

December 7th, 1946

Mr. Robert W. Patterson,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have just sent off to Mrs. Farrand a letter in response to one from her, asking my suggestions after talking with Mr. Thacher in regard to winter work &c for the Garden Guide Department. Not having had any opportunity for conversation with Mr. Thacher, I was obliged to defer until this late date my answer to Mrs. Farrand.

Enclosed, for your information, is copy of my letter, with a copy of the last Garden Report for this season, and a copy of the suggestions made concerning future work. I hope, when you come to Dumbarton Oaks next, we shall have more time to talk over these various matters, especially the matter of planting lists etc., which I understand is to be quite complete. I shall be most grateful for any help or suggestions you may have to impart.

Mr. Thacher tells me he has asked that you make one trip here in January, if possible, with sufficient time to enable you and us to talk things over. I know there is so much to be done when you do get here that your time will be taken up almost completely, but I am hoping for an opportunity to discuss the Garden Tours and its ramifications with you.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,