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Dear Dr. Hayes,

Having had a look at one of the small beads from the Godit Tomb, I realise that I was wrong in what I said in a letter which I wrote before I left England. There is indeed a handle on the side not just simply a blob of glass although the perforation is very small. There is however only one such handle.

I propose (assuming you are agreeable) to send a few more drawings of glass vessels and fragments for your views shortly.

I remain pretty uncertain about the chronology at Aksum and it is of the greatest importance to date whatever we can. Apropos I have been told that it is thought that the production of the millefiori glass ceased about the second century, the technique to be re-discovered in the ninth. Don't you think this is correct?

We have a number of millefiori but I will be surprised this can be of a date before the 3rd or 4th century at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

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