ZABEL, Morton Dauwen
Mr. Morton Dauwen Zabel  
c/o The Macmillan Company  
60 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 10011

Dear Mr. Zabel:

A conveniently arranged collection of the work of our Maine poet, Edwin Arlington Robinson, is certainly a book to be welcomed, and should prove useful as well as highly interesting not only to those familiar with his poetry, but also to those making his acquaintance.

Your SELECTED POEMS OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON is, it seems to us, a desirable book to be included in the Maine Author Collection. You may know of this permanent exhibit of books by Maine writers, or about Maine subjects. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies. We also make every effort to obtain biographical and critical information on our authors, making the exhibit a well-rounded and valuable collection for visitors and students.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of your volume on Robinson for this purpose. Our good wishes to you for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
February 23, 1967

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

In response to your letter to Mr. Morton Dauwen Zabel, I am sorry to have to tell you that Mr. Zabel died about two years ago. Should you, however, wish to have a copy of the book with an inscription by Mr. James Dickey, who provided the introduction, this could be arranged. Mr. Dickey is now Poetry Consultant at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

Arthur Gregor
Senior Editor
Trade Department

AG:kc
March 9, 1967

Mr. Arthur Gregor
Senior Editor
Trade Department
The Macmillan Company
866 Third Avenue
New York City 10022

Dear Mr. Gregor:

Thank you for writing to us about Mr. Zabel.

If, as you suggest, the Robinson book with an inscription by Mr. Dickey, could be made available for the Maine Author Collection -- yes, we think we should like that solution very much. Since Robinson's death, we have tried to include in the collection the volumes about him and his poetry. This particular collection of poems is, of course, in the general lending section of the library, but a copy in the Robinson section of the Maine exhibit would be desirable.

We appreciate your suggestion.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
March 21, 1967

Mr. Morton Dauwen Zabel  
c/o The Macmillan Company  
60 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 11

Dear Mr. Zabel:

You are not, we understand, a native of this state; but because you have edited a volume of Edwin Arlington Robinson's poems, and he was an eminent son of Maine, we write to you about the Maine Author Collection.

This is a permanent exhibit collection of books by Maine writers, or books about the state. Most of the books are inscribed presentation copies, and the nearly three thousand volumes, together with our files of biographical and critical material, make an impressive, useful and valuable display of Maine writing.

All Robinson's works are in the collection, of course, and we have been very fortunate in being able to add those books about him and his poetry which were published after his death. So we hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of SELECTED POEMS..... for inclusion in the collection.

Our very good wishes to you for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
March 21, 1967

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
In Charge of
Author Collection
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

We have sent a copy of the SELECTED POEMS OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON to Mr. James Dickey, who is at present Poetry Consultant at the Library of Congress. We have asked him to inscribe the book and mail it on to you. You should receive it before too long.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Arthur Gregor
Senior Editor
Trade Department

AG:kc
May 2, 1967

Mr. Arthur Gregor  
Senior Editor  
Trade Department  
The Macmillan Company  
866 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Gregor:

Thank you very much for the copy of SELECTED POEMS OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON which Mr. Zabel edited.

Mr. Dickey has very graciously inscribed the book, and we are adding it to the Maine Author Collection with much appreciation of your kindness.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
May 2, 1967

Mr. James Dickey
Poetry Consultant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. 20544

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Thank you for inscribing so generously and felicitously the copy of SELECTED POEMS OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON.

We are adding it to the Maine Author Collection with not a little satisfaction, and also with appreciation of your courtesy.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection