

TO THE DIRECTOR: Duplicate of an original document held by
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() I wish to report the purchase of the object(s) described below bought out of the
Curator's Fund granted by the Acquisitions Committee on _____

Classification	Description of object(s)	Price	Loan Class
Antiquities, Ancient Near Eastern	Age tomb groups from Bab edh-Dhra consisting of 13 ceramic vessels and 2 stone vases of Early Bronze Age date, 3rd mill. B.C.	247.00 50.00	III
<p><i>Should be included</i></p> <p><i>"Courtesy of the Dept. of Antiquities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan"</i></p>			

Estimated cost of installation for this purchase None \$ 0
Other expenses none

Vendor: Nancy L. Lapp, Chr.
Address: Ad hoc 1965-67 Bab edh-Dhra Committee
1 Cold Spring Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

To be charged against income from the
..... Rogers Fund, 1978
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Reported to the
Acquisitions Committee *June 12, 1978*
acc # 1978.134.1-15

Submitted by
Vaughan E Crawford
Curator of Ancient Near East Department

FROM: Ad hoc 1965-67 Bab edh-Dhra Committee

Nancy L. Lapp - Chair

E.F. Campbell

J.A. Sauer

R.T. Schaub

TO: ASOR Corporate Representatives

DATE: January 16, 1978

Dear ASOR Corporate Representative:

An opportunity has arisen which may be of great interest to many ASOR member institutions. Please give this letter consideration right away because we must act within the next two months.

The Jordanian Department of Antiquities has recently agreed to release Early Bronze Age tomb groups from Bab edh-Dhra excavated in 1965 and 1967, for purposes of permanent display in the United States to increase interest in Jordanian archaeology and in cooperative archaeological efforts between the two countries. We are therefore able to offer groups of pottery constituting the contents of 21 shaft tomb chambers and 2 charnel houses at a cost basis to ASOR corporation institutions. They will become that institution's permanent possession.

All groups from chambers and charnel houses will be kept intact, and no further divisions are to be made. The charge is on a per displayable pot basis, at \$19.00 per pot; that includes the costs of preserving, packing, and shipping with an overhead factor for administrative costs and publication. Some of the groups have a stone vase included of which the cost is \$25.00.

We should note that none of the groups is in perfect condition; some "displayable pots" are whole form fragments or pots that are more than 50% preserved. If an institution is not satisfied with the purchase on receiving it, a 90% refund will be made within a three-month period.

All orders received by February 28, 1978 will be considered. Orders placed after that time will require additional shipping charges and thus a higher cost. The Committee will seek a wide geographical distribution and extensive exposure to the public and educational communities. The final decision on all matters will be made by the Bab edh-Dhra committee.

Please direct all requests and correspondence to Mrs. Nancy L. Lapp at the address below as soon as possible. Indicate from the attached list a first, second, and third choice. Payment will be due when you are informed that your request will be filled.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Lapp, Chr.
1 Cold Spring Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

