

Best regards to Tom, Cynthia and
The creatures...

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Dear Emmett,

In Athens you can, if you like, stay, with
Tom (if he likes) in my apartment.

it was very nice to have your news. I have already answered
to Tom and referred to him some ideas I have about your
trip too. I was very busy before leaving for Cyprus a "terra
ignota," but finally all has gone rather smoothly and with
some success. I know you very well you are not a perfect
procrastinator (Thanks for the word not known to me before.)

- Now I remember I asked you about asbestos in Greek is ἀσβέστης.
You are procrastinator like Mediterranean people and so I believe
that with Tom aside you will go on considerably. He inspires
me too. This is you know ἐπιθυμία not jealousy, quite different.
(Εὐγενής ἐπιθυμία).

I was told by Margherita that "proofs" of my article have been
received at Rome not yet in Athens. I hope tomorrow.
Cyprus was wonderful and contacts there quite useful. Now I
prepare my application for membership 'ΕΤΕΙΡΟΣ of the Archaeological
Society. Paper of a rather high level. In my paper about
"Production and Economy in 14-13th century Cyprus: Between The Aegean
and The Near East." I suggested an agricultural/livestock
production and economy basis along to exports of Copper, Timber
etc. and a Central Authority (one or more) with centralized
economic system and administration comparable with
indirect evidence for the contemporary Mycenaean-Ugarit
systems. Just a framework to put in new data (see the
huge building in Kalavassos, Hariri Vourvouras and Kition).

Now, finally: My schedule for this fall and early winter.
or my desiderata:

October till the elections (we hope 5th November) in Athens and
Thebes (in service)... Do you believe it?

Nov. - Dec. (I hope) in Rome with epidemia (Eni Di'fwi)
Then, in poor words if you come 22 or later I can accompany
you by train Rome - Reggio Calabria or by plain the same,
and see with you Reggio - Metaponto - Taranto - Lecce for 2-3
days and then return to Rome and join Tom, who by
26 Nov. arrives and stays for 4 days till Nov. 30. In this
case we can pass a night at Rome in my apartment
and leave the next day (22 or 23 as you like). Then
you return to Rome or you leave via Brindisi (Via Appia)
for Patras. I have never seen these places and I can do
this now. We can even ask help by colleagues in the local
Museums or in the University of Lecce (Dionisi Schiavardi has
a contact there). Anyway I promise you I will not speak
about churches or tablets. We can read novels travelling.

You know that I have my reasons because I am rather
"wounded" from the silence of some colleagues who decided
my "exclusion" from the Hgc. meetings. This hurts me but
does not discourage me to continue. ~~Nevertheless the fact that~~ ^{Notwithstanding the fact that} ~~every~~ ^{as it} happens in
a critical moment in which I have to choose between
the smooth career of the field archaeologist ^(with family?) or the "closed-
minded" politics of my Italian colleagues... Some $\pi\lambda\kappa\rho\iota\alpha$
only sorry... I believe I will manage to be ^{from} ~~about~~ ^{Novemb.} 7-10
at Rome. Keep in touch Yours cordially Vassilios

ELB,

Here is
Vassilis's
letter

as it
pertains
to your
Italy
trip.

On your question about Hecenean possibilities Yes I agree with you. This (the Hecenean) was a fine in its artistic aspect civilization but very poor it seems in refinements in organization and bureaucracy matters. It is like roughly Athens and the Roman Empire and Hittites had an Empire. And they were not sensible with fishes dolphins and octopuses or with birds etc. They like their neighbors Assyrians were terrible warriors and emitted in clay and wood lots of good and bad things. Greece has never seen archives well organized after the Hec. times (inspired from the Orient) till the times of the Venetian rule (they were Westerns).

I am full of enthusiasm in the idea that I meet you in November. OK. We are in Rome and with great pleasure you stay with us. (26-30 Nov.). I hope to be in Rome from Nov. 6th if the Elections here will be on Nov. 5. Normally I had to stay with epidemia (Nov-Dec.) now I stay Nov. 5-Jan 1990, ~~7~~ in Rome. So I stay with you in Rome but not in Athens. I can give you and Emmet my apartment there if you like. But I have only a problem. Emmet now in Austin wants to visit South Italy (the heel). and passes around or through Rome on Nov. 22 Then he does to be accompanied by someone there for safety reasons. I could ^{accompany} ~~take~~ him with pleasure to Metaponto and Taranto a couple of days and then return to Rome to join you and continue my work - probably asking

you some "apories". The problem is that Emmett has to
All this if Emmett, also could pass and
leave with me for Rome agrees to travel first down
to Metaponto-Taranto and then to Bari. Probably
he would like to see Possio Calabriz and de Bruzes
(di Riace) too. I think that this sounds perfect. I can accompany
Emmett for 22 to 24 or 25, and then leave him to Bari? or
Lecce (near Brindisi) a University town (there is D'Andria
who excavates Hierapolis of Phrygia there and for time to
time Schilardi Dimitris (whom Emmett and Malcolm know).
Schilardi could probably organize a lecture for Emmett and
take him to Kalimera. Then 26-30 stay with
you in Rome.

All goes well. I am optimistic although I have reason to be excited.
Peters like a devil... he tried to write also to Robert. He is stupid
and now I am convinced "not a good individual" I mean, "οὐδὲν ἄριστον"
"ΕΥΤΙΣ". And crazy. I would like ^{to write} to him but I think I
put myself down. I write to Robert a cardinal and kind letter
saying that absolutely I have the material for years and
if he had any question to write soon to me (and to you)
and this ~~I must~~ very-very soon ~~because~~ not to lose time.
So I can take any measures. On the other hand Peters
(with the suggestion of J.P. Oliver) and his collaboration
(not proved by signature) will publish the inscriptions or transcrip-
tions of the sealing in BCH. J.P. will be the special supervisor
for pinakologs, rubes etc. Helena for linguistic affairs.
I could publish very fast the reports