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Dear Bob:

The ten copies of the Annual arrived yesterday. I am delighted with the general appearance of the volume and I am ever so grateful to you for the great amount of work you put in on the editing of it. I think the best thing to do with regard to the twenty-five volumes of the Annual which you mention in your letter of December 21 would be to have them delivered to me on the Excambion. You might also include all these volumes, perhaps already wrapped, which are on the School's mailing list in Palestine and Transjordan, including thus the one for Lancaster Harding. I do not know Horsfield's address. I could use about five more copies of the Annual. Will you please let me know immediately if you are sending copies of the Annual to people like Bernard Flexner, Mrs. Felix Warburg, Edward Warburg, George Warrington, Semple and President Walters of the University of Cincinnati. I think probably most of these names would be included on the mailing list because of their gifts to the School. If President Walters is not included I shall give him one of the copies which I have. I would also suggest sending a copy to Mr. Siple, Director of the Fine Arts Museum of the city of Cincinnati. I shall appreciate it if these copies are sent out immediately.

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I should say that \$20.00 would cover the cost of packing and shipping the four boxes of ossuaries and pottery from Jerusalem to Boston. One of the ossuaries I paid for personally in Jerusalem, and the other cost the School a pound. The pottery collection cost another pound.

In my letter to Dr. Burrows, I have written saying that two of the chapters of my volume of lectures are about finished, namely, the ones dealing with Ezion-Geber and with the Nabateans. I can send you these two chapters, although I should like to work on them somewhat more. The other two chapters I shall write either on the boat or send you within a month after I shall have returned to Jerusalem. There have been very numerous requests during the course of the lecture tour for just such a volume. These requests always expressed the desire, furthermore, that such a volume contain as many pictures as possible. There are already enough cuts present from my articles in the Bulletin and from various Annuals dealing with my Explorations to furnish, I believe, more than enough photographs without any added expense.

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With regard to the Smithsonian Museum:

1. The actual excavations, with the exception of Director's salary, equipment and so forth, will amount to at least \$1500.00.

2. The approximate cost of shipping a section of the smelter as well as the building of a suitable diorama for exhibition purposes might well cost another \$1500.00.

3. No detailed list of articles recovered from the excavations which now belong to our School can be given until a final division has taken place. This division will not take place until the excavations have been completed. However, to judge from my past experience, the School will receive a very fair half share of the total finds, including pottery of all kinds, inscriptions, metal objects, weights, slag and jewelry. I furthermore think that whatever institution furnishes \$1500 or more for the actual carrying out of the excavations could be promised at least one-half or our half of the finds, and if necessary, the entire half.

I need not assure you again how happy I am that you are to be appointed Director of the Jerusalem School in my place. I am frank to confess that I watched you and Rene very carefully during the days of my contact with both of you from the point of view of you two being in Jerusalem at the head of the School. You must know full well what my reactions to both of you are. I consider the School exceedingly fortunate in having you and Rene available. To both of you I offer now my heartiest congratulations. We of the School are more than delighted to be able to entrust the work there to competent hands. You are to be congratulated upon having an opportunity to work in a job for which you have shown yourself so eminently fit and to have at your side as charming and capable a helpmate as Rene. My natural regret at the thought of leaving Jerusalem at the end of this academic year is greatly tempered by the realization that I shall be able to turn the School over to both of you for whom I have learned to entertain an affectionate regard. As ever

Sincerely yours,

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