



House near the Akropolis

Athens, Greece 1978

This house is a simple prism whose overall volume has been determined by the building code, in particular by a requirement providing for free space at the back of the building and by a height restriction of 8.3 meters.

Built for a pianist, a writer, and their two children, the house is located in an old neighborhood of Athens, in Filopappos Hill, near the Akropolis. The surrounding area contains small houses with traditional backyards, some modern apartment buildings, and a few remaining villas from the Neoclassical period.

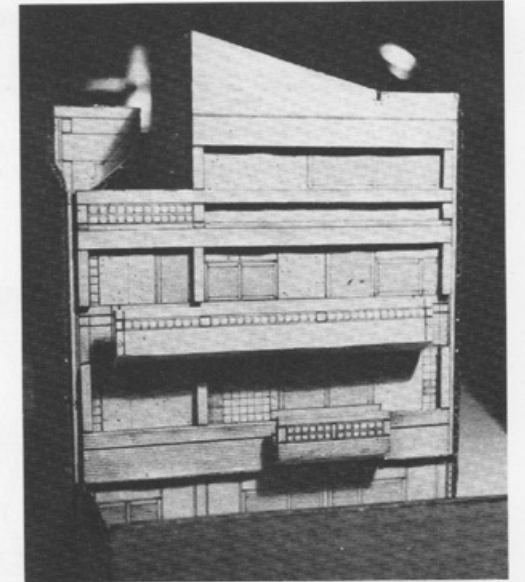
The main access, which is a feeder coming off the peripheral way running around the hill of Filopappos, is a quasi-pedestrian street with stairs that prevent car traffic.

The house has been conceived as a dwelling in which to live and work, with activities continuously unfolding from sunrise to sunset. An effort has been made to reflect this continual activity in the organization of the structure, providing a sense of varying life in all the different spaces, from the threshold to the outside patios, to the rear.

The main stair, as it ascends, intermingles light and view, movement and rest, open and closed space.

Throughout the house, spaces with diverse heights interpenetrate each other, activities intersect, materials gradually change to follow an itinerary. These materials are common in everyday architectural construction—reinforced concrete, wood, rough or smooth plaster, transformed by translucent color, matte or glossy according to the situation.

It is a simple construction that has been assiduously elaborated in order to reveal an underlying rhythm, a prism which is complemented by the presence of life.



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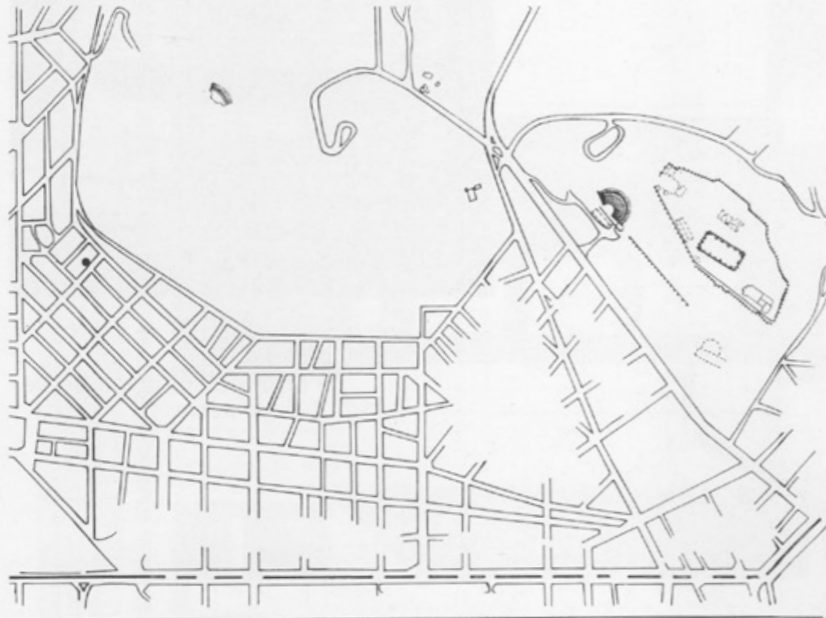
Left: facade.
1 Study collage of the facade.
2 Axonometric.



