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DEAR MR. FOOTE:

THIS REPLIES TO YOUR LETTER OF JULY 31ST IN WHICH YOU EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE INITIAL ONE-YEAR SLATE FOR IEEE. I AM SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOU CANNOT APPROVE THE 14-MAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT I RESPECT YOUR VERY CANDID DISCUSSION OF YOUR REASONS.

SOME OF US ON THE MERGER COMMITTEE ARE NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED BUT IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET UNANIMITY OF OPINION ON ALL CANDIDATES AND THEREFORE AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, SOME COMPROMISES HAD TO BE MADE. SOME VERY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH A FEW CANDIDATES RAISED QUESTIONS. THESE WERE RESOLVED BY EXTENDED DISCUSSION.

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FINAL REPORT BUT IT APPEARS THAT WE WILL HAVE A MAJORITY OF OUR PRESENT BOARD WHO FEEL THAT WE SHOULD ELECT THIS SLATE FOR THE FIRST YEAR, AFTER WHICH THE NORMAL ELECTION PROCESSES WILL DECIDE FUTURE BOARDS.

I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN STRONGLY ORIENTED TOWARD IRE ARE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO BE SURE THAT INTERESTS NOT ALREADY STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN IRE ARE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION. THIS SITUATION PARTICULARLY PERTAINS TO THE POWER PEOPLE. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT A NUMBER OF POWER MEN ARE SUGGESTED FOR THE NEW BOARD.

I HAVE ALWAYS VALUED YOUR ADVICE AND WILL CONTINUE TO REFLECT SERIOUSLY YOUR IDEAS INTO THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE.

CORDIALLY AND SINCERELY,

W. H. CHASE

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