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Dear Miss Kober,

My procedure has been the admittedly bad one of listing first and checking later, but I saw no way within the limits of time and money to check all the transcriptions first, and found that the purple copies were too often indistinct to an unaccustomed eye. I therefore will be a long time in correcting, and shall pretend a consolation in that I will check the 'most important' things first. I thank you for the correction sheets and have entered them on my own blue sheets upon which my Knossos vocabulary is founded. I shall want shortly to come down and compare them with your best list. I have lately been prevented by an epidemic of bothersome illnesses in my three youngsters. At the moment all are, or should be, in bed. That and the pleasant assignment of courses which I have this semester, three different, only one of which has been done before, tend to restrict my time. If all goes well, however, I hope that I can get down on Thursday or more likely Saturday of next week, the 24 or 26. Is it possible to compare your list at the College and save the time of the extra travel? I shall advise you later of any prospective descent with more accuracy than is now possible.

I am rather unhappy over the apparent impossibility of finding an order satisfactory to all of us. At the moment I think I prefer Evans' to a frequency list, The distance of C.W. Blegen in matters of this sort is somewhat annoying.

As for the classification I have made some observations on your setup, and think I can propose some slight modifications mostly in the allocation of capital letters, which when combined with similar and slightly more extensive changes in Pylos class, should produce a possible system for both. I don't expect that it will win immediate or complete acceptance but hope it will be a basis for negotiations, in quite a proper academic rivalry in the best sense.

New Joint      Old Kober      Old Bennett

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A	A <del>κ</del>	A	(I'm not sure a distinction
B	B <del>λ</del>	A	between A and B is necessary, but
C	C <del>μ</del>	-	shan't make too much fuss.
D	D <del>φ</del> <del>β</del> <del>π</del>	C	
E	E <del>θ</del> <i>formulae</i>	-	(I remain unconvinced of the necessity
F	F <i>alternat</i> <del>or</del> F, G, Ei	-	of quite so much room, but these are
G	G <del>or</del> H	-	your tablets. The condensation here
H	H <del>or</del> K	-	suggested combines F, G, and Ei on the
I	K <del>π</del> J, <del>κ</del> <del>λ</del> <del>μ</del> <del>ν</del> <del>ξ</del> <del>ο</del> <del>π</del> <del>ρ</del> <del>σ</del> <del>τ</del> <del>υ</del> <del>φ</del> <del>χ</del> <del>ψ</del> <del>ω</del>	- <del>or</del> E	basis of presence of <del>κ</del> .
J	J, L, <del>λ</del> L, <u>κ</u> d, e, g, h	E <del>or</del> F, G	(May not Kf, <del>κ</del> belong elsewhere?)
K	Blank on grounds of abbreviation for Knossos	F, G <del>or</del> -	
L	Blank for expansion		
M	M pots	?KnO1	though I doubt it.
N	N Charit <del>os</del> wheels saws	S	
O	O tools unexplained objects	P	(May not Oh, Oj, <del>κ</del> Oh11 belong elsewhere?)
P	Blank on grounds of abbreviation for Pylos.		
Q	<i>Alternat</i> <del>or</del> R <del>or</del> -	- <del>or</del> J, K, M	
R	S <del>or</del> R	<del>κ</del> , <del>λ</del> <del>μ</del> <del>ν</del> <del>ξ</del> <del>ο</del> <del>π</del> <del>ρ</del> <del>σ</del> <del>τ</del> <del>υ</del> <del>φ</del> <del>χ</del> <del>ψ</del> <del>ω</del>	
S	- <del>or</del> S	J, K, M, <del>or</del> -	
T	T miscellaneous & phonetic	N, O	
U	-	U	mixed ideograms
V	U no ideograms	V	
W	V without numbers	-	
X	X fragments	X	
Y			
Z			I think sealings pots etc might reasonably be left outside the classification since the kind of object ought to be specified in any citations.

If with some such changes the classification could be established with sufficient room for Pylos and for Knossos to have separated small letter divisions, ~~the~~ the groupings already made need not suffer much change a few first letters would change all together, a few seconds, principally Pylos (I imagine I can persuade Mr. Blegen that our a-z, n-z distinction is not necessary).  
 Let me know how this sounds, and send along counterproposals.

Sincerely yours,

*Ernest Bennett*