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London Ont. Canada  
Jan 6/62

Mr J. Low  
411 Briston Ave.  
St. Lambert, Que

Dear Mr Low:-

Your letter and card of Nov 15 past have been given to me for answering, as of our last meeting in late December 1961. As the writer was in Chicago, Ill. for the Xmas holidays, I have been unable to reply until now. I spent several days at the Adler Planetarium there, also enjoyed the lectures given by Dr. Rogers of the Evanston Ill. Observatory. Our London Centre has requested I take over the "Comet Observations," altho previously, no observations were carried out, except, by graduates, who are preparing



a thesis, for this PhD given by our University  
of Western Ont.

During June & July 1961, I did some observing  
with my refractor, for comets, on around  
Polaris and the celestial sphere, east, and very  
suddenly took ill, and was confined to bed for  
several weeks. The Wilson Comet as you may be  
aware of, was at that date discovered, by Mr Wilson  
of Seattle, Washington, with a pair of binoculars, while  
flying out of Seattle. I feel sure I could have  
found this comet, with my refractor, or the 10"  
refractor at the University Observatory, here in London.  
The Aeki Comet, which you refer to, on your post card  
was under observation here, by Mr W. Wehlan, of  
the University, using the 10" refractor, also several 3"  
refractors, by students. My personal interest has been  
in Astrophotography, using my refractor and Novalis  
( $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ " fl 50mm Ektar lens, Kodak) camera adapted to same,  
plus a Godwin resolving lens, using B+11 film also.

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Colour 120 films. At the present time, I am adopting a 68° Wide Angle <sup>ERFLE</sup> lens (Edmunds Scientific Co Barrington N. J.) to my refractor & Hasselblad Camera which, with 3 exposures I can cover the celestial sphere completely. This work takes up considerable time, etc. The 10" refractor at the University has a Schmidt Camera, incorporated with the scope & clock drive.

This Erfle lens can be attached to most cameras, being a single lens reflect system, and a C. Mount or bayonet mount. The f.l. of camera should be 50mm or longer, plus a K2 Kodak yellow filter, placed as close as possible to the film, on the camera, to eliminate any flaws in the filter. This applies to infra-red photography, also but omit the yellow filter and use an infra red filter decrease their speed, by 4x. At our next meeting, I will set up a group for "Comet Observations" and endeavor to supply you with any help we can. If we can assist you, in Astro photography for any of <sup>your</sup> group, please request same. Your truly  
J. W. Haynes 1547 Ryerson St