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Dear John,

A previously generated idea had been resurrected that we think may be satisfactory all around, and Pat may talk to you about it Monday by which time you may have received and read this letter.

It is to provide in the Agreement of Merger for the appointing by AIEE, in consultation with IRE, of a nominating committee, at a time subsequent to the receipt of a favorable vote in June by the members of both societies. This would be a committee of AIEE. It would prepare a list of nominees for the Directors and Officers of the IEEE (the continuing corporation). This list would then be approved by the respective Boards after which ~~they~~ would be sent to the two memberships for a vote with the ballots to be counted prior to January 1, 1963. The argument is made that if the two Boards and the two memberships can vote on a specific list now, why can they not agree to do this later in the year? The advantages are: 1. the voting on the Agreement of Merger does not get contaminated with the selection of personalities, 2. the nominating procedure proposed gives the memberships an opportunity to participate because the nominating committee will encourage collaboration of Regions, 3. The Regional boundaries can be settled definitely meanwhile, 4. A better job can be done all around.

The Agreement of Merger does not mention the Principles of Consolidation nor the 14 man committee to do nominating and resolve other interim problems. Should it not? If it did, we think another condition for termination and abandonment prior to filing, paragraph 7, should be inserted, namely, that if either society finds, by action of its Board, that the interim preparations or actions of the other Board are counter to the carrying out of the spirit of the "Principles", that termination and abandonment is invoked.

Sincerely,

Haraden Pratt

cc: P. E. Haggerty