

## CRITICAL NOTES ON THE LINEAR TEXTS IN SCRIPT B

Only rarely is there occasion to question the accuracy of the transcripts made by AE from the originals. But fuller acquaintance with the signary and the vocabulary makes probable a few emendations; and perhaps there are others to be made.

1. Damaged and difficult to read. l. 2:  $\square$  may be  $\mathbb{A}$ .
- l. 8:  $\mathbb{Z}$  may be  $\mathbb{H}$ .
- l. 9: only the fifth sign is legible: AE read  $\mathbb{X}$  for the first;  $\mathbb{I}$  for the second.
- l. 10: the numeral may be  $\mathbb{I}$ .
- l. 11: numeral  $\mathbb{I}$  for  $\mathbb{I}$  for lack of space?
16. l. 2: the fourth sign is variant of  $\mathbb{I}$ .
17. l. 1: first sign  $\mathbb{Y}$ ; l. 2: first sign  $\mathbb{H}$ .
18. l. 1: first sign  $\mathbb{H}$  or  $\mathbb{I}$ ; l. 2: first sign  $\mathbb{I}$ : numeral lost; final sign of second word  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
- 19 a. l. 1: third sign  $\mathbb{H}$ .
- 20 a. l. 1: first sign  $\mathbb{H}$ ; cf. 3 for this word.
21. l. 1: punctuation mark after first word.
22. first word may be restored from 2.
25. first word, last sign is  $\mathbb{X}$ ; in *PM* IV, fig. 609 b, the numeral at end of l. 1 should be  $\mathbb{I}$ .
27. l. 1: first sign may be  $\mathbb{A}$  but cf.  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{X}\mathbb{I}$  799 a, b.  
l. 2: restore the first word from 5, 6, 13.
28. l. 1: second sign perhaps  $\mathbb{A}$ .
31. second sign  $\mathbb{H}$  or  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
33. l. 1: first stroke may be  $\mathbb{X}$ ; cf. 911.
34. l. 1: second sign is  $\mathbb{I}$ .
36. probably complete to left; first sign of second word is  $\mathbb{I}$ .
40. l. 3: first word, second sign  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
- 41 bis. copied by AE but cancelled.
42. l. 1: first three signs as in 46; at end  $\cup$  should be  $\mathbb{Y}$  or  $\mathbb{X}$ .
43. first sign  $\mathbb{I}$ ; cf. 1035.
45. l. 1: first word, second sign illegible.
47. l. 2: signs after second word may be  $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{I}\mathbb{E}$ .
49. last sign may be  $\mathbb{Y}$  or  $\mathbb{Y}$  (B 93); the word  $\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}\mathbb{I}\mathbb{E}$  quoted *PM* IV, fig. 695, does not exist. First word, second sign is  $\mathbb{H}$ , not  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
50. combined from two pieces: (a) the fourth small sign may be  $\mathbb{I}$ , the sixth  $\mathbb{Y}$ ; (b) second small sign ( $\mathbb{I}$  AE) is not clear. l. 1: antepenultimate sign is not  $\mathbb{I}$  (as AE); cf.  $\mathbb{I}$  in l. 2. The first sign may be  $\mathbb{H}$ ; cf. face a in same position. The last numeral in l. 1 and after ideogram in l. 2 is unusual. On c the numeral may be  $\mathbb{I}$  or  $\mathbb{I}$ ; cf. 59.
- 51 b. last sign before  $\mathbb{I}$  may be  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
52. last three signs are from a detached fragment.
56. the unusual numeral may be 16.
58. the sign  $\mathbb{I}$  may be part of  $\mathbb{I}$ .
59. l. 2: AE read final sign as  $\mathbb{I}$  but it may be  $\mathbb{I}$  (Sundwall).
60. l. 1: first sign is  $\mathbb{A}$ , the last  $\mathbb{I}$  or  $\mathbb{I}$  perhaps even  $\mathbb{I}$ .
61. l. 1: the 'ship' sign ( $\mathbb{I}$  AE) recurs on 1117.
63. almost illegible; in l. 1 the first word may be  $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}$  ligatured; the second word was followed by ?  $\mathbb{X}$ .  
l. 2: first sign probably  $\mathbb{A}$ ; numeral  $\mathbb{I}$  after  $\mathbb{I}$ .
68. third sign may be  $\mathbb{Y}$  or  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
69. seems to be identical with AE 745; l. 2: last sign restored.
71. second sign probably  $\mathbb{I}$ .
78. final sign perhaps  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
79. numeral damaged; more than 4; the sign  $\mathbb{I}$  is frequent as ideogram.
80. first sign may be  $\mathbb{Y}$ ; third perhaps  $\mathbb{I}$  or  $\mathbb{A}$ .
82. first sign  $\oplus$ ; last probably  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
84. first sign  $\mathbb{H}$ ; last  $\mathbb{I}$ .
- 85, 86. fragments with  $\oplus$ .
87. first sign  $\mathbb{H}$  (AE) but perhaps  $\mathbb{I}$ .
89. the rare 'standing figure' (B 74 a) is not separated from the preceding group, but seems to be an ideogram like  $\mathbb{I}$  (B 74).
101. third sign may be  $\mathbb{I}$ ; the first sign after the central break is obscure:  $\mathbb{X}$  or  $\mathbb{X}$ .
105. first sign may be  $\mathbb{I}$ .
114. may have been turned along short axis (see p. 42).
115. second word, second sign  $\mathbb{H}$  or  $\mathbb{H}$ .
116. l. 1: last sign perhaps  $\mathbb{A}$ ; l. 2: first and third signs may be  $\mathbb{A}$ .
120. in the superscript word  $\mathbb{I}$  may be  $\mathbb{I}$ .
121. initial  $\mathbb{I}$  is the end of a 'principal' word.
125. also numbered 1626.
128. only certain signs are  $\mathbb{I}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
131. l. 1: second sign  $\mathbb{A}$ .
133. first sign  $\mathbb{Y}$ , last  $\mathbb{I}$ .
137. second word; last sign  $\mathbb{H}$  or  $\mathbb{I}$ . *PM* IV, fig. 681.
144. l. 1: fourth sign perhaps  $\mathbb{I}$ ; l. 2: third and fourth  $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}$ ; cf. 902, 909.
145. l. 5: fourth sign  $\mathbb{I}$ ; illegible signs after  $\mathbb{Y}\mathbb{I}$ ; l. 6: probably  $\mathbb{I}$ .
148. l. 2: last sign  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
149. l. 1: first sign  $\mathbb{I}$ ; l. 2: first sign  $\mathbb{I}$ .
150. first sign probably  $\mathbb{H}$ .
153. turned on vertical axis. a l. 3 first sign  $\mathbb{H}$ ; cf. 323.
154. l. 1: last sign  $\mathbb{A}$ ; l. 2: last sign  $\mathbb{Y}$ .
166. l. 1: sign after  $\mathbb{H}$  may be  $\mathbb{I}$ .