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to have a definite understanding regarding the transfer of messages, as you know. At our previous meeting, it seemed to me that the station or stations to be selected to supervise the transfer of communications from the radiotelegraph and radiotelephone nets to the teletype net was a draw back because it was suggested that this station would be overworked as a cross-roads for traffic. However, judging from recent communications from Kinsey, it appears that he is gladly accepting the responsibility for the transfer of communications, and even goes so far as to say that because of the fact that Ohio is the western terminus for the teletype net, Ohio should be the exchange point. It appears now that we have two exchange points, and if the representatives from Buffalo should appear at the Ohio meeting and if rules and regulations are drawn up governing the exchange of traffic from one system to another, it should either be decided that the responsibility for supervising traffic exchange should be divided between the two, or one of the other should be recognized as the exchange point.

Regardless of how much we try to discourage the forwarding of communications of minor importance, some of the smaller communities (and some of the larger ones, too) are bound to originate messages better left unsent and if, as a matter of course, the traffic exchange point forwarded these messages, we will be subject to plenty of criticism, and a policy should be adopted which would force all departments to use the radiotelegraph-telephone-teletype net in the manner for which it was intended, especially where messages must be transferred from one system to another. Operators in the various stations forming the network are hesitant, and at present are without jurisdiction to stop any message no matter how trivial its context may appear. Some supervision is certainly necessary and it will depend, therefore, upon the actual transfer points rather than the intermediate stations within a system.

My idea of this traffic exchange proposition is that in future transcriptions, everything should be conducted on a 50-50 basis. As you know, we have been salaaming and patting these fellows on the back in order that they would look with favor upon our exchange ideas. We do not want them to get the idea that they are on the "short end" of the deal, because I think we are offering them just as much as they have to offer to us. I hope you understand what I mean by this. I wish also that you would explain about the Tyler, Texas - Piedmont, California hookup. Between you and

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