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Dear Mr. Hayes,

Thank you for your letter of 21st
November.

I am very gratified by your interest and by the sacrifice it would involve. But reluctantly I have to say that I am afraid it really would not be economic for us to pay your fare if you were to stay for only one month. Our budget is very tight and it would in any case be necessary to use a charter to London, from where we are hoping to make special arrangements.

You asked about Ethiopian antiquities laws: as regards antiquities from excavations, they would not in general allow anyone to take anything out, but there is a fair prospect, especially in view of the large amount of material, that we may be able to have something - at least a sherd collection - eventually.

I am very anxious about future developments because of the horrifying news from Ethiopia of this weekend, but it is too early still to know whether political events will have any effect on our excavation plans.

I hope you received the pictures of glass I sent you the other day - rather a lot I am afraid - the really important ones are the two purple vessels, and I very much look forward to having your views on these.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

H.N. Chittick
DIRECTOR

P.S. May be for 1976 something can be arranged. Do you think there is any chance of the ROM supporting the dig financially? We are so terribly short of money.