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Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a photograph of my most recent sculpture. It is a life size stegosaurus dinosaur with the body of a Volkswagen. The work is executed in steel and fiberglass. It was presented in a one-man show, this past February, in the Cincinnati Art Museum and more recently in the Cincinnati Contemporary Art Center. The work has been well received by both the general public and art critics from Dayton, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky.

My next work centers on the theme of peace - the obsolescence of war. The design incorporates an armed OH-58A Kiowa air frame with a triceratops dinosaur. The completed work will reach a height of approximately 14 feet by 40 feet in length and fabricated for the purpose of outside installation in a public park or on the main campus of the University of Cincinnati. The completion of the work would be timed to coincide with the National Bicentennial celebration of 1976.

I have spoken to the Mayor of Cincinnati about locating a building in the downtown area in which to execute the project so that the general public may become more knowledgeable in creating a monumental work of art. He was sympathetic to my request and offered to write a supporting letter for the project. Dr. Warren Bennis, President of the University of Cincinnati, where I am a full-time faculty member, has offered his support for the project as well.

Now, to the purpose of this letter: How do I go about acquiring the Air frame of an OH-58A Kiowa helicopter? Because the interior will not be exposed a gutted shell is most suitable for this project. The Air frame could be in the form of a full scale prototype mock up. It is conceivable that a damaged air frame, that is not beyond repair, could be used. As a last alternative, a fiberglass mold could be made from a borrowed air frame. Of course, the last of these options would add considerable expense to the total cost of the finished sculpture which would complicate matters considerably.