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TO MEMBERS OF THE AIEE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS:

AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 1962 IN NEW YORK, THERE WERE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS MADE TO EXPLORE FIVE MODIFICATIONS OF THE MERGER PRINCIPLES WHICH YOU APPROVED AT THAT TIME. THE FOUR-MAN AIEE MERGER COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH MR. N. HIBSHMAN, HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR SUGGESTED CHANGES BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE. I HAVE REVIEWED THEM WITH MR. HAGGERTY AND PLAN TO PURSUE THEM FURTHER AT A MEETING OF THE FOUR-MAN AIEE MERGER COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 7TH AND WITH THE EIGHT-MAN COMMITTEE ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAME DAY. SOME OF THE ITEMS CAN BETTER BE DISCUSSED WHEN MORE TIME IS AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEIR COMPLETE SOLUTION IS NOT REALLY ESSENTIAL TO THE AGREEMENT TO MERGE.

TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE, LET ME GIVE YOU MY UNDERSTANDING OF EACH ITEM. PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 7 OF THE PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION (APPENDIX F) ATTACHED TO THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES (2-2-62).

- "A" (PRIN. IV) - THIS IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED. EIGHT OR NINE REGIONS ARE FAVORED BY THE AIEE FOUR-MAN COMMITTEE. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MR. HAGGERTY WHO FEELS THAT THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THE IRE FOUR-MAN COMMITTEE MIGHT AGREE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REGIONS. IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND THAT IRE ACCEPTED THE DISTRICT CONCEPT WITHIN REGIONS. THIS WOULD KEEP THE BOARD MEMBERS AT A REASONABLE NUMBER AND STILL PROVIDE A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD THROUGH THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS, TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN, TO THE SECTIONS AND THE STUDENT BRANCHES.
- "B" (PRIN. VIb) - THIS IS BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED. THE LATEST THINKING IS THAT THE PTG'S WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A BOARD MEMBER AND THE ENTIRE TECHNICAL OPERATING COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OUR PRESENT TOD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER. THIS ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE IN

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EFFECT FOR SEVERAL YEARS DEPENDING ON THE TREND FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEES TO PTC'S AND THE ULTIMATE ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE STANDARDS. THE DIVISIONS WHICH YOU SUGGESTED COULD BE DEVELOPED AS WE MOVE ALONG.

"C" (PRIN. IX,X)- THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE AND WILL REQUIRE MORE JOINT DISCUSSION BY THE EIGHT-MAN COMMITTEE. WE HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT BY MARCH 8TH.

"CI (BYLAWS, REVISION #1) - THE FOUR-MAN COMMITTEE HAS SUGGESTED 200 MEMBERS SIGNING A PETITION FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OR INITIATING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE EIGHT-MAN COMMITTEE BEFORE MARCH 8TH.

"D" (PRIN. XIV) - THIS PRINCIPLE NEEDS A LOT MORE WORK DONE ON IT. THE FOUR-MAN COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CONTINUED DISCUSSION EVEN AFTER THE MERGER AGREEMENT HAS BEEN PASSED BY BOTH BOARDS.

THERE ARE PRINTING CONTRACTS, ADVERTISING AGREEMENTS, EDITORIAL MATTERS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED. OUR PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE HAVE OBJECTIVELY ANALYZED THE PUBLICATION PROBLEMS AND WILL PRESENT SOME IDEAS FOR JOINT CONSIDERATION. PUBLICATIONS WILL BE A CONTINUING PROBLEM LONG AFTER THE MERGER IS A FACT. THE BOARD OF IEEE WILL BE COMPOSED OF MEN CAPABLE OF SOLVING THE PUBLICATION PROBLEMS AS EXPERIENCE IS GAINED.

ANOTHER DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE MARCH 8TH BOARD AGENDA BEING MAILED FROM NEW YORK TODAY.

CORDIALLY AND SINCERELY,

W. H. Chase
PRESIDENT