

ALDEN HOPKINS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

May 3, 1959
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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
1537 Twenty-eight Street
Georgetown, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bliss,

I have received an estimate on the cost of the stonework and of the construction for the revitalization of the lilac or camellia circle from Mr. Steinbraker. I have gone over the requirements for this reconstruction on the ground with Mr. Steinbraker and have pointed out to him that the wall cap must be the same as that topping on the wall above the cutting garden. The work will be done in accordance with my drawing # 93-03 which you have and which Mr. Rapuano has approved.

The cost of this work Mr. Steinbraker estimates will come to \$ 3620.00. This includes only the construction work and not the revived planting which would be an added amount of about \$600-750. This replanting would include a revision of the camellias with the addition of more white plants at the entrances and the removal of the off color pinks which are not desired. I shall also include the new spring bulbs with squills, evergreens and background planting for this shady area.

We cannot move the the present camellias nor obtain new plants until the new growth has hardened the last of June. I would suggest that as soon as I return in July that we commence on this construction so that the evergreens may be planted in September and the bulbs in the correct time in October. The garden will then be completed upon your return to Washington in October.

May I receive your comments on or approval of this procedure for I know that you are most anxious for this area to be finished.

With the best of wishes for your travels this summer. I sail on the 22nd for Naples via Lisbon and Barcellona.

Sincerely yours,



Encl: Estimate
cc: Mr. Thacher
Mr. Rapuano