

Proposed letter to Haggerty and Mc Farlan

Dear .... :

As you probably know, the Executive Committee of IEEE has decided that the time has come to record and publish a comprehensive history of the merger of IRE and AIEE into the present IEEE. As a member of the History Committee of IEEE, I have been assigned the job of collecting material for the project. <sup>T</sup>Haraden Pratt and I have produced the enclosed tentative outline for the story. We would appreciate your comments upon that, pointing out any omissions and especially any points upon which you have special information in addition to what has been generally published.

There was, we know, some cooperation and many joint activities over the years since 1912. There are references to occasional informal suggestions concerning fields of common interest, and perhaps even of merger before the Spring of 1961. Any knowledge you may have of these contacts will be of great interest.

We are also interested in any highlights and sidelights related to the actual merger discussions; the accommodations, compromises, and decisions that led to the recommendations by the Boards, ~~and~~ the vote of the membership, and the <sup>ultimate</sup> implementation.

We would be especially interested in your evaluation of the significance of the merger in the overall evolution of the organized engineering profession.

If you can find the time to comment in writing before the Convention, we would be pleased to hear from you. In any event I hope that you will be able to give some time to a discussion of the subject with Haraden and me during the Convention. We'll be looking for you and an opportunity to make an appointment <sup>some time</sup> that week in New York.

Sincerely,

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