Mrs. Max Farrand, Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

Many thanks for your letters of the 12th and 17th which I found awaiting me on my return from a few days in Cambridge.

You are quite right to bring up the question of heat, repairs and incidental expenses in connection with the gardens brothe buildings pertaining to them. These we are taking care of in another section of our budget, so please do not worry about them. However, if you should like to have the exact amounts. I shall be glad to have them sent to you as soon as Miss Carpenter, our financial secretary, returns from her holiday.

I am glad to hear that the letter has gone off to the Blisses regarding the Park Committee and that you have written to them regarding Miss Sweeney and other matters.

Those horrible signs you saw near the green garden were put up in a great hurry and if we have to continue with similar signs in the future, we would, of course, put in different ones.

Mrs. Sessions is at home in Rockville and as far as I can make out, she is getting along nicely, but I dare not be too hopeful until she shows definite improvement over a period of time. She will not be back at Dumbarton Oaks until the first of Exptember at the earliest.

It will be entirely convenient to send you a cheque for your full salary for the first half year or, in other words, for six months. Therefore, I am enclosing a cheque for \$1000 for the period from January 1st to July 1st. I hope this is correct.

Yes, I had dinner on the train with Lawrence Morris, whom I hadn't seen for some time. We talked about Bar Harbor and our various friends there.

My plans are to leave here on Wednesday, the 25th by car reaching Cambridge the next day, where I expect to be about a week, care of the Fogg Museum, and then either the first or second of July, I migrate northwards to Camden. When I reach Camden, I shall send you a card with my telephone number, which I haven't got with me, so that very soon after the first of July, I shall hope for a glimpse of you in Bar Harbor. During July and August, my base of operations will be in Camden, punctuated by frequent visits to Washington and Cambridge. I wrote Mrs. Bliss a very long letter the first of the week regarding all of the plans and alterations, and I do hope that she will not think them too destructive. Since you were here, the tax assessors have turned us down completely - only exempting those parts of the place which are used as a library and accessible to the public.

With best wishes and hoping to see you soon,

Yours sincerely,