

1. (EWF/LAZ, 1980) Mineral is almost definitely nephrite, from its hardness (6.5) and appearance; exact identification can only be made by X-ray diffraction. Profile of outer edge of disc is slightly concave.

Incised cartouche filled with chalk to increase legibility.

2. (E.W.FitzHugh, 1982) The mineral is definitely nephrite, as determined by X-ray diffraction (film F2905, dark green area). The opaque white areas have a hardness of 6.5, correct for nephrite, and are part of the original mineral, from evidence available at present; they are not "decomposition" as noted above. For details see Technical Laboratory files.