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<i>Gordon Ekholm</i>: --can was not Toltec, it was something earlier. And then a few years later the work at Kaminaljuyu in Guatemala by Kidder and his group, were able to show a very strong relationship between the Esperanza-phase culture there and Teotihuacan. So this was the beginning of our being able to think of a Middle American or (as Kirshaf a little bit later defined it as) the mesoamerican area. And things began to fall into place quite rapidly in that time. In the - in the later '40s there began to be a number of people coming into the field of Mexican archaeology, and of course that's been continuing, increasing ever since,

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<i>Gordon Ekholm</i>: ? We should turn perhaps and talk a little more about the first work in Mexico in Sinaloa and Sonora. We made a, what really was a relatively quick survey of many parts of, of Sonora, that is the parts that could be reached by car and not any really extensive off-the-road work by horseback or whatever. We made a few short trips by horseback but of course at that time roads were very limited so we could only get to portions of the area. However



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