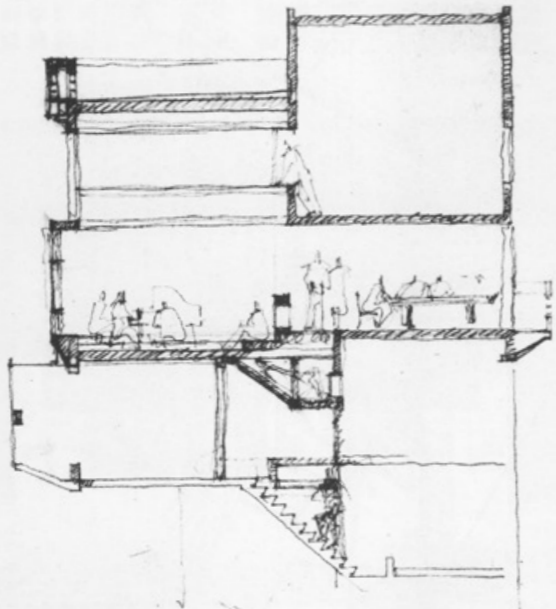
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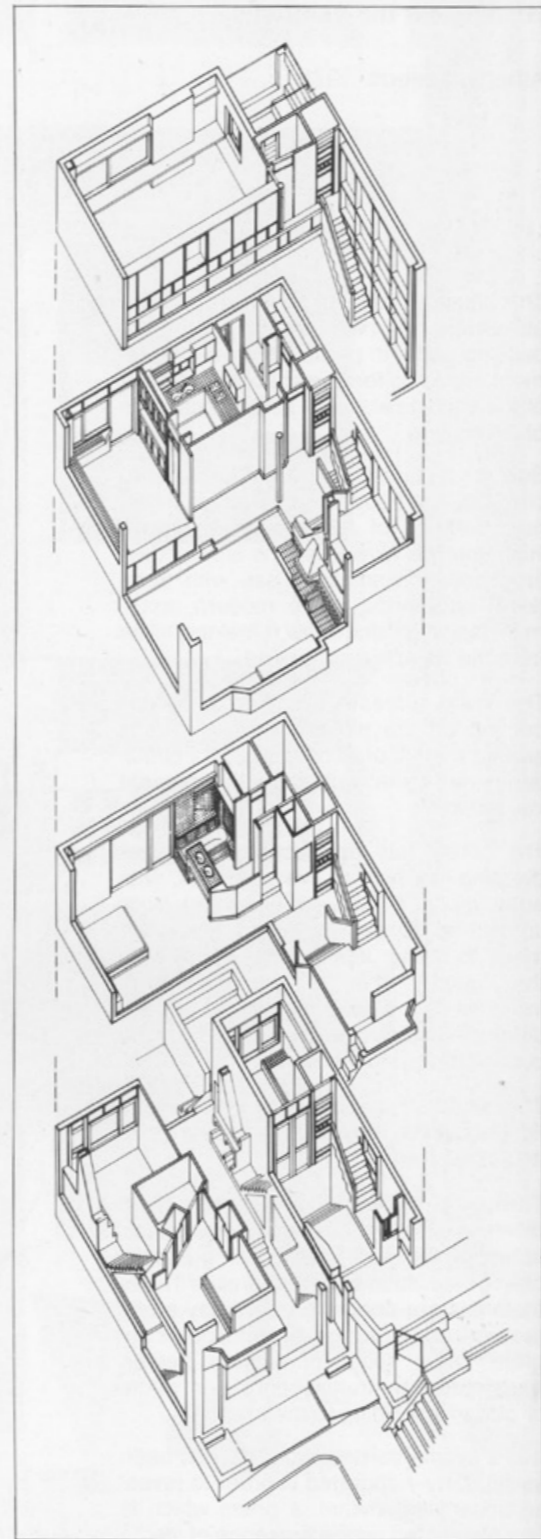
- 3 Site plan.
- 4 Study sketch, section.
- 5 Axonometric.
- 6 Internal facade.
- 7 Kitchen plan.



