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Dearest Trix:

What a misery this should have befallen you; I am so, so sorry, and hope the suggestion conveyed by telegram may serve you usefully should the hand not yield to your present treatment.

It is a bitter disappointment not to see you Sunday and Monday but we all have to bow to the inexorable discipline of fate, but the lack of your visit at this time is no light matter.

One sentence in your October 22nd letter worries me, as you suggested going to California without coming here. Surely you will not be deserting us until next Spring? I know the difficulties securing railroad accommodations, etc., and in the complex but beautifully handled mechanism of your life, and that deviation and changes are particularly irksome, but Dumbarton Oaks needs you and we all hope very much indeed that it will not be too long before you can come to supervise us.

Brice tells me that whereas he appreciates greatly the combined offer of giving him a leave in California, he prefers to wait until the end of the war; and I think he is right - he would get much more from it at a different season; - perhaps next summer when he might have the gasoline and be able to take his wife, and by adding ten days or a fortnight be able to make a much more comprehensive and enriching trip than he could this winter. But at any rate, he does not feel that he can be away from Dumbarton Oaks at such distance for so long at this time, and is looking forward to the great pleasure later.

In your note of the 23rd you enclose an appeal letter for the Botanical Garden. It was characteristically informative, persuasive and unirritating. A thousand thanks for shouldering this extra task. Do, by all means, send it on to Van Renssalaer, to whom I am also sending a note to urge its acceptance.

Thank you also for the two copies of landscape architecture and the agendas for Harvard and for Milrob.

At the first opportunity after the opening of the Semester and shaking down of the scholars and fellows, etc., I shall have an appointment with Thacher and Brice and write you a resume of our talks. Also, later on, I will probably be sending you blueprints of suggested additions for the fellows' house. There were some problems of grade which affected the plan, requiring a new drafting, and I am so oppressed by multiplicity of obligations at this season of the year, that hours with Thacher and Waterman are difficult to find.

The amount of traveling coming from and going to France and England are bewildering. One laps up every word and by now I feel I have an entirely different picture of France from what I had six months ago. That there should still be almost one hundred thousand armed Germans in

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France and another seventy thousand, fully armed, in Spain, is a frightening thought, although strategically it is incidental that they should be left for quick future operations, as Holland must be rescued from her plight. I suppose Antwerp will be completely destroyed and use of the port delayed; but its fall will be a bad blow to Germany.

Best love to you and Max and a greeting to the good Clemmy. Do please let me know how the arthritis improves and do also please remember that diathermia gives great relief as well as benefit to many types of arthritis and that they don't practise the use of it in this country as much as they should. It did wonders for my Mother and for many friends in Argentine, so bear that in mind my dear.

Always affectionately - *Yas more!*
Killam.

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3600 at D. Oane yesterday!