



# Hamilton Centre

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Dear Jim,

Thanks for your letter of Oct. 18 regarding your position as Coordinator of Comets and Novae. Actually, I am not in a position to answer completely. As you gathered from Bulletin 15, everything has been put in the hands of COCOCA. Thus, ultimate decisions rest with John Percy. I have written a long letter to him, giving my ideas, but John has yet to reply, no doubt because of the onerous task of preparing for the enlarged enrollment at the University.

My idea is this. Since I was appointed "Coordinator of Coordinators" at Edmonton, the responsibility of organizing any correlation etc. must rest on my shoulders. So, the coordinators will now be "consultants" for lack of a better word. I shall be issuing bulletins etc. covering all disciplines, with much of the material coming from the "consultants". I am not sure that it is our role to collect observations and process them in all disciplines as this is a duplication of effort. Certain disciplines lend themselves to this (Planetary etc.) but not others. In the case of the others, we must act as an information bureau, enthusiasm generator and reporting agency (through National Newsletter).

For my part, I would rather value your assistance as consultant for comets and novae. I think that perhaps you should keep whatever material you have, but if you have spares, could you please send me a copy?  
Thanks!

There is one other thing that you might do for me. I was in Sault Ste. Marie this week, as they are trying to organize a Centre. I was asked a question about comets which I couldn't answer. Could you please help? A lad named "Klaus" has been observing Comet Abe. He wants to know how to use the observations that he has made. Would you please write to the Chairman of the SSM Astronomical Society, Miss Brigitte Blauertz, 53 Palace Drive, Sault Ste. Marie with any suggestions. She is aware of these observations and will forward the information to Klaus, whose last name, and whose address escapes me at the moment.

Many thanks for everything. Keep in touch. Hope to see you at the next General Assembly, if not sooner.

*Ken Chilton*