

411 Brixton Avenue
St. Lambert, P.Q.
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bridgen,

Last night, I was talking to Mr. Morris and Miss Williamson, and they told me that you observed a comet-like object in Canis Major on February 12 at R.A. 6h 50m, Dec. 28°S. I immediately set up my 8" telescope, and searched the general area from about 15°S to 30°S and 6h to 8h. There was too much haze to see below 30°S. How bright was this object? There is a very faint nebula about two degrees from the position you gave (at R.A. 6h 43m, Dec 27.6S.). I could just barely see it with my 8", for it is between 12th and 13th magnitude. I believe you used a 4" refractor, and you would have to have a very clear sky to see this object with such an instrument.

Enclosed is the revised form on what should be done if a Comet or Nova is discovered.

When you were living in Montreal, Mrs. Bridgen made Comet and Nova searches, and I was wondering if you would like to continue. If so, I will send you a supply of report forms. Are you taking an active part in the Victoria Centre yet? Perhaps others in that Centre would be interested in making C & N searches.

Best regards, and I hope you are keeping well.

Good observing!

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