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Dear Mrs Brack,

Thank you very much for the kind official letter which, I hope, will persuade our stern authorities that I am contemplating a bona fide business trip. It is good of you to suggest that the ticket could be purchased in Baltimore but fortunately this detail can readily be adjusted at this end. We are allowed to use Canadian funds for this purpose and the regulations apply only to the amount of cash we may take with us when entering the United States.

Things are simmering down a little but it is evident that there will be far less difficulty in getting the necessary permission the New Year holiday is over. I am sure therefore that it will be much wiser to wait a little longer and to try to get off on the right foot in the first instance. If subsequent re-entry has to be arranged later on in the year, it can be done far more readily if there are no complications at the outset.

I am glad that Mrs McVicar is making a good recovery and am looking forward to talking the project over with her. I will keep you informed about the attitude of the Canadian powers that be. I am to have a preliminary interview sometime this week.

With kind regards,

gratefully yours