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May 14, 1929.

Professor Adolphe Erman,
University of Berlin,
Berlin.

My dear Professor Erman:

We have compiled a tentative list of historians of the Ancient Near East (excluding writers on the Aegean Civilization) for notice in the Encyclopaedia. The notices will be given over almost entirely to an exposition of the subject's work and an appraisal of his contribution to the social sciences, and will run from 200 to 500 words. In compiling this list our intent has been in accordance with our primary interest in history as a social science, to include only those historians of the ancient Orient who have achieved distinction, and the few archaeologists and biblical critics who have been of supreme importance in their field. We have excluded all living persons.

We should be grateful if you would look over and criticize this list, keeping these considerations in mind: first, whether unimportant names have been included and significant ones omitted; second, what scholar is best qualified to write each notice. We should like to have your opinion in particular on the advisability of the inclusion of Berossos and Manetho in this list, since they are probably more important as source material than as historians.

Your advice on this group of names will be extremely helpful to us, and we shall appreciate it as another mark of the splendid cooperation of scholarship in our venture.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

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