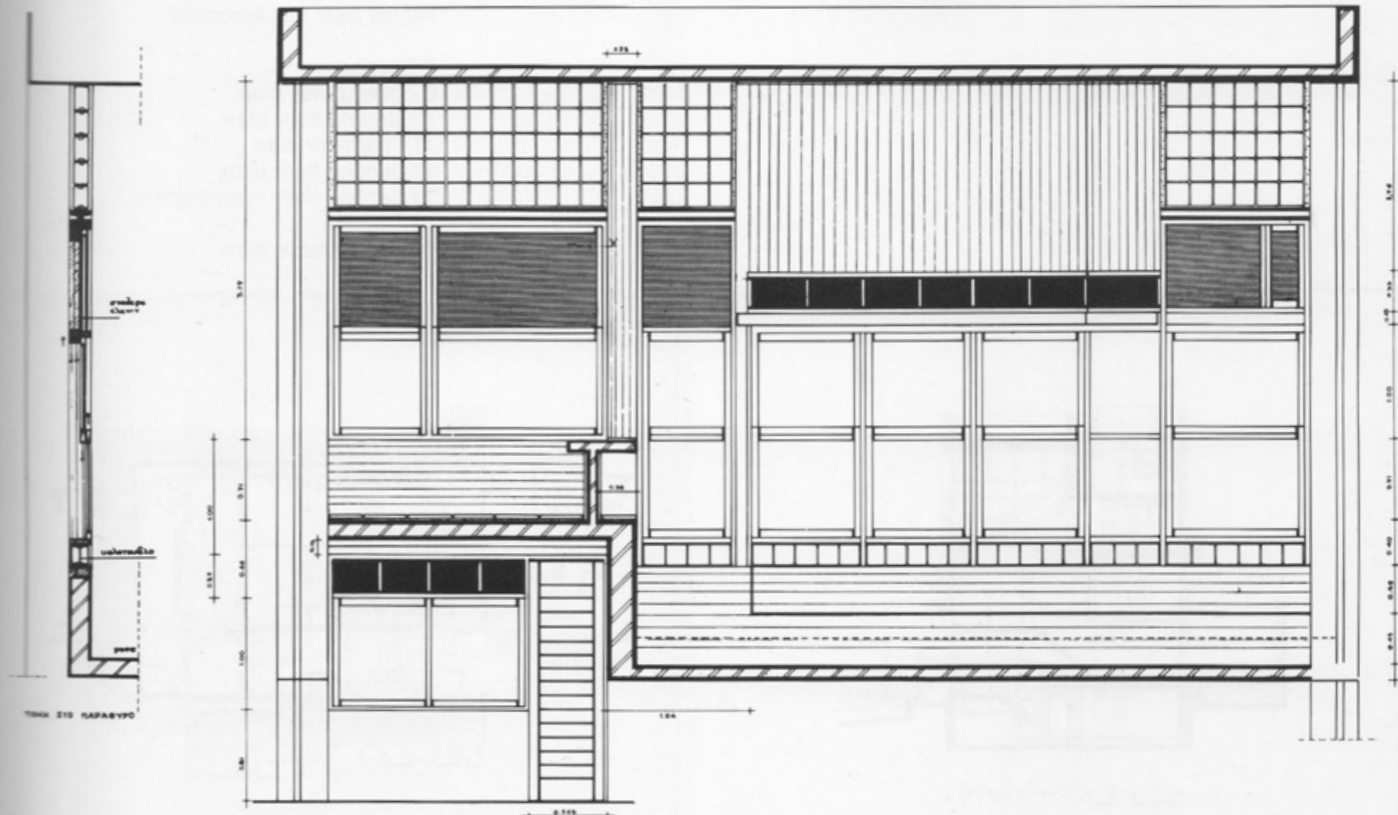
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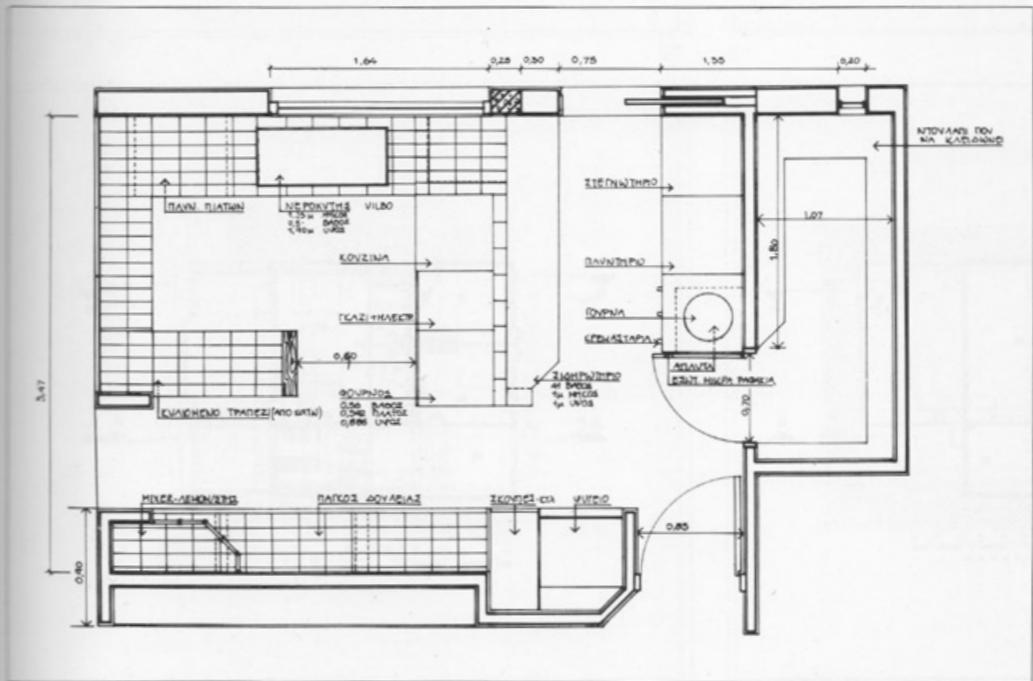
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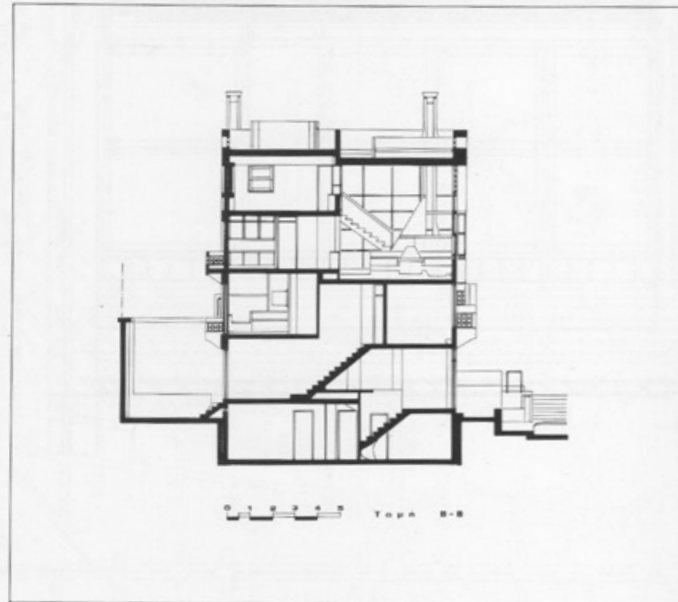
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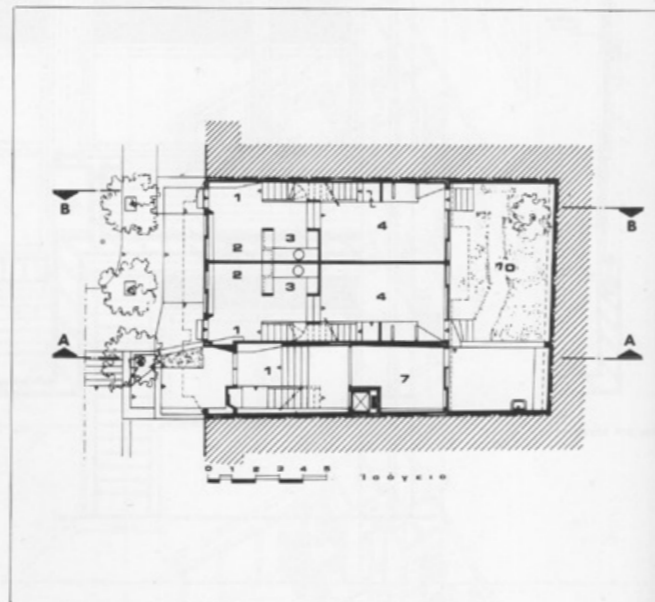
