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Subject: Statement to Members on AIEE and IRE

I have handed Miss Clarke a statement showing comparative numbers of members in the two Societies. I added them together in a final column and on the sub-total in that column, just above Students, I placed a couple of x's referring to a footnote in which it can be said that a thousand members (or whatever the figure is) belong to both Societies. This would produce a figure of around 120,000 members "before Students" in the minds of anyone looking at the tabulation—a more realistic figure than the 150,000 figure which has been bandied about. The Founder Societies ordinarily do not count Students in their published membership.

If you think that the 7,188 figure for AIEE Students is low, I point out that it was so reported as of November 15, 1960 and no other official figures were obtainable from staff members including Miss Lennon. She referred me to Mr. Qualli, who handles the mailing and he says that Student membership this year, from his vantage point, has fallen off. He places present Student membership at 4,931 paid-up and 1,153 pending—a total of 6,084. This is a long way from the figure of 10,000 which I have heard recently.

I have also handed Miss Clarke a few figures comparing the members of Sections, Student Branches, etc. I don't think we'll be criticized too much for setting our TDGs against IRE's P/G Chapters, so I have included them.

I talked to Mr. Herrmann after throwing up my hands on the breakdown of Receipts and Expenditures and on Assets and Liabilities. The available figures are quite incomparable and it would be dangerous to make even any approximations at this stage. If you wish to show the size of the combined operation, it might be all right to combine the totals, but that's about as far as one could go. Even then you'd have to insert an asset-item on AIEE's quarters in this building for which its members and interested industries pledged \$900,000.

I wrote this before volunteering to shape it up some.

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	AIEE	IRE
Number of Sections	119	110
Number of Subsections	77	31
Number of Student Branches	167	211
Number of Professional Groups	—	28
Number of ^{Section} Technical Discussion Groups	277	—
Number of P/G Chapters	—	288

Sources: AIEE: Annual Report, 1960-1961

IRE: Proceedings of the IRE, September 1961