

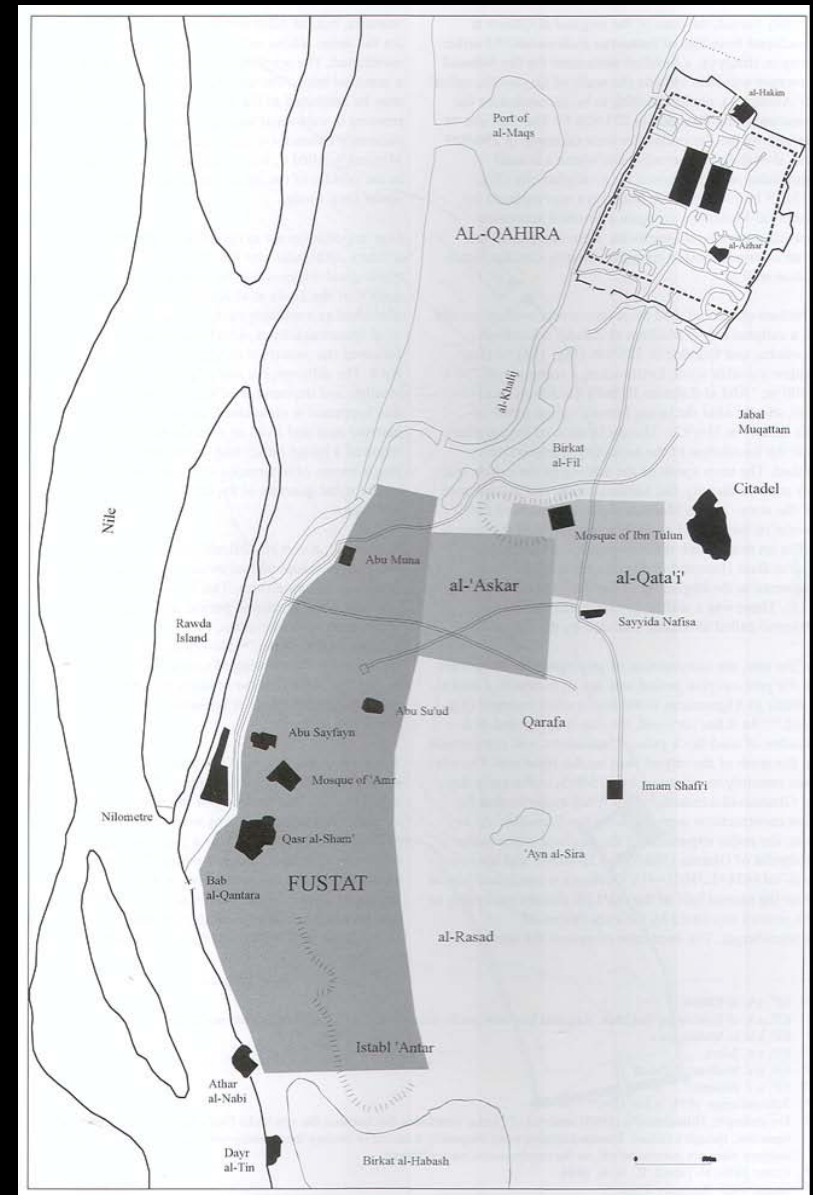
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Islamic urbanism and the
beginnings of Muslim Egypt

