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Mrs. Helen VanFelt Wilson Center Street Westport, Gonnecticut

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your nice letter of March 16th. We are always delighted when you can come to Williamsburg and look forward to many more of your visits here with us. We especially appreciate your assistance at the Discussion teas at the Garden Symposium; they always go so much better when you are on hand.

I shall be in Washington on Tuesday the 7th to give a talk at the Washington Club so could plan to meet with you that afternoon at Dumbarton Caks. I have mentioned your idea of an article on the Garden for <u>Flower Grower Magazine</u> to Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, who with Mrs. Farrand's assistance, designed the gardens. I hope it will be possible for us to have the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Bliss at that time. It would be of invaluable assistance to you in the development of the story of the Garden.

I think you will be interested in the new Ellipse just completed in its first stage.

As soon as I definitely know when, if any time that day will be convenient for Mrs. Bliss, I shall let you know the exact time we can plan to meet in the afternoon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Alden Hopkins, Resident Landscape Architect

cc: Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss Mr. John Thacher

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