

THE VENTRIS PAPERS

MICHAEL VENTRIS (1922 – 1956)



Michael Ventris died at the age of thirty-four on 6th September 1956 in a road accident. His discovery in 1952 that the Linear B texts of Knossos, Pylos and Mycenae were written in an early form of Greek ranks as one of the most brilliant achievements of scholarship.

Although Ventris trained and practised as an architect, he had a remarkable gift for languages ancient and modern. As a schoolboy he had been inspired to study the undeciphered scripts of the Aegean Bronze Age after meeting Sir Arthur Evans, excavator of Knossos. His first attempt at reading Linear B (as Etruscan) was published at the age of 18.

Ventris's now-famous announcement on the BBC Third Programme that Linear B was Greek swiftly led to collaboration with John Chadwick, a young Cambridge philologist. This ultimately resulted in the 1956 publication, *Documents in Mycenaean Greek*, which remains the starting-point for all studies of Linear B texts.

The association of Michael Ventris with the Institute of Classical Studies goes back to the founding of the Institute in 1953–54, when a special research seminar on the 'Minoan' language was established. Ventris addressed the first meeting of the seminar, which — 50 years on — continues to flourish as the Mycenaean Seminar, a leading international forum for Aegean prehistory.

The Michael Ventris Memorial Fund was established in 1957 by the Institute of Classical Studies and the Architectural Association School to foster the work of young scholars, working in the fields of Mycenaean studies and architects. Further details of the award for Mycenaean Studies are available through the Institute's web-site: http://icls.sas.ac.uk/institute/awards/michael_ventris.html

The Ventris Papers were given to the Institute in 1988, following the death of Lois Ventris (Michael's widow) in 1988. The archive comprises personal correspondence and papers, drawings, photographs, and other memorabilia, as well as selected offprints and newspaper cuttings relating to the decipherment. The present Catalogue was compiled as part of the Institute's 50th Anniversary celebrations with a grant from the University of London Vice-Chancellor's Development Fund.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Michael George Francis Ventris (1922–1956) born Wheathamstead, England, 12 July 1922; son of Lt. Col. Ventris (d. 1938) and Anna Dorothea Janasz (d. 1940); educated privately in England and Switzerland; later at Stowe School (1935–39); became interested in undeciphered Cretan scripts following encounter with Sir Arthur Evans at Burlington House Exhibition, 1936; attempted decipherment of Linear B published 1940; entered Architectural Association School, January 1940; married Lois Knox-Niven, April 1942 (1 son Nikki b. 1942 – d. 1984; 1 daughter Tessa b. 1946 –); served Royal Air Force (UK, Canada, W. Germany) 1942–46; re-entered Architectural Association School, 1946; architectural work in Sweden, summer 1947; architectural projects in UK (including Ministry of Education) 1948–50; Architectural Association Diploma, January 1951; worked on decipherment of Linear B ca 1950–56 (collaborating with John Chadwick 1952–56); Honorary Doctorate Uppsala, 1954; Fellow German Archaeological Institute, 1955; OBE, 1955; Architectural Association Research Fellowship, 1956; died in road accident 6 September 1956. Publications: articles on decipherment in scholarly journals (1940; 1952–56); with J. Chadwick, *Documents in Mycenaean Greek* (Cambridge University Press: 1956); see also A. Sacconi (ed.), M. Ventris, *Work-Notes on Minoan Language Research and Other Unedited Papers*. Incunabula Graeca XC (Rome 1988).

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The bulk of the archive was presented to the Institute of Classical Studies by Ventris Family following the death of Lois (Betty) Ventris in 1988 and includes correspondence, papers, drawings, notebooks, photographs, newspaper cuttings, memorabilia, books, selected articles by MV in scholarly journals, offprints given to him by colleagues, obituaries. Much correspondence is personal in nature, i.e. between MV and his wife Lois (LV); some also relates to publications and lectures. Few letters / papers relate specifically to the decipherment (see below). A limited amount of additional material relating to Ventris and the decipherment has been added by the Institute since 1989.

The catalogue comprises 90 main headings, covering well over 500 individual items. Arrangement is by approximate date-order (when known) and subject. Insofar as possible, original groupings have been retained as a single catalogue entry, with individual items listed there under. Thus **MV 053.1-71** Correspondence 1952–55 (Articles) comprises an original MV grouping of 71 letters, received by him or carbon copies of his replies, relating to publication of articles. In some cases it has also been possible to reinstate original groupings, which had been badly disturbed over the years, e.g. **MV 054.1-70** Correspondence and papers 1953–56 (talks / lectures).

The Catalogue (see below pp. 8 – 36) was compiled during 2003–04 with a grant from the University of London Vice-Chancellor's Development Fund. Sundry papers, which came to light in 2005, have yet to be incorporated in the Catalogue.

KEYWORD SEARCH

Keyword search is facilitated by lists of institutions, journals / publications / individuals / places (ancient and modern) / paper (i.e. blueprint, diary, offprint) occurring in the Catalogue. See listing below pp. 4 – 7.

ACCESS

For access to the Ventris Papers *in corpore* application should be made to the Director of the Institute of Classical Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU. Copies of individual items may be supplied to *bone fide* researchers, subject to the discretion of the Director of the Institute of Classical Studies, and payment of a fee. For further information contact admin.icls@sas.ac.uk

Please note that the Archive will not be available from 15 December 2005 until further notice.

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VENTRIS CATALOGUE — KEYWORDS

Institutions etc.

All Souls College, Oxford
Architectural Association (AA)
BBC
British Museum (BM)
British School at Athens (BSA)
Cambridge University Press (CUP)
Classical Association
Emmanuel College, Cambridge
German Archaeological Institute
Glasgow Academy
Greek and Roman Societies
Harvard, Widener Library
Institute of Classical Studies
Institute of Landscape Architects
Royal Air Force (RAF)
Royal Canadian Air Force
Magdalen College, Oxford
Metropolitan Museum New York
Minoan Linear B Seminar
Museum of Modern Art New York
Oxford University Anthropological Society
Routledge & Keegan Paul
Rutgers University
Society of Antiquaries
Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies
St. Andrew's Archaeological Society
Stowe School
Svenska Institutet i Athen
Svenska Institutet i Rom
Trinity College, Cambridge
University College of North Staffordshire
Universidad di Salamanca
University Museum, Oxford
University of Leeds
University of London
University of St. Andrew's
University of Sheffield
University of Uppsala

Conferences / lectures / radio talks etc.

'Tongue of Heroes' (BBC Home Service)
'The Mycenaean civilization from the written evidence'
'The frontiers of knowledge' (BBC)
'Light on the Mycenaean World' (BBC)
Waynflete Lectures, Oxford
J. H. Gray Lectures, Cambridge
Colloquium on Mycenaean Texts, Gif-sur-Yvette 1956 (= Paris Colloquium)

Journals / newspapers / publications

ABC (magazine Madrid)
Acta Congressus Madvigiani
American Journal of Archaeology (AJA)
L'antiquité classique
Antiquity
Archaeology
Architects Journal
Architectural Association Journal
Architectural Design
Athenaeum
Basler Nachrichtung
To Bima
Bulletin de l'association H. Budé
Classified Inventory of the Mycenaean Inscriptions
Le Courier / The Courier
CRAI
Dagens Nyheter
Documents (in Mycenaean Greek)
Eranos
Etudes mycéniennes. Actes du colloque international.
The Evening News
Expressen
Le Figaro
Frankfurter Rundschau
Glossario Miceneo (Minoico B)
Glotta
Gnomon
Göteborgs Handels-och Sjöfarts-tidning
Göteborgs-Posten
Gymnasium
Hermathena
Historische Zeitschrift
Information
Journal of Hellenic Studies (JHS)

VENTRIS CATALOGUE KEYWORDS (CONT'D)

Journals / newspapers / publications (cont'd)

<i>Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects</i>	<i>Revue de philologie</i>
<i>Kathimerini</i>	<i>Rhenische Museum für Philologie</i>
<i>The Knossos Tablets. BICS Suppl. 2</i>	<i>Röster i Radio</i>
<i>The Listener</i>	<i>Scientific American</i>
<i>Man</i>	<i>Stockholms-Tidningen</i>
<i>The Manchester Guardian</i>	<i>Studi in Onore di Ugo Enrico Paoli</i>
<i>Mid-Century Report</i>	<i>Studies in Mycenaean Inscriptions and Dialect 1953-1955</i>
<i>Minos</i>	<i>Stuttgarter Zeitung</i>
<i>Museum Helveticum</i>	<i>The Sunday Express</i>
<i>National Geographic</i>	<i>Svenska Dagbladet</i>
<i>Neuer Zürcher Zeitung</i>	<i>Time Magazine</i>
<i>The New York Times</i>	<i>The Times</i>
<i>The Observer</i>	<i>The Times Literary Supplement</i>
<i>Proceedings of the British Academy</i>	<i>Vaterland</i>
<i>Proceedings of the Classical Association</i>	<i>Work-notes</i>
<i>Revue archéologique [RA]</i>	<i>Die Zeit</i>
<i>Revue des études anciennes</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung</i>
<i>Revue Hittite et Asiatique</i>	<i>Ziva Antika</i>

Individuals

Peter Alexander	Arne Furumark
Stig Alund	V. Georgiev
P. B. S. Andrews	D. Gillie
R. D. Barnett (Richard)	Philip Goodwin
B. A. Becher	A. W. Gomme
E. L. Bennett, Jr.	Cyrus Gordon
Gudmund Björck	John Graeme
M. H. Black	Walter Gropius
Peter Blake	R. Hampe
C. W. Blegen	Colin Hardie
Axel Boethius	Reynold Higgins
Marcel Breuer	John D. Hillaby
G. P. Carratelli	M. S. F. Hood (Sinclair)
Hugh Casson	R. J. Hopper
C. W. Ceram	Patrick Hunter
John Chadwick	R. W. Hutchinson
J. M. T. Charlton	Piet de Jong
E. M. Cobham	Philip C. Johnson
'Gus' Corbett	Tönnies Kleberg
Leonard Cottrell	C. J. Kraemer
Oliver Cox	D. Kristiansson
O. G. S. Crawford	K. D. Ktistopoulos
R. A. Crossland	Gustavo Latis
P. Dikaios	Michel Lejeune
Sterling Dow	A. Lesky
T. J. Dunbabin	Seton Lloyd
V. Ehrenberg	John Manby
Sir Arthur Evans	S. E. Mann
Moses I. Finley	Sp. Marinatos
Dan Fink	C. S. Marshall

VENTRIS CATALOGUE KEYWORDS (CONT'D)

Individuals (cont'd)

O. Masson	C. Schaeffer
P. Meriggi	F. Schachermeyer
K. G. Michanek	Albert Severyns
T. B. Mitford	Marcel Silberstein
James Morris	Ernst Sittig
Hugo Mühlestein	Frank Stubbings
A. R. Munday	C. R. V. Tandy
Sir John Myres	Alicia Totolos
T. G. Palaima	E. G. Turner
Denys Page	Geoffrey Turner
L. R. Palmer	Louise B. Turner (Mrs. E. G. Turner)
I. Papadimitriou	A. W. Treweek
Emilio G. Peruzzi	Dorothea Ventris
M. D. Petruševski	Olof Vessberg
J. Puhvel	A. J. B. Wace (Alan)
L. J. D. Richardson	Lisa Wace (E. B. French)
E. Risch	T. B. L. Webster
G. S. Robertson	Gladys D. Weinberg
Andrew Robinson	Sir Mortimer Wheeler
M. S. Ruipérez	Mrs. Winnington-Ingram
Anna Sacconi	

Places (ancient and modern)

Athens	Italy
Basel / Basle	Kobenhaven
Beyce Sultan [Beycesultan]	Knossos
Canada	Manchester
Chios	Milan(o)
Copenhagen	Mycenae
Crete	North End
Denmark	Plön
Dumfries	Pylos
Eleusis	Ras Shamra
Emporio (Chios)	Shropshire
England	Skyros
Enkomi	Stockholm
France	Sweden
Great Britain	Switzerland
Hampstead	Thebes
Highpoint	Western Europe
Holland	Yorkshire

Paper

article(s)	diploma
blueprint(s)	diary
book(s)	drawing(s)
certificate	glossary
chart(s)	index cards

VENTRIS CATALOGUE KEYWORDS (CONT'D)

Paper (cont'd)

letter(s)
log-book
microfilm
newspaper(s)
notebook
notes
offprint(s)
papers (sundry)

photocopy
photograph(s)
printed matter
spring-back binder
sketch(es)
telegram(s)
word-list(s)

Catalogue proper follows p. 8



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ARCHIVE BOX 1

MV 001 Photograph album, original (257 x 190 mm) cloth + leather spine. Ca 1930.

Undated / unlabelled family photographs ca 1920s of MV as child + parents in UK + continent. [One photo removed; page marked with yellow post-it; published in A. Robinson, *The Man who Deciphered Linear B* (London 2002) p. 17 below].

MV 002.1-2 Photographs, original (242 x 293 mm) Stowe School pupils / masters. Ca mid-1930s.

1. Photo showing whole façade of school; MV apparently 3rd row from back – 3rd from right.

2. Photo taken on steps of school chapel; MV seated to right of ?matron – i.e. 3rd from right, 1st row.

MV 003 Sundry photographs 1920s – 1950s

Miscellany of mostly family photos from ca 1920s (MV as child), 1940s (MV + LV; copies 3 studio photos; 2 photos in ?Switzerland); MV in RAF; 1950s studio photo; 2 copies MV + Reynold Higgins in BM; passport photo; colour LV at Greek temple. [Currently housed in modern red plastic album (225 x 160 cm)]

MV 004 Letter, photocopied, on Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer letterhead to MV from Marcel Breuer 10 July 1939. [Original not found].

Thanking MV for letter and advising him that best place in England to study architecture is the Architectural Association School in London; also suggesting Technische Hochschule Zurich or Harvard University.

MV 005.1-3 Letters, photocopied, from Dorothea Ventris [MV's mother] to Marcel Breuer

1. 2 November 1938; 2. 18 March 1939; 3. 18 August 1939. [Originals not found].

MV 006 Original bound copy of AJA reprint: M. G. F. Ventris, 'Introducing the Minoan Language', AJA XLIV (1940), No. 4, 494-520. Cloth-bound with leather spine '1940'.

