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MR. BEN V. MARTIN, VICE PRESIDENT
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DEAR BEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 29TH IN WHICH YOU REPORT SOME INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH DISTRICT 4. I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING SUCH ENTHUSIASTIC REPORTS ON THE AIEE-IRE FROM YOUR COLLEGES, SECTIONS AND SUB-SECTIONS. THIS IS INDEED ENCOURAGING BECAUSE WE HAVE NEED OF ALL THE SUPPORT WE CAN MUSTER IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE NECESSARY FOR CONSOLIDATION.

YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT YOUR COMMENTS WILL RECEIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN OUR DEALINGS WITH IRE. THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE QUITE FAR APART BUT AS WE DISCUSS MATTERS AND UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER MORE FULLY, AND ARE BOTH WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, WE STEADILY COME CLOSER IN OUR THINKING. ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHICH ARE STUDYING THIS MATTER ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE BEST ORGANIZATION TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED. WE ARE GIVING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE POWER INTERESTS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT IN THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FIELD.

WE PLAN TO REVIEW A TENTATIVE DRAFT OF A NEW CONSTITUTION DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT-MAN COMMITTEE. I ANTICIPATE THAT A SELLING JOB MUST BE DONE BECAUSE THERE WILL BE PARTS OF IT TO WHICH THOSE WHO ARE BOUND BY TRADITION WILL NOT AGREE.

LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THOSE ON BOTH SIDES ARE ENDEAVORING TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE A CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL BE BEST FOR THE NEW ORGANIZATION. THERE MAY BE MANY TRANSITION STEPS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE THE FINAL ORGANIZATION IS IN OPERATION BUT WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP THESE TO A MINIMUM.

BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

CORDIALLY,

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Subject: Proposed AIEE-IRE Merger

Dear Mr. Chase:

In line with your letter of November 2, 1961, I would like to make a report on my findings in District #4. Since our meeting in Detroit, I have visited nine of the twelve sections and four subsections and five colleges.

I find practically a unanimous approval of the merger and it will receive enthusiastic support from District #4.

We have had the State Chairmen of IRE present at our Georgia and South Carolina Section meetings and the Chairman of the Miami Section, and these men are also enthusiastic about the merger.

On my visits, I pointed out the importance of getting the ballots returned should this come to a vote and every Section has made definite plans to get in the votes when the time comes.

I would like to point out one thing and that is most people seem to prefer the IRE's Member designation to the AIEE's designation. That is having Fellow, Senior Member, Member and Affiliate.

If there is anything that we can do in District #4 to help, we will be glad to do it.

Very truly yours,

Ben V. Martin

Ben V. Martin - Vice President
District #4

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