Estelle Herr,

The IEEE History Committee has been asked by the Executive Committee to prepare a history of the merger of IEEE and AIEE. My assignment is to gather material for the project. As reviewing the record, I get a strong impression that this committee -- you headed, did a splendid job to clear the way and set the stage for acceptance of the proposal to proceed with the merger. I can assist in the record any further comment personal comment from you during the debates that followed the resolutions, if both boards and preceded the membership vote and the incorporation on June 1, 1963.

I would appreciate an informal summary of my own background, if your vise, retrospective view of the evolution of this situation that would reveal the rapid and relatively painless culmination of the event. I know your ability to take the broad view and the philosophic approach to organizational problems. This is something that must find expression in the history of the merger.

The documentation of the many partially successful, and some completely abortive efforts at cooperation over the years may be possible, although the records are not very clear. Coordinating committees were appointed, reported, dissolved and the Executive vice-presidents in conference usually led to another series of committees with little real progress. There was a faint feeling that two or more committees were required to carry through in the first few months of committee tenure.

The difference in administrative years. Offices and committees were now quite set to carry through in the next four months of committee tenure.

What are your opinions, were the factors the tasks the statements and steps the way towards successful contacts?

On several occasions IEEE's Board, declared its willingness to discuss the possibility of merger and its willingness to discuss it. There were not found similar expressions in what it was the desire of the Board to consider that the merger was feasible (to date).

There must have been, "At the record that groups conversations that the Berliner and Chace met in Washington and Haggerty and Terrel met in Pittsburgh and were merged."