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Dear Pat:

We enclose herewith two copies of the draft of your verbal report to the Executive Committee as IRE Representative to the Joint IRE/AIEE Committee to Discuss Inter-Society Cooperation. This material will be included, subject to your approval, as an item in the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of May 22, 1961. Please note any revisions or corrections you may wish to make on this draft and return a marked copy to us for insertion in the minutes.

Yours truly,

George W. Bailey
Executive Secretary

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Joint IRE/AIEE Committee to Discuss Inter-Society Cooperation.

Dr. Haggerty, IRE Representative to the Joint IRE/AIEE Committee to Discuss Inter-Society Cooperation, presented his report to the Executive Committee as follows:

"I met with Dr. B. R. Teare, Jr., Chairman of the AIEE Inter-Society Relations Committee (effective as of their new year - August 1, 1961), designated as such by President-Elect Chase and also, to act as the AIEE member in the Joint IRE/AIEE Committee to discuss Inter-Society Cooperation.

"I started by indicating that I was uninstructed as to the limitation of scope by the IRE Executive Committee with the specific aim thereby that I not be limited to discuss interests or relations on the basis of a gradual coordination of our mutual activities but could discuss, if it appeared desirable to do so, the actual merging of the two societies or the creation of a new society to take on all ^{MUTUAL} our activities.

"In summary, I suggested that we examine the two societies' problems by:

1. First determining whether indeed the needs of our profession were such that they would be met better by a single ^{NEW} society than by a coordination of the two societies.

X — 2. ~~That if such were the case, that we begin our discussion by talking about how such a creation of such a new society might best be entered into, rather than by a listing and discussion of all of the practical difficulties which it would entail, even though these practical difficulties might indeed~~ ^{SUBSEQUENTLY MAKE CREATION OF A NEW} ~~make solution unsuitable at~~ ^{SOCIETY UNTENABLE WHEN THEY WERE EXAMINED IN DETAIL} ~~the time when they are examined.~~

3. That the total number of man hours which would probably be required to create a satisfactory new society would probably be fewer and certainly take far less chronological time than would an attempt to coordinate our activities of mutual interest on a step by step basis.

4. I felt that it was probably unsound to ~~discuss the matter on the~~ ^{CONSIDER MERGER OVER} ~~basis of a five or ten year span because it appeared that the exigencies of our professional interests in the two societies were such that our overlaps and conflicts were probably at a minimum~~ ^{NOW} ~~and, if each society did the job called for by their charters over the ten years, we would make it more difficult and would have more~~ ^{THEN} ~~conflicting entities requiring resolution than we presently do.~~

5. IRE, it is true, has been growing at ^{NEARLY} ~~approximately~~ 10,000 members per year against AIEE's ^{NEARLY} ~~approximately~~ 2,000 members per year. IRE

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has reached membership of approximately 90,000 against the AIEE's approximately 65,000 members. The continued rate of increase of IRE versus AIEE is probably guaranteed by the 17,000 Student members of IRE versus the 10,000 Student members which AIEE has.

6. IRE's income is somewhat more than double AIEE income.

IRE's physical assets are ^{CONSIDERABLY} more than double those of AIEE.

7. AIEE is one of the Founder Societies and IRE must recognize this tie and make provision for it.

8. AIEE has obligations relating to the new United Engineering Building, also AIEE has moral obligations ^{THE} to other societies, which must be taken into consideration.

9. We have somewhat different organizational plans including definite provision for broader span of international activities in IRE which must be included in any new organization.

"Dr. Teare, during the process of several hours of discussion in which the above outlined points were covered thoroughly, was ^{GENERALLY} finally in agreement with the desirability of approaching discussion

on the points outlined above. He and I agreed that we would discuss

setting up a meeting to contain three or four IRE members and ^{PROBABLY INCLUDING PRES. BERKER & 2 PAST PRES} three or four AIEE members, ^{PRES} including each of us. He would

^{PROBABLY INCLUDING PRES LINDEK PRES-ELECT CHASE AND 1 PAST PRES.}

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approach President-Elect Chase and I would approach President Berkner for arrangement of the meeting, if each of them agreed that this was suitable. We would arrange the meeting, or ask our Presidents to arrange, whichever is in keeping with protocol.

It would be probable that if this group agreed that these above

outlined points ^{DID} would provide basis for discussion, ~~from this would~~
^{WOULD BE LAYED}
~~be named~~ a number of two-men sub-committees, each of which would

tackle problems such as:

- a. Constitution and Bylaws.
- b. Real Properties and Assets.
- c. International Activities.
- d. Dues
- e. Meetings."