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John S. Thacher, Esq.,
Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Thacher:

As it now looks it would seem likely that I should try to reach Washington somewhere about the 21st or 22nd of November, and would leave three or four days later, if this is likely to suit your schedule. It has been, as you know, perfectly impossible to make any plans because my Chief has not really been well enough to allow me to say definitely that I would be away from him for three or four days, or a week. Now there seems to be an improvement and unless there should be another back-sliding I shall expect to leave here somewhere between the 10th and 15th of this month and "work my way" to Washington and so out west.

Miss Sweeney's salary for this month I suggest should be paid from Bryce's budget. Will you take a look at the status of his budget and see how he is coming out, as he expected to be well inside the figures we worked over tentatively last spring. If you find he is running behind on his budget it might, nevertheless, be wise to pay Miss Sweeney's salary out of his fund, as we are calculating that three month's of her salary should be saved out of Bryce's allotment. If this becomes impossible we will have to fuss around to see how to make up the possible deficit. It would seem to me better "politics" not to ask for Mrs. Bliss's \$1000. contribution until we see how the whole garden guide service is working out. If I can report to Mrs. Bliss at the end of November that it has gone off to a really good start her contribution will be given with far more heart than if we ask for it while we are still in the tentative stage.

As I have paid for certain bulbs and other things for Dumbarton, may I ask that at your convenience a cheque for \$250. be sent to Beatrix Farrand, Agent. As you know, the temporary receipt will be sent, and full accounting made at the end of the half-year.

Looking forward eagerly to seeing you and Dumbarton, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand