

Mr. Fred White, Jr., Bookseller  
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Dear Mr. White:

How very kind of you to write concerning our catalogue THE ENGLISH BIBLE BEFORE THE KING JAMES. Also, it is always good to hear from someone in our area who is both a bookseller, and one who specializes in an area dear to my own heart.

I just do not have enough copies of THE ENGLISH BIBLE BEFORE THE KING JAMES to justify left to make any arrangements for its distribution by sale. Quite candidly, at the moment we are now so low in stock, that only under very special circumstances are we giving any copies away. However, I am sending you a copy for your files, along with some of the other things we have put out from time to time here. I hope you will find these of some interest.

My very best wishes, and I hope the season will bring you many good things.

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Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant  
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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

My apologies for the long delay in answering your letter of November 22, 1967, (a copy of which is attached with which to refresh your memory). However, I have not answered just because we were in the midst of sorting and looking through the Steindorff papers, and could not give any rational answer to the possibility you raise.

Aye, even at this moment, I'm not certain we can be of help to you. It is our sincere desire to return to your files anything which belongs to you--however you must admit that in the light of such a sentence: "No record, however, of the lending of the 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 think this is a reasonable reason--they-- that we are damned either way we answer. I must congratulate you on structuring a position which would do honor to the most astute of political candidates or diplomats.

I'm joshing, of course. We intend to do precisely the right thing--just as soon as we can arrive at some canons of judgment in the matter. In that light, a visiting scholar in the field is working with us, and has the commission to: "arrive at what decision he things the evidence warrants" on the issues you raise. I assure you that whatever that decision is, we are strongly inclined at this moment to follow it.

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I will be in touch just as soon as he has finished his investigations.

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