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ROBICHAUD, Gerard
b. St. Evariste, Province of Quebec, Canada

February 23, 1961

Mr. Gerard Robichaud
c/o Doubleday & Co.
575 Madison Avenue
New York City 22

Dear Mr. Robichaud:

PAPA MARTEL is the most captivating, wise and charming gentleman we have met in many a reading year. One of the reasons he is so real is no doubt because he was modelled on a person whom you knew well. The entire family seems lifted from life and placed between the covers of the book, and we would hazard a guess that you grew up with this family.

At any rate, we are enchanted with the book, and are confident that its praises will mount in direct proportion to the number of people who make the acquaintance of PAPA MARTEL.

May we tell you about the Maine Author Collection? it is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about Maine. Most of the nearly three thousand books are inscribed presentation copies, and the inscriptions are delightful, original, and varied. Some are tributes to the state, some autobiographical sketches, or pen-and ink pictures. They are a distinctive note in a valuable collection which attracts students and visitors.

We also gather all possible information, critical and biographical, about our authors, so that we may have a complete file on Maine writers.

Mr. Gerard Robichaud
February 23, 1961

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We hope that you may want to inscribe and present to the Maine Author Collection a copy of PAPA MARTEL. It is a book which reflects an intimate knowledge of a way of Maine life, and we would add it to the collection with a great deal of pride and appreciation.

Meanwhile, you have our very warm wishes for its success, and the fervent hope that PAPA MARTEL is but your first book. Let there be others!

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

GÉRARD ROBICHAUD
34-49 81ST STREET
JACKSON HEIGHTS 72, NEW YORK

March 11, 1961

Mrs. F. W. Jacob,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Your very kind words about PAPA MARTEL are highly appreciated, and thank you! To your comments that he was modelled on a person and a family I grew up with, I can only say: yes and no. You may be sure that it all happened in the State of Maine, where a lot of New Yorkers wish they lived, fished and paid taxes. I hope a lot of people get to know PAPA MARTEL. He really was that kind of a guy.

I am honored that you ask to have it included in the Maine Author Collection. And as soon as Doubleday ships me the extra copies I have ordered, I shall send you one, properly and fittingly inscribed. You may be sure that, since we spend our vacations in Maine, Mrs. Robichaud and I will visit the Collection this July, both for purposes of research, as well as pleasure.

Again I am grateful to you for your kind comments, and hope to meet you, and visit the Library at the next opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gérard Robichaud

March 28, 1961

Mr. Gerard Robichaud
34-49 81st Street
Jackson Heights 72, New York

Dear Mr. Robichaud:

Thank you very much for your generous letter, and for the promise of an inscribed copy of PAPA MARTEL. We are happily anticipating his arrival, and shall acknowledge the book as soon as we receive it.

We shall be glad indeed for you to call at the library, and hope that we can be of service to you. When you mention research, we dare to hope that it is for another book!

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

April 10, 1961

Mr. Gerard Robichaud
34-49 81st Street
Jackson Heights 72, New York

Dear Mr. Robichaud:

Thank you for starting our week happily: the inscribed copy of PAPA MARTEL for the Maine Author Collection has been received. We are delighted to welcome him, and appreciate such a thoughtful and rational suggestion as that embodied in your inscription. A few heads of state guided by Louis and Cecile Martel could solve many of our besetting sins and problems.

We hope that an ever-widening circle of readers will discover PAPA MARTEL, to their enjoyment and enrichment.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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