

January 19, 1916.

President Wilson,

Washington.

My dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 13th of this month requesting that the American Institute of Electrical Engineers nominate, for the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, a representative from its membership for each state in the Union to act, in conjunction with representatives of certain other societies for the purpose of assisting the Naval Consulting Board in the work of collecting data for use in organizing the manufacturing resources of the country for the public service in case of emergency.

Upon the receipt of your letter, I called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute to take the necessary action to comply with your request. Knowing the patriotic spirit which actuates all of the members of our Institute, I am confident that prompt and effective action will be taken to put into effect the plan which was outlined in your letter, and I am sure that your expression of appreciation of the service which the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has done through its members on the Naval Consulting Board will be received with feelings of satisfaction by our membership throughout the country.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Carty
President.

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March 13, 1924

Mr. John J. Carty
195 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Carty:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, returning for our files the original letter to you from President Wilson, under date of January 13, 1916.

I fully concur with you regarding the desirability of carefully guarding such important documents and I am glad to note that you intend to send me a framed photographic copy, which I shall be glad to hang at Institute headquarters.

Personally, I think it is better to retain the original in our files and to have the photographic copy only on exhibition.

We have found the original letter press copy of your reply of January 19, 1916, to President Wilson, and if desired we shall be glad to send this to you.

Very truly yours

Secretary

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Mr. F. L. Hutchinson, Secretary,
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
29 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

I am returning to you herewith the original of the letter which President Wilson wrote to me as President of the Institute, January 13, 1916. This is the letter which I recently obtained from your files in order that I might have photographic copies made of it.

The original letter-press copy of my reply should be in your files, as I find by reference to a letter from my office to you, signed H. E. Darling, January 26, 1916, that I sent it to you on that date. I should be obliged if you would let me know whether you are able to locate this copy, as I would like to see it some time.

In accordance with our conversation yesterday, I am having framed a photographic copy of the original letter from President Wilson, so that you may hang it in the rooms of the Institute. The letter of the President to me and my reply constitute two documents of historic importance bearing on the activities of the Institute in preparing for the national defense. As time goes on,

Mr. F. L. Hutchinson.

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the work of the Institute during this period and during the war will become of increasing historic interest. Therefore, all papers of this kind are worthy of careful preservation. Some time it might be thought best to frame the original letter and hang it in the Library. Whether this would be best I cannot say. In any event, I think the letter should be very carefully guarded.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Carty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John J. Carty".

Herewith:

Original of letter
from President Wilson to
Mr. Carty as President of the
A.I.E.E., January 13, 1916.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1916

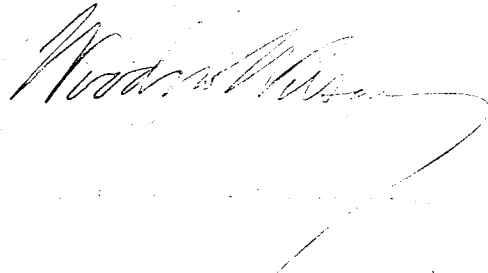
My dear Sir:

The work which the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has done through its members on the Naval Consulting Board is a patriotic service which is deeply appreciated. It has been so valuable that I am tempted to ask that you will request the Institute to enlarge its usefulness to the Government still further by nominating for the approval of the Secretary of the Navy a representative from its membership for each state in the Union to act in conjunction with representatives from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Chemical Society, and the American Institute of Mining Engineers, for the purpose of assisting the Naval Consulting Board in the work of collecting data for use in organizing the manufacturing resources

resources of the country for the public service in case of emergency. I am sure that I may count upon your cordial cooperation.

With sincere regard,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Woodrow Wilson, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

Mr. John J. Carty, President,
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
New York City.