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Dear Nels:

Many thanks for your good letter of December 20th. First, let me say that the "rough outline" looks excellent to me. I don't think the Executive Committee had any clear-cut definition of the purpose of the project (your item No. 1). My impression is that the Executive Committee members were concerned that time was rapidly passing and that many valuable guidelines might be lost if a considered and rational review were not put down on paper. My own guess is that this history will be particularly valuable to others (perhaps even including IEEE) who will face merger possibilities in the future. A secondary benefit, if published to the membership at large, might be to explain what went on for the benefit of those who were dismayed (and maybe still are) at the very idea of the merger. I recommend against writing the history with this point of view, since I think it is impossible to get at all of the questions adequately, especially since so many of them have an emotional background. Perhaps, in summary, no particular justification for writing this history is needed. It was a vital period in IRE/AIEE/IEEE history. It deserves to be written up, put in the archives and used for future guidance.

We are terribly busy and short-handed at the moment, so I will not attempt to get the file material off to you for another week or two. However, I am asking Andy Anderson to locate your "Box #2." Early in January I'll dig into it and send along all pertinent material.

Best regards,

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General Manager

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