

25-7-92

We went caving camp bashing today. Very successful trip found two camps so far. Lots of potential it seems even managed to get friendly talk and tea and coffee. I might come back next summer, who knows.

If you want coffee (not instant) or tea in Amsterdam come and visit Marcel Dijkstra

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25.7.92

I've just been cleaning up the old campsite — a disgusting mess! There were sundry pieces of silver paper, match ends, ~~bag~~ ^{used plastic} paper, string, ribbon, cigarette ends, a can pull, and a tampon (thankfully unused) — all around our tent positions, so we can't blame other visitors.

I have retained for possible claimants:

- 1 Elastic knee bandage
- 1 Bolt (outer part only)
- 2 Clothes pegs
- 1 Sp piece

— the Sp piece and the bolt could certainly have identified los ingleses cavers. I know that some of the tents were moved quite late last night, but we should leave our sites in a pristine condition. The old site is now clear apart from the bare patches. I hope you don't find these comments too pernickity

John

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Wood

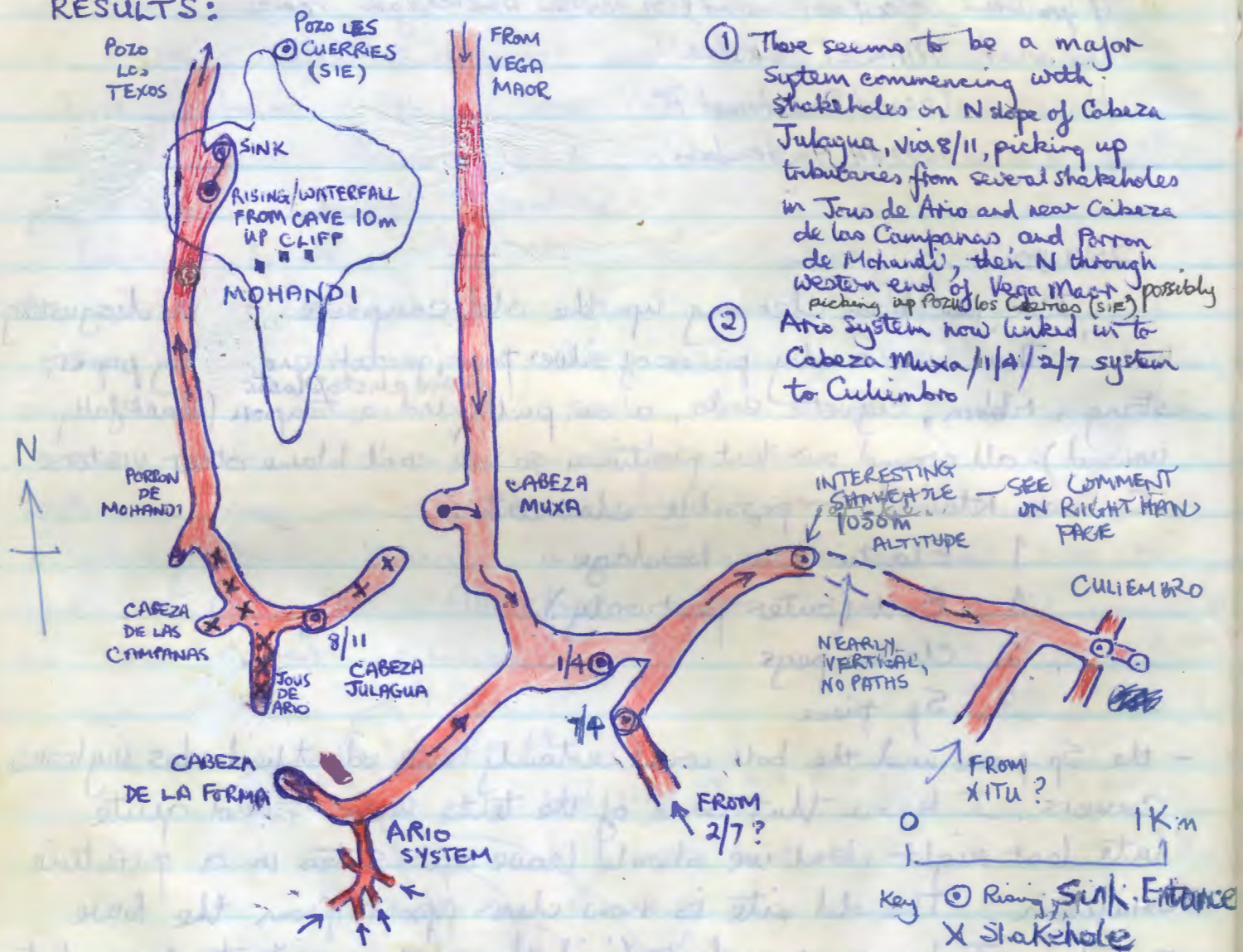


(12) John. Surface walking/doubling 24 & 25.7.92

24th 8/11, Mohandi, western end of Vega Maor, back via Cabeza Julagua / Cabeza del Coru col, & Ario basin rechecked.

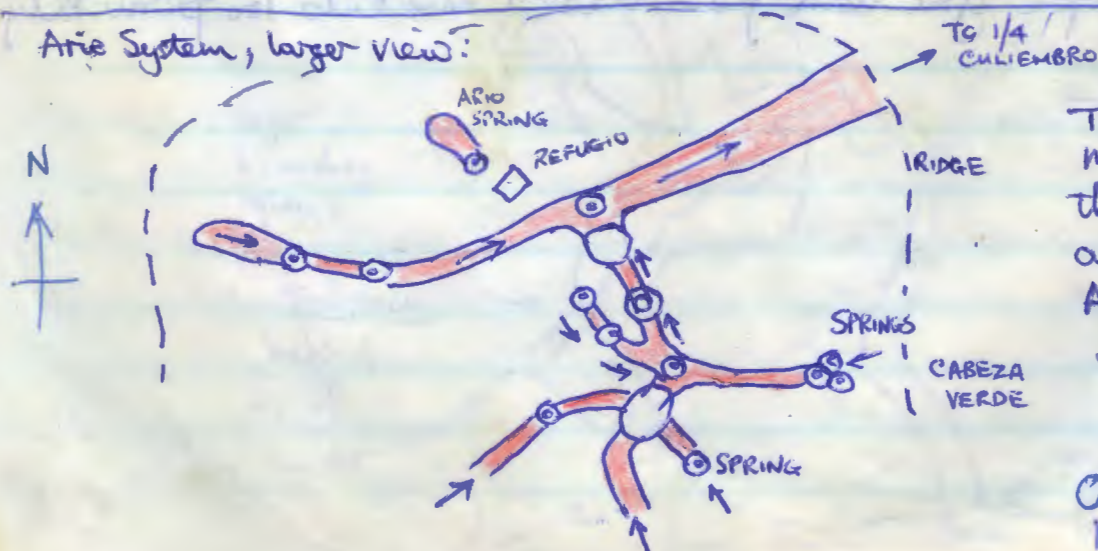
25th Cabeza de la Forma, Jous de Ario, 8/11, contoured right around Cabeza Julagua then down Culembro path to Oston and back via Cabeza Julagua / Cabeza del Coru col.

