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Dear Warren:

This refers to my letter of July 31, 1962, with which I transmitted my approval of the recommendations of the 14-Man Committee.

I now find that this approval was based on incomplete information and that I must withdraw my approval of the Director recommended for Region 3. I do not feel that a person, regardless of his ability can properly represent a Region in which he has not worked in the very recent past. Likewise, he is taking a new job as President of the University of South Carolina on August 1st, and I seriously doubt that he would be in position, or be willing, to divert sufficient of his time from his primary occupation to do justice to the Directorship of the Region in such a critical time as the consolidation of the two Societies.

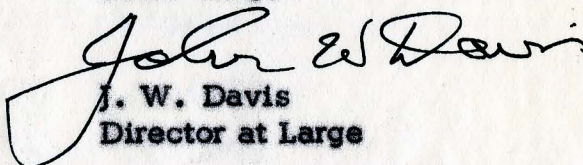
It would appear to me that there are certainly others in this Region who are familiar with our problems and who are thoroughly capable of representing the Region to the entire satisfaction of the members of both I.R.E. and A.I.E.E. I do not, in this disapproval, intend to convey the thought that I am holding out for an A.I.E.E. man, as I am sure that there are capable I.R.E. men in the area. There are also a number of men who are members of both Societies, some of whom have been more active in I.R.E. than in A.I.E.E.

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Professor Walter J. Seeley, Dean of Engineering at Duke University, Dr. Ben J. Dasher, Director of Electrical Engineering School at the Georgia Institute of Technology, who was a recent member of the I.R.E. Board, or Professor George B. Hoadley, Head of Electrical Engineering Department at North Carolina State College, would in my opinion, be a much more acceptable choice for this important job, assuming that he must be an I.R.E. man rather than someone who has been strongly identified with A.I.E.E. in the recent past.

It would be quite regrettable if, through the choice of a person unfamiliar with our area and its problems, we should generate dissension in an area which although small in numbers, has been growing at a much more rapid rate than many other areas. I still feel that the reasons given in my letter of July 23, 1962 for recommending the present Vice President of District 4 as Regional Director for Region 3 are sound and worthy of further consideration.

Yours truly,


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