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Dear Bennett,

I hope our various letters arrived safely, and were of some use.

I am planning to join Sinclair Hood's digs at Chios June-August in an architectural capacity, and was proposing to come to Athens at the middle of ~~March~~ May in order to have a couple of weeks there before we start. Will there be a chance of your being in Athens during that time, so that we can have a longer discussion on the new tablets, and make any necessary plans for the future?

At the moment there doesn't seem very much new work I can do on my own on Pylos; and it is probably a good thing to let the large number of new people who are working on the problem get ahead and come out with their own suggestions. (We had the first meeting of the London University seminar on Linear B last Wednesday: the sessions will be monthly, and may be a little time before one can see how much useful stuff will come out of them). But I can see that I shall have to get down soon to reorganising for my own benefit the Knossos material: rearranging it in classification order, checking the readings against your index corrections, etc. Perhaps next summer there will be a chance of looking at your notes on the 5000 series, and generally seeing that our readings are brought up to date with yours?

Incidentally, there's one more sign-group that I don't seem to be able to find in your Index: that's on Ak611.1 : $\text{A}^{\text{III}}\text{T}^{\text{III}}\text{S}^{\text{III}}\text{E}^{\text{III}}$
//de?-di-ku-ja . It has the look of one of those perfect participles (feminine plural, this time). Compare $\delta\epsilon\delta\iota\delta\alpha\chi\upsilon\tilde{\iota}\alpha\iota$?
-Connected with the $\text{I}^{\text{III}}\text{H}^{\text{III}}\text{O}^{\text{III}}\text{Y}^{\text{III}}$ word and the I^{III} adjunct? Would like to have your comments on the reading (as, eventually, of other readings queried in the Glossary or in our last letters).

Very cold here at the moment.

Yours,

Michael Ventris

I now see you quote $\text{E}^{\text{III}}\text{I}^{\text{III}}\text{D}^{\text{III}}\text{I}^{\text{III}}\text{Q}^{\text{III}}$ on Index, page 12: but I can't by any means get this from the photo SM2, plate XLIV.