

February 15, 1935

Dear Mrs. Sangers:

Please do not think that my silence means that I do not appreciate your letter of January 28th. I appreciated it too much to answer it in a hurry and it came to my desk at a moment when I was too engrossed with a piece of work that had to meet a time limit to give it the consideration that it deserves.

Again, the copy of your book "My Fight for Birth Control" is here and I wanted to read it before writing you. It has been impossible for me to do so and I fear it will be for some little time so buried as I in my work. Believe me this is not lack of interest. I have tried to make it a rule not to go along with any undertaking of importance, particularly important to the family, unless I had studied it sufficiently to feel sure of my ground. I have never given the birth control movement that careful consideration. I have left it for those that were placed really to know what they were talking about. There are considerations tied up with the development of character - ethical considerations - which I would have to satisfy. Reason won't do it I am afraid. Somehow I have foggy intuitions which hold me back from what would be the easy way for me and that is to go along with you and the superior woman in the movement. I can't do it until I have thought or felt my way out and I feel that I have not the experience ever to do that.

Forgive this long and unsatisfactory letter. I shall read your book as soon as I have time, do it leisurely and think it over. I have always been hampered

