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Dear Mr. Rae,

I have your telegramme, but being out of town, I received it a little late. As you may know, magnitude estimates of Comets may be in considerable error, and can only be used as a guide. For the comet visible now, the magnitude was originally estimated at 4.3 for the first half of March. However, I understand that later observations indicate that it may be brighter than this, and that we can expect to see it nearer to magnitude 3.0 or 3.5.

I have not seen the comet yet, because the weather has not been too cooperative for the past week or so. Even when the sky is clear there is haze in the west. I have had better luck with the nova, however, and have observed it on several occasions. I haven't seen it in the last week, though, as the weather was very poor.

Best wishes to you and the Centre, and I hope that you have good luck with the Comet and Nova.

Good Observing,



Jim Low