

Florence, Dec.20, 1955.

10, Via Giambologna.

Dear Dr.Bennett,

I hope you are having an excellent time with your Family and wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I also hope that during these holidays you will be able to make good progress with the plan for your book in the American Linguistic Library, so that I may have the contract form sent to you as soon as I am back in the United States.

I wonder whether you feel that this would be a suitable plan (it is just what occurred to my mind, and is not even a suggestion to you):

- Chapter I. Historique du problème.
- II. The method of decipherment.
- III. The tablets and other objects, the writing techniques, the scripts &c.
- IV. The different classes of texts.
- V. The Mycenaean Greek.
- VI. The historical implications.

I also wonder whether you are willing to write Chapter V and VI yourself or you feel that they should be dealt with by a linguist and a historian, so that you may have a better chance of concentrating on Chapters I to IV, also in view of a certain urgency for the whole publication, which I should like to start printing around June.

If such is the case, I think that Chapter VI could be written by Dr.Giovanni Pugliese Carratelli, who is just working on that subject, being a professional historian--and I know he would be glad to cooperate. For Chapter V I should like to ask Dr.Vittore Pisani, who is, so far, the only scholar who has studied the position of Mycenaean among the Greek dialects, and who has much additional material to his recent article in Rheinisches Museum. These are only ideas that just occurred to my mind, and maybe might speed up the production of the book and ease your own task. I wish I could hear something definite from you before 1956 at the above address, to which I have recently moved.

I am teaching at Princeton next semester, so I shall see you often, I hope. Have me remembered to Dr.Dow, please. Best wishes and regards from Yours sincerely

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