

# **A Royal Mixtec Tomb; A Preliminary Report**

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I recently had the pleasure of viewing several pieces from a Royal Mixtec Tomb while traveling with the Hill Cumorah Expedition Team 2009 Spring Expedition. Though it appeared that those holding the artifacts had official possession it seemed apparent that the artifacts had not been excavated scientifically. Not being initially aware of the true circumstances concerning how these artifacts were acquired few questions were asked. Photos were taken and a hasty retreat was made. However, due to having made the photographic record and having gathered some information of the environment where these artifacts were found I felt that this report should be given.

While looking for a suspected Mixtec Outlook somewhere between Ayoutla and Hautla in Oaxaca, Mexico, our group was halted and interviewed by authorities of the area. After shuffling through several offices and speaking to several authorities I was shown the collection of artifacts depicted in the photos included.

I was informed that there are many more artifacts and that they all come from a single tomb. That tomb is claimed to have been found on the western face of the valley “bowl” surrounding “Cumorahcita.” This was not verified as I was not acting in an official capacity and did not want to increase tensions or suspicions at this initial meeting. I was told that there were many more artifacts to observe, including a skeleton. Shortly after this it seemed an opportune time to leave. What follows is a photographic essay of those artifacts.

# THE INTRODUCTION





## **The Initial Examination**







## Pieces of Masks





## More Pieces of Masks





## **A Small Vessel**







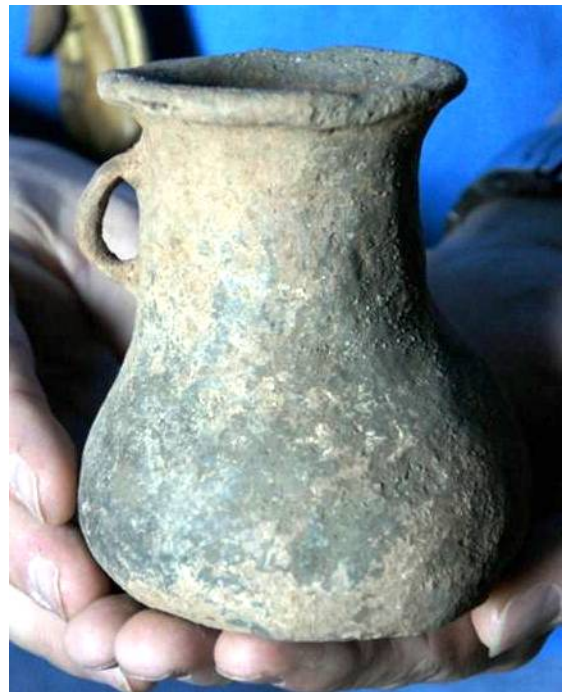
**A 3-Legged  
Pot**







## A Pitcher





## **A Thick-Bottomed Bowl**



## **Bull Pottery**



## A Flange-Bottomed Bowl







## **An Offering Bowl**







**A Shoe-Pot**

