New York, New York
September 22, 1954

Mr. Hector Prudhomme
2410 North Glebe Road
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Hector:

Your nice son breakfasted with me this morning and tells me you are going to Pakistan. I wish to interest you in a public relations matter which I believe is greatly in the interest of our country.

I enclose herewith a brochure of a book that is being published today by Harper and Brothers and will send you as soon as Mrs. Dorr signs it, an autographed copy of it. This book was published by Harpers but the property right to it has been assigned to The Dorr Foundation which has paid for the publication costs. The Foundation accepted it from Mrs. Dorr on the belief, backed up by people we have met abroad, that its ultimate and greatest value would lie in explaining one phase of America to foreign nations.

If consistent with your other obligations to Uncle Sam, you are willing to take this book with you to Pakistan and will give us your own unofficial opinion as to whether this theory is correct applying to any part of the world outside of U. S. A. and to any groups therein, The Dorr Foundation would greatly appreciate it.

I enclose herewith also some other comments on it. An autographed copy of the book can be obtained through Burch Books, Darien, Connecticut, and in explanation of this I will say that Miss Burch, who started Burch Books opposite the Darien Station last April, was employed by the Dorr Foundation and the Dorr Company for several years. I am anxious to get books purchased through her but do not wish anyone to hesitate about using their own bookseller. Anything you or your wife can do to push this book will assist the object of The Dorr Foundation.

I do not know whether it is permissible for you to meet any of our people, but we have the following at our Bombay office and if there is anything that they can do to help your enterprise, I know they will be most happy to do it on general principles as well as on any hope for mutual benefit.

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Calcutta 33, India

Nell and I are hopeful that we may get into the Near East this winter, as we have thought for some time. Any authorities you may have as to our coming will be appreciated.

Yours,

John V. N. Dorr

Dictated but not read.

Enclosures

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Enclosed brochure on "Mother and Child" as well as compilation of comments by persons abroad who have seen the book.