

proof that they are competent to do the work reasonably well. They have to give proof that they have sufficient funds that they would be able to carry the work to a reasonable extent and not just start here and there and then just leave it. The early excavators would go in and dig into a city looking for some nice statues that they might find for a museum, hunting for tablets and they just went through hunting for these things and everything else was just left and they went off. Often the least valuable thing was the most important from the view of the knowledge it gave and so it is very important that it be done on such a careful scale that it can, you can really find out as much as possible of what is there and so the Department of Antiquity is comparatively strict as to the giving out of permits. In the early days also it was necessary to get a permit but in those days it was from the Turkish government which would give them to the man who bribed them the most and there was no scientific oversight or anything like that. Today there is, and then after it is excavated the experts from the Department of Antiquity come and examine what is found. They select their half that they are going to keep there in Bagdad in the Museum and the excavator takes the other half back to his own country. In the early days, of course, the excavator would take everything. It is a good thing not to have it all, not to have, and it is a fine thing to have a good bit less that can be done with the technique that has been learned by that method, doubtless much more productive in a way than those already performed, except, of course, that the main outstanding facts have already been learned and for them we only get new increased evidence. (Student) Right at the moment there is great, there is no so much being one, there was a tremendous amount between the two wars, but all the different countries took part in it, but now after the war we find France largely impoverished, we find Germany utterly impoverished, we find England comparatively impoverished. No one of them is in a situation to do much in the way of excavation and in addition to that there is very strong anti-Western feeling in Mesopotamia right now on account of the situation in Palestine and consequently people are very hesitant about undertaking