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Dear Dr. van Tongeren:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 23 concerning publication in exobiology. I understand the considerations that favor such an enterprise, but I believe there are important arguments against it, which are summarized in the enclosed letter which I have sent to Science (I do not know whether they will publish it). I hope you may also be persuaded by its reasons.

Yours sincerely,

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