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Dear Mrs. Dorr:

In the cool sunny quiet of this morning we have gone slowly with you through your book, Mother and Child - for the fourth time since it arrived - and loved it more each time. It is very beautiful, I hope you are pleased with it.

I must have a longer perspective before I talk much about it. At the moment - under this first impact, it leaves me dumb and breathless - - like birth and death - - I must sit under the sky a bit and try to think. I do not think very well or clearly - but I shall try.

Your text and the pictures evoke by suggestion what lies deep hidden in the reader's mind - that quality of the masterpieces of art. It is just paint or printers' ink - OR, it is the strong solvent that cuts through the coating of commonplace life to the shy heart beneath.

It is very timely. I should like to put McCarthy in solitary confinement with a copy of this book and refuse him food until he knew it by heart!

Edna and I thank you so much for the early copy.

I hope you are well. How proud of you Mr. Dorr must be.

Yours,

Arthur Rushmore

Note by JVND: Mr. Rushmore was for many years the greatly beloved "Head" of Harper and Brothers, the publisher of the American Edition of "Mother and Child" which comes out in September 1954.