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DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

Dear Emmett:

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th. which interested me much. I've been completely sunk in Troy for a long time - that's why you haven't heard from me recently, especially as there was little to report. Now there is something in reference to the preliminary publication of the Pyles transcriptions. The Taft Subcomm. on Publications has approved in principle a grant for that purpose; and their recommendation will come before the Taft Faculty Comm. at its meeting next Saturday. So we shall soon know if the funds will be made available.

Meanwhile some of your ideas were transmitted to the Director of the Princeton Press who seems not to have been alarmed by them. Our suggestion is that when the grant is finally made (as I assume it will be) you take all your material down to Princeton one day and talk over all problems with the Director Latus Smith. I hope to see you at Baltimore and we can discuss the whole business there. Then I will also

have a word with Datus Smith during the holidays. The project ought to be a relatively simple one.

As to your paper at Baltimore, I think your idea may be a very good one and it is certainly worth presenting. But it would be well to proceed with caution and make no categorical assertions that you cannot prove. Ephyræan goblets & squat alabaster as well as some other forms may be imports from the mainland into Crete - that's what we believe. As to cruciform swords, can you find evidence of their use on the mainland before they appear in Crete? Evans seems to deny it. For the chariots we have some LH I representations at Mycenae, & that might be used as evidence. The horse certainly came to Crete late, & we have horses represented ^{earliest} on the grave stelae at Mycenae in LH I. But we don't yet know definitely when the horse came to the mainland. At Troy we find horses in the next to the earliest stratum of Troy II which we think contemporary with Middle Helladic I, but the synchronism has not yet been fully demonstrated. It seems to me worth while for you to mention all the factors you list, though it should be done cautiously as a tentative support for your idea. Try it out circumspectly and let's see what the reaction will be.

With best wishes to Mavis, the children, & yourself

Yrs
L. M. B.