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Dear Emmett,

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It may ^{he is} interest you to know that a clay ball with Cypro-Minoan signs ^{was} were found in excavations carried out by Mrs U. Öbrink and me at Hala Sultan Tekke in Cyprus. It was found in a context which appears to be of Late Cypriote Bronze Age III. A British expedition also found an inscribed clay ball at the site in 1897; otherwise it is Enkomi ~~who~~ has produced all the other inscribed clay balls. The new clay ball has two groups of signs consisting of three signs separated from a fourth sign by a dividing line. The signs are Nos. 38,7,10 and 29 (in E.Masson's repertory published in Alasia I, pp.502-503). The same group of signs (a name?) occurs at Enkomi (ibid., p. 497, fig. 40; for the last sign see fig. 41). Definitive repertories of Cypro-Minoan signs will be published by Dr E.Masson in Studies in the Cypro-Minoan Scripts 2 (Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology XXXI:2, in preparation, delivered to the printer), where a decipherment of the script as Hurrian will be presented.

Yours,

(Paul Åström)

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