Inside front cover pasted original typed letter 9 November 1940 from Mary H. Swindler to MV announcing acceptance of article & arrangements for page-proofs.

Marked 'Michael Ventris Easter 1941' on fly-leaf.

Extra bound-in pages at rear with MV handwritten transcriptions [5 pp inscribed, others blank]

MV 007 Letter handwritten to MV from E. M. Cobham 24 March 1941

Thanking MV for reprint of Minoan script article [cf. MV 006] and encouraging him to continue and to keep in touch.

MV 008.1-3 Telegrams to MV and LV. May 1940

1. from Leonard 'Hooray'; 2. from Gervase 'love and best wishes to you both'; 3. from Gabo Mirian Nina 'love and blessing increase and multiply' [presumably congratulations on Ventris wedding April 1940].

MV 009.1-2 Studio photographs, originals, ca 1942

1. Mounted on card 180 x 125 mm [dated on rear 1942]. 2. Mounted on card 200 x 280 mm. Cf. MV-003 for copies, plus copy of third photo, clearly taken at same sitting but of different angle: original not found.

MV 010.1-40 Letters from MV to LV 1942-43

Ca 40 handwritten letters from MV to LV mostly written from RAF bases in Shropshire & Yorkshire, also Dumfries & Manchester 1942-43. Paper sizes various: some 13.5 x 17.5 cm, others on quarto. Letters not dated beyond indication of day, e.g. 'Sunday after lunch'. Numbering by MV [e.g. 'letter number 1.'] in top left hand corner of some, but not all. Some numbers missing, either because MV lost track, or complete set not here. One letter missing first page. Several remain in envelopes addressed to LV. Also telegram from MV to wife, sent from Hull post-mark on rear 20 Mar 1943 Bush End. [NB some letters have lightly pencilled numbers e.g. J16 and / or possible dates: handwriting not identified: unclear to what these relate]

MV 011.1-41 Letters between LV and MV July 1943 – January 1944

Ca 16 letters from MV to LV + 25 from LV to MV in Canada with RAF. Letters handwritten but photographically reduced to ca 310 x 110 mm NB contained in envelope addressed to LV but postmarked December 1942. Cf. **MV 012.1-24** for further letters from MV to LV during this period.

MV 012.1-24 Letters from to LV from MV with RAF in Canada October – March 1944.

Blue air mail letters handwritten + typewritten from MV in Canada to wife in UK: Cf. **MV 011.1-41** for further correspondence between LV and MV during this period.

MV 013 Royal Canadian Air Force Sight Log Book. 1943 – 1944.

27 October 1943 – 21 May 1944. Official Navigation Squadron stamp 4 Jun 1944 on inside page. 2 further pages log from 76 Squadron, Holme.

MV 014 Royal Canadian Air Force, Flying Log Book for Aircrew other than Pilot. 1944

Pasted inside Certificate of Qualification, certifying that Sgt Ventris M. G. F. has qualified as Air Navigator with effect from 11.2.44

MV 015 Drawing by MV for block of flats. 8 February 1945.

Quarto, onion-skin, with typed comments by MV.

MV 016 Diary, typed + handwritten on quarto stapled into manila card cover labelled

1945 MGFV 20 February 1945 – 14 December 1945. Inside back cover: 4 photos 76 Squadron RAF [labelled] and 5 contact prints Plön autumn 1945 [labelled].

MV 017 CC letters typed + handwritten from MV to LV stapled into manila card cover labelled '1946 first half'.

Some overlap with loose letters in manila folder labelled 'michael ventris' [cf. **MV 018**] but also additions, e.g. confidential report, typed, re 'Visit of Soviet correspondents to B Corps District 21 March 1946'.

MV 018 Manila folder labelled 'michael ventris' [mid 1945-46]

Inside front cover book plate 'F. Ventris'. Contains loose original typewritten + handwritten letters and some telegrams – all from MV (some signed Michael others Misha) to LV. Dating mid-1945 & 1946 – NB these presumably LV's copies but the home-made diary [cf. **MV 017**] seemingly more complete.

MV 019 Sundry notes by MV for trip to Stockholm / Copenhagen. Dated 3 July 1946.

Lists 'Stockholm personalities & organizations; Stockholm main bldgs seen; Kobenhaven Domestic work; Kobenhaven public work;

- MV 020 Loom of language + MV word-lists n.d. [ca mid-1940s]**
 Sections extracted from F. Bodmer, *The Loom of Language: A Guide to Foreign Languages for the Home Student* (London 1944) pp. 515-636 in home binding. Profusely annotated by MV. Inserted are word-lists compiled by MV: 8 pp ruled sheets; 23 x 18.5 hole-punched and stapled headed 'about 500 nouns'.
- ARCHIVE BOX 2**
- MV 021 Original 'offprint' [home-produced using carbon copy typescript] 'Perspector'**
 [mechanism invented by MV for producing technical perspective drawings] 4 pp incl drawing; 8 May 1946.
- MV 022 Blueprint, 5 pp foolscap; stapled. 'The Geometry of Bird's eye Views' n.d. [?1946-50]**
 + photocopy ?title page MV's 'Instruction Manual for the Medigraph Perspective Drawing Instrument'. Original not found.
- MV 023.1-10 Letters handwritten from MV to LV summer 1947 Sweden / Denmark**
 10 letters written btw 4 June 20 July 1947; NB letter 11 June – 1st 2 pages (recto+verso) exist only as photocopy, seemingly belong with original handwritten recto marked 2 + verso; letter 18 June – 1st page recto exists only as photocopy; original missing; likewise subsequent page(s).
- MV 024 Architectural drawings / sketches / sundry notes by MV summer 1947 Sweden / Denmark, loose sheets.**
 P.1 headed 'Jarvis Research July 1947'. Ca 30 pp handwritten – order uncertain; pp have different MV numbering systems – one seemingly related to subjects listed on p.1, others possibly relate to order of completion.
- MV 025 'Travel Sketches Sweden & Denmark Summer 1947', loose sheets**
 ca 30 pp – order uncertain; pp. have different MV numbering systems – one seemingly related to subjects listed on p. 1 'sketch of filing system: - 3 Constructional details 5a Exterior sketches (mixed) 5b Interior sketches (mixed) (other numbers as detailed).' Likely that all belong to Jarvis Research [project] for which see above **MV 024** and ought not to be separated.
- MV 026.1-2 Notes handwritten / architectural drawings on cartridge paper n.d. [1947]**
 1. 8 pp. 24.5 x 16 cm, torn from notebk and stapled together;
 2. 8 pp 21 x 15 cm torn from notebk and stapled together, headed 'Buildings'
- MV 027 Notes handwritten. Summer 1947.**
 accounts [2 pp]; graph detailing cash situation; 'Lois' reels'.
- MV 028 Letter typed on Kooperativa Förbundet Arkitektontoret letterhead from E. Sundahl 9 August 1947**
 Testimonial [no addressee] certifying that MV employed during June – July 1947.
- MV 029 'Squabbles in Stockholm'. Ink cartoons by Oliver Cox [summer 1947]**
 7 loose pp; 'dedicated chiefly to Betts' [i.e. LV & presumably sent to her].
- MV 030 'Retreat from Stockholm' Ink MS with cartoons by Oliver Cox 16 Aug. 1947.**
 5 loose pp [presumably sent to LV]
- MV 031 Sundry printed papers [1946-47]**
 Cutting from Byggmästern 1946, 26 – ink box around 'Svenska Arkitektföreningen'; Cutting from Byggmästern 1947, 4 [labelled 13 in ink]
 Map Scandinavia, The Baltic, Iceland [cut from unidentified atlas]

**MV 032 Letter typed on Harvard University letterhead to MV from Walter Gropius
3 February 1948.**

Thanking MV for letter and first issue of PLAN magazine.

MV 033 MV handwritten notes / drawings / colour charts; dated items autumn 1949

Red cloth spring-back notebook 8vo (230 x 155 mm)

Nb: mostly architectural but also notes / references to Near Eastern texts; also page on 'Kaftian "B" syllabary experimental values, summer 1949'.

MV 034 Letter typed to MV from John Graeme [?] 10 September 1950

Asking MV for advice on books etc re Schools [i.e. architecture thereof].

MV 035.1-4 Sundry notes handwritten Copenhagen n.d. [ca 1950]

1. Handwritten pages [6 total] headed **Flats, Offices, Institutions, Schools, Terrace houses, Villas**. [n. d. evidently notes for Copenhagen map, poss. part of modern bldgs project – v infra **MV 036, 037**]

2. 4 pp hw by MV pencil + ink torn from sketch-book 21 x 12 cm

[apparently rough notes for Copenhagen entries in guide]

3. Map of Copenhagen with places of interest listed in MV's hand + stencilling.

4. Original pencil draft by MV Stockholm Kobenhavn

MV 036.1-3 Modern Architecture – Guide. Sundry papers and printed material n.d. [ca 1950]

Foolscape enveloped labelled in ink 'Great Britain'; in pencil 'Ventris' containing:

1. 'Guide to Modern Architecture in Western Europe ENGLAND 1900-1950 (first draft only)'. [3 foolscap sheets – 5 pp total stencilled with emendations in blue pencil presumably by MV.

2. 26 copies 'Guide to Modern Architecture in Western Europe England 1935-1950' Single sheet front + reverse, mimeograph presumably by MV.

3. 'Guide to Modern Architecture in Western Europe 1900-1950 what the cards are for' printed card 21 x 12 cm folded giving 4 pp each ca 10.5 x 12 cm [9 eggs all same]

MV 037.1-10 Correspondence re Modern Architecture project. 1950.

1. Letter typed on letterhead to MV from Philip L. Goodwin [Architect 32 E. 57th St. New York] 24 April 1950 thanking MV for copy of file card for 'Guide to Modern Architecture in Western Europe and expanatory folder'

2. Letter typed on Museum of Modern Art New York letterhead to MV from Peter Blake [curator] 1 May 1950 re MV's card index on modern architecture in western Europe, forwarded by Philip Goodwin – cf. **MV 037.1**.

3. CC letter from MV to Arkitakt Dan Fink [Copenhagen] 10 June 1950 re card index project.

4. Letter typed on Museum of Modern Art New York to MV from Philip C. Johnson [director] 6 September 1950 re: guide of Copenhagen + Stockholm forwarded to Museum by Mr Goodwin – cf. **MV 037.1**.

5. Letter typed on letterhead to MV from Dr Gustavo Latis [Milan] 17 September 1950 re collaboration in project.

6. Letter typed on letterhead to MV from Philip L. Goodwin [Architect 32 E. 57th St. New York] 18 August 1950 re guide project; with comments re Royal Festival Hall + Festival of Britain 1951

7. Letter typed [in original envelope] to MV from Stig Alund [editor National Society of Swedish Architects] 4 October 1950 re guide project

8. Letter typed [in original envelope] on Festival of Britain letterhead to MV from Hugh Casson 28 December 1950 acknowledging letter + enclosures, presumably re card index project

MV 037.1-10 Correspondence re Modern Architecture project. 1950. (CONT'D)

9. Letter typed on F. R. S. Yorke, E. Rosenberg, C. S. Mardall letterhead [architects 2 Hyde Park Place] to MV from C. S. Mardall 29 December 1950 re guide.
10. Letter typed on Festival of Britain 1951 letterhead to MV from Hugh Casson 11 January 1951 answering various architectural points raised in earlier letter by MV [marked 'CASSON' in MV's hand, top left corner].

MV 038 Diploma Architectural Association 29 January 1951

[tube – stored with other rolled material]

MV 039. 1-4 Sundry papers and printed material for Guide – London. N.d. [ca 1950-51].

1. Architectural Association Guide to Modern Architecture in London 1927-1957 3/6 24.5 x 10.3 cm folder made of blue card – 24.5 cm x ca 32 cm – folded in three; stapled. Contains:

- 'Guide to Modern Architecture in Western Europe 1900-1950 what the cards are for' – v.supra.
- 'INDEX The Architectural Association Guide to Modern Architecture in London 1927-1954' [21.9 x 8.4 cm card covered 12pp set on mimeo / varityper / typewriter with stencilled headings and then printed].
- Esso Map of London with overstencilled [?] The Architectural Association Guide to Modern Architecture in London + buildings marked as per INDEX v.supra.

[1 set complete + 2 folders with map + index only + one spare map]

2. Stanford's Map of the County of London

3. Guide to Modern Architecture, 1927-51 LONDON. Blueprint at 1" to 1 mile [apparently drawn / stencilled by MV; title indicates compiled by P. Johnson-Marshall, M.C.F. & L.E. Ventris and others, April 1951. Stencilled list of sites as in printed index – v supra].

4. Map as per above, without stencilled info.

MV 040.1-4 Papers and tourist literature: Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, France

[late 1940s – early 1950s]

1. Generalstabehns Karta över Sverige [printed map x 2 copies]

2. Foolscap envelope labelled 'Switzerland'

- Carbon copy typewritten list 'Switzerland – Buildings to see' [1951 in upper right + pencil and ink annotations]. Quarto 1 page.
- 'Petit Guide de l'Architecture Moderne en Suisse' (1948) booklet 22 x 14.8 cm 68pp.
- 'Volkshochschule' Zurich Juli / Aug. 1951 XX Jahrg. Heft 6, 183-88. Offprint: R. Wener: Neue Ausgrabungen in Kappadokien.
- 'Zurich' issued by Zurich Development Association [tourist leaflet]
- 'Motoring in Switzerland Regulations, Hotels and Garages The Automobile Association London W1' 28 pp booklet n.d.
- 'Lusanne Aufenthalts-stadt' [tourist leaflet, German; n.d.]
- 'Hotel-Restaurant Canova Zürich' [tri-lingual; n.d.]
- 'Map of / Plan de Zurich (Centre) ca 1:12000 Swiss Bank Corporation
- 'Hotel Hecht am Rhein Basel' [leaflet trilingual n.d.] 2 copies
- postcard Hotel D'Angleterre Ouchy-Lausanne
- Switzerland' article cut from The Architecture Forum September 1945 pp. 131-?47 [featuring selected modern buildings]

MV 040.1-4 Papers and tourist literature: Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, France (CONT'D)

[late 1940s – early 1950s]

3. Foolscap envelope labelled Italy

- Carbon-copy 2 quarto pages typed of places to see
- ‘Verona La Citta di Guilietta’ [tourist leaflet; English]
- ‘Milano Hotel Rosa’ [tourist map]
- ‘ninth triennale of Milan May – October 1951’ [exhibition leaflet]
- ‘Italy ... four seasons of sunshine’ [tourist leaflet]
- ‘Triennale di Milano 1951 Deutsche Abteilung’ [exhibition plan]
- ‘Noticiero Turistico Italia N.40 Octubre 1951’ ca 28 pp quarto magazine [Spanish / German text + BW pics]
- ‘Sezione Svedese della Nona Triennale di Milano’ [card folder 15.2 x 11 cm containing 6 BW post-cards of Swedish exhibits at Milan Triennial.
- ‘Motoring in Italy Regulations, Hotels and Garages The Automobile Association London W1’ 28 pp booklet n.d.

