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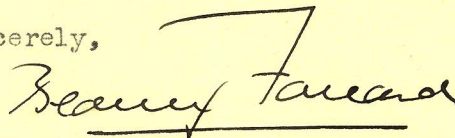
Dear Mr. Thacher:

Don't think you have too incessant a correspondent on your hands. This will be but a brief note saying that it now looks as though I had better delay giving the Harvard lecture until towards spring. My Chief gets on slowly. I am not discouraged but at times he is, and progress is slow and he ought not to be forced to make plans or to do anything that seems an effort. Therefore, it now looks likely that we shall stay here until into November and that I shall stop at Dumbarton Oaks on my way westward, for such time as you and I agree is wise. We can then go over the whole D.O. situation and I can report within a comparatively few days to Mrs. Bliss. She, by the way, in a recent letter said Mr. Bliss had been moved back to Casa Dorinda and that it was, as you well imagine, an enormous relief to both of them. She also said it was not at all unlikely that she would come East for a brief business trip in November, so please be sure and let me know if there is any likelihood of her being in Washington at any time when I could meet her.

I wish you could be here as the place is never more lovely than just at this season.

With best regards always, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. Your grand/news as to the garden tours has just come. You must have realized how great a relief this would be to me and to the garden-minded. It may be mid-November before I reach you, but you may be sure that it will be just as soon as seems wise on account of responsibilities here.