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PROPOSALS FOR MERGER OF AIEE AND IRE
Electrical Engineering, Section II, April 1962

May 22, 1962

Mr. M. T. Hatley, Chairman
North Carolina Section, AIEE

Dear Mr. Hatley:

Re ¶3 of John W. Davis's letter of 4/27/62:

If "dotting i's and crossing t's" accurately describes such matters as:

- 1.. Increasing our operations to worldwide, rather than confining them to the USA, Canada and Mexico,
- 2.. Limiting our occupancy of the new United Engineering Center to the present $2\frac{1}{2}$ floors,
- 3.. Adopting a Constitution which refers to the Bylaws in 31 places,
- 4.. Adopting a Constitution which contains no qualifications for membership,
- 5.. Creating a 25-member Board of Directors, of which 17 are nominated by the preceding Board of Directors,
- 6.. Reducing the 15 District VPs (for USA, Canada and Mexico) to 8 Regional Directors (7 in USA and Canada), thereby making it humanly impossible for an elected director to visit annually or even biennially the Sections and Branches,
- 7.. Converting the Technical Committee organization into a Professional Group operation with the possibility of 40 Transactions in place of 3,
- 8.. Holding 2 General Meetings (in New York City and elsewhere) in place of 4 (Pacific Coast, Midwest, New York City, and elsewhere),

then I plead guilty to being a "warehouse (or guardhouse?) lawyer!"

MTHatley from LFH, 5/22/62

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Re ¶14 of Davis's letter, it would take much more than "editorial changes" to make these 3 legal documents acceptable.

Re ¶16, I am not at all concerned that 7 Regional Directors cannot exercise proper "grass roots" control. I am concerned that 7 Regional Directors cannot possibly visit annually or biennially the Sections and Branches, as our 15 District VP's are expected to do. Visitations by an appointed chairman would not be as effective as by an elected director.

Re ¶17, it is probably true that some of the committee members have "put in a lot of time and effort" on the merger - for about 5 months. It is equally true that some of us have worked hard for years - in my case, 15 years - to effect improvements in AIEE organization and operations.

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To me, it is ironic - almost incredible - that this so-called merger, which actually is dissolution of the AIEE, could win approval in a few short months whereas comparatively minor reforms took years to accomplish.

Sincerely yours,



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(Past President, AIEE)

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