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Lais-Minda, Davao, Mindanao, P.I.

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Dr. Selga,
National Observatory,
Manila, P.I.

Dear Sir:

After searching the sky for the last month for the Comet, which someone announced as being low on the Northwestern horizon, visible, if clear, about seven P.M., without success - last night at seven P.M. one of our Monobo boys reported a "new great star with a long tail!"

Not a star, a comet, it showed very plainly, larger to the naked eye than either Jupiter or Saturn which held a position north of and a little higher above the horizon than the Moon at that time. The Comet was in a position on the opposite side of the Moon and about half as high above the horizon. Perhaps our previous information in re the position of the Comet was erroneous but have endeavored to show its position as seen last night on the accompanying sketch, one showing the "western" sky and the other the "southern" sky.

Is this the Comet you spoke of in an interview with the Bulletin?

If so, about what is the distance from the Earth and when will it be in position nearest the Earth?

What is the length of the "tail"? Last night it appeared to be, to the naked eye, about "30 feet long and rather bushy". Seems to be moving toward the Northern hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Peabody.

P.S. The Star-Map Atlas has arrived from Philippine Education and is proving of great interest, not only to brother and myself but to our Filipino employees as well. Thank you for your suggestion.

GTP.