A STRAY TABLET FROM HAFT TÉPÉ

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This record of large cattle, which is in the possession of a New York City antiquities dealer, is of unbaked clay and measures 57 x 35 x 26 mm. The use of the ideogram EŠŠANA shows that it was written in an Elamite scribal milieu. Since the small portion of seal impression on the left edge of the tablet appears identical to the clearer sealing of Aṭhibu, governor of Kabnak, visible on the photograph of one of the several hundred tablets excavated at Haft Tépê¹, it is likely that this piece too was inscribed at that site. The present piece contributes a new year name — of king Tepti Aḫar(?) — probably referring to a cultic foundation².

obv. 1. 46 GU₄ šâ l-šē-pi-il-ti-ir-ra
     2. 30 GU₄ šâ Ta-aš-rî-ii
     3. ŠU.NIGĪN 76 GU₄ pi-ḫa-at
     4. At-ta-Na-pir

lower edge 5. šâ EŠŠANA ū-ḫa-as-sâ-sî-ša

rev. 6. a-na ṭup-pi GAL šâ EŠŠANA
     7. ū-ri-id-du-šu
     8. ITI A-da-ri
     9. 6 UD is-su-uh

¹ HT 38 — see E.O. NEGARHAN, «Die elamische Siedlung Haft Tepe», Antike Welt 8, 1977, 42-48, Abb. 15. The text was published by P. HERRERO, DAFI 6, 1976, No 6 and Fig. 19b.
² J.J. GLASSNER compares the date of HT 90 (= P. Herrero, J.J. Glassner, no 83): [...] UD iz?-su?-ḫu MU x [...] / [...]iš-ku-um [...(?)].
upper edge

10. MU EŠšANA
11. GIS.KAK I-na-bu-ub-la
   is-ku-nu
12. Šd Ṣe-še₄-el-bu-ub-la-šu

46 oxen of Išepiltirra, 30 oxen of Tašritû³ — total: 76 oxen, administrative

³ This personal name is also found in line 2 of the text cited in note 1, as well as in HT 5: 5: 4ı: 4; 135 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 118): 1’; 333 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 54): 2, according to J.J. Glassner.
responsible of Atta-Napir which the king investigates and adds to the royal cumulative record (lit. «big tablet»).

Month of Addaru; the sixth day passed; the year of the king placed the cone(?) of Ina-bubla.

Of (i.e., written by?) Etel-bublušu.

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4 Cf. CAD H 125.
5 See CAD N/II 10s, and cf. Herrero’s discussion of the use of this formula in texts from Haft Tepe, DAFI 6, 1976, 113.