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Dear Mr. Harrar -

These articles may be of particular
and top interest to you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I am carrying the discussion further
to the total disregard of cell fusion as a
method of genetic synthesis. This is now a
very exciting field of research with animal
material. Lysenko's objections have kept
botanists out of it.

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achieve the same ends.

THIS MAY seem a feeble
answer to the population
problem in poor countries,
but their basic problem is
poverty. Overbreeding is no
less a consequence of their
poverty than a cause of it,
and no amount of gloomy
exhortation or diplomatic
pressure will get very far
unless accompanied by an-
swers to their desperate
problems of economic devel-
opment.

Knowing Prof. Hardin's
background as a biologist, I
expected him to insist that
action be preceded by more
detailed knowledge of the
motivational causes of over-
breeding. In middle-class
America, they may be inter-
twined with our dismal fail-
ure to solve the problem
epitomized by the title of Si-
mone de Beauvoir's "The
Second Sex." What other
creative role in life do
women play after they have
dutifully produced exactly
two children?

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