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Dear Nelson,

Your letter of the 2nd has been received. I have written to Mr. Schocken about Maisler, as you suggested. Poor fellow! I wish that a man like Sukenik would not step on others once he has gained his position. After struggling the way he had to, he might at least have more consideration for others. Maisler does have less ability than Sukenik, but he possesses industry and human qualities which Sukenik lacks. It is a great pity.

I heard from Rosenau and Herzfeld about your leave of absence to work at Princeton. I am very glad you will be able to spend several months on intensive scholarly work, preparing your material for publication. How about getting the article you promise ready in time for the December Bulletin, which will be ready for the typesetter about the end of November? By the way, as you go north in Transjordan and encounter more and more true mounds, it is going to be more and more difficult to say decisively whether a given period is present or not. At Tell Ya<sup>c</sup>mūn and Irbid I have found <sup>more</sup> LB, as well as at several sites in the vicinity. Nor must we forget that Northern T.J. figures prominently in the Egyptian lists and the Amarna Tablets. In Gilead proper, however, I expect very few MB II -LB sites.

I shall be here nearly all summer, working on books and papers. The plates and text of TEM III are nearly finished, but I am slowing up my work on it, so as not to beat Speiser to the draw.

Yours,

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