attach

EAP BRONZE AGE TOMB GROUPS - BAB I -DHRA

<u>GROUPS</u>	Duplicate of an original document held by The Metropolitan Museum of Art Archives	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>A 67 E</u>	10 pots	\$ 190.00
<u>A 67 N</u>	10 pots, one stone vase - \$190.00 + \$25.00	215.00
<u>A 65 N</u>	12 pots	228.00
<u>A 65 W</u>	13 pots, one stone vase - \$247.00 + \$25.00	272.00
<u>A 7 S</u>	13 pots	247.00
<u>A 5 S</u>	13 pots, two stone vases \$247.00 + \$50.00	297.00
<u>A 12</u>	14 pots	266.00
<u>A 70, A 73, C 3 & C 7</u>	14 pots, one stone vase - \$266.00 + \$25.00	291.00
<u>A 82 W</u>	15 pots	285.00
<u>A 68 S</u>	19 pots & one stone vase - \$361.00 + \$25.00	386.00
<u>A 82 SE</u>	19 pots, one stone vase - \$361.00 + \$25.00	386.00
<u>A 45</u>	21 pots	399.00
<u>A 66</u>	23 pots, one stone vase - \$437.00 + \$25.00	462.00
<u>A 11</u>	23 pots	437.00
<u>A 68 N</u>	23 pots, one stone vase - \$437.00 + \$25.00	462.00
<u>A 72 NE</u>	24 pots, one stone vase - \$456.00 + \$25.00	481.00
<u>A 75</u>	28 pots, one stone vase - \$532.00 + \$25.00	557.00
<u>A 10</u>	29 pots	551.00
<u>A 72 S</u>	45 pots	855.00
<u>A 71 S</u>	46 pots	874.00
<u>A 72 NW</u>	58 pots, one stone vase \$1,102.00 + \$25.00	1,127.00

CHARNEL HOUSES (CHARGES BASED ON DISPLAYABLE POTS ONLY)

<u>A 8</u>	60 displayable - 126 pots total - \$19.x 60	\$1,140.00
<u>A 44</u>	64 displayable - 144 pots total - \$19.x 64	1,216.00

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1 Cold Spring Drive
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March 5, 1978

Dear *ma. Harper*:

We are pleased to inform you that we are able to allot Bab edh-Dhra' tomb group *455* to your institution. If this is agreeable to you, would you please sign and return one copy of the enclosed form together with your check made out to the 1965-67 Bab edh-Dhra Fund.

The materials should be shipped air freight to you from Amman, Jordan, probably in April or May. You will be notified of their arrival at the nearest airport, and you should pick them up from there.

Please note in the agreement that the groups are to remain intact. They are to be on display (at least for a reasonable length of time) with credit given to the Jordanian Department of Antiquities. They are not to be published until the final reports of the 1965-67 Bab edh-Dhra campaigns appear. We are asking for two signatures of agreement from each institution. The locality of the tomb groups will be listed in the final publication.

In every case ownership is given to one institution, but this does not prohibit loan of materials or cooperative arrangements for display. Where they are available, we hope to provide you with photographs of the pots as found in situ and the tombs from which they came. In the meantime, may we call your attention to the article about Bab edh-Dhra in Archaeology, 19 (1966), pp. 104-111. All the shaft tomb groups being distributed are from EB I A tombs.

We would appreciate receiving copies of any publicity concerning the display of your materials.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We ask that you return the forms with all possible haste so that our people in Amman can proceed with obtaining the necessary shipping papers and get the materials on their way in the limited time they have. If for any reason you are delayed more than a day or two, please inform us of the situation.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy L. Lapp, chr.
Ad hoc 1965-67 Bab edh-Dhra Committee
(tel. 412 364-9477)

NLL/tat

Enclosure

In order to obtain Bab edh-Dhra Tomb group A 5 S, at a cost of \$297.00,

The Metropolitan Museum of Art agrees to the following conditions.
(institution)

1. The group obtained will be kept intact and no further divisions will be made.
2. Ownership may not be transferred without permission of the American Schools of Oriental Research.
3. The materials are to be displayed publicly with indication that they are from Bab edh-Dhra' and are made available through the courtesy of the Department of Antiquities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.*
4. The materials will be available for study at your institution to those responsible for the 1965-67 final Bab edh-Dhra' publication (W. E. Rast, R. T. Schaub, N. L. Lapp, or those designated by them).
5. The materials will not be published in any form (except strictly for publicity purpose) until their appearance in the final Bab edh-Dhra' publications.

PLS
[Signature]

Vaughn E. Crawford
Project/Coordinator

Janice K. Rabel
Institutional Official

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* except that

It is impossible for The Metropolitan Museum of Art to display all of the vessels of tomb group A5S until the Ancient Near East galleries are reinstalled. Until that time only part of the tomb group will be displayed at any one time.