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Dear Warren:

Responsive to Mr. Haggerty's letter of October 25, you will be interested that I met with Ernst Weber last Thursday (11/2/61), with gratifying results.

We exchanged the basic views of our two societies frankly and freely, and happily arrived at substantial agreement concerning technical objectives and operating principles for the major areas.

A brief joint-statement type of report will follow soon, which essentially will recommend for the possible new society: (1) adoption of the basic principle of semi-autonomous "Professional Group" mode of operation; (2) limit the total number of such groups to a manageable number of perhaps 20 to 35 maximum; (3) package into areas of "community of interest" for (a) effective publications, and (b) administrative efficiency; (4) include a definite degree of centralized monitoring and coordinating force for the groups top side; and (5) rename "PGs" "Technical Groups" to avoid misinterpretation of the original intent of the word "professional."

Of course these are merely agreements of principles in certain areas, and some of the implementation could be pretty rough. For example, packaging the PGs and TPs into compatible and logical groupings is the same sort of problem we've been wrestling with unsuccessfully in TOD for several years. Also, I'm not certain whether Dr. Weber believes an annual Transactions containing all qualified material of permanent reference value is necessary vs. the PG system per se. At least I had the impression that, after discussion, he was leaning a little in our direction, and would give the matter very careful thought.

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Of course, the crux of all these things is to give as much autonomy as possible to the TGs and still safeguard those areas where contributions of the society per se must prove out and stand the test of time. To find out just where the curves cross for maximum composite contributions may take some adjusting as we gain experience. However, I think all the matters involved can be worked out harmoniously, if we work for them diligently.

Sincerely,

*Regards, Nelson*  
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