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Information Regarding Bancroft Gherardi.

Residence: Short Hills, New Jersey
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Born: April 6, 1873, San Francisco, California.

His degrees are B.Sc. Brooklyn Polytechnic 1891;
M.E. Cornell 1893, M.M.E. 1894.

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Immediately on the completion of his work at Cornell in 1884 he joined the Engineering Department of the New York Telephone Company under the then Chief Engineer, John J. Carty. From 1900 to 1906 he was Chief Engineer of the New York & New Jersey Telephone Company; Assistant Chief Engineer of the New York Telephone Company 1906-1907; Engineer of Plant of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company 1907-1918; Acting Chief Engineer and Chief Engineer 1918-1920; Vice President and Chief Engineer American Telephone & Telegraph Company since 1920. He is a director of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, the Cuban American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the 195 Broadway Corporation and the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc .

Mr. Gherardi is a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and was their President 1927-28. He has also been president of the United Engineering Trustees, Inc. Since December 1930 he has been President of the American Standards Association. He was Chairman of the John Fritz Medal Board of Award in 1930, and is now a member of that board. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the New York Electrical Society and the Franklin Institute. He is Vice President and Director of the Planning Foundation of America (1929) and Trustee of Cornell University. He is a member of the Joint

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General Committee of the Bell Telephone System and the National Electric Light Association; also a member of the Joint General Committee of the Bell Telephone System and the American Railway Association, and is Chairman of the American Committee on Inductive Coordination.

In 1923 the Emperor of Japan conferred upon Mr. Gherardi the emblem of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun.

Representative of Bell Telephone System in charge of relations with the Comite Consultatif Internationale, 1930.

Mr. Gherardi's entire professional and business career has been devoted to the art of communication. Coming into this field when the telephone art was very young (300,000 telephones in 1895) he has played a most important part in the development and perfection of operating practices and in the development of methods, equipment, and apparatus, which have brought telephone communication to the high state of perfection in which we find it today.

Mr. Gherardi has directed the development and introduction of many new and improved arrangements which are in use today on a large scale, and which have added greatly to the speed and accuracy of local and long distance telephone service.

His broad vision as to the place of communication, not only in the affairs of the people of the United States but also in world affairs, and his initiative and skill in the development of engineering and operating organizations and in the development of the art generally, have contributed enormously to the growth and success of present-day communication.

Mr. Gherardi is the author of numerous important contributions to the technical press, including the Transactions of the

A.I.E.E. ~~His more important papers are indicated in the
attached list.~~