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Mr. Jim Low,
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Dear Jim:

For an international publication such as our JOURNAL, we want "sound, well-written, nontechnical interpretations of scholarship presented for the enlightenment of serious readers". Authors who submit manuscripts have a wide range of experience, but often fall below this achievement. It is the purpose of our editors and reviewers to assist an author to improve the manuscript so that the presentation will better captivate and inform the readers, and will follow a form which has become familiar for scholarly reporting.

With this philosophy of assistance in mind, we submit a redraft of your report of the comet and nova search programme. To add to the interest value of the article, could you supply us with one or two good drawings of current comets (say), which have been submitted to you as co-ordinator. Be sure to send the complete details concerning such drawings; they can be returned after the block is made.

There are three points which require clarification:
(i) Para. 1: it is not obvious to the reader the difference between a "bulletin" and an "annoucement". Perhaps a phrase of explanation could be added.

(ii) Para. 3: as originally written, no instructions were given if a nova is sighted. Does the additional sentence answer this correctly?

(iii) Last para.: could more appeal be made to unattached members in other countries to observe, or is this desired?

Kindly go over the redraft with these points in mind, and return with your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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