BEATRIX FARRAND

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

Dear Mr. Thacher:

Your letter of the 23rd has this instant come in and it seems to me rather vitally necessary for you to be in Washington (on my account) on Tuesday and Wednesday June 3rd and 4th as I shall have to leave for New York by noon on Thursday. You ask for a frank expression and here it is as I don't feel we can get anywhere if you are away during this two days.

Thank you for your copy of the Buildings and Grounds budget which will go in my Dumbarton Oaks envelope and will accompany me everywhere.

Could we arrange to see Mr. Root either on the Tuesday afternoon or the Wednesday afternoon so that we could get somewhere with the Committee? At present we apparently are still up in the air, although I have told Mrs. Bliss that apparently Mr. Root had recognized the working committee, which perhaps proves to be a little premature.

If you have to be away in New York Monday aftermoon of my arrival I am less likely to be valid than for the Tuesday or Wednesday, but I leave this decision entirely in your hands.

Thank you for your niceness regarding Miss Sweeney. I think we should not consider ourselves beaten until later on.

Yours ever sincerely.