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Subject: RE: Prakhon Chai - recent news
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Morning dear,

Sorry for the silence, but have been under the weather of late.

Am finding that it's becoming increasingly difficult to move around by myself, which is frustrating

I have been looking at the various reports on the article you sent me, this has been ongoing for the best part of two years.

It started when John Guy has the show at the Met, where several of the pieces were shown, and

referred to as having come the site you mentioned, apparently the Fine Arts Dep. had no knowledge of a location prior to your article, but referred to them loosely as Prakonchai, a meaningless word there have been numerous reports on the matter, some saying the suggestion that they came from Plai Bat is unfounded, and foreigners are responsible for giving incorrect information, also reported by a local Fine art's official that there is no evidence, just here say without any proof that they came from Plai Bat, and as there is no proof to show this, it would be difficult to request they be returned.

So it's an going sage, for some 50 years, the authorities have done nothing about it, now they all have hot pants over it

What to say ?

Be well, and talk soon

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Ge From: Emma Bunker [mailto:Emmabunker6036@comcast.net]
Sent: 05 November 2018 01:17
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Hi Dear,

No news from you for a few days. Worries me when I don't hear from you!

The web site below just arrived in my email, so thought it would be of interest.

It seems to be a report referencing the Thai Culture Minister's press conference on the country's efforts to recover Prakhon Chai bronzes and some lintels.

[<https://culturalpropertynews.org/thailand-wants-major-statues-collected-in-1960s-from-us-museums/>](https://culturalpropertynews.org/thailand-wants-major-statues-collected-in-1960s-from-us-museums/)

The Denver Museum has one, but it is not mentioned, so maybe they won't ask for it because it is quite small. This Khao Plai Bat issue got stirred up by John Guy because he arranged to have a video about the Met's example associated with the sculpture to point out how superb it is. Really dumb performance.

Take care and feel better.

Love

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