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S i r :

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8th and I am glad to know that you have seen a bright comet on February 2nd and subsequent nights. It is true that the light of the moon interfered with the observation of the comet; the comet ought have appeared more brilliant if the moon had not been shining at the same time. Still in spite of the illumination of the moon, the comet was visible to the naked eye. I wish you should correct the error that you made stating that it was Cunningham comet. The heavenly body you observed was the comet seen by Mr. Paraskevopoulos in South Africa and by Mr. McIntosh in New Zealand. The Cunningham comet, if observed, was to be seen early in the morning towards the Southeast; the heavenly body you saw was observed in the evening towards the Southwestern sky. It is not the Eke's comet. If you have made any observation or heard of any remark made by the common people regarding the meaning of the comet, I would like to be informed by you for the purpose of astronomical folklore. If you or your friends have made any drawing of the position of the comet among the stars, I would like to have them.

Wishing you success, I remain

Very respectfully,

MIGUEL SELGA
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