

Dear Emmett,

The strike is over and postal communication restored - your cards arrivigg more promptly how - but postage rates will doubtless be going up.

You may get a letter from a Mrs Burkill, who is looking out for accommodation for you. She wants to know how much you are prepared to pay. Furnished accommodation here is normally priced in guineas per week (since 21 is a multiple of 7 and 20 isn't), and a guinea is pretty close to \$ 3. I said I thought you would be prepared to go to 10 gns (i.e. about \$ 135 per month), which in my experience should be enough for a two-bedroomed flat; but of course the shorter the letting the higher the rent. If you can manage more, it might make things easier, and produce a more desirable location. West Cambridge is best for the University, but also most expensive; North is not bad, South also quite good, but try to avoid the East.

Mrs B. is also agitated about school for the older boy. Can you supply more details: age next January, what subjects he takes (Latin?, French?, Greek?). And above all, are you prepared to pay for him or will you take what this poor country can offer free? If the latter, he may be offered a place at Impington Village College (a curious institution peculiar to Cambridgeshire); but I would try to get him into the Queen Edith's Grammar school if I have details which will convince the headmaster he would fit. If you can pay (and I warned you this means £ 50 + per term), I can try the main private schools, or there is a coaching establishment called Fairlawn who might provide tuition, if he brings his American text-books; but would he be happy working on his own instead of attending school?

The Sardinian appears to be an amateur who distrusts professionals and particularly his own countryman, which make things difficult. He has produced drawings and now a poor photo, which have convinced me that we have Latin in cursive script, though I can't yet read it; I am consulting experts.

In confidence for the moment: I have news of another KN tablet. Reported by V.Desborough, who says he bought it, he thinks from a dealer in Athens, and gave it to an aunt...! Anyway it has now come to light, and I have a drawing. As soon as I get a photo I have his permission to report it for NESTOR. It reads:

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apparently not a known missing

one, but clearly a Knossos tablet of the D series. No.8333. John Killen got married the other day and is now in Greece with his bride (she's Irish too) and will take time off from the serious business of a honeymoon to look at joins in Iraklion. He has your last list, but I now think I never answered your card about that. Most of the joins are old ones already in KT³ (not all in your name), and the new ones don't look that good. But you will get reports in due course.

Maurice Pope is at present in this country and will be at Philadelphia, and I gather intends later to visit Madison. I am also seeing Ath Treweek to-day, who likewise will be visiting you later on. Pope says that Higgins says that Hood says he has the answer on Knossos; but which? It will be a relief if the question can be settled, whichever way. Not a word from Palmer; but I hear a rumour that he is building himself a house in Austria. I must write to him about the Colloquium before I leave. I have booked a motor coach to take us all to Oxford on the Sunday.

Yours

John

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