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1. Introduction

From Director Dan Green's report, following this report, it is obvious that the *Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams* (CBAT) continues its excellent work. The *Electronic Telegrams* (CBETs), established in the previous triennium, have become the regular means for fast communication, with the *Circulars* providing the official and archival record of discoveries and designations. It is regretted that subscriptions to the printed *Circulars* continue to decline, but inevitable in this age of electronic communication.

2. Funding

The need for the Director to continually seek external funding for the *Bureau* is unfortunate so the Commission is grateful to the U.S. National Science Foundation for its support. The Commission is also very grateful to Dan Green for his efforts to obtain funding, on top of the extraordinary work-load of running the *Bureau*.

3. CBAT and the Minor Planet Center

The co-operation between the *Bureau* and the *Minor Planet Center*, where CBAT Assistant Director Gareth Williams works, provides very efficient processing and notification of comet and other solar-system discoveries.

Alan C. Gilmore
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