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Dear Mr, Maclean,

Thanks for the searches for December and January, and for your letter of February 11. I guess you know about the Nova by now, and C & N Announcement #6 is on it's way. It was about magaitude 3.9 when it was discovered on February 5 and 6, and was ~~at~~ magnitude 4.1 on February 9. The last reported value was 4.7 on February 12. I estimated it at mag. 4.9 on February 20, 5.3 on February 23, and 5.1 on February 24. Have you made any observations as yet? Comet Ikeya (1963a) is now becoming more favourable, and it should be an easy object for you. I am presently located at latitude 55°17'N., so that it will be lowerein the sky for me. (I am at Great Whale River, Qebec for a few more months, but I am still using the above address for mail).

I know what it is like to observe in cold weather. I have observed at temperatures of -30° to -40°, and it means spending a lot of time preparing for an observing session. My main problem was finding a way to keep my hands warm, since I can not wear thick gloves and still write my notes. I now use a "Hand Warmer" and find it helpful. Last night I had my 8" Reflectoy out for five hours when the temperature was -25°F. I still had to take a 5 to 10 minute break every half hour or so to warm up.

Best regards, and good observing,

Jim Low