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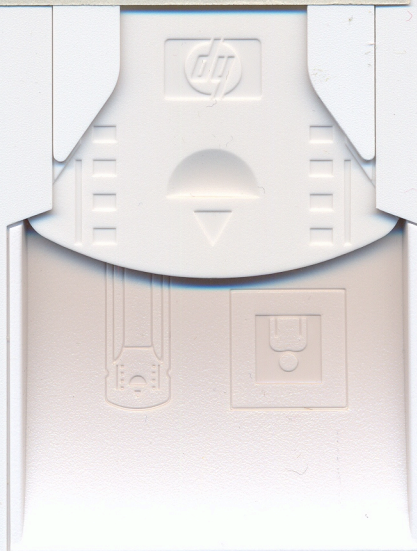
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Dear Mr. Bean,

Thank you very much for your letter and the interpretation of my chaotic "Colbasa" inscriptions. I do hope that you will be able to visit the place when you are in the neighbourhood. It is quite easy from Bucak; there is a man with a Brake who can take you to Kestel and the villagers there know the way. It isn't my ground at all; I had lost my way and was hoping to reach Comama! And I am not an epigraphist; the Roman colonies were what I was interested in.

I have been comparing my copies with your interpretations and see that in I. 6 I have Π Ϟ ψ δ ε ? . If this were ε π ο η ς ε , IITI may be part of the complement. I seem to have had some difficulty over KAI.





I see that in II. 1 second thoughts gave me  $\Pi\Lambda\sigma\Upsilon\tau\Omega\ N$  on the stone. At the end of line 9. I suspected at one point  $\Lambda\sigma\iota\ N\sigma\varsigma$ , which would get rid of the  $\iota\epsilon\rho\sigma\delta\sigma\upsilon\lambda\eta\nu$  difficulty. But if you could see the inscriptions and take squeezes it would be much better. When I said high up I was thinking of someone my own size. I saw some rather confused ruins near these inscriptions, as well as a wall which seemed to run a good way down the slope. I enclose a bad photo of this. If you arrived fairly early in the day you would get a good view of the inscriptions. When I arrived at about 2.30 p.m., the sun had gone from them. There are also a number of carvings, some quite delicately done. I gathered that a German or Italian (I forget which) had paid the site a recent visit.

I enclose a little sketch map of the way to the place, but I do not think it is necessary, as the villagers are quite helpful. It is about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  hours walk, quite steep in places, and the path not always easy to follow.

