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Dear Nell,

I think that the problem which the distributor had in the southwest getting copies of Mother and Child was caused by the bankruptcy of our distributor in New York. Just to add to our other discomforts, that company did fail just after the first of the year and has been quite unreachable ever since. We have copies of your book here and are happy to sell them direct. We have 300-plus copies.

I must say, though, that we are considering the closing down of the corporation and that will affect the future of both Mother and Child and Of Night and Day (of which we have just under two thousand copies). I have made up a shipment of 100 copies of Mother and Child and would be happy to send them to you on short notice if you wish. We will show them as a "sale," the payment for which can come from your overdue royalties. If you want more copies, please tell me. (or fewer copies)

As for Of Night and Day, something really should be done, no matter what Scrimshaw's condition. The book is lovely, but it sells very slowly and, if you'd like, I can discuss the possibilities with Chris or with K. Faulkner. I would suggest "remaindering" some and saving a small quantity for the future.

So, it seems as though Scrimshaw, the corporation, may have to die. I feel no sadness about this, only pleasure that there have been some moderate successes, a good reputation, and the very important knowledge that I am not cut out to be the manager of a corporation, far better as editor-designer than as sales manager-comptroller. And so I have a great deal more of the editing and designing to look forward to, and I'm convinced that it will come. And you must know, listening to Greta, how well she feels and how positive her life is. So--except for the ugly matter of money, we are terrific!

Let me know, then, if you would like 100 or more copies of your book and what I might do with the large number of Night and Day. And accept my love and very best wishes.

copy: K. Faulkner

Love,

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