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Dear Emmett,

Many thanks for your post card about the Eb's; I've nothing further to add on this subject. I have extracted a few more emendations from the Vocabulary of PT II for my Critical Appendix. But I am waiting until Mabel produces the new joins made possible by the 1958 tablets, so that the thing can be really complete.

Grumach has written asking to be put on the distribution list for bibliographies, so I said I would check with you that he is down to get NESTOR. (Address: Prof. Dr. E. Grumach, Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Berliner Str. 60).

I had a long chat with Turner last week about the London Congress next September. We assume that you will be coming. The present intention is to have two afternoons on Mycenaeae, Palmer to preside at one, me at the other. I have suggested my session should be devoted to three papers on Mycenaean society, and we want you to give one (20 minutes only). Would you like to offer one on Slavery? If you'd rather do something else, say so; I thought of asking Risch and Lejeune to do the others, one to cover the royal and military organisation, the other perhaps the economics of Pylos. But I've said nothing to them, and would like to get your contribution fixed first. I thought we might keep land-tenure to the fringe of the discussion; and we don't want anything too technical (e.g. details of handwriting). Risch has sent me his draft article on Dialect Differences, which strikes me as excellent; the chief worry about it is the certainty of your classifications. I tried to check some of the groupings from the facsimiles, and regret to say that I do not see how some tablets alleged to be in the same hand can be (e.g. I dispute the identity of hand of Er312 and Un718, much as I should like to believe in it on grounds of content). No doubt I am wrong; but at least there is reasonable doubt on such points.

Risch sent me to the MY sealings again; I think I have already reported my readings to you. But I have just realised that ke-ni-ge-te-we (not zo) in Wt503 is supported by KN X 768.2, where the drawing in SM II seems to show part of a we following the te. I've asked Platon to check; have you any comment? More important, this makes sense: all the sealings (except 505) are names of vessels, read therefore kherniptēwes 'wash-hand-basins' (cf. kherniptomai); the labiovelar is correct, cf. nizo. I agree with Michael's reading e-ku-se-we in 501 = enkhusewes 'funnel' (MT II Fig. 56).

Hope our card reached you in time for Christmas.

Yours,

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