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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

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To Members of the Garden Advisory Committee  
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library & Collection

Mr. Michael Rapuano, Chmn.  
Mr. Robert Patterson  
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and

Mr. John Thacher, Director

Enclosed are two blackline prints covering the reconstruction of the Camellia Garden ( 96-03 rev. 1-13-59 ) and the completion of the new planting of the Ellipse ( 96-07 rev. 1-15-59 ).

As you know a preliminary estimate on the cost of the reconstruction of the Camellia Garden was received on September 24, 1958 from G. Morris Steinbraker & Son of Georgetown amounting to \$ 3,365.00. This estimate does not include rearrangement of the Camellias nor the additional planting of bulbs, ground cover and evergreens. Considerable rebuilding of the loosely constructed wall addition of drainage, excavation of walks, stone bed edging, cap to wall, etc. The proposed planting will have to be adjusted on the ground because of the existing growth.

The planting plan 96-07 covers additions to form the enclosure of the Ellipse. My idea is to provide a fairly dense screen along the hill or south side combining with the existing materials. This will through the views outward toward the valley. Dense screening is provided on the west side by hollies, etc. to separate this ellipse from intrusion there. Dogwoods on the east will give color and eventually a view through their multi-grouped trunks. All are placed away from the aerial hornbeam hedge so that it will not be crowded. A bordering and enclosing Japanese holly hedge with ultimate height of 4' will give form and finish to the lower part of the ellipse. A periwinkle border will hold spring bulbs. Other bulbs will be masses for color in the ivy ground cover.

I shall look forward to your suggestions and recommendations on these plans and plantings. I believe they present a landscape picture best suited for the two areas under study.

Sincerely yours,

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