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DUMBARTON OAKS
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Dear Mrs. Farrand,

As of course you know, Dumbarton Oaks has been conveyed to Harvard University by Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, and very recently a committee was appointed by the Corporation of Harvard to administer it. It has been my privilege to have been appointed chairman of this committee. Undoubtedly you will be interested to hear that Mr. Merrill of the Arnold Arboretum is a member of the committee, along with Mr. Edward Forbes, Director of the Fogg Museum, Professor Taylor of the History Department at Harvard and Professor Koehler of the Fine Arts Department.

Naturally, one of the first things that I want to do is to write to tell you how very grateful we all are for the wonderful gardens at Dumbarton Oaks. I know they will be a constant joy and inspiration to those who have the opportunity of working here. I understand from Mrs. Bliss that you come East only twice a year, but in spite of these infrequent visits, I hope that you will find time to devote a few days every now and then to the gardens which we feel are so intimately a part of you. They would suffer without your guidance.

Mrs. Bliss tells me that you are coming East next week, so I trust that this letter will reach you before you leave California. I wonder whether you would be so kind as to let me know when you do arrive in the East. I can be reached care of the Fogg Museum in Cambridge. I do not expect to be in Washington until after the first of the year, but Mr. John Thacher, who is the assistant director of the Fogg Museum as well as the executive officer of Dumbarton Oaks will be at Dumbarton Oaks excepting for a few days over Christmas. I know that he will be delighted to see you in Washington or to come up to Philadelphia where I believe you will be staying and have a talk with you.

It will make us very happy if you can arrange to remain as the guiding spirit of the gardens, so I hope that some arrangement can be worked out.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Paul J. Sachs.

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