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IN YOUR REPLY  
PLEASE REFER TO

Secretary,  
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,  
29 West 39th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Walter A. Curry of the Department of Electrical Engineering of Columbia University refers me to you in response to an inquiry relating to Nikola Tesla.

Our Electrical Review is planning to publish a series of articles relating to the nineteen most famous United States inventions of which Tesla's motor is one. We have examined all of the material available in the libraries here and have inquired among the engineers here for material relating to Tesla's life and particularly to his work with the induction motor. Our search for material has been only meagerly successful, we have been unable to find very much material on Tesla's life, we have been unable to find a photograph of him and we are unable to find his present address and therefore cannot appeal to him directly for his assistance.

Mr. Curry states that the Institute in 1917 presented the Edison Medal to Mr. Tesla and that the presentation may contain some facts which we could very well use to further memorialize Mr. Tesla's contribution to the electrical industry.

Any information you can give us or any references to which you can direct us will be very gratefully received.

Yours truly,

*Miles Henninger*

Miles Henninger,  
Patent Attorney

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*1916  
medal*



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of Nikola Tesla

December 8, 1942

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Mr. Miles Henninger  
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 2nd, this is to inform you that the 1916 Edison Medal of this Institute was presented to Mr. Nikola Tesla at the annual meeting of the Institute in New York City on May 18, 1917. We are attaching a copy of the report of the presentation address as published on pages 156 and 157 of the A.I.E.E. Proceedings for June 1917.

Very truly yours,

National Secretary

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