

INTER-OFFICE LETTERS ONLY

DATE December 3, 1962

TO N. S. Hibshman

FROM D. G. Fink

SUBJECT Comments on your Memos 12, 13, and 14; Copywrite Protection of "Electrical Engineering Exposition"; and Arrangements for Micro-filming AIEE Records.

Dear Nelson:

Regarding your Memo No. 14 on the Power Division Conference for 1964, I share your misgivings but I fear that the Power Division has the bit in its teeth, having received encouragement a month or more ago from the Merger Committee. I would suggest you get in touch with Charlie Hatcher to determine just how firm this situation is. I believe it is true that we are getting out of the Statler commitment for the winter general meeting only because we have agreed to hold the Power Conference on the same dates in 1964.

If we are firmly committed for a Statler Power Division Conference, I think we should bend every effort to cancel the fall general meeting in Chicago, particularly since no formal commitment appears to exist with the Pick-Congress Hotel. I agree with you entirely that trying to get Power Division papers of high quality for a fall meeting, a winter meeting, and the March 1964 General Conference would strain the resources of the Power Division to the utmost. Moreover, I believe the Merger Committee would favor cancelling the fall general meeting in 1963, even though there has been a prior understanding that the 1963 meetings would not be intefered with.

I would appreciate your following up on this matter since at the moment it is a strictly "AIEE" problem. Let me know the situation so that I can report it to the Merger Committee on December 11-12.

Regarding your Memo No. 13, I will bring the contents of your memo to the Merger Committee at its next meeting and ask for their rulings on the Chicago and Houston meetings, meanwhile I would appreciate your passing on to me the results of the TOD review suggested on the second page of your memo.

Respecting your Memo No. 14, I much appreciate your comments. I have these comments, as well as several others from George Herrmann and will be discussing this matter with him and with John Buckley in the near future.

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2. N. S. Hibshman - 12/3/62

In one of our recent discussions I believe the question was raised as to whether the name of the "Electrical Engineering Exposition" was copywrited in the name of AIEE and hence available to the IEEE, or whether Reber Friel has taken out the copywrite in their name. Would you investigate this and let me know?

As a final question, I seem to recall that we have put off micro-filming the membership records at 47th Street pending more firm plans for the move. I think we now need answers to two questions: when should this microfilming be scheduled, and by what method are we to select the pertinent and significant material to be recorded from among the great mass of dispensable data? This latter operation will, I believe, need the firm hand of some person who is familiar with AIEE background and can make the necessary decisions for the general plan, as well as referee individual cases beyond the judgment of the clerical staff who will actually be doing the work. May I have your recommendations?

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. G. Fink', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald G. Fink