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Gentlemen:

The comet, about which your correspondent Mr. Satria requests information, was discovered by Mr. L. E. Cunningham on a photograph taken on September 5th, 1940 at the Oak Ridge station of the Harvard Observatory. When the comet was discovered, it was in the constellation of Cygnus. The comet is expected to be visible to the naked eye around Christmas and New Year. The comet will be at its brightest about January 26, 1941. Two circumstances render the observation of the comet somewhat difficult in Manila. The first is that the comet is low near the horizon where the sky is less transparent. The second is the artificial illumination of the city of Manila, reflected on the sky. The best conditions for observation would be a clear, transparent sky, in a place away from artificial lights.

Very respectfully,

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