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Dear Nelson:

You need not feel apologetic in the least over the subject of your April 20 letter. If there was any oversight regarding the matter while at Fort Wayne, I am quick to assume the whole of it, but my thoughts seem to have been centered on those matters that you and I discussed, also later when Morris was with us.

When I suggested to the Chairman of the Iowa Section and others that they might let me know, after a judicious survey had been made, where members of the Section believed they could make the best contribution to the advancement of the Institute, I had no idea that any one individual would think in terms of more than one or two committees at the most. Nevertheless, I have to live with the fellow that I see in the mirror when I shave, so I passed the information along, being willing always to abide by the recommendation of the chairmen of committees. I go along completely and happily with Walter's recommendation not to name Dr. Richardson to the Committee on Student Branches. The only reason for transmitting the proposal that Dr. Richardson be considered for the Committee on Student Branches is that I am confident that his heart is in the right place.

Since leaving the Electrical Engineering Department here, I confess that there is some loss of intimate contact. After reading your letter, I asked for information on student membership here in the two organizations, and I am quick to agree that what I have learned regarding the ratio of I.R.E. to A.I.E.E. student members is disturbing. On conferring individually with Tiny Cassell, Dr. Boast (present head of department), Dr. Richardson, Professor Lagerstrom, Professor Nilsson and others, it appears that there has been a little laxity on the part of all in keeping A.I.E.E. in front of the boys. There has been no apparent effort to push I.R.E. here any more than there has been to push A.I.E.E. If there are any local on-campus influences, it is possible that they may stem in part from the fact that all of the research projects at present in the Electrical Engineering Department are in the field of electronics, also that the Ames Laboratory of the A.E.C. with its intricate instrumenta-

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tion may not be without some influence. Actually, the E.E. staff members number heavily on the side of A.I.E.E. It is agreed that we will move in on the unbalance and we plead for reasonable time to resolve the situation in the best possible manner.

As I am sure that you are fully convinced, I have always been completely sincere in saying to you that I value most highly your judgment and counsel on A.I.E.E. matters, for after all I am the novice. I am delighted that you are so willing to be perfectly candid with me. Please never hesitate to bring any circumstance to my attention on which you feel that I can make some contribution. That makes for the kind of team work that I fully enjoy.

Most cordially,



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