

88 Lorne Ave.  
St. Catharines, Ont.  
Nov. 1, 1965.

Dear Mr. Low:

Enclosed are Negative Search Reports for the month of October, 1965.

On October 11 & 15 I looked for Nova Musulis 1963. I think I saw it on the 11<sup>th</sup> while it was definitely visible on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It was very difficult, and could be seen only with averted vision, and then only occasionally. It is ~~difficult~~ impossible for me to make a magnitude estimate. It must be below 14<sup>m</sup>.0.

The Ikuya-Seki Comet has certainly been receiving plenty of publicity. After I wrote about seeing it on October 5<sup>th</sup> the clouds seemed to gather on the Eastern horizon, and I thought I had seen the last of it. However, on October 28 about 05:30 E.S.T. the comet's tail was visible stretching up from the horizon towards the south, making an angle of around 30° with the horizon. Twenty minutes later the head could be seen in the brightening sky using 7x50 binoculars. Another five minutes and the show was over. No detail could be discerned. The tail looked like a faint searchlight beam. Next morning, Oct. 29, I drove south of the city and saw the tail again but not the head as there was a cloud bank low in the East.

I haven't had too much chance to look for Comet Alcock.

Regards,

Hugh Muir  
Niagara Falls Centre.

P.S. The comet 1965 F<sub>1</sub> had a tail over 20° in length on Oct 28 & 29.