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Dear Mr. Morgan and Miss Leatherby:

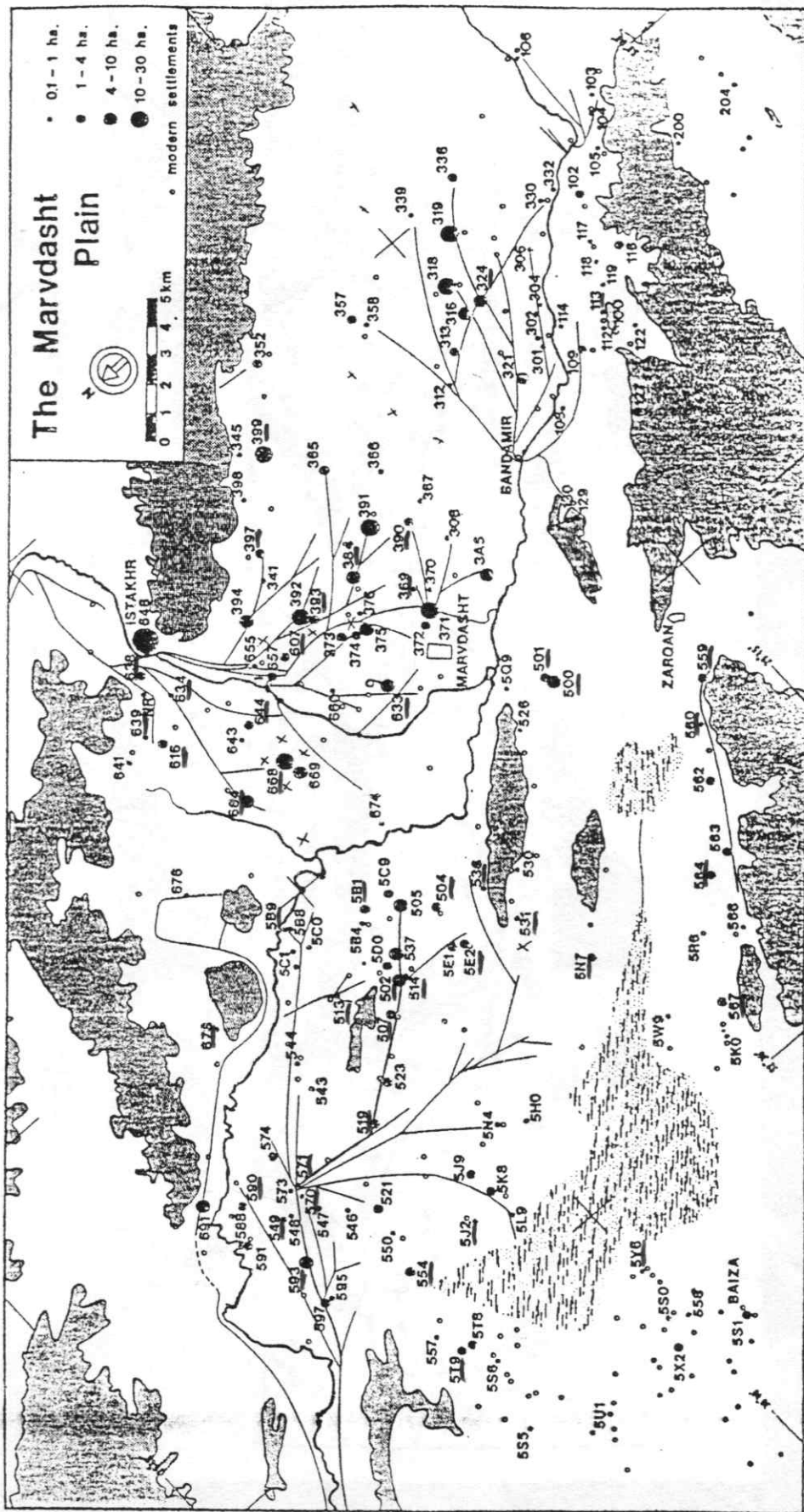
Many thanks for your letter of May 6th. I assume you had not received my letter of April 29th when you wrote.

