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Dear Bennett,

Thank you very much for your detailed letter of 23 April.- I didn't know that the matter of the return address would cause you that much trouble. I think, however, there might be a way to solve that problem comparatively easily: As soon as I shall have moved to new quarters - which I hope will be soon - I am going to have my new address printed on gummed paper, which can easily be put over your address already printed on the envelopes. I only ought to have the approximate size so my printed address would completely cover it. I think this a proper solution of the problem as far as I am concerned. Whether this problem affects other European distributors as well I can't tell since I don't know their postal regulations. At any rate it would be best to ask them before you will consider far-reaching changes as to the way of sending NESTOR in the future. According to my experience I don't think it a good idea to send NESTOR direct from there for it would make it much more difficult for anyone who might get interested in NESTOR to get a copy of it - or some of the previous ones - as fast as possible. As things are now whoever wants to get a copy of NESTOR just drops a postcard to the distributor of his country and will get what he wants within much shorter time than if he has to write you. Moreover mailing all the copies directly from there would, in my opinion, cost you - or someone else whom you ask to do it - a lot more time than sending them the way we have done it up to now.- Please, don't consider what I have just written about the way of sending NESTOR as any kind of interfering in your decisions in this respect, I only wanted to tell you what I think about it/ and also to give you a hint how we could tackle the problem of the return address.

Now I have a question which is of great importance to me: Do you happen to have a photo of PY Jn 725, which you could let me? I am pondering over some problems connected with this tablet, and the line-drawing in your PT II won't be of much help there. When I wrote to the Librarian of the American School at Athens ( who turned out to be a lady, which you forgot to let me know) about the spare copies of NESTOR I had sent to her I had asked whether someone of the

School would have access to the ~~photos~~ photos of the Linear B-Tablets. I was told, however, that you had all the photos, at least the one I had asked for. So if you could let me have a photo of PY Jn 725 I should be most grateful.

many thanks also for your separatum from Archaeology Vol. 13, No. 1, which I read with the greatest of interest. I think it a most curious fact that the people who wrote Linear B did not leave any inscriptions on permanent material at all. I can't find a satisfactory answer for this phenomenon. Even if one assumes that all documents which were to last longer than a year or so, had been written on ~~a~~ some perishable material it still remains unexplained why there are no inscriptions left ( incised in stone for example) which tell of the deeds of their kings or so, not even on tombstones. I simply can't imagine why those people or their kings respectively didn't want to tell ~~to~~ posterity about their campaigns, treaties etc. as their contemporaries do in a large scale. I have to admit that this remains more than a mystery to me.

As to Merlingen's 'Konzept einiger Linear B Indices', which you refer to, I haven't seen it yet since the libraries here are just about to build <sup>up</sup> a Minoan section. I ought to ask Merlingen for a copy of it.

Thank you again for all the informations you gave me ( especially the address of Mr. Ephron whom I hope to hear from soon).

Sincerely yours

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