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LITERATURE

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PROVENANCE

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A VERY SIMILAR PIPE IS HOUSED IN THE ROYAL MUSEUM FOR CENTRAL AFRICA, TERVUREN, BELGIUM, MUS. TERV. 37.975