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Dear Mr. Thacher:

Please let me apologize to you for being so unclear as to my communications with regard to salary, etc. The blame is entirely mine as I find in looking through my files that you as the representative of Harvard have never had a copy of my terms letter which I am therefore enclosing. You will see that bills for my service accounts are rendered half-yearly and of course no salary is due until the accounts have been sent out. I am therefore returning you the cheque you so kindly sent so that you may hold it until later on if you think it has been earned. The reason I suggested that I would send in an account for the full amount is that I wanted you to be warned that the full amount would probably have to be accounted for in your 1940-41 budget. Whether there will be any surplus returned from this salary fund of mine remains to be seen!

Your letter of the 19th of June reassuring me as to the question of heat, repairs, and incidental expenses in connection with the gardens and buildings has come and I thank you. When it is convenient for Miss Carpenter to let me have these items it would interest me and I suppose Mr. Bryce ought also to have a copy. I have already sent him the part of the gardens budget which you permitted me to give him and think he should be kept informed as to these other sums.

Thank you for your list of addresses which will be perhaps used more often than you wish! I am relieved that the news from Mrs. Sessions is at least favorable and like you will wait with anxious interest for further developments.

Please don't think me too nagging a creature if I ask whether you have any definite information, or acceptance, of our school children plan? This is all the more important since you say the tax assessors have turned you down completely. It therefore means that all possible use of the grounds must be made for school children, if not to the general public.

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I hope the change to the library in the house is going to prove possible as regards construction, and incidentally cost.

There is dead silence from California which makes me a little uneasy. Perhaps you have more frequent news.

It will be nice to hear that you are in the neighborhood and as soon as my Chief arrives from his salmon fishing and we settle down here I shall hope to persuade you and your mother to come over to lunch with us.

Yours ever sincerely,

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