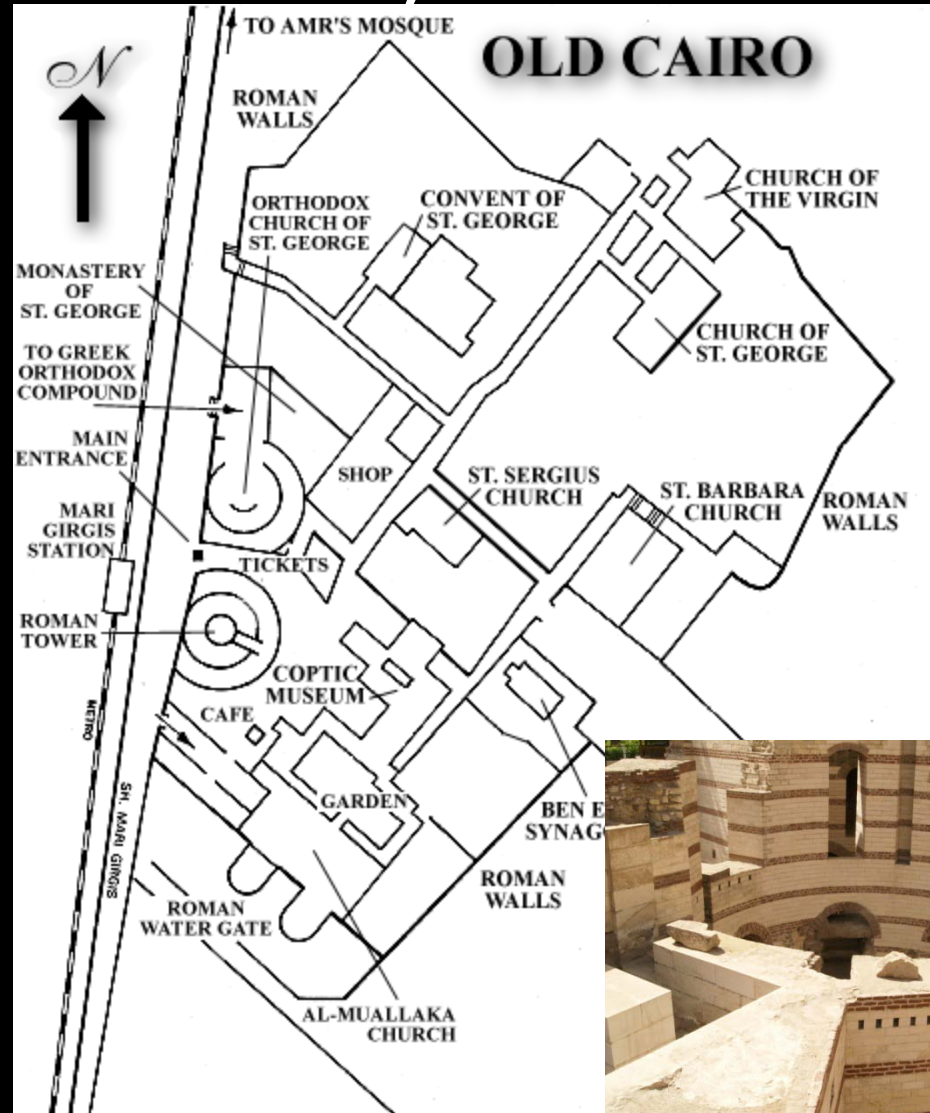


Fustat Issues:

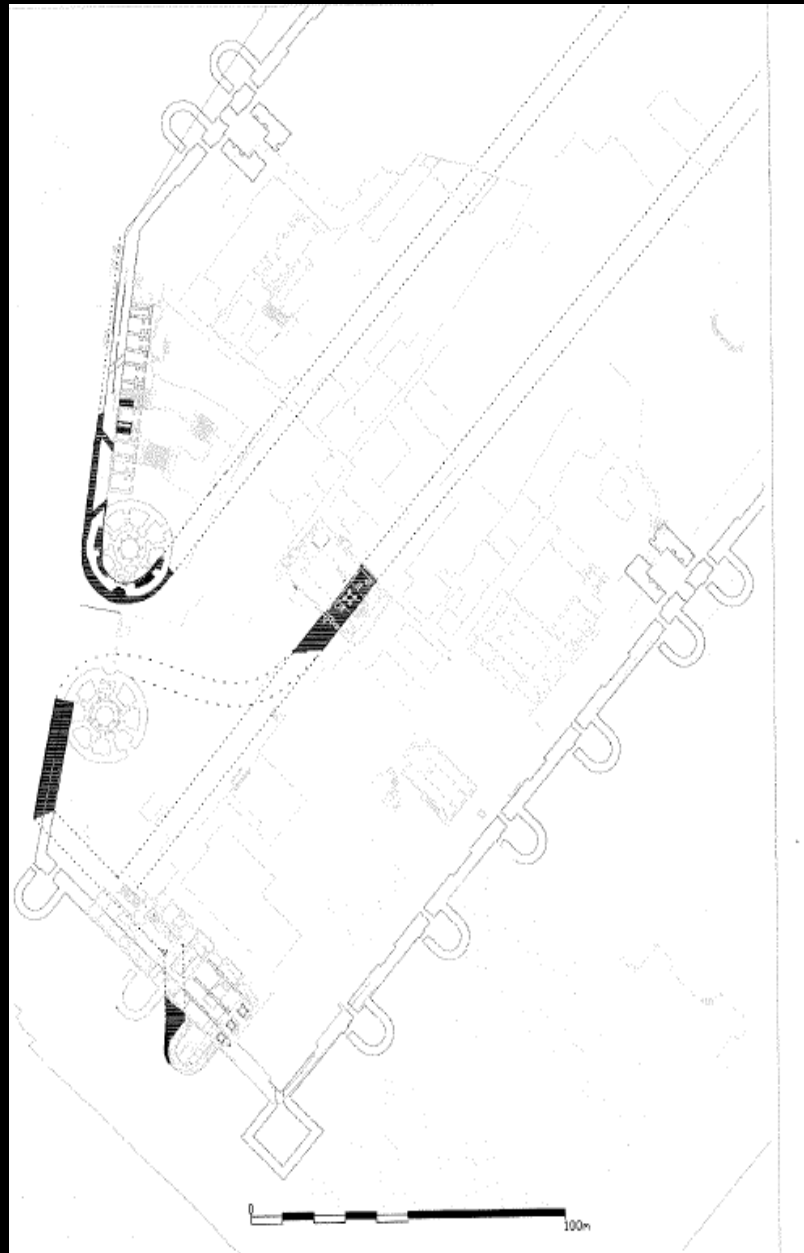
- What was wrong with Alexandria?
- Tribal organization and the urban sensibility
- What does it take to make a good city? An Islamic city?
- Whose city is it anyway?
- Real estate bubble anyone...location, location, location

