

1050 E. 43rd St.  
Brooklyn 10, N.Y.  
Oct. 3, 1948

Dear Bennett,

My ship got in on Sept. 18, but I have been so busy since then that I had no time to write.

When I left, all was set to begin the publication of Scripta Minoa II by the end of September, so, unless something untoward occurs (which is not unlikely) it should be out in a year or so.

Somewhat against my better judgement, I permitted Sir Hohn Myres to use my classification as a basis for his discussion of the Linear B inscriptions. I didn't like the idea too well because I would prefer to explain my classification myself, since he still thinks all words are nouns, and all in the nominative case. But I finally said he could do so, provided he stated his interpretation was his own, and not mine.

The other reason I didn't like it, was because I would prefer a classification suitable to both Pylos and Knossos.

Since Scripta Minoa II will publish the drawings and photographs according to Evans' old numbers, the use of the classification is simply for Myres' cursory discussion (which is limited to about 30 pages).

I now plan to publish the classification with my own interpretation as soon as SM is out.

I'm a woman of one idea at a time. I still think the first definitive classification should be suitable for both the big hoards. With that end in view, I got Sir John to give his permission to let you and Professor Blegen, and anybody else doing work with the Pylos inscriptions, have a copy of my drawings of the Knossos inscriptions in the classified order immediately, if there's any chance of cooperation from your end. My drawings are hectographed, and therefore sometimes a little fuzzy, but are certainly good enough for identification, and I can always explain anything now clear by another drawing. None of this, of course, for publication.

Do you think anything can be arranged, either between Professors Blegen and Myres officially, or between you and me unofficially? Even if Scripta Minoa II is rushed through the Press, it will be at least a year before it is available, and from latest reports, goodness knows how long it will be before the Pylos inscriptions are available. From what I've seen, I think neither is of much use without the other.

This note is quite unofficial. I don't want to write to Professor Blegen until I hear from you. Maybe you can give me a hint about how to put the matter.

This isn't blackmail. I'll see that you get a copy of the inscriptions in any event, but then it will be between you and me, and not anywhere near as satisfactory.

I haven't had any time for my own work since June, so haven't yet done what I wanted to about statistics, etc.

Sincerely  
Alice Robes

Crossed with mine d Oct 9 1948