No. of cerium	т, *с	Pressure at begin- ning of phase transition, kg/can 1		Areas of differen- tial thermogram recording, min 2		Ce	Heat of transition in cerium
		Ce	Hg	*Ce	Hg	Slig	cal g atom
1	13,2	6700 6850 6850 6700	10400 10350 10350 10350	3470 3470 3440 3410 3480	3140 3130 3150 3050 3140	1,11 1,11 1,09 1,12 1,11	
2	17,0	7000 6850 6900	11300 11000 10900	3110 3150 3190 3150	Average 2960 3010 2960 2950	1,11 1,05 1,04 1,08 1,07	880
3	18,2	7200 7100 7150 7100	11200 11300 11200 11300	3630 3780 3850 3600	Average 3140 3160 3100 3130	1,06 1,16 1,19 1,15 1,15	840
					Average	1,16	920

formula

$$Q_{Ce} = \frac{2.00 \cdot 140.13}{1.15 \cdot 0.97} q_{Hg.K}$$

where  $q_{Hg}$  is the heat of fusion of 1 g mercury at the temperature of the experiment according to Bridgman (9): K is the ratio of the differential thermogram recording (S cerium: S mercury).

The average value  $Q_{Ce}$  from the three experimental series (new weighed portions of the samples and new thermocouples were used for each series) is equal to  $880 \pm 40$  cal/g atom.

## Discussion of the Results

The results of the present investigation confirm the opinion concerning the identity of the cerium modification which takes place under high pressures with its low temperature modification. Previously Trombe and Foex (11) studying cerium behavior at low temperatures found its transformation at 109° K with 10% contraction in volume. In this connection the supposition was first made in paper (2) that the cerium modification found

<sup>\*</sup>We consider the cerium transformation completed as the pressure in our experiments rose to 13,000 kg/cm $^2$ ; at such a pressure a less compact modification is not revealed by means of x-rays [see (2)].