

A New Lipit-Ishtar Cone

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In the John Frederick Lewis Collection of the Free Library of Philadelphia is a Lipit-Ishtar cone (FLP 2636),¹ written in Sumerian, and containing some concluding lines which have not hitherto appeared in any of the published examples of that ruler's inscriptions. The cone measures 9 cm in length and 3.4 cm in diameter at the wide end. It has two columns with 11 and 8 lines, respectively, and basically parallels Kärki's Lipit-Ishtar text No. 2² for the first 16 lines. The last three lines with the new material may be transliterated and translated as follows:

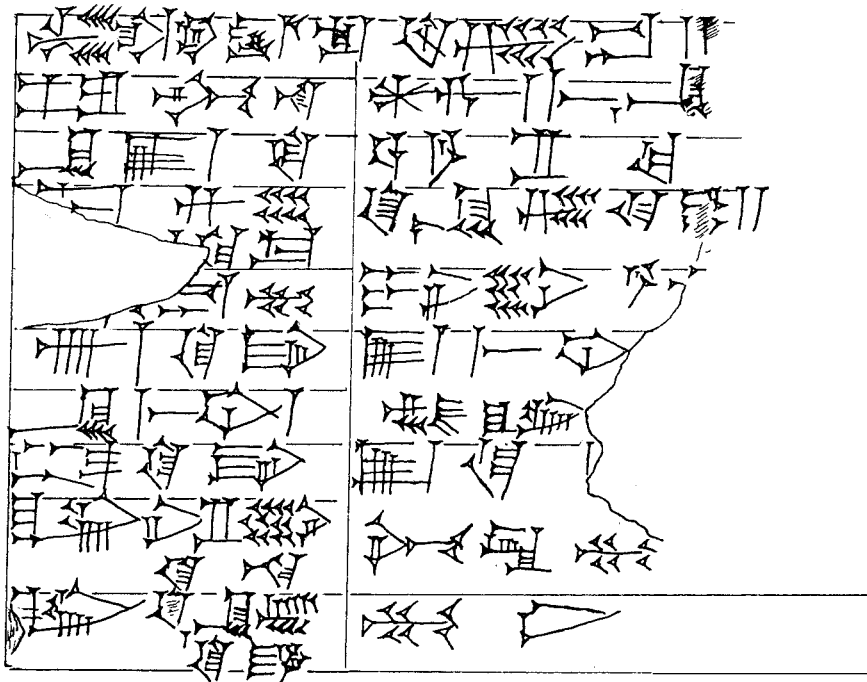
TRANSLITERATION

Col. ii

- 6) é me-te
nam-lugal-[la]
- 7) é ki-t[uš]³
gu-la-mu
- 8) mu-dù

TRANSLATION

- 6) a house, the adornment of kingship,
- 7) my great resi[den]ce house,
- 8) I built.



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²See Ilmari Kärki, *StOr* 49 pp. 16-17.

³TUŠ for KI.TUŠ/*šubtu* seems a logical restoration here. The initial vertical of the TUŠ is present before the break.