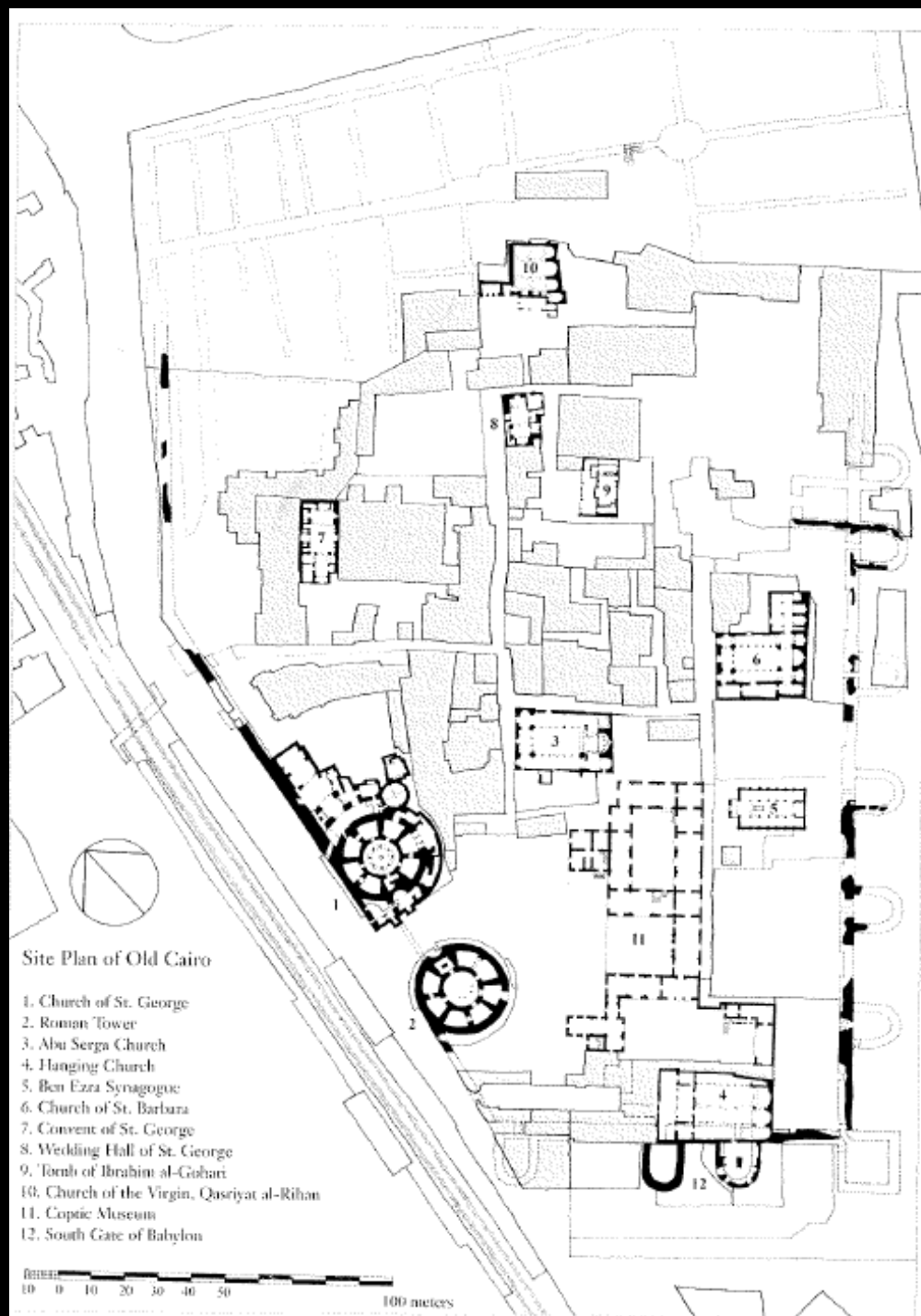


Byzantine Babylon – Fustat an adjacent city?



