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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major O'Keefe

1 June 1981

SUBJECT: Location of UH-1H

The following information was acquired through debriefing of an undeveloped source concerning the location of a missing UH-1H helicopter. Source was first debriefed on 27 March 1981 and subsequently on 30 May 1981.

1. Source states that from an unidentified town with an old Spanish mission and buildings with facades, looking in a northerly direction, there can be seen a loaf-shaped hill/mountain (see sketches 1 and 2, dated 27 Mar 81). Beyond this loaf-shaped mountain is an east-west valley with possibly a creek running through it (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81). On the north side of this valley is a higher mountain. Source feels that the crash site is located on the southern slope of this larger mountain, approximately 400-500 yards up the slope from the floor of the valley (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
2. Source feels that there may be, or may have been an Indian village located 3-4 miles west of the crash site, near the source of the creek that runs through the valley. There may be several huts or shacks at this location. Source is not sure if this village can be spotted from the air (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
3. Source was asked if he was familiar with a geographical landmark known as "Piedra Blanca". He felt that it might be located somewhere northwest of the crash site, but could not be sure. Also in a northwesterly direction from the crash site (approximately 310° true) he seemed to recall something about a tower, possibly a microwave tower (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
4. Source was asked if there were any unique terrain features associated with the crash site. He stated that there appeared to be a linear "cut" in the pattern of the trees, running parallel to the base of the mountain. He feels that this "cut" may be caused by a flat ridge or a specific contour peculiar to the slope of this mountain. Source estimates that the crash site is located at approximately this level on the mountainside. (See sketch 1, dated 30 May 81 and artist cutaway concept).
5. Source appears to have difficulty in judging distances. The estimated distance between points of reference obtained during this debriefing did not coincide with the debriefing conducted on 27 March 1981. On 27 March 1981, source estimated the distance between the crash site and the town to be approximately 18 miles (see sketch 2, dated 27 March 1981). During subsequent debriefing on 20 May 1981, source estimated the same distance to be approximately 9 kilometers (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 1981). However, source's spatial relationships between all noted terrain features remain consistent regardless of assigned values.

NOTE: All information provided in this memorandum is unconfirmed and unevaluated.

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MEMORY SKETCH #1  
DATED: 27 MARCH 1981

HIGHER MOUNTAINS

CRASH SITE  
18 MI OR  
FAR SIDE OF  
VALLEY RISING  
CREEK

NONDES  
HILL ON R.

