

May 4, 1949

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Mrs. Bliss was at Dumbarton Oaks today, trying to systematize some matters pertaining to the Founders' Room, as well as the situation with regard to the purchase of books for the Garden Information Library, and she has asked me to write you for her, to convey her regrets for being so dilatory in her response to your two latest letters, and to tell you how very busy she is at the moment with so many details.

Mrs. Bliss has asked Mrs. Willgoose and me to make up a new list for her of the books from your Reef Point list, with the most important items suggested for inclusion in the D.O. Garden Library, and she will eventually advise you with regard to their possible purchase.

Washington's hot summer weather is descending on us; the gardens are beautiful as ever, and the garden visitors are being admitted every day to see their spring blossoms.

Please be assured that Mrs. Bliss will write you personally just so soon as she is able to get a breathing space from the many, many problems to be decided. She sends you her love and fond greetings and hopes you are keeping well and enjoying your beloved Reef Point Gardens. With kind personal greetings to you,

Sincerely yours,