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Dear Mr. Thacher:

The yesterday's letter went to you before I really properly digested a letter from Mr. Russell enclosing a letter from you as to the services of the three "old men" and Miss Sweeney.

My own feeling is that if the Park Board can be pushed into making the advisory committee fairly quickly it would put them in a good humor to have the help at the start, and it certainly will be easy enough to slack off later on.

As to Miss Sweeney. Yesterday's letter suggested a possible solution to Miss Sweeney's problem which I think we had better discuss fairly carefully when I next see you in Washington.

Miss Sweeney would in many ways help Bryce in releasing one of his men from guide duty.

As you know in the case of Mr. Root you thought we ought to get the appointment of the advisory committee because Mrs. Bliss does not seem inclined to do anything without this committee, which in a way partly insures the former owner's control of the design and planting. Possibly this is just what Mr. Root is jibbing at.

Yours very sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand

The recent news from Mr. Russell from "our family" in the west is of decided and noticeable improvement on Mr. Bliss's part.