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Dear Mrs. Schofield:

I had hoped to see you in San Francisco, and may have missed excellent opportunities, but at the times I remembered to inquire, you were not where I was.

When in Cincinnati for Judith Blegen's fine recital I asked Cedric about the possibility of getting at the Pylos notebook microfilms, and he referred me to you. A good many years ago I had borrowed them, intending to transcribe portions referring to the discovery of tablets, and to copy the sketches of tablets in situ. I made some progress at that, but had still some to do, when pressure of other things to do made me postpone completion. I had made photocopies of all the sketched pages, but I did it on a 3M microfilm reader and printer, using a metal-based paper and acid developer, and the results were in the first place not perfect, and they have not lasted well, and are now curled, and losing some developed surface, and stained besides. To finish up the Pylos volume I ought to have another go at those materials, and ought to have good copies of those pages. At the same time Tom Palaima is anxious to see the same materials, in pursuit of his work on the hands, and what comes from it. He has suggested, since he has a grant from his Fordham for materials for his research, running up until this April, that he could probably manage to pay for the necessary copying from his grant and thus by turns we could both have access to what we need.

Later, however, in thinking about the problem, he wondered, and therefore I do too, whether perhaps simply a copy of the appropriate microfilms might be made as easily and cheaply as the copying of individual and scattered frames, the process being paid for and used in the same way.

So the question I put to you is what borrowing, what copying of parts or of wholes of the microfilms may be done, what difficulties of getting to them must be surmounted, and how we might find what we need with the least inconvenience to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Tom Palaima