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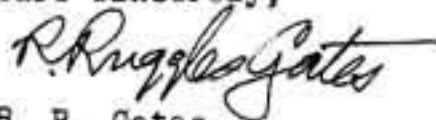
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Dear Fisher:

Many thanks for your letter. Hershkovitz has been writing for twenty years that in black-white crosses anthropometric measurements do not segregate. I have always assumed that that was because the extreme white segregates were missed because they "passed" for White and, similarly, the darkest passed as pure Negroes. I remember that Trevor had similar ideas. In this recent work of Little, however, as they are all children, the idea that some are missed will hardly apply. Of course, as you say, they are of mixed ages and this may account for the general result.

This is all so contrary to the marked segregation that one gets in skin color and facial features that I am sure there is a fallacy some where. As the principle is a fundamental one, I think you will find it worthwhile to make a biometric analysis some time when you have time, as a great deal of propaganda has been based on the supposed lack of segregation. The review in Lancet, the editor tells me, was not by Hogben and I have no idea who the culprit was.

Yours sincerely,



R. R. Gates

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