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Dear Jale:

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Perhaps I am getting to old, or perhaps doing business grows more difficult everywhere, but I must tell you frankly that attempts to make purchases for your archeological work are a great deal more complicated than you seem to realize, and I cannot be expected to do them on the basis of the inadequate and imprecise information you give me.

First of all, I was obliged to spend an hour of argument with the Turkish Consulate here to get them to stamp the papers you sent. They declared they had never heard of such a thing before, and at first demanded that I get the papers officially notarized, and then that I get a lawyer. I finally prevailed, without paying the £8 fee they wanted to charge.

Second, after telephoning endlessly all over England, I found the Cib Geigy organization that exports plastic resins, only to discover that Araldite Type E is no longer sold, having been pronounced too toxic. I had to guess at what you wanted and how much--you said 50kg., but the stuff must have a hardener, so I ordered 50 kg. of the resin and 30 kg. (the appropriate amount) of the hardener--of what the company supposed was the right stuff. I enclose the brochure on the materials, My 778 and Hy 941. I have asked for the receipted invoice (Quittungszettel?) to be sent to me in Washington, because there is not time enough to get it to me here. When I receive it, I will send it, and the letter to the Ministry of Culture, to you to deliver, in the thought that otherwise they may be lost in the bureaucratic files. Note that I have asked Cib Geigy to enclose a receipted invoice with the shipment itself.

Third, although I wrote you on 7 March that I did not know what Araldite and Aluminiumwaben were, you did not explain or tell me what the latter---I assume it is aluminium mesh--is intended for and, since you will see by the enclosed samples and catelogue, there are dozens of different kinds, I did not place an order, not having a clue as to what you want. Further, it is not Cib-Geigy that sells it, and it took another long round of telephone calls to locate the specialized manufacturers. I suggest that with the samples and catelogue in hand, you place the order directly with The Expanded Metal Company (Export) England, 1 Butler Place, London SW1H * OPS, instructing them to send the bill to me in Washington. I will send them a check for it on receipt of the bill, and ask them to send the paid receipt back to me, which I will then forward, once again, to you with another

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copy of the letter to the Ministry of Culture. This is the hard and time-consuming way to do it, but I have no option inasmuch as I am leaving here in a couple of days.

Fourth, I do not have here the papers and pamphlet I once obtained about the Pixie drill. I may have them in Washington, or I may have sent all the information back to you. In any case, I cannot simply order one herex now. I will try to do so when I return in August, if in the meantime, you send me precise information on (a) the name of the supplier, which I have forgotten, (b) the exact model you want, with the kind of drill and dimensions required. A \$5,000 Or \$10,000 instrument like this is not the sort of thing you can buy over the telephone at the corner shop.

Please write me as soon as possible to Washington about what you are doing about the aluminium mesh. If I have ordered the wrong kind of Aradite, you better cable the Plastics Division of Ciba-Geigy in Cambridge to cancel the order, and hope it gets there before the stuff is shipped.

All best wishes,

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