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My dear Jale:

How good to hear from you, and in such cheerful tones! It was a real pleasure to meet Esra at Elisabeth's house,--a bright and attractive girl. We talked and thought much about you on that day, but not only then! From time to time I find myself consulting one or other of your books, and I'm reminded of how much you have accomplished in your life. We look forward to the completion of your Perge volume,--in order to complete the publication perhaps you should stop digging!

I'm sorry that we shall not be seeing you here in Princeton, but I can understand why you find Berlin more practical. Elisabeth has told me of the very convenient facilities now available at the DAI.

On October 26 we went over to Bryn Mawr to celebrate Machteld Mellink's 69th birthday. It was a very jolly party in the home of the President of the College, and we ate many good Turkish dishes. Machteld keeps us up to date about Turkish affairs. She is also greatly respected and loved in this country.

Dorothy continues to work hard on her Hellenistic terracottas. It will be a big book with its 2000 + pieces. The end is now almost in sight. I spent June of 1986 in Athens, checking various points for her work on the terracottas and for mine on buildings. This autumn I have been working especially on the great building complex of the early 5th cent. A.D. in the middle of the old Agora. We have for long called it a gymnasium, but we now believe it was an official residence for visiting VIP's.

Our leaves are almost all on the ground, the trees look naked, its raining hard and its a good day for the library.

Dorothy joins me in warm and affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,

Homer A. Thompson

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