PRESENTATION OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF AMERICA AWARD TO GEORGE C. KENNEDY*

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ington, Washington, D. C.

Mr. President, Fellows and Members of the Mineralogical Society of
America, and Guests:

We meet together on this occasion to do honor to one of our younger
men in experimental mineralogy. It is a pleasure and privilege to in-
troduce to you at this time our colleague and my personal friend, George
C. Kennedy, of the Institute of Geophysics, University of California at
Los Angeles.

The laboratories of Harvard University have contributed much to
our knowledge of the behavior at elevated pressures of many substances
which form a part of the earth's crust. The inspiration of Bridgeman
and Birch has led many of the younger men at Harvard into the in-
teresting and important field of research at high pressures.

At the Institute of Geophysics, University of California at Los An-
geles, there is a live group of research scientists who have focused their
attention on problems of experimental mineralogy and geology. They
have been interested in the behavior of earth materials at moderate to
very high pressures over a range of moderate to high temperatures,
both with and without the presence of water or other volatiles. They have
made substantial contributions to our knowledge of earth materials
and to the techniques of experimental geology.

Today we have with us one of the younger members of this research
group and we meet here to recognize the contributions of George C.
Kennedy. He has been chosen for award because of his substantial
contributions to our knowledge of the solubilities of materials in steam
at high pressures, the role of volatiles and oxides of iron in melts at high
temperatures, and the behavior of rock-forming minerals at moderate
to very high pressures. He was also chosen because he shows every prom-
ise of making many more contributions in the future to enhance our

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