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Dear Doctors;

There has been some fairly recent publicity here about biochemical genetic research, and I note that your names were mentioned with those of Cambridge scientists in this respect. It seems to me that all engaged in this work are making an equally important contribution, and I am taking the liberty of submitting a copy of a letter that I wrote to Cambridge, together with reply.

Some time earlier when at home on Long Island, New York, I read from a Long Island newspaper: " It is apparent that a considerable number of biochemical geneticists are looking ahead to the time when man can plan for himself, draft and carry on programs to improve the actual human being as to intelligence, physique, and resistance to disease." Personally, I feel that every possible way to improve mans' character needs urgent exploration and attention right now, if humanity is to survive. I am wondering what, perhaps, your reactions may be.

Sincerely yours,

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