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Herr Dr. Steindorf

I was very much interested to see reproduced in a London weekly paper certain photographs of the excavations which you directed at Amhe in Upper Egypt and in particular by the photograph of a clay figurine. In the course of my travels with my brother in 1927 in the southern Sahara, in Aïr, I discovered and recorded a number of petroglyphs which so confuse any conclusions which their absence might have allowed one to draw from recorded history that I cannot for the moment attempt to place or to date them. I find however that one group of these glyphs in northern Aïr bear such a very striking resemblance both in anatomical conception and style of incised

Decorations to the figures reproduced, that I  
am taking the liberty of asking you if you  
will allow me to examine any other photographs  
you may possess of other figures and in their  
absence any sketches you may have made.

The points which I would most like to  
ascertain are (1), whether there are any holes  
in the lead of the figures into which plumes,  
grass or any other lead dress might have been  
inserted.

(2) whether any of them show  
traces of plaits or locks laterally on the  
side of the head or on top.

(3) whether any indication of  
a mould appears in the faces of any of them



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(4) whether any of them have  
traces or indications of genital organs.

(5) whether any of them have any  
different or more elaborate incised decoration  
on the verso and if so what.

I should be of course very glad to  
place my drawings and materials at your  
disposal and shall do so as soon as I return  
to London where they are. Meanwhile I  
have drawn from memory some characteristic  
drawings of the class to which I refer  
for your guidance.

Yours sincerely

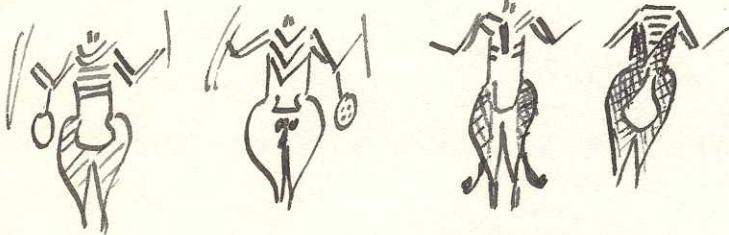
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Typical heads



Typical torsos