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VARIABILITY OF NEBULOUS OBJECT AT  $15^{\text{h}}44^{\text{m}} +46^{\circ}4$

Comparing two 40 cm astrograph plates of a field centered at  $\beta$  Aur with the blink microscope I discovered a small but distinct variability of the star-like central part of the nebulous object with the approximate coordinates  $5^{\text{h}}44^{\text{m}}.1, +46^{\circ}26'$  (1855). The variable condensation appears slightly reddish. The brightness variations are slow in the range  $14^{\text{m}}.4$  to  $15^{\text{m}}.5$  (pg).

At our request Dr.P. Notni took an image tube spectrogram at the Tautenburg 2 m telescope and found that the object is a Seyfert Galaxy. He also drew our attention to the fact that it is catalogued by Vorontsov-Vel'yaminov and Krasnogorskaya under number 8-11-11 in their Morphological Catalogue of Galaxies (Moskva-Shternberg Trudy 32).

Further details on the lightcurve will be given in Mitteilungen über Veränderliche Sterne, Sonneberg. The object receives the provisional designation S 10838.

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