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Between the royal Ministry of Education, Afghanistan, Kabul and the American Museum of Natural History, regarding Archaeological Research in Afghanistan

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The royal Ministry of Education, Government of Afghanistan and the American Museum of Natural History have for the purpose of carrying out archaeological research undertaken to abide by the following conditions:

A - Conditions covering the scope of the activities of the delegation.

- 1 . The American Museum of Natural History shall despatch a delegation of Archaeological Research to Afghanistan, in the ~~second half of 1950~~ and the beginning of 1951. This delegation shall carry out research and excavations relating to the "Stone Age".
 - 2 . The American delegation of Archaeological Research shall operate and carry out excavations in the lower basin of the river Helmund (Afghan Seistan).
 - 3 . The archaeological delegation shall consist of a party of seven members, while two or three ladies, wives of some members of the delegation, will also accompany their husbands.
 - 4 . The means of conveyance of the delegation shall consist of one motor car and two lorries; the delegation shall in the first instance bring a quantity of petrol to Afghanistan, for their use in the preliminary stages of their work. Providing petrol coupons or refusal to grant the same to the delegation to continue their work, shall depend upon the discretion of the Afghan Government. In the latter case, the Government of Afghanistan shall subject to its customs regulations, permit the delegation to import a certain amount of petrol for continuing its activities. The delegation shall not be debarred from purchasing petrol in the local market, if they choose to do so.
 - 5 . All expenses of the American Delegation of Archaeological research shall be the liability of the American Museum of Natural History. The Government of Afghanistan shall not be responsible for the finances of the delegation.
 - 6 . A party of one Head Supervisor and two Supervisors shall accompany the delegation throughout its movements and excavations, as representatives of the Kabul Museum. These Afghan Supervisors shall be paid by the Directorate of the Kabul Museum.
 - 7 . The American delegation shall not commence excavations, any point whatsoever, without the written permission of the Afghan Head Supervisor.
 - 8 . The selection and appointment of labourers, who will, in all cases, be local residents of that area, shall lie at the discretion of the ~~the~~ Afghan Head supervisor. Their wages shall be paid by the delegation, at reasonable rates and on daily or weekly basis, as the labourers may desire, under the direct supervision of the Head supervisor.
 - 9 . Sanctified places, mosques, Tombs, and historical monuments shall not be subjected to excavation,
 - 10 . In the event of any emergency, the Gouvernement of Afghanistan shall have the right either to limit the activities of the delegation within a specified area of Afghan Seistan, or to suspend it altogether, pending the advent of more favourable circumstances.
- II. The Gouvernement of Afghanistan shall have the right to investigate the activities of the delegation, whenever and at whatever stage she may like to do so.

DIVISION OF discovered articles.

1. All reliefs and other articles discovered and unearthed by the mission shall be brought to the Kabul museum under the supervision of the Afghan supervisors. The Director of the Kabul museum or his authorised agent, or a committee deputed by the Ministry of Education of Afghanistan shall examine the above-mentioned articles and divide it under the following terms:-
2. All articles made of or containing precious metals or stones, shall be the property of the Gouvernement of Afghanistan.
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4. All coins, of whatever metal and period they may be, shall be the property of the Afghan Gouvernement.
5. Out of the remaining articles unearthed, all those units which are unique in shape, material, and other distinguishing features; in other words these rare articles which cannot be matched in the American Missions collection, shall belong to the Kabul Museum.
6. The American Missions collection, shall belong to the Kabul Museum. Should she so desire, shall be permitted to copy, and take plaster moulds of such rarities, at their own expense and at the Kabul Museum.
7. The remaining reliefs and discovered articles shall be divided into two parts, one of which shall be given to the Kabul Museum, and the other to the American Museum, of Natural History, to enable American students of Archaeological Research to profit by the exhibits. The Afghan representatives shall have the first choice of the two lots.
8. Duplicates, copies, and photographs of the reliefs uncovered, shall be sent to the Kabul Museum to enable the parties to stay mutually informed about the results of the research;
9. Thirty copies of each book, pamphlet, and articles, compiled by the American Museum of Natural History, and published by them on the subject of their discoveries in Afghanistan, shall be supplied to the Kabul Museum, so that such publications may be sent to the libraries and other centres of learning in Afghanistan.
10. Afghan students of Archaeological research shall be provided with the necessary facilities and favourable opportunities in the U.S.A, to carry on their studies on this subject.
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