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Dear Emmett,

Nestor just received and I see that the delayed postcard which caused me such alarm was in fact a false alarm. However,

I hope you found the information in my letter useful. The Great Seal answers a recent prayer by Blegen: The Mycenaean Age p. 36.

'There are problems too connected with seals and seal impressions that might benefit from a critical collation based so far as possible on pieces of certified provenience from stratified deposits.'

Consider the history of the NEP according to AE and JDP. The bastion immediately east of the Great Seal etc. had been pulled down after the disaster of LM II and the whole entrance reconstructed. But ~~xxxx~~ under the foundations of the said bastion was found inter alia a piece of LM II ! Then AE said that the couple-amphorae had been exposed for sale to those making their way up to the Central Court at the end of LM III B. Right at the top and on the surface down to .90 the Great Seal etc. Evidently deposited after the said feet had ceased to walk. Then in 1928 just a yard or so west of the NEP in the Central Court a test pit (I ii 1) underneath the paving of the court produced LM III sherds. All sources agree both published and unpublished. AE's interpretation was that the seal etc had been precipitated from above on to the LM III surface. The tablets belonged to sets found elsewhere. Odd that most of this has been in print for quite

a long time.

There was after all a not trivial misprint in Nestor corrections:  
p. 220 M&M 191 769-773 in 1901. This further underlines the agreed  
veniality of misprints, but we cannot hope for ~~xxx~~ mercy.

I was going to send you a Christmas offering on the subject  
of Linear A. I need hardly say cogent and indeed self-evident; but  
I see from Kadmos that I must fall on the luckless Schachermeyr  
(whom God preserve!). Term is over here as far as I am concerned,  
but much to do before departing for our Austrian hide-out. All good  
wishes,

*Leonard*

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