

April 17, 1947

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

I am sending you these hurried lines, as I fear that I may not have another opportunity to write you before my departure on May 1st.

As I explained to Mr. Patterson in regard to his account, I would very much appreciate your sending me a memorandum of the amounts which will be due the Beatrice Farrand honorarium account and the Beatrice Farrand Agent, as of July 1, 1947, before I leave. If it works out that Miss Sweeney will go to Bar Harbor this summer, I would be glad to have you withdraw \$200. to defray the expenses of her trip, from your account. If, after all the bills are paid, in regard to these accounts, there is any balance for this fiscal year, it was felt that this sum might be used for the painting of the Greenhouses. After June 30th, these two accounts will be closed and in their stead we will open a Robert Patterson honorarium account and a Robert Patterson Agent account, as the purchase of all bulbs, seeds, etc., will be made by Mr. Patterson in the future.

Mr. Patterson believes that he can get along with \$1500. in the honorarium fund for next year, instead of the usual \$2000. In this connection, I suggest that all expenditures which you may have in regard to correspondence, etc., such as Mrs. Stover's time or that of others spent on Dumbarton Oaks, be sent to Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Patterson, himself, may wish to take advantage of the use of her services:

If, as we hope will be the case, you come to Washington to consult with us and assist us in the preparation of plans, etc., it would be expected that you would render us a separate bill for your services.

The subject of the location of the Stone Tiger came up in our conversations with Mrs. Bliss, and we were so sorry that you had not kept him at Reef Point, where Mr. Patterson told us you had a very suitable lair for him. Therefore, he will be packed up once more and shipped to you with the hope that you will be willing to accept him, with many messages of friendship and affection, as a tangible reminder of happy associations between the gardens of Reef Point and Dumbarton Oaks. We have had him revalued so that the marked-down price would be \$100.

We all found Mr. Patterson's visit extremely satisfactory and helpful in every way, and so, I understand, did Mrs. Bliss.

Mr. Patterson will deliver to you our many friendly messages and I am sorry not to be able to write you at greater length now, but as you may well imagine, I am confronted with an extraordinarily large number of details to be taken care of before my departure.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to having the pleasure of seeing you upon my return in the autumn,

Ever yours sincerely,

Mrs. Beatrice Farrand
Reef Point
Bar Harbor, Maine