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Mr. Nicholas K. Roerich,
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am obliged to sell from my collection of Babylonian antiquities several terra cotta cones which are about four inches long and in a perfect condition, and which are of the very greatest interest to students of ancient history and the Bible. They were found at Ur of the Chaldees, the birthplace of Abraham, in the ruins of a temple wall where they were buried so that future generations might know who built the temple. They bear a fine inscription of twenty lines in cuneiform characters from Libit-Ishtar, a prominent Babylonian king of 2060 B. C., just before the time of Abraham. The inscription mentions several of the early cities of the book of Genesis, the existence of which has been doubted, and it is probably the best illustration yet discovered of the writing and the civilization of the exact age of Abraham.

To a few who may be interested, I am offering them for less than one-third of their actual value, that is, for only \$15 each. Would you care for one of them for your library? If so, I should be pleased to send one or more of them to you to see, with the translation, and of course they may be returned should you not wish to keep them. I positively guarantee them to be the genuine ancient Babylonian originals about 4000 years old and not reproductions.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar J. Banks.

Field Director of the Recent Babylonian
Expedition from the University of Chicago