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The study and analysis of the material followed immediately, allowing the full publication of the remains and the associated finds to be completed within five years of the completion of the excavation, while a second volume on the organic materials (e.g., human remains, ecofacts) and the final conclusions is in preparation. The quick advance of the excavation, study, and final publication is the result of generous funding provided by several institutions, and the hard work of a large number of colleagues, students, and friends, to whom we owe much.

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