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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In mid-July, the good ship *DRS Atlantic* arrived in Istanbul from Baltimore; she held a precious cargo, the library of the late Byzantinist H. Kenneth Snipes. Numbering close to 4,000 volumes, the library is an overwhelmingly generous gift to ARIT by Professor Snipes' principal inheritor, Mr. Douglas F. Mearns of Arlington, Virginia, who also stipulated that duplicates be given to Bilkent University in Ankara. The gift represents the largest single donation that ARIT has ever received from the private sector. Rich in texts, monographs, manuscript facsimiles, and manuscript catalogues, the library will have an important impact on the conducting of research on Byzantine studies in Istanbul. On a personal note, Kenneth dearly loved Istanbul and all its Byzantine riches. His library has found a noble home, and we are much indebted to Douglas Mearns for his outstanding act of generosity.

And there is more good news to relate. After the last *Newsletter* went out, we learned that our reapplications to both the USIA and the NEH were successful. News of the renewal of an operations grant from the USED had come just as the last *Newsletter* was being put to bed. Most recently, ARIT Delegate Ahmet Karamustafa (Washington University, St. Louis) learned of his successful bid for USIA-NMERTA funds to support the ARIT-Bosphorus University Turkish Language Program over the coming two years. The grant is separate from those that ARIT thankfully has for pre- and post-doctoral NMERTA Fellowships. Moreover, the grant allows for ARIT-sponsored participation at all levels in the program and not just "advanced," as had been the case when the program was funded by the USED. We are all grateful for the successes on all these fronts, and we offer profound thanks to all these federal agencies for their continued generosity to ARIT. All ARIT supporters should take every chance they get to sing the praises of these granting programs and their great importance for international education and exchange. Sing praises too for the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and its Director Mary Ellen Lane, our essential spokesman in Washington.

Antony Greenwood, Toni Cross and I were again able to put our heads together in Ankara this past summer. As always, it is wonderfully helpful for me to get their keen perspectives on the direction of ARIT in Turkey. Looming large in our discussions were the computerization of the libraries, Internet and e-mail access at both centers, and the (then) upcoming biennial meeting of CAORC directors and other representatives in Istanbul, where ARIT was most privileged to be the official host. That occasion was a grand success thanks to the organizational skills of Tony Greenwood and Mary Ellen Lane (and her office); MEL has a special knack for making serious meetings not seem like work. Tony took a number of us (during our planned, time-out outings) on a tour of archives in Istanbul (a real eye-opener for a field archaeologist like me), while ARIT Delegate Robert Ousterhout led a wonderful tour to Kariye and Zeyrek camileri. A special highlight of the occasion was a cruise on the Bosphorus, followed by a grand reception at ARIT in Arnavutköy.

All best wishes for the New Year.

G. Kenneth Sams

ARIT-ISTANBUL BRANCH NEWS

One of ARIT's most important and certainly most appreciated activities in Turkey is the fellowship program it funds for the support of doctoral-level and advanced research by Turkish scholars at Turkish Universities. The program is run by the Dernek board according to roughly the same criteria as those used in assessing fellowships by our U.S. fellowship committee, with occasional adjustments in order to make the program more responsive to the needs of funds-strapped Turkish academia. The most important of these adjustments over recent years has been to fix the number of fellowships advertised at both the post-doctoral and the doctoral levels, and in the last two years, to advertise post-doctoral fellowships (which are considerably larger and for which competition is much more intense) only in a certain discipline or set of disciplines each year, on what is planned to be a rotating basis. This past year, for example, post-doctoral fellowships were offered in history, literature and language; this current year they will be offered in art history and archaeology.

The Dernek Fellowship Committee made the following awards in spring, 1997:

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr. Mehmet Alkan, *Istanbul University*. "The Development of Civil Society in Turkey from the Tanzimat to the Republic (1839-1923)."

