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Dearest Fellow Gardener:

✓ These Casa Dorinda notes are absurdly late but as most of the remarks made are more or less continuing business they are sent you simply as a record of what we both spoke of. Doubtless by this time you have had your new tractor and approved its working, and I shall be greatly interested to know whether the cutting flowers are reasonably good this year and whether you are getting pleasure and satisfaction from them.
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Then, too, the great question of the tree cutting for Mr. and Mrs. Kennerley was very much discussed when you and I spoke. I wonder what has been decided as it frankly seemed to me a tremendous undertaking for a very small result.

yes - "leaves" later
Doubtless you realize that the very fact of your being on the place means rather more work for the group of gardeners than is the case when the house is closed. The cut flowers and their arrangement, the added tidying etc. means more work for your force, so will you give a kindly glance to the men and old Lucking and see when he would think it wise to give them the usual summer holidays and when he himself could have his usual two weeks off.

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Naturally I shall be thrilled to hear whether there is any further prospect in the sale of Casa Dorinda as I know you have it much in mind.

Max and I have been greatly interested in the accounts of the Santa Barbara Museum and its opening Exhibition. Mr. Van Rensselaer has told me how helpful you have been in the community in general as well as to him at the Garden. You are truly a marvelous pair of people and as I read and digest the comments on the Dumbarton Oaks collections, as to which I am crassly ignorant, I realize what you have done for the humanities as well as for the students who are coming to Dumbarton. My admiration for you both increases until it nearly

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approximates the depth of my affection.

Yours ever and always.

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✓ The estimate has just come in from our good Colesy to say that he expects to be able to finish the swing seat for the terrior with the material he has on hand (teak and stainless steel) according to the approved model for \$150. Shall we go ahead?

Coles also says: "I am not sure from a remark Mrs. Bliss made while here whether or not she understood that the persons when seated in this seat are both facing the same way, her remark seemed to indicate that she was expecting it to be in the form of the so-called Love seat (one facing one way and the other the opposite way) if the latter were the case one would be kicking into the Bamboo and would have to push through the Bamboo to get to that side of the seat."