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Dear Mr. Thacher:

Your letter of the 29th has just come, and I quite appreciate the need for haste as to the decision about the orchids and azaleas. Mrs. Bliss and I have two or three times tried to arrange a meeting, but this has had to be postponed, and at last today we hope to talk over the question of the disposition of the more delicate plants.

Individually, I feel that they are a part of the beauty and distinction which is inherent in Dumbarton Oaks, its contents and surroundings, and it would seem a real loss to the whole to risk the existence of plants which may be impossible to replace for many years to come. As soon as Mrs. Bliss has given her opinion, a telegram will be sent you.

You will, I know, be glad to hear that Mr. Bliss has been able to throw off a threateningly heavy cold. In past years, when he was in less good condition, Mrs. Bliss says he might have been in bed for weeks with bronchitis and sinus. I saw him yesterday, and although he looked a little pale, he was well enough to go downstairs to meet friends at tea.

It does not seem to me likely that Mrs. Bliss will come east during the next few weeks, but after she and I have had this afternoon's talk, another letter will be sent you.

Needless to say, I hope you may think it advisable and that it may be possible for you to come to the west, as entirely aside from professional arrangements, it would be a great pleasure to see you. With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Beatrix Farrand*

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