

April 8th, 1947

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I don't wonder you have written to check up on me in regard to the revised notes sent me for typing and to know what had taken place. I typed it as suggested by you and before I went to the New York Flower Show, handed the bulk to Mrs. Bliss to read, explaining that you had suggested she might like to go over it for a final editing and perhaps make any comments which seemed proper at this time. I also wrote on the cover that the copy must be returned to me for forwarding to you as soon as possible. Weeks have gone by and I have spoken about it to Mrs. Bliss who tells me, she has one or two matters which require more thorough going over, so I'm still waiting for her copy. I then gave the second copy to Mr. Thacher and he glanced over it and said he thought I had better not send it on to you as you were planning to leave today for the East and would be in Boston for a week before returning to Reef Point, and in the meantime, Mr. Patterson would have paid his visit to Dumbarton Oaks and they would go over the copy together and then send it to you after you reached home.

I have just written to Mrs. Stover explaining the delay and also returning to her for your files the negatives which Mrs. Bland asked me to return, which I believe were borrowed for some booklet which is being made.

The rare book list is also being returned to Mrs. Stover. I have made a copy of it, and incorporated in it the list I received from the Harvard Landscape Library and a few others on a list I started to make at the Library of the Department of Agriculture. I hope it will answer the question Mrs. Bliss wanted.

The matter of cards for the planting list remains to be taken up later -- that also seems to be hanging in air, but yesterday, Mr. Thacher assured me it was on the list of things to be done but would have to wait until the present emergencies were disposed of.

Our Spring tours started last Saturday which wasn't a very promising day as regards weather, but by Sunday the Chinese Magnolia put forth a beautiful array of blossoms and the wistaria began showing color, and a few yellow trumpet daffodills peeped out and by Monday we had quite a bit of color some erythroniums and already the May-apples are putting up their umbrellas. I do feel so sorry we are not to see you on your way North. I miss you more than you know and hope one of these days you will surprise us by a visit.

With all kind wishes to you and remembrances to Miss Walter,