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Dear Mr. Maclean,

Thank-you for your letter of September 19. Comet Humason seems to be a very unusual comet. From reports in "Sky and Telescope" it seems to be throwing off a lot of material; and from the latest reports received from several Centres, maximum brightness occurred some time before predicted, and was not as bright as expected.

I failed to observe Comet Humason myself. I've been working in northern Canada for a while, at a location where summer weather is very poor. To make things worse, the Comet moved too far south for observation from my latitude. Several times I searched for it with my 8" reflector, but the comet was so close to the southern horizon, that it was lost in the horizon haze.

I was pleased to hear that you selected an area in the southern part of the sky. The sky south of the Celestial Equator is poorly covered at present, and observers in "far" southern Canada could cover this part of the sky better than other Canadian observers.

At present, only three Centres are active in the "search" part of this programme, but other Centres are interested, and have contributed reports on Comets Seki-Lines and Humason.

Best regards to you and your Centre, and good observing.

Yours truly,

*G. R.*