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Mr. J. W. Dickenson
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Dear Mr. Dickenson:

I see that it has been nearly a year since I received your letter of February 9, 1965. I have not been able as yet to do anything about your ski kite design, not even having your drawings copied, but I still intend to do so and to send you copies.

Last September I had the opportunity to make a few flights in a "Flightsail" glider on a tow line behind a boat. This glider has a chair mounted on a pair of floats and conventional stick for pitch and roll control. It is the property of Tom Purcell of Flight Dynamics, Inc., of North Carolina and is a more complicated, expensive, and cumbersome glider than yours, but does not require that the pilot be able to water ski, which was fortunate for me, as I have not yet taken up that sport.

I am enclosing a copy of some lecture notes that give some information about the completely flexible glider we have been developing. It, too, may have some sport value for towing, gliding down gentle slopes, and even for jumping out of aircraft for those with more courage than I have. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Best wishes to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely,

Francis M. Rogallo