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To: Trustees July 14, 1977

From: Larry Gilbert LG

Subject: Fourth Annual Meeting

Although plans are still being finalized for the February 6th 1978 Annual Meeting, to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta in conjunction with the Dvorkovitz World Trade Fair, I wish to bring to your attention an invitation made to me on July 13 by Dudley Smith of LES. Dudley has proposed that SUPA hold its Fourth Annual Meeting with LES, which will have its 1978 Annual Meeting in New Orleans on November 6-9, 1978. LES, for the first time, will combine both the LES-International and LES-USA Annual Meetings. As President-Elect of LES-International, Dudley would like to solicit broad representation, both from industry and the university sector, especially in view of the fact that LES-USA will install its first president from the university sector at the New Orleans meeting.

In my judgment, Dudley's suggestion is a most timely one. SUPA is at a crossroads and must establish meaningful goals and directions. Coordinating a meeting with LES will provide SUPA with an opportunity to become more familiar with LES, its resources, and services; and also afford those selected for a planning committee to work closely with those LES members planning the 1978 Annual Meeting. If it chooses, SUPA could plan a separate meeting or integrate it with that of LES.

The possibilities are quite exciting and I highly recommend to the Trustees that we consider and favorably vote on the matter at our meeting in Atlanta on February 6th.

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cc: Dudley Smith