Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log ______ Sun Sep 18 17:21:16 GMT 2011 Year: 11 Doy: 261 Observer: koon WEATHER COMMENT: Sun Sep 18 17:21:44 GMT 2011 Clear sky, wind=20 mph from the SSE, temp=50F. end Sun Sep 18 17:30:51 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:31:00 GMT 2011 H-ALPHA Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:31:25 GMT 2011 CHIP Sun Sep 18 17:43:24 GMT 2011: PSPT Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:52:19 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol **COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL**: Sun Sep 18 17:37:17 GMT 2011 The focus curve since Friday today doesn't show a nice bell curve, the curve is high at the left and then turns into the right half of the normal focus curve around 81,000 (normal value). tried cycling power to Newport Motion Controller w/o any change, multiple focus runs don't change anything. Will run it for a while then stop and test focus again. end Sun Sep 18 17:59:27 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Sun Sep 18 18:01:44 GMT 2011 CHIP LSD Sun Sep 18 18:03:13 GMT 2011 CHIP End LSD Sun Sep 18 18:03:26 GMT 2011 CHIP BiasLSD Sun Sep 18 18:04:23 GMT 2011 End BiasLSD CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:04:32 GMT 2011 Bias CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:05:17 GMT 2011 CHIP End Bias Sun Sep 18 18:05:30 GMT 2011 ReStart Patrol CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:06:31 GMT 2011 End Patrol MKIV Sun Sep 18 18:06:36 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Cal Sun Sep 18 18:22:21 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol **COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL**: Sun Sep 18 18:22:12 GMT 2011 Stopped cookbook tried focus, still weird looking, stopped program, closed CoMP observing program and brought it up again, still only have high plateau on left side of curve and right side looks good. Will run cookbook I set the focus at 81000 which looks normal, will keep investigating after one Cookbook cycle. end Sun Sep 18 18:25:56 GMT 2011 End Cal MKIV Sun Sep 18 18:26:06 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:13:34 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:13:37 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:19:49 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol **COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL**: Sun Sep 18 22:28:55 GMT 2011 Paused obs while I fixed the focus problem. I watched the focus mechanism run while doing a Focus routine, I could see the micrometer drive rod leave the reference stop during part of the routine. I set the Focus position at the

lower end of the normal graph (~75000) using the Occulting routine input field, then I went back to CoMP upstairs to see the gap I wanted to eliminate. The focusing mechanism wasn't springing all the way up to the fixed push point reference because it was bumping into the filter. The filter stage has 2 set screws that seemed too loose, so I think the filter slipped a little over time. The back end of the filter stage was aligned with the 80 cm mark on the optical rail, but I could see a pencil mark around the 79.85 mark so I moved the filter forward to that position (about 1.5 mm toward 01) and tightened those 2 setscrews on the optical rail. That gave a little more travel than I needed so I think it is set very well for normal focus range. I tested the focus routine and the curve looks great, back to obs.

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