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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss Care of Mr. Ellis Russell 67 Wall Street New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Bliss,

The black folder contains the August Agenda with notes on the projects to be worked on while you are away---and also the sketches you wanted to take with you for:

Arbor Garden Paving

Panels on the Arbor wall (without Lotus etc.)

Woven Fabric for the Founders' Room

Mr. Steinbraker's plan of the Garden Center ---

and also Mr. Steinbraker's estimates for the various pieces of work.

My understanding is that you want me to proceed at once with the construction of:

The Melisande Steps

The Finalities

The Terrior Seat

Will you let me know whether the estimates are acceptable and whether Pink Tennessee Marble is acceptable for the Finalities. There is a sample enclosed.

The time to provide the working drawings necessary for the above and close supervision of construction during August, September and October would probably be about the same as we have been spending on the work to date, eleven days a month-----\$495.

Expenses 65

\$560. a month

I an enclosing the bill for July work and sending the receipted bill for June work to Mr. Russell.

Mr. Patterson has written to ask whether from time to time I would do some detail design for Dumbarton Oaks in addition to the things I have been doing with you. Since you seem to want this very much I am inclined to try it and see whether some of the disadvantages of working at such a distance can be overcome. Mr. Patterson has in mind particularly the finials for the North Vista. I drew them up as dummied and the corner one and the gate one need some adjustment to make them fit on the wall and pier. I will preserve as far as possible the size and general outline---which I think we both liked on July 24th---and work on this directly with Mr. Patterson if that is agreeable all around.

I hope the next three months will be most enjoyable ones for you

as I expect they will be here --- and I hope like anything that I can produce the results you think I can.

Sincerely yours,

Buth Mr. Havey