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Mildred my dear:

Mr. Patterson and I have had a talk about Oakdom designs and I cannot get it into my head why you are concentrating on a big platform at the pause in the north vista before you have definitely decided where the Garden Centre building is to be placed. Perhaps you have decided this question which underlies the whole problem. If so, where is it to be? Mr. Patterson tells me that you are working over the re-modelling of the garage to make it the Director's House, and in this case the big platform to the east of it becomes even more puzzling.

The planning and placing of the building and its surroundings seems the first question for decision and until that is definite - no matter how far in the future - it would seem the part of wisdom to wait until room sizes, library provisions, meeting room, secretary's room, parking spaces, etc. were all settled. Perhaps you will see here that all revolves around and centers in the building and its facilities. Where is there a place for the structure? Are you thinking of a site between the gardener's house and fellows building, as this used to be free, but may now be taken up with other projects.

Until the centre building is planned, placed and fairly well decided, I cannot "see" the north vista, especially as it is planned, and if you mean to go ahead with it before the building problem is solved I feel I should be of no use, as the question is not clear to me.

Mr. Patterson will bring back word as to your Reef Point plans and whether you have your place for the 18th and if good Robert comes with you.

It is heavenly here with gentle north wind.

Your ever devoted,

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