

everything possible. But I think that's common in what they call pure scholarship. That is studying things simply to advance knowledge. People get an avid desire for credit. Since that time Gelb is probably still there unless he's retired which may be, I don't know I have not kept up with him. Purvis went to Germany after the war. I got a couple of letters from him. He was in the occupying forces and I was going over in 1947 to buy books and I wrote him I'd look forward to seeing him then. I had a very interesting letter from him. He said he'd be glad to give food, etc. to anybody there. I wrote and told him of friends of mine to which I wished he'd give something. I did not get an answer. I wrote him again and did not get an answer. Then I wrote him that I'd be in Germany at such a time and hope I can see you.. Got no answer, and I've heard nothing about him since.

He had had a near nervous breakdown once earlier. One day Dr. Speiser said, We had him during his lucid interval. So I did not know whether he'd had a complete nervous breakdown or what. I never have heard from him. That reminds me, while Purvis was there at the Oriental Inst. he studied into the Nuzi documents and that type of writing and wrote an article on the old Nuzi scribes and studied the various scribes and their peculiarities and he ~~said~~ sent copies to Albright who was tremendously interested. He did some good work in that. One day, Dr. Speiser said to me, Look here, here is a reprint Purvis sent me it says with gratitude for all your help in entering into the study of the Nuzi names. The next month he sent him a reprint and he said, With gratitude for your help and the next one he said, With best wishes. He said, Look how he's cooling off in his friendship! He felt that Purvis didn't give him sufficient credit. I think right there I made a rather sensible conclusion. When we handed in our dissertations originally to Speiser, I had in the last part of it worked