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Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt
120 East End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I haven't the privilege of knowing you and I am sure you do not know of me, but I note that you are one of the hostesses in the Jade Room for the dinner to the Queen Mother on November 3, and that my wife and I have been assigned seats there. I regret greatly that my wife is in Texas with some grandchildren and will be unable to join me. I shall have as a guest, however, Major G. A. N. Woodcock, an Australian engineer who was associated with me for many years but who has retired and is coming down from the Catskills to attend the dinner. He told me some time ago that as a young man during the first World War in 1918 he had stayed at Glamis and that in driving together, he and the Queen Mother had experimented in the use of chewing gum for the first time, which neither enjoyed. I am sure he has not met the Queen Mother since then and am equally sure that he, as one of the perhaps millions that have passed through her life, would not be remembered.

I was told today by Mr. Eugene Exman, one of Harper & Bros.' editors, that he had sent a book written by Mrs. Dorr, through Mrs. Austin Strong to Mr. Lewis Douglas hoping that it would be presented by him to the Queen Mother. I may say this book has been published by the aid of a small organization with which I am connected called The Dorr Foundation and the trustees under took the responsibility for it because of a widespread feeling which we found existed in England and some other places that it should eventually get distribution outside of the United States as telling better than some of our movies and other things do the true spirit of America.

I am enclosing a small circular regarding the book and if you would like to have one, it would give me great pleasure to give you one in honor of Theodore Roosevelt whom I admired so greatly.

This letter could confuse anyone, even a Roosevelt, but I shall look forward to the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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