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Dearest Trix,

Just a hurried line to acknowledge your so welcome letter of the 23rd. I do not quite understand your third paragraph because I never for a moment supposed you had telegraphed the General regarding the transfer of the Trust Fund and it simply is not worth spending the time to look it up!

What you say in regard to the letter from Radcliffe is interesting, digested and noted.

Both Mr. Thacher and ourselves are particularly glad that you will be coming to Dumbarton Oaks this autumn. As it now seems probable that Robert will be absent from the 9th to the 26th, and that he seems intent on taking me with him, the month of September is as good as lost to me. The opening of our Library on Germanic problems at Columbia will take place between the 27th and 29th, and my being in New York at that time is indispensable, - and in making your plans for an October visit would you bear in mind that the weeks containing second Thursdays of every month, and especially in October, are broken ones for me.

Enclosed is the draft of Van Rensselaer's proposed pamphlet about the Botanic Garden's needs. I am really sorry not to work over it but I shall be completely unutilizable if I take on one more nocturnal task. The days, alas, are too short for what must be accomplished. Will you return the draft direct to Van Rensselaer, or to me for transmission? The Board seems now to be champing at the bit to get this appeal out.

Dearest love to Matrix from your devoted and so thankful
Milrob, over whose door proudly floats the Tricolor.

Millob S.

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Bar Harbor, Maine.

P.S. Bryce has just asked me if the order not to plant vegetables is definite. If so, he will convert the space into a nursery. I told him that I would speak to you again about it and I shall ask Thacher today, or to-morrow. My own opinion is that it would be a mistake to suppress the vegetables. This year, for instance, Mrs. Fitch would have been unable to properly provide for the Scholars and Fellows had she not had the conserves put up at Dumbarton Oaks, and obviously the quality is much better than what ^{one} can buy.