

April 18, 1947

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

Unfortunately, the next two weeks before my departure seem to be a mad scramble, so that I hope you will forgive me for writing you in what may appear like even a hurried or rather abrupt fashion.

With your indulgence, I shall plunge immediately into financial matters. I told Mr. Patterson that it seemed to me wiser, in order to regularize the new arrangement, that as of July 1st, 1947, the Beatrix Farrand Account and the Beatrix Farrand Agent Account should be closed. As soon as you and Mrs. Stover have worked out what our indebtedness to these accounts would be, I would appreciate your sending in your statements. I realize that you can not do this before I leave Washington by April 30th, but I would appreciate it if you could have them in Miss Carpenter's hands by June 1st. Mr. Patterson will report to you about Miss Sweeney's trip to Bar Harbor, which she is anxious to carry out. Therefore, will you add on to your honorarium account \$200. toward Miss Sweeney's trip. I am sorry I cannot make it larger, but I feel that this is all that we can spare.

If, after all the bills are paid, in regard to these accounts, there is any balance for this fiscal year, it was felt that this sum might be used for the painting of the Greenhouses, as our Garden Maintenance Fund is inadequate.

After June 30th, these two accounts will be closed and in their stead we will open a Robert Patterson honorarium account and a Robert Patterson Agent account, as the purchase of all bulbs, seeds, etc., will be made by Mr. Patterson in the future, so as to have some check on Bryce, and also as part of our plan to relieve you of all administrative details. I suggest that all expenditures which you may have in regard to correspondence, etc., such as Mrs. Stover's time or that of others spent on Dumbarton Oaks matters, be sent to Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Patterson, himself, may wish to take advantage of the use of Mrs. Stover's services.

If, as we hope will be the case, you come to Washington to consult with us and assist us in the preparation of plans, etc., it would be expected that you would render us a separate bill for your services.

The subject of the location of the Stone Tiger came up in our conversations with Mrs. Bliss, and we were so sorry that you had not kept him at Reef Point, where Mr. Patterson told us you had a very suitable lair for him. Therefore, he will be packed up once more and shipped to you with the hope that you will be willing to accept him, with many messages of friendship and affection, as a tangible reminder of happy associations between the gardens of Reef Point and Dumbarton Oaks. We have had him revalued so that the marked-down price would be \$100.

We all found Mr. Patterson's visit extremely satisfactory and helpful in every way, and so, I understand, did Mrs. Bliss. Mr. Patterson promised me that he would go over with you, in as much detail as your time and strength will permit, all of the points which were discussed during his visit. I hope that when I am bouncing over the waves to England, and collected my thoughts, I will send you my views on

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various long range garden matters. Then in the autumn I trust that we will meet somewhere.

Mr. Patterson will deliver to you our many friendly messages, and I am sorry not to be able to write you at greater length now, but as you may well imagine, I am confronted with an extraordinarily large number of details to be taken care of before my departure.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to having the pleasure of seeing you upon my return in the autumn,

Ever yours affectionately,

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand
Reef Point
Bar Harbor, Maine