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Dear Father Selga:-

I am following my letter of 23 November last with this brief note, which transmits a letter containing certain information about the Naval Observatory Eclipse Expedition, which will serve to correct certain impressions conveyed in my previous communications.

You will note that we are substituting Professor Cogshall for Professor Marriott as our principal scientist. Although we are still cooperating with the Sumatra expedition from Swarthmore College (Soroul Observatory), Professor Miller, in charge of that expedition, felt constrained to take Professor Marriott with him. Professor Cogshall, however, is also an experienced eclipse observer and Mrs. Cogshall has been trained along scientific lines. Associate Astronomer Paul Sollenberger will be the principal scientific assistant to Professor Cogshall.

I shall have Commander Keppler call on you upon the arrival of our party in Manila. The immediate objective will be, after he has paid his respects, to confer with you on the selection of a satisfactory eclipse site.

I am in receipt of your letter relative to time signals and am having an answer prepared to it, which will go forward in a few days. I am especially pleased to have it at this time when we are planning a possible change in our method of transmitting the routine thrice a day signals.

Sincerely yours,

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