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Dear Professor Bennett

I am researching a television programme on Michael Ventris and the decipherment of Linear B as part of a series provisionally entitled 'The Origins of Writing'. It is being made by this company for Granada and Channel Four Television and will also be seen in the US; it may also be seen in schools and colleges.

I have been in touch with most of those who are alive and played an active role in the decipherment, and others who knew Ventris. Given your role in the story, I hope that you may be willing to take part and advise us. We want to make the story accurate, but comprehensible to a general audience. One of its aspects that I do not clearly understand, for instance, is the process whereby you sorted out the sign-list of the Pylos Tablets.

The Institute of Classical Studies showed me a journal that mentioned a lecture of yours on 'Michael Ventris and the Pelasgic Solution'. Would it be possible to read this?

I look forward to hearing from you. Perhaps we could speak on the telephone, if you let me have your number? My home telephone number, should you need it, is 01 607 3145.

Sincerely,

Andrew Robinson

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