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Dear Jim,

You will remember that I have been trying to find some pieces of wood from Aksum which were handed to Dr Hodges by Michael Harlow. Going through some correspondence the other day I found the complete list of things that were left there, the other objects being samples for identification. I am sending this list to you in case these other objects may serve as a clue as to the whereabouts of the wood.

Yours

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Things Michael Harlow took to Inst. of Archaeology

8 May 1974 and handed to Dr. Hodges.

1. IW II (4) hair or not?
- ✓ 2. IW III (4a) plaster? sample of (4a)
3. GA I (3) opaque white glass? composition?
4. TH C XVII (4) frit?
- ✓ 5. Shaft tomb C 'carbon'? from surface - for analysis
- ✓ 6. Mausoleum 'plaster': for analysis - lime or gypsum based?
7. ST XXV (5) 'leaching from Dorese's time'? - composition?
- ✓ 8. DA (13) from pot 14 - 2 metal frs. - silver? coin fr.?
- ✓ 9. IW II (1) slag, vitrified stone? temperature needed to melt? (a fr. of yellowish glass about 3 mm thick was with sample. H. wanted to know whether it was closely associated or not.
10. Pieces of wood from DA (13): consolidate and identify the wood, and leave sufficient sample for C14 dating. He thought this would take 'about a year'. 1 piece long. (c. 1 ft?) thin.

(Extract from letter of 8/5/74, "1974 Aksum Team" file.