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Dear Ken,

Thank-you for your letter of 24 October. Enclosed are copies of the only reports of observations received on Comet Abe.

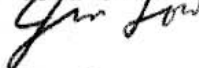
John Percy is out of town. I learned this when I tried to reach him, to find out about my status as National Coordinator. He is on a tour of duty at an Observatory in the U.S., but I forget just where, and I don't know for how long.

I agree that we should not try to collect detailed observations. In the past, I found it was expecting too much from observers to copy all the observations. Each Centre should appoint someone to summarize the work of his Centre every few months, and send a report to you. Then this information could be prepared for a report to the National Newsletter. With the National Newsletter, I doubt if there is a need to continue issuing Bulletins, but it might be worthwhile issuing Announcements at irregular intervals when there is a worthwhile news item to get out. This could include information on new Comets, Novae, special bright satellites (passage predictions), unusual solar, Jupiter, or Saturn activity, etc.

Perhaps the best time to obtain information from Centres is to "get after them" during a General Assembly. The display will often indicate what a Centre is doing, and that would be the time to ask for reports, or by writing to the centre right after the General Assembly.

I think one of the best un-tapped fields is that of the unattached member. In the past, I often heard from unattached members, and wondered if they could be organized into a "Members-at-large" Centre, ~~which~~ with their own newsletter.

Good Observing,



Jim Low

P.S. When does the Hamilton Centre hold meetings, and where? I may try attending one in the next few months.

JL