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Dear Mr. Sylvester,

Thank-you for your letter of November 8, and for your reports. I hope that you will continue to take an active part in this programme. Is there any chance that you could interest other members of your Centre to take part in this programme?

Re: the A.A.V.S.O. --- this is the American Association of Variable Star Observer's. They have a Nova Search Section under the leadership of Mr. George Deidrich (who is also President of the A.A.V.S.O. at the present time). In their programme, the area near the "Milky Way" is divided into areas 10 degrees square. As a matter of fact, on the area chart you (should) have, the numbers from 1 to 175 are the same as the A.A.V.S.O. These areas are the most likely parts of the sky in which novae may be discovered. However, since comets may be discovered in any part of the sky, I have assigned numbers to the rest of the sky visible from Canada.

Every few months, I send a summary of searches to the Chairman of the A.A.V.S.O.'s Nova Search ~~Section~~. I do not send detailed reports on all observations, for the paper-work would swamp me.

By the way, if you are in Toronto for the General Assembly next May, you may meet Mr. Deidrich, for it will be a joint meeting with the A.A.V.S.O., and I expect that he will be there. I met him last April at the A.A.V.S.O. meeting in St. Louis, Mo. I also hope to meet you, for I hope to attend the meeting.

Perhaps I should introduce myself. I joined the R.A.S.C. # 16, in Ottawa in 1956, and became a member of the Montreal Centre in 1959. I was appointed National Coordinator of the Comet and Nova Section when it was formed in 1961. I am also Chairman of the "Observations of Comets and Novae" Section of the Montreal Centre, and have recently been made archivist for the Centre.

If you have any problems or questions regarding the Comet and Nova Section, please let me know, and I will do my best to assist you. Just drop me a card if you require more forms.

Best regards, and good observing,

Jim Low