

May 23, 1941.

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

Many thanks for your letter of May 20th. I am delighted to hear that you will be in Washington from the second to the fifth of June, which is a most convenient time for me.

I have just spoken with Mr. Root, who tells me that he looks forward to talking with you while you are here in regard to the paths in the park. He said that just as soon as the member of the committee could formulate some sort of a definite pattern along which it expected to operate he would then present it to the Director of the Park Service in order to get his formal recognition of the committee.

Mrs. Clark tells me that Minian Beall's property included so much land, the deeds of most of which were destroyed by fire in 1704, that it is very difficult to tell just where all the present Dumbarton Oaks actually was. Mrs. Woods feels, I think, that it did not extend across R Street. However, she is out of town and I cannot reach her until next week.

I am enclosing a copy of the budget that applies to the gardens.

It was very thoughtful of you to enclose copies of your letters to Mr. Bryce and Mr. Coles and Mr. Root. I trust that during your visit, we can settle the question of Miss Sweeney. At the moment, I am being so hard pressed to reduce our budget that I don't see how we can take her on, but more impossible things than this have happened, so I am not too pessimistic.

As long as I am going to have the pleasure of seeing you so soon, I shall postpone bringing up various matters, as after all, it is much easier to talk about them than to write.



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Your visit is really very well timed because the week-end of Decoration Day, the Dumbarton Oaks Committee will meet, and then we should know much more clearly just what the future holds.

With all good wishes,

Ever yours sincerely,

P. S. It may be that I shall have to go to New York for a day or so early in June. If I should be away the second and third, but here the fourth and fifth, do you think that would be sufficient time for our business? Please let me know frankly.