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Dear Dr. Glasser:

Your most welcome letter was awaiting me on my return a short time ago from an extended trip through England and Europe. We had a wonderful trip in our Ford panel truck camper. We especially enjoyed meeting and talking with others traveling in similar fashion; among them two families from your country with whom we especially enjoyed exchanging information. We also saw many young couples from Australia and New Zealand.

May I thank you for your kind comments about my Physical Chemistry manual, and also for your interest in my short talk to the ACS group. Apparently the ACS publications are reaching well around the world. Although you do not find the experimental section of my Laboratory Physical Chemistry suitable for your situation at present, I hope that it may be useful to your students as a general guide to the use of Instrument 1 and research equipment through perusal of the earlier chapters. Perhaps in the immediate future you may find that you will find it possible to adopt the book generally.

The experiment and paper on use of the Hot Stage Microscope seem very interesting and are in an area not commonly pursued in the undergraduate curriculum here at present. I believe interest in the use of the microscope in chemistry should be encouraged, and I shall certainly consider inclusion of your experiment in a future revision of the manual if it sells well enough to warrant such revision. Thank you very much for sending me this material and for your generosity in making it available. You may be sure that you will receive full credit for any use of this material in any publication with which I am connected.

I wish you the best for the coming new year.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Oelke

Note: From Jan to June 1970 please address me care of Dept. of Chemistry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee since I am on leave this year. After June 1970 I will be back in Grinnell.