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PROGRESS Since Bulletin No 2 was published I have heard from four more Centres  
REPORT bringing the total participating to 11. The new contacts are as follows:

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Victoria	Robert Peters	2371 Arbutus Rd, Victoria, B.C.
Windsor	Arthur Rae, Jr	Renaud Line, R.R.#1, Belle River, Ont.

This and future Bulletins will be directed specifically at the representatives of the participating Centres although they will contain some information which should be passed on to other active observers in the group. Centres which publish newsletters have a ready means of doing this; to my knowledge Calgary, Halifax, and Montreal have already included information on the planetary program in their publications.

INSTRUCTIONS AND Included with this Bulletin are sample copies of the first set of  
REPORT FORMS instructions and report forms which I have designed for the Section's use. The "General Instructions" cover the use of Forms No 1 and 1-J (no sample of the latter is included since it is identical to Form 1 except for the addition of a suitable outline for drawing Jupiter). Form No 2 is for recording Jovian satellite phenomena and should be self-explanatory. A number of Centres have shown interest in these satellite observations, and because the work requires relatively little training, it should appeal to a larger number of our members than will the full program of making drawings, etc. This is an opportunity for anyone with a telescope to make a useful contribution to astronomy.

Copies of the instructions and report forms are yours for the asking. Probably not too many should be ordered for a start until it is possible to judge the amount of interest present in your Centre. I will endeavour to answer all requests as promptly as I can, but there will inevitably be delays when I have to run off further supplies. Centres which already have report forms for these observations may continue to use them; the standard forms are merely a convenience for the Co-ordinator. As usual, your comments and suggestions regarding these forms will be most welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING Those who have already sent me copies of 1961 observations should be  
DISPLAY advised that I will be using a representative selection of these to prepare a couple of display boards for the Edmonton meeting. The source of the contributions will be clearly indicated on these. I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting a number of my correspondents at Edmonton.

VENUS Mr Klaus Brasch, Co-Chairman of the Montreal Centre's Planetary Section, has devised a very thorough program for studying Venus, which will be well placed this summer. I will be glad to supply anyone interested with a copy of this program; however, it should be emphasized that this is of an advanced nature and that all contributors are expected to make intensity and filter observations.

Geoffrey Gaherty, Jr, National Co-ordinator,  
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