4. Foolscap envelope labelled ‘France’

- Carbon-copy 4 quarto pages typed [with ink annotations] of places to see
- 2pp quarto similar for Holland

MB 041.1-8 Sundry printed matter chiefly relating to Scandanavia + Architecture

1. ‘Sweden is modern’ [by] G. Howard Smith. Reprint from The Architectural Forum, Published by the Swedish Insitute [1947]. Marked M. Ventris.
2. ‘Recent Architecture in Sweden’ 14 pp booklet printed ca 21 x 15 cm [2 copies]
3. Booklet lacking cover [Swedish?] evidently the index to a map ca 23 pp.
4. HSB Cooperative Housing [bklet on Swedish coop hsing 35pp 21 x 14.8 cm; n.d.]
5. Architecture in Stockholm – 3 copies [one marked ‘Michael Ventris’]
[8pp n.d. 21 x 15 cm; list of best / most typical contemp bldgs in & around Stockholm compiled by Swedish Architects’ Association]
6. Exhibition of Danish Architecture To-day 1950’ Exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London 1950. [48 printed pp ca 21 x 13.3 cm]
7. Printed guidebook ‘Stockholms Parker’ [issued by Stad Stockholm 1947] 30 pp 21 x 12.4 cm [marked Michael].
8. LIST OF NOTABLE GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, PARKS AND NEW TOWNS 1951 Institute of Landscape Architects 12 Gower Street, W. C. 1 [compiled by C. R. V. Tandy; 12 pp quarto, mimeographed + stapled; paperclipped to it an Institute of Landscape Architects compliments slip ‘With Mrs Browne’s compliments.’]
9. *The Listener* 13 December 1951 (contents marked with blue dot at ‘Le Corbusier’s Experiment at Marseilles – Robert Furneaux Jordan) pp. 1011–13
10. *The Listener* 20 December 1951 (contents marked with blue dot at ‘The Stones of Milan’ – Robert Furneaux Jordan) pp. 1057–59

MV 042 Architectural Design June 1950: photocopy pp. 168–69

p. 168 features Festival of Britain Information Office, Leicester Square; Designed Fello Atkinson (James Cubitt & Partners, Oliver Cox and Michael Ventris)

p. 169 3 bldgs are featured on this page: flats at Stevanage; Oslo Town Hall; BBC Development at White City, perhaps one or more of interest / relevance to MV. [Original not found]

MV 043 Plan 47 Highpoint n.d. but presumably 1940s.

Rendered drawing ink & pencil showing layout of furniture by F. R. S. Yorke / M. Breuer in flat. Badly torn at edges; on one corner ‘VE1’ (?). [Stored with tubes.]

MV 044.1-5 Blueprints and printed materials re 19 North End Hampstead, early 1950s.

1. Original blueprint + pencil annotations 'House at North End, Hampstead 12 April 1952'. Labelled 'Furniture'
2. Original blueprint + pencil annotations 19 North End, Hampstead 5 November 1952'. Labelled 'Master'.
3. Original blueprint drawing 19 North End NW3 'Earth-moving 14.2.54'.
4. Change of address card [12.5 x 7.5 cm with drawing of new home – 19 North End – on front; reverse blank] n.d. ca 1954
5. Printed card ca 15.5 x 7.5 cm - map Hampstead area – marking location of 'Ventris, 19 North End NW3'

ARCHIVE BOX 3

MV 045 **'The Languages of the Minoan and Mycenaean Civilizations: mid-century report, New Year 1950'. Stencilled + bound; foolscap 56 pp + xlv pp**
Introduction + Questionnaire + pp. i-xlv (at end) by MV. Contributions by E. L. Bennett, Jr; H. T. Bossert, G. P. Carratelli, V. Georgiev, E. Grumach, K. Ktistopoulos, Sir John Myres, E. G. Peruzzi, F. Schachermeyr, J. Sundwall.

MV 046.1-2 Ventris Work-notes on Minoan Language Research

1. microfilm copy [held by ICS library].
2. print-out of microfilm bound with Mid-Century Report [held by ICS Library at X102F VEN]
3. 'First study of the grammar and phonology of the language contained in the Mycenaean archives from Pylos' = work-notes 9 (19 June) to 15 (3 / 28 September) 1951 pp. 44-145. Foolscap; stencilled copy in MV home-binding. [Held by ICS Library at X1012F VEN Qto with photocopy in Ventris Papers].

MV 047 ***The Listener 10 July 1952* [MV personal copy – cover marked 47 High Point]**
contains pp. 57-58 'Deciphering Europe's Earliest Scripts – Michael Ventris on the Cretan tablets' [text of radio broadcast announcing decipherment].

MV 048 **Experimental Mycenaean Vocabulary [July 1952]**
Headed 'Sign-groups are from Pylos 1939 unless prefixed by K'
12 pp negative Photostat [held in ICS Rare Books Cupboard classmark 220]

MV 049 **Index cards Mycenaean vocabulary [n.d. pre-January 1954].**

MV 050 **Spring-back binder : typed label '1953 : GLOSSARY OF 1556 LINEAR SCRIPT B SIGN-GROUPS'**
63 pp. foolscap (stencilled) of MV document with a few pencil annotations inside front cover inscribed T B L Webster + pasted cutting of 'Fig. 2 – syllabic grid' nb MV's own original copy [handwritten in blue ink] is held at University of Cincinnati (Blegen Library), given by Emmett L Bennett, Jr.

MV 051 Spring-back binder : labelled on spine 'SEMINARS'
Varitype copies of 'Minoan Linear B Seminar' 24.2.1954 – 13 June 1956 Interleaved are a few handwritten MV originals [perhaps notes arising from minutes. Some pages marked in red pencil upper right hand corner ICS / M and ICS W]

MV 052.1-2 Honorary doctorate Uppsala June 1954

1. University of Uppsala Honorary Doctorate [original certificate with seal attached] ca 40 x 55 cm Kalends of June 1954 [in Latin].
2. Contemporary copy of same: NB paper torn at edges requires conservation

MV 053-1.71 Correspondence 1952 – 1955 (articles). Foolscap file labelled by MV ‘PUBLICITY ARTICLES’

Contains letters to MV from various sources and carbon copies from MV mostly relating to publications; 6 October 1952 to 6 October 1955; hole-punched and arranged in approximate reverse date order, i.e. earliest at back of file. [Here listed by approx date order].

1. Letter typed to MV from A. W. Gomme 6 October 1952 re publication of article ‘Evidence for Greek Dialect in the Mycenaean Archives’ in *JHS*.
2. Letter typed to MV from A. W. Gomme 18 November 1952 suggesting additional footnote in article ‘Evidence for Greek Dialect in the Mycenaean Archives’ to be published in *JHS*.
3. 3 pp quarto typed with Gk added in blue ink and further light annotations in pencil – evidently additions / corrections for *JHS* article. N.d.
4. Letter typed to MV from A. W. Gomme 12 November 1952 requesting modifications to *JHS* article [nb filed out of date-order].
5. CC Letter typed (recto + verso) foolscap from MV to A. W. Gomme 13 November 1952 regarding *JHS* article.
6. Letter, handwritten to MV from A. W. Gomme 19 August 1952? about proposed *JHS* article [out of date order see above].
7. Letter, handwritten on aerogramme, to MV from Sterling Dow 2 June 1953 about review article on Minoan language that SD was planning to write for *AJA*.
8. Letter typed to MV on Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd letter-head from Chris Franklin expressing interest in work on Minoan script 15 June 1953.
9. Letter, handwritten to MV from Sterling Dow 1 July 1953. 2 pp recto + verso, expressing thanks for copies of Work-notes & asking for copy of *Mid-Century Report* for Widener Library, Harvard.
10. Letter, typed (carbon copy) with ink additions, to MV from T. J. Dunbabin, *JHS* reviews editor, requesting review of E. L. Bennett, *A Minoan Linear B Index* (Yale 1953) 4 July 1953.
11. Letter handwritten on aerogramme to MV from Sterling Dow 17 October 1953 re arrival of (*JHS*) article and SD’s own plans for article in *AJA*.
12. Letter handwritten on *Antiquity* letterhead to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 30 October 1953 re corrected proofs of MV’s ‘Note on Enkomi tablet’ for *Antiquity* and mentioning that he had written an Ed. Note on whole subject of Mycenae, which he had sent to Hutchinson to vet.
13. Letter typed on *Archaeology* letterhead to Richard Barnett (British Museum) from ‘Gladys’ [Weinberg] 26 October 1953 asking him to persuade MV to write article on Minoan script for journal, or to do one himself along lines of article in *Manchester Guardian*. Annotated in ink by MV ‘answered 9 November’.
14. Letter typed on John Bellows Ltd letterhead (printers, Gloucester) to MV from C. Turner 10 November 1953 re offprints for *Antiquity* articles.
15. Letter typed to MV from C. W. Ceram 11 November 1953 re decipherment and asking for further information to include in updated version of *Gods, Graves, Scholars*.
16. Letter typed on *Archaeology* letterhead to MV from Gladys D. Weinberg 17 November 1953 asking MV to contribute article to journal.
17. Letter typed on Rutgers University letterhead to MV from Emilio G. Peruzzi 19 November 1953 commenting that *JHS* article gave very ‘compact’ treatment and inviting him to write article for *Minos* detailing the successive stages of research.
18. Letter typed on *Manchester Guardian* Science Correspondent letterhead to MV from John D. Hillaby 27 November 1953 asking for clarification re certain points in article [presumably by JDH re decipherment].

MV 053-1.71 Correspondence 1952 – 1955 (articles). Foolscape file labelled by MV ‘PUBLICITY ARTICLES’ (cont’d)

19. Letter typed to MV from C. W. Ceram 26 November 1953 thanking MV for detailed letter and two reports; also asking for biographical details to include in article for US journal.
20. Letter handwritten on *Antiquity* letterhead to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 2 December 1953 about possible article on decipherment for *National Geographic*.
21. Letter handwritten on *Antiquity* letterhead to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 7 December 1953 saying he would leave MV to settle matters about possible article on decipherment for *National Geographic*; also asking if MV still had copy of newspaper cutting on Schaeffer’s tablet find at Ras Shamra.
22. Letter typed on aerogramme to MV from Gladys D. Weinberg [of *Archaeology*] 8 December 1953 saying that Blegen had given permission for photos of AE 04, Eb 35 and Pylos 641 to be used in MV’s article & that he had written to Athens requesting prints; also noting that they might be able to reproduce photos from *Scripta Minoa II*.
23. Letter handwritten to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 14 December 1953 returning cutting about Schaeffer’s Ras Shamra tablet.
24. Letter typed to MV from C. W. Ceram 14 December 1953 thanking MV for letter and biographical information and sending to MV [unspecified] article.
25. Letter typed to MV from John Manby 21 December 1953 praising MV for decipherment and asking for assistance in his own ‘free-lance’ articles [JM apparently employed by Anglo Iranian Oil Co].
26. CC Letter typed from MV to G. D. Weinberg 28 December 1953 evidently accompanying his article for *Archaeology*, with brief comments on drawings, photos and also including biographical details.
27. Letter typed to MV on Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd letter-head from Chris Franklin 29 December 1953 repeating interest in work on Minoan script, perhaps for book.
28. Letter handwritten on *Antiquity* letterhead to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 17 January 1954 re apparent mix-up regarding offprints of Enkomi tablet article; referring to nice evening at Hood’s.
29. Letter typed on aerogramme to MV from Gladys D. Weinberg [of *Archaeology*] 18 January 1954 acknowledging receipt of article; detailing reimbursement postal costs etc.
30. Letter handwritten to MV from O. G. S. Crawford 28 January 1954 referring to ?letter / packet opened by OGSC by mistake – that he has no objection & it may help US sales [of *Antiquity*].
31. Letter typed to MV from C. W. Ceram 21 February 1954 thanking MV for corrections to his article.
32. Letter typed (with ink / pencil additions) to MV from G. D. Weinberg [*Archaeology*] 119 April 1954 enclosing a clipping from New York Times written by C. J. Kraemer in wake of *Archaeology* article appearing [copy of which apparently also enclosed, pending despatch of offprints]. Also asking for MV’s interpretation of inscription seen by GDW on Skyros in 1933.
33. CC letter typed [2 pp foolscap] from MV to Leonard Cottrell 25 April 1954 thanking LC for interesting draft of appendix to his book and suggesting various corrections / emendations.
34. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Leonard Cottrell 23 April 1954 re enclosing appendix to his book [nb out-of-date order cf. no. 33] and stating he had suggested to BBC a feature programme on radio or television regarding Linear B, though not immediately as per MV’s wishes.
35. Letter typed to MV on Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd letter-head from Chris Franklin 1 October 1954 repeating (again) interest in work on Minoan script, perhaps for book.

