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## COMET ALCOCK

George Alcock, Farcet, Peterborough, England, reports his discovery with 15x80B of a comet on May 3 at 22hUT and located at:  
 $18^{\text{h}}54^{\text{m}}.8$   $+53^{\circ}02'$  (1950).

Guy M Hurst confirmed the discovery as follows:

1983 May 3.95486UT  $18^{\text{h}}54^{\text{m}}.1$   $+52^{\circ}58'$  (1950) m1 6.5  
Coma diameter 12". Object had central condensation. Was confirmed in 15x80B and subsequently observed in 10x50B as a very obvious object in Draco.

Marsden issued a telex at 03.15UT this morning and adds that the daily motion may be: RA  $-1^{\text{m}}50$  DEC  $+32'$  on assumption that it is identical with IRAS discovery of 1983 April 25. No further details of the latter are available at present.

Guy M Hurst.

*What a memorable start to your telescopes!*

Guy