

December 7, 1955

Mrs. Max Farrand
Valley Club of Montecito
Box 1140
Santa Barbara, California

C Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I am happy both for you and for the magnolias that we have decided not to let them sprout under our feet. As for me it doesn't matter; I seem to be up a tree about something most of the time as it is, and a magnolia would be preferable to some of the other varieties.

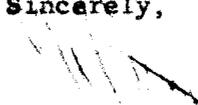
O Your letter of November 23, 1955, is being referred to Librarian Donald J. Coney and you will undoubtedly hear from him shortly about the Reef Point Garden Library labels and other matters. I shall send a copy also to Professor Mason and Professor Vaughan.

P Concerning the specimens to fill gaps in the botanical collection you may rest assured that it is not Professor Mason's intent to try to load work or responsibilities on you, but on the contrary to give you a better idea of what we already have so that your efforts and your kindness may be protected from unnecessary expenditure.

In accord with your postcard of December 6, 1955, I will just hold your letter of December 3, 1955, for the autograph on it.

Y We have not yet completed inventory of the Reef Point Collection so will hold a formal report of the gift to the Regents of the University until after January 1, 1956. I had hoped that we would have the gift reported in the annual gift list for 1955, but it looks like it will go in the list for 1956. It will not make any difference for income tax purposes the attorney tells me. I hope you won't mind.

Sincerely,


George A. Pettitt
Assistant to the President

GAP:bm

cc: Professor Mason
Professor Vaughan

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Librarian Donald Coney:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mrs. Max Farrand informing us of book gifts she is in the process of arranging, stating that she would like the Royal Horticultural Society volume reported as a gift of Mr. John S. Ames, and asking us whether we want the other book on shrub roses, and whether we want a store of Reef Point Gardens Library Labels which she has. I am enclined on this last to suggest we say "yes" and that we put such a label in any book Mrs. Farrand adds to the collection. I think it might please her. Will you reply to her. Copy of my acknowledgement is attached.

George A. Pettitt
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