

July 26, 1949

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I have your two letters before me, viz., July 11th and July 22d. I thought I would defer my reply to your first letter until Mrs. Bliss returned from Reef Point and the matter of the Petty Cash was settled. Mr. Russell has sent me a check for \$50.00 to reimburse me for the outlay over and above the \$25.00 previously given me, which leaves me \$27.97 for future use.

Mrs. Bliss is most enthusiastic about her visit to Reef Point and cannot praise you enough for all that has been done under your wise guidance. I think she has benefited greatly from her close observation, without the usual interruptions, and it seems to have given her a different slant on the situation here, as regards the future of the Garden Center.

Mrs. Bliss got home on Friday but I did not see her until yesterday but she told me that you wished me to come to Reef Point sometime soon and hoped it would fit in with my vacation plans. She told me that she hoped I would accept your invitation "with alacrity" and so I do, as you know it would give me great pleasure to see you and your lovely Reef Point which has welcomed me before. Then I got your letter of the 22d extending an invitation before or after my holidays and I hasten to accept. If you will let me know whether or not it would be convenient to come just after Labor Day as my family affairs would have to undergo some drastic changes otherwise. My sister, the nun, will be at home for two weeks in August and I would not want to go while she is with us, and to go next week would upset the apple cart here. Mrs. Bliss may have told you that I am cooperating to the best of my ability in what she and Mrs. Willgoose are trying to accomplish in Founders' Room and I hesitate to go on my vacation before the Blisses sail, in case there might be some occasion for me to be of use to Mrs. Bliss in the many things she will have to do before August 5th.

All the books have been carefully cleaned and wrapped and tucked away from the humidity which prevails in Washington the next two months and already we are making plans to receive new files to accommodate the plans and drawings which Mrs. Bliss says you want to return to Dumbarton Oaks for the Archives. It seems that my office will be the place of refuge, at least for the time being.

Miss Havey was here Sunday and yesterday working on the North Vista walls and other details. Mrs. Bliss seems to have accepted Kearney more graciously and he seems more at ease with her than when Bryce was here.

If you, or Mrs. Stover, will let me know what you have in mind for my visit, I shall appreciate it, and if the time mentioned is agreeable, I shall be most happy to come and do whatever possible to meet your wishes. With many kind greetings to you and all at Reef Point, I am

Very sincerely yours,

DUMBARTON OAKS
INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

FROM

TO ~~Memorandum concerning Garden Petty Cash~~
Account, handled by Anne Sweeney.

DATE

SUBJECT

Received from Ellis Russell, on request from Mrs. Bliss, check for \$50.00 to be used by me for petty cash purchases for the Garden Account. I had already expended the sum of \$22.03 more than was given me, so am retaining that sum to reimburse my personal account. Therefore, there is to Mrs. Bliss' credit, in my garden expense account----- \$27.97. to be accounted for.

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