LOAF SHAPED HILL

GENTLE  
SLOPE

STEEP

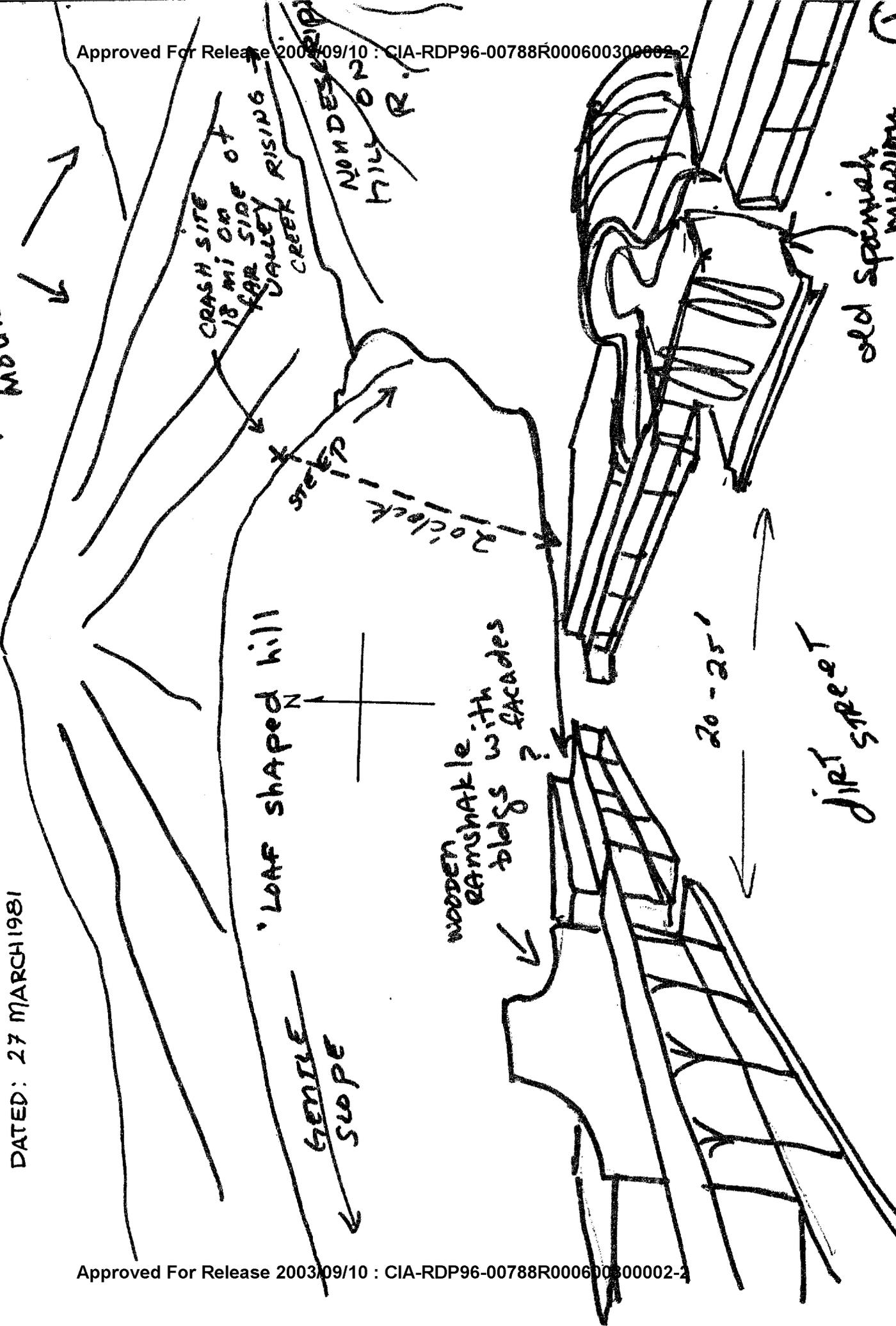
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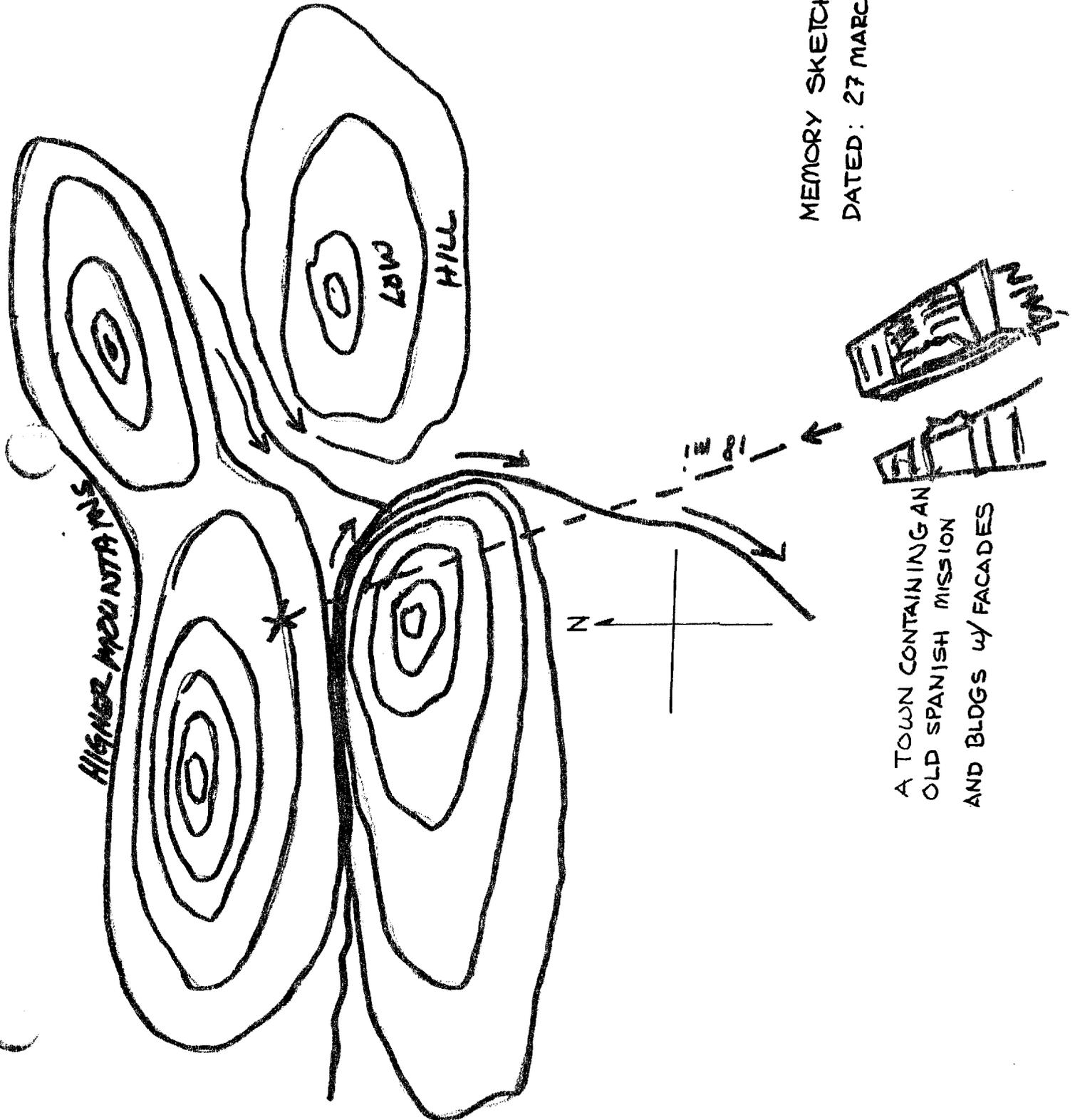
WOODEN  
RAMSHAKLE  
BLDGs WITH  
FACADES  
?

