

BEATRIX FARRAND  
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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss  
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Washington, D. C.

Dearest Mildred:

The news has burst at Santa Barbara and such a happy letter has come from Mr. Van Rensselaer - "Great excitement, General Lassiter telephoned yesterday to tell of the good news from Mrs. Bliss. The Director of course is overwhelmed and speechless. General Lassiter will present the letter from Mrs. Bliss to the Trustees on Friday and I will write you of its acceptance.

"How greatly this will relieve the conditions here and what a pleasure it will be to carry on with constant tension removed".

He ends the letter "again with uncounted thanks to Mrs. Bliss and for whatever share you may have had." Certain you have turned the fortunes of the Botanic Garden and Van Rensselaer from black to white.

Your ever grateful and devoted,

Trix

The Tiger has come and now sits on a big flat boulder in a ferned jungle where he looks quite comfortable and gives us endless pleasure.

*Cheers & grateful love.*