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Dear Bennett,

Very many thanks for your letter of March 23rd to hand to-day. Yesterday I collected together all the photographs and sorted them according to their plates and put them with MS and handed it all to Dr. Eisenhart to take to Philadelphia for the Philosophical Society so that they can decide about the publication of the Mycenae Tablets. I enclose a copy of the List of Plates which I drew up. In Plate VII the inscriptions on stirrup Jars include those from Mycenae, Pl. 71 c and a photograph of two broken stirrup jars from the Wine Merchant's House one of which has a cross on its spout. Plate VIII has the Stirrup Jar from the House of Columns, that from B.S.A. XXV p.21 fig 5 and a group of jars from the Oil Merchant's House some of which have crosses on the spouts. The jar in BSA XXV p.21 has a cross on its spout.

I had been wondering about the other inscriptions on other objects which you have mentioned in your letter. These are dealt with by Tsountas and Mahatt Mycenaean Age Chapter XI. I have seen these in the past but now they are I imagine inaccessible until the National Museum is rearranged. The Mycenae ingot is dealt with by Svoronos, J.I.A.N. IX(1906) p.153 ff., Pls. II-V; Seltman Athens its History and Coinage mentions it on p. 4 and has it in figs 3 and 4. See also Schaeffer, Enkomi-Alasia, p.30 ff. Since it is obviously impossible to check all these now and since you say that they do not ~~all~~ seem to be Linear B *properly* would it not be better just to mention them in your preface with the references and say that since you have not been able to check the readings of these you have not dealt with them but hope to do so on a later occasion. This will at least show that you are acquainted with them. Certainly no photographs of them can be obtained now. I tried to see the ingot last summer but it is in the Numismatic Museum which was tightly locked and impenetrable.

We are much looking forward to our coming to New Haven and to seeing you and other friends and I especially want to discuss tablets with you. You will have to tell me what kind of tablets you want us to find this summer! I have just been to the station this afternoon to make our reservations.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Alan Wace