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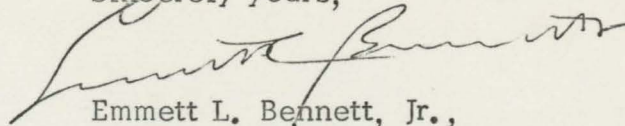
Dear Sirs:

Thomas Palaima has asked me to write for him in connection with an application for support of his program of research for the coming summer. I very much hope he will be successful in his application, and that this letter may have helped.

Palaima is my most recent and successful Ph.D., with a good dissertation on a subject which is (to me, of course, and to a fair number of classicists and archaeologists) most interesting and important. The work he intends to get at this summer is a pursuit of topics related to his study of the "Scribes of Pylos," which, for lack of time he could not thoroughly explore for the dissertation, and which could not have been included anyway for lack of space. But if he makes progress at these problems, the results may have pertinence to an even wider audience.

Since I last had occasion to write to you, that is, to Fordham, he has completed his degree, and has presented two papers at international congresses, in Patras and in Athens, and one at the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America a few weeks ago. The first (closely related to the dissertation) I did not hear, but heard good reports of. The second I heard with approval, and observed its excellent impression on the audience, especially those most closely involved in the interpretation of the Pylos texts. The third, on quite a different subject, was also very good, and was well received. I have no doubt that the summer's research will lead to excellent work, and to a prompt exposition and publication.

Sincerely yours,



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