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Mr. Bernard W. Shir-Cliff
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Dear Mr. Shir-Cliff:

I am taking the liberty of assuming that you may be interested in a book which we at New York Graphic Society took over from Harper Brothers a few years ago and distributed until it went out of print.

The book is called MOTHER AND CHILD, and represents not only the touching photographs of Nell Dorr but pretty much the spirit of a lovely and lost period in fairly recent history.

I send it to you because a couple of people, and the author herself particularly, have recommended you to me as a potential publisher of a reprint of this little volume. Mrs. Dorr is not only well known as a photographer but is a recognized and unique artist with the camera. She has various plans for adding to the book and changing it. But the essence, I believe, is well contained in the enclosed copy.

If you are interested in this idea and wish to pursue it further, may I suggest that you communicate directly with the author at:

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With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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