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Dear Jim:

I don't know how you feel after our lamented session with the IRE Board of Consultants and its EDITOR, Mr. Ted Hunter, but I am burned up. I am leaving Chicago at 4:30 P.M. and not unhappy about departure.

If the high-handed discourteous treatment directed toward Leonard, Corey, Grimm, Mayer and Weil is any measure of similar behavior on the part of our esteemed (?) friends, then I owe an apology to the members of AIEE for adding my approval to the merger concept. Apparently it stems from "approval in principle" - I now wonder if the blanket mandate was a wise one.

The session at McCormick Place on Monday afternoon was planned with all the answers spelled out long before we arrived. As a matter of fact the minutes of the meeting could have been written in New York last week.

The E.E. Digest was treated with disdain and we were told in no uncertain terms how the entire matter of a Student Publication was to be handled. The Board of Consultants was announced and, deliberately or otherwise, no consideration was extended Mr. Corey, presently Chairman of the AIEE Educational Publications Committee nor to Mr. Grimm, consulting editor of the EE Digest. Apparently they do not measure up to the qualifications set.

All in all the merger of publication effort at the student level is not to be a merger but rather a complete assimilation, with AIEE out of the picture entirely.

Perhaps my ire is unduly aroused - and I would hope so. However, I leave Chicago with the impression that the common courtesies that I have always found in the company of members of the Institute were completely lacking when I crossed to the other side of the tracks - (N.B. one does cross the tracks to get to McCormick Place).

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Dear Jack:

Ever since we have been acting as a two man committee, at the request of the Boards of Directors of AIEE and IRE, on matters pertaining to the merger, I am sure that both of us have been pleased with the fact that our thinking was essentially the same. Neither of us have been the staid or venerable type that insisted upon living with tradition -- we knew that IEEE involved major changes. Suffice it to say I have been quite well pleased with our discussions and correspondence.

All of the above is but a preamble to my comments about the meeting at McCormick Place on Monday afternoon, October 8th. Just why guests from the AIEE were invited I do not know. I am sure that the minutes of the meeting were written at 79th Street the week before. I considered the entire handling of the meeting not the least bit gracious, and hardly in the interest of the cooperative atmosphere so very necessary to make IEEE a strong outgrowth of the two old and respected societies. To accomplish the most means selecting the best, both in manpower and organization, from IRE and AIEE. One came away from the meeting last Monday with the feeling that all of the best was in one society and absolutely nothing in the other. I think this is regrettable and I hope that it will not be your attitude when you become Editor of IEEE. In my opinion it was discourteous to completely ignore members of the EE Digest Board among the consultants for a future student publication in 1963. There is a great deal of good in each of the present societies -- and many faults, too. It should be our problem to make an honest effort to cull out the faults and work with the good. Let us try to do it in a nice way -- not the way it was done at McCormick Place on Monday, October 8th.

Now to continue with the merger and lead the way for others to follow the example set by AIEE and IRE.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Engineering

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