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Mr. George T. Peabody
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Dear Mr. Peabody:

I wish to thank you for your information about the "30 feet long and rather bushy" comet. Your diagram is correct. The comet you saw was seen first in South Africa by Paraskevopolous and in New Zealand by Mr. McIntosh. It has come up towards the equator: by January 31st it could be seen early in the evening and has been a naked eye object up to the present date. It is now receding from us and the sun and decreasing in brightness. Very likely by the time you receive this letter, the comet may not be visible to the sharp eyes of the Manobos. The positions marked for this comet are to be the subject of study, in order to draw the path of the comet among the constellations and determine its period. The Cunningham comet was different. It was a morning comet, not an evening comet as the Paraskevopolous. I presume the sight of the evening comet has drawn the attention of many inhabitants of your region, to their astonishment and enjoyment.

Thanking you again for your information, I remain

Sincerely yours,

MIGUEL SELCA
Director, Weather Bureau