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HARRY A. HOFFNER, JR. continued to be concerned primarily with editorial duties on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary, the first fascicle of which was published in June. During the past year, two reviews written by him have appeared, one of which is particularly significant. As the representative of the Chicago dictionary project, Hoffner devoted a lengthy review to Johannes Friedrich—Annelies Kammenhuber, Hethitisches Wörterbuch (Lieferung 1, Heidelberg, 1975). This review, which appeared in Bibliotheca Orientalis 25 (1978), serves not only to indicate certain errors of fact in the fascicle, but more importantly to show how the Chicago dictionary will differ from Friedrich-Kammenhuber in basic approach, methods, and format. The same issue of Bibliotheca Orientalis contains Hoffner's review of Heinrich Otten and Christel Rüster, Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi, Heft 23. Since the work of maintaining the CHD files requires not only the addition of new texts, but also the identification of joins and duplicates, Hoffner's detailed study of each new text volume for the CHD files prepares the way for him to write detailed reviews sharing this information with scholars. Hoffner and Howard Berman are currently preparing similar detailed reviews of A. Archi's Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi, Hefte 39 and 40 for publication in Bibliotheca Orientalis in the next year. Due to appear shortly in a second Festschrift dedicated to Professor Piero Meriggi is Hoffner's article on the Hittite word latti-, formerly thought to denote an internal body part. He has shown that this word is actually used to designate tribal groups among the Hittites' enemies, notably the non-sedentary Kaska people in the nothern reaches of the Anatolian peninsula.