MV 053-1.71 Correspondence 1952 – 1955 (articles). Foolscap file labelled by MV ‘PUBLICITY ARTICLES’ (cont’d)

36. CC typed [1 p foolscap] ‘Documents in Mycenaean Greek’ Setting for possible frontispiece or book-jacket drawing. 25 January 1955 [clearly by MV].
37. Letter typed on *Eranos* letterhead to MV from Gudmund Björck [ed.] 4 December 1954, writing in very flowery [almost incomprehensible] terms about article [for *Eranos*?] and alluding to honorary doctorate certificate [cf. **MV.052**].
38. CC typed [1 p. foolscap] n.d. review by MV of E. L. Bennett *A Minoan Linear B Index* (Yale 1953).
39. Letter typed on *Eranos* letterhead to MV from Gudmund Björck [ed.] 8 February 1955 re first proofs [sent separately] of *Eranos* article.
40. Letter typed on R. P. Gossop Artist’s Agents letterhead to MV from Bronson Gossop 17 February 1955 evidently about drawing for book, which Eric Fraser unable to undertake owing to ill-health, but perhaps could be done by son Geoffrey Fraser.
41. Mimeographed letter with ink additions on *JHS* letterhead to MV from R. J. H. Jenkins [reviews’ ed.] requesting review of V. Georgiev, ‘État actual d’interpretations des incr. créto-mycéniennes’ (Sofia 1954) pp.96.
42. CC typed [1 p. foolscap] n.d. review by MV of V. Georgiev, ‘État actual d’interpretations des incr. créto-mycéniennes’ (Sofia 1954) pp.76 and idem., *Lexique des inscriptions créto-mycéniennes* (Sofia 1955) pp. 96.
43. Letter handwritten on Society of Antiquaries letterhead to MV from ? Corder(?) requesting a review of E. Bennett’s *Minoan Linear B Index*, previously to have been done by Sir John Myres.
44. CC typed [2 pp quarto] DOCUMENTS IN MYCENAEAN GREEK Comments on specimen pages (Spec. 1 27 July 1955) Athens, 8 August 1955 [unsigned but clearly by MV].
45. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from B.A. Becher 12 August 1955, thanking MV for letter of 8 August and comments on specimen page [*Documents*, see no. 44]. Refers to comments by John Chadwick and promises a revision specimen.
45. Letter typed on Universidad de Salamanca letterhead to MV from M. S. Ruipérez 20 August 1955 enclosing proofs of article in *Minos* IV.1 and referring to his own article in *Minos* III.2.
46. CC typescript [2 pp quarto] n.d. evidently copy for flyer or other publicity by CUP for *Documents* [see no. 47].
47. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from M. H. Black 24 October 1955, thanking MV for ‘blurb’ [cf. no. 46] promising to let MV see version used in all forms and on dust jacket; also noting that Chadwick is keeping pressure up to get book out as soon as possible.
48. CC letter from M. H. Black to Time Magazine, enclosing preliminary announcement of book [i.e. *Documents*] 11 November 1955.
49. CC letter from M. H. Black to Time Magazine 11 November 1955 to effect that book still in early stage of production and no proofs are available, in light of their interest in mentioning it as part of ‘The World We Live In’ feature. Annotated in ink by MV ‘Black to Time / Life’.
50. Letter handwritten to MV from S. E. Mann 27 November 1955 requesting information for inclusion in article in *Man* on implications of decipherment for Indo-European linguistics; SEM to be found most days at SSS [pencil annotation by MV ‘School of Slavonic Studies’].
51. Mimeographed letter with ink additions on *JHS* letterhead to MV from R. J. H. Jenkins [reviews’ ed.] requesting review of K. D. Ktistopoulos, *Περί την ανάγνωση της Μινωϊκής γραφής* (1955) 57 pp.

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52. CC typescript with ink annotation [1 pp foolscap] review for *JHS* [by MV] of K. D. Ktistopoulos [cf. no. 51].
53. CC Letter from MV to Black [of CUP] 30 December 1955 thanking for block pulls & returning all original drawings; also requesting another proof set not on art paper to see how it matches standard of rest, commenting that section 2:1 Egyptian half looks a bit coarse, and that 3 seal impressions [*Scripta Minoa* I p. 159 P.49] appear to have been redrawn and original quality lost.
54. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from M. H. Black 2 December 1955 [hence out of date-order] enclosing block pulls for approval.
55. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to John Chadwick from M. H. Black 12 December 1955 [hence out of date-order] about queries on spelling changes to place / proper names in Wace’s introduction; JC pencil annotation ‘Have said “stet”’.
56. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from M. H. Black 3 January 1956 enclosing another batch of block pulls.
57. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from M. H. Black 6 January 1956, thanking MV for pulls and promising to re-draw 10:1 and perhaps some others.
58. Letter typed, on Universitetsbiblioteket Uppsala letterhead to MV from Tönnies Kleberg 9 January 1956 referring to article on ‘Mycenaean Furniture’ for *Eranos* [which MV had requested not to appear before November 1955] and explaining that proofs sent by MV to Gudmund Björck (since deceased) had disappeared; hence could MV please return new set of proofs when supplied by printers.
59. CC letter to John Chadwick from M.H. Black [of CUP] marked copy for Mr Ventris 16 January 1956 explaining unexpected snag [to do with Monotype Corporation being unable to supply enough matrices for the most commonly used signs] and this will delay the proofing; however still expecting it to be printing in about June.
60. CC letter by MV to Black [of CUP] 17 January 1956 thanking him for drawings, returned in separate registered parcel; noting a few typographical errors in Figs 6, 10, 11, 12.
61. Letter typed on aerogramme to MV from G. D. Weinberg [ed. *Archaeology*] 7 February 1956 inquiring whether MV would write another article for journal.
62. CC letter typed to John Chadwick from M.H. Black [CUP] 21 February 1956 reporting that printers say proofs will start to go out next week, assuming labour situation does not deteriorate further; and indicating that CC of this letter sent to MV.
63. CC typescript with ink additions by MV [2 pp foolscap] ‘Note for publication in MINOS’ 25 February 1956.
64. Letter typed on University of London letterhead to MV from J. F. [illegible: the Vice-Chancellor] 29 February 1956 thanking MV on behalf of Institute of Classical Studies for ‘the remarkable production, largely by your own handiwork ... which has appeared as the latest publication of the Institute’ [cf. **MV 069**].
65. Specimen pages *Documents in Mycenaean Greek*: pp. 1-2, 23, 34, 105, 286, Pt III, 209, S. 322 [printed on last page Spec. 2 4 Oct. 1955].
66. Letter typed on Svenska Institutet i Rom letterhead to MV from Axel Boethius 9 July 1956 acknowledging receipt of ‘your and Chadwick’s documents and Allan [sic] Wace’s introduction; but querying whether copy is meant for Institute or for Olof Vessberg personally [now Director of Mediterranean Museum in Stockholm].
67. Copy letter to Dr Olof Vessberg Svenska Institutet i Rom from CUP 28 June 1956 sending proof copy of *Documents* and advising that publication will probably be in early autumn at price of about £4 [nb out of date-order cf. 66].

MV 053-1.71 Correspondence 1952 – 1955 (articles). Foolscap file labelled by MV ‘PUBLICITY ARTICLES’ (cont’d)

68. Letter typed on Cambridge University Press letterhead to MV from CUP Educational Department [signed pp. Joan Bunting] 13 July 1956 about sending of proof copy to Swedish Institute [cf. 66-67 above] and giving list of further proof copies sent to those in ‘key positions’ abroad [8 names listed].

69. CC typed letter to John Chadwick from M.H.B.[lack – of CUP] 21 July 1956 informing him and MV [to whom CC sent] that *Documents* being printed; 1st printing will be ca 2000 copies and price will be 84/- [shillings]. ‘Our guess is that this number should last until you want to revise the text so thoroughly that a second edition will be called for. At an earlier stage we suggested paying you and Ventris an advance on your royalties, but I can’t see that anything was decided. Would you like us to pay you and Ventris £100 each on the day of publication?’.

70. Specimen Pages, *Documents in Mycenaean Greek* pp. 1-2, 23, 34, 105, 286, Pt III, 209, S. 322 [printed on last page Spec. 1 27 July 1955]. [Thus out of date-order].

71. Fee payment slip typed, issued to MV by The British Broadcasting Corporation 6 October 1955 for ‘The Tongue of Heroes’ ‘first half of fee £26.5.0.’

MV 054.1-71 Correspondence and papers 1953 – 1956 (talks / lectures)

Letters chiefly related to lectures / talks / radio talks (invitations thereto, travel arrangements) also original notes / scripts for same. NB this appears to be an original MV grouping (cf. **MV 053**) since almost all items similarly hole-punched, but prior to inventory grouping had been disturbed with papers widely dispersed throughout Ventris boxes.

1953-54

1. Letter handwritten to MV on University of St Andrew’s letterhead from T. B. Mitford 30 December 1953 congratulating MV on ‘staggering discovery’ learnt of from Sir John Myres + *JHS* article; also inviting MV to give lecture on Thurs 28 October 1954.

2. Postcard handwritten to MV by T. B. Mitford 14 January 1954 thanking MV for agreeing to give lecture at St Andrews on Thurs 28 October 1954.

3. Announcement of public lecture by MV 5 May 1954 at Göteborgs Högskola: ‘Arkiven på grekiskt språk från den homeriska hjälteåldern’

4a-b. (a). Letter handwritten to MV from T. B. Mitford 25 June 1954 enclosing (b) ‘Syllabus’ of lectures for St Andrew’s Archaeological Society 1954-55 [green printed card, folded].

5. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 30 June 1954 inviting MV to give talk in early Dec or late Jan. Ink annotation by MV ‘Seen in Copenhagen suggested put off to summer (I hope)’.

6. Letter typed on Joint Committee Greek and Roman Societies letterhead to MV from Louise B. Turner [i.e. Mrs E. G. Turner, Sec] 7 July 1955 inviting MV to speak at joint conference Aug 1955.

7. Letter handwritten to MV from Louise B. Turner 29 July [1955] thanking MV for agreeing [see 5].

8. Letter typed on University of Sheffield letterhead to MV from R. J. Hopper 10 August 1954 inviting MV to give lecture under auspices of Dept of Ancient History & suggesting dates. Ink annotation by MV ‘suggested put off till summer’.

9. Manuscript 5 pp foolscap by MV in blue ink. ‘Lecture at 2nd Int. Congress for Class. Studies 27 August ’54’ – 3 pp [headed #1, #2, #3] with lecture, mostly in note form. 1 p head ‘Slide Register – x not shown in Athens’ [29 slides listed]. 1 p. main outline for lecture headed ‘lecture Athens MGFV 27 May ’54’.

10. Letter handwritten to MV from Patrick Hunter [Hill Farm House, Akeley, Bucks] 21 September 1954 thanking MV for pamphlet and evidently referring to possible [lecture date?] in May.

MV 054.1-71 Correspondence and papers 1953 – 1956 (talks / lectures) (cont'd)

11. Letter handwritten to MV from R. J. Hopper 7 September 1954 thanking MV for agreeing to lecture in Sheffield, agreeing to postpone to October – November 1955. Annotated in pencil by MV 'Sheffield'.
12. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 6 October 1954 re fact that Mrs Winnington Ingram had been in touch indicating they hold joint *JHS* / Classical Association meeting at Staffordshire with MV speaking; JMTC expresses hope that action by Mrs W-I 'not precipitate'. Ink annotation by MV 'ANS' encircled.
13. Letter typed on All Souls Oxford letterhead to MV from T. J. Dunbabin 9 October 1954, thanking MV for review of Friedrich's book; also v interested by news from Mycenae and account of work on Chios which Sinclair Hood gave him recently; also asking if any chance MV could come to stay & suggesting (in ink) weekend 13-15 November.
14. Letter typed on Magdalen College Oxford president letterhead 5 November 1954, inviting MV to give series of 6 special lectures 'the Waynflete Lectures' for 1955-56.
15. Letter handwritten to MV from Lisa [= E. Wace, later French] at Royal Masonic School for Girls Rickmansworth Herts 9 November 1954, thanking MV for invite to supper – suggesting Sunday 21st; also reporting that she had been trying to measure volume of the stirrup jars [presumably from House of the Oil Merchant, Mycenae] from the photographs and promising to try to get accurate measurements.
16. Letter handwritten to MV from Patrick Hunter 13 November 1954 thanking MV for his and suggesting 10 May as date for his talk [cf. 10 above]
17. Letter handwritten on Magdalen College Oxford Vice-president letterhead to MV from Colin Hardie 19 November 1954 asking MV to decide about Waynflete Lectureship by 24th November & expressing hope that MV would accept.
18. CC letter typed from MV to President Magdalen College Oxford 22 November 1954, turning down invitation to give Waynflete Lectures [cf. 14, 17 above].
19. Letter typed on Institute of Classical Studies letterhead from E. G. Turner [director] 23 November 1954 about request from Gillies [prof of classics, Hull] to give lecture on Linear B to invited audience; but accepts that MV + Chadwick are pretty busy & may feel it is someone else's turn [ink annotation in EGT's hand 'i.e. TBLW {Webster} or EGT[urner]'].
20. Letter typed on Magdalen College Oxford [president] letterhead 24 November 1954 expressing regret that MV declined [presumably invite to give Waynflete Lectures, see 14, 17-18 above].
21. Letter typed to MV from Albert Severyns [Liège] 4 December 1954 inviting MV to give lecture [in French]

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22. Letter typed on Glasgow Academy letterhead to MV from A. R. Munday 9 January 1955 inviting MV to address 'One-Day Refresher Course of the teachers of Classics in West of Scotland' on 22 October 1955.
23. Letter typed to MV from A. R. Munday 18 January 1955 thanking MV for agreeing to speak [for event see 22].
24. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 2 March 1955 thanking MV for card & suggesting Wed 4th May as lecture date.
25. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 10 March 1955 thanking MV for card; will write to MV nearer 4th May.
26. Letter typed on University Museum Oxford letterhead to MV from G. E. S. Turner [acting hon sec OU Anthropological Society] 18 March 1955 inviting MV to address society

MV 054.1-71 Correspondence and papers 1953 – 1956 (talks / lectures) (cont'd)

27. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 27 April 1955 giving train times from Euston for MV's talk on 4th May.
28. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 27 April 1955 apropos possible rail strike on following week; suggesting travel by road.
29. Letter typed on University College of North Staffordshire letterhead to MV from J. M. T. Charlton 29 April 1955 suggesting best possible road route.
30. Letter typed to MV from Patrick Hunter, Hill Farm House, Akeley Bucks 30 April 1955 about talk to Classical Society on 10 May and checking about arrangements.
31. Letter typed to MV from A. R. Munday 7 May 1955 about trip to Glasgow [see 22] and further proposing MV speak to 5th and 6th formers.
32. Letter typed on University Museum Oxford letterhead to MV from G. E. S. Turner [acting hon sec OU Anthropological Society] 30 August 1955 re-inviting MV to give lecture. Annotated by MV blue ink 'acc. For Nov.'
33. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Leonard Cottrell 1 September 1955 proposing radio documentary under title 'Tongue of Heroes'; suggesting chat over lunch. Pencil annotation by MV '14th 12.45 Savile Club Brooke St'.
34. Letter typed to MV from Geoffrey Turner [Univ Museum Oxford] 3 September 1955 thanking MV for agreeing to talk to OU Anthropological Society and suggesting 9 November.
35. Letter typed to MV from A. R. Munday 11 September 1955 asking for title of talk to One Day Refresher Course in Glasgow 22 October [cf 22 above].
36. Letter typed to MV from A. R. Munday 21 September 1955 thanking MV for of talk to One Day Refresher Course in Glasgow 22 October [cf 21, 34 above] and reserving hotel room.
37. CC typescript [8 pp foolscap] 'The Tongue of Heroes – suggested outline of subject-matter' 18 September 1955. Outline of proposed BBC radio talk [cf. 32 above] with annotations by MV in pencil, red pencil and blue ink. Plus 5pp foolscap CC typed notes for same. Also 2 pp. typescript [original] fleshing out some of speeches [though now clipped to preceding, date is uncertain; speeches were included in 2nd draft 21 November, see 50 below].
38. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Leonard Cottrell 23 September 1955 thanking MV for draft for programme [cf. 33, 37 above] and inviting MV to meet him at Bull & Bush on Sunday; proposing also they meet soon to discuss script in detail.
39. Letter typed on University of Leeds letterhead to MV from Peter Alexander [hon. Sec linguistic society] 27 September 1955 inviting MV to speak on 20 January 1956.
40. Letter handwritten on Emmanuel College Cambridge letterhead to MV from Frank Stubbings 29 September 1955 thanking MV for letter & outline of 'Tongue of Heroes'; suggesting also that Evans may have realized language was Grk but wouldn't admit it (not even to self).
41. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Miss E. H. Wakeham [copyright dept] 30 September 1955 re broadcast of 'Tongue of Heroes' on Home Service; suggesting inclusive fee of 50 guineas for work / performance and further 30 guineas for repeats on Home Service [other repeat fees attached – not here].
42. Letter handwritten to MV from A. R. Munday 2 October 1955 asking for clarification about slides to be used in talk [cf. 22, 35-36 above] and inviting him to dinner on 21st October.
43. Letter typed on University Museum, Oxford letterhead to MV from Geoffrey Turner 7 October 1955 firming up arrangements for talk to OU Anthropological Society & asking for title. Annotation by MV in ink '[The Mycenaean civilisation from the written evidence.]'
44. Cheque counterfoil from BBC for £26.5.0 [fee] 11 October 1955.

MV 054.1-71 Correspondence and papers 1953 – 1956 (talks / lectures (cont'd))

45. Mimeographed programme [1 p. quarto] for Refresher Course for 'Teaching of Classics' Glasgow 22 October 1955 [cf. 22, 35, 36, 42].
46. CC typed letter from MV to Geoffrey Turner [OU Anthropological Society] 30 October 1955 re arrangements for talk and summary of same 'The Mycenaean civilization from the written evidence'.
47. Letter typed on Institute of Contemporary Arts letterhead to MV from Lawrence Alloway [ass't director] 1 November 1955 inviting MV to participate in lecture series on 'Aspects of Communication'. Annotated in blue ink by MV 'refused'.
48. Typescript [3pp foolscap, stapled] 'The Mycenaean civilization from the written evidence' = outline talk by MV for OU Anthropological Society 9 November 1955. [+ CC of same].
49. CC typed letter in French evidently from MV to unknown addressee [i.e. letter simply headed 'Cher Monsieur', perhaps Lejeune??] 18 November 1955 concerning 'Bibliographie' [to be ?published by ICS] and 'Numérotation des idéogrammes', referring to the objections he had outlined in *Minos* and explaining the genesis of the system; gives detailed examples, incl. ideogram for 'cheval (105 etc)'.
50. CC typescript [8 pp foolscap] script for 'The Tongue of Heroes – second draft, November 21' [1955] with ink annotations by MV
51. CC typescript [1 p foolscap] 'First draft of note to explain grid: can follow on from general introductory article' 21 November 1955. Unclear what this intended for; includes two diagrams, incl. one of a 'tablet' [which text makes clear is 'not an actual tablet from Knossos but combines a number of words that gave first clues to decipherment'].
52. CC letter from Michel Lejeune to unknown addressee; in ink handwritten [by Lejeune] 'Copie pour M. Ventris et l'équipe britannique [illegible] a considéré pour l'étude du probleme du "Corpus" – Amicalement – Lejeune.'
53. Letter typed to MV from Frank Stubbings 12 December 1955 evidently accompanying draft sections for FS's contribution to radio talk [cf. 33, 37-38, 50]; also thanking him for draft article explaining 'grid' but feeling that it is still 'rather heavy going and needs more detailed comment'.
54. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Elizabeth St Johnston [English Programmes BBC European Service] 15 December 1955 inviting MV to take part in series of talks called 'Frontiers of Knowledge'.
55. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Elizabeth St Johnston [English Programmes BBC European Service] 20 December 1955 agreeing to defer decision on talk [cf. 54 above] 'until your April meeting is over'.
56. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Leonard Cottrell 21 December 1955 thanking MV for sending Frank Stubbings's contribution to radio talk [cf. 33, 37-38, 50, 53].

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57. Handwritten by MV [1 p. foolscap] ?outline for talk headed 'Leeds 20 January 56'. [given main headings, and numbering which probably relates to his slide list].
58. CC typescript [2pp foolscap] by MV apparently for talk [date / venue not indicated] 4 February 1956.
59. Handwritten letter to MV from Michel Lejeune [signature illegible] 5 February 1956 asking MV for the letter promised "'in a few days time" sur le question des rappports'; also asking for state of play re the bibliography which will be 'une contribution essentielle au colloque'.
60. Letter handwritten on Trinity College Cambridge letterhead to MV from Denys Page 9 February 1956, inviting MV to give the J. H. Gray Lectures in Classics for 1956-57.
61. Letter typed to MV from Michael E. Adams 9 February 1956, enclosing copy of script [not found, but cf. 62].

MV 054.1-71 CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS 1953 – 56 (TALKS / LECTURES) (Contd)

62. Mimeographed typescript radio talk 'European Productions Light on the Mycenaean World by Michael Adams with contributions by Michael Ventris written 10.2.56'. With annotations in red pencil by MV.
63. BBC official form inviting MV to prepare 700 wd script for feature on 'Light on the Mycenaean World' total fee £10.10.0 [10 guineas]. Invitation clearly marked 'Retrospective'.
64. Letter typed on BBC letterhead to MV from Martin Esslin [Ass't Head of European Productions] 14 February 1956 indicating that script has already gone round with MV being described as archaeologist, implying this cannot be changed, though MV himself could rectify it during broadcast [!]. Also indicating script circulated to various sections of European Service, which would duly contact MV if they wished him to take part.
65. CC typescript by MV 'Light on the Mycenaean World Suggest review of the second half of the script' 18 February 1956.
66. CC typescript by MV 2pp foolscap 'Mycenaean Bibliography notes for the Paris Colloquium first draft for comment 23.2.56'. Pencil annotations by MV.
67. Handwritten notes by MV 1 pp foolscap 'Resolutions of colloquium'
68. Typescript 1 p. quarto by MV with ink annotations 'Outline for a programme about the deciphering of the Linear B script' n.d. [sounds suitable for childrens' programme]. [NB this outline typed on 'front' of p. 4 of incomplete typescript, apparently a childrens' adventure story about American west].
69. CC typescript in French perhaps relating to reading of certain tablets ML 2.148 – ML 2.170. n.d. [several times refers to JC et moi – conceivably but not certainly MV].
70. CC typescript 1 p. foolscap 'Documents in Mycenaean Greek Authors' copies [names / addresses] Presentation copies [names addresses], to latter added by MV in pencil 'Stowe School'. N.d.
71. Typescript 1 p. quarto 'Copy of a letter written by Professor Blegen of Cincinnati [sic] University in 1953 to Michael Ventris' re Pylos tablets [nb conceivably not copied out by MV himself, but after death].

MV 055.1-10 CORRESPONDENCE ca 1950 – 1956 (SUNDRY)

1. Letter MS to MV from Sinclair Hood 3 October 1950 thanking MV for dinner; expressing interest of comparison of Minoan and Etruscan in *AJA* 1940 article
2. Letter typed on *The Times* letterhead to MV from James Morris 26 November 1952 re contacting Bennett on Minoan theories.
3. Letter handwritten [2 pp foolscap] from MV at Emporio, Chios to LV 2 August [1954].
4. Letter handwritten [2pp foolscap] from MV at Emporio, Chios to LV 9 August [1954]
5. Letter typed to MV from Marcel Silberstein (Basle) 7 April 1955 about decipherment and offering some new 'readings' of tablets; nb Silberstein a self-confessed amateur. [Letter marked in upper right corner, MS 1, possibly MV's hand].
5. Letter MS from MV Athens Monday 8th August [1955] to LV written on return from Crete [mentioning Hoods, de Jong, Blegen + John C {hadwick} who sent proofs of ca ½ doz pages of book {i.e. *Documents* }]. In original envelope.
6. Letter MS to LV from Rachel [Hood] BSA 28 July 1955 In original envelope.
7. Letter MS to LV from Audrey [?later Corbett] from Cyrene dated 6th Aug [1955] telling LV of her engagement to 'Gus' Corbett. In original envelope.
8. Letter typed on 10 Downing Street – the Prime Minister letterhead to MV [from official / secretary] 26 November 1954 re award of OBE.
9. Letter typed on Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St James Palace, letterhead to MV 21 February 1955 re Investiture on 15 March 1955.
10. Postcard from MV to LV postmarked 12.III.56 [or 50?] dated 'Sunday morning' [BW picture of 'Zermatt mit Matterhorn'; message indicates arrival].

MV 056 ‘October 1954 Appendix 4 CLASSIFIED INVENTORY OF THE MYCENAEAN INSCRIPTIONS’

Foolsap typescript 55 pp + ink annotations by MV + checks in magenta pencil against numbers. Draft for *The Knossos Tablets* BICS Suppl. 2 (January 1956), see **MV 069** below. Ink annotations reads ‘Revised for state of November 1955 W = whole tablet revised A = added to Browning P = part of tablet revised’. Also nb. Ink annotation ‘There may not be room for this in the book. Alternative: a concordance only of the tablets we have selected’.

MV 057 On the transcription of Mycenaean “fractional quantities” 17 October 1955
Stencilled circular for Gif conference 3 sheets (recto + verso) foolscap, stapled and Marked by MV ‘VENTRIS’

MV 058 Fellowship Certificate German Archaeological Institute December 1955
Latin. [stored with tubes]

MV 059 CC typescript ‘A new inscribed clay tablet from Enkomi’ n.d. [1955–56]
4 pp foolscap [pinned] of Dikaios / MV note published *Antiquity* 117 (1956) 40-41.

MV 060.1-2 Transcripts – radio talks 1956

1. Transcript copies: ‘Light on the Mycenaean World’ by Michael Adams, with contributions by Michael Ventris produced by H. Wiedemann (S) (Third Programme) Transm. 26.2.56 2030-2100 Reh. 22.2.56 1515-1714. Rec 22.2.56 1715 – 1800. Ed 1815-1900. Number TBU 56761 (E.11). **German** [despite heading that this Third Programme, could German transcript represent a re-broadcast on Overseas Service?]. [NB there are 2 copies – both with annotations in red pencil + black pencil; slight differences between them; one may have been the narrators copy, the other MV’s – the copy assumed to be MV’s also has ink annotations in MV’s hand at points where MV was to speak].

2. Transcript: ‘The Frontiers of Knowledge (25) “The Tablets of Ancient Crete” by Dr. Michael Ventris (OC) The man who first succeeded in deciphering the Mycenaean script known as Linear B’. First broadcast English Service 1845 BST 1.5.56 Distribution ‘B’ 30.4.56 Check with ‘as broadcast’ script’. [foolscap 6 pp]

MV 061 Map Emporio, Chios n.d. [1954–55]
Blueprint map [small photographic reduction also]. Stored with tubes

MV 062 Charts [ca 1954].

Hand-drawn in black ink with red pencil highlighting and yellow pencil shading
630 x 515 mm

1. “palm leaf tablets with single entry” [Pylos Ae04 + KN Arsenal]
 2. “palm-leaf” tablet with long single entry [Pylos Eb35]
 3. “palm-leaf” tablet with several entries [Pylos 1952 Ta641]
 4. rectangular tablet as summary of smaller ones [Pylos En02, Eo01, Eo02]
 5. ideograms [e.g. pictorial, variable; symbolic & unrecognizable; adjuncts]
 6. spelling system: empirical “rules” [consonants, diphthongs, “dead” vowels]
- [Stored in ICS Rare Books Cupboard 220]

MV 063 Drawings (large) of signs / tablets / artefacts for Documents
[Originals stored with tubes. Framed photocopies in ICS].

MV 064.1-4 Signs / tablets / map (small)
Pictures (incomplete) for glass slides.

MV 065 Slides n.d.

Cardboard box with canvas strapped labelled 'Ventriss Slides 3 ¼ x 3 ¼"'.
Glass slides (incomplete) of diagrams etc. Stored with books.

MV 066 Photograph – Gif. April 1956.

Participants at Paris (Gif) Conference, labelled.

MV 067 Photograph MV by Tom Blau – Camera Press London n.d.

labelled on rear 'British Archeologists: MICHAEL VENTRISS {sic}

MV 068 Photograph MV – enlarged copy n.d

Stored with tubes

MV 069

E. L. Bennet, Jr., J. Chadwick, M. Ventriss (ed.), *The Knossos Tablets BICS Suppl. 2 (January 1956)*.

Marked by MV on cover 'check copy'. Sundry annotations typed / handwritten + on separate pp inside rear (e.g. errata, list complimentary copies etc). NB needs repair. [second copy not marked in any way by MV].

MV 070 Studies in Mycenaean Inscriptions and Dialect 1953-1955

Bibliographical indexes prepared for the Colloquium on Mycenaean Texts, Paris April 1956 by J. Chadwick, L. R. Palmer, Michael Ventriss (Ed.). University of London Institute of Classical Studies 50 Bedford Square WC1. 70 pp varityped.

Marked on front cover by MV 1953 – 1955 Michael Ventriss.

MV 071 Proof copy *Documents* 1956

Annotated by MV.