Entrance for the Trajanic Canal



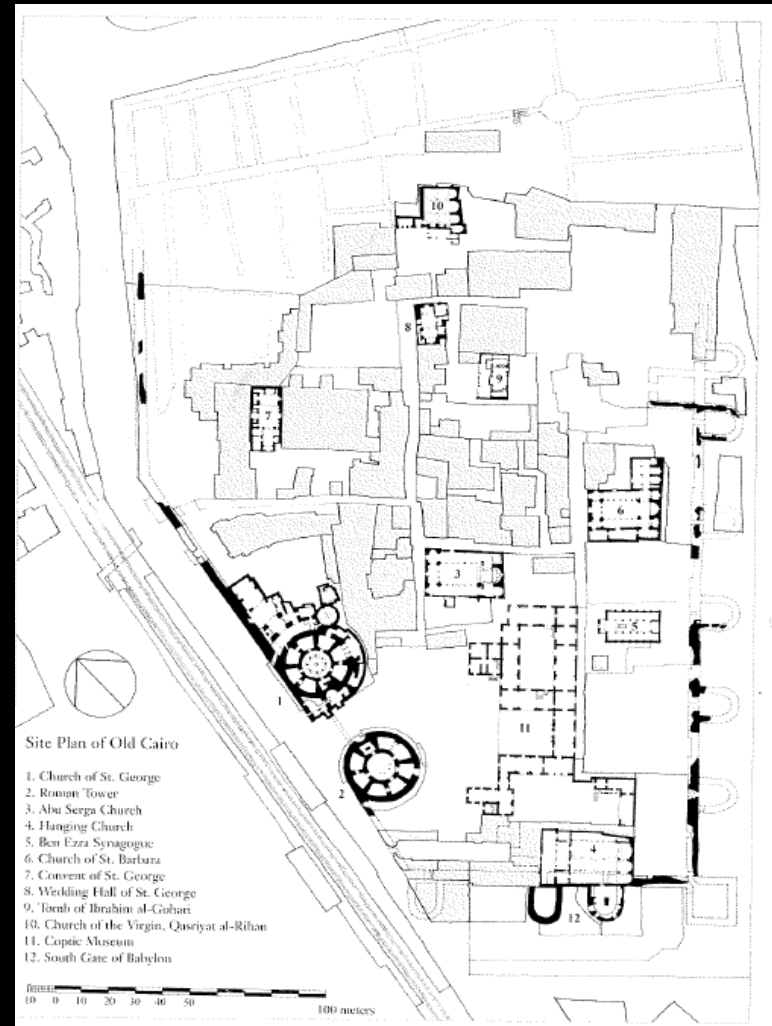
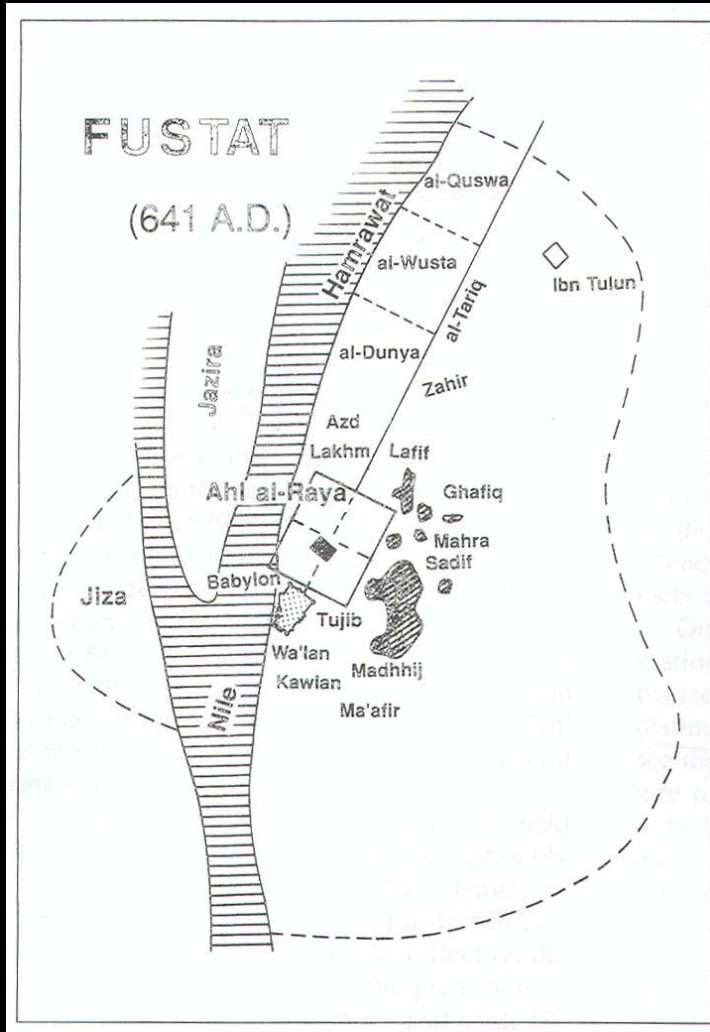


