

Can you fit Eb 1186 into any Ep?

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Dear Emmott,

Have been trying to get ahead of myself sufficiently to write an intelligent answer to your letter but nowadays I can manage only a couple of evenings a week for linear B — and that is time stolen from Early Greek History preparation.

I do wish, if you did not have so many other things to do, that we could combine on some Eb-Ep work. I am sure you have more thoughts than appear in the Landholders. I have been plodding through what you have already done in the way of distinguishing the various formulae on Eb and the arrangement of their appearance on Ep's. My present tentative order for Ep's is 617, 705, 212, ~~744~~, 539, 704 — Now some questions which you may ignore if you have no time:

- 1) why no hand for Eb 297? — it certainly looks like H 41.
- 2) if Eb 903 is same hand as the other Eb's which are copied on to Ep's — where will it fit? — the formula requires that it be 539 — but there the only possibility is line 12 if a-pi-me-de-o do-e-vo could alternate for do-e-vo wa-na-ka-te-vo.
- 3) it is true, isn't it, that there is no room in present Ep's for Eb 149 unless it is the first postscript Eb 940?
- 4) if you were guessing how many syllables the name

in 617.18 had, what would you say?

5) do you have a record of what you tried to join together — which did not work? That is what I wish I had had time to do this summer because I keep being convinced now that two go together and I cannot remember that I tried or how it worked out. I don't mean real joins, all of which you surely found — but going together — like 835 & 838 both of which have the internal channel in the same place.

6) would you agree that 892 is not that which is copied into Ep 301?

In answer to yours (we both should keep carbons to know what it answers to what) — the wire is deliberate. When you say you did try 156 & 157 I assume they didn't go — but you would be willing now to put 157 among Es's of the sort that are not copied into Ep's?

Difficulty of quick summarized copy of new tablets is that often one can't read them till one knows what they say — which means putting in fairly lengthy time — and this people would have suited all kinds of airy theories, in a reading that did not exist. Some of this happened with my "quick" publication — but it would have been much worse if the readings had gone out unimproved in August.

NESTOR is lovely. Much congratulations. Chadwick writes he is fighting with him on whether En 467 is En.

Must do some work,
M.