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Dear Jack:

I am sorry that the wording of the AIEE Board action on membership for Student Branch Chairman as reported in the February issue of Electrical Engineering resulted in a misunderstanding on your part of the action actually taken. As I explained before, the Board approved this recommendation in principle only with the understanding that it would not be made effective until I had made an attempt to obtain the concurrence of the Coordination Committee. When this matter was presented to the Board, I could visualize no difficulty in obtaining concurrence of the Coordination Committee since it had been discussed and unanimously agreed that it was a good idea in two separate meetings of the Coordination Committee. I have again asked the Board not to authorize this proposal until we have had an opportunity to discuss it further at our next Committee meeting in June.

Your thinking as expressed in the second paragraph of your letter that AIEE does not look upon its contributions to the Student Branches as contributions for the future good of the profession disturbs me a great deal. It has been our feeling in AIEE that we have put more thought and effort into student branch work without regard to any financial return than has any other society. A compilation we have made of benefits to students bears out this conclusion. In this connection, we have spent a great deal of time compiling the actual cost to the Institute of Branch services which indicates that our annual expenditures for Student Branch service amounts to \$85,000 which after deducting income from student dues of \$30,000 means that we are spending in the order of \$55,000 out-of-pocket money every year for operation of the branches. I long ago provided the Coordination Committee with detailed copies of this study and was promised equivalent figures on the IRE budgeting, but so far they have not been forthcoming. I don't believe that there is a great difference in the fundamental viewpoint between IRE and AIEE as to the reason for contribution of the two societies to the Student Branches and it does seem to me that some of these minor matters we have proposed which we believe will tend toward better operation of the branches is involved in fundamental thinking as to our reasons for contributing to the Branches.

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I believe that you will agree that since this new Coordination Committee has been established, relationship between the two societies in the matter of Branch operation has been materially improved. We have endeavored to keep the IRE completely informed of every move we have made and where any of these proposed improvements in Branch operation would affect joint Branches, proposals have been reviewed in detail with your representatives and attempts made to implement the proposals bilaterally if at all possible.

Our relations with your representatives have been cordial and helpful to both societies and I hope this cordial relationship will continue during the coming year.

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Sincerely yours,

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