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The industrial input mentioned here certainly has merit.

I wonder, though, if there is enough visibility and structure to a mechanism for 'policyresearch-leaves'for junior faculty at the NAS. You might have to seek acquiescence to some more flexibility in tenure-eligibility arrangements for such people. Were you to get a few leading institutions to go along, in acknowledging the value and importance of a tour like this, it might get the ball rolling. And wouldn't, say, the Guggenheim Foundation be perfectly happy to sponsor followships (at par with other objectives) to this end.

These points are, I suspect, all granted and obvious: but they could well be brought out more explicitly. I should think the Academy has more than enough prestige to make it go.

Sincerely,

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