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Mr. Karl Peck
The Old North Church
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Peck:

My daughter, Mrs. Oakes, told me that she had shown you my wife's book, "Mother and Child" and that you would like to get an autographed copy. I am taking it home for her to autograph and it will come to you under separate cover.

I am enclosing herewith, however, a little story about her from our local paper, a brochure about the book and a little story about a safety measure which we have been interested in and which seems to be coming along very well. The more it is talked about, the more chance it will have of being used.

I do not know whether Mrs. Oakes had a chance to tell you that her great great grandmother's slipper is either in your church or the Old South. Our family are old Bostonians, my mother being Nancy Higginson, a direct descendant of Francis Higginson, one of the two first ministers of Salem, Massachusetts, and my great grandfather, John Dorr, came from the Dorrs who were around Dorchester and Boston since 1668. Incidentally, John and Esther Goldthwaite, his wife, produced 19 children, none of them hung.

If in your journeys through the country you should per chance use the Merritt Parkway and would care to stop off at Exit 42 in Westport, we have a bit of a farm and other things about five minutes north of the Parkway and we should be very much pleased to see you.

Regarding "Mother and Child," it was backed by a small foundation in which I am interested and am happy to say that 150 copies of the book have been given at their request to the United States

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Information Agency to send abroad as they feel it will represent
America and be of use there. You may be also interested in the
comments on it by a number of people, which I enclose.

          Looking forward to meeting you at some time,

                                        Sincerely,

                                        John V. N. Dorr

Dictated but not read before mailing.

Enclosures: Brochure, county fair reprint, comments, D. F. Memo
            #3 and N. Y. Times reprint of Jan. 5, 1955.

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