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Dear Sir,

I am enclosing my first area search report. I hope it is filled out properly. Please inform me if something is wrong.

I have found searching for comets and novae quite interesting, and hope to begin searching 2 or maybe more areas, as soon as ~~we~~ we get some fair weather. It usually takes me 15-20 minutes to search an area. Is this too long or too short a time?

I am using the "Field Edition" of the "Skalnate Pleso Atlas of the Heavens" which shows stars to magnitude  $7\frac{3}{4}$ . This atlas is very convenient, but gives only Bayer Greek designations, and I am considering obtain the regular edition of this atlas. Would this be a good idea? My 7x50 binoculars have proven to be very satisfactory. I think that my 2.4" refractor would have too small of a field, and some of the fainter stars might be lost on the background of faint stars visible in that instrument.

Using the information you sent me about Comets Helston and Borison, I prepared an ephemeris. However I was unable to detect either object, probably because of their faintness. I had thought of searching for Comet Ikeya-Everhart,

but by the time I learned where in the sky it was, this object was declining in magnitude to about magnitude 12: far too faint for my 2.4".

If possible, could you please send me some more negative search report forms.

Yours truly,

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