September 10, 1956

Mrs. Hendrix Booraem,
Blue Heron Cove,
St. Michaels, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Booraem:

I have your letter of September 5th regarding the white line. Utah painted 600 miles, I think, last year and is doing 700 this year. Several other states are doing considerable. Your State, with a very intelligent and fine Highway Department, has been testing it out for several years, but I have understood they have not had much enthusiasm shown in regard to their test work by people who have used it. You can push it along by writing to them and getting your neighbors to do so.

New Jersey is priding itself on being the first state to have all the two-lane black top roads painted as well as the throughways. Its advantage on two-lane highways in foggy weather is terribly obvious.

I do not know just where St. Michaels is, but if your Women's Club would tour a bit of Jersey where the lines are, you might get some enthusiasm for it.

You are right as to my middle name, John Van Nostrand Dorr. I presume your mother-in-law came from St. Paul, Minnesota, where I think Louis Booraem, who married a Van Nostrand, moved many years ago. I have some Van Nostrand data but at present do not know where it is as we have a lot of material packed up and not sorted. I think it goes back to two brothers going to Long Island in about 1640 or 50.

Frankly, I am not so busy as I have had two operations this year, the last one assumed to put me in thoroughly good shape again.

If you are interested further in regard to the Dorrs, you can look us up in Who's Who. My brother, Goldthwaite Higginson Dorr, is a lawyer, who has done a lot of work for the Government. One of his sons is with the

International Bank and another in the U. S. Geological Survey, living recently in Brazil.

Incidentally, my wife is a photographer and I shall do myself the pleasure of mailing you a book sponsored by the Dorr Foundation which she brought out a year or two back. The writings in it were prepared for foreign distribution through the U. S. Information Agency.

Sometime if I am free, I would love to stop and see you in St. Michaels or have you look us up in Washington, Conn., where we live part of the time.

I remember great admiration in the family for the Booraems and our cousin, who married one.

Incidentally, you might like to know Mrs. Henry T. Tatnall of Wilmington, Dela., who is my first cousin, and whose mother, Gertrude Dorr, married Joseph Swift. She, besides producing ten children, built up a private school in Wilmington, which is an amazing monument to her. She is interested also in Van Nostrand ancestry as our common grandmother, Adeline Van Nostrand, lived many years with her parents.

I hope this is not too much to hand you in one dose. I am telephoning it to my New York office from Washington.

Sincerely yours,

JVND EFG