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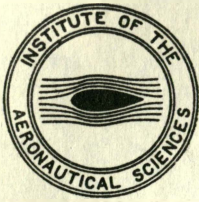
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## **Appreciation of Lecture to the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, 1948**

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DEAR CHUCK:

I AM SORRY I MISSED SEEING YOU FOLLOWING THE LECTURE LAST NIGHT BUT I HAD TO RUN OFF TO MAKE A TRAIN. I'M SORRY ALSO THAT I MISSED YOUR TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING.

THE REACTIONS I PICKED UP TO BOTH YOUR TALK AND STAN SMITH'S WERE EXCELLENT. AS YOU PROBABLY NOTICED, WE HAD AN OVERFLOW ATTENDANCE WITH MANY STANDEES. NO ONE LEFT THE LECTURE, PRACTICALLY ALL STAYED ON THROUGH THE QUESTION PERIOD, WHICH IS INDICATIVE OF THE HIGH INTEREST AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE AND WE, HERE ON THE STAFF, GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT JOB YOU DID IN PRESENTING THE BACKGROUND ON THE X-1 WITHIN SECURITY RESTRICTIONS.

WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE HAD EXPENSES HERE IN NEW YORK BEYOND YOUR PER DIEM ALLOWANCE. IN DISCUSSING IT THIS MORNING WITH PAUL JOHNSTON, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD SEND YOU THE ENCLOSED CHECK OF \$20.00 AS AN HONORARIUM AND TO PARTIALLY REIMBURSE YOU FOR YOUR EXPENSES.

MRS. HORCHLER AND I GREATLY ENJOYED HAVING DINNER WITH YOU ON MONDAY NIGHT AND WE HOPE YOU WILL LET US KNOW WHENEVER YOU ARE IN THE CITY AGAIN AND HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE. IN THE MEANTIME, IF I HAPPEN TO GET OUT TO THE WEST COAST, I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.

REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

BENNETT H. HORCHLER  
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