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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Washington Post piece on my article in the HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW. It is certainly the most intelligent discussion of it I've seen anywhere and I greatly appreciate the fact that you have made this constructive contribution to the press and to the public discussion of my article. Part of my purpose in writing the article (solicited by HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW) was to provoke discussion of these issues among qualified persons. The account in NEWSWEEK (March 28) was the worst imaginable.

I will send you a reprint of the article, if possible. Unfortunately, HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW is not permitting me to order reprints, even though I am willing to pay for them. This is unprecedented. I may have to duplicate it myself in order to meet requests, but I would first have to check on the possible consequences of copyright violation under these peculiar circumstances.

I have made no public statements since the HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW was published. News reporters have called me, but I restrict my comments to reiterating the contents of my article and to giving them whatever personal biographical data they may want. Having been badly misquoted in the past, I am wary of news reporters.

A lot of new data related to this topic is now in analysis and will be written up in the coming months. I will, of course, send you reprints of items that might be of interest to you or members of your Department.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Jensen
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