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PROPOSALS FOR MERGER OF AIEE AND IRE
Electrical Engineering, Section IX, April 1942

Dear Mr. Kinghorn:

I am glad to note that you have sent a copy of your April 26 Electrical World letter to all members of the Power Division Committee. In it you comment on Mr. Brownie's open letter of April 16 and "as an individual, find no loss and do find substantial gain in a new society where Professional Technical Groups (PTG) are encouraged to replace Technical Committees. It should be noted, however, that such replacement would be permissive, and not mandatory. Where there is insufficient interest in forming a PTG, the Technical Committee would continue to function. Only where the PTG is fully qualified to take over would the TC be disbanded".

You and I have discussed this situation time and again, and I have not disagreed with your position. Certainly there may be some gain in a suitable merger, but from discussions with knowledgeable and experienced members of the AIEE, I am beginning to shift towards the position as outlined by Mr. Richersell in his April 19 letter to President Chase. In total, the risks we face are too great to vote IRE on this specific proposal.

I believe Mr. Richersell's well documented contentions are of real interest to the Power Division and I, therefore, hope you will find some way of passing them along to all members of the Power Division Committee.

Yours truly,

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