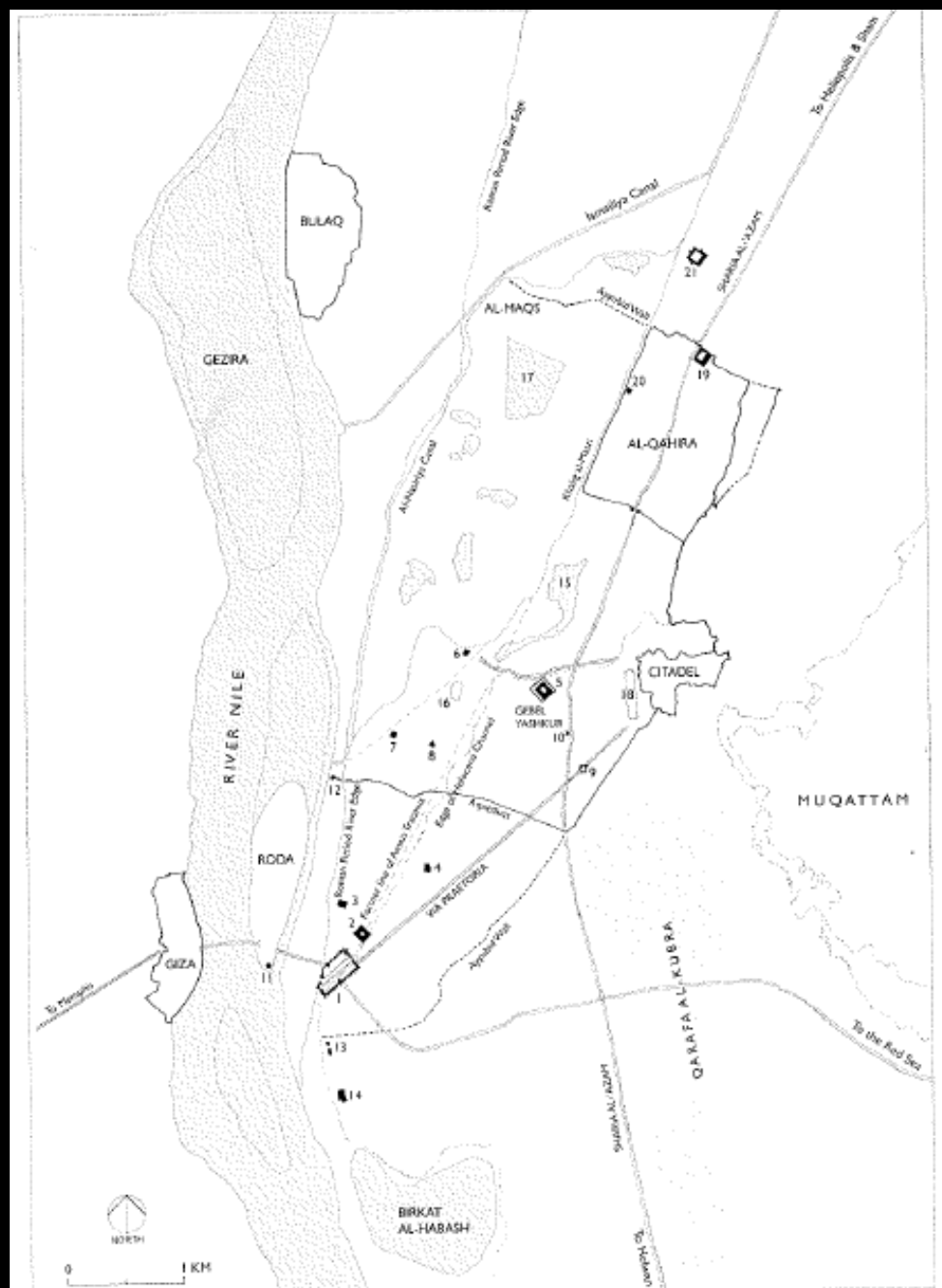
Site Plan of Old Cairo

1. Church of St. George
2. Roman Tower
3. Abu Serga Church
4. Hanging Church
5. Ben Ezra Synagogue
6. Church of St. Barbara
7. Convent of St. George
8. Wedding Hall of St. George
9. Tomb of Ibrahim al-Gohari
10. Church of the Virgin, Qasriyat al-Rihan
11. Coptic Museum
12. South Gate of Babylon

