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Dearest Trix,

Under separate envelope I am returning the draft of the monumental report on the Dumbarton Oaks gardens. This, it seems to me, is of such importance in its detail, not only to the future of Dumbarton Oaks but also in its principles for all landscape gardeners, that I shall recommend that an issue be made of it for distribution amongst landscape garden schools, universities, etc. It is a great report and a model steering gear for your actual and future colleagues. It would be difficult to tell you how grateful I am for it and how much I appreciate the labour it has involved for you.

Enclosed is a copy of the acknowledgment of General Lassiter and the Board of Trustees of the gift of the addition to the capital funds of the Garden, and a delightful letter has just been received from the good Van Rensselaer thoroughly happy over the future, and expressing relief.

It is a very real satisfaction to have been able to assure the future work of the Garden, as well as of Van Rensselaer's leadership, and that Trust Fund reverted to me at just the right moment. Had it not been for that I should not have been able to take this step and by turning the entire Trust Fund over to the Botanic Garden I shall have to wait for the reversion of another and lesser fund to take two other steps I have at heart.

I now feel that I have given the Garden about all that I shall, barring of course occasional little gestures here and there, and when we next meet I should like to talk over with you various ideas I hold in regard to the Garden's future development. Now Van Rensselaer tells me in his last letter that Mrs. Gould's interest has been <sup>re</sup>awakened; he has had one talk with her, will be seeing her again next week, and she has asked what she can do! Also that Anne Fithian has received a letter from Helen Thorne asking that you be elected to the Board of Trustees, and lastly, *he ask* that I return the draft of his proposed pamphlet establishing the needs of the Garden, with suggestions, revision, editing, etc. *For* This, I fear I shall not have time, as I am under more pressure than is quite bearable with this heat and humidity. However, I shall get off a letter to him containing some sort of a directive, as I think the report unreadably dry and too long.

What do you make of the enclosed letter from Radcliffe? I am of course incompetent to give them the advice for which they ask. Any suggestion from you would be most welcome, and please return the letter with my secretary's answer.