RESULTS:



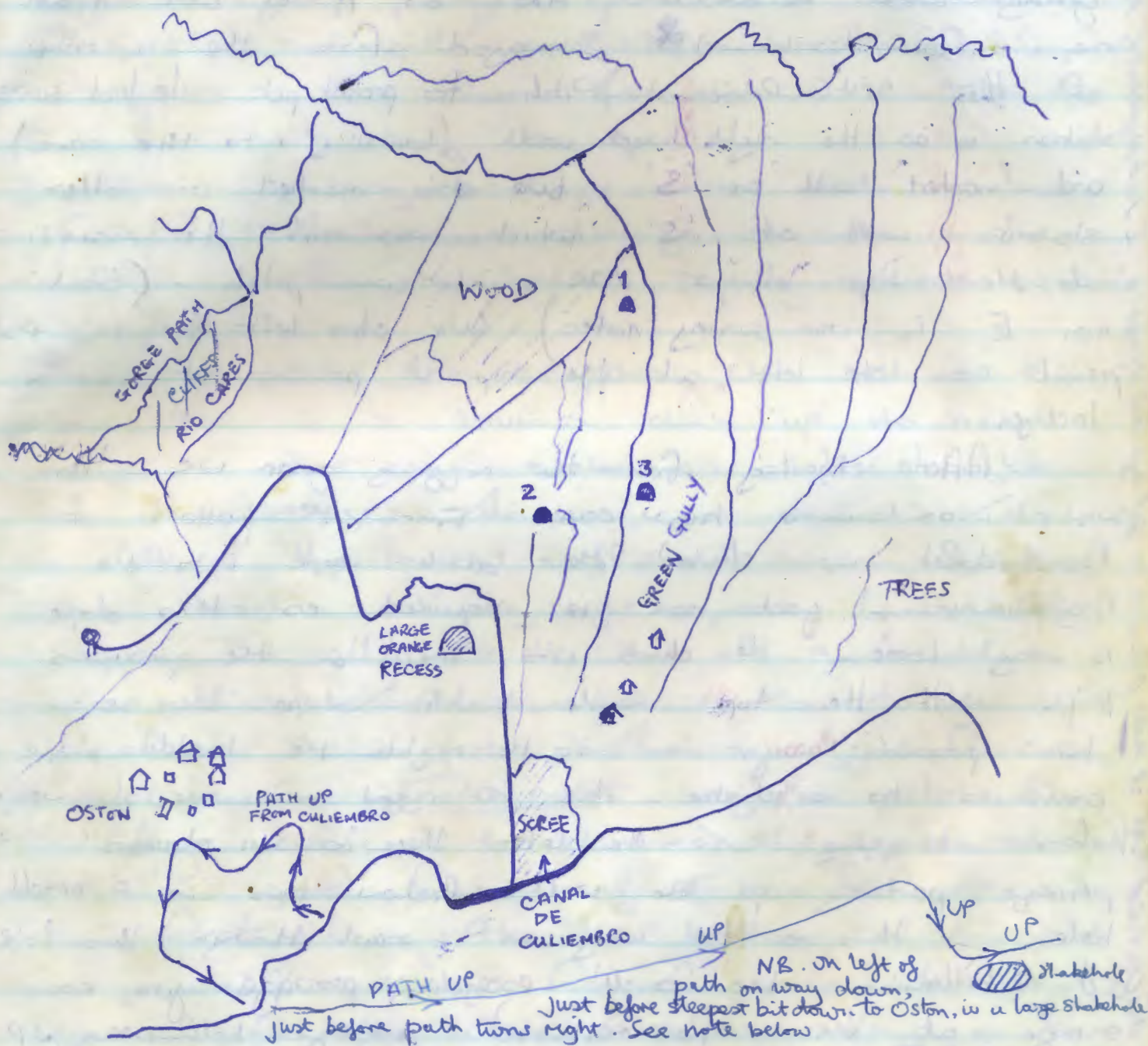
- ① There seems to be a major system commencing with shaleholes on N slope of Cabeza Julagua, via 8/11, picking up tributaries from several shaleholes in Jous de Ario and near Cabeza de las Campanas and Poron de Mohandi, then N through western end of Vega Maor, possibly picking up Pozo los Cueros (SIE).
- ② Ario system now linked in to Cabeza Muxa / 1/4 / 2/7 system to Culembro

Ario System, larger view:



This now makes much better sense than the previous (1989) assertion that the Ario system joined Xitu

Sketch of Central Massif fossil entrances from above Canal de Culimburo



① (Black) is too high to be 2/7 control. ② (orange) ③ (filled with green vegetation). I suggest a corresponding exit^{to 3} on the W side of the gorge be looked for upstream from Culimburo.

