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Dear Prof. Lederberg

A short time ago Arthur Jensen presented a paper at a meeting and attributed some socio-psychological differences between males and females (blacks, if I remember right) TO the fact that males have only one, while females have two X-chromosomes. He could have easily gotten around the Lyon hypothesis, but his presentation makes it clear that he never even heard about the Lyon hypothesis. U.C. Prof. of Education John Hurst (home phone 526-9039) has a copy of Jensen's text.

It seems important to me that it be pointed out by a well-known geneticist that Jensen has no claim to expertise in genetics - in fact, he is an all around charlatan.

If all the geneticists I know chicken out, I am fully prepared

and eager to do a complete hatchet job on him myself, as far as genetics is concerned. However, I do think it would be more efficient if it came from a geneticist. Since you have once referred to "Professor Jensen's wisdom" in one of your columns, I feel you are a logical candidate for the job. Just to contradict the man in a closed meeting is really not enough.

I am sure you see the logic and the merit of my proposition and I hope you'll find the courage to do it.

Max Alpert

PS Does it really need any courage for a man of your prestige to do what's right?