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September 3, 2010

Monsieur Philippe Bèlaval
Directeur général des patrimoines
182, rue Saint-Honorè
75001 Paris, France

Dear Monsieur Bèlaval :

Louvre Amarna Princess No.E 27215

It has now been about four months, since Monsieur Mitterand asked you to investigate the matter of the Louvre Amarna Princess No.E 27215 and I was wondering if there has been any determination about its fate.

Please understand that our interest in this matter rests in the fact that Madame Noblecourt is at such an age, that we wish to contact her and give her the news about the artifact that she selected.

You may be interested to know that the Cercle Scientifique Etienne Drioton in Nancy is now the owner of two artifacts from the same collection.

As always, we are ready to answer any questions regarding the authenticity of the artifact.

A prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alfred Mansoor, for the family of
The late M.A. Mansoor

cc. Monsieur Frédéric Mitterand, ministre de la Culture et de la Communication
His Excellency Ambassadeur Pierre Vimont, Embassy of France, Washington, D.C.

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November 23, 2010

His Excellency Pierre Vimont
Ambassador of France in Washington
Embassy of France
4101 Reservoir Rd. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007-2170

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Louvre Statuette # E 27215

As you are aware, I have been corresponding for the last two years, with the authorities of the Louvre and some members of your government regarding the above captioned artifact, with the correspondence originating mostly from California. You will agree that it is frustrating to realize that your correspondence is not receiving the attention it deserves.

For example, my two letters,(copies attached) dated April 26, 2010 and September 3, 2010 addressed to Monsieur Philippe Béval, directeur général des patrimoines, were not even acknowledged by the recipient and I wonder if they were even taken seriously. I can assure you that this matter is of the utmost importance to my family as it concerns people who, ironically, were at one time highly honored by your own government, viz. the late Chanoine Dr. Etienne Drioton and Dr. Madame Christiane Desroches Noblecourt and, of course, my late father. Even my previous correspondence with the authorities of the Louvre had hit a wall of silence and it was only with your kind interference that I was finally able to enter some dialogue with them. Now I fear that history is repeating itself.

At the risk of being accused of flippancy, would you please refer me to someone who would, at least, be decent enough to acknowledge my letters.

I regret having to bother you again, but I am at a loss, trying to solve this matter.

With all my respect.

Sincerely,

Alfred Mansoor, for the family of
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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

*L' Ambassadeur
n° - 2998*

Washington, November 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Mansoor,

Your letter of November the 23rd has been well received and I can see that your problem has not been solved yet.

I regret of course that no solution has been found so far. I will certainly relay your answer to the proper authorities with the hope that a contact will be made and that a useful exchange of views will pave the way to an agreement.

From the previous correspondence between yourself and the Louvre, I gathered that it would be for the French Ministry of Culture to take the necessary steps to find a way out of the present gridlock that would suit both parties. It seems to me therefore that the Directeur général des patrimoines is the right person to contact and I will convey your courier to him once again.

I hope sincerely that you will find satisfaction in due course.

In the meanwhile, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Pierre Vimont

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December 2, 2010

His Excellency Pierre Vimont
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4101 Reservoir Rd. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007-2170

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Louvre Statuette # E 27215

You have no idea, how elated I was to receive your letter of November 26, 2010. It has renewed my faith in humans and told me that not everyone in government is uninterested in your problems.

I appreciate your interest in the matter and will patiently wait for Mr. Bélaval's action. I hope that he realizes that silence is the deadliest form of denial and will, at least, acknowledge my correspondence.

I will not take any more of your time, but wish to sincerely THANK YOU for your help.

I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Propserous New Year.

With all my respect.

Sincerely,

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