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Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Kirkpatrick
52 Woodcrest Avenue
Short Hills, New Jersey

Dear Sid:

I am sending you, under separate cover, Nell's new book, "Mother and Child" which will be formally put out September 22nd by Harper and Bros.

I think I told you that this has been financed by The Dorr Foundation to whom Nell has given all rights.

I have noted that Harper and Bros. have not sent you, for ordinary book review, a copy of this and am not sure whether it should be reviewed by you or any of your magazines. If, however, you thin k it should be, I would be glad to have the copy sent to the proper place. I do not know the rules of the road but, if by any chance, you should care to have it reviewed and in that review mention something of the fact that it is been backed by The Dorr Foundation and it is hoped to have a wide-spread distribution as representing America better than the average movie, a story might be written regarding same.

It is surprising to what length your imagination goes when you feel divested of any financial interest in an undertaking.

Regarding the book itself, we have had all comments from, "What a wonderful book! I wish I could get the camera she used so that I could make one like it" to people absorbed in it and regarding it as something entirely new in the world. I enclose copy of a letter just received from a former editor of Harpers which I am sure you will enjoy.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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