Dr. Hatice Aynur, *Boğazici University*. "The Charitable Foundations of Ottoman Women: I. Fountains in Istanbul."

DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Ayguł Ađır, *Istanbul Technical University*. "Commerce in the Old Venetian Quarter of Istanbul: The Balkan Han and Its Surroundings"

Filiz Bařkan, *Bilkent University*. "The Nature of the Relationship between Civil Society and Tarikats in the Context of Democratization."

Selma Seda Bulgurlu, *Istanbul University*. "The Hellenistic Gate at Perge."

G. Gonça Gökcalp, *Hacettepe University*. "Traditional Motifs in Turkish Literature of the Tanzimat Period."

A. Tarkan Okcuođlu, *Istanbul University*. "Landscapes and Buildings in the Wall Paintings of the Westernizing Period."

Sevim Yılmaz Yönder, *Istanbul University*. "Expression of Number and Quantity in Turkish."

The spring lecture series, as always, brought a number of visiting scholars, young and old, to the Institute to speak about their recent research. Many of them had been at ARIT before, and it was a great pleasure to welcome them back. The lectures were well-attended, often including among the audience scholars passing

through who probably would otherwise never have gotten around to visiting us. The following lectures were given this past spring:

Professor Scott Redford, *Georgetown University*. "Landscape and the State in Medieval Anatolia: Seljuk Pavilions and Gardens of Southern Turkey."

Professor John Perry, *University of Chicago*. "Turk and Tajik in Central Asia: So Near and Yet So Far."

Professor Ira Lapidus, *University of California at Berkeley*. "Islamic Revivalism in the 18th and 19th Centuries."

Professor Klaus Kreiser, *University of Bamberg*. "Public Monuments in Turkey and Egypt in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries."

Keith Watenpaugh, *University of California, Los Angeles*. "Scouting for Citizens: Boy and Girl Scouting in the Late Ottoman Empire, Republican Turkey, and Mandate Syria."

Professor Heath Lowry, *Princeton University*. "Tahrir Defters and Travelers: Some Observations on the Politics and Economy of Ottoman Bursa in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Centuries."

Last year at ARIT's annual meeting a decision was taken that the two centers in Turkey upgrade their computer facilities, and do their best to make e-mail and internet access available to resident scholars and other interested users of our facilities. By May here in Istanbul we were able to say that this had been done. E-mail and internet access are now available to everyone staying at the Institute, and on a first-come first-serve basis to non-resident scholars. We are charging a small fee—\$10 a month—as our hook-up is through a commercial server and we hope to recover some of the costs.

The general e-mail address for scholars here is now—arit1@netone.com.tr. Mail to this address can be read by any scholar who has taken out e-mail privileges. (Individual scholars may also pay extra to have personal addresses.) Note, however, that this is not the address to use to contact the Institute for business; for that purpose, and for contacting the Director, continue to use—gwood@boun.edu.tr.

The subject of technology and communication turned out to be one of the main items on the agenda at the meeting of Overseas Directors of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers hosted by ARIT (sort of) in late June. I say "sort of" because interest in the meeting was so great (over 50 persons including guests) that very early in the spring we had to abandon any hope of actually running the meetings on the ARIT premises and move to the more spacious conference rooms of the Armada Hotel in Sultanahmet. In terms of the meeting proper, ways of computerizing libraries, of putting them on the internet, and of

improving electronic communications between center libraries, were probably the most important topics explored. We expect to see significant developments in these areas rapidly. In terms of those all-important other activities that surround any such meeting, the participants all seemed to enjoy the beauty of a late afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus, a reception at ARIT, tours of the major monuments of the city and of the major manuscript and archival collections, and a special tour by Robert Ousterhout of the Kariye and Zeyrek Camii.

