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Dear Miss Willamson,

Thanks for your last two letters, and for signing my A.A.V.S.O. form. Enclosed is a copy of C & N Bulletin #4, along with a supply of the correct size paper. I believe that you have stencils this size, and that the machine can take this size. As you can see there are two pages, but this can go on both sides of one sheet --- thus saving paper. I would require at least 30 copies, as I send at least one copy to each centre and copies to the S.C.O.A. committee, and to the National Officers of the society. Since you will be busy with "Skyward" until early March, I have post-dated the Bulletin March 19. Yes, I will look after the mailing.

I, too, failed to see the penumbral eclipse last month --- clouds! And it cleared up just after the eclipse, too! I hope the same thing doesn't happen on July 20.....

Yes, I received the comet reports of the Montreal Centre. I must apologize for not thanking you earlier --- it must have been a long hard job for you. I have a very poor memory. In fact, because of my memory, I set up an elaborate filing system for the C & N Section. I base this filing system on the assumption that I can trust nothing to my memory. It seems to work fairly well, anyway.

Re: displays for the General Assembly. I have enough material for many boards, and am wondering how much space they will have in Toronto. You may remember that the C & N Section had seven boards last year, including the two of the Montreal Centre. I think that it would not be wise to have much more than that this year --- but be more selective in the material instead. What do you think? I plan to leave here on May 7, so I think that there would be enough time to prepare the display in Montreal. What do you think? I would have my full time working on this for about a week, and I could take the display with me when I go to Toronto (probably on May 15 or 16). There is one personal problem that could possibly force me to miss the General Assembly, but I will know for sure by early April.

No, I do not plan to present a paper at the General Assembly this year. First, I cannot be absolutely sure of attending the meeting, and second, I am not very good at public speaking. However, I still plan to submit a paper to the Journal. I will send you a copy when it is complete, and get your opinion on it before I send it in for publication.

Has an observing site been picked for the July 20 eclipse? If so, do you have any idea what it is like, and if it is restricted for the Montreal Centre or R.A.S.C. only? I believe there was some talk about going to the Three Rivers area. I still have not made up my mind if I should travel with the rest of the Montreal Centre, or to travel north of Val d'Or where the sun is higher in the sky, and totality is a few seconds longer. Perhaps it would be best if we did not put all our "eggs in one basket". Has any definite procedure of observing been set up? I expect that a short wave radio will be brought along for time signals. I would be interested in timing the contacts and in making observations of the solar corona. However, in the interests of getting the most valuable information out of "Operation Eclipse 1963" I am quite willing to follow any programme that may be assigned to me. I expect to bring along my 4" reflector, unless arrangements can be made to transport my 8".

That is all the news for now. Best regards.

Good observing,

Jim Low