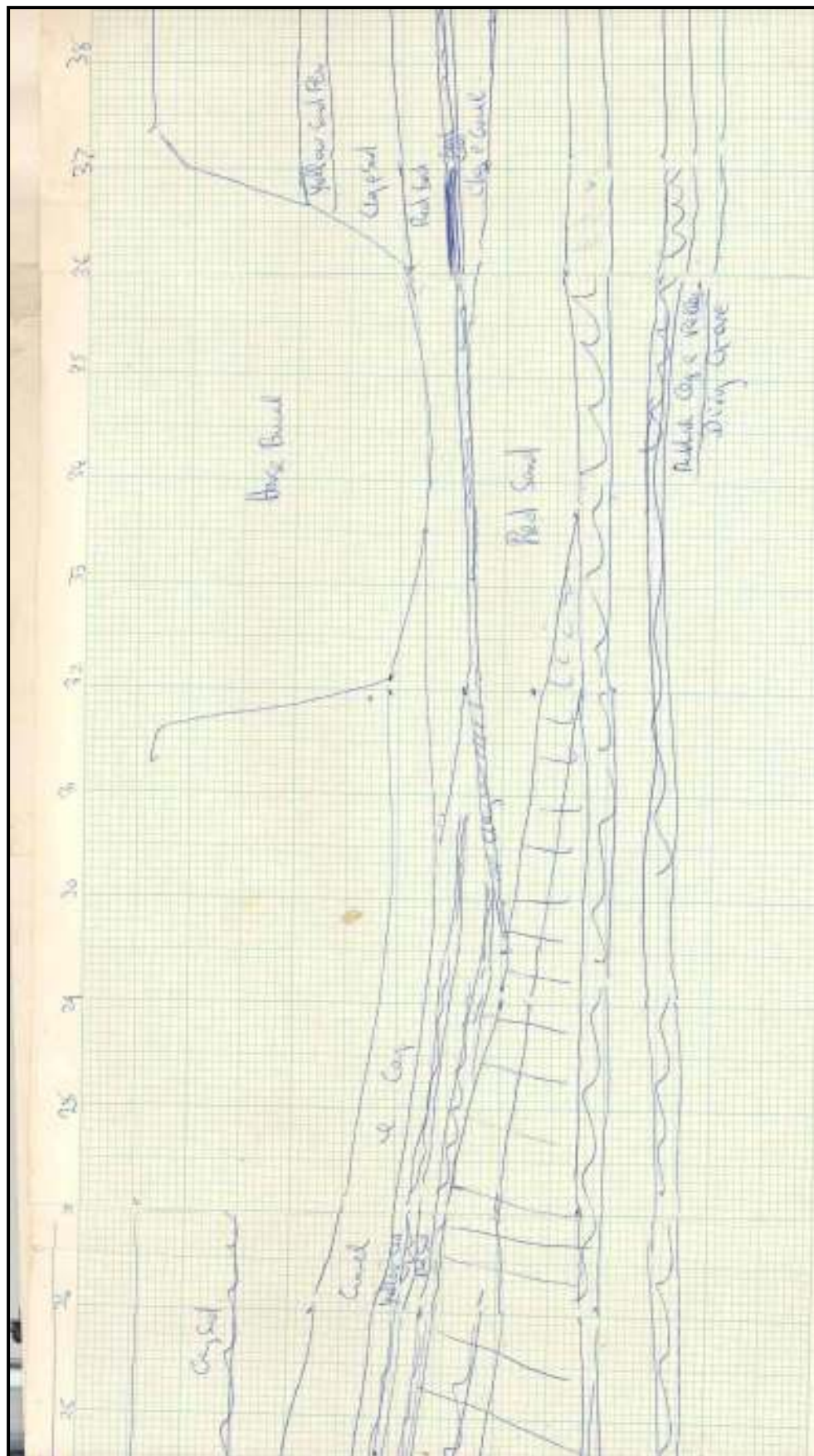
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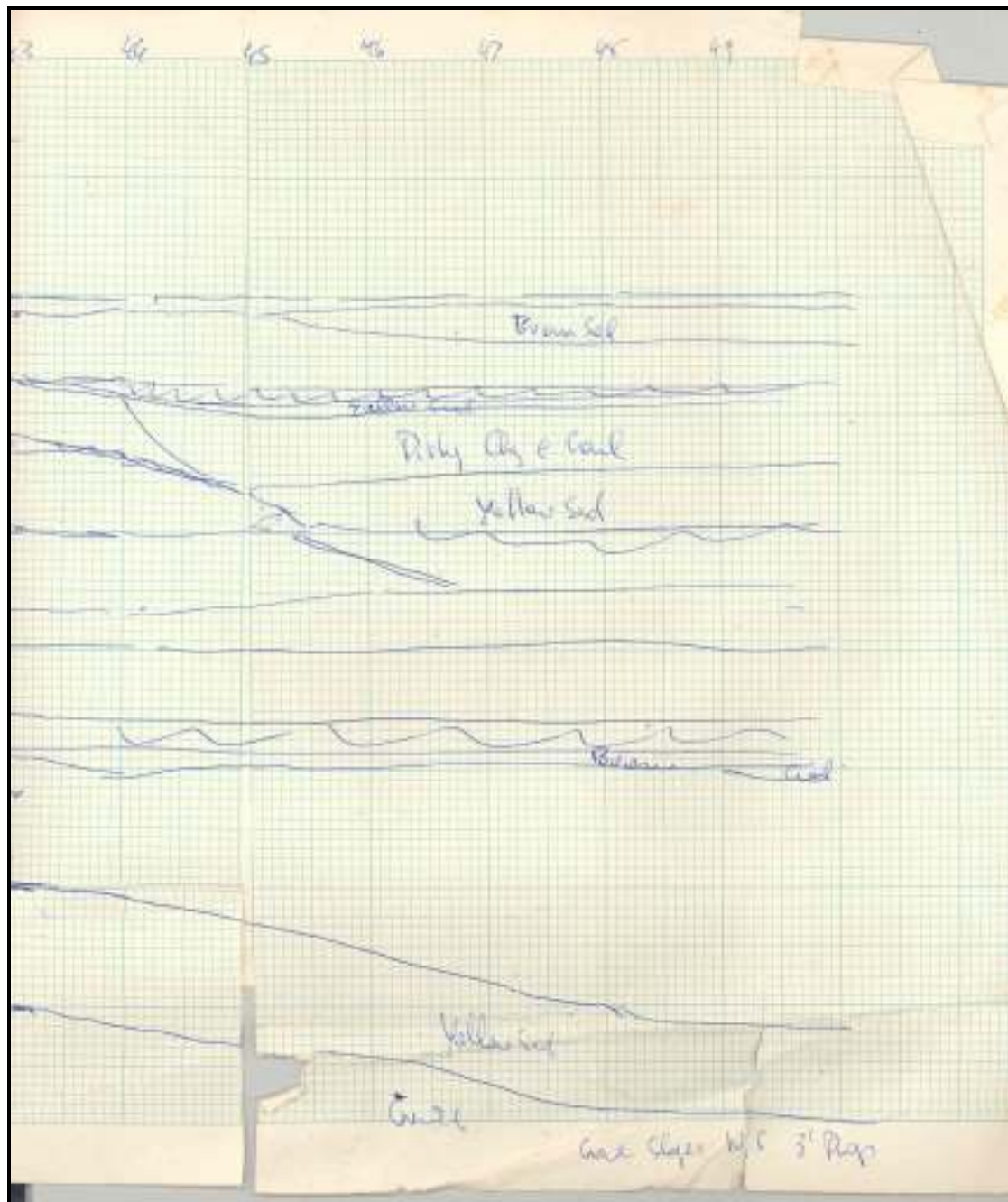
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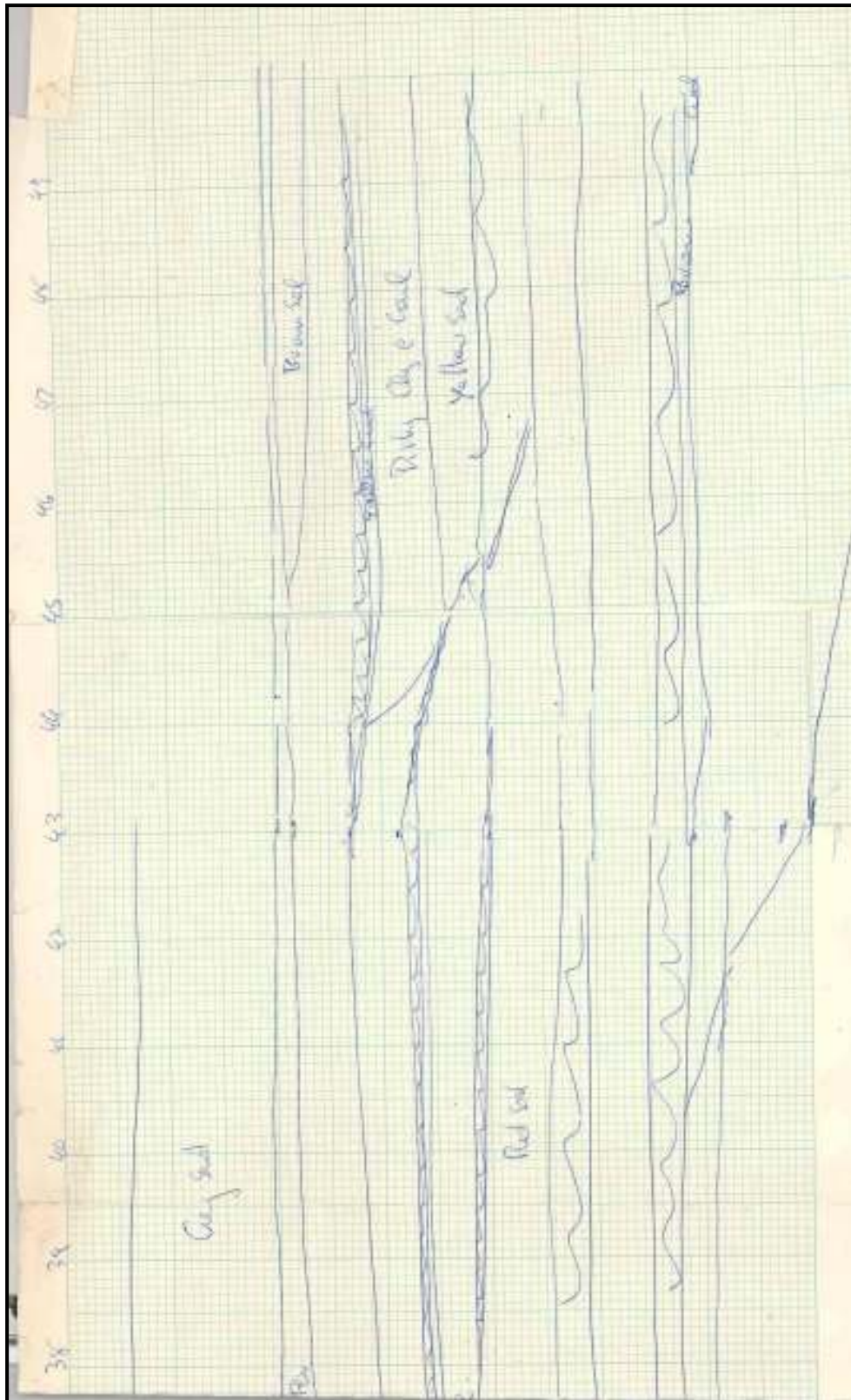
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