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Dear Emmett,

My seminar on Mycenaean epigraphy got off to a good start on Monday; upwards of 20 attending. I have had photostats made of a page of PTII to give them some practice in transcription, though of course this is making it easy. But I shall use some photographs too.

Beattie has written insolently questioning my readings in KN S.8100. This is my worry. But he also questions G 5670 (of which I have as yet no photo). Quote: "What Ventris drew as a cheek-piece or strap coincides, in fact, with a broken edge and the shape may be in part accidental. In any case, if this were a cheek-piece it would have to descend from the middle of the base and not from the left-hand end. One does not wear a cheek-piece round the back of one's neck!" Any comments?

He also writes about PY Sh739, and on this I have referred him to you; so this is to warn you. "Bennett's drawing shows to the left of ideogram 163 a vague object that looks somewhat like a pole-axe. It seems to me to be an erasure of a first attempt to draw 163." I have replied that it might be anything (from a pole-axe to a pole-cat), and not to expect me to comment on the basis of your drawings which I mistrust. I suppose you haven't a photo of this?

Mühlestein has sent me his Ueberprüfung of the o-ka tablets; I expect you have a copy too. He has also sent me his photos of this series (+ 724), which are taken in bad lighting, but at least are better than nothing. I don't agree all his points; but what do you make of his suggestion of double dividers, which seem to act as marks of punctuation? Is there any chance that these recur elsewhere, and have been overlooked?

I should like another copy or two of MTII, and I think you are probably still out of pocket on that deal. Would you like to unload 4 copies on me? If you can send them, give me a bill including postage, and I will pay Blackwells to your account. Things are a bit easier now we have relaxed our currency restrictions, but it is probably still hard to send you a cheque direct (nearly slipped into a US spelling).

I have started my stint for Studies V, but you have some strange things in Nestor (not all of which I judge really relevant). Murakawa's korete article is a tough nut; took me more than an hour to read the first page, and I'm still not sure if I've got the sense right.

Did you see my 'Have we any Mycenaean calendars?' beyond the summary in MLS? I am now thinking of expanding this into a full-scale study of Tn316. Is there any chance of getting photos of both sides of this?

Love etc.

Yours,

John

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