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Thomas A. Holland continued his research for the first part of a final publication of the Tell Es-Sweyhat archaeological expedition to Syria during this academic year with the result that most of this report is now nearly ready for presentation and publication in a forthcoming Oriental Institute Publications volume. As reported last year, much work was needed to clarify the Hellenistic and Roman periods at Sweyhat. A final assessment of the Roman remains from Area I, Trenches IA1 and IA2, presented in the Archaeology section of this year's report (see separate report), has greatly increased our understanding of the Roman remains that overlaid the third millennium BC wall painting building in Operation 5, which was discussed in last year's *Annual Report*.

Apart from the continuing research for the final Tell Es-Sweyhat reports and the editing of other Oriental Institute publication manuscripts, Holland submitted an

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article entitled "Third Millennium Wall Paintings at Tell Es-Sweyhat, Syria" for inclusion in a festschrift volume that will honor the sixty-fifth birthday of Professor Dr. Winfried Orthmann on 16 August 2000.

On behalf of the Publications Department, the writer expresses his appreciation to all those people at the Oriental Institute and outside who have helped in various ways to facilitate the preparation of the scholarly volumes published each year. Also, on behalf of the Sweyhat Expedition to Syria, he would especially like to again thank Margaret and Jim Foorman for their support of this ongoing research project.