I close with the subject of the library. Early August saw the arrival on the premises of a major library in Byzantine studies, the 160 boxes of the H. Kenneth Snipes Bequest. With this bequest the Istanbul ARIT library takes on a new character, doubling in size and becoming one of the major if not the major resource in Turkey for Byzantine studies. For at least the next six months we will be inventorying this collection and putting it on the shelves in the top floor room set aside for it. You will hear much more about this exciting development in future *Newsletters*.

The Snipes Bequest is of a large scale, but in no way does that change the nature of my gratitude to a large list of other library donors over recent months. If our library has rapidly increased in size and usefulness it is primarily because of the generous donations we have received in recent years. I do hope these donations continue; many scholars recently have commented on the difference between our library now and our library ten years ago.

I thank the following individuals for donating books to us between February and July, 1997: Chris Murphy, Machiel Kiel, Thomas Matthews, John Perry, Ian Manners, Klaus Kreiser, Bruce McGowan, Alan Fisher (approx. 50 more books), Godfrey Goodwin, Ariel Salzman, Jane Hathaway, Hasan Kayalı and Mathew Stolper.

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Istanbul FARIT Activities

The Friends held their thirteenth annual dinner in early March at the Armada Hotel, feasting on a lavish Turkish meal accompanied by Rembetiko music. After dinner and a stylish display of tango dancing by Umit İris, Sevval Ugur and their dance group, the guests spilled exuberantly onto the dance floor to show off their own talents. A good time was had by all, and close to \$5,000 was raised for the FARIT fellowship program for non-U.S. citizens. Special thanks go to Delta Airlines and to KLM for their contributions of round trip tickets to the U.S.

The touring season began at the end of March with a weekend in the Alanya area, where the Friends once again had the good fortune to be led by resident expert Professor Scott Redford, Director of the McGhee Center for East Mediterranean Studies in Alanya. This time the itinerary was a little different than in years past: added to the castle itself was a boat trip around the castle rock, a full day in the Anamur region, and a visit to some garden pavilions of the Seljuk period that Professor Redford has identified and studied recently.

Then over the long Kurban Bayram in mid-April, the Friends sallied forth over the seas to Sicily, where from a base in a once grand Hotel in Palermo, they took day trips to Monreale, Segesta, Selinunte, and Agrigento, then traveled by bus across the north of the island to Cefalu, Taormina, and finally Siracusa. The weather was inexcusably poor for mid-April, but the sights were spectacular.

By mid-May, the weather had improved even in the highlands of Eastern Anatolia, where Heghnar and Keith Watenpugh led the Friends on a relaxed weekend tour to the magnificently beautiful regions around Lake Van, culminating in a full, fine spring day on the Island of Akhtamar, with fresh grilled lake fish and all the time you could want to contemplate the magnificent external decoration of the cathedral. With three FARIT tours under their belt, to Ani, Syria, and Van, each one more overbooked than the last, Heghnar and Keith are now veteran Friends' guides with a faithful following among our members.

In the late spring and early summer, two tours with new itineraries were planned, to Binbirkilise and to the Ottoman castles along the Dardanelles. Perhaps the timing was wrong—neither of them elicited sufficient interest to get off the ground. Not ones to give up easily where an interesting trip is involved, the Steering Committee decided to reschedule them both for the fall.

ARIT-ANKARA BRANCH NEWS

Close to 190 students, professors, and researchers signed in to use the Branch library in January 1997; this was approximately the monthly average during the academic year. Early that same month, the delegates at the ARIT Annual Meeting in Philadelphia took steps to en-

sure that the Branch can provide these library patrons with modern electronic access to information. Selecting and purchasing a powerful new library computer took a bit longer than expected, and installation of a new, dedicated telephone line even longer. But by the time you

read this *Newsletter*, our library patrons should be browsing the Internet as well as the book shelves, and downloading material onto the Zip drive.

The Annual Meeting always ends with a luncheon for delegates and guests, most of the latter being scholars who work in Turkey. One luncheon guest took the occasion to make a generous contribution to the Ankara Branch, with the stipulation that it be used to "improve living conditions in the hostel." The thoughtful bequest was immediately put to use, starting with plumbing repair and moving on to the purchase of sheets, towels, blankets, pillows, curtains, desk lamps, and folding beds.

