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Dearest Mildred:

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Your letter of the 18th has just come in and irregularities in the mail are by no means peculiar to the District of Columbia as we have lost many letters both foreign and in this country.

The 28th Street Garden plan has come and during the next day or two I expect to look it over carefully and to come prepared with various suggestions and simplifications.

As to the Coles check, I am sorry if I was troublesome and sent more than you needed but this is very easily book-kept.

Thank you for sending me the Santa Barbara Garden minutes which are returned to you. You will like to know that apparently the water rent question is being decided favorably to the Garden.

The letter from your faithful Trix which you returned checked is sent back to you in case you want it for your files, if not the scrap basket is yawning for it.

The letter to General Lassiter with regard to the possible re-investment of the Garden funds is all to the good and I am delighted that it seems to be possible to re-invest in some fashion that will produce more income. Also Anne Fithian's membership achievement is a glorious one.

Max is delighted with your message as to the Jacobean room for the H.E.H. He says that the possibility of its acquisition was brought to the notice of the Friends by the ever energetic and keen-minded Collins Baker so another vote of thanks goes to him for this helpful boost.

A letter has just come in from Santa Barbara this morning saying that poor Lucking is not well enough to write as he has had a bad attack of rheumatism and arthritis and must have the usual old man's operation as soon as he is well enough. I hope to see him soon after I get to Santa Barbara and will send you further news as to them. Mrs. Lucking says that her nurse daughter is now back at home with them as her husband has apparently been ordered overseas. Mrs. Lucking says that she knows nothing as to the status of Casa Dorinda or whether it is being used or still lying idle. What dawdlers Uncle Sam's organizations are.

Naturally both Max and I are looking forward with a slight tightening of the nerves to the hospital days ahead of him and I shall

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be glad when I can send you the telegram I hope to be able to  
dispatch next Thursday after his check-up. If the report is as  
good as we hope it will be we shall be together a week from next  
Sunday. Oh Joy.

Yours always,

Trix