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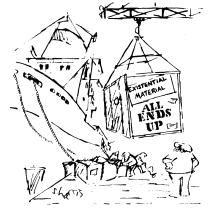
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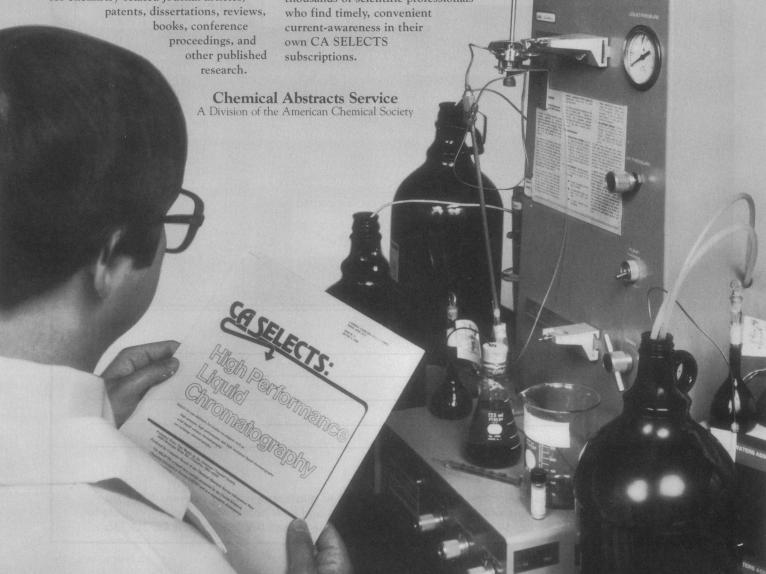
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A major cause of the decline in productivity in the United States has been federal policies and regulations that discourage investment in research and development. According to the National Science Foundation, investment in R & D-in constant dollars-increased only 4 percent in the United States in the decade 1968 to 1978. This level was far surpassed in many other countries, notably Japan and West Germany, where governments provide incentives for private industry to invest in R & D. In addition, technological innovation at present is burdened by an unfavorable, if not hostile, regulatory climate.

In a message announcing his industrial innovation initiatives late last year, President Carter acknowledged that government has placed "stifling restraints" on innovation. He expressed the need for government to form a "close partnership" with the private sector to restore the innovative nature of the American free enterprise system as one of the "most precious resources of our country." One element in this restoration should be modification of existing tax regulations that discourage R & D.

An example of such a discouraging action was the decision of the Treasury Department in 1977 to substantially revise the regulations under section 861 of the Internal Revenue Code. Before that, the regulations under section 861 had been virtually unchanged for more than 50 years. As modified by Treasury, the regulations require companies with foreign sales to treat U.S. R & D expenditures in an artificial manner that exposes these companies to higher U.S. taxes. The regulations require U.S. corporations with foreign sales to allocate part of their U.S. R & D expenditures to foreign income. The effect is to decrease the company's taxable foreign-source income, as computed for U.S. tax purposes, and increase its taxable U.S.source income. Therefore the foreign tax credits available to U.S. firms to help offset U.S. taxes on foreign income are reduced. In effect, the U.S. corporations are exposed to double taxation, since the taxes of foreign governments on the companies' earnings from abroad cannot be adequately credited against U.S. taxes on the same earnings. This tax treatment not only discourages U.S. investment in R & D, but may provide U.S. companies with an incentive to locate their R & D activities abroad.

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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Conference Air Services (CAS) has been selected as the official travel coordinator for the AAAS Annual Meeting in Toronto. CAS will handle all housing and travel arrangements. Please take note of the housing information below and the travel information on the back of this page.

- All housing reservations must be submitted to CAS in writing (use housing form below).
- Reservations must be received by Conference Air Services not later than 12 December 1980; reservations received after that date are conditional upon space availability at the hotels.
- Rooms are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If room rate requested is no longer available, the next available higher rate will be assigned.
- Confirmation will come directly from Conference Air Services (CAS). All changes and cancellations must be made in writing through CAS.

ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS*

Hotels	Single	Double & Twin	Parlor + 1 Bedrm.	Parlor + 2 Bedrms.	Parking (rates subject to change)
SHERATON CENTRE	\$52	\$66	\$128	\$192	\$5.50 per 24 hours; no in-and-ou
123 Queen Street West (No. of rooms: 1000)	56 64	70 78	and up	and up	privileges. Inquire for hourly rates.
ROYAL YORK HOTEL 100 Front Street West	\$53 58	\$67 72	\$125 and up	\$203 and up	\$5.25 per 24 hours with in-and-ou
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HOTEL TORONTO 145 Richmond Street West No. of rooms: 100)	\$58	\$68	\$150 and up	\$210 and up	\$5.00 per 24 hours with in-and-or privileges.
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Mail to: AAAS Housing Bureau c/o CONFERENCE AIR SERVICES 1911 N Ft. Myer Drive Arlington, Virginia 22209

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only until 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

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AIR TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Because of the constant increase in air fares, the AAAS is attempting to provide the attendants of its 1981 Annual Meeting in Toronto with the lowest air fares available. Thus, the Association has selected *Conference Air Services (CAS)* as the official travel coordinator for the Toronto Meeting. *CAS* will endeavor to arrange groups from among those traveling to Toronto from other cities on the same day, thereby offering these travelers group fare savings. *CAS* guarantees booking of airline space at the best rates available, consistent with travelers' requirements, using group and super saver fares whenever possible.

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Please take note of the travel information below and the housing information on the preceding page. We urge you to purchase your tickets through CAS, and to do so early, since air fares are increasing constantly. Volume ticket purchases will enable CAS to form groups at key departure points, thus providing the lowest air fares possible.

SAMPLE ROUNDTRIP AIR FARES TO TORONTO*

City	Coach Fare	Special Group Fare	City	Coach Fare	Special Group Fare
Atlanta	\$299.00	\$221.00	Los Angeles	\$531.00	\$348.00
Boston	180.00	126.00	Miami	349.00	299.00
Chicago	174.00	121.00	New York	160.00	112.00
Cleveland	116.00	98.00	New Orleans	355.00	251.00
Dallas	349.00	255.00	St. Louis	241.00	168.00
Denver	345.00	243.00	San Francisco	547.00	387.00
Detroit	121.00	96.00	Seattle	517.00	358.00
Houston	387.00	274.00	Washington, D.C.	180.00	143.00

^{*}Note: These fares were in effect in July 1980 and are most definitely subject to change. Only sample cities have been listed above. Please call CAS for applicable airfares and possible group departure schedules from your home area. Persons for whom group flights cannot be arranged will be booked on the best air fare available.

For assistance with travel reservations call toll-free 800-336-0227

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Monday through Friday (In Virginia call collect 703/528-0114)

If you are interested in a post convention skiing weekend or vacation in the Laurentian Mountains or at Blue Mountain, Ontario call CAS at the above toll-free number.

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**Persons providing credit card information will be fare-protected at the time of booking.