I hope you enjoyed reading this (interesting) bullshit
Shakehole (deep). Two ways on in rift entry. ① Rift narrows to S.
② shaft descending E with 2 second rattle. This is OVER the 2/7 → Culimburo Reaction and might be interesting (c. 1050 m altitude)
John

25th July 1992 Gavin, Dave H, Harvey - 8/11

Wrote in
bugger
I subsequently returned & set up this pyrene.
Aim:- to survey to peanut pot and then push on from the end. Harvey had problems with the squeeze prior to the high Pitch head of piscarnio's pot. His glasses steamed up and he couldn't see where he was going and he couldn't fit. So Harvey went out and me. Gavin continued. Surveyed from the bottom of the 2nd (Piscarnio's) Pitch to peanut pot. The last survey station is on the right hand wall (looking into the cave) and marked with an 'S'. We also marked one other station with an 'S' which was off the main line at the top of a 10m climb on pitch - (Station no. E in our survey notes). We also left the tape and pencil on the left, at the top of peanut pot, on a ledge.

After returning for the rigging gear we then pushed on into new caves. From the bottom of Peanut Pot we climbed the boulder slope into the Big Chamber - great care is required as this slope is very loose. The climb was used on the previous trip. At the top of the boulder slope there are two possible ways on. To the right the boulder slope continues to a choke - this is rigged and needs sprayin' before climbing. To the left there is an obvious passage pathway up the wall. Below this is a small hole - This is the way in - crawl through this hole following the small overhang passage you soon emerge at the above mentioned passage half way up the wall. You are now looking back into the Big Chamber. To your right is a rope. Follow this and you emerge even higher up the wall of the Big Chamber. Gavin says "Don't fall down here!" At the top of the rope ends a bit short and

you need to take care traversing around to safe ground. At this point the way on is through a smallish passage opposite the ~~you~~ ~~behind~~ you as you look out into the Big Chamber. Care is required so as not to damage the formations. This emerges into large descending passage quite well decorated with stal, and with mud like moonlike formations and gours on the floor. Care should be taken as

- ① It is quite easy to slip
- ② More importantly a single route needs to be followed to minimise damage to the mud formations. This area needs taping delineate a single path.

This passage ends after 30-40m. Up and to the right there is an obvious climb up to more passage - there seems to be a slight draught from this passage. This was not checked. To the left of this is a scruffy muddy ~~climb~~ crawl through a not very tight squeeze (well hardly a squeeze at all) to the top of a muddy handline climb. This descends a 8m to the top of an 8-10m pitch. This is rigged from a left and deviation. DO NOT ~~use~~ this pitch from the large wedged boulder - though this would give a good line here it is held up by rock all. At the bottom of this pitch a large rift passage full of jammed boulders continues for 20-30m. Part way along on the right is an undescended 10m pitch. On the left is an undescended pitch to the floor of the rift jammed the jammed boulders. The rift acts as an undescended 10m pitch.

→ Javel

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ps. We think we have found the Spanish survey & description of this cave - (see Martin Laverdy for details.) I'm not so sure as these pit lengths are out, though the plan is similar, but 45° out.

- Pozo Cabeza Julagva

26th July 1992 Dave H., Martin Hicks

Shaft boring in area 9 ish.

First cave visited:

27/5

Opposite rito $\approx$ 500m distat out of site of the religio on the slopes of Guatutero

040° to top of hill above rito col

075° to Cabeza del Cero (the hill with sheep heads into art)

234° to Guatutero

Cave does not go at all. marked O.V.C.C. '80

No sign of draughts mentioned in shaft 27/5
boring bit. 0

This is probably area 9.