MV 072.1-11 Offprints / cuttings MV articles [1953–56]

1. M. Ventriss & J. Chadwick, 'Evidence for Greek dialect in the Mycenaean archives' *JHS* 73 (1953) 84-103 + index 2pp.

2. *Antiquity* 108 (December 1953) [marked Ventriss]

contains: J. Chadwick & M. Ventriss, 'Greek records in the Minoan Script', pp. 196-204 [also nb a proportion graph on clear card presumably by MV used as book mark]

3. *BICS* 1 (1954)

contains: M. Ventriss, 'Mycenaean epigraphy: suggested code of practice' pp. 4-10 [also articles by Webster & Turner on Lin B]. 2 copies.

4. *Antiquity* 117 (March 1956).

contains: 'Notes on the Enkomi 1955 tablet', p. 41 in P. Dikaios 'A new inscribed clay tablet from Enkomi', 40-41.

5. MV, 'King Nestor's four-handled cups: Greek inventories in the Minoan script', *Archaeology* 7 (1954) 15-21 [3 copies, lacking cover / cover sheet]

6. MV, 'Numerical reference of the Mycenaean ideograms', *Minos* 4 (1955) 5 + 3 pp tables.

7. MV, 'Mycenaean furniture on the Pylos tablets', *Eranos* 53.3-4 (1955) 109-207 [3 copies one marked 'best wishes – M.V.'].]

8. MV, 'The decipherment of the Mycenaean script', *Acta Congressus Madvigiani*. Proceedings of the Second International Congress of Classical Studies vol 1 (n.d.) reprint pp. 69-81 [3 copies, one marked 'M.V.'].]

9. MV, 'Bibliographie mycénienne', in M. Lejeune (ed.), *Etudes Mycéniennes. Actes du* (Gif-sur-Yvette, 3-7 Avril 1956). Paris CNRS 1956. pp. 17-24 [pages uncut]

10. MV, 'La question d'une bibliographie mycénienne', in M. Lejeune (ed.), *Etudes Mycéniennes. Actes du colloque international sur les textes mycéniens* (Gif-sur-Yvette, 3-7 Avril 1956). Paris CNRS 1956. pp. 219 ff [pages uncut].

MV 072.1-11 Offprints / cuttings MV articles [1953–56] (cont'd)

11. MV 'Problèmes de transliteration du linéaire B', in M. Lejeune (ed.), *Etudes Mycéniennes. Actes du colloque international sur les textes mycéniens* (Gif-sur-Yvette, 3-7 Avril 1956). Paris CNRS 1956. pp. 225-36.

MV 073.1-27 Sundry offprints by other scholars belonging to MV / inscribed to him

1. J. L. Myres, 'Sir Arthur Evans 1951 – 1941', *Proceedings of the British Academy vol XXVII* n.d. [offprint: obituary].
2. E. L. Bennett, Jr., 'Fractional quantities in Minoan bookkeeping', *AJA* 54 (1950) 204-22. Inscribed 'with best wishes', annotated by MV 'Michael Ventris'.
3. J. Bérard 'Ecriture pré-alphabétique et alphabet en Italie et dans les pays égéens', *Minos* 2 (1953) 65-83'. Inscribed inside front cover 'à Monsieur M. Ventris à la perspicacité de pui nous devons le clef du Linear B en hommages J. Bérard'.
4. J. Chadwick, 'Greek records in the Minoan script', *Antiquity* 27 (1953) 196-206.
5. P. Dikaios, 'A second inscribed clay tablet from Enkomi', *Antiquity* 27 (1953) 233-37.
6. P. B. S. Andrews, 'The Mycenaean name of the land of the Achaians', *Revue Hittite et Asiatique* 13 (1955) 1-19. Not inscribed; annotated PBS Andrews [but not in MV's hand].
7. Review by E. Peruzzi y A. Rovar of MV + John Chadwick 'Evidence for Greek dialect in the Mycenaean archives' *JHS* 73 [1953] 84-103 + 208-09 reprint. *Minos* 2 (1954) 125-26
8. Review by J. Bouüaert of MV + John Chadwick 'Evidence for Greek dialect in the Mycenaean archives' *JHS* 73 [1953] 84-103 + 208-09 reprint, *L'antiquité classique* 23 (1954) 227-28.
9. P. Meriggi, 'Das minosche B nach Ventris' Entzifferung', *Glotta* 34 (1954) 12-37. Inscribed 'ringraziando in ricambio 11.XII.54 PM' [not annotated by MV, but presumably his].
10. G. P. Carratelli, 'Riflessi di culti micenei nelle table di Cnosso e Pilo', *Studi in Onore di Ugo Enrico Paoli* (Florence 1955) 1-16. Annotated by MV 'GC 6'.
11. M. Lejeune, 'Essais de philologie mycénienne', *Revue de philologie* 29.2 (1955) 147-71. Inscribed on cover 'amitiés ML'. Annotated by MV 'ML 2'.
12. V. Ehrenberg, 'Griechische Urkunden des zeiten Jahrtausends v. Chr.', *Historische Zeitschrift* 180/1 (August 1955) 1-13. Annotated by MV 'VE 1'. Inscribed 'To the First Begetter with thanks V. E.'.
13. A. Lesky, 'Die Entzifferung von Linear B', *Gymnasium* 62 (1955) 1-13. Not inscribed; annotated author / title on cover but not in MV hand; conceivably his].
14. O. Masson, 'La découverte d'une tablette chypro-minoenne à Ras Shamra (1953)', *CRAI* (1955) 174-80. Inscribed 'Pour M. Ventris en souvenir du Colloque mycénien, cordialement O. Masson 5.4.56'.
15. P. Meriggi, 'I testi micenei in trascrizione', *Athenaeum* 32 (1955) 64-92. Annotated by MV on cover 'PM 4'.
16. P. Meriggi, *Glossario Miceneo (Minoico B)* Torino: Accademia delle Scienze 1955. Inscribed 'cordialement!' 21.IX.55 PM'. Annotated by MV 'PM 5'.
17. H. Mühlestein, 'Zur mykenischen Schrift: die Zeichen za, ze, zo', *Museum Helveticum* 12 (1955) 119-31. Inscribed 'Mit besten Grüßen immer Ihr H.M.' Annotated by MV 'HM'.
18. M. D. Petruševski, 'ГОЛЕМОТО ОТКРИТИЕ НА М. ВЕНТРИС', *Ziva Antika* (Skopje 1955) 386-401 [French summary pp. 400-01 'La grande découverte de M. Ventris]. Pasted onto first page paper with Linear B ??dedication.
19. V. Pissane, 'Die Entzifferung der ägeischen Linear B Schrift und die griechischen Dialekte', *Rhenische Museum für Philologie* 98.1 (1955) 1-18. Inscribed 'with compliments from the Author'. Annotated by MV 'VP 1 MV recd 18.4.55'.

MV 073.1-27 Sundry offprints by other scholars belonging to MV / inscribed to him (cont'd)

20. L. J. D. Richardson, 'Further observations on Homer and the Mycenaean tablets', *Hermathena* 86 (1955) 50-65. Inscribed 'read at Linear B seminar I.C.S., 9th November 1955'. Annotated by MV 'LR'.
21. E. Risch, 'Die Gliederung der griechischen Dialekte in neuer Sicht', *Museum Helveticum* 12.2 (1955) 61-76. Inscribed 'M. Ventris freundlich und dankbar überreicht'
22. J. Puhvel, 'Greek ANAE', *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung auf dem Gebiete der Indogermanischen Sprachen* 73 (1956) 202-222. Inscribed 'with kind regards Jaan Puhvel'. Annotated by MV 'Puhvel'.
23. R. Hampe, 'Die homeische Welt im Lichte der neuesten Ausgrabungen', *Gymnasium* 63 (1956) 1-57. Inscribed 'Mit frundl. Empfehlungen von Verf.' Annotated by MV R. Hampe Mainz Schillerstr 11'.
24. O. Masson, 'Un cratère mycénien inscrit de l'île de Chypre (Enkomi)', *RA* (1956) 22-33. Inscribed 'hommage des auteurs pour M. Ventris amicalement O. Masson 28.5.56'.
25. M. Lejeune, 'Etudes de philologie mycénienne', *Revue des Etudes Anciennes* 58 (1956) 3-39. Inscribed 'à M. Ventris amicalement M Lejeune' [illegible].
26. A. Furumark, 'Ägäische Texte in griechischer Sprache' *Eranos* 51 pp. 103-20; 52 pp. 19-60. Inscribed 'Michael Ventris in gratitude and friendship from Arne Furumark'. Annotated by MV 'AF 1'.
27. S. Marinatos, 'Mykenertum und Greichentum (Aus den neuen Forschungen in Pylos). Copy typescript: summary of lecture (?) n.d.

MV 074.1-4 Printed matter (magazines) relating to decipherment / Mycenaean studies

1. *Archaeology* 6.4 (December 1953) contains article by C W. Blegen, 'King Nestor's Palace' pp. 203-07.
2. *Time Magazine* 19 April 1954 contains article 'Tale of Two Palaces' p. 36 with photo MV.
3. *Le Courrier Une Fenetre Ouverte sur le Monde* – No. 3-4 1955 – Unesco – 66 pp contains article 'Les comptes secret du roi Minos' by D. Gillie pp. 15-17 [cf below for English version].
4. *The Courier: A Window open on the World* – No. 3-4 1955 – Unesco. – 66 pp. Contains article 'The case of the four-handed jars' by D. Gillie pp. 15-17 [cf. above for French version].

MV 075.1-52 Printed matter (sundry newspaper cuttings) relating to decipherment

1. '3.000-årig språkgåta uppklarad', *Dagens Nyheter* 22 November 1952
2. 'Forskarbragd av språkgeni loser mångtusenåriga skritgåtor', *Svenska Dagbladet* 22 November 1952 [incomplete, as continued on missing p. 7; re decipherment]
3. 'Försiktig general om minoskriften', *Svenska Dagbladet*, 22 November 1952 [brief report mentioning Bennet & Ventris]
4. 'Taveltolkare spraksnille "svenska lätt"2', *Dagens Nyheter*, 27 November 1952
5. 'Kung Minos gåta', *Expressen*, 26 November 1952 [re decipherment but illustrated with picture of Toronto chryselephantine figure].
6. 'Språkgenier som löste 3.000-årig gåta är arkitekt, korsordsfantast, hatar latin!', *Expressen*, 27 November 1952.
7. 'Lertavlor ger nickel till 5.000-årigt språk – Arkeologisk sensation', *Stockholms-Tidningen* 28 November 1952 [by Gunnar Kristiansson]
8. 'En märklig forskarbragd', *Göteborgs Handels- och Sjöfarts-tidning* 7 May 1953
9. 'On the threshold?', *The Times* 25 June 1953 [re decipherment; on same page dispatch by Edmund Hillary re conquest of Everest].
10. 'Un dialecte grec serait la langue dans laquelle écrivaient les Crétois il ya trente-quatre siècles', *Le Figaro* 25 June 1953 [re decipherment].

MV 075.1-52 Printed matter (sundry newspaper cuttings) relating to decipherment (cont'd)

11. 'ΕΥΡΕΘΗ ΤΩΡΑ Η ΚΛΕΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΗΤΟΜΥΚΗΝΑΪΚΗΣ;' unidentified newspaper; 28 June 1953; article by Sp. Marinatos [annotated with date by MV]
12. 'Uppsala-professor laser 3.000-åriga lertavlor': about lecture by A. Furumark on decipherment given at Uppsala; source / date unidentified but clipped to long article, by Furumark, evidently text of lecture, 'Michael Ventris och de egeiska lertavlorna', *Dagens Nyheter*, 30 June 1953.
13. 'En forntidsvärld träder fram', *Dagens Nyheter*, 1 July 1953, p. 4 [by Arne Furumark re decipherment]
14. 'Amatörarkeologens funkiskarta', *Dagens Nyheter*, 1 July 1953 by? Olof Thunström [architect, pictured]. 2 copies.
15. 'Minoan script'. *Architects Journal*, 9 July 1953 [annotated AJ 9.7.53 by MV]
16. 'Lertavlernes gaade', *Information*, 1 August 1953 [by A. Furumark, re decipherment].
17. *The Manchester Guardian*, 30 September 1953 complete with article by R. D. Barnett, 'The Minoan Script: a triumph of decipherment' pp. 6, 3 and 5 (Mycenae tablet illustrated). 2 copies.
18. 'En skoledrengs hobby löste historisk gaade' newspaper unidentified, dated in pencil 11.10.53; article by Verner Forchhammer.
19. 'Die entzifferten Geheimnisse von Knossos', *Die Brücke zur Welt. Sonntagsbeilage zur Stuttgarter Zeitung*, 7 November 1953 [by Professor Ernst Sittig, Tübingen]
20. 'Michael Ventris and the ancient Greeks', 13 November 1953 by G. S. R[obertson], source marked but illegible: Free Press? – appears to be a US paper]
21. 'Stonehenge signs hint at Crete Link', *New York Times* 30 December 1953 [stuck on onionskin' with red pencil annotations (not by MV) 'how clever of Tessa to reach that high!!']
22. 'Cretan code cracked', *Scientific American* January 1954.
23. 'ΑΝΕΓΝΟΣΘΗ Η ΙΕΡΟΓΛΥΦΙΚΗ ΚΡΗΤΟΜΥΚΗΝΑΪΚΗ ΓΡΑΦΗ' [by Sp. Marinatos; 3 January 1954; source unidentified; article outlined in red pencil; also circled Ιωάννου Τσάντγουϊκ, i.e. John Chadwick; pictures selected ideograms with transcription and renderings in modern Greek].
24. *Times Literary Supplement*, 5 March 1954 complete p. 160 'The files of Nestor' [re decipherment with ref to *JHS* article].
25. 'Nu kan det läsas', *Röster i Radio*, 21 March 1954 [source / date marked in MV hand; illustrated magazine article on decipherment, incl pictures of Knossos, Pylos, MV + tablets, incl Pylos 641].
26. 'Deciphered tablets antedate Homer: Briton's work shows early Greeks had ability to write', *New York Times*, 9 April 1954 [by Sanka Knox; pp. 1 + 7] [a 2nd copy marked 'FRONT PAGE of NY Times / date' in red ink not MV hand; caption corrected by MV 'syllabaries' crossed out / 'tablets' inserted; + incomplete 3rd copy].
27. 'Classical discovery', *The Observer*, 11 April 1954 [source / date in MV hand; re paper on decipherment to Classical Association].
28. 'Tale of two palaces', *Time Magazine*, 19 April 1954 [3 copies; cf. also **MV 074.2**]
29. 'Lifetime quest', *Evening News* [?] 21 April [?] probably 1954 [marked by MV EN 21.4 – ink has run and reading '4' uncertain; a popular / sensational piece saying that discovery of new tablets in summer could confirm or damn MV's work]
30. 'Konnte Nestor schreiben?', *Frankfurter Rundschau*, 24 April 1954 [by Victor Polzer]
31. '31-åriga språkgeniet hedersdoktor i Uppsala på 3.000-åriga färlistor', *Stockholms-Tidningen*, 28 April 1954 [p. 1 cont'd p. 12].
32. 'En saga om en saga', newspaper unidentified; article by Gudmund Björck and inscribed by him 'to Michael Ventris Uppsala April '54

