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Dear Emmelt!

Thanks for post-card. I will try to answer your long letter in the next week or so; term has just ended to-day and I am exhausted, there has been one reply so far to your request for revised British Addresses.

This is to report two items for NESTOR:

(1) Parpola, A., Koskenniemi, S., Parpola, S., and Aalto, P.  
Decipherment of the Proto-Dravidian Inscriptions of the Indus Civilization. The Scandinavian Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, 1969. 72 pp.

(2) Gillic, D. New light on old Cyprus scripts. The Guardian  
18 January 1969, p. 3.

Note for publication: (1) looks a very solid and exciting piece of work, and at first sight promising. But some research has left me rather less impressed; I have written asking some questions and requesting additional information. Glyn Daniel has asked me to write a review-article for *Antiquity* - Stuart Piggott & Mortimer Wheeler are (of course) interested. The Dravidian solution is historically plausible, and it may take a Dravidian philologist to evaluate it. (Burrow at Oxford and Emeneau at California seem to be the only two known; you will need their Dravidian Etymological Dictionary!)

(2) is just a newspaper article, but has a photo. Found by Schaeffer, comments by Masson; a clay cylinder about 10 cm. long inscribed lengthwise with an inscription in Cyprian Minoan script. According to Masson the script is not identical with any so far known, though the photo looks quite recognizable. I hope to hear more from OM himself. (Guardian you remember is the erstwhile Manchester Guardian)



Too tired to do any more now. Much matter from JPO requires attention.  
Do you think KTT should be my reason based on JPO, or should it be JPO's  
straight, notes and all? Ignoring the personal problem, I mean, which I must  
deal with as best I can.

Yours,  
John

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