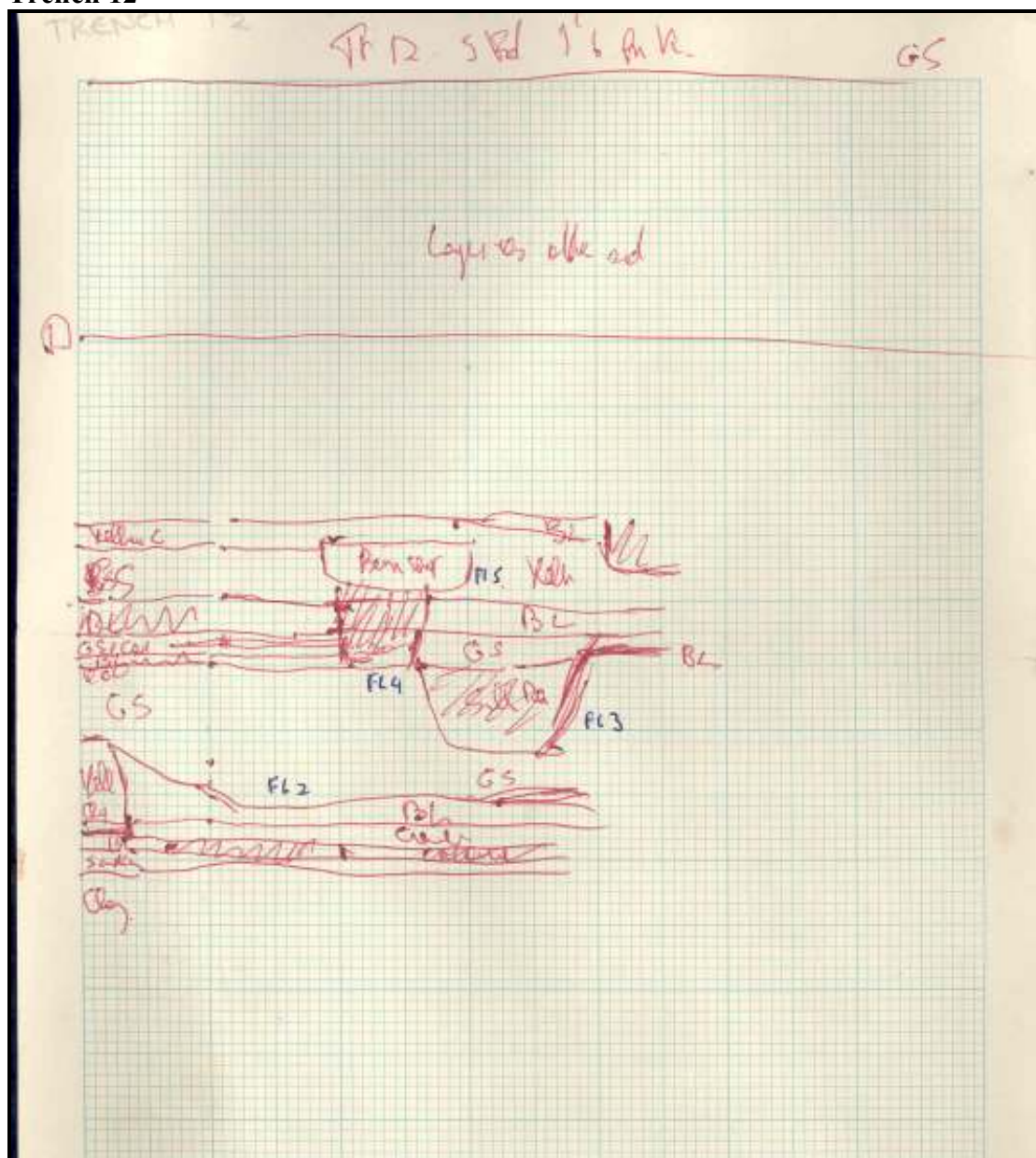


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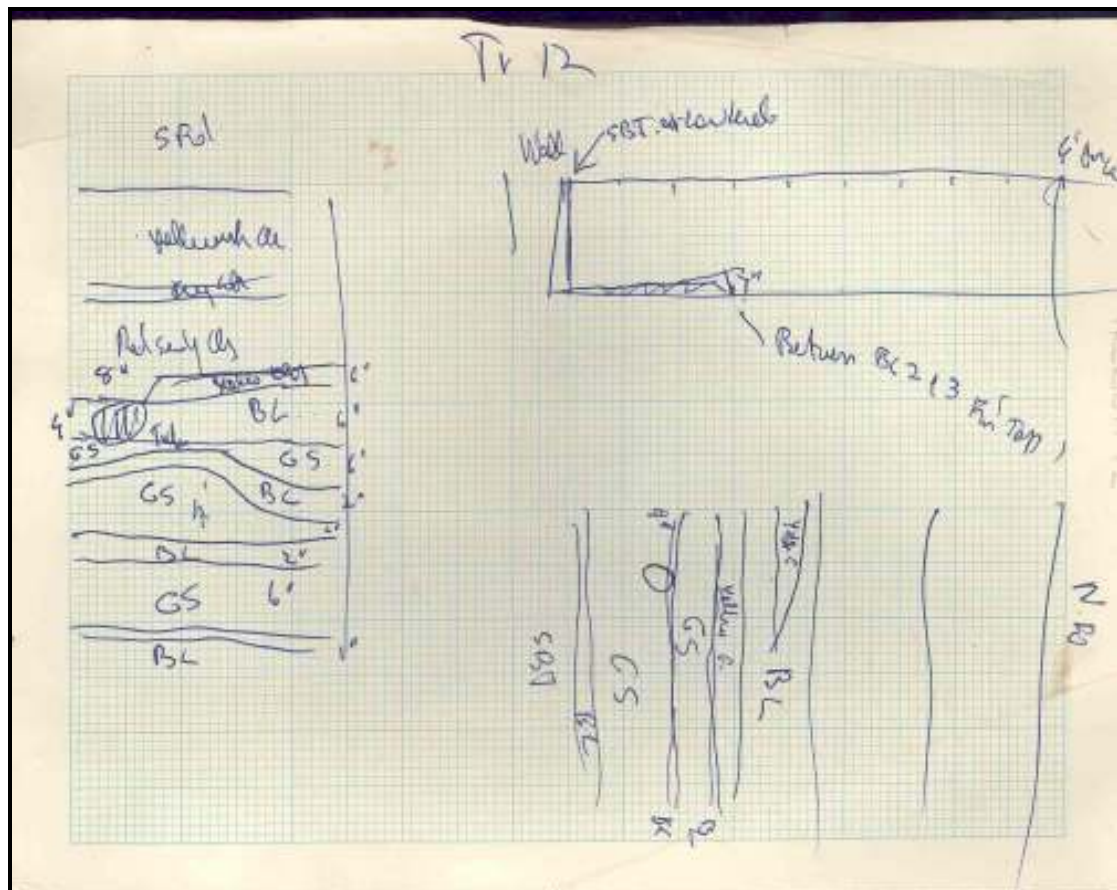


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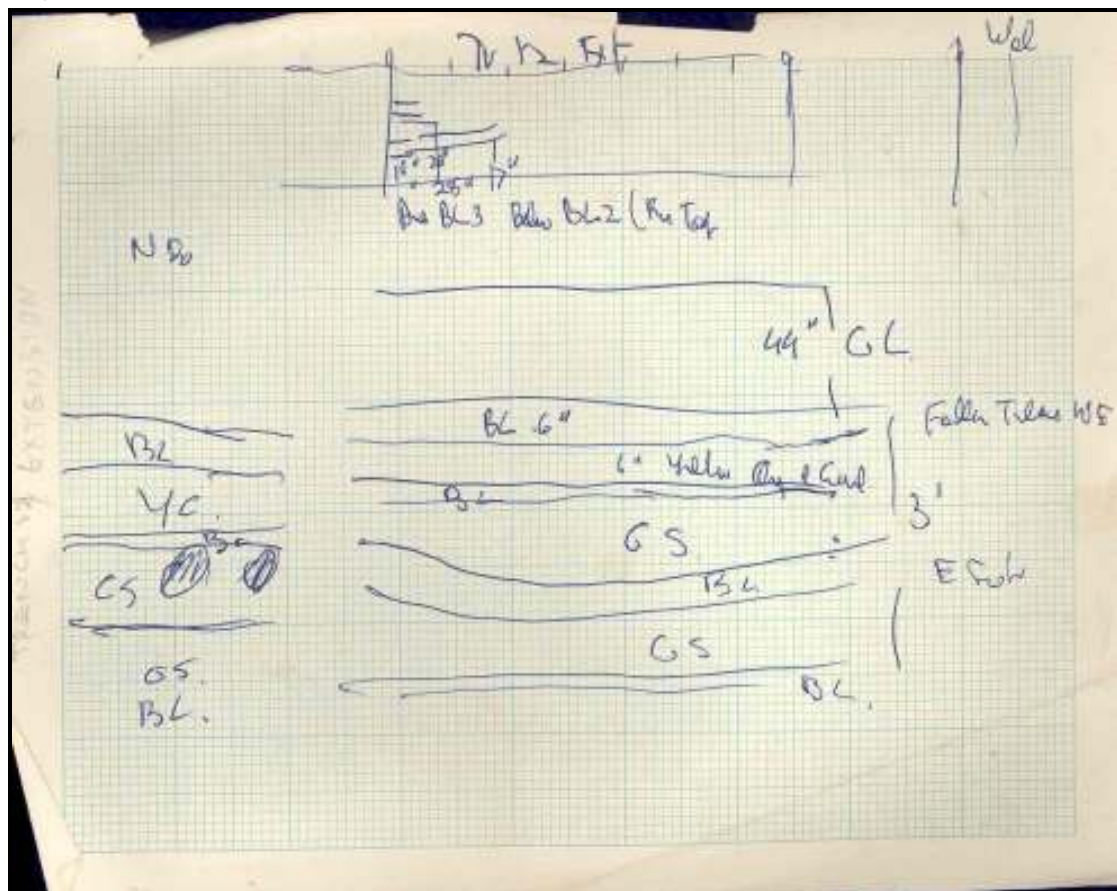
