

QUIPU AS204

Museum identification: TK 4/5418 (Lowie Museum, University of
California, Berkeley)

Main Cord: color YB

\$18.5 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (1-2), then space of 2.5 cm
 21.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (3-5), then space of 1.5 cm
 23.5 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (6-7), then space of 1.0 cm
 25.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (8-9), then space of 1.0 cm
 27.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (10-11), then space of 2.0 cm
 29.5 cm: end¹
 ¢21.0 cm: single pendant cord (12), then space of 0.5 cm
 21.5 cm: end \$

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	-	12.0¢	MB	0	
2	-	20.0¢	MB	0	
3	1E(2.0)	16.0¢	YB	1	1:0.5
3s1	-	12.0¢	YB	0	
4**	-	9.0¢	MB	0	
5	-	10.5¢	LB	0	
6	1E(1.0)	9.0¢	YB	1	1:0.5

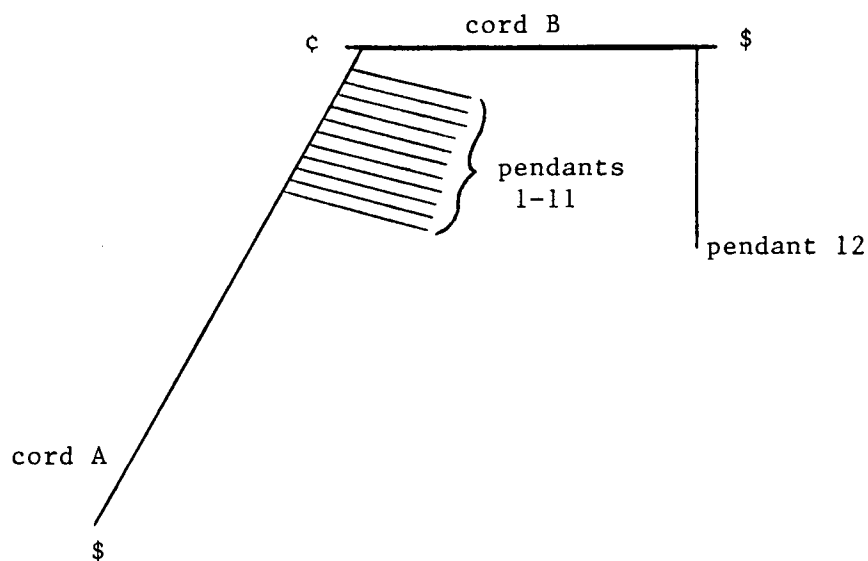
Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
6s1	-	16.0¢	LB	0	
7	1E(1.5)	4.5¢	LB	1	1:0.5
7s1	3L(2.0)	7.0¢	MB	3	
8	1E(3.5)	19.5¢	LB	1	1:0.5
8s1	4L(3.0)	7.0¢	MB	4	
9	1E(2.0)	8.0¢	LB	1	1:0.5
9s1	-	12.0¢	LB	0	
10**	1E(2.0)	9.5¢	YB	1	1:1.0
10s1	-	12.0¢	LB	0	
11	-	12.0¢	LB	0	1:3.0
11s1	-	13.0¢	YB	0	
12	3L(4.5*)	10.5*b	LB	(?) 3	

*The cord is broken at 0.5 cm. If a portion of the cord is missing, the knot cluster is lower than 4.5 and the length greater than 10.5.

**This pendant might be a top cord.

Observations

1. Construction Note: The main cord (A) is connected to another cord (B) which is color LB but heavier than the LB pendant cord. Another pendant (12) is suspended from cord B. It is possible that cord B is the main cord and pendants 1-11 are actually all subsidiaries of a single pendant cord.



2. AS201, 202, 203, and 204 are all designated by the museum as TK. This collection is discussed by D. Menzel in Pottery Style and Society in Ancient Peru, Berkeley and Los Angeles, University of California Press, 1976.
3. By spacing and color the quipu forms 5 groups of 2,3,2,2,2 pendants each. In the first group both pendants are color MB, have no subsidiaries, and are value 0. The next 4 groups are YB, LB (with an additional MB in group 2), have value 0 or 1, and with one exception each have a subsidiary. The values on the subsidiaries are 0,3, or 4. Their colors are YB or LB or MB. It is the MB subsidiaries that contain the non-zero values.