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Mr. Walt Disney
Walt Disney Productions, Inc.
2400 West Alameda Avenue
Burbank, California

My dear Mr. Disney:

For an ordinary chemist and metallurgical engineer to write to as famous a person as you are, takes considerable courage, but having been around this world for 83 years has given me some and a strong enthusiasm for serendipity which has played a large part in my life.

I have sent you in the name of The Dorr Foundation, of which I am Chairman of the Board, a book by my wife, called "Mother and Child," together with a sheet about it and some comments on it, which I hope will get through the vast mass of material that you must be flooded with and will reach your personal attention.

You might be interested in knowing that Charles Laughton had a copy of this book last summer and was so intrigued with it that he took some ideas from it for the picture which he was producing in which Lillian Gish, who is a very old friend of my wife's, was acting. To get some of its atmosphere, Lillian asked my wife to loan her some of her costumes. The book was backed by The Dorr Foundation because the Board felt that it had a message to tell about America to other nations and that was confirmed by the United States Information Agency asking for 150 copies to be distributed abroad, which has been done.

Incidentally, Mrs. Dorr has produced two movies, one, "The Singing Earth," after two day's shooting only, which is in the Museum of Modern Art for rent, and the other, "The Dorr Way," for The Dorr Company, which has met with considerable professional approval. Both are 16 mm. in color.

I can imagine the millions of people who want to see you but if you should come to this part of the country and have a few minutes to spare, Mrs. Dorr and I both would be greatly honored by the privilege of meeting you for we feel that you have done most outstanding work, both sociologically and artistically.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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