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Miss Anne Sweeney  
3101 R Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

How nice of you to write in just the breathlessly excited way that I feel about the appointment as Consulting Landscape Gardener to the Arboretum. Please do not yet publish it abroad as I think although I have had two confirming letters about my appointment, that you and I agree that the announcement should come from Harvard in the Arnold Arboretum Bulletin, so when this announcement is made all of us can flap our wings, but why they have chosen an old thing like me is beyond me to understand. Perhaps because they haven't any one else in mind.

It would be nice to think that your work would bring you down here and perhaps it may. Who knows? Mr. Patterson is greatly looking forward to the association at Dumbarton and I very much hope you will find him as pleasant a collaborator as I have in the last few years. He is helping me at the Arnold Arboretum and also at Chicago, as well as here at Reef Point.

It was good news to hear that you had finally got an apartment that you like and that you are going to move into it and settle down. What a comfort it will be to have a feeling of rootedness rather than drifting like a seaweed.

With my best to you and such gratitude for your friendly loyalty as only you can appreciate, I am,

Yours always,

*Beatrix Farrand*