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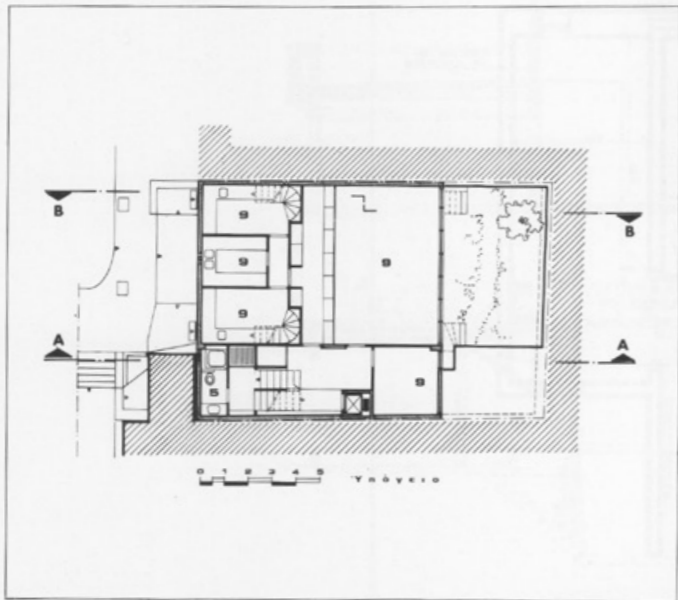
- 8 Section.
- 9 Lower Level plan.
- 10 Ground floor plan.
- 11 First floor plan.
- 12 Second floor plan.
- 13 Second floor mezzanine,
- 14 Section.
- 15 Roof terrace plan.



