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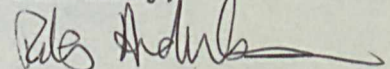
Dear Doctor Inan,

I am an undergraduate student interested in summer work doing archeology in Turkey. I heard about your dig at Perge in Anatalya from a friend of the family in Turkey and would very much like to be involved. My experience in this field is limited. Fisrt semester of this school year I took an archeological field methods course with Steve Mrozowsky. Our class excavated an historical site in southern Rhode Island, which had been partially excavated in 1911, to determine its eligibility to be a National Historic Site. We laid out a grid on the site, dug sixteen pits, cataloged all our findings at the end of the semster and kept careful notebooks on all the work we did. I enjoyed this slow, methodical work. Our professor invited his professional perrs to dig with us and had Mr. McNeish come and speak to us about his work in South Americal and his plans for work in China. I was impressed by this man's love of archeology and his dedication.

I am now auditing a course on the archeology of ancient Anatolia and Iran taught by Martha Joukowsky which would be very helpful for the work I hope to do this summer. The work with the Paul Rever House, mentioned on my enclosed resume, relied heavily on the interpretation of history through material objects. Explaining artifacts was a central tool for teaching visitors about Paul Revere and Boston in the late eighteenth century. I, like the visitors, found this approach intriguing because while the objects were right there in front of you there was still so much more to them that could be found out. As an urban studies major I am particularly interested in the ways city populations shape their physical surroundings and what can be learned from the special forms different cities take.

I hope that some of the skills and interests mentioned above and in my resume will strike you as useful. I speak about ten words of turkish and some french and I am in good physical condition. I would be happy to pay for an interview over the phome. Please let me know if there are any positions available, what the financial situation is and what kind of work is possible. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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