



# ANCIENT COIN COLLECTORS GUILD

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*Mr. Kenneth Y. Tomlinson*

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*Dear Mr. Tomlinson;*

*I was very disappointed to read the VOA news item of December 22 titled "The Global Antiquities Black Market" (<http://www.voanews.com>). Correspondent Jeffrey Young assembled a rogue's gallery of radical academics to lend credence to what was in essence a polemic against private ownership of antiquities. That did not surprise me, archaeologists have been doing that for decades. What bothers me is that their exceedingly controversial viewpoint and misleading claims should be splashed on the pages and airwaves of VOA, the voice of the American people and the American way of life, as if they were incontrovertible fact. It has always been my belief, as an American, that private ownership is basic to our system of values, that it is the very core of American capitalism and that it is an unalienable right of the American people. I cannot imagine how the VOA could become a platform for extremist archaeological community propaganda aimed at eliminating that right.*

*I hope that you will personally look into the editorial and programming policies that allowed such a blatantly unbalanced article and that you will offer private collectors the opportunity to respond with equal time and exposure. I would also respectfully request that future reports of this nature include a balance of viewpoints.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Wayne G. Sayles  
Executive Director*

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