20-25'

DIRT STREET

old Spanish  
MISSION





MEMORY SKETCH # 2  
DATED: 27 MARCH 1981

A TOWN CONTAINING AN  
OLD SPANISH MISSION  
AND BLDGS w/ FACADES

MEMORY SKETCH #1  
DATED: 30MAY81

LOOKING NORTH FROM CREEK  
AT TREETOP LEVEL

A ROUND MOUNTAIN  
NOT A ROCKY CRAGGY ONE, BUT ONE  
COVERED IN foliage

LIKE A MICROWAVE  
RELAY (Sketch #2)

SECOND HILL TO LEFT OF  
FIRST HAS THE TOWER  
ON IT.

310° (±) to  
PIZZA BLANCA  
30 kmE

CAN POSSIBLY  
SEE SOME SCORCHING OF  
TREES ON THE UPHILL SIDE  
OF THE "CUT"

CUT BENEATH TREES

JUNGLE  
TREE  
SUNRISE

Jungle  
TREES

LOOKING UP HILL FROM  
NARROW LEVEL TOPS  
"cut" in  
TERRAIN  
MARKS A  
STRIP IN  
TREETOPS

TO SMALL  
HUTS

CREEK

MEMORY SKETCH # 2  
DATED: 30 MAY 81

TOWARDS "PIEDRA BLANCA"

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(Sketch #1)

310° (±)

GENTLE UP SLOPE (Sketch #1)

"CUT" IN JUNGLE

LOW SPUR WHICH CATCHES EARLY MORNING SUN

SUNRISE

Poss. ABANDONED HUTCHES (INDIAN VILLAGE?)