The spring *Newsletter* gave readers statistical information about the guests who stay at our hostel—their home institutions, research projects, and fellowships. Such data, however, fail to give an impression of them as people. Some stay a semester or an entire academic year. Others stay only a day or two, although frequently on an annual basis as they pass through Ankara to and from their research areas. Whether from long stays or repeat visits, the staff get to know them well as individuals.

The statistical information comes from the Hostel Guest Forms, which all visitors are asked to complete. The final question on that form asks guests for their honest opinion about the Branch and its hostel. How gratifying that a frequent response to the questions is: "The staff have been very helpful." At the same time, we must admit that our hostel guests more than repay us for services rendered. Almost all of them make significant contributions to our library, beginning with the published results of their research. This is of vital importance, because donations far outnumber purchases on our annual acquisitions list. In addition, it is often the hostel guests who present our lectures and guide our tours.

One guest who stayed throughout the 1996/97 academic year was Fulbright Fellow Margaret (Maggie) Lynch, a graduate student in the Department of Geography, University of Texas at Austin. Maggie both gave a lecture and guided a tour, as you will note below under Ankara Friends' news. But she did far more than this. Maggie supervised the purchase and installation of the new library computer that was authorized at the Annual Meeting, programmed the book and journal cataloguing system, and generally watched over the Ankara Branch while I was off digging at Kinet Höyük this summer. We are very grateful for all her help, and stand ready to welcome her back at any time.

In May, the Turkish-American Association (TAA) and USIS-Ankara once again joined the Ankara Branch in co-sponsoring our 17th Annual Lecture Series on the Archeology of Turkey. This year's program was: "Conservation and Archeology" by Hande Kökten, assistant director, Başkent Conservation School at Ankara University; "Renewed Excavations at Çatal Höyük, by Roger Matthews, director of Çatal and director of the British Institute of Archeology at Ankara, and "Galatian Tumuli in the Vicinity of Ankara" by Remzi Yağcı, formerly at the

Ankara Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, now teaching at Mersin University.

At the end of May, the hostel becomes home to ten or eleven U.S. project directors, among the several hundred archaeologists in town for the annual week-long symposium organized by the Turkish Department of Antiquities and Museums. Many cocktail parties and receptions are held during symposium week, but thanks to the U.S. Embassy and USIS, we can truthfully assert that ours is the best. Frank Ricciardone, DCM of the U.S. Embassy, and his wife Dr. Marie Ricciardone, who serves on the Friends' Steering Committee, hosted a splendid reception this year in the lovely garden of their residence.

The project directors staying at the hostel this May were delighted with the many improvements, particularly the upgraded computer with e-mail service. They showed their appreciation by donating the money for a new printer. Current hostel guests are grateful in their turn, and report that the printer works beautifully. Not all recent changes aroused such unalloyed pleasure. Both Hamiyet Köse and Hatice Tan left ARIT this summer, although for the happiest of reasons—Hatice and her family moved into their new home in a far district of Ankara, and Hamiyet became Mrs. Tamer Kocak and moved to Holland. So be prepared to be greeted by some new faces on your next visit and some new names in the next NAFA *Newsletter*.

With our larger library, there is now plenty of room for the following items on our Most Wanted List.

- Philip, Graham, *Metal Weapons of the Early and Middle Bronze Ages in Syria-Palestine* (Oxford, 1989), BAR S526, out of print
- Tatton-Browne, Veronica, *Cyprus and the East Mediterranean in the Iron Age* (London, 1989)
- *Hama* (Copenhagen) vols. III.3 (1968), IV.2 (1957) and IV.3 (1969)
- *Antioch on the Orontes* (Princeton), all vols. except IV.2
- *Syria*, all vols. except 50–51 (1973–74), 54 (1977), 56 (1979) and 58–60 (1981–83)

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Ankara FARIT Activities

Our spring activity season got off to an excellent start in February, with the annual Presidents' Day trip to the Aegean. Our guide, as always, was Steering Committee

President Charles Gates of Bilkent University, who this year took the Friends to Ephesus, Priene, Didyma and Alinda.

