APPENDIX 6: 1998/9 CULTURAL CONTEXT MASTER LIST FOR EXCAVATIONS

Surface and subsurface modern disturbance
000 general surface collection
010 humus root zone, do not combine in analysis
020 plowed surface collection
021 plowed surface – shovel scrape
030 fallow, harvested surface – shovel scrape
031 fallow, harvested surface – shovel scrape
040 natural / wild surface collection
050 plow zone
060 excavated surface collection
061 shovel test
070 modern wall or rock pile
080 humus root zone, ok to combine in analysis with level
090 modern burned area
091 modern animal burial
092 modern human burial.
093 modern pit
094 soil disturbed by modern archaeological excavations
095 looters’ pit
096 looters’ soil
099 disturbed, cause not specified

Wall
100 Wall (general category, including possible wall)
110 rock wall, unmortared
120 pirka (fieldstone) wall or foundation
121 exterior supporting ledge
122 interior supporting ledge
125 rock wall, single course
126 fill or mortar of wall
130 dressed stone wall
140 rock wall fall
141 adobe wall fall
142 rock and adobe wall fall
143 fallen rock roof
144 fallen adobe roof
145 fallen rock and adobe roof
150 rock wall fall; do not combine in analysis
160 trench fill associated with wall construction
161 trench associated with wall construction
162 wall plaster, slumped off
163 wall plaster facing
170 wall fall from retaining wall
wall fall, ok to combine in analysis with level below
Adobe or mud wall
Stone at extension base of adobe wall
Adobe and rock wall
Fallen roof, no details specified

Midden: culturally deposited
Low density midden
Low density midden – primary deposition
Low density midden – secondary deposition
Medium density midden
Medium density midden – primary deposition
Medium density midden – secondary deposition
High density midden
High density midden – primary deposition
High density midden – secondary deposition
Low density midden with ash
Low density midden with ash – primary deposition
Low density midden with ash – secondary deposition
Medium density midden with ash
Medium density midden with ash – primary deposition
Medium density midden with ash – secondary deposition
High density midden with ash
High density midden with ash – primary deposition
High density midden with ash – secondary deposition
Plow zone derived from midden
Midden interspersed with natural deposition
Midden interspersed with wall slump
Cut below midden deposit
Midden with carbon
Midden – details not specified
Midden level – stratified

Cultural Surface: “use” surfaces and their soil
Compact surface inside structure (i.e., floor))
Surface, not clearly compact
Surface inside structure
Surface outside structure
Occupation zone, soil laid down during use
Occupation zone, soil laid down during use – inside structure
Occupation zone, soil laid down during use – outside structure
Dense occupation zone
Occupation zone with disturbed, burned soil
Activity area
Metal processing area
Food processing area
323 ceramic production area
324 storage area, burned in situ, intermixed with wall fall
330 floor contact (material on floor surface)
340 compact surface (crusty)
341 cut associated with compact surface
343 compact surface outside structure
344 clay floor inside structure
345 compact surface inside structure (but not clearly a floor, see 342)
350 paved floor
351 paved floor inside structure
352 paved floor outside structure
360 rocky subfloor, drainage construction
370 occupation zone with wall or roof fall; adobe wall slump
371 mixed deposit of material from occupation zone and wall fall
380 plow zone derived from occupation zone
390 possible occupation zone

**Features: Culturally Deposited**
400 general, no details specified
410 pit fill
411 pit cut
412 pit, midden fill
413 pit, gravel fill
414 pit, natural soil with few artifacts
415 pit, ash fill
416 pit, clay fill
417 pit with camelid bones
418 pit with cuy bones
419 llama offering
420 hearth (in situ burned area with well-defined limits))
421 hearth cut
422 ephemeral in situ burned area (not associated with a clear cut)
423 stone hearth lined with adobe
424 burned floor area, inside structure
425 oven
430 subfloor drainage canal
435 fill within a wall
437 fill of a water hole
440 stairway
450 firing feature other than those listed above
451 ash deposit at the bottom of a kiln
460 ash deposit (not a lens or a pit)
470 posthole fill
471 posthole cut
480 stone fill, culturally deposits, purpose unclear
490 possible features
Burials
500 primary subfloor burial
510 secondary subfloor burial
520 primary midden burial
530 secondary midden burial
540 primary burial in patio
550 secondary burial in patio
560 burial in wall fall
580 animal burial
591 cut below burial
592 burial in a natural matrix with artefacts
593 burial in stone cist tomb
594 burial in bell-shaped tomb
595 burial in ceramic vessel
598 burial, details not specified

Fill: purposefully deposited, contains artifacts with unclear associations
600 naturally deposited soil with artifacts, product of human dumping
601 rapid-water deposited soil with artifacts
602 longer term erosion-deposited soil with artifacts
603 decomposing bedrock soil with artifacts
604 soil with artifacts – not specified if cultural or natural deposit action
605 decomposing bedrock, sterile (roca madre descompuesta, sin artifactos)
610 midden used as fill
620 cultural fill
621 cut below fill
622 structure construction fill inside structure
623 structure construction fill under structure
624 rocky fill (purposeful)
625 gravel fill (purposeful)
626 fill between floors
627 fill on floor
628 fill laid for floor, sterile (releno por sub-piso, sterile)
629 sub-floor fill, containing tomb with artifacts
650 naturally deposited soil, sterile
670 natural soil with few artifacts, but culturally deposited
680 fill from a possible ceramic production zone
690 possible fill
699 gravel fill as base of a ridge line

Lenses: Thin Deposits
700   ash lens, grey-white ash
710   gravel lens
720   charred lens, black
730   natural soil lens, water-deposited
740   organic stain

No good evidence for interpretation of action of deposition:
900   undifferentiated soil
910   undifferentiated rock
920   locus unexcavated
930   sterile earth
931   sterile earth, water-deposited soil
999   mixed locus, check before analyzing