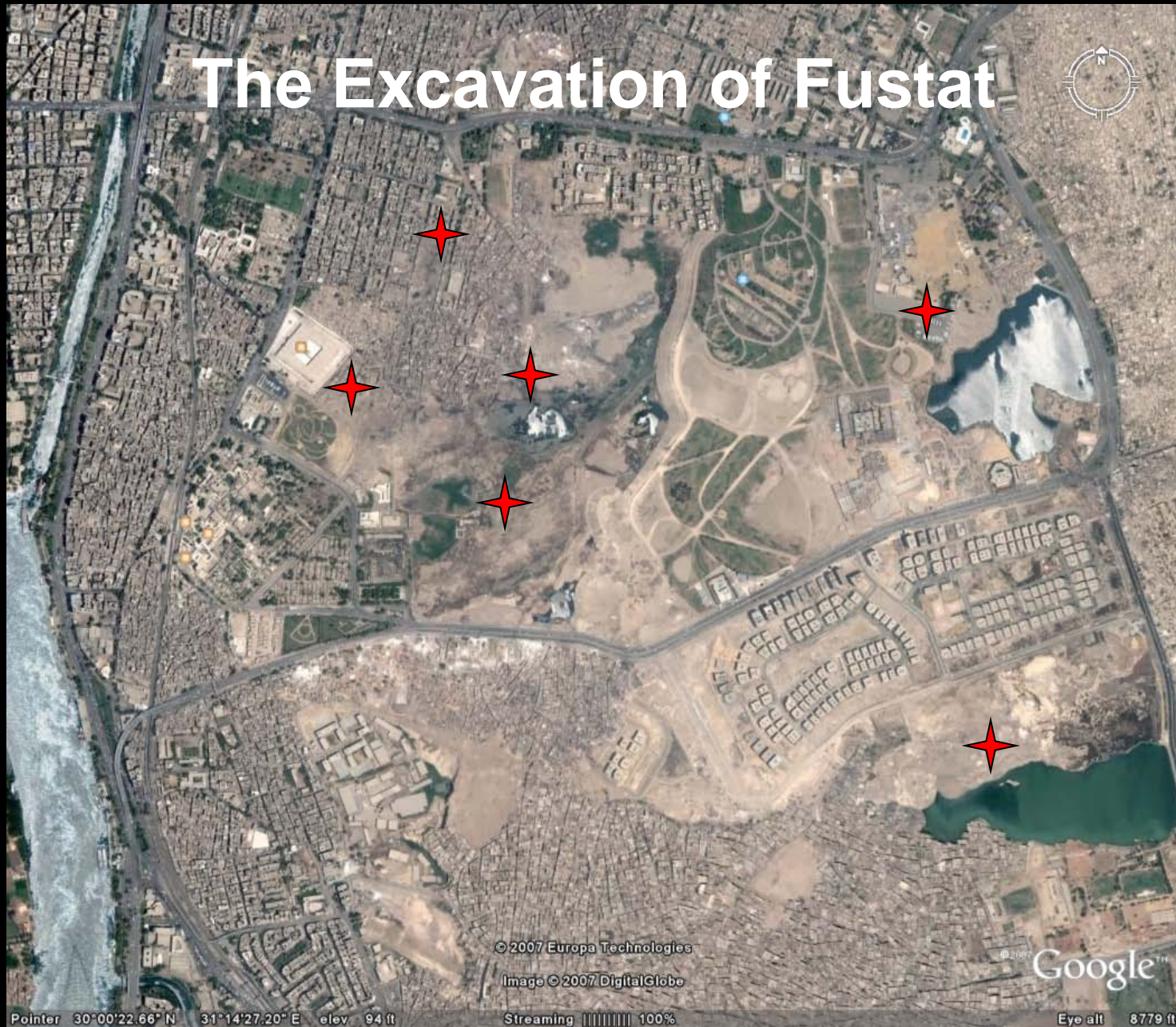
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Fustat's "nucleus" – Old Cairo or Ahl al-Raya





The Excavation of Fustat



Pointer 30°00'22.66" N 31°14'27.20" E elev 94 ft

