## BEATRIX FARRAND LANDSCAPE GARDENER REEF POINT BAR HARBOR, MAINE

April 21, 1947

Mr. John S. Thacher Dumbarton Oaks 3101 R Street Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

Even before I fully read and digest your letter of the 18th which has just come, this small Italian envelope must go to you so that if you care to take it on your European jaunt you will have something in which to put the inevitable stray papers that seem to accumulate without the slightest effort on their part.

As soon as your letter is absorbed an answer will be sent you but I well realize that you will probably not see it until you return in the autumn.

Secretly I have longed for the Tiger ever since I first made his acquaintance at Dumbarton, and the place where he sat so happily for two or three months has been lonely without him, so that I shall accept him with deep gratitude and shall get daily enjoyment from looking at him and being glad that he is old Chinese and stone and not a dangerous denizen of the garden.

With affection and with all good wishes for your journey, I am,

Yours ever.