(3m up valley)

Just up slope from 27/5. are two blocked shafts - unnumbered the larger of the two contains many litterworts (Pinguicula grandiflora)

Between the two blocked shafts - ~~best under~~
under the rock arch separating the two is a
3m drop - best negotiated via a short crawl
from the larger shaft. Not descended &
oversuit required - worth a look.

Just below top of Gustuturk, two shafts 20-
40m deep - marked SIE & (2-3 sec drops
may be well worth a look - see also survey
and description of possible caves.

Approach from left side of Gustuturk. Climb up
obvious gully near some sheep shelter caves

Bearing	135°	Tultayan
	095°	Echere Llombria
	074°	Echere del Coru

2/9. La Jangada

8-10m climb to snow plug. No way on into
the 87 extension at the moment - though
it might be faced wearing crawling gear and a climbing
a digging implement. No place to put dye
in.

At base of La Jangada to the left possible
climb up into ascending passage.

Just to the right of the middle of the cave
at the top of the boulder slope, behind a
big boulder. Small tube about 4m up the well
emitting strong draught. Easy climb up, but
left for another day as best attempted with tackle

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On the descent

Above La Tajada, close to the ridge, are two 15-20m shafts with some snow at the bottom: no obvious markings. Unable to see if choked. 20m away a snow-filled rift has a possible way on over the top of the snow plug. Needs a rope to explore safely.

To the right and above La Tajada a number of choked shafts no way on. But one 15m shaft unobscured that might be promising.

Also Gavin mentioned some 40m shafts above La Tajada - we failed to find these, but he was worried they might just drop straight back into La Tajada. This is unlikely as the shaft that drop straight in are obvious as you can see light from below.