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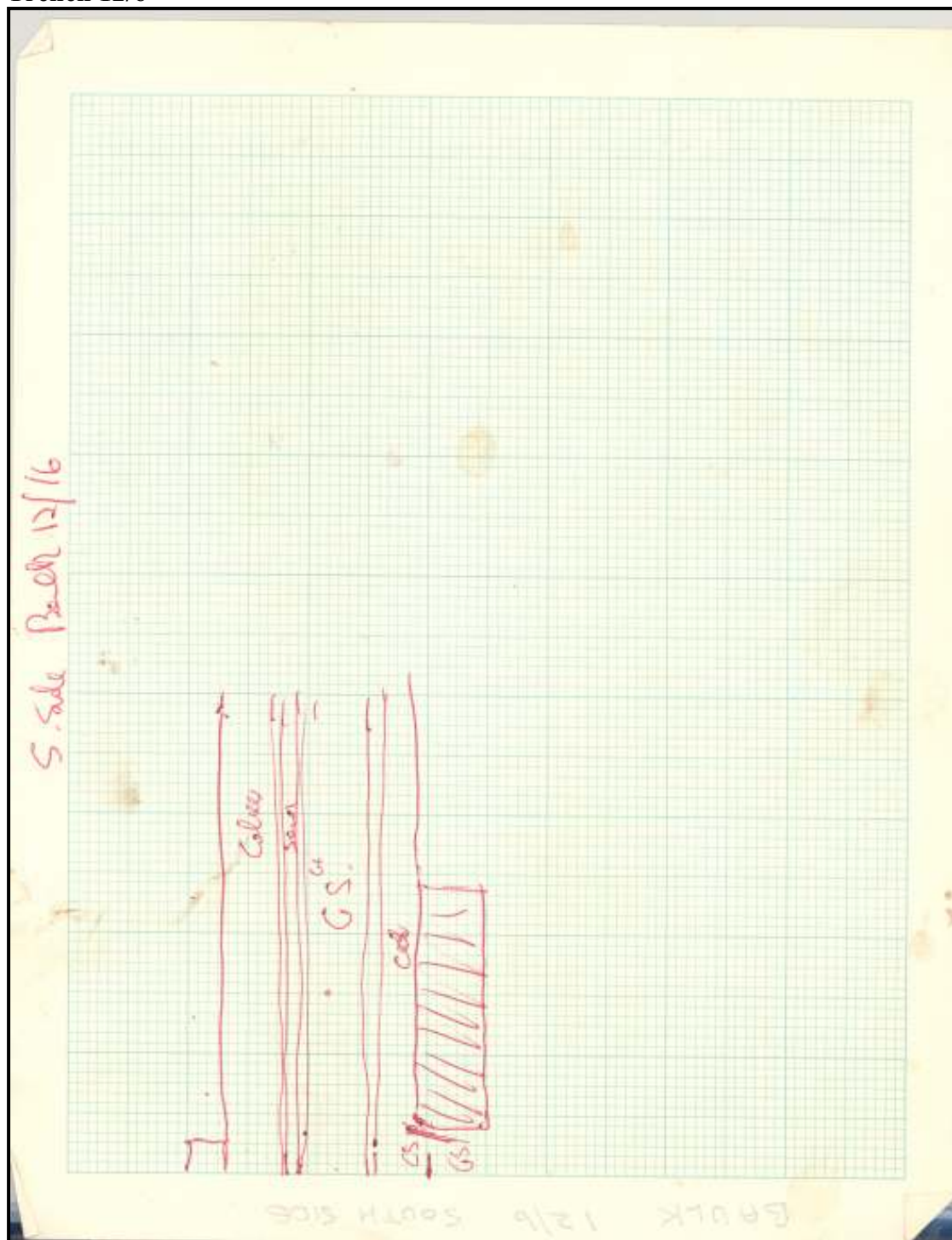


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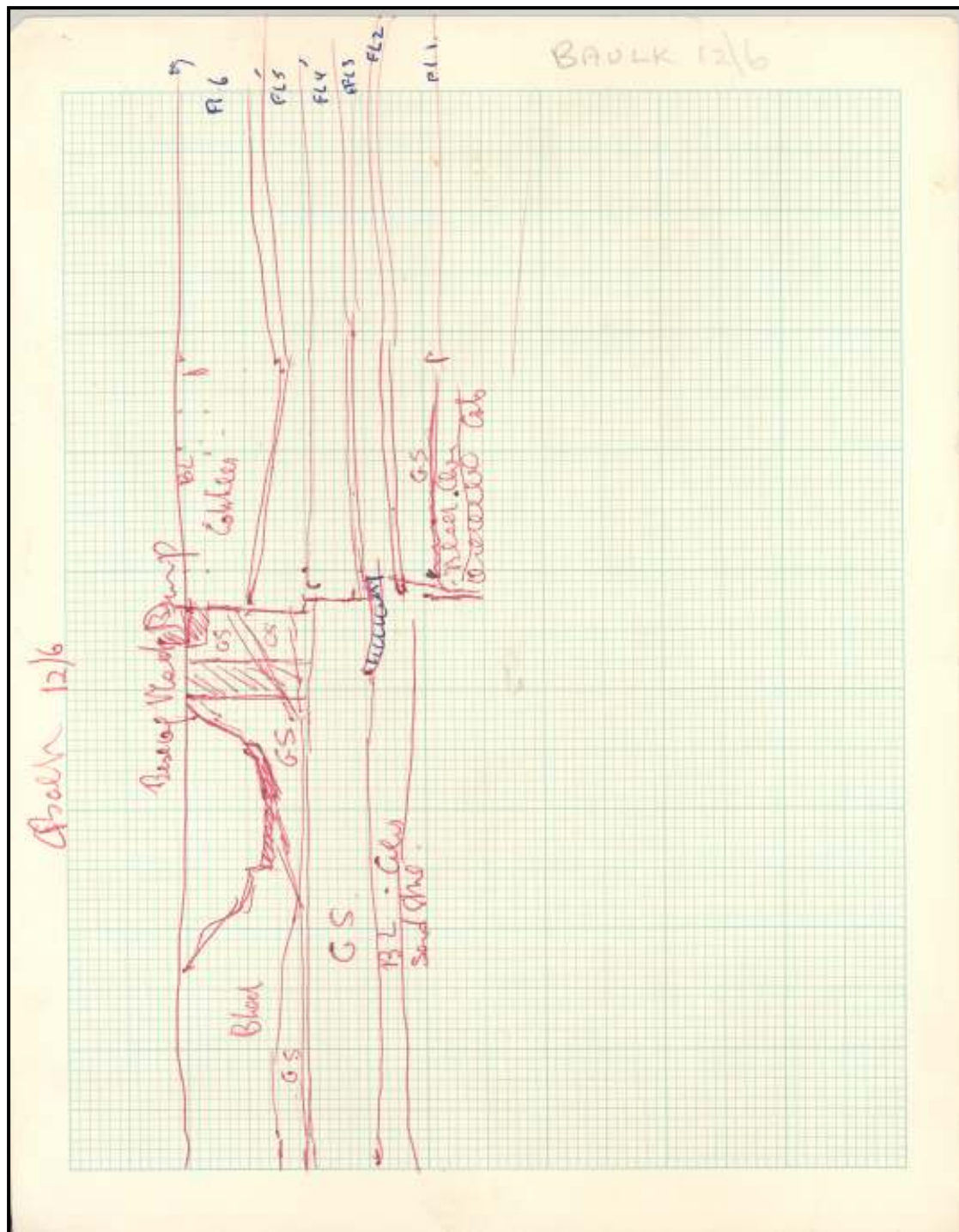


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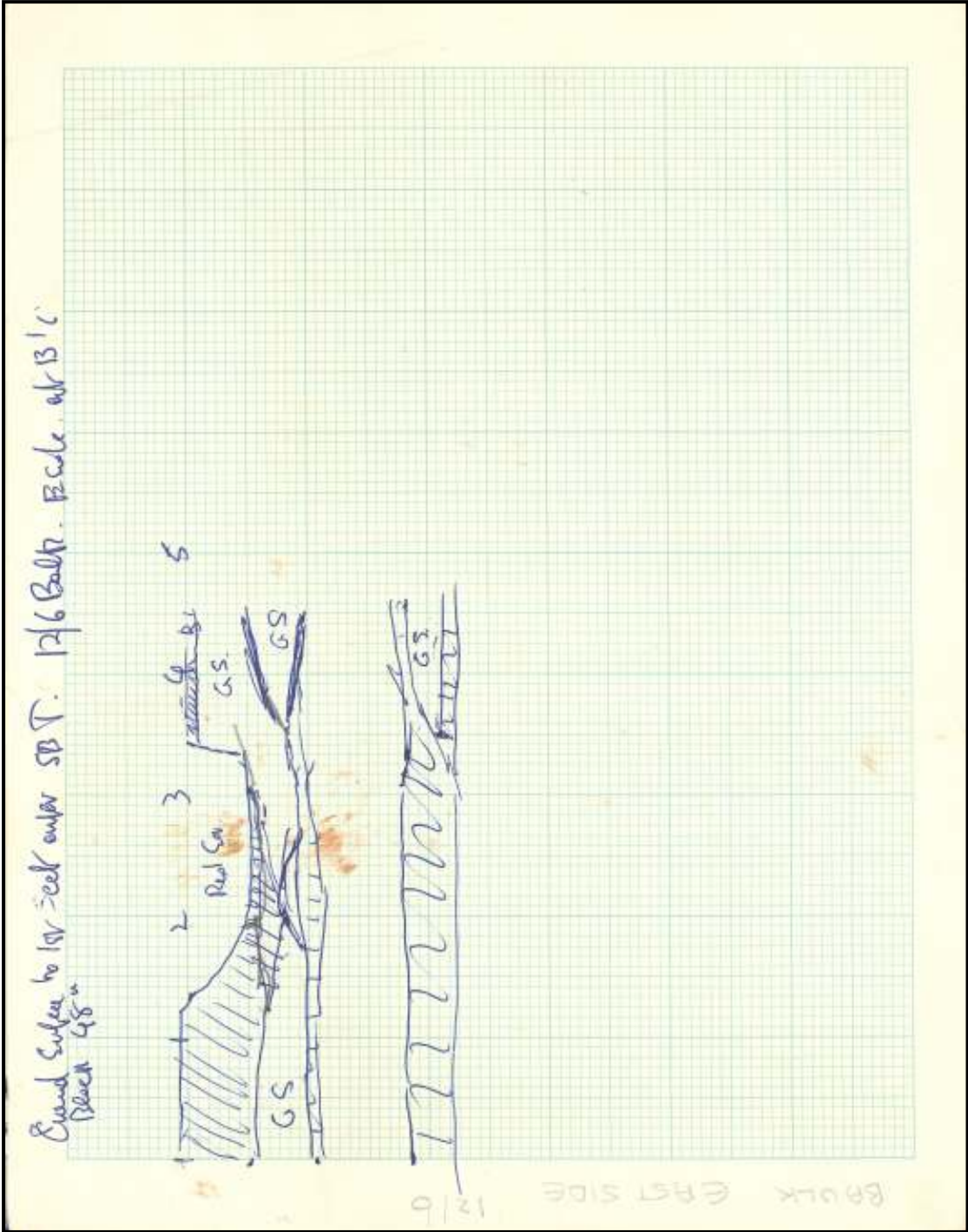
