

I am enclosing the following -

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Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Stover: I was so sorry when I received your letter to realize that I had not completed the listing for Mrs. Farrand but no mention was made of the prices so I never thought of including them. However, I am returning for your use the catalogues which you returned to Dumbarton Oaks for me.

When I received your letter Saturday morning, I couldn't think of anything else than to come back here to D.O. and make a list of the D.O. books in my custody, as well as those in the rare book collection. Mrs. Clark being away until October, her room is locked and no one would think of entering it to make a list. Fortunately I was glad to be able to find among various lists in my possession, a list Mrs. Clark gave me some time ago and while it may not cover everything she has on garden subjects, it is fairly comprehensive and will give us a good start.

My own books were on cards and I hesitated to ask anyone to send them away without making a list, consequently, I have made a list for you which you may keep for your records and it is enclosed with the other, marked (AS) for everything I have in my office.

When I visited the Arnold Arboretum the librarian was very helpful and checked off on my list everything they had or didn't have. I found their library only went in for trees, shrubs etc and had nothing on flowers. I have marked their list with asterisks and rubbed off the AA which we put on the margins temporarily - I hope it will be clear to you.

Miss Manks at the Massachusetts had a more comprehensive library and gave me a list of the ones she considered important. Their collection is an enormous one and contains nearly everything, but it would have taken days to do a complete job. However, she kindly offered to do any searching we might require for titles etc.

Miss McNamara at the Landscape Library was very busy the day I was there but she set me loose in the realm of garden books and I made some notes and checked off the ones we had and they didn't, but she told me their library was mostly for garden design, landscaping and housing plans. She has promised to send me a complete bibliography of their books for our reference here.

I phoned my home last night and was told a telegram had been received from you saying it was unnecessary for me to return to Washington to get the lists, but as I had already spent a day here and had not completed my task, and also as Mr. Thacher had just returned from New York and wanted to have a report on my visit to Reef Point, I decided to stay over another day.

