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Mrs. Beatrix Farrand
The Valley Club of Montecito
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Thank you for your letter of December sixteenth, enclosing your report on the grounds of Dumbarton Oaks, which I am delighted to have and which I have read with great interest. I shall, of course, see that it is submitted at the next meeting of the Dumbarton Oaks Administrative Board.

I hope, very much, that inspite of all the demands on your time that it will be possible for you to start on the Plant Record Book, which I know would be of great value in the future, so that a permanent record can be kept of all that you and Mrs. Bliss have found, through experience, to be most suitable for Dumbarton Oaks.

I trust you realize that it is our wish to maintain, as far as possible and suitable the general character of the grounds, with particular emphasis on the care and replacement of the trees and shrubs, which, after all, are the essential structure of the grounds, and therefore, should not be neglected.

In view of the uncertainty of these times, it seems to me that, we must review with care and thought each time the question of new planting of flowers comes up. It is naturally my hope that as few changes as possible will have to be made, but until this emergency is over we may have to curtail our activities in many ways ~~in~~ which we do not like.

The work that Miss Sweeney has been doing in connection with the various groups who have come to the gardens has been, I feel, a real asset and service, and it will be interesting to see, after the winter months are over, how many visitors of this kind come. It is a phase of the program at Dumbarton Oaks which interests us all and should give pleasure and benefit to many outside, as well as inside, the Dumbarton Oaks family.

I hope that Mr. Farrand is progressing well and that you are both comfortably settled in your new surroundings.

With kind regards to you and Mr. Farrand,

Yours sincerely,


Paul J. Sachs