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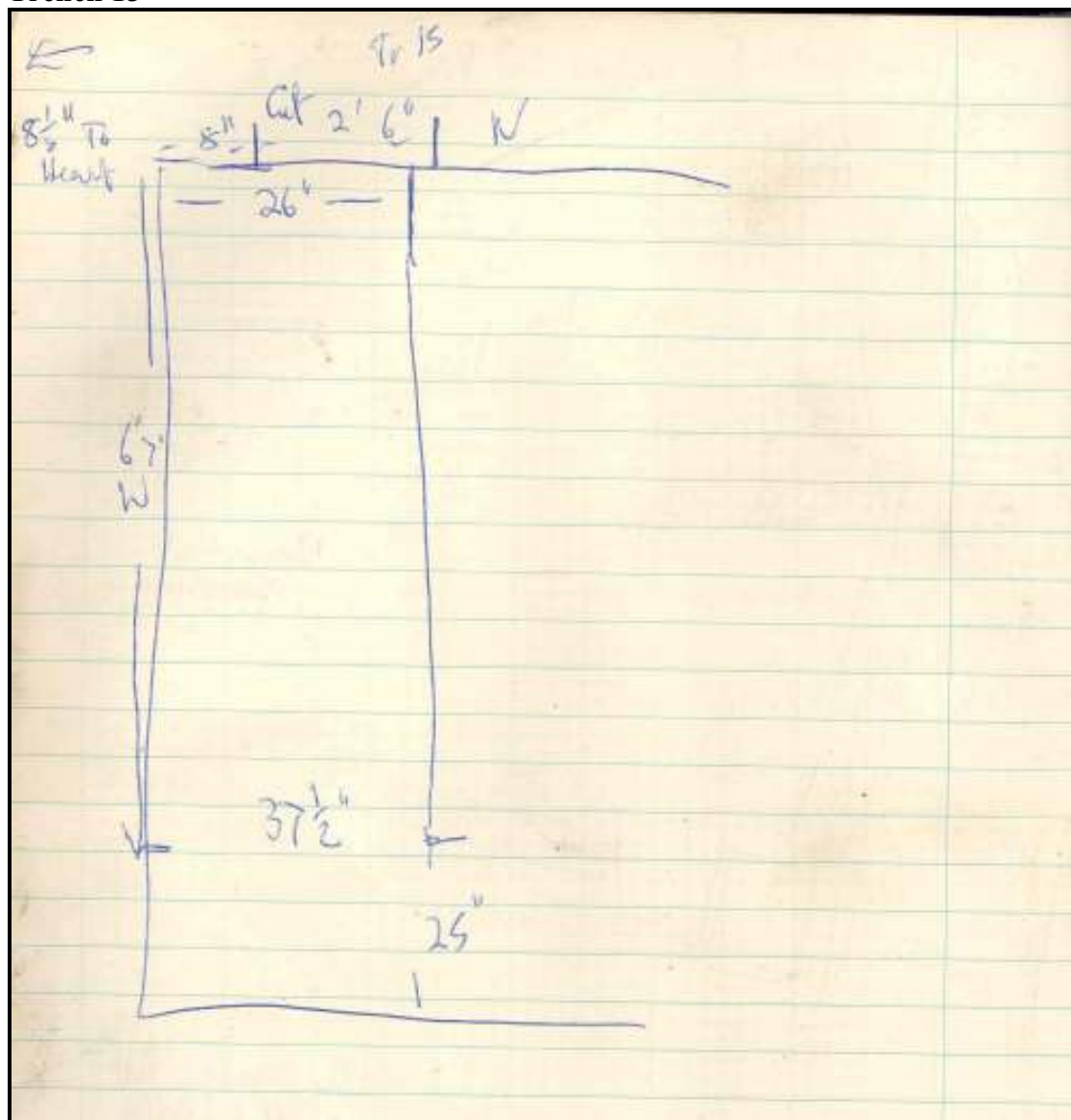
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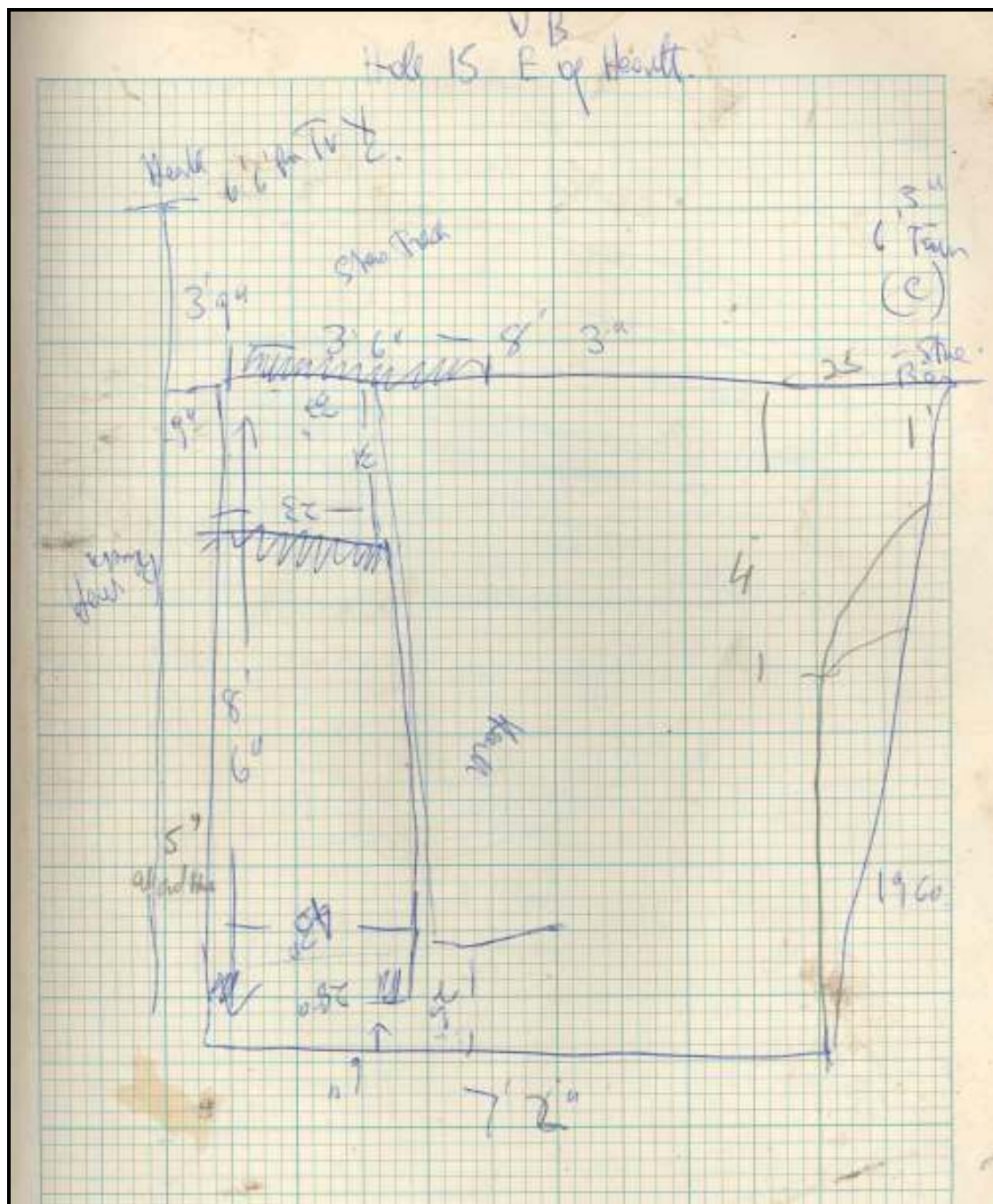
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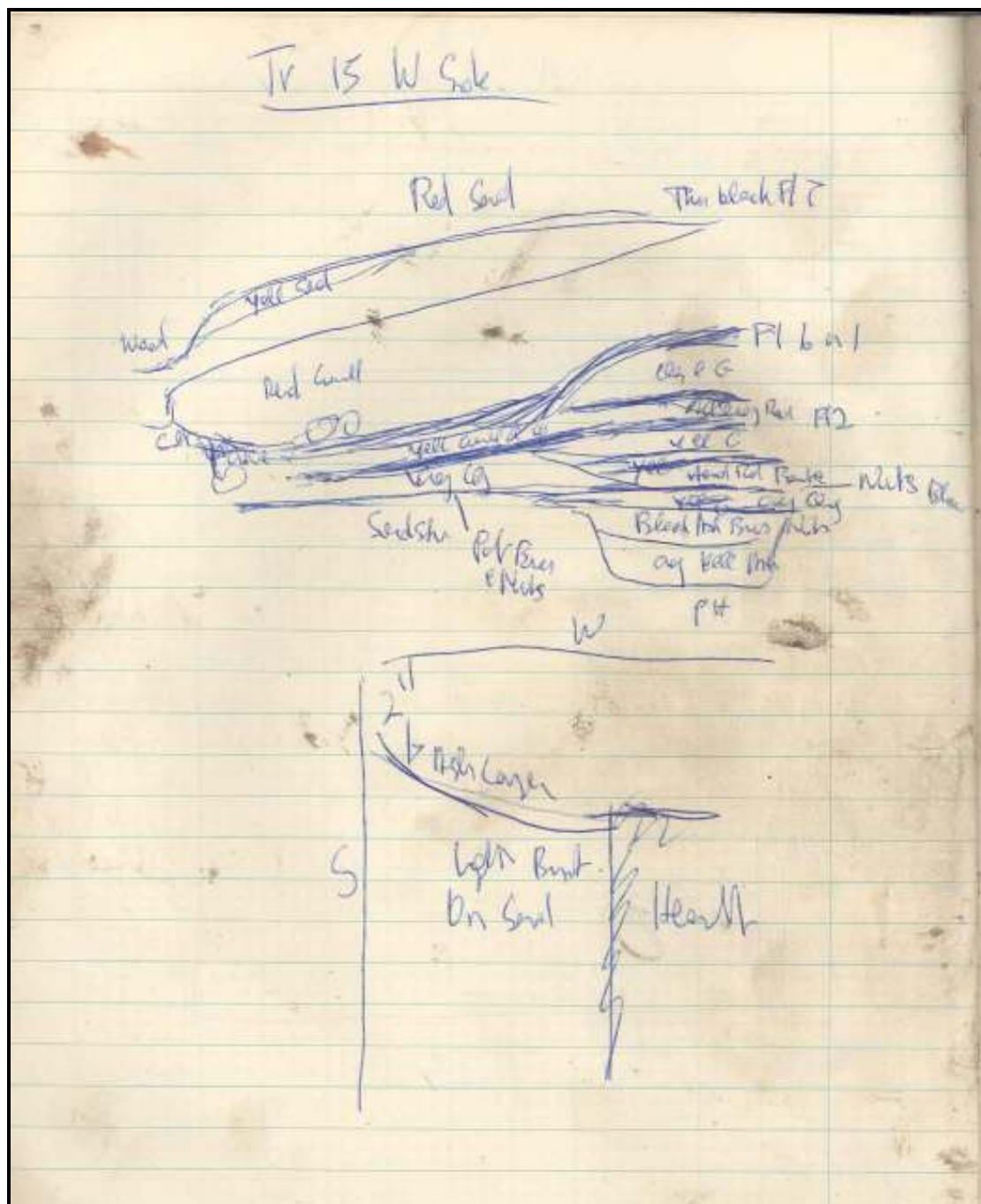
