

ALDEN HOPKINS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

May 19, 1959

Mr. John S. Thacher, Director
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
1703 Thirty second Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thacher,

Attached is black line print showing the proposed scheme for the projecting seat at the north side of the Ellipse: # 96-08, dated May 15, 1959.

I believe that our best approach to this project is the erection of a cheap dummy to be viewed by Mrs. Bliss and the Advisory Committee at their first meeting in the fall. We can then tell more about its desirability. I also believe that we should live with the present Ellipse for this summer to see its development before additions are made.

I shall keep my eye on the lookout for colored pebbles, especially good dark black ones, pebble patterns and designs on walls in connection with water and fountains, masks, etc. I hope that I have an opportunity of snapping black and white shots of examples.

Thank you for your letter with the enclosure; it arrived this morning in quick time. Best wishes for the summer.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mrs. Bliss
Mr. Rapuano