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To the Officers, Section
and Committee Chairmen

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DISCUSSION CONTINUES

Gentlemen:

You and your fellow members of AIEE may soon be called upon to decide whether or not AIEE and IRE should join to form a new society to be known as the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Most of the comment and the results of a straw vote at the Winter Meeting Forum were favorable to the idea of merger. About 400 AIEE and IRE members were present and took part in a lively discussion. A report on the Forum will appear in the March issue of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

Also, at its February 2 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the enclosed draft of a statement of "Principles of Consolidation for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers". In giving this approval, however, the Board offered the Eight-Man Committee five suggestions for consideration in planning the application and implementation of the principles in the structure of the new organization and the writing of its governing documents. These five suggestions are included as an appendix to the enclosed draft of the "Principles"

Please read this statement of principles, and review my message in the December issue of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING and other communications on the subject. Discuss the proposal for merger and its conditions with your Sections and Committees. If you have questions, or viewpoints to offer, please write to me. The time is close when our members may be called upon to make the decision.

Present plans are for the Boards of the two Institutes to meet concurrently, but separately, in New York on March 8, 1962 for the purpose of arriving at specific recommendations to be put before the members for a vote this spring. It is expected that the members of AIEE will be asked to vote on the consolidation and the approval of the basic documents of the proposed new society at the next Annual Meeting on June 18, 1962 in Denver, Colorado. Proxy forms will, of course, be provided for use by voting members not able to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

Again, I ask your cooperation in securing the fullest possible participation of our membership in the consideration of the merger proposal and in making the decision.

Cordially yours,

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