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Dr. Edwin H. Land
Polaroid Company
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Land:

I am sending you under separate cover a book, "Mother and Child", by my dear wife. I recall the time when I showed you a marked up copy of it as it was then projected at the Faculty Club in Cambridge. I also recall that at first I thought you were only a scientist and that it had made no impression when you gave a gasp that showed me how deeply you felt about it.

You will note from the dedication that we lost Betty, the middle daughter, who died last January, and that focused Nell into finishing this up.

I wonder if by chance you are coming to New York on January 24 when there is a private showing of Steichen's collection of pictures at the Museum of Modern Art entitled, "Exhibition of Creative Photography Dedicated to the Dignity of Man." I am told that there will be several of Nell's pictures in the 400 selected.

You might be interested to know that she has had Henry Rogers of Rolab, whom you probably know, make slides of the pictures in the book and I am in hopes that from time to time she will have an opportunity to discuss them.

The book has been backed by The Dorr Foundation which, incidentally, also has backed painting of a right shoulder white line on highways. I enclose herewith a note regarding same. It looks like a good thing to me.

We have hoped to get up to Cambridge but so far have not. My nephew, Dean Clark, is head of Massachusetts General Hospital and we have other good friends over there besides yourself and our friend Jaudin.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Enclosures

John V. N. Dorr