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Dear Monsieur Cartailhac

I hope you will excuse my troubling you but I wonder if you can assist in the following matter . Anthropology, which includes the prehistoric ethnology of Europe, has been <sup>made</sup> a subject for the final B.A. and B.Sc. examinations at London University, and from next October onwards the subject is to be taught far more fully than heretofore. I am to be responsible for the general course and am very anxious to form a small teaching collection of typical objects, and an adequate collection of lantern slides for demonstration. When I was with you last year I think you said that you might be able to spare a few typical Mousterian flakes, and perhaps a scraper, and if you still have duplicates I shall be very grateful for these. Perhaps if you have not yourself any that you can give away with a light heart you might be able to buy for me two or three typical specimens of this age and also one or two coup-de-poing of the Chelles and St. Acheul type. The ~~University~~ <sup>University</sup> School will of course willingly pay whatever you consider





a fair price, and if you could get for us a few typical specimens of the later stages of the palaeolithic so much the better.

The other thing I want you to do for us, for which also the University will pay, will be to have prepared lantern slides from photographs (not drawings) of the animals in the Niaux caves. You will remember that you most kindly lent me your slides of all the best of these last autumn, and what we want is a similar set. If you can have this done the best plan would be to let me send over a couple of dozen lantern plates English size, or perhaps ~~xxxxxxxx~~ it would be easier if you could lend me your negatives, and I would get the slides made over here.

I shall be intensely grateful if you will assist us in these affairs.

We had a very good trip in the Sudan which was however rather spoilt at the end by my wife getting ill. She had an acute colitis and although we have been home two months she is only now fully recovered. I found two neolithic sites in Kordofan, one of these consisted of ~~a~~ big village mounds about 12 feet high. I trenched two of these and got ~~quite~~ bone arrow of javelin points, bone or ivory beads, small stone discs and certain pottery objects which I cannot identify at all. As soon as these have been photographed





I shall send you a print in the hope that you may be able to suggest their nature.

Unfortunately I shall not be able to get to the Geneva Congress but Smith will read a paper about the site for me.

My wife joins in best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*Cy Seligmann*