

September 9, 1947

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand
Reef Point
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

How very kind of you to have sent Dumbarton Oaks the group of photographs which your mother collected in Constantinople and Greece. As a rule I dread such gifts, because they usually contain no useful material, but among the photographs which you sent us are several which we were very anxious to have and had been looking for for some time. Many, many thanks.

I am very much looking forward to Mr. Patterson's visit of next week. As I told him, I hope that he will be able to stay here until every single blade of grass has received due attention. It is a very good time for me, as I will be able to devote all of my attention to him. It is possible that we may find Bryce more cooperative, owing to the fact that we are having considerable difficulty in maintaining our garden staff because of the great increase in wages and the temptations the laborers are having to go into other types of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss arrived from California last Thursday, and are due to sail on the Queen Mary from New York on Thursday, the 11th. They expect to be gone for three months. Mr. Bliss seems to be in excellent form and so does Mrs. Bliss, except that she still looks rather pale and tired as a result of the cholera inoculations.

If your autumn schedule is already fixed, would you be kind enough to send it to me? I should like very much to see you before you go west. There is the faintest possibility that I might turn up in Bar Harbor the first week in October. If not, couldn't we meet at the Ritz on your way through Boston?

The paper envelope which you sent me last spring was my constant companion on my European voyage, and since then has never left me for a moment.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,