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Miss Anne Sweeney
Dumbarton Oaks
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

Thank you for the letter written to both Mrs. Stover and me of July 18th. She and I both thank you for it. It will be quite easy for me in writing to Mrs. Bliss to tell her that I was glad she had remembered the promised \$25. for prints and that will be a sort of unofficial prod. Also I must plead guilty to not having ordered the garden books for which we have a fat \$75. fund to carry us through until the 1st of July next. It is going to take me a little while to go over your lists and to see which books seem to me really worth while. So if you have time before you leave for your holiday will you send me a list of any additional books over and above the last little list you sent me.

Although we did read the accounts of the heat in Washington last week we were so busy being sorry for ourselves as the thermometer dared to climb to somewhere near 80 that we hardly had time to give any thought to anything which wasn't either war or our own perspiring selves! If you think of any reason aside from the desire to see us and our desire to see you here which would make a journey here desirable let me know as I regard myself as a sort of telephone "central" between Dumbarton Oaks, myself, the Director and Mrs. Bliss.

It seems to me as though you had had a very good record for June and July and I am greatly pleased that you brought the question to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss of the postcard and the booklet or map. Do you know whether the photograph has yet been made of the map in the Catalogue House, as otherwise I must bother poor busy Bryce to have this done. In short, go through your remembrances of our agenda and see in what I am neglecting your nice self.

Your inquiry about postcards for a wonder leaves me unguilty, as I have already communicated with both Bryce and the authorities at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but have had no reply from either. Perhaps it is too soon to expect an answer in these literal "dog" days.

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The news from abroad is so confused that it makes one wonder whether the distraction of the present situation may not be coming to a climax. With our best regards, not only from me, but from Mrs. Stover, Miss Walter, and the Garlands, I am,

Yours ever sincerely,

Benny Fawcett
