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Dear Dr. Kober,

I have looked up the signs which you thought should be included for my A-B list. They all occur in sign groups in A.

and nearly all of them rarely in sign groups in B.

T B 13. 160. 950. <sup>with 9 III, 0 T II, 15 N III</sup> F B 15:27. <sup>contrast</sup> ~~17 A~~ B 19. 1. <sup>I read it A</sup>

Yes! As ~~F~~ is common in sign-groups in A, I take it to be adopted in B as a phonetic sign, whatever its utility as a commodity-sign.

I think it = B ~~F~~

~~F~~ is placed with P ~~F~~ on point of form, ~~but~~ it only occurs in A. and shall be so signalled in my table.

X is placed with + on point of form, and because the A+B sign is very variable in its orientation, like its pictographic precursor.

In general, I had to consider the A usage, as well as B usage, in placing these signs; so I do not think they prevent the statistics unless you can convince me that the tablets have been misread.

I see no solution to the question of vocabulary order. I hoped my numeration would facilitate acceptance of an agreed vocabulary order. But Bleeker makes no ~~any~~ concession, being too busy to work at the Difer script; and if you adhere to Evans' order, my attempt has failed. I do not feel inclined to scrap my vocabulary, and a good part of my text of Vol II as well. It took me nearly ~~three~~ six months to conform my chapter on Script A to Pughier's numeration — including the re-writing of the A vocabulary; and the Press now wants to go ahead without further delay. So if you adhere to Evans, we must accept the chaos which will result. I am sorry

if things turn out so. You sincerely,  
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