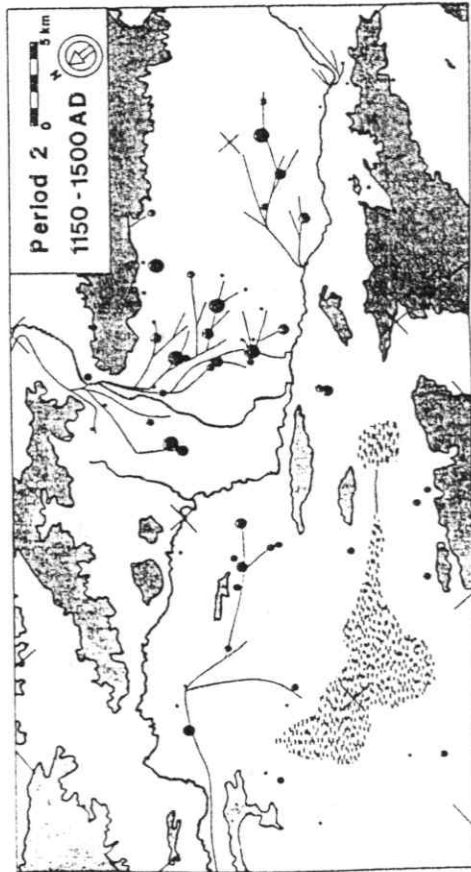
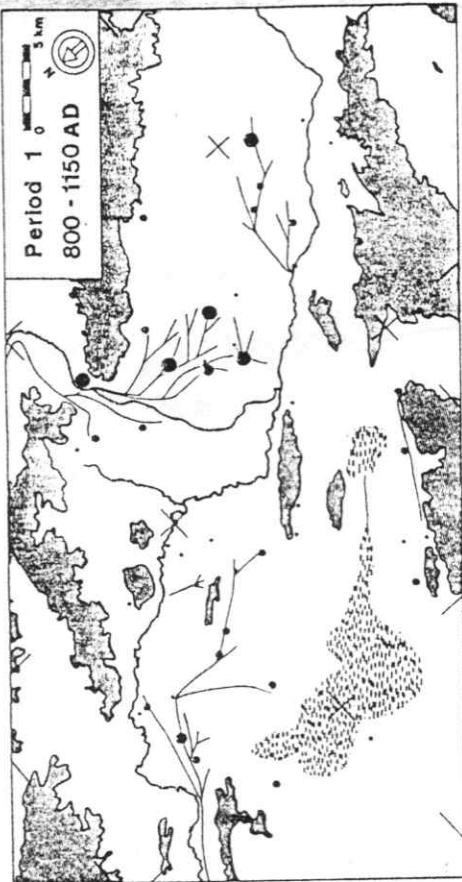
I am delighted to hear that the collection contains a selection of the painted Islamic ware. During the first week or so of my survey in the autumn of 1967 I found a number of sites with previously unpublished painted ware. At first I thought it might be an unrecognized prehistoric ware but its consistent occurrence only on Islamic sites soon changed my mind. I dubbed it "Madabad ware" after the most productive site, and continued to collect it throughout the survey. When Andrew first looked at the survey collection he was very interested; he believed it was locally produced and that equivalent local styles were present in other regions of Fars. He mentioned painted wares from the Sirjan region and from Siraf. Obviously such local styles would be quite useful in working out the dynamics of local ceramic production.

The list you sent is quite helpful. The group of unlisted numbered sites for which there are no cards represent prehistoric sites with a few scattered Islamic sherds or Islamic sites identified on the basis of mounding or some other surface indication but which produced very few sherds. When I begin work on the gazetteer in early summer I will send you further details on these sites. A new comprehensive map of all modern villages and Islamic sites (1:50,000 scale) has been prepared. I will send you a copy when I have completed the index list of sites. Meanwhile I enclose a map published in Donald Whitcomb's dissertation which at least gives a general idea of site location.

On the short list of painted sherds without numbers-- I was not with Andrew on his visit to Istakhr so I can't say what IST-B,C,D, etc. mean except that they must refer to various locations at Istakhr. The short list: Jamalabad - T. Shar KH refer to a group of sites surveyed by Andrew and located, as far as I know, to the N.E. of Kuh-e Rahmat and to the S.E. of Istakhr. I will also send details on these sites in the summer.

Map from Don Whitcombs dissertation. Survey by Sumner; classification of sites by Williamson and Whitcomb.

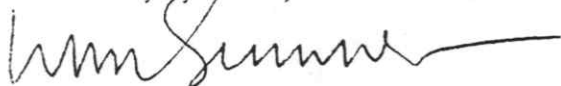




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Again, many thanks for your letter. I will take no further steps concerning the proposal for Whitcomb to work on this material until I hear from you regarding your interest in publishing it.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Sumner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William M. Sumner

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