

ERICA REINER and David Pingree have completed the manuscript of the second fascicle of *Babylonian Planetary Omens*. This fascicle contains omens derived from fixed stars and constellations, and a commentary by Mr. Pingree brings to

bear on these Babylonian texts information gained from the history of astronomy, and from contemporary literature on unidentified flying objects, to identify the celestial phenomena described in the Babylonian omens. A Star Catalogue identifying the ancient star names when possible is also included in this fascicle. Ms. Reiner's contribution on Akkadian literature was published in *Neues Handbuch der Literaturwissenschaft*, Vol. 1. She participated in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society in Toronto in April, as an invited speaker on the subject of classification of Babylonian literature. Her current research continues in both Babylonian literature and the editing of Babylonian astrological texts.