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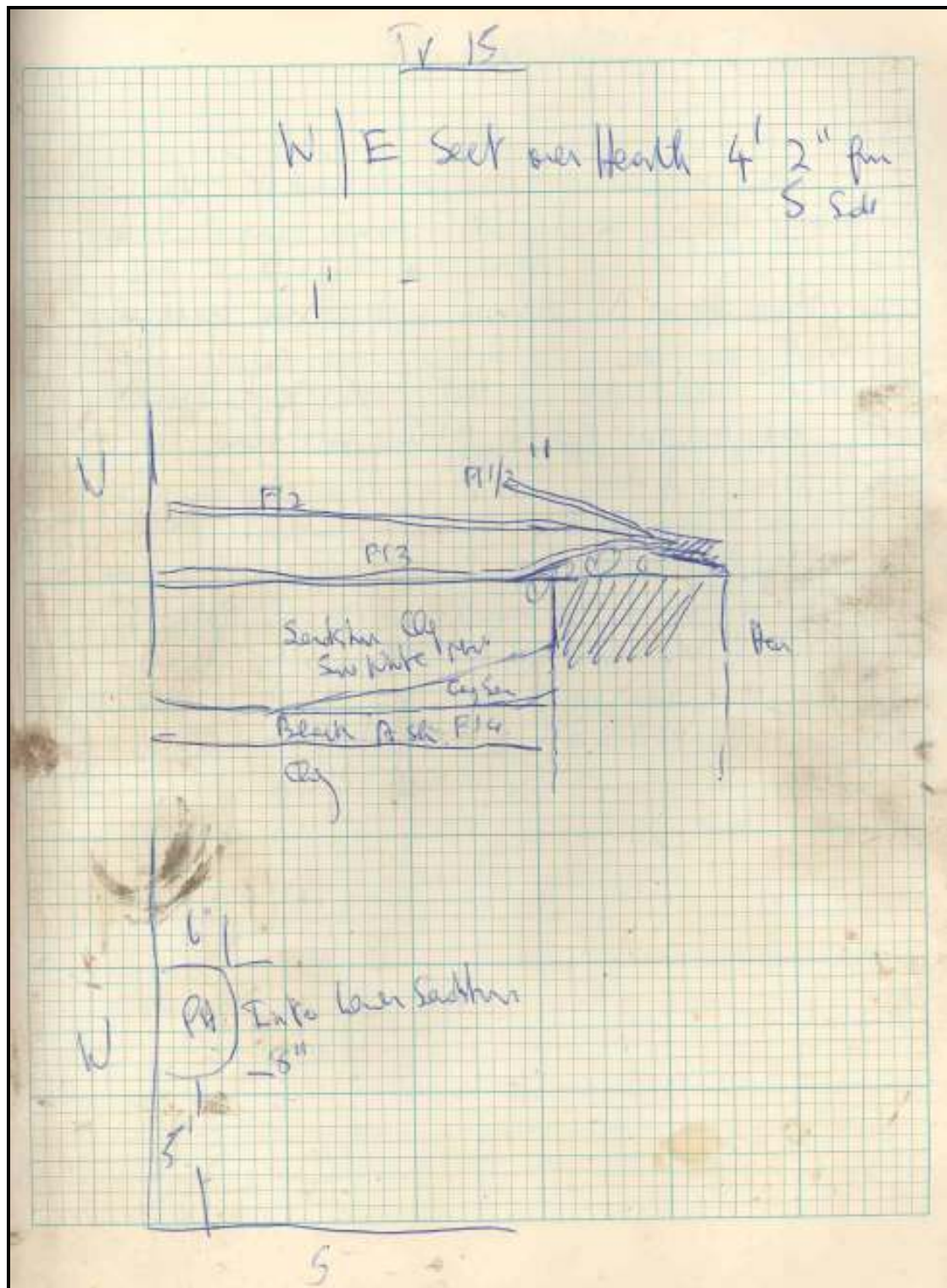
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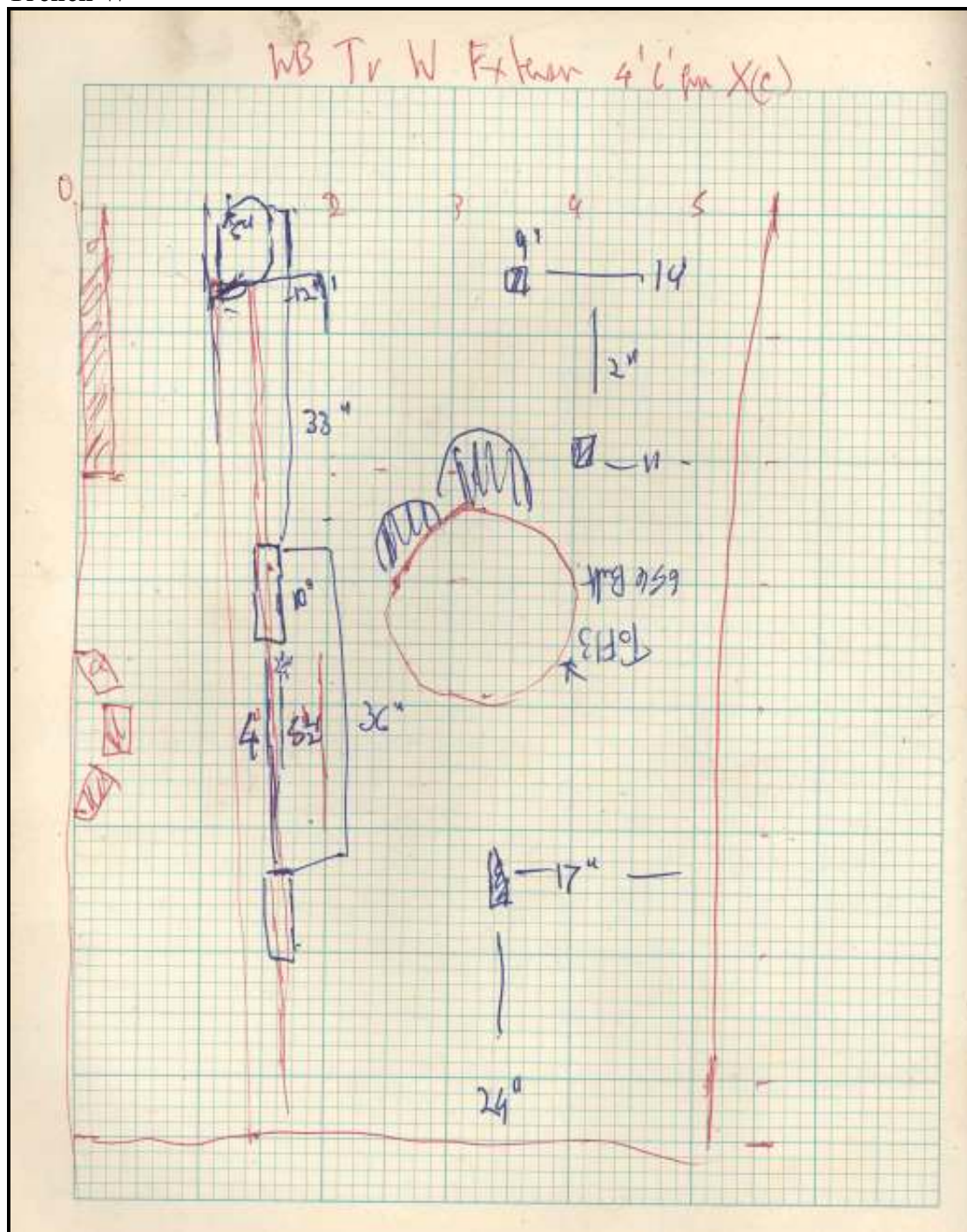
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(1) Heath consisted of 2 rows narrow sand stone facing
 blocks packed clay & sandstone & cobbles. Perhaps about 2" below
 all below. To W of heath depression a clay with or few
 cobbles & some plants on N. Depression probably near heath edge
 about 1' of ashly layers. On surface above collected several
 small bones. Not found? Deep rows of sand stone
 showing. Not large but cobbles. Clay with above next
 heath & period of disease.

(2) Sandstone & clay added on W. Contains some white
 flints - slightly different color from sand stone of heath - goes
 over edge of heath. Not surface cobbles in this layer
 into etc. (Note also on front heath in upper level).
 Above not surface cobbles on W sand stone. Not hand-drawn
 result. Possible with this level & probably stone holes. Plans 1 1/2
 and 2 also.

(3) Plan 2

Trench W



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