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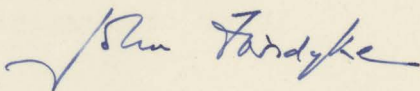
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Dear Mr Brice,

I have never heard of the inscribed stone fragment 'from the Dictaeon Cave' in the Ashmolean. As you say, it is surprising that Evans and particularly Myres have left no word about it: if Evans thought it might be a forgery, one would have expected him to have noted it in the Ashmolean register.

If the script is modern, it must have been copied from some existing document, which you would know, or made up, in which case the characters would doubtless be wrong. If you are uncertain about it, you might get it tested under ultra-violet rays, which are said to show the difference between ancient and modern stone surfaces.

Yours sincerely,

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