

Jade
(Nephrite)

19.58

S.I.1438

Chinese,

~~W. Chou dynasty.~~ Neolithic, ca. 2000 B.C.

Thick perforated disc of the type pi; bored obliquely from both sides leaving irregular median ridge; obverse has mottled dark shades of green with traces of tan and a light frosting of decomposition; reverse has less tan and profuse frosting; decoration: faintly incised, a device near rim on obverse; round saw gouges. (Rim has recent jagged break). Box.

.176 in diameter. (6-51/16")

.015 in thickness. (19/32")

Neg. No.

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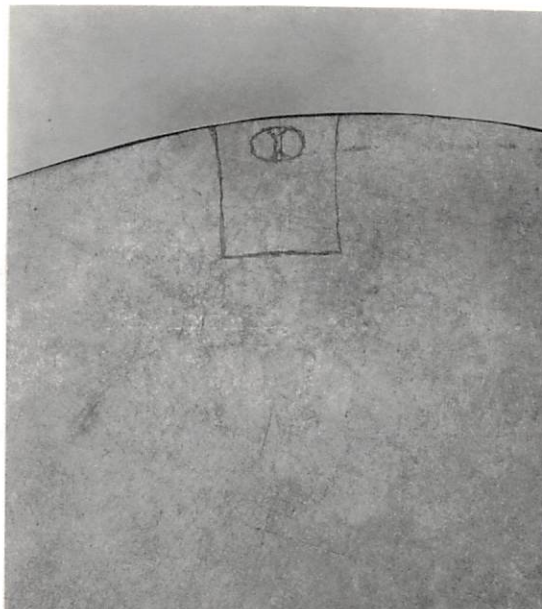
1. Bought from Seaouke Yue, of Shanghai. Formerly in the collection of the Viceroy Tuan Fang, and said to have been excavated in Shansi. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 346.

2. Original attribution: Chou. See further, S.I.1438, Appendix IX.

3. (I. M., 1945) Chou dynasty.

Compare device with those on 17.79, 17.348 and 17.385, also 17.346.

4. Sp. G. is 3.008. Nephrite.



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

6. (T.Lawton, 1978) Western Chou.

7. (Julia K. Murray, 1983) The motif lightly incised on pi 19.58 is very similar to the lower part of the emblem incised on pi 17.346. The abrupt termination of the motif on 19.58 suggests that it is incomplete. Since the design halts abruptly at the rim, perhaps the pi was originally larger and was subsequently cut down and repolished. For further discussion of this motif, see folder sheet 17.346. See also folder sheet 17.19 for a discussion of pi. Attribution is changed from Western Chou to Neolithic, ca. 2000 B.C.