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Dear Josh,

The piece appears to have struck out---for an inning, anyway.

I'm enclosing a letter from Mike Levitas that followed a phone call in which he discussed the problem with me. Although the original article followed quite closely the scope he outlined to me, the Times people apparently felt it was too broad a "tour d'horizon" of your views on many areas---so much so that no single area had a chance to receive any development in depth.

A new version, as the letter indicates, would instead be organized around the theme of biological intervention in human development---the whether, the when and the how. I would trace the relevance of your own past research, together with those of the other pioneer workers in molecular genetics, and devote more space to the concept of euphenics as ~~shown~~ it offers a realistic alternative to the headline-touted concepts of "genetic manipulation".

I wouldn't, however, even try to undertake this unless it was something you wanted to participate in, or at least approved. If you'd like to let me know what you think, or if we could discuss it together at your convenience, I'd appreciate it. If you decide no on a new piece, I'll quite understand.

I genuinely enjoyed lunching with your wife; she's delightful, and we had a good talk. Hope to see you soon.

Regards,



David Perlman