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RE: Preliminary Report on Merging of IRE Professional Groups and AIEE Technical Committees.

We agree that it is in the best interests of the Profession to preserve as far as feasible the semiautonomous concept of the "Professional Group" of IRE and to try to integrate with it the technical committee structure of AIEE with due regard to overlapping scopes so as to result in a reasonably manageable total number of units of technical activity<sup>(1)</sup>. Each such unit should have full cognizance of its own publication, i.e. financial management and content control.

We would consider as reasonably manageable a total number of perhaps 20 and certainly no more than 35 such technical units. The actual number of units should be influenced by scope and community of interest in the publication serving the unit.

To help insure smooth operation after the amalgamation, it is recommended that adequate centralized monitoring be provided.

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(1) In the interest of long range planning it might be desirable to choose a designation different from "Professional Group" to avoid conflict with professional in the sense of "licensed" -- a suggestion might be "Technical Group."