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THE BOOK OF THE LAW

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to

Ankh-af-na-khonsu, the Priest of the Princes,

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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Vide:- III 39; I 36; III 40

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I have therefore been instructed to send you the enclosed prospectus for your serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A.L. ALEXANDER.

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