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My dear Depp,

P. C. I 've wanted to get off a few lines to you in the longest time but this is the first real chance I 've had. It's in the interest of that there thing they call science, tra la!

Many of the Fathers here in Cagayan (where I 've been staying for a week now) have been talking about it and I thought you Fathers in the Observatory should also know about it. It's about that thing that's supposed to be a comet. Every Father and scholastic down here has seen it. I first saw it in Malaybalay with Fr. Gaerlan. It was about 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31st. It was not so distinct but a tail was visible enough to attract notice and make it easily found. Two of our parishoners were going by that evening and saw us walkin' for air and asked us to look. And to my surprise John Gaerlan and I both saw it. We hadn't drunk anything before that so we were pretty sure of what we were seeing. I say I was surprised because the governor of Maramag (53 kms from Malaybalay) where I say Mass monthly was very interested in the thing and had asked me some time ago before Christmas for information. I could give him none either way, yes or no, as I have had very little time to do any kind of reading. At any rate he kept asking me for about three months for information and each time I could give him none. One fellow from the army told him last week that it was not visible in the P.I. So when I did see it you will again see why I say I was surprised.

I saw the thing again in Malaybalay about the same time in the evening in about the same position the same tail but more distinct on the evening of Monday February 3rd also with Fr. Gaerlan. When I arrived here the Fathers told me that they have been seeing it also for over a week now. I am enclosing a little slip of paper with some of Fr. D. A. Daly's observations. Not only Dave but also the Bishop, Fr. O'Neill and all the other Frs and townspeople have been observing this comet. I myself also saw the comet here in Cagayan.

We have not been able to see it every evening because of the clouds. But we did see it on evenings all along when there were no clouds to block our view.

I did not make any observations in Linabo (15 kms from Malaybalay) and have not heard any more from the governor of Maramag. But if you wish I shall get you some more information from other parts far and wide that I have to cover in my missionary trappings. Of course Depp, this is all in the interests of science and we are happy to cooperate especially with the gentle, kind, appreciative and scholarly Deppie to whom we all send our special love. Hobnobbing with Millikan, eh? So now don't high-hat us. Give us a line or tow from your fertile pen. Good bye and best regards to all the Frs in the Observatory and the Ateneo. Tell Fr... P. Rivas Guzman I still remember that I owe him a letter to square up with him. Hasta la vista.

Devotedly in Xto.

(SOD.) T. D. DOINO, S. J.