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John A. Brinkman has continued his work on textual evidence for Mesopotamian metallurgy by studying early documentary attestations for iron in Babylonia between 1600 and 500 B.C.; a report on this research was delivered at the national meeting of the American Oriental Society in Los Angeles in March. At the Amarna Centennial Symposium in February, he presented a paper on "The Babylonian and Assyrian Amarna Correspondence" in the context of diplomatic relations between major powers in the Near East in the Late Bronze Age. He contributed an article on "The Akkadian Words for Ionia and Ionian" to the *Festschrift* in honor of his former Greek teacher, Raymond V. Schoder. He has almost completed a joint edition, with Stephanie Dalley (Oxford), of a Babylonian kudurrū (royal property grant) in the Ashmolean Museum. Research has continued on the volume of Middle Babylonian royal inscriptions for the University of Toronto editorial project; and a research trip to London and Oxford in June carried that effort forward. A second edition of the *Mesopotamian Directory*, an address list of scholars in the New World interested in pre-Islamic Iraq, was published in February.