

To: Script Ad Hoc
 From: Debbie Anderson, SEI, UC Berkeley
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 Subject: Responses from experts on Palaeohispanic

On Southern Palaeohispanic:

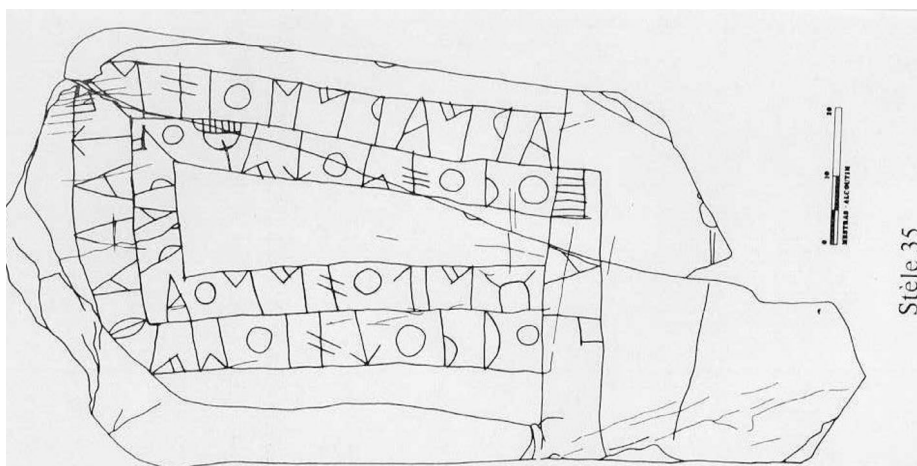
Question from Debbie Anderson: For the 4-, 5-, and 7-bar signs, which are identified as variants of 1024D, the three-bar SOUTHERN PALAEOHISPANIC LETTER PU-BU, do you have figures on their usage (which could help answer the questions whether some contrast with others or if any of these are hapaxes)? The Script Ad Hoc requested this information in order to understand them better.

Response from Palaeohispanic experts:

On the subject of examples of scaliforms with 4, 5 and 7 bars, we attach J.4.1 with a case of a 4-bar scaliform in front of u, i.e. pu-bu, and one of 5 bars in front of o, i.e. po-bo. We also attach an image of J.10.1 with a 7-bar scaliform in front of a, probably one of the cases of te-de in front of a.



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On Northern Palaeohispanic O:

Question/Comment from Debbie Anderson: The Script Ad Hoc group is firm in not accepting the proposal without the four o shapes : (. Let me know how you want to proceed.

Response from Palaeohispanic experts:

On Northern Palaeohispanic O: the most we could accept is to encode three different shapes, as we have agreed to do with **ti** and **to**, in order to avoid the technical problem we mentioned in these cases. The encoding of more shapes (4 or however many) is not justified by any criterion, neither palaeographic nor for the clarity of the system. If the committee considers this extension necessary, they should justify it with concrete and solid arguments: we sincerely do not understand why in this case 4 shapes are needed, while this is not necessary for the other characters. The letter **be**, for instance, has many different ways to be represented because it has evolved considerably over the centuries, but it would be absurd to encode 7, 9, or 10 forms for a single grapheme. If the committee cannot establish a clear and unambiguous criterion justifying the codification of 4, and not 3 O, our answer will remain negative to this proposal.