

88 Lorne Ave.,
St. Catharines, Ont.
Sunday Oct. 3, 1965

Dear Mr. Low:

Enclosed are negative search reports for Sept. 1965.
Your bulletin on Comet De Vico-Smith arrived on
September 20.

The following magnitude estimates of Nova Herc. 1965
were omitted from my last letter: AUG. 4, 1965 - $13^m.8$; AUG. 24, 1965 - $13^m.8$.
This is just about the limit for my 8" f 8 in its present state.
It is greatly in need of re-aluminizing. I made no estimates for
September 1965, as the weather was not clear enough on the few nights
I had my telescope out. The nova had to be high up in a clear
sky to be seen at all.

Your announcement re Comet Ikeya-Seki, 1965g,
was received here at noon Monday Sept. 27. I had no luck
all week until Sat. A.M. Oct. 2. There was a considerable
amount of ground haze and by the time I had located the
comet the sky had started to brighten and I could not get
an accurate position or magnitude estimate. I marked it
down as 10° E. & 2° S. of Alpherat at 6^h 0. This was a very
rough guess.

Sunday a.m. about 05:30 hours I had better
luck - knowing where to look I guess. It was located first with 20x6
binoculars with a 3° field. Brightness estimate was $5^m.0$. The
Comet's position at 10.30 hrs. U.T. Oct. 3 was: $\alpha - 09^h 57^m 8 - 12^\circ 40'$.

The nucleus was bright, but not starlike in 8" scope. The
coma was small; I would guess around 6' to 8'.

Thanks for answering my requests for a reasonably
bright comet! I do not get much sleep with a morning comet, and
am beginning to feel the lack. I will keep watching this one.

P.S. my charts are for 1950.

Best regards
Hugh Maclean