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Mike Collins, Sandy, Beds reports the detection of a variable object on films taken for the UK nova patrol in Patrol area 62. R.A.=21h.02.8 Dec=+27.11'. There is no object at this position in the GCVS but Collins has found an object in the NSV list (NSV13514) at R.A.=21h.02m.50s Dec=+27.11.4'. The magnitude range appears to be 10.5-11.4.

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Possible new Comet Merlin-Renou?

The following report has been recieved from J.C.Merlin (France) :
I IDENTIFY A PROBABLE COMET ON TWO PICTURES TAKEN BY
ALEXANDRE RENOU (BLAISON GOHIER, FRANCE) WHILE SEARCHING FOR
COMET P/RUSSELL 3

1990 APRIL 24.167 UT : RA = 16H 15.55 MIN DEC = -26DEG 50MIN
1990 APRIL 29.066 UT : RA = 16H 18.0 MIN DEC = -26DEG 03MIN
1950.0

CDMA 1 ARCMIN MAG 12 STELLAR CONDENSATION
3 ARCMIN DIFFUSE TAIL TO PA 200 DEG
SAME ASPECT ON BOTH PICTURES
APRIL 29 IMAGE TRAILED : COMET WITH SAME TRAILING THAN STARS
20 MIN EXPOSURES ON TMAX 400 FILM WITH 300 MM TELEPHOTOLENS

JEAN-CLAUDE MERLIN LE CREUSOT FRANCE.

This object is unconfirmed at the time of issue of this circular.
Observations are urgently required. Could patrollers please check
negatives taken around the dates given.

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