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Dear John:

As soon as your letter came in I inquired about "Mother and Child" of our librarian, who is in charge of our USIS library here in The Hague and also in Amsterdam, and found that she had received two copies of the book, one for each library. But in the copy I looked at here, though it was clearly a gift of the Dorr Company, there was no request for acknowledgment. It is indeed a beautiful book with lovely and tender photographs, and I was very happy to have it called to my attention. I feel certain that it will continue to give pleasure to the users of our libraries in Holland.

From the fact that each of our two libraries here received the book I would suspect that it was sent to all United States Libraries throughout the world, but of course we have no positive knowledge of this.

Though I don't happen to know anybody in the Gevaert Company, of course the name is known to anybody in Europe. I read with the greatest interest Mr. Craeybeckx's fine letter, and I suppose that the photographs he mentioned were reproduced in Photorama. Mrs. Dorr certainly has every reason to be proud of her book and the exquisite photographs.

I get to Amsterdam fairly frequently, but it seems to me that I am always there for a meeting or some special purpose and that I have to return to The Hague always in a great hurry for some other engagement. I have actually passed the office of your Company on several occasions and thought warmly of you.

Many thanks for your good letter. My best greetings to you both and to Nette when you see her.

Sincerely yours,

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