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Dear Mr Low

I'm sorry I was not able to answer your former letter, having been in hospital for an operation, but did hand your communication to the Secy who acted as requested. You may know the Victoria Museum has a fine 4" equat reflector well mounted & orientated & has been used to ~~teach~~ instruct students in various branches of observational astronomy. Variable Stars have been a favourite subject, but the young people seem more interested in the artificial "specimens" than in the real objects of interest. Several of our members have fine reflectors from 6" - 16" diam & a few small reflectors 2 1/2" & 3" & there are a few inch, but I cannot say in what condition it is. It is a tripod mount. Hence of little use for precise work. I shall stress your note in my report at our annual dinner Wednesday next if I am able to attend. Thanks for the ev. or dim. star predictions for Comet Irid. Will try to get observation for you. The weather here in Dec is not good as a rule

being cloudy & foggy, yet in Jan we do get some fine clear nights, as a rule.

I trust your co-ordinates are for the 1953 ephemeris. I will bring them up to 1962 for any student who can observe it. The D. one Astrophysical Obs. keep as up to date with most interesting objects, yet they are busy there with their own observations & the erection of the new 40" Grubb reflector, which will be ready in the early New Year. I think most students are on the look-out for Nova & Comets, but both are fairly rare, you will admit, I did think I had found one some years ago & I showed the Obs. at once with its co-ordinates, J. A. McKel was on duty, at once dropped his observations & turned to the Comet, getting some very fine plates, but alas the Comet had been seen & lost, until it rapidly waxed to the 4<sup>th</sup> mag, so my hope faded. I will do my best for further your very useful work

Yours truly

Robert Peter.

(“Bob” please)