The splendid new slide projector and screen donated by USIS-Ankara at last made it possible to hold slide lectures at the Branch itself. In February and March, we offered the first term of a seminar on The History and Archaeology of Turkey. Class 1: "From Greek Colonization to Alexander the Great, 1000-300 BC," and Class 2: "The Hellenistic and Roman Imperial Periods" were taught by Jennifer Tobin, Bilkent University, Class 3: "The Byzantines," by Dr. Charles Gates, and Class 4: "The Seljuk and Early Ottoman Periods," by Dr. Scott Redford, Georgetown University/McGee Center, Alanya.

Several Friends requested that the Committee organize this seminar, assuring us that they, and other Friends, wanted "real" classes. How right they were! I had envisioned 10 or 15 Friends seated at the library tables, taking notes. Instead, some 65 people attended each class, filling every chair that could be collected from the library, offices and hostel. "The Friends have a thirst for knowledge," was the explanation given. The classes were held at 6 PM on Sundays, and afterwards I took the instructor to dinner along with a dozen or so Friends, who continued to slake their thirst for knowledge along with their appetites. That same desire for knowledge was evident in late March, when more than 70 Friends formed a standing-room-only audience for the lecture by Maggie Lynch, "The Growth of Modern Ankara."

In April, our Honorary President Mildred Patterson hosted a fund-raising tennis tournament that netted ARIT more than half the amount needed to purchase a new laser printer for the office. In May, Maggie Lynch took 36

Friends on a walking tour of Early Republican Ankara, a stroll that ended with an elegant lunch at the Ankara Palas. Later that month, Dr. Suna Güven, head of the Department of the History of Architecture at METU, took 42 Friends on a trip to Kars, Ani and Erzurum, a tour so successful that two of the participants became life members.

In late May, we again had our Symposium on American Excavations, with 13 project directors giving reports of the previous season. Almost every seat in the TAA theater was filled, and many Friends stated that it was the best ever. Immediately afterwards, both Friends and archaeologists moved on to the residence of Richard McKee for a garden reception splendidly organized by Patricia Ulku, vice-president of the Steering Committee. Two days later, 60 Friends gathered for the Annual Members' Dinner at the Residence of Ambassador Marc Grossman and his wife Mildred Patterson. This was a bitter-sweet occasion, with Mildred welcoming the Friends to what she termed the Last Supper, because she and Ambassador Grossman were returning to Washington DC the following day. Before this delicious final meal, Elizabeth Simpson, Bard Graduate Center for the Decorative Arts, and the University of Pennsylvania Museum, gave a superb presentation on her decade-long project to restore the wooden furniture from Phrygian Gordion.

The spring season ended in mid-June when Jennifer Tobin led 38 Friends on a trip to Sanliurfa, Harran, and Nemrud Dağı. This was Jennifer's farewell present to ARIT and its Friends before her own return to the US. We thank her, and all our lecturers and guides, organizers, hosts, and committee members for giving the Ankara Friends a most informative and enjoyable series of events.

