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## PROBABLE NEW COMET

R.W. Panther (Northampton, England) reports the discovery of a comet as follows:

1980 UT Dec. 25.792 18h 46m.9 +38°54' (1950) m1 10.5

26.25 18 47 .3 +39 01

27.264 18 48 .5 +39 08

The discovery was made with 8" f4 spec according to a report received from M.J. Hendrie, Comet Section Director of BAA who described the object as of 3-4' dia with inner condensed area 30". He also reported that he had photographed the comet and that it appeared to be well condensed and of mag 10 or possibly brighter. IAU confirmation is awaited.

COMET BRADYKID (1980t) This new comet, discovered at mag 6 on Dec. 17.75UT is almost impossible to observe due to solar elongation. Ephemeris: 1981 Jan 1, 18h 47m.0 -17°20'; Jan 6, 19h 55m.7 -06°04' m1 approx +3. Guy M Hurst.