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BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss  
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Georgetown  
Washington, 7, D. C.

Dearest Mildred:

A miserably short two days for Dumbarton Oaks are pretty definitely placed for Monday October 30th and the following day, and Mr. Thacher has just written me that on account of the mass of material which the State Department has to move out from Dumbarton Oaks he thinks it would be better if I go to the Mayflower, which I expect to do on Sunday night when I arrive.

There are various things that should be talked over with you regarding Dumbarton and its present and future. You well know how keen I shall be to see any of the studies for the new buildings which you would like me to look at, and also there will be revised drawings on the ellipse to show you, revised planting plans for the north vista and the possibility of raising the north vista walls - the question of what to think of regarding the herbaceous border walls - and if you think the Catalogue House enlargement ought definitely to be put on our future planning agenda. One of the smaller things which you and I were expecting to carry out together was the building of the wall at the north end of the Melissande Allee and this we must speak of when we meet.

Mr. Thacher wrote of the possibility of Bryce and his wife having their holiday in California, and said that you characteristically would be willing to help toward the expense of the journey.

Another letter regarding the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens "appeal" will probably be tucked into this same envelope.

Yours ever and always,

*your devoted*  
*Trix*  
*Beatrix Farrand*

Max has looked through the Sta. B. appeal & has suggested so many wise improvements that it will go to you by a later post, after remodelling.