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Dear Mr. Section Chairman:

On October 20, 1961, I advised you of the important action of the Boards of IRE and AIEE toward consolidation of the two societies into a single Institute. The action toward consolidation is so important that I am writing to advise you of the progress being made.

Following the actions of the two Boards, the legal counsel of IRE advised me that the AIEE resolution was substantially identical to that of the IRE Board and I therefore declared the IRE resolution in force. Immediately thereafter the eight men appointed by the resolutions to the Joint Committee on Consolidation were notified. These members include Messrs. Warren H. Chase, Clarence Linder, Elgin Robertson, Sr. and Dr. B. R. Teare, Jr. for the AIEE, and Dr. P. E. Haggerty, Dr. Ronald McFarlan, Mr. Haraden Pratt and me for the IRE.

I designated President-Elect P. E. Haggerty as principal representative on the Committee to act for IRE.

Following these notifications, two-man study committees were appointed by Dr. Haggerty to study and develop guidelines on prime aspects of a consolidation plan, each member being notified by letter of his appointment. These committees were organized as follows:

## Assets, Resources & Finances

IRE     Stuart Bailey  
         Jansky & Bailey, Inc.

AIEE     J. Harold Moore, for H. I. Romnes  
         Western Electric Company

## Editorial Policy & Publications

IRE     Ferdinand Hamburger, Jr.  
         Johns Hopkins University

AIEE     Morris D. Hooven  
         Public Service Electric & Gas Co.



Extra Society Relationships

IRE	Ronald L. McFarlan Consulting Engineer	AIEE	T. M. Linville General Electric Company
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International Activities

IRE	Ronald L. McFarlan Consulting Engineer	AIEE	To be appointed
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Merging of Professional Groups and Technical Committees

IRE	Ernst Weber Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn	AIEE	Hendley Blackmon Westinghouse Electric Corporation
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Relations to Standardization

IRE	Ernst Weber Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn	AIEE	C. G. Veinott Reliance Electric & Engineering Co.
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Merging of Sections: Finances, Geographical Boundaries, Sectional Publications

IRE	G. K. Teal Texas Instruments, Inc.	AIEE	Walter Scholz Philadelphia Electric Company
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Personnel

IRE	Donald G. Fink Philco Corporation	AIEE	C. F. Savage General Electric Company
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Student Branches

IRE	Dean J. D. Ryder Michigan State University	AIEE	R. T. Weil, Jr. Manhattan College
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Appointments are also being made for IRE and AIEE to two-man study committees on Honors and Awards and Regional Structure.



Under the direction of President-Elect Haggerty, a work book was prepared and provided to each member of the eight-man joint committee, which contained complete information on the principal subjects to be considered in effectuating consolidation. The principal features of this work book are contained in the following outline:

- I Organization and Schedule to Prepare Draft
- II Organizational Charts
- III Comparative Alignment of Constitutions
- IV Comparative Alignment of Bylaws (and Pertinent Constitutional Articles)
  - A. Membership
    - 1. Privileges
    - 2. Classes
    - 3. Admissions, Transfers, etc.
    - 4. Terminations
  - B. Membership Fees
    - 1. Entrance
    - 2. Transfer and Annual Dues
    - 3. Publication
  - C. Organization - Membership
    - 1. Districts/Regions
    - 2. Sections
    - 3. Professional Groups
    - 4. Student Branches
    - 5. Overseas Chapters
  - D. Organization - Management
    - 1. Nominations, Elections, Balloting
    - 2. Board of Directors
    - 3. Executive Committee
    - 4. Officers
    - 5. Standing Committees - General  
Administrative  
Technical
  - E. Meetings
  - F. Miscellaneous
  - G. Publications
- V Statistical Data
- VI Comparative Time Table
- VII Two-Man Study Committee Recommendations

By November 17, the initial reviews of most of the two-man study committees were completed and their reports distributed to all members of the eight-man joint committee for inclusion in the work books.



On the evening of November 16, and throughout the day of November 17, a four-man subcommittee met, composed of Mr. Chase and Dr. Teare for the AIEE and Mr. Pratt and Dr. Haggerty for the IRE. They were joined by Mr. Elgin Robertson, Sr. of the AIEE. The reports of the two-man study committees were reviewed in detail. Based on these reports and the considerations and judgements of the joint subcommittee, Mr. Haraden Pratt was asked to prepare an initial constitution and bylaws draft for a combined society of AIEE and IRE. It will be his goal to have the initial constitution and bylaws draft in the hands of the eight-man joint committee for review by December 5, and he will additionally and simultaneously provide a copy to Mr. John Tobin, Attorney for the IRE, and Mr. Simon Present, Attorney for the AIEE.

The full eight-man committee will meet in New York on December 13, 1961, for first consideration of the draft of the constitution and bylaws. At that time the replies of the Sections to my letter of October 20 will be given full consideration.

The plan of action of the committee is divided into two parts:

1. To produce a constitution and bylaws for the new society, drawing upon the best elements of the experience of each society, which would best serve the technical and professional requirements of the profession.
2. Following completion of the action of paragraph #1, the committee will make such modifications in the proposed constitution and bylaws as are necessary to effect a merger. This will involve inserting temporary clauses to be effective for a year or more in order to complete the consolidation.

Throughout these negotiations, I have been impressed by the statesmanlike approach of all members of the committee. The framework of the negotiations remains within the outline of my letter of October 20, 1961. There is no feeling that one society is trying to take over the other, but rather a genuine spirit of jointly creating a single new and stronger Institute out of the already strong roots of the two existing Institutes, thereby eliminating undesirable competition and combining resources to better serve and advance our rapidly evolving profession. In this, the central Headquarters of the two Institutes are giving their full cooperation. Mr. Chase, President of AIEE, and I are in constant communication and we continually exchange correspondence relating to the proposed consolidation.



I will continue to write frequently so that you can be fully and authoritatively informed, and prepared to answer any questions that may be raised in your Section. It would be most helpful if you could keep your membership fully informed so that incorrect rumors do not multiply. Likewise, I would be happy to receive further comments from your Section at any time.

Sincerely yours,



L. V. Berkner  
President

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