

## REPLY

There has been some confusion regarding the scope of study of mine and that of Cornford. In my note I made an analysis of tops of *Cb* clouds of 'aircraft reports' flying from Hongkong, Bangkok and Singapore to Calcutta whereas Cornford and others, mentioned in his criticism, made a study of heights of tops of *Cb* clouds detected mostly by ground based weather radar/airborn radar flying at 20,000 ft of a few high *Cb* clouds.

2. The accuracy of estimates mentioned by me is based on WMO publication (1966).

3. I mentioned 'more than 45,000 ft' simply because the number of occasions above 45,000 ft was quite negligible. In fact out of 204 occasions there had been only 2 occasions when the estimated cloud tops was more than 45,000 ft. As it was beyond the purview of my paper I did not deal with the heights of tops of *Cb* clouds as detected by ground based radar stations.

4. Cornford may like to see a report by De (1959) where a radar cloud as high as 22-23 km was detected with the help of ground based radar at Dum Dum Airport, Calcutta.

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