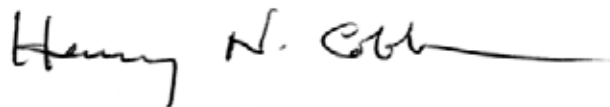


WARSAW, AUGUST 1947

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In the summer of 1947 I was a member of a small group of American design professionals, led by the architect Hermann H. Field, who traveled to England, Czechoslovakia, and Poland to study the progress of postwar reconstruction. In Poland we visited Warsaw, Krakow, Katowice, Wroclaw, and Szczecin. Although I cannot recall the precise length of our stay in the capital city, I do remember clearly that we extended our visit for several days beyond its planned duration in order to meet at greater length with planners in the Office for the Reconstruction of the Capital (BOS), whose work we found deeply inspiring. The architects Helena and Szymon Syrkus were our hosts in Warsaw, and we spent a memorable Sunday with them at their small farmhouse outside the city on the bank of the Vistula. Photographs taken on that occasion are included at the end of this album.

The photographs reproduced in this album were taken with a 35 mm camera utilizing Kodachrome film. The color rendition of the transparencies is remarkably well-preserved—no doubt owing to the fact that the cardboard-mounted slides have been stored in a sealed box for the past sixty-four years. The compact disk included herein contains the entire album in PDF format. High-resolution files of individual images can be made available on request.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Henry N. Cobb" followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

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