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May 11, 1943

Mr. J. H. Weeks,
Casa Dorinda
Hot Springs Road
Santa Barbara, California

Dear John:

Your letter postmarked May 4th has just come and I am transmitting the good news to Mrs. Bliss that you, Lucking, Verga and Gabriel have already signed up with the Civil Service to remain on at Casa Dorinda, and that you are making every effort to have Morrison kept on and that the Ambassador has written someone with regard to Morrison's case.

The distance of the protective fence from the trunk of the trees seems to me quite adequate in the case of the Sequoia, but I do not feel as though twenty feet from the trunk of the Guadalupe were sufficient. Is there no way by which this can be increased to the edge of the spread of the branches as you and I both know that the roots of a tree spread at least as far as the tips of its branches and that therefore the ground beneath the branches should be protected for the sake of the well-being of the specimen.

Trusting all goes well with you and that the work at the Casa is progressing so that it may before long be of its destined use, I am,

Yours very truly,

Stamped and addressed envelope enclosed for reply.