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Dear Projessor Grandjean:

I thank you kindly for an opportunity to review the proposed new articles of the International Ergonomics Association. The only addition I would suggest concerns Article 2. It is the same suggestion I raised at the meeting at Dortmund, Germany, in September, 1964, but apparently I did not make my point.

Perhaps it is not so in Europe and elsewhere, but in the United States many persons who are concerned and interested in scientific approaches to human work and its environment are not psychologists, not anatomists, and not physiologists, but engineers—engineers who are trying to learn and apply the knowledge of the life sciences to the problems of man at work and the working environment. True, many people who do this work are from the life sciences, but an ever increasing number of them are coming from the engineering profession, and I would not like to see us alienate these people simply because we neglected to include them as an interested group in the articles.

Allow me to cite several situations which support my claim that engineers are a concerned group. First, there is the fact that a separate division within the American Society of Mechanical Engineers exists to propogate the principles of the human factors approach which is synonymous with Ergonomics. Within my own society I hope we too will have a Human Factors Division before the end of this year.

The clear trend within our universities is for a Human Factors curriculum to be incorporated within the Industrial Engineering School, but with joint appointments from the Schools of Psychology and, in many cases, School of Medicine.

I will illustrate by mentioning a few schools where this arrangement now exists:

University of Michigan
State University of New York at Buffalo
University of California at Los Angeles
Texas Technological Institute
University of Syracuse
Purdue University
University of Miami
Ohio State University

There are others who are in the process of establishing this kind of arrangement, but I hesitate to mention them at this time.

I will end my letter with the firm personal plea and a plea on behalf of my Society that we take the opportunity at this time to include engineers within our International Ergonomics Association articles.

Sincerely,

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