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Dear Miss Sweeney:

This roundabout letter goes to you, as Mrs. Stover can read my writing and few other people can, so she will interpret. The cards you sent me, and your letter are excellent. My suggestions are to make them a little more popular as to wording. For instance - in *Paulownia* - "Fruit a capsule" perhaps a nutlike capsule. In *Acanthopanax* - say whether berries carried all winter and if so, of value for this, flowers of small horticultural value. Then in each case, - where the plant grows at Dumbarton Oaks. In *Buddleia*, try and simplify "stellate glandula scaly pubescence" to twigs slightly pubescent, and add characteristic of weeping growth, whether hardy, etc. You will see the comments on *Bellis* and *Kolkwitzia*. By all means different colours for the different types of plans. But all cards MUST be printed Dumbarton Oaks, as if they are taken out of the files, they must be retrievable, and an index kept. They are for reference and may often be consulted and the printing is a sign they belong to Dumbarton. This I know is necessary.

If you will be very careful of it, Mrs. Stover will send you our book list for Reef Point. Those marked S.R. are the rare books and these are the ones Mrs. Bliss will care most to see, so if Mrs. Stover sends you our copy why not make a copy for yourself as it will be handy for reference.

Some how and somewhere we must have a talk before long. If not in Washington then either in Boston or at Reef Point. What say you to this? Our best to you from us both.

Yours ever,

Beatrix Farrand

The Morton Arboretum book list is of practical and semi-popular books, and I don't know about the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. Neither list is likely to be what Mrs. Bliss wants.