

AIRMAIL

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Mrs. L. W. Hill
475 Portland Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hill:

May I recall myself to you as Angela Cross' god-father who had the pleasure of calling on you in Paris in 1929. Much water has gone over the dam since and you are as familiar as I am with Angela's passing and her tragic illness for many years before.

More recently, I have met your son and have been very close to Erica Anderson who is a close friend of my wife and who, with her, produced the film "The Dorr Way" in 1948.

Last fall my wife brought out a book, "Mother and Child," which was financed by The Dorr Foundation, a very small organization in which I am interested. The Trustees did this with a strong conviction that the book would carry a message abroad and that it should be taken up by the United States Information Agency for distribution to its libraries.

The testimony as to its value came to my wife last Saturday when two different women, each loaded down apparently with young folks and busy and absent husbands, told her that the book had changed their whole lives and attitude toward their responsibilities. I am giving myself the privilege of sending you a copy of the book.

The Foundation has been told by the United States Information Agency that they would like 150 copies and would like to know how many additional copies could be had if the initial book brought a demand for them.

With an extremely limited budget, I have been approaching several people to see if they wanted to make some commitment which would mean paying for the actual printing costs of the book for it to be distributed by the United States Information Agency if they felt they had the proper demand and use for same. We want to be able to promise 1,000 more but have available more than that. The cost would be \$1.50 for each, and I am writing

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to see if you would be interested in making any commitment toward supplying the books if the demand should come. I realize how each person has his own responsibilities and to have another thing injected normally brings resistance, but I have thought if the book and the objective appeals to you that you would be glad to make some commitment on it.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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