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A cartouche (pronounced 'kar-toosh') is a hieroglyphic nameplate or seal. Every ancient Egyptian pharaoh, king, and queen had a cartouche which spelled out their name or a descriptive saying in hieroglyphic symbols. The basic shape of an oval border with three knots attached to a bottom bar is said to symbolize 'all that the sun encircles', alluding to the pharaoh's power in the universe. Royal cartouches are found throughout the ruins of ancient Egypt, inscribed onto the walls of temples, tombs, and statues, bearing information about the life and people of this most interesting civilization.

A  EAGLE	B  FOOT	C  BASKET	D  HAND
E  DOUBLE REED	F  VIPER	G  JAR	H  HOUSE
I  REED	J  COBRA	K  BASKET	L  LION
M  OWL	N  WATER	O  LASSO	P  DOOR
Q  SLOPE	R  MOUTH	S  BOLT	T  LOAF
U  CHICK	V  VIPER	W  CHICK	X  BASKET/ CLOTH
	Y  REED	Z  CLOTH	

The hieroglyphic alphabet contains thousands of characters, some representing sounds, others representing whole words and even phrases. The chart shows the hieroglyphic symbols which represent sounds that are quite close to the English language. Use the chart to translate the cartouche printed on the other side of this paper.

Please note that these hieroglyphs represent sounds, and not letters. Therefore, the letter 'C' could be the basket symbol when translating 'Carol' (for the hard 'C' sound), but it could also be the cloth symbol (for the soft 'C', or 'S' sound) when translating 'Peace'. Also, some hieroglyphic symbols represent more than one English letter because the sounds are so similar (such as the viper for both the 'F' and the 'V').

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