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### To Whom It May Concern

It has been a great joy for me to learn that the Polish excavations in Nimrud, abandoned after the untimely death of their Director, Dr Janusz Meuszyński, have now a chance to be published.

As I have learned from Mr Ryszard Sobolewski, who served as the architect for the Nimrud mission back in the 1970s, he is now to embark on a publication venture together with Professor Samuel Paley from the State University of New York. This is indeed very good news, as no one has hoped since many years that such job would be undertaken.

The sad circumstances of the Iraqi antiquities these days, being robbed daily and smuggled to be offered on the market did not spare Nimrud and the Assyrian reliefs found by the Polish mission there. According to Professor Paley several damaged fragments have been recently offered for sale in the US. A prompt publication of the finds would be very important to slow this traffic.

This Centre welcomes wholeheartedly the project of Messrs. Paley and Sobolewski and would appreciate very much any help they might be offered in their endeavour.

  
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