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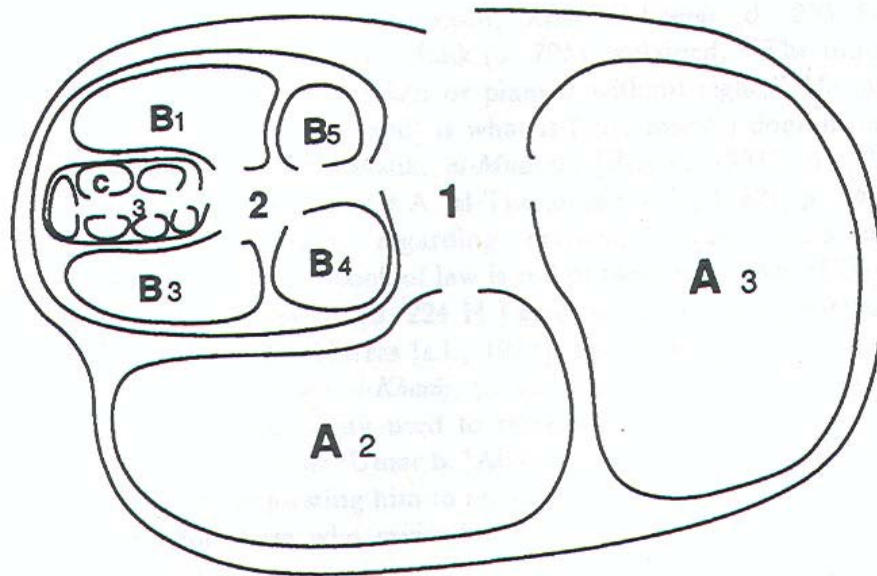
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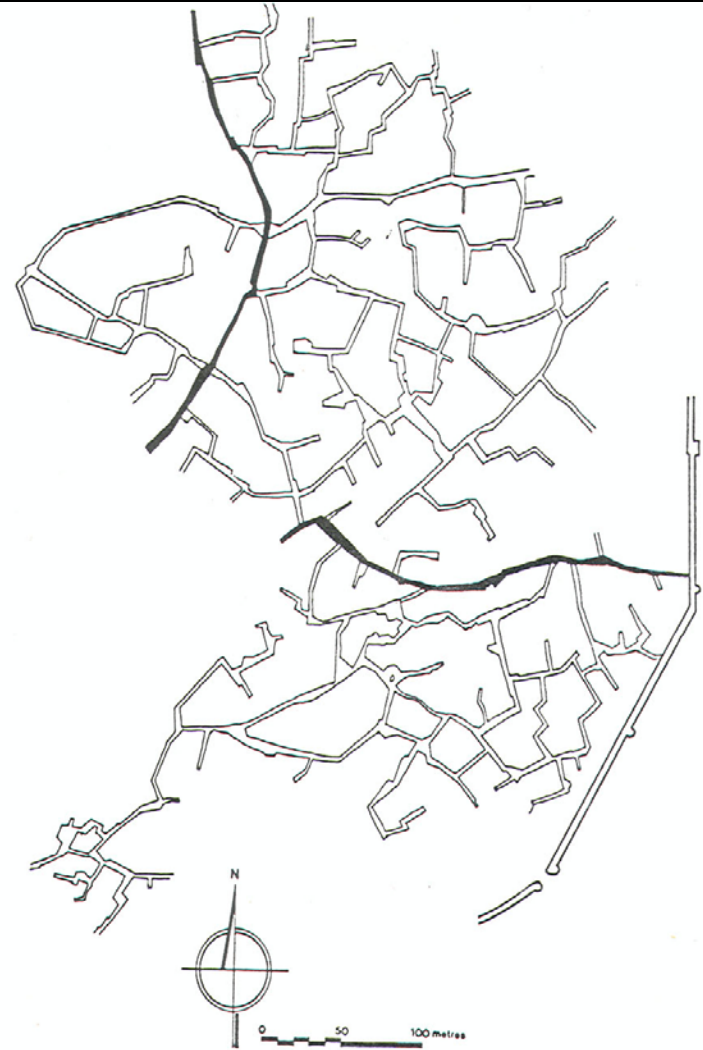
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From Khitta to Quarters:



