

June 29, 1957

LANA

Dear Emmett,

Have waited to answer your letter till the threatened visit of J. Chadwick materialized. He and Dorothy Gray came yesterday and are still around (now being shown around work room by CWB). He says yes, the join with 1206 is so. We have had something to talk - and he has given me a list of his readings of the 1557 tablets (I guess he has sent you one); he has to do some twisting of fairly clear signs to get the meaning he wants, sometimes - but his Va 1324 is right and some others are possible. He seems all right but not so pleasant a person as Ventris was. He had also suggested photos (rather than drawings if only one was possible) to me, but CWB does not seem to approve - I will try again. Perhaps with fewer tablets this year, something to be done (only 30 bits from the Chasin - a few of which I have cleaned - and they join some Aa's, Eb's, Na's or Sa's; there is a larger piece which looks in an uncleaned state like the middle of a Ta tablet).

Very much the usual life here; Mr. & Mrs. B (latter in not very mobile state), M. Rawson and David French (young Englishman). Up to today we had George Papamanoopoulos, an epimelote from the Museum - very nice indeed. On July 1 Billy Taylor comes. My frescos are being done what productive - a table of offerings in very fragmentary state, a nice little miniature style dancer, the eyes of two lions and some pieces of ware etc. etc. Nionio remembers you with enthusiasm and sends best greetings.

Have you had a MS from one Henry Ephron on his own decipherment? He sent it to Mr. B and it seems a little naive and magic-making to me.

Hope your family has stopped breaking bones and that you are launching a well-ordered march on the South. Can't think of anything else relevant, but will always answer any questions.

Best,

Mabel