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Feb 17th 1995

DORIS BRAITHWAITE [redacted] [redacted] WESTHOUGHTON BOLTON [redacted] TEL: [redacted]

Dear Annette Kuhn,

I filled in a questionaire about the Cinema in the 1930's and 40s. I am 73 yrs of age and have been a film fan all my life until the last ten years or so. The cinema in my young days was a source of joy. We lost ourselves in the thrilling stories we watched on the screen. I loved the musicals and remember so well seeing "Naughty Marietta", a new kind of musical and introducing Nelson Eddy who became the well loved singer and super star of that era. He and Jeanette Macdonald created a magic never before seen or since. They became known as 'The Singing Sweethearts' and a fan club for each of them still flourishes today. I know because I belong to the Nelson Eddy Appreciation Society. I fell in love with him at the age of thirteen when I saw him in his first

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starring role. I wrote to him and have many letters and Xmas cards from him, plus autographed photos and five albums. I bought every record he made and now through writing to friends in America have a number of his radio shows on cassette.

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I wrote an article about him and Jeanette, it was published in the nostalgia magazine "Evergreen" Summer 1991. I have since written a book on Nelson Eddy's life. I am trying to get it published. Through the article I had dozens of letters from men as well as women all wanting to know if they could buy the book. I've sent to some half dozen publishers and while all seemed interested none could help me. I was wondering if you knew of anyone who would be interested. I would so love to see it in print and to show what I know of Nelson with others who so admire him. He had a very interesting life and its an affectionate tribute to a great singer and a wonderful personality.

> Yours sincerely Dorris Braithwaite (Mrs)