

July 17, 1954

Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
1537 Twenty-eighth Street
Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bliss,

I sent you the leaf sample for the R Street Gates and am enclosing the drawing for the lettering. Mr. Freund made the sample hurriedly using material he had on hand---but he plans to make the leaves heavier---the same gage as the materials used on the cypher leafwork. The finish would also be the same---gilt paint. The stems and the acorns would be cast in relief---and I suggested that he curve the lines of the veining.

The cost, including the lock plates, (but not including any change in the oak leaves that are now between the cypher panels), would be \$2850. I am enclosing a summary which Mr. Freund gave me by telephone. Mr. Freund thinks he could have them in place by August 15th.

About the arbor---there is so much to say that I think I had better try to reach you by telephone on Saturday morning. But in short the situation is this:

Four figures are in preparation:

- 1---Aluminum and
- 2---Bronze

Mr. Davidson of The Aluminum Company of America and Mr. Bischoff of Chase Brass & Copper Company have gone into the technical side of construction in aluminum and bronze with me and have given their cost figures for materials to Mr. Freund who will complete his work on it over this weekend.

- 3---Pressure treated Southern Yellow Pine

Mr. Hess of Koppers Company Inc. promises his figure for the arbor erected on Thursday.

- 4---Untreated Redwood---with glued and laminated arches---stained to weather gray.

Mr. Burgess of Roof Structures Inc. promises a figure next Thursday for the arbor erected.

I have taken your advice to heart and have found what I hope will be useful draughting help starting tomorrow. We will begin with the terrace plan---paving, balustrade etc. , and will also try some alternative sketches for the arbor---or simplify the present one because it looks as though the figures, at least in metal, would be high.

So by Saturday June 26th we should have a complete enough picture to come to a decision on the arbor in metal and in wood---know what it would look like, how long we could expect it to last---how much it would cost---and what we might do as an alternative.

I have ignored the problem of the North Bay Steps in order to get the arbor problem solved because there is no time to lose if the arbor is to be in place by the time the vine blooms again.

Sincerely yours,

Lyth M. Harvey