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Dear George:

Confirming our telephone conversation this morning, I enclose Draft No. 2 of the "cover" letter for the pamphlet to be sent to all IRE members with the March Proceedings. For the benefit of Messrs. Warren Chase and Berkner, McFarlan and Pratt, let me point out that the revision principally revolves around two additional ideas: (1) to reprint excerpts, as shown below, from a letter written by Dr. A.N. Goldsmith, the sole remaining Founder member of IRE, and (2) make a fuller explanation and/or stronger defense for any feelings which may exist at Section or member level of inadequate and slow information flowing to them from the national level. Although longer, I believe the letter as redrafted is a better one.

The excerpts I would propose to include, providing we secure Dr. Goldsmith's permission, are these:

"May I thank you heartily for your thoughtful and analytical letter of December 15, 1961 relative to the proposed IRE-AIEE merger.

In essence, as I felt in 1922 when I first proposed an AIEE-IRE merger to its then President, Professor A. E. Kennelly of Harvard University, the union of these societies would be justified primarily on professional and idealistic grounds. It is not fitting that a great profession should be split into segments with a certain degree of competition between them. And it is not suitable that science and technology should be fragmented through such multiplication of engineering-society effort.

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Fortunately, there is a second and potent reason why the merger should be approved. The new joint society would be a clearer spokesman, a better servant to its membership, a more effective source of published material, a more economic and efficient organism for the display of advancement in the art (through publication, exhibitions and conventions, and the like), and would in all known respects be more useful to its membership and would offer more to them.

The objection has been raised that the pioneer spirit, great enterprise, administrative wisdom, and energy of the IRE might be lost or dissipated. This would be a real danger if the articles of merger were not well framed and if the new joint society were to fail to maintain the enthusiasm and dedicated cooperation of its membership. I feel we should be prepared to meet this objection by rather concrete suggestions. We want the stability, standing, and wide knowledge of the AIEE. But we must not lose, even in the slightest measure, the energy, vigor, originality, and creativity of the IRE. If we can combine these characteristics of the two societies we will truly have the greatest engineering society in the world. And by "greatest" I do not mean merely largest - I mean most constructive and humanly valuable."

I believe, George, that the layout sequence should be (1) my cover letter, (2) Lloyd's letters of October 20, November 28 and December 28, (3) my letter of February 5, (4) the Principles of Consolidation, and (5) finally, on the inside of the back cover, the excerpts from Dr. Goldsmith's letter. I think we must place this last, lest we be suspected of using it simply because it's favorable.

Sincerely,



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P.S. On second thought I believe the sequence should be as set out above except for (2) in which case I think my letter of February 5 should be first, then Lloyd's letters of December 28, November 28 and October 20.