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Dear Mr. Low:

I am writing you because I would like to get some suggestions about conducting a photographic nova search program. Apparently other members here at the Vancouver centre of the RASC are engaged in visual nova search activities, but it seems that I am the only person here who plans a photographic approach. With unguided fifteen-second exposures on Tri-X film my camera has recorded stars down to about ninth or tenth magnitude. It is an Asahi Pentax with a 100mm focal length f/4 lens; it has a field of eleven by sixteen degrees. I could undertake this completely independently, but I thought it would be preferable to contact you and find out how you would have me go about it. What I would like to know in particular is which area to observe, how often it should be covered, what to do with the results, and so on. Thank you for your attention.

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