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Miss Anne Sweeney  
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

Thank you for your nice letter of the 30th. You obviously are being a tremendous success, and there is nothing which pleases me and will please Mrs. Bliss more deeply. The one thing that we must look out for is that you don't get too physically tired, as ones physical fatigue has a very distinct bearing on what one can give mentally.

You are cheating yourself when you think you are going to go through the autumn without an invasion from me to Dumbarton Oaks. I plan to leave here next Monday and am enclosing an itinerary to show where I can be reached, although I can't promise I will answer any letters once I have left Mrs. Stover!

You will see that I hope to get to Washington on the afternoon of the 21st, the day after Thanksgiving, and to stay until the afternoon of the 25th, Tuesday. On Sunday afternoon it seems likely that I shall go out to see Mr. and Mrs. Michael Straight, at their place near Alexandria as they want advice on starting planting, and as they are the son and daughter-in-law of my friends the Leonard Elmhirsts of Dartington in Devonshire England, I am naturally eager to do everything I can for them.

Will you set down all of your problems as they come up and send them on to me so that I can be thinking them over before we meet? One that seems to need immediate attention is that I should say you needed a monitor to help in the control of the mobs of visitors. By all means keep away from amateur guides from the American Horticultural Society, but you may be able to use one of them as monitor after you have tried it out. Do let me know as quickly as you can, perhaps here before I leave, what problems you have in mind, as once I get away from her and away from Mrs. Stover I shall be as "mum" as a pumpkin!

Do take care of yourself and if I don't interfere with your work on Saturday afternoon perhaps we might have a talk on Saturday morning.

Yours very sincerely,

*Beatrix Farrand*  
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