

October 18th, 1949

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I am at last sending you a letter as suggested by you for the Berkshire Garden Center. I feel it is not right and welcome your criticism and suggestions. I have hesitated a long time over the drafting of so many questions and hope they will not get the idea that we are trying to look into their archives. Your experience in dealing with such people will enable you to phrase a letter in proper diplomatic language so I shall be guided by what you suggest in sending the letter to them.

I have a letter from Blackwells offering the Gardens of China and wonder if you think this would be useful to Dumbarton Oaks? I saw it in your library when I was making notes but did not know if it was one to jot down. The Reher bibliography has come and I will send Mrs. Stover an acknowledgment of it.

Mr. Patterson has been here as you know and I was glad of the opportunity to speak to him for a few minutes between his many excursions to the garden. He no doubt will have told you of the many things on the calendar for the coming months. Chrysanthemums are at last bursting and the coming week end ought to attract a great many visitors. Having the grounds open every day has decreased the number of Sunday visitors but last Sunday we had over 600.

It was nice you could have even five days away from Reef Point but it was hardly enough for one who does as much as you do when you are trying to get things done at home and even though you were in Canada I'm sure your thoughts were on what was to be accomplished on your return.

Have heard nothing from Mr. Russell but I have learned that he did finally get to Reef Point. Probably he will be coming to Washington about the time the Blisses return.

Many kind greetings and sincere thanks for your kind cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

