August 23, 1955

Mrs. George Emlen Roosevelt, Chairman
American Merchant Marine Library Assn.,
45 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have been interested in your report of service during the past year which recalls to mind our warm affection for your predecessor Alice Howard and her husband.

Last fall my wife, Nell Dorr, brought out a book entitled "Mother and Child". It is in large part photographs and was financed by The Dorr Foundation, a small Trust of which I am Chairman.

The United States Information Agency requested 150 copies from the Foundation. These were given them with the promise that their request for a larger additional number would be sent if they found it could be used profitably.

It occurs to me that your organization might be able to use a few copies, although at first thought it might not seem an appropriate type of book for sailors.

I will take much pleasure in sending you a copy together with some data regarding the author and her work.

Mrs. Dorr has had the interesting experience of having two women tell her that the book has given them a much higher conception of their responsibilities and has changed their rather discouraged attitudes toward husband and children.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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