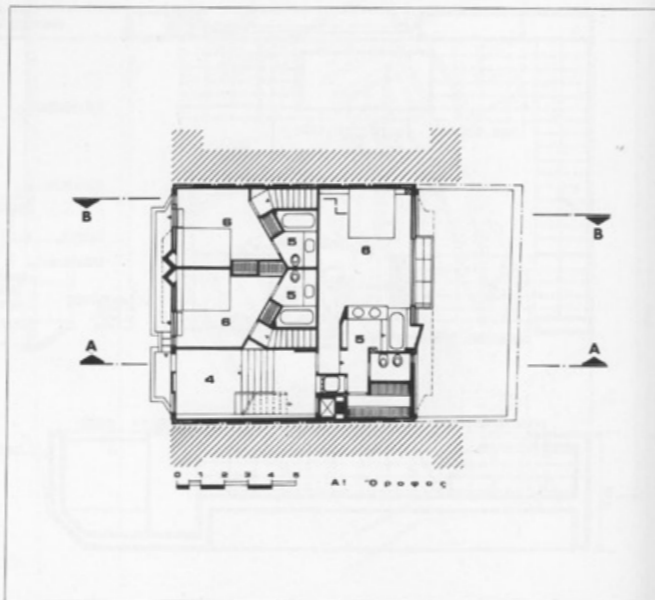
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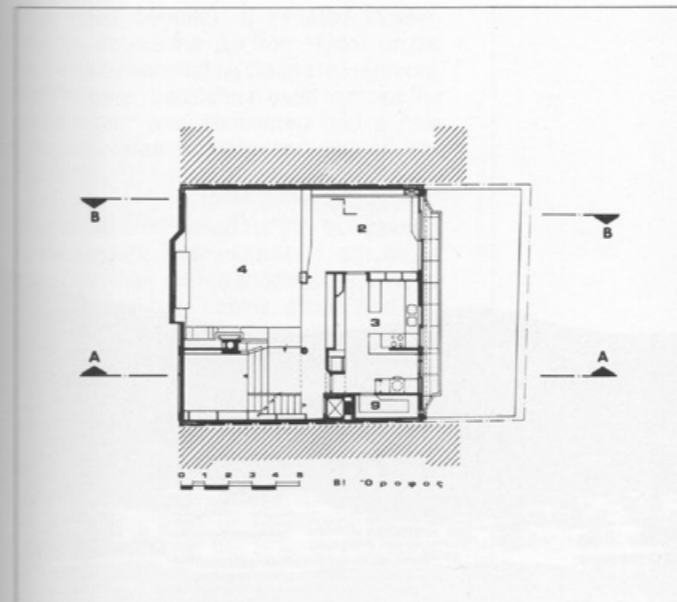
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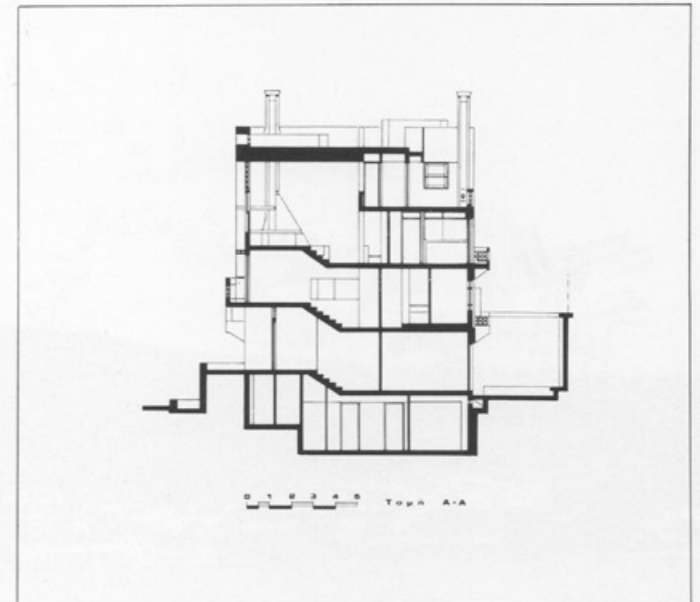
