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Dear Dorn,

We are still slightly airborne. I have a unshakeable sense that we are doing the right thing. Let us get on with it.

By my calculations, the new edition of Mother and Child can comfortably contain 96 pages instead of the 88 in the previous edition. As you know, printers and binders work in multiples of eight or sixteen pages. If you feel unduly constrained by 96 pages, we can slip into 104, though Scrimshaw would sooner not.

Our great problem is going to be that of producing a handsome book in paper covers for \$4.95--or \$5.50 if we must. I will not be able to give you and us any really useful numbers until we have a final page count and have actually examined and prooved the halftone negatives you have had made. It would delight me to announce the book for this Spring--say, late April or during May--and I cannot really do so until I have a sense of the technical problems which we may be facing. We are, in short, EAGER.

You'll see with this letter some bits and pieces. One bit and piece is a copy of the last book I put together. It is not an example of fine printing or of what we intend to do with your book. It is another sort of compromise, printed in small quantity. Also I am sending some printed-upon examples of some Hopper papers. Perhaps you will see a surface and "feel" there which comes closest to what you want. These papers are not "coated" in the same way our Bullock and Delta West books are. They are softer and more absorbent. Beware of the fact that the paper company spread no expense in preparing the halftones and printing them. We cannot be sure of having such quality in our reproduction. (But we'll try.)

So I must close. We have never had a nicer visit than our last one with you.

Love,

Fred'k