1997-1998 ARIT FELLOWSHIPS

ARIT—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:

Christopher Edens, *Robert Dyson Fellow, Archaeology, University of Pennsylvania Museum, "Community, Culture Contact, and the Uruk Expansion: Chipped Stone Analysis at Hacinebi."*

Dina Khoury, *Assistant Professor, History, George Washington University, "Urban Political Violence and Reform in the Ottoman Empire, 1770s-1830s."*

Louise Marlow, *Associate Professor, Religion, Wellesley College, "Medieval Islamic Advice Literature."*

Dane Kusic, *Lecturer, Music, University of Maryland, "Religious Musical Trends in Contemporary Turkey: Deconstructing Orientalism."*

ARIT-NMERTA POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:

Margot Badran, *Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, "Gender and Constructions and Practices of Citizenship in Turkey."*

Robert Garfias, *Professor, Anthropology, University of California, Irvine, "The Golden Age of Ottoman Court Music."*

Müge Göçek, *Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Michigan, "Introduction of Western-Style Education to the Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Analysis of State, Missionary, and Minority Schools, 1860-1900."*

Jane Hathaway, *Assistant Professor, History, Ohio State University, "Collective Memory and Selective Nostalgia: The Self-Definition of Factions in Ottoman Egypt."*

Mark Lawall, *Assistant Professor, Classics, University of Manitoba, "Greek Transport Amphoras in Turkey: Local and Long-Distance Trade 550-300 BC."*

Robert Ousterhout, *Professor, Architecture, University of Illinois, "The Byzantine Settlement at Canlı Kilise and Ancient and Byzantine Monuments on Imbros/Gökçeada."*

Scott Redford, *Associate Professor, History of Art, Georgetown University, "Survey and Mapping: Seljuk Settlement of the Alanya Region."*

Guy Rogers, *Associate Professor, History, Wellesley College, "The Mysteries of Artemis at Ephesos."*

David Smart, *Fellow, Semitic Museum, Harvard University*, "Black Sea Trade Project, Sinop Province, Excavated Materials Study."

ARIT-NMERTA PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:

Phillip Allen, *Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University*, "The Ottoman Political and Socio-Economic Context of the 1898 Orthodox Christian Revolution in Damascus."

Lisa Brody, *Institute of Fine Arts, New York University*, "The Iconography and Cult of Aphrodite of Aphrodisias."

Andrew Goldman, *Classical Archaeology, University of North Carolina*, "Investigating Rural Settlement in the Roman Province of Galatia (Turkey)."

Paul Kaldjian, *Geography, University of Arizona*, "Istanbul and Sustainability: The Role of Urban Food Systems."

Giv Nassiri, *Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley*, "A Descriptive Catalogue of Persian Manuscript Works on Sufism Collected at the Libraries in Istanbul."

Michele Penner, *Politics, Princeton University*, "Transitions from Single- to Multi-Party Politics."

Jennifer Trimble, *Classical Art and Archaeology, University of Michigan*, "The Large and Small Herculaneum Women Statue Types in Turkey."

ARIT-CAORC-USIA (PRE-DOCTORAL) FELLOWS:

John Cook, *Performance Studies, Northwestern University*, "The Transformed Body: Pavel Tchelitchew's Representation of the Modernist Body."

Christine Kimbrough, *Anthropology, New York University*, "Textile Production in Third Millennium BCE Northern Mesopotamia: Ethnoarchaeological and Archaeological Approaches."

Aimee Froom, *Institute of Fine Arts, New York University*, "A Muraqqa' for the Ottoman Sultan Murad III."

**ARIT-SAMUEL H. KRESS FOUNDATION
PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:**

Shirine Hamadeh, *Fine Arts, Harvard University*, "Pleasure and the Public: Architectural Sensibility in Eighteenth Century Istanbul."

Laura Hebert, *Institute of Fine Arts, New York University*, "From Pagan Temple to Christian Church: the Cathedral of Aphrodisias."

Oya Pancaroglu, *Fine Arts, Harvard University*, "The Content and Context of Figural Imagery in the Arts of the Seljuq Period in the Arts of the Seljuq Period (1100-1300): The Case of Anatolia."

ARIT INSTITUTIONAL FELLOWS:

Reinhard Bernbeck, *Assistant Professor, Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College*, "The Sequence of Halaf Occupation (6th Millennium BC) at Kazane, Sanliurfa Province."

