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John S. Thacher, Esq.
Executive Officer,
Dumbarton Oaks,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

Are you or I the best person to poke up Mr. Root as to his answer regarding the Committee? I am quite willing to prod if you would rather this disagreeable task fall to me. I think, however, Mrs. Bliss is not likely to continue to make employment for her three "old men" unless there is some likelihood of the Committee idea and collaboration being approved.

Then, too, I am sure Mrs. Bliss will before long like to be told whether or not you have made any progress with regard to the school children and their use of the Dumbarton Oaks grounds and catalogue house, and what the education board thinks about the scheme we have discussed, of including Dumbarton Oaks as a part of their outdoor education. The only reason I am asking with regard to this is so that you and I will know what Miss Sweeney's future is likely to be. If she can be used as we thought possible as official guide and lecturer to the children it might be possible that we could split her salary between the education and the gardens.

It is a comfort to be back at home but I found myself pretty tired after the weeks of moving decisions and the long weeks of field work, so forgive me if I do not send you the longer report immediately.

I sincerely trust your decision to remain with Dumbarton seems to you wise and really permanent.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand

If you want me to write to Mr. Root will you send me his name and titles please.