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Miss Anne Sweeney, Dumbarton Oaks, 3101 "R" Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Tell me how your work gets on and if your weekly reports to Mr. Thacher continue. If so, it might be a good scheme if you would send me a carbon of them and tell me if you see him from time to time, and what matters you have on your mind, and how I can best help you.

The two friends here are progressing. Mrs. Bliss is revolving at the rate of about one thousand a minute, going on with defense work, air raid precautions, first aid, and dear knows what else. But she seems well, and there is no question that Mr. Bliss is steadily, even if slowly, gaining. Do keep me in touch with what is going on in your department as well as in your mind, and what the prospects seem to be of your botanists for this month.

The delays on the start of the possible new library building at the Botanic Garden seem endless. Perhaps you did not know Mrs. Bliss is thinking of giving one, but as you know by experience, she is not the easiest person to catch for consultations. So we are, as you so often have been, hanging in the air until we can catch her.

Yours very sincerely,

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