PREFACE

THE Fifteenth Clay Minerals Conference was held at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 10–13, 1966.

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The present volume contains either the full papers or the abstracts of all oral presentations at the Conference, plus several papers submitted independently of the Conference.

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