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Sir,—Professor Rose suggest that I have given personal interviews to The Beacon, the newspaper of the now defunct, NF-related organisation, the National Party. Many scientists and psychologists, myself included, have taken issue with Professor Eysenck and Jensen over their views on the genetic basis of intelligence and its class and race distribution. However, the claims made by the NF propaganda, in the names of Eysenck and Jensen, go far beyond anything that even they themselves have claimed. The openly racist intent of the NF, with its lineages stretching back to the 'human biology' of the 1930s, must be repugnant to the majority of scientists and lay people alike. It would be a service to the cause of race relations in Britain, therefore, if Professors Eysenck and Jensen were to publicly and unequivocally dissociate themselves from the NF and its use of their names in its propaganda. Can I, therefore, ask them to do so? STEVEN ROSE The Open University, UK.

Sir,—Professor Rose suggest that I have given personal interviews to The Beacon; this is untrue, although I am sure I made the interview a success. In a letter to The Times published earlier this year, I made it clear that I did not object to the linking of my name and that of Professor Jensen, with the claims of the National Front for white supremacy and 'racism' generally. As I said clearly in my original book on Race, Intelligence and Education, and on numerous other occasions, I am absolutely opposed to any form of racism, and believe that the scientific evidence unequivocally supports the need to treat each person individually in terms of his own personality, abilities, and achievements, not as a member of a racial group, or sex, or class. A denial of this proposition being the essence of racism, I believe that the large overlap in measures of ability always found between different races destroys, rather than supports, the basis of racism. It is source of considerable distress to me that the National Front has attempted to open up questions. They both Jensen's in their propaganda, and I am happy to take up Professor Rose's invitation to dissociate myself from the National Front and any other explicitly racist organisations. No-one familiar with Professor Jensen's or my own writings could fail to dismiss the arguments about the mean differences between various racial and other groups with respect to intelligence as implying the kind of solutions advocated by the National Front; I made this clear in my original publication, and have done so since. H. J. Eysenck University of London, UK.

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