MV 075.1-52 Printed matter (sundry newspaper cuttings) relating to decipherment (cont'd)

33. 'Finns de inget annat så laser jag svenska', *Göteborgs-Posten*, 5 May 1954 p. 12 [re decipherment].
34. 'Architekts språknyckel öppnar 3.000 års gåta', *Göteborgs Handels- och Sjöfartstidning* 5 May 1954
35. 'ΠΩΣ ΕΠΙΤΕΥΧΘΗ Η ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΙΝΟΪΚΗΣ ΓΡΑΦΗΣ ΑΠΟ ΕΡΑΣΙΤΕΧΝΗΝ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΟΝ', *To Bima*, 28 May 1954
36. 'Arkitekt løser ældgammel gaade', source unidentified, but evidently Danish paper; dated in pencil 21.8.54.
37. 'Greek' – brief paragraph announcing International Congress of Classical Studies, Copenhagen under heading 'News Service for Foreign Vistors – Today's News'; presumably Danish newspaper August 1954.
38. 'The ever modern Greeks: Attic salt with a northern savour', *The Times*, 28 August 1954 [on 2nd Congress of International Federation of Classical Studies, Copenhagen; including para on Mycenaean tablets].
39. 'Die kretische Schrift entziffert' *Der Mittelschullehrer und die Mittleschule* [Vienna] 9 (1954) 11-13 [by Dr W. Merlingen].
40. 'Solution to a riddle' source / date unknown, but 1954 indicated by context [by A. P. Treweek, Dept of Greek, Sydney; refers to *JHS* 1953].
41. 'Neues Licht aus Kreta I. Entzifferung der kreitschen Schrift erklärt Anfänge europäischer Geschichte'. *Die Zeit*, 9 June 1955, nr 23 p. 13 [by C. W. Ceram]
42. 'Neues Licht aus Kreta II. Die Wissenschaft am Faden der Ariadne.' *Die Zeit*, 9 June 1955, nr 24 p. 11 [by C. W. Ceram].
43. 'Die Entzifferung der mykenischen Schrift durch Michael Ventris', *Basler Nachrichten: Sonntagsblatt*, 23 January 1955 [by Hugo Mühlestein, 'Gekürzte Fassung eines Hellas-Vortrags 8 November 1954'].
44. 'Berättelse i Odysseen får märklig förklaring', *Stockholms-Tidningen*, 7 January 1955 [by K. G. Michanek; with photos of sarcophagus from Mallia, view of palace, drawings of 2 tablets from Knossos & photo of MV]
45. 'New learning at Oxford: Classics' gift to the young', *The Times*, 11 August 1955 [report on Hellenic & Roman Societies + Classical Association Conference at Oxford, mentioning decipherment]
46. 'Engelsk amatørforsker tyder Knossos-tavlerne', source / dated not indicated, possibly 1952-53.
47. '4500-year-old riddle "decoded"' *Sunday Express* n.d. [3 copies]
48. 'Lifetime quest', *Evening News* 2 copies [one annotated by ?MV EN 21.4] perhaps ca 1953.
49. 'Skriftgåtor ... Ventris skriver perfekt svenska' source / date not identified; continuation of article [beginning missing]. Arne Furumark pictured.
50. 'Europas tidräkning gös om: Sagonkyngen Minos var grek, okända bildspråket grekiska', newspaper unidentified; article incomplete – missing continuation p. 3 [article by K. G. Michanek; date pre-1954].
51. 'Decifrato un sillabario dell'epoca degi achei', unidentified newspaper / magazine, n.d.
52. 'ΤΟ ΑΛΦΑΒΗΤΟΝ ΤΩΝ ΑΧΑΙΩΝ ΑΠΕΤΕΛΕΙΤΟ ΑΠΟ ΕΙΚΟΝΑΣ' unidentified newspaper n.d.

MV 076.1-12 Printed matter (sundry newspaper cuttings) relating to Mycenaean studies and other archaeological topics

1. 'Greek finds at Mycenae: duck-shaped bowl carved out of rock crystal [source / date not given; probably *The Times* ca 1953-54]
2. 'New discoveries at Mycenae: carved ivories and vases from before 1200 B.C.' by Alan Wace [newspaper not identified; probably *The Times* 1953].

MV 076.1-12 Printed matter (sundry newspaper cuttings) relating to Mycenaean studies and other archaeological topics (cont'd)

3. 'The Seven against Thebes: reported discovery of burial ground', *The Times*, 20 July 1953 [brief press report datelined New York].
4. 'The Seven against Thebes: further details of finds at Eleusis', *The Times*, 27 July 1953[?].
5. 'Mycenae's links with Crete: More finds in the Houses of Shields and Sphinxes', [newspaper not identified, probably *The Times*] annotated 20.10.54 by MV.
6. 'Reconstructing history at Chios: excavation team's discoveries' [source / date not given; probably *The Times* ca 1954-55]
7. 'Mycenae's second glory', *Radio Times*, 2 September 1955 announcing broadcast on Home Service on programme by Leonard Cottrell on Papadimitriou's discoveries at Mycenae (i.e. Circle B).
8. 'Mycenaean palace identified as King Nestor's', *The Times*, 23 September 1955.
9. 'New light on Trojan War?: Tentative conclusions from Beyce Sultan finds', source not indicated; 26 November ?1955 [by Seton Lloyd]
10. "'New light on the Trojan War'" letter from R. A. Crossland; source / date not indicated but refers to article of 26 November [cf. above].
11. 'First Greeks on Crete' *The Times* 12 March 1956 [re S. Hood's excavations at Gypsadhes & Ailias Cemeteries Knossos].
12. 'More light from Pylos I. – spoils of piracy' [by J. Chadwick; source / date not given, conceivably *The Manchester Guardian*; refers to publication of Documents 'later this year i.e. 1956].

MV 077 *The Times* 1 January 1955 complete with Honour's List in full cf. p. 5 for MV.
MV own copy marked 19 North End on front [also torn copy pp. 5-6]

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MV 078.1-22 Sundry books belonging to MV

1. A. Erman, *Die Hieroglyphen* (Berlin & Leipzig 1923). [not inscribed]
2. B. de Thörne, *Sibellius: A Close-up* (London 1937). Book-plate F. Ventris inside cover.
3. A. Lyall, *A Guide to the Languages of Europe: A Practical Phrase-book* (London 2nd ed 1935). Notes by MV facing title page.
4. L. von Carstenn, *English-German German English Military Dictionary* (Stuttgart repr 1941). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris 1945'.
5. I. Stemann, *Danish: A Practical Reader* (Copenhagen 1938). Inscribed inside 'Michael Ventris 1945'
6. C. Duff & A. M. Krougliakoff, *The Basics and Essentials of Russian* (London 1936). Inscribed 'misha ventris 1943'.
7. C. Duff & A. M. Krougliakoff, *The Basics and Essentials of Russian* (London 1936). Inscribed 'misha ventris 1943'.
8. C. Duff, *The Basics and Essentials of French* (London 1943). Inscribed 'VENTRIS'.
9. C. Duff, *The Basics and Essentials of Spanish* (London 1944). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris 1945'
10. W. Ebisch, *Tauchnitz Pocket Dictionary English-German and German English* (Hamburg 1945). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris'.
11. W. Wenström, *Engelsk-Svensk Ordbok* (Stockholm 1946). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris Stockholm june 1946'.
12. H. *Offingers Technologisches Taschenwörterbuch in 5 Sprachen* II.1 Deutsch – Französisch – Italienisch (Stuttgart n.d.). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris'.

MV 078.1-22 Sundry books belonging to MV (cont'd)

13. H. Offingers *Technologisches Taschenwörterbuch in 5 Sprachen* II.2 Französisch – Deutsch – Italienisch (Stuttgart n.d.). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris'.
14. Wessely & Gironés, *English-Spanish and Spanish-English Dictionary* n.d. [inscribed A. A. Hannan]
15. *Guide to the Danish National Museum Department of Oriental and Classical Antiquities* (Copenhagen 1950).
16. F. Schachermeyr, *Poseidon und die Entstehung des griechischen Götterglaubens* (Salzburg 1950). Inscribed 'Michael Ventris ... [illegible] Fritz Schachermeyr'.
17. H. Th. Bossert & F. Steinherr, *Jahrbuch für kleinasiatische Forschung* II (Heidelberg 1952) NB title + pp. 1-112 are missing!
18. *Proceedings of the Classical Association* 51 (1954) [complete: cf. p. 45 for summary of talk by MV 'Work on the Mycenaean Inscriptions: a progress report'.]
19. *Colloque international sur les textes mycéniens: Brochure préliminaire – Communications écrites* (Paris CNRS 1956). Contains MV, 'Bibliographie mycénienne 1953-1955' pp. 123-30.
20. M. Lejeune (ed.), *Etudes Mycéniennes. Actes du colloque international sur les textes mycéniens* (Gif-sur-Yvette, 3-7 Avril 1956). Paris CNRS 1956. NB volume is uninscribed, but NB the published dedication is to the memory of MV. Contains MV, 'Bibliographie mycénienne 1953-1955' pp. 17-24.
21. J. Morris (ed.), *From the Third Programme A Ten-Years' Anthology*, John Morris (London: Nonesuch Press 1956). [Contains M. Ventris, 'The Cretan tablets', pp. 318-27; text of radio programme broadcast 1 July 1952; cf. **MV 047**].
22. G. P. Carratelli, 'Le iscrizioni preelleniche di Hagia Triada in Creta e della Grecia Peninsulare', *Monumenti Antichi* XL (1945) cols 422-610 + 40 pls. [Marked 'Michael Ventris' and annotated by him in blue and red pencil; held in ICS Rare Books Cupboard 102F].
22. a) A. J. Evans, *Scripta Minoa* I (Oxford 1909); b) A. J. Evans, *Scripta Minoa* II (Oxford 1952), edited by Sir John Myres. [Both marked 'Michael Ventris' and annotated by him; held in ICS Rare Books Cupboard 102F].

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MV 079.1-4 Letters of condolence to LV on MV's death.

- 1a-c (a) Letter handwritten to LV from Alan Wace at BSA 10 September 1956 sending condolences; and enclosing (b) CC typescript of obituary in English to be translated into Greek for Kathimerini. (c) Letter handwritten from Lisa [i.e. E. B. Wace, later French] from Athens 10 Sept 1956, adding her condolences to those of her father. All three together in original envelope.
fers to enclosed copy of obit from Kathimerini – not here]
- 2a-b (a) Letter handwritten to LV MS from on MV's death. In same envelope [not addressed by EBW, but possibly by A.J.B. Wace carbon copy [3 pp quarto] of obituary for MV [perhaps prepared by AJBW for press / journal].
3. Letter handwritten on Svenska Institutet i Athen letterhead to LV from Arne Furumark 8 November 1956 expressing condolences.
4. Photocopy telegram to LV – 'MINOS EDITORIAL BOARD RESPECTFULLY PRESENT SINCEREST CONDOLENCE DEATH UNFORGETTABLE DOCTOR VENTRIS YOURS TRULY PROFESSOR RUIPEREZ' [n.d.]. Original not found.

MV 080.1-12 Sundry obituaries (newspapers) on MV's death

1. TO APΘPON TOY K. AΛAN OYAIHΣ [obituary of MV by Alan Wace – Grk newspaper – probably *Kathimerini* see **MV 079.1b**; 11 September 1956]
2. 'Geniet Michael Ventris', *Dagens Nyheter*, 12 September 1956 p. 4
3. 'Mr. M. G. F. Ventris' – obituary comments by R. D. Barnett and V. L. E[hrenburg] *The Times* 20 September 1956.

MV 080.1-12 Sundry obituaries (newspapers) on MV's death (cont'd)

4. 'Michael Ventris' *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 26 September 1956 p. 12-13 (E. Risch).
5. 'Der Entzifferer der minoischen Schrift' *Vaterland* (Luzern), 29 September 1956.
6. 'Zum Tode von Michael Ventris', *Basler Nachrichten*, 30 September 1956 [inscribed In tiefer Anteilnahme Irh. H. M.[ühlestein].
7. 'Lecturer killed in Hatfield crash' – newspaper unidentified / n. d
8. 'He deciphered Minoan tablets' – newspaper unidentified / n.d.
9. 'A loss to archaeology: the late Mr Michael Ventris' *ILN* [date?] p. 435.
10. 'Mr. M. G. F. Ventris' – obituary note by R. Furneaux Jordan – newspaper unidentified, probably *The Times* / n.d.
11. 'Mr. M. G. F. Ventris' – obituary notes by John Chadwick and 'A friend at University College London' – newspaper unidentified probably *The Times* / n. d.
12. 'Michael Ventris' letter to Editor of *The Times* from R. D. Barnett and others proposing to establish MV Memorial Fund [n.d. but ca December 1956].

