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Dear Dr. Chittick,

In reply to your letter of 27th December, I am now writing to say that we have examined the sample of ceramic material from Aksum. Qualitative spectrographic analysis has shown that the reddish material contained considerably more iron than the white layers between which each was sandwiched. It is evidently quite a different substance from the white material and the colour is not the result of imperfect firing.

Yours sincerely,

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