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Dear Dr. Tegethoff:

I have received with pleasure and much amazement the book you have so generously sent me, Die Entzifferung der Minoischen Schrift. It is evident that you have spent a great deal of time and money in the study of Etruscan and Minoan inscriptions and that you have been largely uninfluenced by the work of others. I imagine that you may already know the excellent work of I. J. Gelb, Von Keilschrift zum Alphabet and if you do not I would recommend that you look at it. I would also recommend that you examine the pertinent parts of Ernst Grumach's Bibliographie der Kretisch-Mykenischen Epigraphik, C. H. Beck'sche Verlag, 1963. Especially the sections concerned with the relationships of Minoan characters to other systems of writing that is sections G. XII, G. XV, G. XV. and that you look also at the extensive sections on the many decipherments which have been proposed by many scholars in section eight. The one that I remember most clearly corresponding very closely to your system is that identified as Section H. (I. L. Jakubowski, also a medical doctor in Krakow.)

If you would have the time for a brief answer I would be delighted to know something more about yourself and how you came to be interested in the Etruscan and Minoan scripts and perhaps something about how long you have been working at them and perhaps even something about your methods of investigation. I think these things ought to be put on record whenever possible and I have asked others who have produced other sorts of decipherment to do the same. I would be delighted as I said to have some indication of your methods of study.

Sincerely yours,

Emmett L. Bennett, Jr.

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