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Dear Mr. Diedrich,

This is further to my letter of April 5, 1962. In that letter, I explained to you about the Comet and Nova Section of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, of which I am National Coordinator. Since part of this programme includes Searches for Comets and Novae, I followed the procedure of the AAVSO Nova Search Programme as much as possible to avoid possible confusion that could arise from two different methods. As you can see from the Area Chart enclosed, your area numbers are used, but new numbers have been added to include the rest of the sky visible from Canada (because a comet can appear in any part of the sky.).

Enclosed is a summary of the searches made during the first nine months of 1962. Three of the 16 R.A.S.C. Centres are now taking part in the search part of this programme --- Montreal, Hamilton, and Niagara Falls. I believe that you are receiving reports of searches from the Montreal Centre via Mrs. Yane who is that Centres Nova search Chairman. However, I do not think you are receiving reports from the other Centres, as they started searching only after this programme started late last year. As a result, I will send you a report on this programme every month or two.

I would like to hear from you, and would like your comments and suggestions on how it might be possible to improve the programme. I hope to convince some of the other Centres to take part --- especially Toronto (the largest and oldest of the Centres), and Edmonton (a very active group).

Best regards,


Jim Low