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25, Tavistock Square,  
W.C.

14. July 04

Dear Professor Eiman

Very many thanks for  
the copy of the Glossar,  
which you were kind  
enough to send me.  
The book looks most  
useful, and I hope  
my letter may prove  
its usefulness!

I have made  
inquiries about the

"delicate print" which you entrusted  
to me, and have got, I think,  
the truth of the matter. Mr.  
Loat, whom I do not know  
but whom I understand to be  
a very pleasant and entirely  
honest fellow, states that  
he bought some small lapis  
lazuli figures from a regular  
dealer at his camp at Eurot  
for 4 shillings. After making the  
purchase, he inquired the provenance  
and was told Abusir-el-Melek.  
Ayrton, a common friend of myself  
and of M<sup>r</sup> Loat, told me all this

before he had mentioned a word to  
Mr. Doat on the subject. There is, I  
feel sure, ~~nothing~~ reason to doubt  
this version, which is, as you see,  
essentially different to the Arab  
tale. Ayrton spoke to M<sup>r</sup> Doat  
about the matter, and he said  
that he extremely regretted that  
any misunderstanding had  
arisen on the subject, that he  
purchased the objects in the usual  
way, and that he did not know  
after he had bought the things, whether  
they were stolen or whether they  
were found by workmen not  
engaged on the German excavations.  
Sooner than that any doubts  
or misunderstandings should  
remain, he is willing to restore  
the figures to the Berlin Museum.  
I hope to see M<sup>r</sup> Doat myself  
before long, and I will then

obtain a first-hand account of the transaction.

I hope to hear from your daughter soon, and will either look after her myself, or arrange for it to be done if I happen to be engaged on the day.

I have been doing a little work on Anastasi 6, and 7. The latter is nearly all contained in duplicate in Sallier II. I should be extremely obliged if I might have sent to me either the Zettel or the collation of Sallier II. I hope to get forward with Medinet Habou in the country.

My wife and babes are getting along well; I hope it is the same with you all.

Very kind regards

Yours very sincerely  
Alan Gardiner