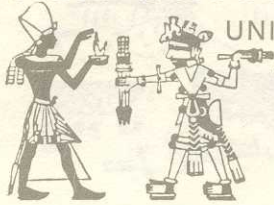


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Dear Mr. Turner:

In November of last year I contacted you concerning the possibility of some of the University Museum records of work in Nubia being amongst the Steindorff Papers. I was wondering if you had yet been able to locate any of these records. For your convenience I am enclosing a copy of my original letter to you.

Yours sincerely,

David O'Connor, Assistant
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One possible explanation for the absence of our Nubian records is that prior to 1937 some of the Nubian records were lent to Georg Steindorff in order to assist him in the publication of a paper on a site which he excavated and which had previously been excavated by our Nubian expedition. It has since to be known as the site of the Steindorff Expedition. Unfortunately, the site is quarried. No record, however, of the lending of any field notes to Steindorff appears to exist in our archives and it is a possibility that the bulk, if not all, of our Nubian records were sent to Steindorff and not returned.

I would be very grateful if you could find out for me whether some or all of these records exist amongst the Steindorff Papers. The names of the sites excavated by the University Museum are Aneiba, Marayag, Aniba, and Nubia. I am sure you will appreciate, particularly in view of the fact that considerable new work has been carried out in Nubia recently, that the recovery of these records and making them more available to scholars is of great importance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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