

June 26, 1947

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I have held your letter of June 4th for a long time trying to make definite plans regarding vacation and a trip to Reef Point, trying to manage it so that I should not have to return again to Washington. Miss Carpenter says Mr. Thacher will be back here August 1st but she does not think it necessary for me to wait for him as he is agreed to my making the trip and necessary arrangements have been attended to.

Therefore, if it will fit in with your schedule, I can arrange to leave here any time after Sunday, July 27th. I was planning to start my vacation on August 1st anyway, so it would give me a few days to come to Reef Point in advance of that date.

The matter of books is one I shall want to talk over with you as you are so much better informed as to the sort of reading matter best suited to our Garden Department. I have the printed cards to start typing the planting list and enclose one for your inspection. Sorry I can't get any more detailed information on Deodars but all our tree information concerns American trees. I have had the cards printed in four colors and white which ought to take care of our needs.

So far in June we have had 3032 visitors and only one day when the garden was closed because of rain.

I have been, and still am, working on silver and linen lists which Mrs. Bliss brought here to be sorted and sent to storage. We started a week ago and still haven't finished. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss left Sunday afternoon for Santa Barbara and, as you can surmise, in the usual haste, leaving much "unfinished business" behind.

Please let me know if the date mentioned fits in with your plans and also if you will take care of transportation, or shall I? Miss Carpenter says you have the necessary funds so she assumes you will want to make the reservations. Whatever you do will be agreeable to me.

I shall be very happy to see you again and my friends at Reef Point. It's been a long time since we have a heart-to-heart talk.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,