MV 081.1-10 Sundry obituaries (scholarly journals etc) on MV's death

1. ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΑΙ MICHAEL GEORGE FRANCIS VENTRIS by N. Platon [offprints from Greek journal, unidentified pp. 317-320: actually *Kretika Chronika I* {i.e. 10} 1956: 5 copies of same [one with Grk postage stamps stuck on cover].
2. British School of Archaeology at Athens, Annual Report of the Managing Committee for the session 1955-1956 [pp. 7-9 MV obit by M.S.F.H{ood}].
3. Photocopy 'Michael Ventris and his Work' *The Stoic* 102 (March 1957) 215-18 [2 copies]
4. *The Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects* Third Series Vol 63 Number 12 October 1956 [pp. 514-15 MV obit by Mr. Robert Furneaux
5. *The Architects' Journal* for September 13, 1956 [p. 367 MV obit by the Editor {unnamed}].
6. *Architectural Association Journal* September – October 1956 [p. 84 MV obit unattributed].
7. *ABC* [magazine] Madrid 27 September 1956 [complete]. Contains obituary by M. S. Ruiperez 'Michael Ventris, un Champollion del Siglo XX' p. 30.
8. L. R. Palmer, 'Michael Ventris†', *Gnomon* (1957) 636-638 [6 copies pp. 635-638] [V generous / complimentary obit]
9. *Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies Report for the Session 1956-57* p. 1 MV listed with other obits; p. 2 announcement of MV Memorial Award.
10. P. Chantraine, 'Michael Ventris (1922-1956)', *Bulletin de l'association H. Budé* (March 1957) 113-16

MV 082 *The Architects' Journal* for November 15, 1956 [p. 687 re AJ Research Fellowships – 1st Fellowship having been awarded to MV on Jan 5 {1956} – work uncompleted owing to MV's death; award to be re-advertised cf. p. 692. pp. 693-99 'The Handling of Architects Information:1 introductory and the handling of trade literature' [this = 1st or interim report prepared by MV for fellowship]

MV 083.1-28 Sundry correspondence to LV re MV / Decipherment (1957-1988)

1. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Leonard Cottrell to LV 5 March 1957 re broadcast of 'Language of Heroes' perhaps in June, with John Chadwick to take part.
2. Letter handwritten copy from LV to Leonard Cottrell 15 March 1957 re broadcast of 'Language of Heroes'.
3. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Leonard Cottrell to LV 27 March 1957 re broadcast of 'Language of Heroes'
4. Letter typed on *The Evening News* letterhead from Felix Barker 23 August 1957 to LV re proposed article on Mycenaean, requesting photo of MV.

MV 083.1-28 Sundry correspondence to LV re MV / Decipherment (1957-1988) (cont'd)

5. Letter typed on *The Evening News* letterhead from Felix Barker 12 September 1957 to LV thanking her for photo of MV and returning same.
6. Letter typed on Curtis Brown Ltd letterhead 29 August 1957 from James MacGibbon replying to letter from LV about proposed biography of MV.
7. Payment advice dated 4 October 1957 from BBC to sum of £2.12.6d for reproduction of 'Die Erhellung der vorhomerischen Welt' broadcast by MV March 1956.
8. Letter typed on Central Office of Information letterhead requesting permission to publish in Western Germany 'Die Erhellung der vorhomerischen Welt' by MV as published in *Hier Spricht* London 4.10.57. Fee payable £2.2s.
9. Letter typed from Prof Dr S. Luria [Lvov] 26 November 1957 to LV requesting photo of MV for popular book on great discoveries of Mycenaean culture and sending her copy of book 'The language and the culture of Mycenaean Greece' with tribute to MV on p. 12.
10. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Leonard Cottrell to LV 10 June 1958 thanking her for enjoyable party & promising to send her tape recording of memorial tribute to MV.
11. CC letter typed from LV to T. B. L. Webster 25 June 1958 re complimentary copies of unnamed publication.
12. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Leonard Cottrell to LV 2 April 1958 re proposed feature on 'The Ventris Achievement'.
13. Letter typed on University College letterhead from T. B. L. Webster to LV 16 June 1958 enclosing copy of belated publication of 1954 Copenhagen conference proceedings.
14. CC typed letter from LV to T. B. L. Webster replying to his of 16th and asking for list of addresses for complimentaries.
15. Letter typed on University College letterhead from T. B. L. Webster to LV 23 June 1958 sending proposed list for complimentary copies and offering to post them.
16. Letter typed on University College letterhead from T. B. L. Webster to LV 1 July 1958 regarding list [of complimentary copies].
17. Postcard typed from Prof Dr Manuel Garcia Blanco, Universidad di Salamanca 7 July 1958 stating that he had received [erroneously?] copy of *The Decipherment of the Mycenaean Script* meant for Sr Antonio Tovar currently in Argentina.
18. Card printed Michel Lejeune with handwritten inscription 'à Madame Ventris avec l'expression de mon respect et du souvenir émy que je garde de Michael Ventris' n.d.[probably 1958 on receipt on complimentary copy Copenhagen conference proceedings].
19. a) Letter typed on British Academy letterhead [with original envelope] from Sir Mortimer Wheeler to LV 21 May 1959 asking her to receive Kenyon Medal in memory of MV's work on decipherment; b) Rough handwritten draft reply by LV to Mortimer Wheeler accepting.
20. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Felicity Kinross to LV [Mrs Killick] 7 August 1964 about programme on Minoans for children & requesting photos of MV ca 14 yrs old and as adult.
21. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Felicity Kinross to LV 20 August 1964 thanking LV for photos.
22. Letter typed on World Publishing Co letterhead from Grant Dugdale [editor] to LV [Mrs J. Kittick – sic] 22 May 1961 asking permission to reproduce MV's *Listener* article in anthology *The Treasures of Time*.

MV 083.1-28 Sundry correspondence to LV re MV / Decipherment (1957-1988) (cont'd)

23. a) Letter typed on Langlos Harding & Co Solicitors letterhead from [illegible] to LV [Mrs E. Killick] 29 June 1961 enclosing two copies of letters requesting permission to reproduce Listener article [attached as 23b-c] and stating that the Public Trustee has no objection to the article being published as suggested but requesting LV also agree.
24. Letter typed on BBC letterhead from Roy Davies to LV 29 May 1975 re programme on MV and questions which LV would be asked [on broadcast].
25. Letter to Lois [Betty] Ventris 24th September 1975 from Roy Davies, Producer Archaeology and History Unity BBC TV, re transmission of film 'The Decipherment of Linear B' on Monday November 10, 1975 at 9.50 pm on BBC-2 and informing LV that sections of interview filmed at her home were excluded.
26. Letter handwritten on Istituto per gli studi micenei ed egeo-anatolici letterhead from Anna Sacconi to LV 27 February 1987 re proposed volume in honour MV.
27. CC letter to Anna Sacconi 15 April 1987, unsigned but certainly from Alicia Totolos [Secretary, Institute of Classical Studies] re proposed volume.
28. Letter handwritten from LV to Alicia Totolos stating that LV does not have any relevant material.

MV 084.1-6 Transcripts of radio broadcasts and related papers (1957-77)

1. Transcript: 'The Great Decipherment' Speakers Sinclair Hood, Moses I. Finley, Denys Page. Number TLO 24937 Edited Monday 4th March 1957. Transmission Wednesday 6th March 1957 8.20 – 9.05 p.m. Repeat: Wednesday 13th March 1957 6.00 – 6.45 p.m. Not [struck through] checked in talks department with 'as broadcast' script. Producer: Prudence Smith. [Foolscap 19 pp]. Talk is a review of *Documents* on Third Programme. [BBC Compliments Slip paperclipped to top sheet: Handwritten 'Dear Bets, I'm sorry Hood & his doubts had to come first. There was no other way. Anyhow the others make clear reparation Love Prudence'].
2. CC typescript of radio talk (14 pp quarto). 'The Ventris Decipherment' (Cottrell, Stubbings, Chadwick) ... clipped to it cutting from *Radio Times* for broadcast on Home Service 9.15 [pm – 10 pm] July 5, 1957 'The Ventris Achievement' (produced by Leonard Cottrell).
3. *Radio Times* July 5, 1957 pp. 25-28: p. 26 Broadcast on the Home Service 9.15 – 10.00 Sunday 7 July 1957 'The Ventris Achievement: An Archaeological Detective Story' [produced by Leonard Cottrell]
4. Leaflet for publication of *From the Third Programme A Ten-Years' Anthology*, Ed. John Morris Nonesuch Press 66 Chandos Place London WC2 1956. 4pp 23 x 13 cm. Hand-written inscription on front page: 'My dear Bets, I'm not sending you this as an advertisement, but thought you might like to note Michael's inclusion. We would be so pleased to see you when you can cope, Yrs [illegible] Prudence.' [MV's 'The Cretan Tablets' listed for inclusion in this limited edition publication –cf. *The Listener* MV 047. NB copy of book stored with books MV 078].
5. *Radio Times* 8-14 November 1975 [complete] see p. 33 10 Nov 1975, 9.50: Chronicle – The Decipherment of Linear B.
6. Cutting from *The Radio Times* 15 December 1977 advertising broadcast of Chronicle - 'The Decipherment of Linear B' – 8.10 pm Thursday [perhaps re-broadcast of programme of same title transmitted on 10 Nov 1975 v. supra 5]

MV 085.1-5 Sundry printed matter / offprints relating to decipherment / Mycenaean studies (1957-60).

1. T. B. L. Webster, 'Mycenaean records: a review', *Antiquity* 31 (1957) 4-8 [offprint rev. *Documents*].
2. *History Today* May 1957 [with article by L. R. Palmer, 'The Mycenaean Script and its decipherment' pp. 308-312.

MV 085.1-5 Sundry printed matter / offprints relating to decipherment / Mycenaean studies (1957-60). (con'td)

3. *History Today* June 1957 [with article by L. R. Palmer on Homer and Mycenae I pp. 367-72]
4. A. Momigliano, Review. Ventris & Chadwick Documents, *Revista Storica Italiana* 65.3 (1958) 436-37 [offprint].
5. *Archaeology* 13 (1960) special Mycenaean issue [front cover Pylos lyre player] articles by Immerwahr, Kantor, Bennett, Jameson, Wace, Graham, Lang, Hood, Vermeule.

MV 086.1-11 Sundry newspaper cuttings relating to decipherment / Mycenaean studies (1956-1971)

1. 'The Great Ventris Controversy', *The Sunday Times* n.d. [autumn 1956, prompted by Beattie's JHS review of *Documents*]
2. 'The Great Ventris Controversy, source / date not indicated, presumably *Sunday Times* cf. **MV 086.1** [letters from J. Chadwick and R. D. Barnett].
3. 'The Ventris Controversy'. source / date not indicated, presumably either *Times* or *Sunday Times* cf. **MV 086.1-2** [letter from T. B. L. Webster].
4. 'Mycenaean scribes', *The Times Literary Supplement* 23 November 1956 [review *Documents*; inscribed 'best wishes Eric G. Turner].
5. 'Minoan script mystery', *The Times* 28 August 1957 [re Cyrus Gordon's 'decipherment' of Linear A as Akkadian]
6. 'Deciphering of Minoan script' *The Times* 29 August 1957 [with comments by R. D. Barnett and J. Chadwick, referring to M. Pope]
7. 'Professor solves 50-year-old mystery of ancient Cretan writing', *The New York Times* 29 August 1957 [by Sanka Knox re Gordon's 'decipherment'].
8. 'Cretan labyrinth', *The Observer* n.d. [by J. Hawkes re Gordon's 'decipherment' and Ventris / Chadwick's work on Linear B].
9. 'Man who broke "Linear B"', *The Times* 7 September 1958 [rev. J. Chadwick, *The Decipherment of Linear B*; by H. Trevor-Roper].
10. 'Breaking the cipher of Greek prehistory', *Daily Telegraph and Morning Post* 5 September 1958 [by H. D. Ziman; reviews J. Chadwick 'Decipherment of Linear B'; 2 copies]
11. Obituary 'Professor C. W. Blegen, Discovery of the Palace of Nestor', *The Times* [1971]

MV 087.1-7 Sundry biographical accounts of MV and articles evaluating the decipherment [ca 1958 -]

1. Photocopy typescript by John Chadwick 'A Historic Document: An Introductory Essay to Work Note 20' n.d. ca 1958.
2. Tetlow, S., B. Harris, D. Roques and A. G. Meredith, *Michael Ventris Remembered* preface by Dr. John Chadwick [pub by] Stowe School July 1984. Booklet 52 pp 20 x 16.5 cm with half-tone illustrations + selected line-drawings. [Green document wallet containing photocopy of same]
3. Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. 'Michael Ventris and the Pelasgian Solution', in Y. Duhoux, T. G. Palaima & J. Bennet (eds.), *Problems in Decipherment*. BCILL 49 (Louvain-la-Neuve 1989) 9-23 [photocopy of article]
4. I. Martin, 'Some memories of the early "Minoan Linear B seminars"', leaflet (4 pp 210 x 150 mm) printed September 1996 for Ventris Memorial Day held at Institute of Classical Studies.
5. Videotape – Oliver Cox – 'The Man and the Architect' 30 October 1997 Michael Ventris Memorial Lecture given at Architectural Association

MV 087.1-7 Sundry biographical accounts of MV and articles evaluating the decipherment [ca 1958 -] (cont'd)

6. T. G. Palaima, 'Michael Ventris and the development of his research methods', *BICS* 44 (2000) 234-35 [summary of Michael Ventris Memorial Lecture].
7. A. Robinson, *The Man who Deciphered Linear B: the story of Michael Ventris* (London: Thames and Hudson, 2002) + reviews thereof.

MV 088 Genealogy of Ventris Family from 1490

On tracing paper. Labelled top left 'originally drawn up 18.2.1981 by R. S. Thompson'. [Stored with tubes]

MV 089 Sundry papers relating to Michael Ventris Memorial Award [1956 -]

MV 090 Exhibition material

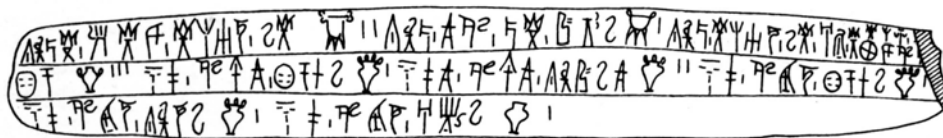
1. Catalogue ca 1996 4 pp A4 typed + photocopied compiled by Alicia Totolos for Institute of Classical exhibition of MV's life and work.
2. Exhibition material, unmounted, including copies of photographs, book jackets etc [currently stored in A4 binders with plastic envelopes in Box 5].
3. Exhibition material mounted on heavy card ca 1997-2003 [stored separately].

Also held, but not catalogued, miscellaneous items belonging to Lois Ventris, including certificate from Architectural Association, obituary, late photos.

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Sundry papers which came to light in 2005 have yet to be sorted and catalogued. Please note that from 15 December 2005 until further notice there is no access to the Archive.

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