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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a current PhD student at UCL's Institute of Archaeology in the third year of my course and have been conducting experimental research in collaboration with researchers at the Impact and Armour Group at Cranfield University (Shrivenham) since 2010. Our experiments have been focusing on the effectiveness of the earliest weapons, which are plain wooden spears coming from Britain and Germany, dating from around 400,000 years ago. These weapons are thought to have been used as hunting weapons. You can view more about the research:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/people/research/milks>

I have a final experiment to conduct at the Defence Academy in collaboration with Dr. Debra Carr. It is necessary to do these experiments to a high standard and so we aim to use equipment available at Cranfield, such as an air cannon and high speed video. While I have successfully funded most of this interdisciplinary experimental work so far, I am looking to secure some funds for a final experiment. I have enclosed my CV, and hope you can see our success in publishing and disseminating this research both academically and to the public. I would welcome an opportunity to present the research on the earliest weapons to your organisation should that be of interest.

The shortfall in funding for this experiment is currently £2000. I aim to raise funds elsewhere, including crowdfunding on experiment.com and a Wellcome research grant, and have secured a small amount from the AHRC. Any small contribution you might be able to make would be welcome, and would be gratefully acknowledged in the research.

I have enclosed a self addressed envelope, although you are welcome to email or telephone me if you prefer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your time and all the best,

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