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Angel Mildred:

Apparently your suggestion as to the Valley Club seems likely to be not only the most practical, inexpensive and attractive, but also the most likely to meet our combined needs, so that Max and I are already deep in your debt in gratitude for what you may have arranged for us for next winter. Needless to say, I will go and see the Manager of the Club, and will trust to you that I may do so without indiscretion as, at present, we are non-members.

Thank you too, for your delightful message from Mr. Thacher. It is nice to know that they think I can be of use to the grown-up Dumbarton Oaks, which must be so different from the fledgling you have so long sheltered. I shall impatiently await the letter from either of the Two. It is a relief to know that my ruthlessness did not shock them, as it seemed to me only sensible to face the fact of the fairly complete change Dumbarton must make for the future.

We look forward to next Monday and hope no Casa Dorinda events will prevent you two and Mr. Waterman coming. I don't remember whether I told you lunch was at 1:15, and in between times we can have a chatter, then the lecture and possibly tea before you must depart for your Town House for the night.

Of course the Director's house is open for the inspection of Mr. Waterman if it can be of any use to you and him. Max and I are twittering with pleasure at the idea of seeing you soon in two or three days. A card will go to Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor thanking her for the absentee Magnolias. It was nice of her to think of it.

With our fondest love to both my Chiefs and friendly messages to Mr. Waterman, I am,

Your always fond