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Dear Mr. Frank,

I am sorry that you should have had to write & ask for the return of your interesting collection. I finished identifying them some time ago. But I have been very fully engaged on the Report on our excavations at Laughton & put off copying out the list for you. Please accept my apologies.

I feel sure that, with the exception of the coins of Potamius & Constantine

that your Collection forms a
"hoard" deposited not long
after 218 AD, the date of
the latest coin. Roman
Coinage was badly depreciated
during the 3rd century that
meant that the earlier,
good value, silver tended to be
hoarded. This is very seldom
found lost or scattered on
a habitation site, because
of its increased value.

It is most unfortunate that
the 'find spot' of your
collection is unknown as this
deprives it of most of its
historical & archaeological value.

I am keeping a record of
it & if you ever succeed
in tracing the place where
it was found, I should

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be most grateful if you would let me know.

I have included the 6 coins lent by Mr. Mowforth to Dr. Kirk. They came to me later so that the numbers in my list are not consecutive; but I have put each coin in a separate marked envelope & I don't think you will find comparison with the list at all difficult.

One point that may puzzle you is that the two coins of Caracalla & one of Geta, his brother are inscribed with their father's name though bearing their busts. It means

That they were issued during
the reign of Antoninus Pius.
The rest of the coins of Seto
were issued when he was
'Caesar', that is heir-apparent,
& before he - for 4 brief years
before his murder - became
joint Emperor with his
brother Caracalla.

I need hardly say how
grateful I am to you for
being good enough to lend
me your collection & I
regret that I should have
kept it so long.

Yours sincerely

Philip Gorder

P.S. I am sending the coins in a
separate registered package.