

Jade

17.651

S.I.1137

Chinese,

Chou dynasty.

Implement:

Fid for untying knots; long three-sided object tapering to a point at each end, perforation near top bored from both sides; translucent, gray green with scattered mottlings of orange brown; one long and two shorter tool marks. (Old smoothed chip near top). Box.

.205 in length. (8-1/16")

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1. Bought from Lee Van Ching, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 256.
2. Original attribution: Han. See further, S.I.1137, Appendix VIII.
3. (A.G.W., 1945) Chou dynasty.
4. Sp. G. is 2.944.
5. This object was originally given the number 17.48B, since it was received in the same box with 17.48.
6. (T.Lawton, 1978) Cf. Loehr, Ancient Chinese Jades, no. 614. Jade objects similar to 17.651 have been

unearthed from Liang-chu 良渚 culture sites in the Hangchou Bay region of Chekiang province, which yielded neolithic as well as later artifacts. See article in K'ao-ku t'ung-hsün, 1957, no. 2, pp. 77-80, and pl. 12, figs. 5 and 6. The function of such objects is not yet determined.