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Dear Dr. Arlow

This allusion to Einstein (see attached) as a culture-hero and ego-ideal quite fascinated me, for reasons that you might guess, namely autobiographical. I would be grateful if you could share, with me, the text of your complete paper. I assume that you would place equal emphasis on the guiding influence of shaping images, like Einstein's (as much as myths, of course, as real personalities) in development apart from psychopathology; it would interest me if you could suggest further literature on the myth-figures of contemporary life. It is fairly obvious that here is a potentially powerful method of investigating cultural change, and I assume that a certain amount of statistics has been collected along these lines, but I am not aware of it. If you have a reprint of your 1961 paper, it would be a favor if you could furnish it; I will also search for ref. 10 in the area libraries.

As dubious recompense I will exhibit some samples of my own writings, over a span of years, that may document what I mention above -- but I trust you will accept the "unpublished manuscript" as a personal and confidential communication.

Will you be at the APA meetings at Honolulu in May? I (am scheduled to sit on a panel on genetics, and) will scan the program to see if you are possibly giving a paper on this fascinating theme.

Sincerely,

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*though I see you reinforce Margaret Mead's allusions to co- and pre-figurative modeling today,

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Einstein ..."