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Miss Anne Sweeney
Dumbarton Oaks
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

You are being started on a big task in suggesting the listing of all the Dumbarton Oaks plants. At Reef Point we have had cards made which will be used by students and also as a memory helper for planters at Reef Point in the future. There should be a fairly full description of the plant, and whether to list its sizes in metres and centimeters or feet and inches is a question you would be wise to talk over with any of your botanical cronies. Rehder uses metric measures, Bailey feet and inches. The size of card seemed to work out well at Reef Point, but you may prefer another. The cards should be slender enough for typing and yet stiff enough not to be flimsy and easily dog-eared.

Have a try, and when Mr. Patterson comes I have asked him to give you time enough to go into the problems which you are now carrying alone. Frankly you seem to me a very vital part of the Dumbarton Oaks machine, if the gardens are really to be kept as a valid part of the whole, you are essential, and I believe Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have tried to arrange matters so that the garden is to continue and not be submerged in Byzantium!

Remember, everything growing on the place, even some weeds, should be carded, and place of origin, where good specimen growing, and all the myriad things you will collect from your notes and the various books, season of bloom, etc. Let me see a try or two.

I hope all is well with you and wish we could meet and have a good talk. Miss Walter sends her greetings with mine to our friend.

Yours ever,

Beatrice Farrand