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Dr. Gideon Ariel, a sports scientist, is using computerized biomechanical analysis to improve athletes' performance. His system analyzes athletes' form and provides feedback for improvement. Notable athletes like Terry Albritton and Mac Wilkins have broken world records after working with Dr. Ariel. Despite his success, Dr. Ariel insists there are no miracles in his work, attributing improvements to possible coincidence, luck, or psychological factors. His boss, Dr. Irwin Dardik, praises Dr. Ariel for his significant contributions to sports science. Dr. Ariel's lab at the U.S. Olympic Training Center is set to become the most modern biomechanics lab in the world, pending Congressional approval of the Olympic funding bill.

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Gideon Ariel

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"We are much ahead of them," Dr. Ariel said confidently, although the Soviet Union and European countries have dominated medal competition recently. "The only thing that they have is a system. They have a 1,000 engineers working, where we have computers.

"When they get computers

they get them from us. Their own computers are working on candles in comparison.

"Until now we have been like a thousand engineers who want to go to the moon, so they build a thousand different rockets. When we get a system we will be making one rocket together to be sure that we hit the moon."

The sky, in other words, is the limit, as long as we have athletes like Wilkins.

"Mac Wilkins made Mac Wilkins," Dr. Ariel says firmly. "He had the engine — I just tuned it up. I didn't change his technique, I just corrected minute mistakes. There are no miracles."

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