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Dear Dr. Telkes :

I am referring to your letter of summer 1953 in which you kindly agreed to send me illustrative material to the book of POWER PRODUCTION which I am writing. My work on the manuscript has been delayed, and it was only shortly ago that the chapter on Solar Energy has been finished. I mailed to your address a carbon copy of pages 1 - 8 of Ch.XIII dealing with your work on 4th oct. The package was sent as business matter by steamer and will arrive on your desk almost simultaneously with this letter. You will see from the typescript that Figs. 81 and 82 refer to the Dover House. The latter figure will be redrawn by my artist from fig. 2 of the reprint Storing Solar Heat in Chemicals you sent me last year, but fig 81 cannot be reproduced from the material available here, and I am asking you therefore to send me a photograph of the Dover House.

I am interested to hear more about the developments of Solar House Heating since 1949. The report you sent me was published in 1949 and may be outdated since. What experience has been gained with the heating system of the Dover House ? Did it work through five winters without boosting? How many other houses in the USA have been equipped with similar installations ?

My interest is not only an academic one. The Fifth World Power Conference is scheduled to be held in Vienna in June 1956. I was appointed member of the Programme Committee and I shall be most likely the rapporteur of the section dealing with solar energy and power production from wind and tides. I am anxious therefore to collect information in time before the full tide of official reports is rushing in. I should be glad to make your personal acquaintance in case you might be one of the delegates of the conference.

Sincerely yours