

1060 East 11th Ave,
Vancouver 10, B.C.

November 20, 1965.

Dear Jim Low,

In reply to your request for observations of comet
Ikeya-Seki, I must tell you that all of our attempts so far
to observe it have failed. We have had four observers
stationed in various parts of the Greater Vancouver area
searching the horizons with telescopes and binoculars every
morning and evening since October 12. Unfortunately the
Orion haze has never lifted sufficiently to permit
the comet to be seen. As of next week all observation
attempts of Ikeya-Seki will be discontinued. Our lone
Seattle member would be able to continue until the 30th,
however, he has not yet indicated that he is observing the
comet. As for comet Alcock, I shall send you all
observations that we receive.

I think you may be interested in the activities of
our nova search group. So far only two of our members
have made any observations. In an effort to get
any more, we are making and distributing free charts.
The charts contain all the necessary information, and are
made with the assumption that the user has had

no experience whatsoever. I have enclosed two sample charts for your inspection. The magnitudes are apparent visual (RHP system) taken from the "Atlas of the Heavens - II Catalogue 1950.0" by Antonin Beyer.

Incidentally we also distribute free charts for planetary, meteor, aurora, and variable star observing.

I would like to put in a good word for communication amongst the various observers' groups in the R.A.S.C. In this way the groups can take advantage of each other's ideas. We in Vancouver certainly appreciate receiving bulletins from the National Observing Coordinators. In order to do our part we would like to distribute our monthly newsletter. Could we send you a copy?

Very truly yours,
Hugh Ross

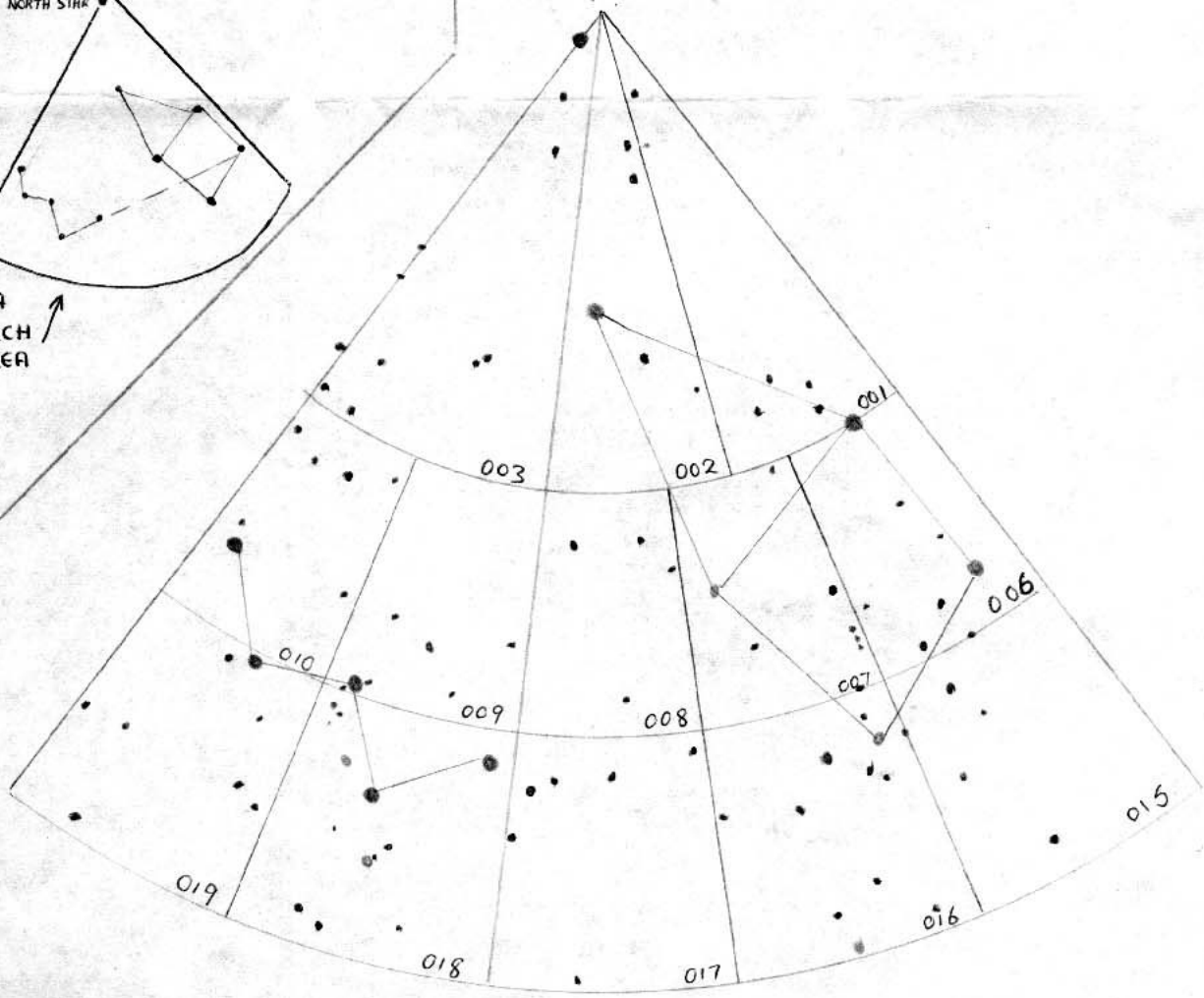
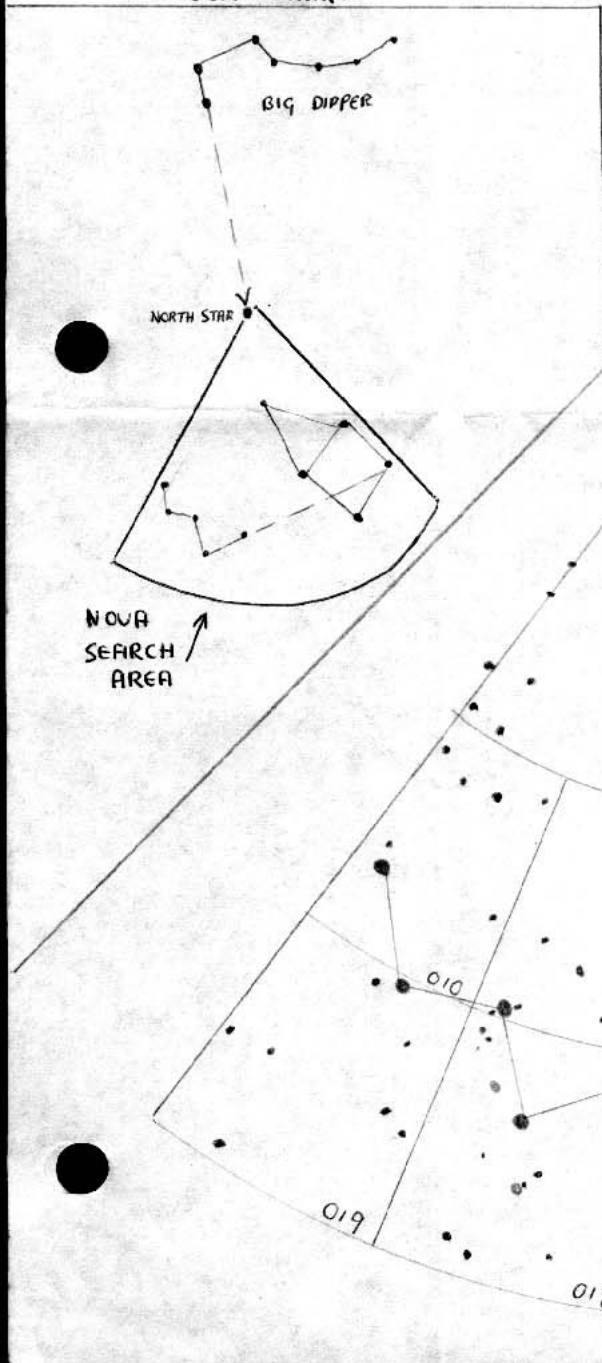
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- From 3.5 to 4.0 •
- From 4.0 to 4.5 •
- From 4.5 to 5.0 •
- From 5.0 to 5.5 •

