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Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for the time and effort you put in to the plans for a publication on Aegean Archaeology.

I think what motivated me to write you was the apparent lack of serious interest in Aegean Archaeology and its problems, manifested by the fact that neither in New York nor Chicago, in any of the leading universities is there an outstanding authority in the field. This is confirmed by the list of individuals to whom you sent copies of your letter.

I would agree that Nestor serves such a special purpose that it should continue its fruitful existence apart from any new publication set up.

The problem it seems to me would be personnel. And personnel that could read Katharevousa. Greeks in New York who can read it but don't know archaeological terms I found useless. Most classical scholars, at least here in New York really can't translate it. I suspect that To Ergon and the articles of Paraskevaidis could be translated in Athens, possibly by the people who are getting out the new publication there and passed on to us here. This is an important communications gap and would have to be bridged. Better still, perhaps Yalouris could do the job and earn a bit of money considering his circumstances. He might be the resident editor in Athens that I would agree you need.

If the objective of the magazine would be to widen the interest in Aegean Archaeology I would see no conflict in reprinting Greek articles. In addition there is a great need for current book reviews on the subject. AJA simply can't cope with the quantity of books coming out as is apparent from the time gap between publication year and date of review.

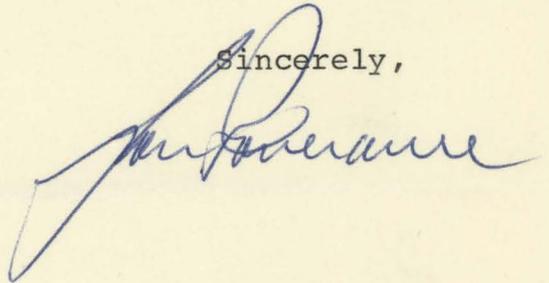
I don't think material would be a problem. Between reprints from the Greek, French and even German publications, it would present no difficulty.

I would favor it being done in America also, and under any of the institutions or university press that you were favorable to. But I would be concerned about where you would get the editorial help necessary. I am sure that you and the others you have sent copies of your letter are under heavy commitment. Are there enough graduate students around in this field who could lend a hand?

The idea has occurred to me that after you have all the responses, we might meet at my room in the Royal York during the AIA meetings and have an opportunity to thrash out many of the ideas at that time in Toronto. I would think, Graham, Vermeule and Caskey would probably be present. After we have the schedule of meetings from AIA we could pick a date and a time.

Incidentally, you might be interested to know that for our New York Society I have arranged for lectures at the Metropolitan, Professors Popham and Palmer to discuss the chronology problem of the Knossian Linear B tablets. Popham will lecture on March 24th and 26th and Palmer on March 31st and April 2, 1969. If you can be in New York at that time, perhaps you would like to attend and join us for dinner afterward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. P. Popham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal tail.

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