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Dr. Olaf Helmer
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Dear Dr. Helmer:

Thank you for your very interesting letter of October 8. I can hardly disagree with the importance of achieving the aims of your project, and I suppose I would have to admit that there was an important value in assembling the opinions on the subject of your questionnaire. However, I find that personally I am not so deeply interested in the specific questions that you raise, and would prefer not to be committed to take part in your program. I believe that you may be interested in the comments, which should be quite pertinent to your inquiry, in the enclosed material, which I would be happy to discuss further. I am also writing up some additional comments on the explosive imminence of euphenic modifications, and will be happy to send these to you as they are written.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

Enclosures: Lederberg, J., 1963. Biological Future of Man in 'Man and his Future' (Gordon Wolstenholme, ed.,) Ciba. Found. Symp., 1962.

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