discussion in view of the fact that 92 of 480 irons are listed as "anomalous," that is, as not belonging to any of the 12 groups, and that, even within chemical group I, 19 of a total of 88 are also listed as "anomalous."

Chapters 8 through 11 deal with chemical composition, mineral and structural components, and primary and secondary structures of iron meteorites. The concentrations of 32 selected elements, all minor except nickel, are discussed in some detail, and the concentrations of 12 of these-nickel, cobalt, phosphorus, carbon, sulfur, chromium, copper, zinc, gallium, germanium, iridium, and platinum-are reported for the individual meteorites in volumes 2 and 3 when the information is available. The author, a classic metallographer, is at his best when discussing structural features and phenomena. The structures and their interpretations are discussed clearly and critically, with due caution about such concepts as "cooling rates." Most of the photomicrographs in volume 1 are good, as are the diagrams, except for three that have been too much reduced. In the other two volumes the illustrations are of more variable quality. Some light or lowcontrast photographs have suffered in the reproduction, and some diagrams and tables are barely legible. In any case chapters 8 through 11 constitute an excellent introduction to the descriptions in volumes 2 and 3.

Volume 1 also contains eight appendixes. One of these lists the 480 wellstudied meteorites by chemical group, another lists 129 insufficiently known irons, and yet another lists 99 meteorites that have been artificially reheated (a most useful warning to other researchers). Some spallogenic gas data and exposure ages are also given. Finally, volume 1 lists the 2000-plus references cited throughout the work. Spot checks of the references and the data in tables and appendixes did not reveal any errors, and all cross-references seem to be correct-a remarkable feat in a work of this magnitude.

A major flaw in volume 1 is that only a few of the more than 230 illustrations are referred to in the text, which makes correlating text and illustrations laborious. The figure captions seem to have been written independently of and on a different level from the main text and almost constitute a parallel text. It could also be said that some parts of volume 1 are rather "primitive" and barely related to the main purpose of the *Handbook*. However, with the addition of a chapter or two on stony meteorites—and perhaps some condensation of chapters 6 through 11—the volume could become an excellent textbook in meteoritics for senior- to graduate-level students. Even in its present form, it would be valuable to have volume 1 available separately at some modest price.

The major part of the work, volumes 2 and 3, consists of alphabetically ordered descriptions of practically all known iron meteorites. The descriptions range from a few lines, essentially for the "insufficiently known" meteorites, to about 25 pages and 47 illustrations for Canyon Diablo, and average about one page with one or two illustrations. Little criticism can be leveled at the general layout. Some photomicrographs are of rather poor quality, but the features described are usually discernible. Few of the illustrations are referred to in the text, but this is not as disturbing here as in volume 1. Cross-references to features discussed in volume 1 would have been valuable.

The author has himself seen the major masses or substantial parts of most of the meteorites he describes. This has resulted in a consistent comparative study of iron meteorites of all types. The work is also quite international, as are the (Danish) author's several erudite quotations; the reviewer (Swedish) feels the following (Norwegian) quotation appropriate:

For fortune such as I've enjoyed I have to thank America. My amply furnished library I owe to Germany's later schools. From France, again, I get my waistcoats, my manners and my spice of wit—from England an industrious, and keen sense for my advantage. The Jew has taught me how to wait. Some taste for *dolce far niente* [sic] I have received from Italy—and one time, in a perilous pass, I had recourse to Swedish steel.—H. IBSEN, 1867.

Certainly this work will be of long-lasting value and a standard reference for anyone studying iron meteorites. And, because no real solution to the problem of their origin can be offered in spite of this monumental work, it should inspire further, more sophisticated research with modern tools.

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mack, who is an ardent advocate of nuclear power, suggested that the Union of Concerned Scientists or the Natural Resources Defense Council, two groups critical of nuclear power, might stage a conference on "why nuclear power is so dangerous to the country" or "why crime rates are increasing around nuclear reactors." He also suggested that some groups might try to subvert the program by using funds intended to support forums as a device for paying off scientists who assist them in other activities. As an example, he suggested that a group might pay \$1000 to a scientist for a half-hour speech at a forum, then gratefully accept the "free" service offered by that scientist in preparing a case against nuclear power. McCormack said he would use his position as a member of the House committee with legislative jurisdiction over NSF to "encourage" the Foundation to "screen the applicants so the money goes where Congress intended." By that, he means to "a public education program" rather than to support of groups that intervene in regulatory actions against the government.

Officials at NSF are somewhat baffled as to what mandate they have been given. Alexander J. Morin, director of NSF's Office of Science and Society. says he would "personally like to find a way to enable scientists to contribute to the resolution of public policy issues." But he adds: "I'm not certain at this point how to do that. I don't know what the legislative mandate allows me to do." Morin is not certain, for example, if the program would award fellowship support to a scientist who, in turn, would intervene in a regulatory case. Thus he will shortly be making the rounds of both House and Senate to get a reading from all parties as to how they interpret the legislation. The Senate will argue for a broad, aggressive program. The House will urge caution.

At the same time, budget specialists from NSF will try to divine how much money Congress really wants spent on the program. Although the authorization legislation earmarked \$1.2 million for the program, the appropriations bill did not specify an amount; it simply put the program in with other science education activities under a lump sum. On a pro rata basis, it appears that Science for Citizens would receive maximum funding for fiscal year 1977 of \$1 million. How well it does in future years will depend in part on the results of a "comprehensive analysis and assessment" of the program which NSF will conduct at the direction of Congress.

-Philip M. Boffey

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