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*The Hittite
Dictionary*

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here have been several interesting developments during the past year for the Hittite Dictionary Project. First, in July we were awarded another two-

year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which will continue its financial support through June 30, 1990. ▼ Secondly, we have had a staff turnover. Dr. Ahmet Ünal, who was a Research Associate on the project for the past three years, has left us to accept an appointment as Professor of Hittitology at the University of Munich in Germany. We are pleased that "alumni" of our project are assuming such prestigious positions. To replace Dr. Ünal we have hired Dr. Theo Van den Hout from the Netherlands. Dr. Van den Hout has recently completed his doctorate at the University of Amsterdam and has already published several articles on the prosopography of the final century of the Hittite empire. During his doctoral program he took instruction from Professors Houwink ten Cate in Amsterdam and Erich Neu in Bochum. Dr. Van den Hout brings to his tasks the approaches learned from these two eminent scholars. We expect his contribution to our work to be significant. Together with Dr. Richard Beal, who is continuing in the other Research Associateship, he will maintain the completeness of the lexical file, contribute to the bibliographical files, compose first drafts of dictionary articles, and advise the editors in the revision of first drafts and the preparation of final dictionary copy. ▼ Thirdly, we had an unusually productive summer of 1988, due in large measure to the coincidence that neither of the editors traveled abroad. This made it possible for them to consult each other on a daily basis and to convert a large number of first and second drafts into final copy. As of this writing (early October 1988) we find ourselves in the happy position of having prepared the entire final copy for the fourth fascicle of the dictionary. This copy will be sent off to our photocompositor in November, who within a space of two or three months should be able to prepare camera-ready copy. It is quite probable that the fourth fascicle will be in print by March of 1989. That will complete the third volume of the dictionary, containing words beginning with L, M and N. The next volume, the first drafts for most of which have already been written, will contain words beginning with P, S and T. Hittite has no words beginning with R. ▼ In our last annual report we expressed our interest

in using volunteers to perform certain tasks on the dictionary. Several people have inquired about this. We are grateful for this response. If you would like to help out in some way, please direct your inquiry to Professor Hoffner at (312) 702-9527. Thank you.

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