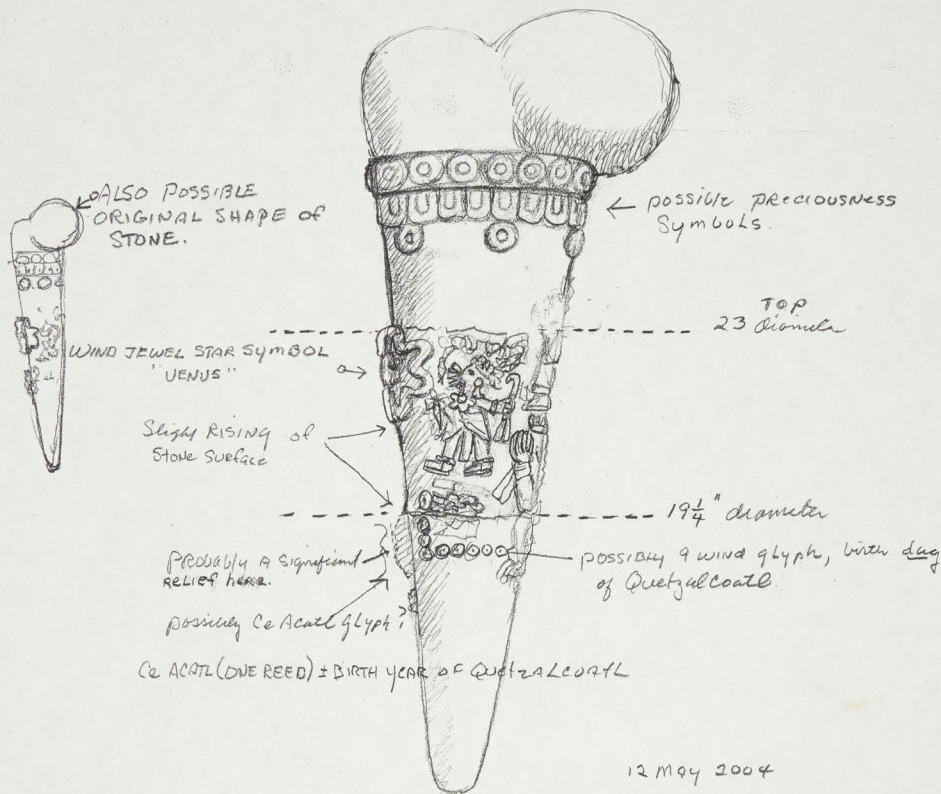
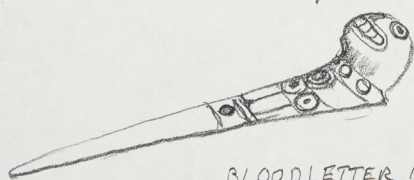




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POSSIBLE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VENUS STONE. It is possible that, rather than representing the Venus Column at Ilhuicatitlan as I said previously, this could be a model of a bone or maguery lead tip used for blood letting. Aztec made models in stone of such things. I have an eagle bone bloodletter (post-classic) made of an eagle hip bone. The hip joint is a skeletal head which represents the sun in the celestial underworld or a star. Thus we have an example of a bloodletter with "star" on it. By the way, I believe all skulls represent stars - even Mitlanteuctli "Lord of the Dead" who almost certainly represents the North Star.



SKULL/SUN/STAR

EAGLE THIGH BONE BLOODLETTER

Note: Since the eagle is the animal for the sun, the eagle bone and the skull are probably "solar."

BLOODLETTER IN THE GENTLING COLLECTION