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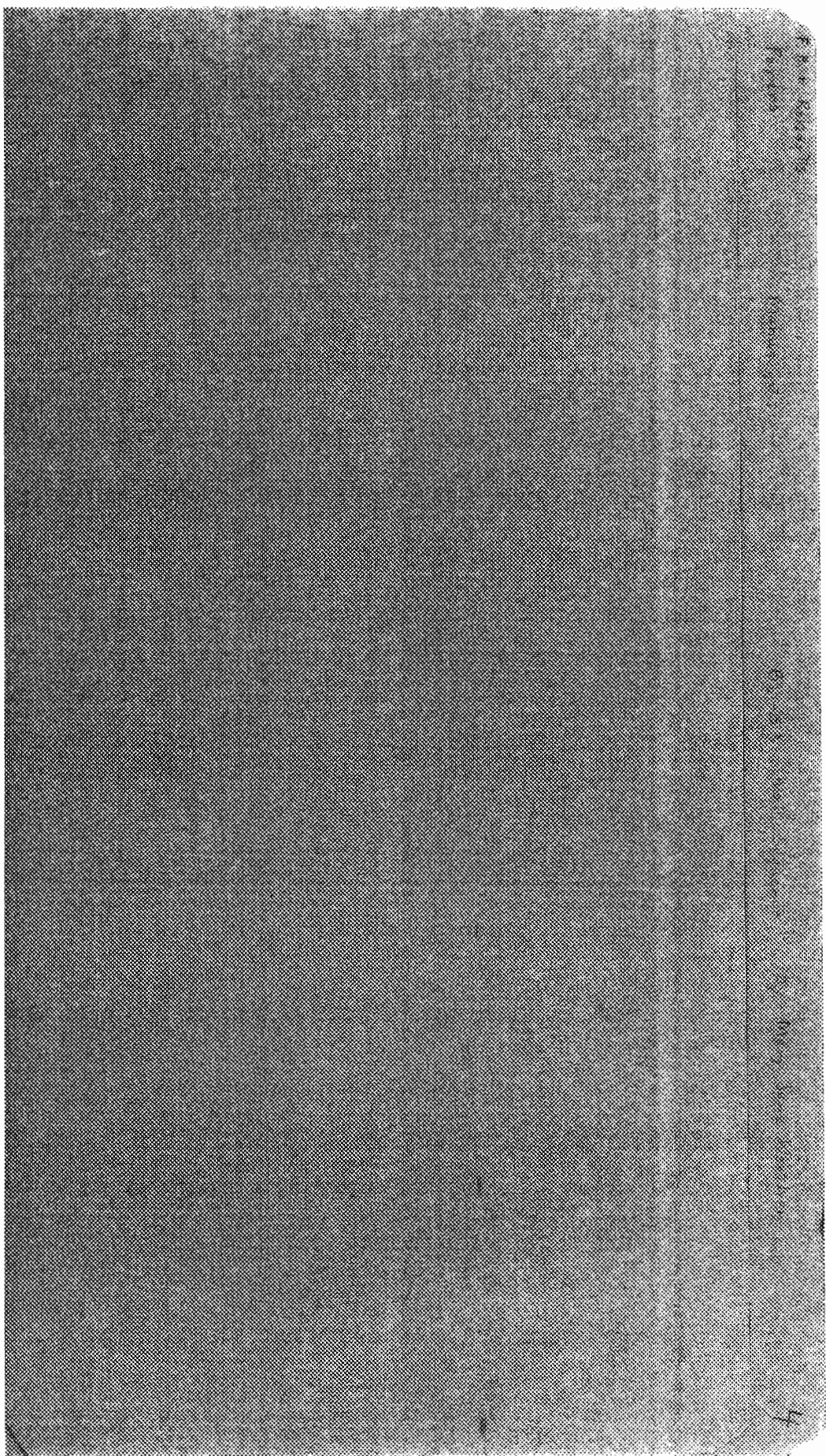
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Bc 53 Wall Sequence

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## Bc 53 Wall Sequence

The excavation of site Bc 53 was completed during the summer field session of 1941 by the University of New Mexico. The small house ruin, located on the south side of Chaco Canyon just east of Bc 51, shows constructions which date from two periods in the Pecos classification: the present walls date from Pueblo III while the older underlying walls described in the following paragraph date from Pueblo II.

The earliest section of the site consists of two blocks, one in the east represented by a kiva? wall in room 9, and one in the west represented by a small room series indicated by an X on the accompanying map. The eastern section, however, was backfilled to prevent collapse and the western section was not uncovered until the end of the season so that no description can be given.

Another earlier wall is beneath the joint wall of rooms 16 and 3 but a sequence could only be determined by removing several complete walls. The underlying portion of wall is indicated on the map by a dotted line at the juncture of the western wall with the central section of rooms.

The oldest block of rooms in the present structure is that containing kiva B and rooms 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. The block occupied by kiva B is probably the oldest because the wall junctures are butting against its walls. Room 6 was created after 7 and 10 by adding a north-south wall in room 7 which resulted in two rooms. Rooms 8 and 11 were added after room 6 or possibly at the same time. Room 12 was created by adding an L-shaped

masonry section to a protruding wall on the south side of the same block. The enclosure containing kiva D was added later, followed by rooms 13 and 14 in that order. Fragmentary wall sections on the north side of the kiva D enclosure indicate an earlier kiva. Kiva C was added after the tier containing rooms 13 and 14. It is built over the earlier kiva wall in room 9 which was mentioned in the ~~first~~<sup>SECOND</sup> paragraph. The section containing rooms 9 and 15 was added to the main structure after kiva C was completed. The division of this section into rooms was made possible by the construction of a north-south wall. Room 9 differs from 15 in that a portion of the footing for the north wall is present.

Room 4 was added to the western wall of the kiva B tier. Rooms 2 and 3 were added to this and room 1 was added to room 2. The space for kiva A was obtained by removing a series of rooms butting on to the tier containing rooms 1 and 2. The fragmentary section of wall protruding from the south side of room 1 is all that remains of this section. The wall forming the western and southern boundaries of the kiva A enclosure, <sup>WERE ADDED</sup> at the same time room 1 was completed. Utilizing this partial enclosure and a wall fragment from the south wall of room 4, the enclosure for kiva A was completed. This addition, marked I on the map, was also utilized to form part of the boundary for a patio or plaza on the south-central side of the site. Rooms 16, 17, and 18 were added to the northern wall of the tier containing rooms 1, 2, and 3 at a later date. The presence of an early wall section beneath the northern wall of room 3 has already been noted.

One fragment of wall was added to the section containing kiva C and rooms 13 and 14, but this served no structural purpose.

There is no mention of wall sequence in the Tseh So Report or the Preliminary Report on Ec 50-51, thus making comparison of this feature impossible for these three sites.