The Valley Club of Montecito Post Office Box 1140 Santa Barbara, California March 10th, 1942

Miss Anne Sweeney 3101 R Street Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

It now seems as though I should actually be at Dumbarton Oaks from Monday to the Thursday or Friday, April 13th to the 16th or 17th.

So get up your various questions for me and think over the question of whether or not we shall insist on putting the whirligig in the Orangerie, where I think it should be of great use, and whether you want to hang some extra pictures on what you and I call "blackboard frames" in the Orangeris in order to entertain the visitors while the tour is waiting to start.

Your report to Mr. Thacher is excellent, and I shall welcome any further ones that go to him as these keep me abreast of what is going on.

Tell me, also, whether the drinking fountain has been installed for your thirsty children and if your toilet has been installed, also for them as well as for you.

Another question if whether you need more books. If so, get up their names as I have the list of books you gave me last autumn, and we checked on this the Hottes Book on Annuals and Perennials, the Harlow Book on Common North Eastern Trees, the Keays Book on Old Roses, and we had in question the Hortus second. See whether you need any more.

The Standardized Plant Names, to my mind, is inaccurate, as I have found two mistakes in it even in a hasty review, but if you think it is going to be useful, keep it on your list and we will discuss it again.

Do try and keep me as much in touch with the situation as possible so that when I "land" I shall be as much informed as you can help me to be. It is delightful to think that we shall be working at Dumbarton Oaks together and so soon.

Yours ever sincerely,

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