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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
The Colonial Inn
Edgartown
Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Bliss,

Next Thursday, September 16th, I plan to be in Washington to work up full size dummies for the balustrade and arbor base and stake out the paving in the Arbor Garden for you to see on the 18th or soon after. You said in June that we were to remove the yew hedge before your return---as it would be difficult to judge the designs unless we could see them in place against the balcony and the gate. As you may remember we have several schemes to try.

I talked with Mr. Kearney this morning and am hoping that the hedge can be removed before I get there on Thursday as it would simplify the study considerably. Mr. Kearney will ask Mr. Thacher's permission on Monday. Meanwhile I just want to check and be sure I am right in thinking that you do want the hedge out before you return.

We understand that the yews are to be discarded---with the possible exception of the four large ones. If these four are to be used elsewhere Mr. Kearney would prefer to move them in October.

The piers have been lowered where the consoles are to go against the house. Mr. Coles will make a clay dummy while I am there next Thursday and Friday. I have timed this to do at the last minute before your return because the water clay deteriorates within a few days. Is my timing still right?

That hurricane must have been an experience----Exciting---but please come away from that windy spot. We are battering down now for Hurricane Edna---with bare masts and helmsman lashed to the wheel.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Havey