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Dear Alex:

You may already be well aware of this but I thought it worthwhile to bring your attention to the studies on the depigmentation of skin. There are a number of reasons why I believe that the availability of such a procedure could serve a socially useful purpose as well as a cosmetically and medically important one in special cases. Before you reject that idea as being a psychological oversimplification I would like to have a chance to talk it over with you. Part of my argument is embodied in the last paragraph of the column of which I enclose a copy.

There are some very specific proposals for organizing further research along these lines that I would like to have the opportunity to discuss with you or whomever you suggest as the most appropriate person.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,
Professor of Genetics

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