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Mon cher Emmett,

Moi aussi, j'écris en français, vois-tu. But really I ought to be writing Navaho or something to wish you happy hunting in Colorado (or do they speak Spanish in them parts?) Anyway, have a good trip, and I hope you find the time profitable and pleasant.

You will be sorry to hear that J.A. Davison died on 28 December. I have no news other than the obituary in the Times, so cannot add more. He was sometimes an awkward colleague who did not mind saying what he thought, but he was always stimulating, and he wrote me a very nice letter saying how honoured he had been to take part in the Colloquium.

There is not much other news. I sent on your request for details of the Proceedings to the Press, as I was too busy at the time to cope myself. I hope you got the information, perhaps via New York. I suppose your copy has not yet arrived? I have had acknowledgements from some of the European contributors, who have expressed admiration for the appearance of the book.

I have promised to review Heubeck's booklet, but no progress here yet. I have been busy over Christmas writing a new postscript to another edition of Decipherment. Despite Sterling Dow, I don't intend to rewrite the book; but I have written up the present state of the game, including of course a brief survey of Palmer's activities. If you like you can put in NESTOR that Cambridge University Press will publish this year a reprint of the Decipherment of Linear B with a new Postscript.

Gallavotti is now demanding a text of my report to the Rome Congress by April. I have been instructed to report on 'texts'. Can I ask therefore: are you definitely coming, and what will you be talking on? I don't of course want to overlap with you. But it looks as if I should report on P.T.T., and I'd be glad to hear the latest plans. I will cover the work at Knossos in detail, and mention the Thebes tablets. How far I can go beyond the mere epigraphy I don't know. But I shall discuss the new classification, and would like to know whether you have in PTT proposed any new or significant changes of classes. Pylos is so much easier to deal with than Knossos from this point of view; but some of the rag-bags like An would do with subdivision.

Talking of Palmer he seems to have gone to earth. I have had no reply to letters since October, and even the Press wrote to me asking if I knew where he was, since they couldn't get a reply either. The text of the Combined edition of Studies I-X has gone to Rome, and we hope to see it published this year. I'm afraid Vol. XI is very late, and Palmer is largely to blame. Anna M-D has in fact done most of P's work on it.

B.A.M.S. will probably hold its first official meeting on Feb 1st. It will be a pure formality, and should last no more than two minutes, before the Seminar (Bryce is talking about Linear A!) I have asked Hainsworth and Killen to form the committee with me, since Palmer refuses to answer. We control the princely sum of £78, which will produce enough interest to pay the annual subscription to CIPEM, and we hope to organise a British Colloquium some time.

Billy Tylour tells me J. Crow^uel has proposed reading the new Myc. jar as ka]-ra-u-ko. I've no idea whether u is possible; if so it is a very square type. ~~XXX~~ I'd like to see the original before deciding what to print.

Yours,

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