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Dear Nelson:

In completing my duties as History Coordinator on the Executive Committee for last year, I have the following to report to you.

Haraden Pratt was at the Board Meeting at Cape Kennedy in November and had heard from you regarding the history of the merger and the progress being made.

As I understand it, this will present the merger in a setting which starts with the beginnings of the two Institutes, their organization and development over the years to provide the professional association and the scientific interchange in the expanding field of electrical engineering into many areas, their strengths and effective mechanisms, and finally the merging of these into a single great professional society with hopefully enough flexibility to cope with the future.

Haraden reported that you felt that the greatest part of the material which could be effectively collected to aid in this task had by now been collected though, of course, specific information would still need to be obtained. He reported that you are now starting on the work of organizing and writing this information.

All this was reported to the Executive Committee who have expressed the greatest interest in this particular historical project and are extremely anxious to see some of the early results.

They expressed the hope that a draft might be available of all or substantial portions of the information by the time of the March meeting.

In any event, in view of the real interest in the Executive Committee in the project, I think it would be advisable to present to them whatever is available at that time and have the benefit of these comments before putting on the finishing touches.

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My very best wishes to you in the project and also best wishes for a happy and fruitful 1969.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Harder

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From the IEEE desk of -

W. REED CRONE

1/9/69

Dear Nelson -

I took the liberty of
making a Xerox copy of
this for the History Committee
files.

Good luck!

Reed

February 28, 1969

~~Mr. E. L.~~
Mr. E. L. Harder
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MERGER HISTORY PROJECT

Dear Ed :

I regret that extrapolation of the progress of the past few weeks does not predict that a draft of the merger history will be ready for review by the Executive Committee by March 24.

It is my hope to include among the reviewers the members of the History Committee and the major participants in the consumation of the merger and to have the endorsement of the History Committee before submitting to the Executive Committee. Since I will not be able to attend the 1969 Convention and meeting of the History Committee, I must ask the Executive Committee for a generous extension of time for the completion of the project.

Sincerely,

N.S.Hibshman

cc Haraden Pratt
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MERGER HISTORY PROJECT

Dear Ed. :

Your letter of January 8, 1969 arrived yesterday by way of IEEE Headquarters.

Thank you for reporting the wishes of the Executive Committee relative to scheduling steps toward the conclusion of the History Committee project on the merger of AITE and IRT.

Haraden Pratt and I had agreed some time ago that circulating a rough draft would be an effective way to expose errors, omissions, and perhaps even inspiring some belated personal recollections from several of the principal architects of the merger.

I will bend my best efforts toward meeting the proposed schedule. As a project of the History Committee, the draft will, of course, be submitted by the Chairman.

Thanks for your personal interest and very best regards,

Sincerely,

N. S. Hibshman

cc Haraden Pratt