

C. *Andreatta* (written communication).—As told in the text, with the name hydromicas I have indicated terms poorer in alkalis and richer in water than illites defined by Grim. We have no X-ray data to distinguish the illites derived from (a) muscovite and (b) biotite; I consider natural illites as mixtures of Al-illites and of Mg-illites. The same distinction is also difficult with Debye-diagrams of muscovite and biotite.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

Dr G. W. Brindley, Physics Department, University of Leeds, is interested in and would welcome specimens of chamosite from different localities for mineralogical and crystallographic study by X-ray methods. Match-box samples usually sufficient. Geological data valuable if known; at least the locality should be stated. Samples thought to be reasonably pure are desired.

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