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Dearest Mildred:

Your long letter came yesterday and indeed I am sorry to be such a broken reed as far as you and Dumbarton Oaks are concerned, and I well appreciate how much you think Dumbarton wants me before I go west.

The picture has changed somewhat since we arrived here a week ago. Max's check-up at the hospital was not as satisfactory as his physicians had hoped and therefore they want him to remain here for treatments which will take a month and through the kindness of Dr. Ragle and some of the other doctors, Phillips House is going to try and keep him there as long as possible, as he feels safer there than he would without nurses and here at the hotel.

You can well see that we would not have altered our plans at the turn of the hand if it had not been by the combined advice of the surgeons and doctors and we all hope that the treatments Max is taking will give him a more comfortable winter than he has had for the last few weeks. We now hope to leave here on Thursday December 8th and to go to Chicago and on to Santa Barbara arriving there on the 11th of December. As yet I can make no plans for the weeks between this and our date of departure as my three medicos pronounce my hand to be a good old fashioned attack of gout and prescribe the usual remedies of rest, freedom from anxiety and warmth. My hand is certainly better than it was a week ago and far less painful and as two orthopedists and the physician all agree on the treatments there is little doubt that I am following the right course in obeying them and trying to take things as easily as possible.

Of course you know that I shall come to Dumbarton if it is possible but quite frankly I don't see clearly yet how things are going to turn in the next fortnight. In the first place I must have the use of my hand before I can travel and then I must see how the plans are for Max and how his long days can best be passed at the hospital.

Thank you for approving the appeal letter for the Botanic Garden. I am writing Van Rensselear to tell him of our delayed coming and will again write him later in the month when our plans seem to settle themselves more clearly.

You of course know that I shall be eager to see whatever sketches there may be of the suggested additions for the Fellows House and any other changes you have in mind.

The good Clemmy has been away on a few days holiday with her sister in St. Louis and had expected to pick us up next Monday on our western way, but she now is coming back here and will arrive on Sunday and you know what an anchor she is to all of us.

Yours ever with true affection,

Beatrix Storer

Dictated in Boston, but written, signed and sent from Bar Harbor Nov. 6.

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