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Dear Bill,

Many thanks for your letter of the 2nd. I'm glad all is well about the Festschrift, and delighted that you formed such a good opinion of Mark Cameron and his work.

The subject I had in mind to offer myself is apropos of Palm Trees. I believe the Dwarf Palm may have been native to Crete, as it is to Italy and Spain (but not, it seems, to Mainland Greece), and the question then arises as to whether it or the immigrant Date palm are represented on Minoan pots etc. (Some palms represented are certainly Dates, but were they all?). There are wide ramifications of this, but I will keep within the bounds of the 4,000 words. The Dwarf palm was apparently that which the Romans used as the palm of Victory. So it seems an appropriate theme for a Festschrift.

Yours ever,

Smclaw