

Quebec 23 April 1963

Mr. Jim Low,
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Dear Mr. Low,

Here are the dates I observed comet IKEYA after the report I send you. March 14-15-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26 and 28th. It is the first time of my life I have the chance to observe a comet (with a tail...) ONLY about 6 hrs and 19 minutes BEFORE perihelion it was the nite of March 20th at about 2005 E.S.T. 1963. To be noted that by a perfect clear sky and horizon on the night before the 19th I observed the comet with a tail of about 7° long and about 1° wide at the end and close to the head (nucleus) it had a very wide FAN shape of an arc of at least 110° and only 1½ to 2° long.

As for the nova 1963 in Hercules here are the dates from my first observation on 16th Feb. 1963, 21-22-23-25-26-27-28 March 1-2-3-4-5-7-9-10-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-26-28 29-30-31 - April 1st-5-6-11-12-13-16-17-18-19-20-21-22. I noticed that from the 24th of Feb. up to the 28th it gain in brightness at least 0.3 of magnitude and started to decrease again on March 1st 1963. Perhaps somebody else noticed it... please let me know.

As for COMET ALCOCK my 1st observation was on 28th March 1963 and 29-30-31 - April 1st 5-6-11-12-13-16 and here are the positions for the following dates.

17 April	RA: 18h 17m 13s	Dec: 55° 28' 33"
18 "	18 11 58	55 40 56
19 "	18 06 17	55 53 49
20 "	18 01 28	56 05 58
21 "	17 54 42	56 18 43
22 "	17 47 51	56 33 15

I'll tell you why I am giving you the positions only for these last dates when I'll have the pleasure

to meet you (I hope) at the General Meeting in Toronto... let me tell you I did not received an invitation yet... so I don't know WHERE and WHEN it will be held... please let me know so I meet you there.

Thanking you in advance
Jim sincerely yours
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