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Re: Possible IRE/AIEE Merger

Dear Mr. Chase:

As a member of both AIEE and IRE I am delighted with the prospects of eventually bringing these societies together into a common organization.

I have a small suggestion that might have merit in facilitating this very important, yet difficult, project.

In 1958-59 as section chairman of the Maryland Section of AIEE we started a cooperative plan on the section level with Baltimore Section of IRE.

This was instigated by a luncheon meeting between the writer and Ben Wolfe (Chairman of IRE Baltimore Section). I then made, with full consent of Mr. Wolfe, a proposal to the IRE Board and our AIEE Board.

The plan we set in motion was:

- a. To put a liaison representative on each other's board.
- b. A certain amount of joint effort by the meetings and papers committees resulted in planning common meetings and avoidance of duplication of technical meetings.
- c. Announcement of the "other" societies' meetings in announcements as a matter of information.

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d. We already had a joint student organization going
This has been a good beginning and has been carried on and
expanded to the present time.

How better can we set the wheels in motion for an AIEE-IRE
merger than at the section level?

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. L. V. Berkner, President of IRE
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