

Client

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Mr. Jan de Graaff
Oregon Bulb Farms
Sandy, Oregon

Dear Mr. de Graaff:

On Saturday afternoon a telegram came from the head of Dumbarton Oaks (Mr. John Thacher) saying that the National Gallery had definitely decided against asking the Harvard unit to grow its flowers for the coming winter. It is hard to say whether the disappointment or the relief is the greater in our minds. We should have liked to be associated with the National Gallery in whatever it is trying to do in the way of floral decoration but the annoyance of constantly waiting for undecided decisions ever since last April has shown us that there would be distinct difficulties in the way of administering and carrying out our part of the scheme.

This news of course relieves all possibility of our needing the bulbs casually spoken of for the National Gallery use. I hope and trust that the uncertainty in which we have all been kept by the National Gallery has not hindered your autumn arrangements and that you will perhaps later when things work out more favorably, be able to help us in the scheme we think may some other year develop on the lines we had expected. I can't thank you enough for your willingness to collaborate with us and for your patience in so long waiting for the answer.

With ever so many thanks, I am,

Yours very truly,