W. Raymond Johnson

This was a full year for Research Associate W. Raymond Johnson. In September he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Epigraphic Survey, and he also received additional funding from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation through the Oriental Institute for his personal field research and photographic documentation of fragmentary, unpublished monuments of Amenhotep III at sites in Egypt as well as museum collections in England, Belgium, California, New York, and Boston. In early November Ray took
some time off from his Chicago House duties to supervise the recording of limestone blocks of Amenhotep III reused by Ramesses II in his small temple to Ptah at Memphis for the Egypt Exploration Society of London. He was able to identify thirty-one reused blocks in the deteriorating structure, and their inscriptions and decoration suggest that Ramesses dismantled a bark sanctuary of Ptah Sokar built late in Amenhotep III’s reign for reuse in his monument. Because there is much more material to be recorded than was originally estimated, Ray will continue the salvage documentation next season at the same time, when the water table is low and the monument is left fairly dry.