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My very dear Milrob:

We have had such fun at Dumbarton Oaks in the last thirty years that it is hard to accept the verdict of the medicos - four of them - to drastically cut down, on pain of being really unwise at my age. So the Reef Point work is being shortened very materially and the Botanic Garden here at Santa Barbara has been bidden farewell, through Mr. Bullard, and now it comes to saying farewell to Oakdom. This is hardest of all, as we three and Oakdom have been together so long. But as in the army, orders are orders and must be obeyed. So I shall not be available for consultation, or even for book buying and when the accounts are made up for the last half year, the balance, if there is one, will be returned to you and the account closed after these many years.

This has been hard to accept, but it must be, and we are fortunate to have had such happy years together. My dearest love to you both and thank you for a lovely New Year telegram.

Your unchangingly devoted,

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No one but you & Robert  
can ever know how hard  
this letter has been to write &  
send -