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October 18, 1961

Mr. Warren Chase, President
American Institute of Electrical Engineers
345 East 47th Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I am happy to refer to you herewith the Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of The Institute of Radio Engineers at their stated meeting on October 18, 1961. You will recognize that this Resolution is in conformance with the discussions of our Joint Committee working toward the consolidation of the AIEE and IRE.

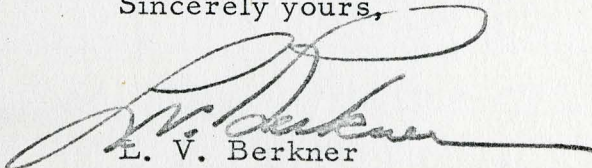
May I also add that the Board of Directors took action to appropriate an amount of \$10,000 to the budget of the IRE, to be expended on behalf of the Committee in order to effectuate its activities.

I look forward with interest to the concurrent action of the AIEE. Upon receiving your advice on the adoption of similar Resolutions by the AIEE, I propose to immediately inform the Chairmen of IRE Sections concerning the deliberations that have preceded this action.

Upon your suggestion, I have asked Mr. E. K. Gannett to accompany Dr. Haggerty, whom you have invited to join the Board, so that in the event of favorable action by AIEE, joint publicity releases can be issued promptly. I agree with you that very accurate accounts of our present proposals should be made available not only to the public press but also to the general electronics and electrical engineering press.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


E. V. Berkner
President

cc: Mr. E. K. Gannett

Reply

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of The Institute of Radio Engineers and the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers have concluded that the advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and radio engineering, and the educational and scientific objectives of both Institutes, may be better served by a merger or consolidation of the two Institutes into one organization in which all present members would be included, and in which they would enjoy the same rights and privileges now conferred upon them by their separate organizations, and it appearing that such consolidations would not affect ? the Institutes or their members, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of IRE deems it advisable, in accordance with the stated objectives of IRE, to move actively toward the consolidation of the activities and organization of IRE with those of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE), by consolidation or otherwise, provided that the legal and operational problems incident to such consolidation can be satisfactorily resolved, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lloyd V. Berkner, Patrick E. Haggerty, Ronald L. McFarlan and Haraden Pratt be and they hereby are appointed to join with Warren H. Chase, Clarence H. Linder, B. Richard Teare, Jr., Elgin Robertson when appointed by the Board of Directors of AIEE, as members of a committee, which shall be authorized and directed to undertake such studies as they shall deem necessary and appropriate to determine the feasibility, practicability and form of such consolidation, and to make a report thereon to the Boards of the two Institutes not later than February 15, 1962, with a view to submission to a vote of the memberships of the two Institutes, and consummation, if so approved, by January 1, 1963, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall be authorized to meet with the officers, directors and representatives of the two Institutes to consider the proposed amalgamation of the two groups and to make available to such persons such documents and information relating to IRE as such committee deems advisable under the circumstances, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee be directed to prepare, in consultation with representatives of IRE and AIEE, a proposed constitution and by-laws and such other documents as counsel may recommend, with a view to submission thereof to the Boards of Directors of the two Institutes on or before February 15, 1962, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers and directors of The Institute of Radio Engineers be and they hereby are authorized and directed to cause a copy of these resolutions to be delivered to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these resolutions shall become effective as soon as the President of The Institute of Radio Engineers has been notified in form satisfactory to him and to counsel for The Institute of Radio Engineers that the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has adopted resolutions substantially to the effect of these presents.