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Reef Point,
Bar Harbor, Maine
August 19, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss

Dear Two Friends:

The pictures from Pavillon Colombe and Dumbarton Oaks came safely and beautifully packed a few days ago and we are choosing just the right place to hang them so that not only will they remind us of the Pavillon and Dumbarton but of two very cherished individuals. Thank you for them and for all that they mean in the way of close ties.

Mrs. Moore was here a few days ago and evidently was interested in the garden and even hopes we may be able to exchange as gardeners love to do. She thinks we can grow some of her primulas and we think she can grow some of our heathers. She was a delightful visitor and really seemed to enjoy the idea we are working toward.

We profited greatly by Mildred's visit as she started many new trains of thought, and if we were able to give her in small measure what she gave us in the way of spring and pleasure she must think of her visit and the unselfishness of her journey in the hot weather as a real boost given to Reef Point and its gardens. It occurs to me possibly to suggest to Miss Sweeney the advisability of going to the Berkshire Garden Center, which is a much smaller establishment than this but it would seem to me wise for her to have seen it so that she would gauge its possibilities in relation to Dumbarton.

Mr. Lawrence Morris said he had seen Mildred and that she seemed really keen on what she had observed here, so he and I are going to speak of further possibilities as he knows the legal set-up more intimately than anyone.

Probably little is going to be done with the coolhouse work until you return. Mr. Patterson does not seem to have any instructions. Is there anything I can do to forward the work or must this await Mr. Thacher's return? In all likelihood a letter will await Mr. Thacher beseeching him to come down here so that we can have a few hours talk about the importance of outdoor art as a part of the whole art of living.

This is a dull letter but perhaps it is partly explained because it has been a very busy week with Billie Delano's sister Mrs. McKelvey here and pretty hard work on her part and mine over the herbarium and various technical garden questions. Bless you my two, may the white heather bring you luck and bring you back here without too long a delay.

Your ever devoted,

Beatrice Farrand

As Mrs. Farrand has had to go on field work before this letter was typed she has asked me to sign it for her.

Labella M. Storer
Secretary.

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP AND SEAL.
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED.