

Athens, June 26, 1950

Dear Emmett:

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th. I was glad to know that you were receptive to the idea of coming over to do the job for Myres and that the Deans, etc., at Yale were interested in the suggestion, and that the outlook seemed hopeful. It will be fine if the scheme can be worked out and realized. Did I say in my previous letter that the Director of the National Museum here in Athens intimated to me that he could find a place to spread out the Pylus tablets and could make them ~~available~~ accessible to us this summer, if we give him two weeks' notice? That would give you two baskets of eggs, and if you could devote about a month to each you could make substantial progress. I'm sure in that case I can raise some of the travel money needed - when I get back to Cincinnati, that is - though I don't know just how much. I should think it would be possible to get five hundred dollars or so. If the business ^{of the grant} comes through satisfactorily at Yale and you can make the trip, there is no need to worry about equipment and clothing. You can count on its being pretty hot over here - though not so humid and enervating as in Cincinnati - and a thin suit of clothes would be useful. For working hours a pair of old slacks and a shirt would do adequately and no tie is usually worn. For dress up occasions a Palm Beach suit or the like would do very well. No provisions are necessary - you can get all you want to eat - except in the way of a camera & films in case you propose to take some

pictures of the Tablets from Knossos. I could
probably lend you a camera, if it were needed,
but you would have to bring some films - say a
dozen rolls of size 120, of as fine grain as you
can get. We used to favor Panatomic when it
was available, but Plus X is satisfactory.

You can come as a tourist and no visa is
required. Here in Athens we can find a room
for you; and in Heraklion in Crete there is
now a reasonably good hotel. As to language
there should be little difficulty: you can always
find some one who knows a little English, if
there is an emergency.

Please let me know how things go; and if the
project goes through send me word about your time
of arrival & I will see that you are met at the
airport here and make what other arrangements
I can.

With best wishes

Yours ever

Carl W. Blegen

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