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Dr. Nelson Hibshman
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Dear Nelson:

I note in a recent Spectrum that you have been charged to gather material on the "merger" for the History Committee. I have an item which should at least be given some consideration.

On August 1, 1955, on his first day in office, Morris Hoover had lunch with me at the Engineers Club. I was IRE President that year (1955). From our discussions came an agreement to propose a joint membership, or interchangeable membership to our respective Boards. I did this with the IRE Board at probably an October meeting (could be confirmed by the Minutes) and the plan of automatic membership in a grade held in the other society was adopted. The AIEE Board did not approve until some time later,



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and you may know the date from your own experience.

Morris and I talked about many other items at our luncheon, but the above was a concrete result.

There was another meeting, possibly about 1957, at NEC-AIEE time in Chicago, held at the Morrison and attended by Coover, Hickmott, Loughran (probably IRE President at the time) and myself. There may have been one or two more. This also discussed areas of joint cooperation and was very friendly. You may have been present and well remembered more of it.

The AID project on which I was assigned in Rio has somewhat folded up, and Sylvia and I are travelling until June - to New Zealand and Australia, sailing tomorrow night from Los Angeles.

My best address, if you have questions, will be Michigan State University, East Lansing. My mail will be forwarded.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours

Jack. Ryder