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Dear Alan,

Happy New Year! Hope 1970 is a good year for you both. I'm prompted to write because of the probability of my being up you way in middle-to end-February. I'm planning to visit Bev Harris when she next observes at Algonquin, partly (only) because I'd like to see Algonquin! As I'd sort of be playing hockey I wouldn't have lots of time to spare but it would be great to see you and Mary if you plan to be in or near Kingston then. What say?

We had a great time in Mexico City, which was so gay and festive during the Xmas Day - N.Y. Day period. We left the car in El Paso after visiting McDonald, and went down by 'bus - 24 hrs. When we went outside M. City we used 'local yokel' buses, which were great fun. Our Spanish produced results - of varying kinds.

The interferometer is grinding slowly towards completion. It's getting frustrating not having a decent telescope around; I'm almost tempted to go back to Parkes, either temporarily or permanently, but that depends on lots of things. At least I have optical time coming up at McDonald and Kitt Peak during the next 2-3 months, so astronomy is not being completely neglected.

If it's convenient for a visit, I'll let you know dates nearer the time. It would be > 12 Feb, anyway, and her run is ~ 14-19 Feb.

Best wishes to you both,
Derek