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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Field No.

Provenience: CHINA

People or Culture: Chinese

Object: TOGGLE

Material: Ivory tusk

Description: Highly conventionalized sacred fungus (ling chih), a symbol of longevity, simply carved in a section of ivory tusk. Convex, outer side very plain and highly polished; inside well carved, with deep engraving, but much worn from use. Holes pierced on either side of the main stem at the center offer passage for cord. Acquired in Jade Market, Peking, late 1920's, early 1930's.

Neg. No.

Dimensions:
(in cm.)

max. length - 4.8, max. width - 3.5, max. thickness -

Acc. 2780

Collection of Chinese Toggles: Gift of
Miss C. E. Bieber, 4 October 1962

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