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January 8, 1924.

Mr. Robert Ranson,
Box No. 144,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Subject: Peat.

Dear Mr. Ranson:

As we have had opportunity we have copied the essay which you so kindly sent me, and are returning it herewith, together with four additional copies. I want to thank you very much for this. It has helped me to see your own mind in a way that could otherwise be accomplished only by considerable acquaintance.

You can be helpful in a further matter if you care to write on the following subjects:

The whole object of this information should be bent toward formulating a helpful plan for the next step that we might take. Confining yourself to the problem of peat in Florida, or at most in the southland, can you tell us, briefly, what work has actually been done; what projects started in the past. What I should like would be the dry precipitate that the past has left us, leaving out the hopes and estimates and dreams and expectations, and regarding only the naked facts of accomplishment.

Second, an equally bald statement of the present day condition of peat projects in Florida, regarding anything which has been proven; anything which has been weighed or measured, or any proven cost, leaving our estimates, beliefs and dreams.

Third, all dreams, hopes, expectations, schemes and suggestions that might be applied in the future of peat in Florida.

Fourth, your suggestion as to what we can do to aid the production of fuel from peat in Florida.

If you are so inclined, I should like this number four first, so that I can be thinking of it in connection with our other plans.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) O. P. Hood

Chief Mechanical Engineer.