

Jan 24th (Cont)

Such examination as was possible of the upper fragment revealed the following. Upper part bears at least 3 figures, one of hawk headed deity surmounted by sun-disc, one a human figure wearing the double crown and the 3rd is not clear. Between these vertical lines of hieroglyphics and the emplacement of at least one cartouche, which has been obliterated with a chisel. The main body of text is in horizontal lines, left to right. In the first line a town name ending in [Drawing: Hieroglyphs] was observed, and the cartouche again erased. At present it impossible to tell whether the stela is complete in the two fragments observed. The cutting of the hieroglyphics is inferior in quality to the granite stela, and the characters are larger, owing to the softer stone, doubtless.

- (b) In area B 501 VII 4, extreme "NW" corner, and ca 6 m, due "W" of "W" end of "N" curtain wall came on two black granite statues. They stand approximately on the floor level of the temple and both face due "S" (i.e. towards the central aisle of the room). They are about 20 cm. apart and parallel. The "Eastern" figure is the lower half of a seated figure, ca ½ life size, of Thothmes III.⁷ Both cartouches with accompanying text on either side of legs on front of seat. Under the feet the nine bows incised in base block. The work is of fine quality, highly polished, and from the waist down the statue appears absolutely intact, though bottom of seat has not been cleared. From the waist up the figure is missing. The "Western" figure is that of a man-headed sphinx with double crown + double uraeus, holding a cup between the fore paws.⁸ No inscription has come to light so far, but the entire basis remains uncleared. The figure appears intact except for extreme top of white crown.

[Drawing] Rough sketch showing part cleared and position of cup.

These figures lay under a high bank of sand ca 2m deep. with burnt brick and sandstone frags. in lower part. The entire adjacent territory is yielding plentiful chips of black granite sculpture, part of bent knee of large figure, calf of a straight leg, at least life size, several frags. of apron or wig (pleated), and a small female head, complete in three frags, but the face somewhat battered.

Compared head No 19-12-139 with figure between paws of ram "NW" of entrance to B 502. It does not fit, but is identical in size, material, and type of headdress. It probably is from one of the other ram figures. It was found Dec 28th in B 900 EX 1.

The granite stela was safely transported to the house at end of work today.

⁷ MFA 23.737.

⁸ Granite sphinx of Senkamanisken, 20-1-274; Dunham 1970:42. In Khartoum