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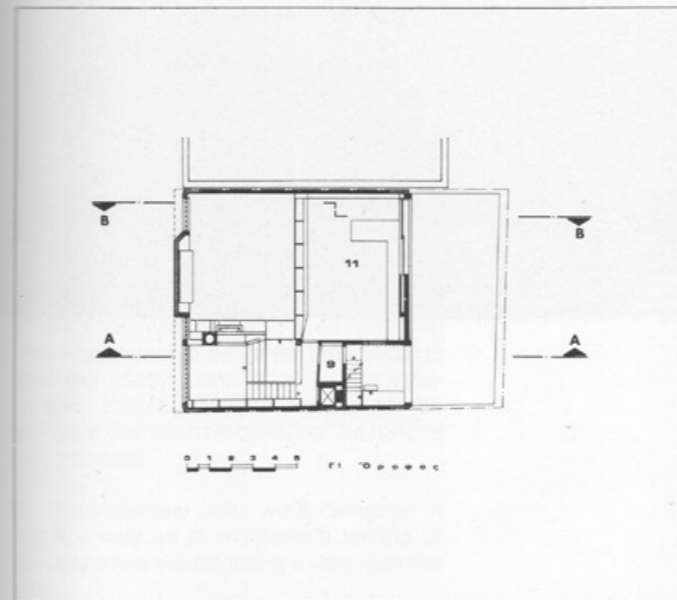
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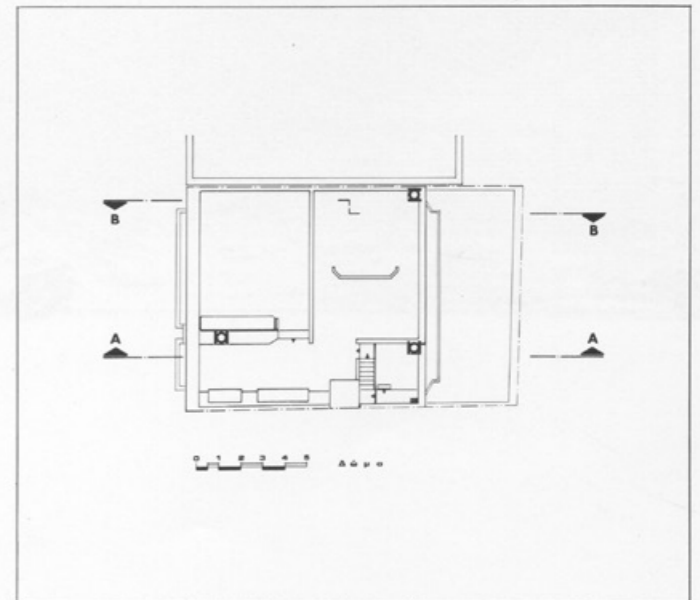
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