CALLING ALL NEGATIVE STUDIES

If you have been holding on to a GREAT NEGATIVE STUDY that has NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED, then this announcement is for you.

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WE CALL IT THE NEGATIVE ISSUE

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