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Dear Joshua:

Ben Ginsburg mentioned that you were interested in his apparently finding what I guess could be called a behavioral phenotype(?). A recent paper sent to me by a Dutch author -- who doesn't seem aware of its importance -- reported what looks like highly significant phenotypically typical behavior on the form of very similar Wechsler Intelligence Test scores for four kids diagnosed as having infantile autism long before it became possible to test them. Highly significant results using an "experimental" group of four, with no obvious artifacts in the design, is pretty nearly unheard of in psychology, and is quite consistent with the "homozygosity for a cognitive gene" hypothesis that I advance.

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Cordially,

Bernard Rimland

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P.S. If you should find yourself free at lunch time before I leave here August 31, please come over and join me again. What's been happening with your birth order work?

B.R.

PPS On birth order - Just got some reports from Slater on this (1) B.O. + Maternal age in Homosexual Concept Jan 13 '62 p 69-71 (Proposed index $\frac{M-1}{N-1}$, which gives mean = .5 for random birth order of $M = \text{over} + N = \text{subs}$) (2) Chapt 25 in Kallman symposium, p 220 Talks abt B.O. and masculinism data. BR