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My dear Mr. Kurushima:

I am not sure whether I have answered your story "My Life in Last Two Years" received by me December 22, 1954, but if not, I would like to tell you how much I and my people have appreciated it. It tells so much in a technical way and at the same time gives a real picture of the work you have been doing in private and to build up the friendship throughout our world which is, after all, the most important thing for all of us.

My wife and I both want you to have a book which she published last fall and which will accompany this letter. The financing of the book was done by The Dorr Foundation, a small organization in which I am interested, set up for the public benefit through education and otherwise. This Foundation felt that the simple story told so beautifully both in words and pictures by her would carry a message to many people and hoped it might receive an international circulation. This hope appears about to be fulfilled in the fact that the United States Information Agency, with which you are undoubtedly familiar, have asked for a number of copies to be distributed, and the Foundation is prepared to furnish them.

I am enclosing with the book a story about my wife from a local magazine here and also a memorandum that tells what some people have thought of the book itself.

She had a rare experience last Saturday when attending a cocktail party at which many Dorr-Oliver staff were present. She had one woman tell her that the book had given her an entirely different attitude toward life with her husband and children and made her realize the importance and great value of the work that she was doing. A second woman brought a similar message to her from a friend whom my wife did not know. I presume in time a copy of the book will be received by the United States Information Agency in Tokyo. Somehow I feel that it should have an especial appeal to the Japanese with their well-known love and devotion to children and the home.

There is another subject in which I have been interested and which The Dorr Foundation also has undertaken to give some publicity to after its actual value was demonstrated. That is the painting of guide lines on the edge of hard pavements. I am enclosing some memoranda regarding this which I know will interest you. I should be glad to know whether there could be obtained any interest in regard to it in Japan.



Our formation of the new Dorr-Oliver company has gone along smoothly and I think it is going to increase our opportunity for usefulness.

Mrs. Dorr and I are well and both seem to keep busy.

My grandson, F. Burr Hardon, and his wife, Nancy, are headed for Tokyo to replace Mr. Donald Hardin, but have been routed through Europe and the Near East so that they will come to Japan with at least a cursory knowledge of the active world between us and yourselves. Burr joined the company four years ago and in pursuance of a definite policy was given an opportunity to work in every department of the company, ending up finally in the Sales Department in Toronto. He is a very intelligent and modest man and I feel will help to carry on the tradition of friendship between our nations.

Incidentally, what a fast world we have and how difficult it is to keep up with any reasonable fraction of what is happening. Mrs. Dorr and I hope some day to come to your country, me for the second time, as she is much interested in it and I have always wanted to return after my first visit. I trust we will see you here or there.

This is coming to you through the kindness of our mutual friend, Mr. Rupert Foley, who, I am told, will be in Tokyo next week.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

Enclosures: D. F. Memo No. 3, N. Y. Times reprint of Jan. 5, 1955; brochure on "Mother and Child," County Fair reprint; memorandum of comments on "Mother and Child."

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