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Mrs. Jeannette Fritsche
United States Committee for UNICEF
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Fritsche:

I enjoyed meeting you so much and appreciated the time you gave me. It was a very happy experience for me. You asked me to send you a few notes about myself for your records.

I studied at the Lenox School in New York City, and majored in English Literature at Bryn Mawr College for three years. I then transferred to Barnard and received my B.A. degree there in 1944. I did graduate work at Columbia University in 1945.

From 1945 to 1946, while I was still at Columbia, I was Assistant to the Director of Vocational Guidance Service. This organization, now called Vocational Advisory Service, is a joint Federal-private philanthropic undertaking. At that time its work was chiefly directed to the assistance and guidance of returned servicemen and also of potential delinquents. There I had administrative and fund-raising responsibilities, and organized classes for disturbed adolescents.

I taught in the Adult Education Division of the College of the City of New York from 1945 to 1946. My work was principally in Harlem where I taught civics and social studies. I also gave classes in English for the foreign born. At this time I published stories and poetry in such periodicals as Macmillan's Living, Yale Poetry Review, and New Masses.

From 1946 until last January, I lived and worked with Gabriela Mistral, the late Nobel Prize Winner from Chile, whose endeavors on behalf of UNICEF and the United Nations are well known to you. We lived for several years in Italy, Mexico, South America, as well as in the United States. As her friend, I assisted in her literary work, and handled the details and problems that arose in her life as a diplomat. I dealt with the highest government officials and literary figures of many countries. I assisted her in her work as delegate of Chile to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1953.

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