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Dear M. Joussaume,

M. Chavaillon has very kindly sent me a copy of Fasc. 6 of Documents pour servir à l'histoire des civilisations éthiopiennes (I have the earlier ones also). I have read with much interest your piece on the funerary monuments in the Harar region. Unfortunately however, p. 24 is lacking (a blank page) and pp. 25 and 26 are in the wrong order. I suspect that p. 24 may have some remarks material to the question of the date of the cists, since I note that you say at the end of the article that they have been shown to be not contemporary with the tumuli. I am writing therefore to ask you if you could possibly send me a complete offprint of the article, or a photocopy of p. 24.

We are carrying out a study here of the glass beads from Aksum, and it would be very nice if you could let us know anything about the glass beads you found in your excavations. We would of course gladly send you a summary of those found at Aksum when this is ready.

I wonder if you have been able to return to the Harar region? I fear that you may also have had difficulties.

Yours sincerely,



Neville Chittick
Director