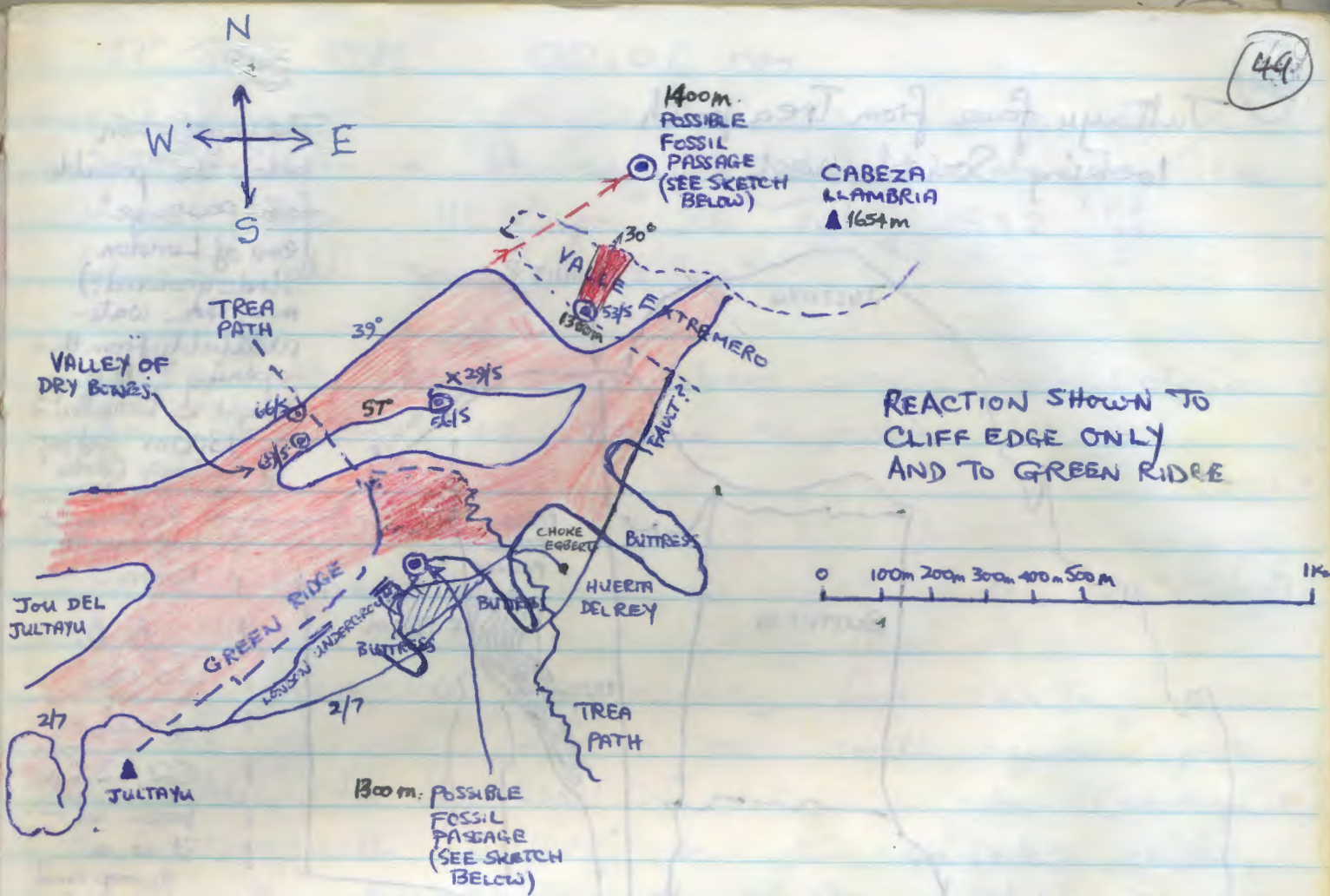
Dave

John 26.7.92 Surface walking/dowsing. Gavin showed me 66/5 and the Valley of Dry Bones - I recognised the latter immediately as the location of a dowsing trace in 1989 (marked in 1989 Aris log book as "Rift heading 45° from Tultayu beyond the Trea path"). Gavin then left to walk to Base Camp, while I wandered around Area 5, the Trea path and Valle Extremero generally.

Here is more bullshit:

- ① A possible fossil passage in the cliffs of Tultayu (sketch below)
- (13/10) ② Is this the end of the London Underground? But at 1300m this may be too high. Gavin has been in it is a score which doesn't go
- ③ It is suggested that after Choke Egbert under Huerta del Rey the route is fault-controlled into the Valle Extremero (just above the start of the trees). This would be at about 1060m (surface) and Choke Egbert is at 1045m.

