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Mr. Jim Low,
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Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter of November 15th regarding plans for the Comet and Nova Section of the R.A.S.C. I am afraid our Centre must be considered as merely an interested bystander in any Comet and Nova programme, at least for the present.

Following the setting-up of the Standing Committee on Observational Activities our Group discussed plans for Ottawa participation and decided that we would appoint Ottawa contacts in seven of the eleven suggested fields of activity. We believed it would be desirable to name contacts only in those fields in which there are currently members interested or active and leave further appointments until some definite interest is shown. Since no one in our Centre was particularly interested in Comet or Nova searches we decided not to name a contact for this field.

At our meeting last Saturday I read your letter and the members felt that while they would like to be informed of your activities it would still be unwise to appoint a special contact. We would appreciate receiving notices of events, such as your table of positions for Comet Seki, and it was suggested that such notices be sent to the Chairman of our Observers' Group. It is possible that as interest develops in this field from the work of your Section ~~that~~ enough interest may be shown in Ottawa to select a special Ottawa contact.

Members who remembered your activities at Ottawa were pleased to hear about your current plans. As you probably know, Dave Fisher is the Ottawa contact for the Solar Section and is very active in the Group.

Sincerely,



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