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S i r :

This letter is an answer to your request of February 3rd. Perhaps you have read in the newspapers the story of two comets: the Cunningham comet and the comet seen in the southern hemisphere.

Cunningham comet - This comet was discovered by Mr. Cunningham near Boston on September 5, 1940. It was predicted that it would become bright enough to be seen with the naked eye; I observed fourteen times on different nights in December last, but never was it visible to the naked eye; I had to use binoculars all the time. The comet was very near the horizon, in the evenings, and could be seen only for a short time after sunset. Even then the glow of the setting sun interfered with the visibility of the comet.

The second comet, visible throughout the Philippines, from January 31 up to the present, was seen towards the end of January in New Zealand by Mr. McIntosh and in South Africa by Mr. Paraskevopoulos. It is visible to the naked eye; it has attracted the attention of thousands of people; it is visible in the evenings from about a quarter to seven p.m. until nine p.m.; since it is going away, it becomes more and more dim every night. I hope you have seen it.

Sincerely yours,

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