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A & B

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Provenience: South and East Africa**People or Culture:** Masai**Object:** pair of earrings**Material:** metal, shell, glass beads

Description: A: main section has a roughly triangular frame of silvery metal springs (bronze on reverse). Design consists of 6 beaded lines (2 each in black and red, black and yellow, and black and white) radiating from a white button surrounded with red beads and covered on reverse with clay. There are horizontal rows of beads above and below this motif. A string of larger yellow and red beads ending in a sickle-shaped metal pendant hangs from the frame's base and a string of black and white beads

Dimensions:(in cm.) Each earring including pendants: 45 x 19^{OVER}

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Collection: Bought from African Heritage, Ltd., Nairobi, May 1974.

ending in a similar pendant is attached to the top. B is similar in size and shape to A. The central button is surrounded by blue beads and both the upper and lower pendants are attached to the frame by strings of black and white beads. In addition, to the metal pendant at the end of the upper string of beads there is a sickle-shaped piece of shell fastened to the midpoint of the string.



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