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**49)** Notes on two early Neo-Babylonian legal texts (BM 26528 and BM 114720) – BM 26528, a legal text from the reign of Nabû-šuma-iškun, c. 760-748, published by Zadok, *NABU* 1997/11. The tablet in places is heavily worn, and not all readings offered in the primary publication can be verified. But collation permits the following adjustments. Line 14: the first sign is damaged, but  $\lceil i-dab \rceil$ -bu-bu seems the more likely reading. Line 20: read [ $\rceil$   $\lceil 1(+)$  GÍN KÙ.BABBAR *šá ki-i pi* DIRI SUM-*nu* $\rceil$ . Line 31: the scribe's name is  $\lceil m \rceil d_{+}AG_{-} \lceil MU_{-}SUM \rceil$ . As the beginning: MU.10.K[AM], thus providing a year date for the text (see copy below).

BM 114720, a legal text dated in year 12 of Šamaš-šuma-ukīn, 656 B.C., published by Zadok, *NABU* 2000/2. Collation suggests these improvements. Line 3, at the end: 41 2/3 KÙŠ. Line 12: *i-na* EGIR.MEŠ  $\lceil u_4 \rceil$ -*mu* (copy correct). Line 13:  $[I]^{\Gamma}M.RI^{1}.A$  *ni-su-t*[ $\acute{u}$ ]  $\lceil sa-lat$ šá É <sup>m</sup>e<sup>1</sup>-[*gi-bi*]. Line 14: [šá]  $\lceil E_{11} \rceil$ -*ma*  $\lceil i-qab$ -*bu-ú* $\rceil$  *um-ma*  $\lceil A.ŠÅ^{1}$ . Line 15, after *ul*  $\lceil ma-hir \rceil$ : the traces favor another  $\lceil i-qab \rceil$ -[*bu-ú*] (rather than *pa-qí*-[ $\rceil$ ]). Line 20, first name: <sup>m</sup>NÍG.BA-*ia* (the signs BA and MA seem generally to be distinguished in this text, though this is not always clear in the copy).



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