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Dear Nels:

Thank you for your letter of December 3rd. I am sure the Executive Committee will appoint you to the History Committee, and I'm sure they will also heartily approve your working on the History of the Merger. I wouldn't worry too much about the loss of your library materials. We can get reams of material, including copies of the minutes of the merger committee, also copies of the minutes of the meetings you, George Bailey and I held in perfecting the staff operations just prior to the merger. Also we can get xerox copies of the contents of the communications to the membership as they appeared in Electrical Engineering and IRE Proceedings.

The only part that will need additional research can, I imagine, be handled by correspondence. I am sure that Clarence Linder would be happy to help on this from the AIEE side; also Chuck Savage (who was just elected to the IEEE Board of Directors, incidentally,) is very much at hand and worked every step of the way, as you know, with Clarence prior to the merger. On the IRE side, I am sure Haradon Pratt can give you a lot of material by correspondence or personal discussion; Pat Haggerty will also help. When you are ready to go, just let me know, and we'll begin to get the papers together.

It's quite a coincidence that Henry Henline lives so close to you. I was able to tell this to Clarence Davies at the meeting of the United Engineering Trustees yesterday and he was very pleased to hear it.

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Incidentally, Simon Present has finally succeeded in clearing up the sale of the 39th Street property. The New York State Teachers' Retirement Fund has taken over the mortgage, we have gotten full payment of principal and accrued interest and have been able to retire the Chase Manhattan loan of \$975,000, plus putting about \$150,000 additional into the development fund. So now UET is free of debt, except for the \$265,000 each loaned by the Founder Societies.

I trust that the weather down there doesn't disappoint you too much. Frankly, I can't give you too much sympathy what with the messy weather we have up here!

Best regards,



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General Manager

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