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Dear Jack :-

When you told me some weeks ago about the distressing experience of the NRC scientist who would have been forbidden entry into the U.S. had he admitted that he would be receiving an honorarium for a lecture, I asked the experts here in the Embassy to investigate the matter. I attach a copy of a memorandum dealing with the subject, from which you will see that, incredibly, the immigration officer was well within his rights.

It is not clear to me whether this astonishing situation arises out of a desire by the Americans to collect taxes or to protect their balance of payments position, and I may be able to track that one down later. In the meantime, you will see that a certain amount of paperwork is required on the part of the host organization if they propose to make any payment to the Canadian visitor. About the most one can say in the face of a situation like this is that at least the onus is all on the host organization rather than NRC.

Yours sincerely,

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