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The origin of the figures is obscure. One source says that they come from Huasteca, but this may be smoke screen hiding the fact that they may have had a Mexico City origin, for ~~around~~ at that time there ~~was~~ ^{was} at least one major excavation being carried out in downtown Mexico City - not for Archaeology but for Amate-line purposes with the laying of new sewer lines.