Elisabeth Kendall, *Fellow, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University*, "An Overview of the Emergence and Development of Literary Journalism in Turkey."

Huseyin Yilmaz, *Fellow, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University*, "Political Theory and Language in the Age of Classicization: A Study of the Role of the Ottoman Elite in Constructing and Reflecting the Authoritarian Political-Linguistic Paradigm."

**ARIT-MELLON FOUNDATION EAST EUROPEAN
POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:**

Henryk Jankowski, *Professor, Oriental and Baltic Studies, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland*, "Fieldwork on Collecting Material for a Crimean Tatar-English Dictionary."

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REPORT ON ARIT FELLOWSHIP

ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES OF TRADE IN TURKEY:
550–100 BC

Mark Lawall, *NMERTA post-doctoral fellow*

Many of the goods traded in antiquity had little chance of surviving into the archaeological record. Ancient authors' disinterest in trade compounds the difficulties of studying this important side of ancient daily life. One source, however, that survives is the class of coarse, clay containers (amphoras) used as shipping containers for wine, oil and other goods. Amphora fragments litter many Mediterranean sites. Identification of the places of origin and dates of amphora fragments along with counts of fragments from different producers allow study of trade patterns (who was trading with whom, when, and with what intensity or frequency relative to other exporters). Two ARIT/USIA grants, in 1996 and 1997, allowed me to study this archaeological record of ancient trade in Turkey.

In 1996, the goal was to document the patterns of trade at the Phrygian center of Gordion. Excavations had discovered hundreds of fragments of Greek amphoras. Discovery of Greek jars so far inland, dating to the time when Gordion was controlled by the Achaemenid Empire and later, raised two questions: What role did Persia play in trade between Gordion and the Aegean? How was the pattern of imports at Gordion affected by that city's inland position?

For the first question, Persia played an important role in opening inland Turkey to Greek merchants. Amphora imports appear only sporadically at Gordion before Darius the Great reformed the infrastructure of the Empire c. 525 BC. From that point until c. 480, amphoras arrive mostly from Chios and Lesbos with fewer pieces being found from northern Greece and the southeast Aegean. Greek victories around 480 BC reduced Persian influence over Greek cities, but the imports to Gordion continued well into the Hellenistic period.

Greek goods arrived at Gordion despite the fact that the city lies far from the coast. Geography may be reflected in the patterns of imports. There are very few amphoras at Gordion from either the north or south coasts of Turkey. Instead, northwestern Turkey was a favorite starting point for shipments to Gordion from Lesbos, northern Greece, and perhaps Chios. The more direct route from Gordion to Sardis, and from there to the coast, may have been used by imports from the southeast

Aegean, but these imports seem most common after the time of Alexander. Amphoras also shed light on the frequency of shipments to Gordion from the coast. Both in the closely datable amphora stamps and in the datable unstamped fragments, concentrations of nearly contemporary jars suggest that amphora imports arrived in fits and starts rather than as a more constant flow. The distance from the coast likely caused such infrequency of imports.

Are these patterns of trade unique to Gordion? Can geography help predict patterns of trade in the Aegean world? This topic was addressed in the broader scope of the 1997 research. Study of amphoras found at Troy, Assos, Klazomenai, Ephesos, Bodrum, Kinet Höyük, Sardis, and Gordion distinguished three kinds of trade: 'local', 'Aegean', and 'long-distance.' Sites near amphora-producers consistently imported from their immediate neighbors. These sites often also receive imports from elsewhere in the Aegean, but these imports were less consistently found and likely were affected by other political or economic issues. 'Local' and 'Aegean' trade patterns differ from 'long-distance' patterns in that the latter seems characterized by a reduced variety of amphora types—major types are often missing, and by the apparent infrequency of imports as seen at Gordion.

Much remains remains to be analyzed after the past two years' research. Even so, greater control over the geographical constraints on patterns of trade in Turkey is now possible, allowing further study of political and economic factors.

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