

Mr. Ferris J. Stephens.
Babylonian Collection.
Yale University Library.
New Haven, Connecticut.

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Dear Mr. Stephens,

I have before me your letter of 14/II/'51, to which you very kindly appended detailed instructions for kiln-baking cuneiform tablets.

The whole matter of preserving the five hundred or so tablets which, in collaboration with the Ankara Museum, we have recently excavated at Sultantepe, has ^{now} ~~recently~~ come to the fore, since we understand the Museum to have finally acquired an electric kiln. I am accordingly writing to tell you that I shall today pass on your letter to the Curator, say Nuri Gökçe, and have no doubt that the notes which it contains will be of the greatest assistance to him.

At the same time I wanted to apologise to you, if, as I strongly suspect, I failed to acknowledge your letter when I received it last autumn. I think it must have caught me in transit between Ankara and our English home, and so got mislaid. I feel sure that the Museum will be most grateful for the trouble which you took.

Yours sincerely,