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Jade
(Diopside)

17.43

S.I.1132

Chinese,

~~Chou dynasty.~~ Shang Dynasty

Ring, wide, cylindrical; obliquely bored from both sides leaving smooth median ridge in interior; lower rim almost twice as wide as upper rim; opaque white with delicate gray veinings; areas of rust colored stain; decoration: incised, three circular lines dividing exterior into four slightly concave bands or grooves. Box.

2.9 cm in height. (1-5/32")

6.0 cm in diameter. (2-3/8")

Diameter of hole: 4.9 - 5.1 cm

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1. Bought from Lee Van Ching, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p.254.

2. Original attribution: Han. See further, S.I.1132, Appendix VIII. (See Paragraph 7.)

3. (J.E.L., 1927) Han, or earlier.

4. (I. M., 1946) Chou dynasty.

5. Sp. G. is 2.879. Composition of material has altered by age and possibly by fire, making an accurate result impossible.

6. (E.H. West, 1959) Identified as diopside by x-ray diffraction (Film F864).

7. (H.E. Buckman, 1964) The Envelope File contained no further information, and has now been destroyed.

8. (T. Lawton, 1973) The following information was carved on the box in which this object arrived: Chou tsung

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9. (T. Lawton, 1978) Attribution changed from Chou to Shang.

10. (Julia Murray, 1982) For a discussion of bangles, see folder sheet 17.387. The incised horizontal divisions found on 17.43 are not immediately comparable to any excavated piece; hence, the dating should be somewhat tentative.