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Reply to Attn of: SN3

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Dear Mr. Hunter:

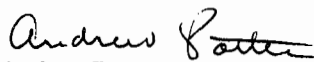
Mark Mulrooney has brought to my attention the exemplary level of support rendered by both Scott Gregory and Douglas Plumb at the NSO Machine Shop.

In an effort to continually improve the NASA Liquid Mirror Telescope, a variety of light and intermediate machining tasks have been required. On numerous occasions Scott Gregory has been available to assist NASA personnel with a wide range of projects, including everything from cutting and lapping precision spherical interfaces to anodizing aluminum parts to a superb final finish. Mr. Gregory is a pleasant person with which to work and has always been willing to advise and assist, even if that means late into the night or weekends. Most recently he has accommodated Dr. Paul Hickson (visiting astronomer from UBC) in an effort to produce an improved mounting platform for an Intensified CCD to be used by the NASA-LMT in its search for orbital debris. We are most thankful for the invaluable support of Scott Gregory. The NASA-LMT has benefited measureably from his expertise.

In a similar vein, we are also appreciative of the time and advice rendered by Douglas Plumb. Mr. Plumb has been eager to help on many occasions and always lends helpful insight into a particular task. The machining of some of the larger mounting pieces for the LMT rest under Mr. Plumb's purview, and we appreciate his capabilities in this regard.

It would be difficult to find a more pleasant or capable pair of machinists with which to work, and we really appreciate their support.

Sincerely yours,


Andrew Potter