

NOTICES

In 1916, Professor W. E. Ford of Yale University, having just published the third Appendix to Dana's System of Mineralogy, 6th Edition, began to plan for the 7th Edition. He decided to create a file, with a separate folder for each mineral, (or mineral group), into which he would place a citation to any paper that contained data that should be considered in a new Edition. He maintained the file in duplicate, with one copy going to Harvard University.

After Professor Ford's death in March, 1939, the second set of these files came to the U.S. Geological Survey, and the file has been maintained since then by Michael Fleischer. The file is intended to contain indicative abstracts of every paper that contains significant data on physical and chemical properties of minerals, their synthesis, and stability relations. Doubtless many references have been missed and some lost. The file is estimated to contain approximately 100,000 references. Copies are now at the U.S. Geological Survey offices at Reston, Va., Denver,

Colo., and Menlo Park, Cal., also at the U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C.

Entries since 1978 have now been typed into a computer. Alphabetized copies of the original file thru 1977 and of a supplement since then are now available for purchase, only from:

Open-File Services Section, Western Distribution Branch,
U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25425, Federal Center, Denver,
Colo. 80225.

Prepayment is required. Checks or money orders should be payable to U.S. Geological Survey.

The following are available:

OF 81-1169. The Ford-Fleischer file of mineralogical references, through 1977 by Michael Fleischer. *Available only on microfiche*. \$66.75.

OF 81-1174. The Ford-Fleischer file of mineralogical references, 1978-1980, by Michael Fleischer and C. M. Schafer, 288 pp. Microfiche \$3.50, paper copy \$37.25.