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Dear Henry:

I read your comments in Playboy and as you well know, although the editor invited me to do so, I would not respond in public to your strictures but I do think you should know for your own benefit something more about Finland and Japan. So may I suggest that you read about Finland in the Encyclopedia Brittanica and read the May 10, 1971 issue of Time Magazine to understand the lack of individual competitiveness among the Japanese. I also think you could have been pretty well advised about Finland had you listened more closely to Dr. Romo when he was visiting your laboratory. I say that because after having read our book it was he who urged its translation into Finnish. His recommendation was acted upon and I am glad to say in 18 months Finnish doctors will have a chance to judge for themselves how fantastically in error our book may be. From my own experience in Helsinki, I have an idea that the reaction on the whole will be very similar to that of Dr. Romo.

see to Romo
Romo - et tu Brutus?

And now I have said enough in this go-around but we will merrily joust on, probably for decades.

Sincerely,

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reprints sent
to HBS in S.F.*