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Dear IRE Member:

This pamphlet is designed to provide you a comprehensive report on the proposal to consolidate the IRE and the AIEE, and the activities engaged in by the Joint Committee on Consolidation appointed by the IRE and the AIEE Boards to develop recommendations thereon. It contains reprints of Past President Berkner's three letters of October 20, November 28 and December 28, 1961 to your Section Chairman which were also published in the December, 1961 and January and February, 1962 issues of the Proceedings. It also contains a letter which I similarly addressed to Section Chairmen on February 5. These letters, prepared every thirty days and published immediately thereafter in the Proceedings, represent, of course, our effort to inform IRE members as fully and promptly as possible about the discussions on consolidation. Even so, the complexity of the consideration, the protocol quite properly required when two large organizations such as IRE and AIEE consider a matter such as this which touches in a serious way the activities of both societies at the local and individual levels, and which occupies the detailed attention of all the Directors of both societies, has placed some limits on our ability to communicate as quickly and as fully with the Sections and individual members as we would like. With this inclusive pamphlet every IRE member and Section Chairman has all of the information available to date.

The Joint Committee on Consolidation has developed a set of "Principles for Consolidation" which it expects to present along with a recommended

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constitution and agreement for merger to separate meetings of the Boards of IRE and AIEE in early March. If the Boards vote favorably, the question of consolidation will be promptly presented to you and all other members of the IRE for consideration and vote. Because the principles define the fundamental bases for the consolidation, these, too, as recommended by the Joint Committee, are reprinted in this brochure. I urge you to study them with care and particular seriousness and to re-read the letters to Section Chairmen in the same manner. Thereafter, I hope you will call or write your Section Chairman to give him any comments or criticisms you may have and that you will take part in discussions of consolidation in your Section. If you care to do so, write to me directly.

Lastly, there is reprinted most fittingly in the pamphlet excerpts from a letter which Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, our sole remaining Founder Member, addressed to Past President Berkner on December 22. All of us have deep respect for Dr. Goldsmith and his invaluable contributions to the Institute of Radio Engineers and to our profession.

Let me assure you that those of us given responsibility by the IRE Board to develop recommendations on the matter of the consolidation of the IRE and AIEE accepted the assignment with complete commitment to arriving at the answer best for our individual members. Let us have your comments. They will be most helpful.

Sincerely,

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President