Check one or more of the squared-in areas for extra stars. If you do not find any, state down to which number you are sure that there are no extras (i.e. novae). Record date and time. Send in observations to Hugh Ross, 1060 East 11th Avenue, Vancouver 10, B.C.

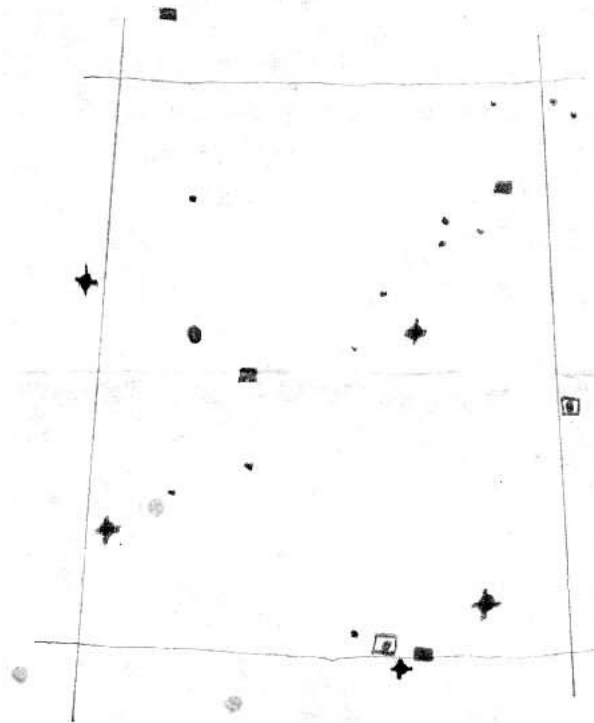
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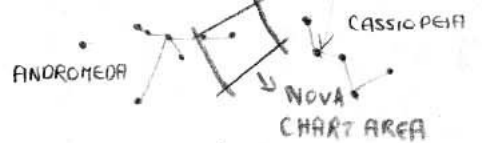
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- From 5.5 to 6.0 ◼
- Fainter than 6.0 ○

Check the squared-in areas for extra stars. If you do not find any, state down to which number (magnitude) you are sure there are no extras (i.e. none)
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