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Dear Dr.Werner,

I see that I have not acknowledged your very kind report of 21st June last, on samples of the ceramic material I sent from Aksum. I am most grateful for the trouble you have taken about this.

Mr. T.G.H.James has also seen a sample of the faience. Both he and I are puzzled by the reddish material in the centre of the thicker specimens, sandwiched between the white layers, as it were. Do you think it is possible that this reddish colour is the result of imperfect firing? On optical inspection it looks to be a different substance from the white material.

Yours sincerely,

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Director