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Dear Dr. Reber:

In reply to your letter of February 24, I will try to obtain your note on "High Gain Triode of Forty Years Ago" and see whether there is something we can do to prune it, and will let you know the results in due course.

My first reaction to your suggestion about forming a Professional Group on History was that it is not well suited to the Professional Group system. But, on second thought, I am not so sure. In addition to the interesting comments you offered, there is the inescapable fact that the first generation of radio engineers is rapidly departing from the scene. The radio art is fast approaching a historical "point of no return" beyond which it will no longer be able to obtain further information about its beginnings on a first-hand basis.

In any event, your proposal is certainly a thought-provoking one. I am forwarding copies of your letter to the Chairman of the IRE History Committee (Haraden Pratt) and the Professional Group Committee (Ernst Weber) and to Editor Ferdinand Hamburger, Jr. If something can be done, I am sure one of us will let you know.

Your comments about Edison's early attempts to detect radio waves from the sun gives new meaning to the old adage that there is nothing new under the sun.

Many thanks for the interesting letter.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Haraden Pratt
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