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To: Lewis Jones, Mary Garrett, Myra Jones

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From: Martha Hill

Re: Housing of Martha Graham, Louis Horst & Group, June 17th through July 14th.

It is time that we canvass the possibilities for housing for the resident artists and lecturers for second semester. These are suggestions I thought of:

1. Martha Graham in the living room of Cricket Hill. She would use the bathroom shared by Martha Hill and Muriel Kemp. Miss Graham is very happy about Cricket Hill, and with only one person moving in this year (her mother will not be here) it will make very little change for the people now living there, since the living room is rarely ever used in the summer anyway. Martha Graham likes this room because she can also use the porch. We would have to move in the necessary furniture; a wardrobe for clothes, bed, dresser, etc. Also, the small closet under the staircase should be cleared for her use since the wardrobe does not give sufficient room for clothes and costumes. I do not know/has things stored there at present.

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2. Louis Horst. This is a real problem, particularly after Louis' traumatic experience with the Dymaxian House in electrical storms and the Shingle Cottage period for the first week last year.

Possibilities:

(a) If there is shrinkage in the student enrollment upon the end of the European phase of the war (husbands coming home on 30-day leaves, etc.); if a suite, off a living room, of two rooms and bath could be made available that would be very fine.

(b) If Mr. Fruitrich would be interested in renting his house or one floor of his house, this would be another possibility.

(c) If there is a change in the housing situation at Jennings Hall, this would also be very good. (Will George Finckel keep his apartment all the second term? Or will there be any other shift?)

(d) If there is no other way to solve it, while it would be a hardship for the College, it might be a last resort to put Louis in the Guest Suite for four weeks and ask any College guests to stay at Overlea since Overlea is really more pleasant than the Guest Suite in the summer months and since we will surely not have College guests for all four weeks.

3. The Group. (Including Helen Lanfer, the accompanist.) There will be a minimum of seven group members plus Helen Lanfer. Possibilities for them would include Mr. Fruitrich's house, Chantley's Cabins, Mrs. Babcock's, or anybody else in North Bennington. I believe Payne's have a room for one person and Nash's may have one or two rooms. Would Miss Jones' office find out about available space?