More like 1450m - 1500m

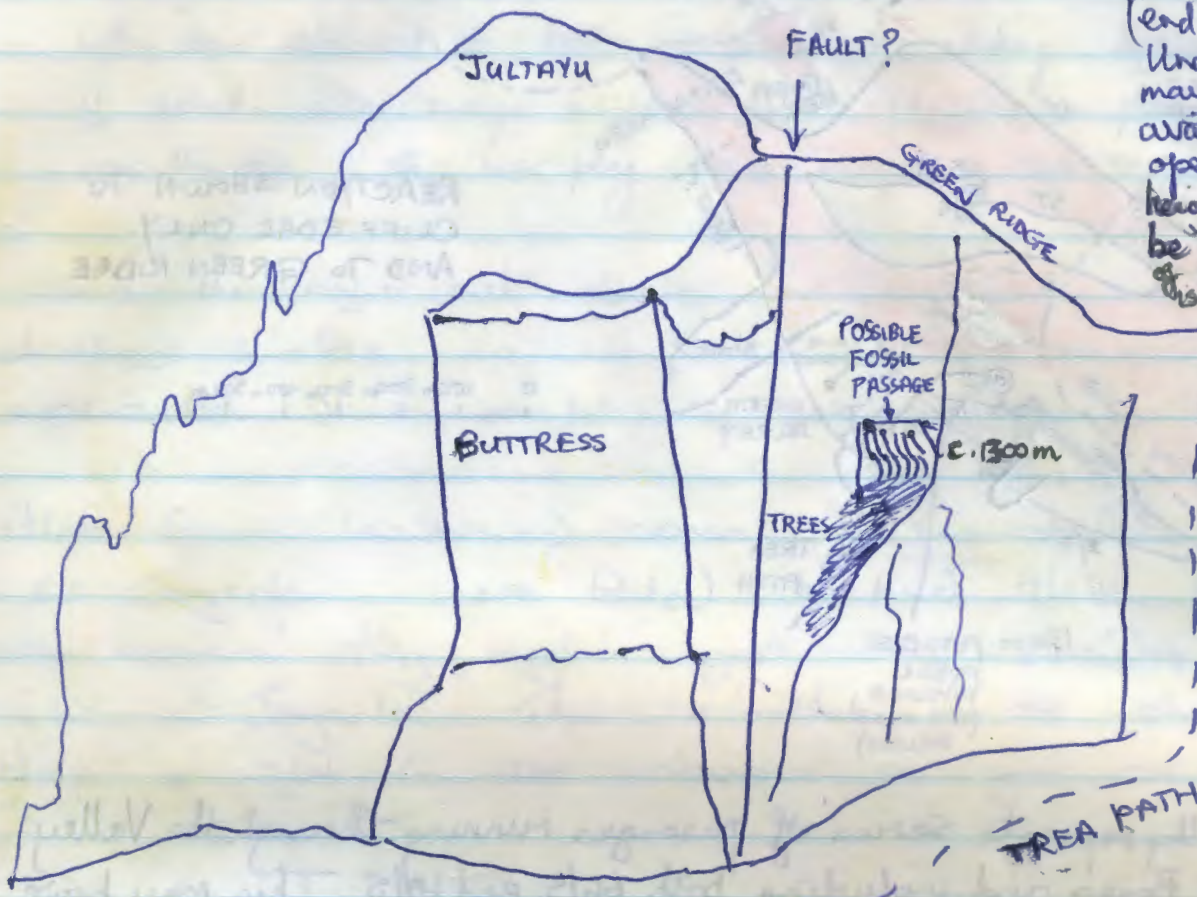


- ③ A totally separate series of passages running through the Valley of Dry Bones and including both 66/5 and 69/5. This may have its own catchment also, to the N of Jou del Jultayu. The initial trend for this is 39° and seems to be aimed at a possible fossil passage in the face of Cabeza Llambría ^{at 1400m} (just below the dolomite boss - see sketch). The reaction veers sharply at the Valle Extremero cliffs but is not detected in the valley itself. However, of course, 53/5 with the remarkable draught has its own detection in the valley floor ^{at 1300m trending 30°, perhaps to join Xitio}. Perhaps the larger passage is not detected because it is now absent, having been eroded away by Valle Extremero. Is this a Second "London Underground" - perhaps the "Tubilee Line Extensions"? There is also a reaction at roughly 57° which joins the Valle Extremero 2/7 reaction via 56/5 and 29/5.

For sketches see over.

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Tultayu face from Trea path
looking South. West



The vegetation below the "possible fossil passage" (end of London Underground?) may show water available from this opening. N.B. height estimated to be 1300m and roof of Paddington Choke is said to be 1230m. Postman's hat roof may be 1200m.

N.B.
This is 13/10. Gavin has been in - it is a scoop and doesn't go.

CABEZA DEL VERDE
1720m

12/4 somewhere here

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DOLomite BOSS

CABEZA LLAMBRIA
1654m

POSSIBLE FOSSIL PASSAGE
(IN LINE WITH VALLEY OF
DRY BONES N. EDGE)
c. 1400m

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VALLE EXTREMO

Cabeza Llambria from near Trea path, looking North East

John