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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

It was a pleasure to receive your reprint request. Yes, I am Avram's son.

I doubt this article says anything you haven't already thought about, but I would welcome any comments you might have time to share on this subject. My article is part of a symposium in ISQ and is mainly intended to warn off my colleagues from picking up superficial aspects of sociobiology as the latest "fad" in international relations -- a field desperately searching for its identity. Avram's advice is to stay away from these polemics and stick to my own data analysis (currently focused on the interactions of the US, USSR, and China since World War II). He says that's what the geneticists did in revolutionizing biology, ignoring the flak from the "traditional" biologists. Good advice, no doubt!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Goldstein".

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