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Dear Warren,

Regarding the Brownlee letter, Just a few comments.

Roman II near the beginning is a mis-statement because the fields he is concerned with are local and "narrow field" and therefore whether they are under a technical committee sponsorship or a P T G sponsorship makes little difference as a matter of basic policy. If he means that specialized papers should be so published as to reach all members then this is a criticism of the "narrow field" publications of both societies right now, and would not apply as a merger problem.

Item (1) at the bottom of the first page. This is a distortion of the intent. The PTG's review papers they publish. They have their own editorial machinery and the degree to which a paper would be assessed is a matter each PTG is to determine for itself. In fact, to publish any respectable magazine, a PTG cannot escape doing a good job here and I don't see any difference here with what an AIEE National Technical Committee does now.

Item (4) at top of page 2. What is the difference in publishing material in various places in AIEE (bi-monthlies etc.) and in various places in IRE (Transactions)? Perhaps he quarrels with not having all papers in one place going to every member. If so, he is really complaining with the present system and this then would not be a merger result.

Item 2. further down the page 2. This also is a distortion of the truth. Nothing becomes extinct, If he were to read carefully he could see that all these activities are continued but the umbrellas are not the same.

Item 5. Same comment as for item 2.

Item 6. Terms of office for Directors are given in the constitution as 2 to 5 years. This ought to be a sufficient curb to stop any abuse a Board might entertain.

Best regards,

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cc: P. E. Haggerty