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In two recent papers^{1,2} referring to two earlier papers of mine^{3,4}, Dr. GRAHAM suggests that it is not certain whether the ion-exchange mechanism was effected using my experimental technique, since the paper strips were impregnated with free amine so that amine thiocyanate could only be formed *in situ* during development with the aqueous solutions of NH_4SCN .

I would like to explain that the paper strips were, in fact, impregnated with the thiocyanate form of the amine, prepared by shaking 0.2 *M* benzene solutions of amine with aqueous solutions of NH_4SCN acidified with an equivalent amount of H_2SO_4 . In view of the higher affinity of HSCN to amines, extraction of sulphate ions is negligible⁵.

The misunderstanding is presumably due to the fact that in the preliminary communication³ and in the English summary of the full text⁴ it is stated that paper strips were impregnated with amine, full details of the technique being given in the Polish text⁴.

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