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LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

September 8, 1944

Lieutenant Commander John S. Thacher, U.S.N.
Dumbarton Oaks
3101 R Street,
Washington, 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

The manuscript for the Landscape Architecture publication is sent you so that you may kindly run through it and see whether you catch any glaring inaccuracies. It does not pretend to be a literary masterpiece but if it is clear and seems to you a dignified account of Dumbarton Oaks I will ask you if you will kindly wire Mr. Bradford Williams, 291 Otis Street, West Newton, 65, Massachusetts, giving your approval if you feel you conscientiously can do so. If you think it wise to bother the two Blisses on their holiday perhaps you would send your copy on to them to get their release as Mr. Williams, the editor of Landscape Architecture, is - as he expresses it - "holding the presses" and wants to get the number out as quickly as possible.

The seven pictures submitted to Mr. Williams are given on the enclosed list. Doubtless Mr. Williams will not want to use all of them but each one seemed to have merit.

Although it is hard to think of leaving here as we are beginning the full beauty of autumn I look forward to seeing you at Dumbarton and already have a sketch for the possible paving of the green garden and expect to bring with me a further sketch for the ellipse changes.

Good Bryce has offered me the hospitality of their house for Sunday noon so you need not have me on your mind as I shall lunch at their house and rest under their roof while you and your guests have your house to yourselves.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand

List of Dumbarton Oaks pictures sent to Mr. Bradford Williams for Landscape Architecture article, September 6th, 1944

1. Air view from the southeast. Entrance road, east lawn and terraces.
Fairchild Air Surveys
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
2. The front door, south side of house.
Stewart Brothers, photographers
Mr. Frederick Brooke, architect.
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
3. The box terrace. A copy in limestone of an eighteenth century French terra cotta urn marks the middle of the space.
Stewart Brothers, photographers
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
4. The rose garden and steps leading to the box terrace.
Stewart Brothers, photographers
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
5. The herbaceous borders and the Irish Yew at the top of the hill. The toolhouse roof to the right belongs to the kitchen gardens on the lower levels.
Stewart Brothers, photographers
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
6. The east end of the loggia and the swimming pool.
Stewart Brothers, photographers
Lawrence Grant White, architect of loggia
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener
7. North front of house and north vista terraces.
Stewart Brothers photographers
Beatrix Farrand, landscape gardener