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I. Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Nova Southeastern University, Alvin Sherman Library

Title: Meyer-Roney OTEC Library

Abstract: Records of OTEC International and a collection of materials related to Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion collected by Richard A. Meyer.

Extent: 4 boxes

II. Biographical Sketch

The Meyer-Roney OTEC Library collection was donated to Nova Southeastern University by Richard A. Meyer, a colleague of several members of the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography's Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences. The collection is housed in the NSU Archives as a set of materials related to ocean thermal energy conversion.

Richard A. Meyer was the incorporator and registered agent of OTEC International. He is an acknowledged international authority in the field of solar ocean energy/OTEC. He is Editor and Publisher of *Ocean Energy* (formerly *The OTEC Liaison*), founded the Ocean Energy Council in Washington, D.C. and is chief executive officer of a 23 year old commercial firm. Richard Meyer received his education from Duke University and Scripps Institute of Oceanography at the University of California. He is married with six children.

OTEC International, Inc. was incorporated in Illinois on July 3, 1980 with its purposes defined as "Engaging in all aspects of solar ocean energy, including but not limited to research, disseminating information, bringing together (as agent, broker or finder) interests and entities involved in harnessing such energy and investors therein, and entering into contracts for such purposes."

The Ocean Energy Council, also formed by Richard Meyer, was a trade and lobbying organization based in Washington, D.C. starting in 1978. As president of the Council, Richard Meyer testified on February 27, 1980 and June 5, 1980 before committees in the U.S. House of Representatives in support of landmark OTEC legislation which was subsequently signed into law. Members of the Ocean Energy Council include the industrial sector, utilities, researchers, and others advocating the implementation of ocean energy in general and OTEC in particular.

III. Scope and Content

The collection consists of journal articles, books, reports, magazines, correspondence, memos, and additional publications. One of the primary publications is the *Ocean Energy* (formerly *The OTEC Liaison*), is a monthly, international newsletter published since 1976. Publication deals with all forms of solar ocean energy, mostly OTEC, and is the principal communication vehicle in the field. There were subscribers in over 40 countries. This collection has been digitized and made available online here: http://nsuworks.nova.edu/nsudigital_otec-liaison/

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Correspondence includes letters with luminaries in the field of oceanography around the world. There is documentation on multiple proposed OTEC plants in various countries as well as an excellent compendium of research on OTEC (see inventory list, primarily Box 2 of 4).

IV. Access or Use Restrictions

Archival collections are closed to the public. Permission must be obtained from the current NSU Archivist and the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian.

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