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Mr. George A. Pettitt
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Dear Mr. Pettitt:

When my friend, helper, and associate Mr. Robert Patterson returns from his sadly needed holiday he will attack the question of how most safely and wisely to transport the collections of books, prints, etc. to Berkeley. One of the collections is a two or three thousand file of slides of all over the world, bequeathed to Reef Point Gardens by Miss Mary Rutherford Jay, with the stipulation that it should be known as her collection. This collection has been released by Miss Jay's executrix and she writes she will be glad to have her aunt's collections go to the University of California.

Somehow I wonder if you would not rather have the herbarium sheets sent without their great cases. The cases are yours if you would like to have them, steel, standard size - so tell me your wishes and they will be followed.

When you see the collection of black and white framed prints you will at once appreciate that they will tell their story better if they are kept together. There are not so overwhelmingly many of the black and whites, while the coloured "Vues d'optiques" are gay but could well be separated from the more serious engravings.

A dehumidifier was bought for the library here, also gauges for humidity and these will go to you and no doubt will be welcomed by the careful librarians, as one has to watch for damage by moisture or over-dryness.

It goes without saying that duplicate prints, books, etc. or those not needed at Berkeley may be sent to the other campuses where they will be of greater value. I hope, however, that the heart of the books of value, in the morning room list, can be kept for the department of Landscape Art or Architecture at Berkeley.

Mr. Patterson is a graduate of the Harvard School of Landscape Architecture and Architecture, and has helped me in the details and important arrangements here. Perhaps if you would welcome it, I could cajole him into coming to Berkeley at no cost to the University to see if he can tell you how the arrangements were made here as to arrangements of books, etc. This decision lies with you and he would of course not come until the material had arrived and been unpacked.

Please give friendliest messages to both dear Sprouls.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Beatrix Farrand

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