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Dear Mr. Shuch,

The judges of the NIDS Essay Competition considered your essay entitled “Project Argus: A Global Search for our Cosmic Companions” high quality, but not one of the three winners. Because we received some outstanding essays, the judging was very difficult. Since your essay was of such quality, we would like your permission to publish it on our web site as a runner up. If you agree to do this, could you email the essay text to us, preferably as a Microsoft Word document (PC format), at your earliest convenience? Alternatively, you could mail a disc to us.

Thank you once again for submitting your excellent essay to us. Check our web site at www.accessnv.com/nids to learn about the ongoing developments in our attempts to get a national dialog going on these very important topics.

Sincerely,

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