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Laxness' new book entitled "Atomic Station" will probably appear within next fortnight. Legation informed it is bitterly anti-America in tone and advances thesis that ICE faces destruction in aggressive war US now planning by reason existence military base within its territory.

Consider Laxness's prestige would suffer materially if we let it be known that he is income tax evader. Accordingly suggest further investigation be made into matter of royalties presumably received on "Independent People" (Depair 92 Nov. 13).

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