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April 2

Dear Emmett and John,

In answer to letters from both of you dated May 27 concerning known tablets at NM (JC's numbering); where you have agreed and I agree, I make no comment on readings.

NM 1a - made up of two pieces; I do not remember if I had glued them before nor do I know how they were photographed but they have now been glued.

NM 1b Jdu 1[+ | It is possible but not certain that these two join (c+b) and that the  
NM 1c Jmo-i[ | lower edge of b joins the upper edge of 1a at the right. Only the un-  
scribed face is preserved, so the joins can not be certain.

NM 2a ELB rightly adds MAN 1 after Jra-no. In the second line toward the top on the left edge are remains of two short strokes coming from left, these are so close to re or pa that I would assume no word divider. Re seems to me more likely since the tiny mark which might be the remains of the second cross bar is very low. Si, if such it is, is very peculiar with the side-strokes coming to a point with the central upright. Ju should be dotted.

NM 2b Yes, to ELB, it does look as if it goes with ko-wo lot, but most of these fiddly bits look like either that or the ooz+ lot. The sign in front of mi I cannot read.

NM 3 legs of ri are missing, for a following pa, new, is the lower part of an upright.

NM 4 readings certain

NM 5a: difficult to make second sign either re or tu since it curves to the left at its top and what must appear in the plot, as a cross bar is really a deep point. In line 2, either e or pi better than e.

NM 5b: (JC did not give reading): Jmo WOMAN 1. [

JWOMAN [

NM 6a: ELB is right for numbers 15, 16, 17 or 18

NM 6b - Jse-wi-jo[ without dots; ri and ku both very dubious; not we, but if ri,

very misshapen.

NM 7a - not to be read on side as J[e] but J[re]

NM 7b - looks to me: J[ri] or word divider

J[ri]-wi[

NM 8 - I repeat Jse-ke-jo. The apparent period after se is a line which crosses the

ruled line as does stem of te (probably erasure under te). Ideogram may be MAN c,

NM9 XB

Ko-wa I no dots.

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Likely join to left of 602, 1639 + but not certain.

602, 1639 and other bit are now glued. Sorry not to have done so before, but the mood at the NM is very various. Today I was allowed into the tablet room only with an eagle-eyed damsel to twiddle her thumbs while I worked. Perhaps they think I will change the stratification? Had hoped to have some joining bits (for 1960 pieces) to take out to phot so I could also do for the Knossos pieces, but no joins. Then Mr K was not visible when I left so I could not ask. Oā ?ōōpē.

I shall be leaving for America on August 20, so if you have any questions, please write soon. I am shooting this off before locating my winter notes on the Knossos bits, so hope I do not contradict myself.

For IC - Mn 1367 mineral more likely 26 despite spacing since crack is very stroke-like.

Mn 1368.1 - a-[.]pe-to is possible. E in line 2 is difficult but looks like nothing else.

Xa 1384 - there is no da in upper registers where 3-4 mm of surface is gone, what you see is vertical join and horizontal crack.

Season at Pylos good but not exciting. Thirty fragments of tablets, slightly better than 1955.

Best wishes,

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