1. Territorial structure of the early Muslim garrison town. Letters refer to group (A), subgroup (B), and private holdings (C); numbers refer to vacant or shared space.



Map 2: The street network excavated by Ali Baghat. (from Kubiak 1987 page 177)

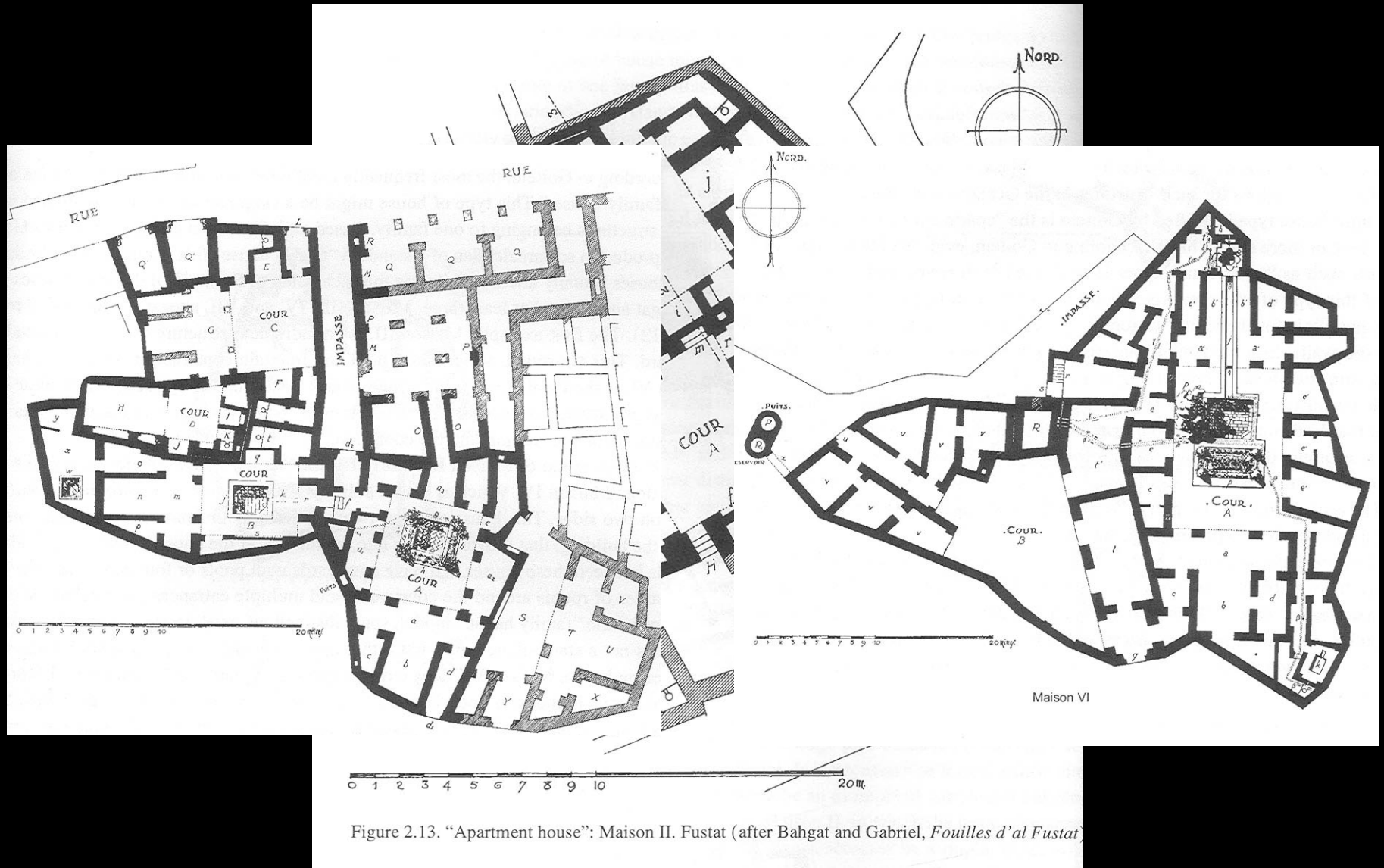
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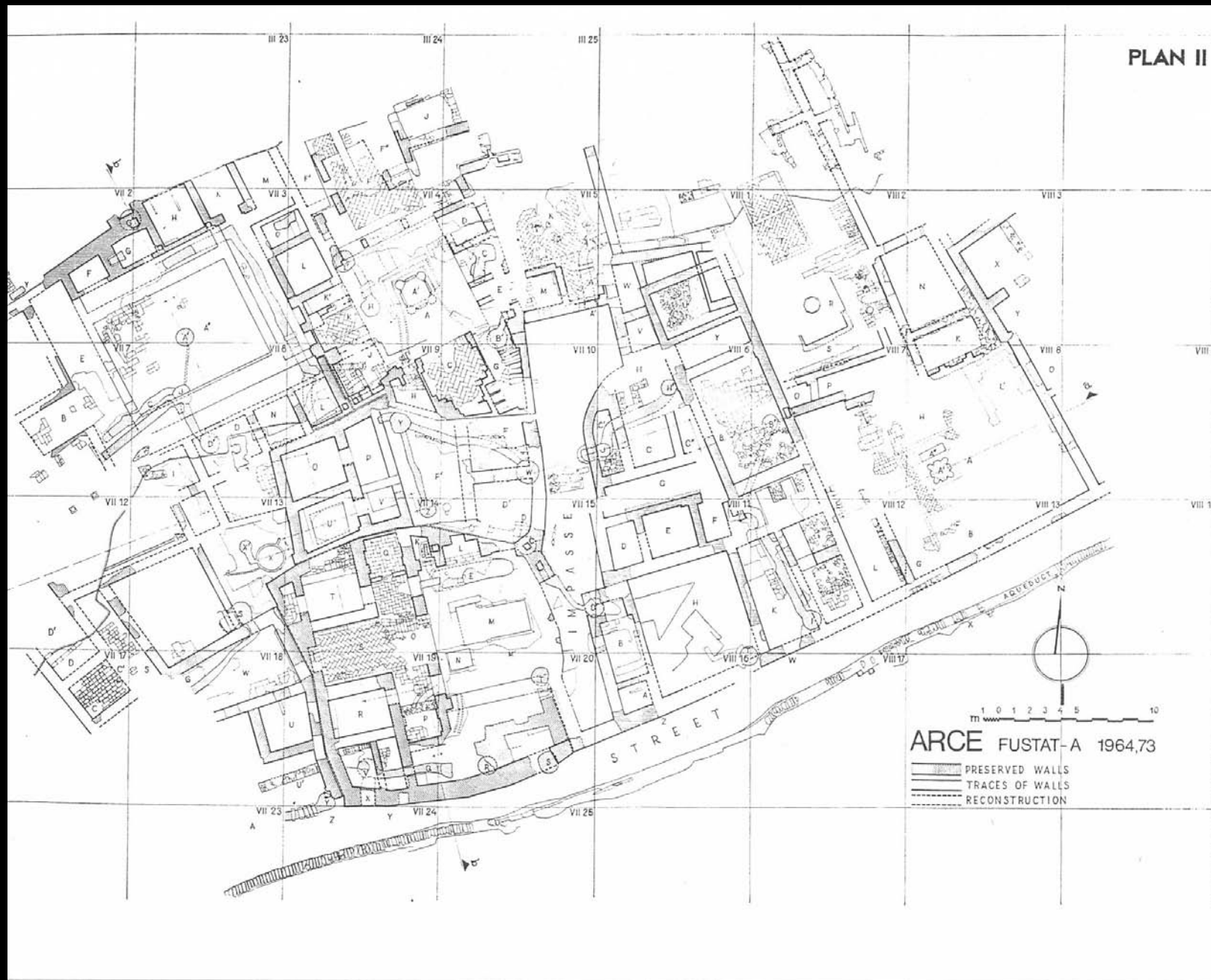








PLAN II





14 Story Apartment Blocks?

