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Committee for Research in Nonmetallic Minerals

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Dear Sir:

May we assure you that, since this is neither an ordinary form letter nor a time-consuming questionnaire, you should not be unduly alarmed by it. We hope, however, that you will be sufficiently aroused to answer us, as your help is needed most urgently.

This committee was formed to stimulate and to guide basic geological research in that field of nonmetallic minerals that includes the so-called industrial minerals. We hope to point out to research men and to research organizations promising paths of research, rather than to administer the actual work in those paths. We intend to avoid technologic problems of interest only to individual industrial concerns.

The general field of industrial minerals comprises so many diverse subjects that we, in our attempt to set up a program of suggested lines of research, require far more information than that currently at our disposal. Therefore, we earnestly solicit your early reply to these three questions:

1. What problem (or problems) of basic geological research in the field of industrial minerals, in your opinion, merits particular attention at the present time?
2. What problems in this field are now under investigation in your organization?
3. Have you a man (or men) seeking a research problem on which work could be undertaken in the near future, and have you funds available to finance it?

 Please address your reply to Richard H. Jahns, Division of the Geological Sciences, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena 4, California.

Thank you for your help.

Yours very truly,

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