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Dear Dr. Pasinli,

The World Monuments Fund and its technical team of consultants respectfully submits its report on the 2002 field activities at the World Heritage listed site, the Nemrud Dag Archaeological site.

Also enclosed is my letter of October 11, 2002 to Prof. Dr. Herman Brijder, University of Amsterdam, announcing WMF's official withdrawal from the Nemrud project team. The reason is simply that WMF feels it has largely accomplished what it has set out to do. Please note that several members of the original WMF consulting team have been asked by the Dutch team (U of A and the International Nemrud Foundation) to maintain their involvement in the project. In collaborations with your office, the Dutch team and their consultants are now responsible for developing the future conservation activities to be proposed to the Ministry of Culture and local review boards.

WMF believes that its two-year involvement and resulting accomplishments with the Dutch team have removed the most urgent threats to the site, however, some concerns remain. The WMF team's findings listed in the enclosed report prioritize critical next steps for the continuation of laboratory analysis and full diagnosis of the existing stone materials, protection of the sandstone stelae and stabilization of the monumental limestone bases and platforms. Additional concerns include the instability of the loose tumulus material.

WMF also believes that all interested parties should firmly press on with finalizing the various lectured studies and reach a final consensus on the partial restoration and presentation of the site.

WMF is pleased to have been of assistance in moving the Nemrud Dag project to its present advanced stage of planning. We trust that your office will keep us informed of its progress through the implementation phase.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 10/11 WMF letter to Prof. Dr. Herman Brijder, U of A  
Nemrud Dag Final Field Mission Report