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Dear Dr Endt,

At the request of Dr Karl Butzer, you very kindly analysed a sample from a phial found during the course of the excavations of the British Institute in Eastern Africa two years ago in Axum, Ethiopia. The results of this were most interesting.

We have a further sample of a white powdery substance from the inside of another glass vessel of different form and wondered if it would be possible for you to analyse this for us.

Would a copy of the preliminary report on the Axum excavations be of interest to you ?

Yours sincerely,

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