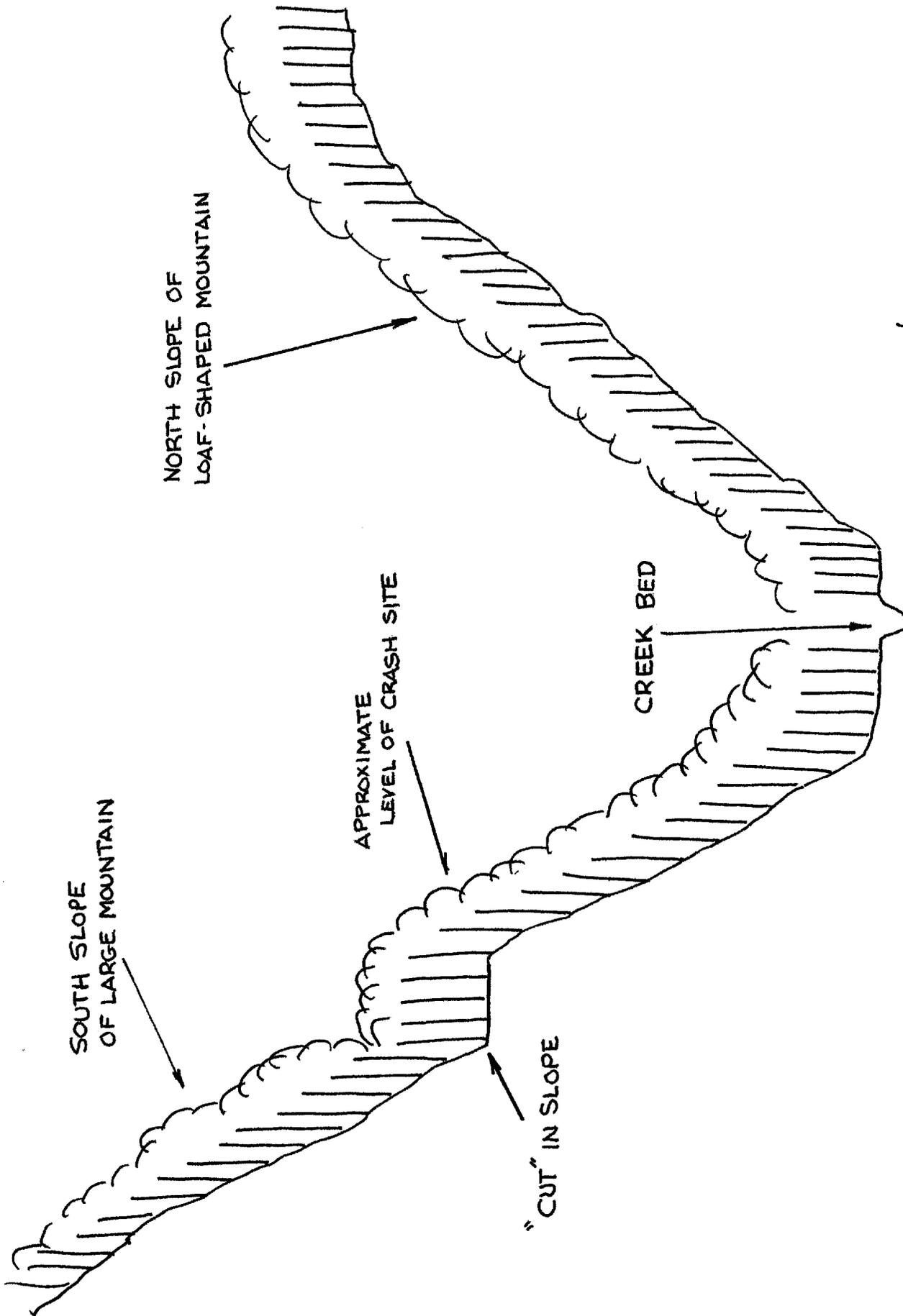
400-500 YRS FROM CREEK

CREEK W PATH ON BANK IN VALLEY

STEEPER SOUTH SIDE OF VALLEY

TO VILLAGE BY PATHS 15 KM

TO VILLAGE 9 KM (1400'±) W SPANISH MISSION



ARTIST'S CUTAWAY  
CONCEPT

(see sketch #1, dated 30 MAY 81)