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Dear Dr. Chittick:

I have finally completed the manuscript of the Axum vial contents along the lines we discussed in our letters to one another. I am enclosing a copy of the MS for your perusal. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to make changes in the copy. I would appreciate any suggestions you have. As you can see, I wrote it from a methodological (chemical) point of view in order to present to archeologists some of the things which can be accomplished via amino acid analysis. Hopefully this approach will provide a different perspective, and extension of a portion of the large amount of archeology you presented.

A while ago you mentioned a powdery substance from another vial. If you wish, I will be happy to analyze it -- hopefully something interesting will turn up.

Thank you for your interest in the projects.

Sincerely,

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