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Sir:

Miss Ruth J. Northcott, Editor of the national publications of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada has expressed an interest in the possibility of our Society issuing announcement cards reporting discoveries of bright comets or other items of interest to members. Before undertaking such a programme however, she has asked me to enquire from the British Astronomical Association what problems you have re: publication of your "Circulars."

- (1). What are your sources of information, and are they reliable?
- (2). How do you decide what information to include in a Circular?
- (3). Is cost a problem, and does the subscription fee cover this?
- (4). How long does it take to prepare a Circular between receipt of information and mailing?
- (5). Are members making good use of the Circulars, and does the BAA receive reports of observations made as a result of them?

At the present time, I prepare announcements for bright comets and nevae, and send one copy to each of the sixteen Centres of the R.A.S.C., but I have found that many individual members do not receive the information until too late. I usually issue two or three announcements each year, and these are limited to comets and nevae.

Any assistance you could give us would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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