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Dear Bennett,

I owe you both thanks and an apology. First, thanks for the MINOS offprint, a really solid piece of work: it's a pity that the tempo of discovering new tablets allow your statistics and your index no rest !

Apologies for your being pestered by the gentlemen of the Press. I can only claim responsibility for the TIMES, because I gave them your address when they asked for it, after they had asked me to write an article: someone at Cambridge in touch with Professor Page had, I imagine, put them on to the Mycenaean research as being a topical item. I didn't write the article.

The Swedes are due to Furumark giving us some rather excessive publicity at his elevation to the professorship at Uppsala last Friday. The first I heard of it was when I got some incomprehensible congratulatory telegrams from friends of mine in Stockholm. I've given the London representatives of the Swedish papers a couple of interviews yesterday, in which I tried to put the thing in its proper perspective as a series of analyses and experiments by a whole lot of us, not yet finalised. I hope your being hounded for views won't make you commit our MS to the dustbin !

Chadwick and I have finished our article and it is going off to the printers; and should be out about July. But as far as we are concerned the line of attack is common knowledge among our band of sleuths now, and there's no reason why the discussion shouldn't be general and battle be joined as from now.

Yours,

Michael Ventris

Incidentally, Furumark refers to you as "Professor" or "Assistant Professor": if so, I've been probably addressing your letters wrong and owe you some belated congratulations, *as well*.