

May 11, 1950

Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover,
Reef Point Gardens,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I have been asked to get together a group of the Dumbarton Oaks negatives for the purpose of making prints to be used in articles being prepared for foreign papers and magazines by two of our visiting fellows. I learn from Mrs. Bland that all the Stewart negatives went to Reef Point some time ago and, I wonder if it would be asking too much to let us have the whole set of negatives so that we may have a complete file, as well as making extra copies for the use of the forthcoming published articles. Mrs. Bland said that before Mr. Thacher left for Europe, he told her that all the plans and drawings would be arriving and perhaps the negatives with them; but if it is not intended to include them in that material, will you please make inquiry and see if it is possible for us to borrow the set for the purpose of making a complete picture file of Dumbarton Oaks Gardens?

It must be nearing the time for Mrs. Farrand's return to Reef Point and I do hope she will be feeling better and able to cope with the many problems that will be waiting for her.

Our Spring weather has at last decided to stay 'put' and we are reveling in delightful days and the gardens are gorgeous. The slow Spring seems to have extended the blooming period for so many of our early bulbs which usually are all too much in a hurry to depart. Hope you are feeling the better of your brief holiday.

Sincerely yours,