

gave 5.56 g of product, mp 129.5–131.0° (lit.² mp 155–157°). We cannot account for the difference in the melting points, but all of our physical data confirm the structure of 2c.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₇N₃O₄: C, 51.51; H, 3.03; N, 18.02. Found: C, 51.28; H, 3.07; N, 18.09.

Aminomaleimides (3).—The aminomaleimides were prepared according to methods reported in the literature for the preparation of pyridazinones, except for the dimethyl derivative, which was reported as the aminomaleimide, 1-acetylaminomaleimide,⁹ 1,1-dimethylaminomaleimide,¹ 1-benzenesulfonylaminomaleimide,⁹ and 1-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)aminomaleimide.¹⁰

1-(2-Nitrophenyl)aminomaleimide (3c).—Glacial acetic acid (100 ml) was added to 4.0 g of 1-(2-nitrophenyl)-2-(3-carboxyacryloyl)hydrazine. The resulting dark red solution was refluxed for 3 hr and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give a red-orange solid. Recrystallization from 95% ethanol produced 0.64 g of the aminomaleimide, mp 136.0–137.5°.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₇N₃O₄: C, 51.51; H, 3.03; N, 18.02. Found: C, 51.47; H, 3.08; N, 17.94.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)aminomaleimide (3e).—The experiment was performed as described for the preparation of 3c. 1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(3-carboxyacryloyl)hydrazine gave 1.3 g of dark orange 3e, mp 179.0–180.5° (EtOH).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₇N₃O₄: C, 51.51; H, 3.03; N, 18.02. Found: 51.69; H, 3.22; N, 17.74.

Rearrangement of Aminoisomaleimides (2). A. **In Acetic Acid.**—Glacial acetic acid was added to 0.006 mol of the aminoisomaleimide and the mixture was refluxed for the time indicated with each compound. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the product was purified by recrystallization: 1-acetylaminoisomaleimide, 5 hr; 1,1-dimethylaminoisomaleimide, 2 hr; 1-benzenesulfonylaminoisomaleimide, 6 hr; 1-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)aminoisomaleimide, 4 days; 1-(2-nitrophenyl)aminoisomaleimide, 18 hr; 1-(3-nitrophenyl)aminoisomaleimide, 6 days; and 1-(4-nitrophenyl)aminoisomaleimide, 2 days (no transformation took place).

In all but one case, the product formed was found to be identical with the corresponding aminomaleimide. The exception was the 3-nitrophenyl derivative, which rearranged to the pyridazinone.

B. **In Sulfuric Acid.**—The various nitrophenylaminoisomaleimides 2c–f were treated with sulfuric acid according to the

methods described by Baloniak.² 2d and 2e formed the corresponding pyridazinones 4d and 4e and 2c gave the aminomaleimide 3c. The 2,4-dinitrophenyl derivative 2f was converted to a mixture consisting of the aminomaleimide 3f and 3-carboxyacryloylhydrazine 1f. The nmr spectrum of this mixture was identical with the spectrum of a 1:1 mixture of authentic 3f and 1f.

Reaction of 3-Carboxyacryloylhydrazines with Sulfuric Acid or Sulfuric–Acetic Acid Mixture.—The various nitrophenyl 3-carboxyacryloylhydrazines were treated according to methods reported by Baloniak.² The 3-nitrophenyl- and 4-nitrophenyl-substituted hydrazines 1d and 1e formed the corresponding pyridazinones 4d and 4e. The 2-nitrophenyl and 2,4-dinitrophenyl derivatives 1c and 1f gave the corresponding aminomaleimides 3c and 3f.

In the case of 1d treatment with refluxing acetic acid also produced the corresponding pyridazinone 4d.

Attempted Rearrangement of Aminomaleimides with Sulfuric Acid or Sulfuric–Acetic Acid. A. **Sulfuric Acid.**—A 0.5-g sample of the 2-nitro- and a 0.42-g sample of the 4-nitrophenylaminomaleimides were dissolved in 2.5 and 2 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid, respectively. The solutions obtained were added to 10 and 8 ml of distilled water to produce 0.46 and 0.40 g of recovered starting material.

B. **Sulfuric–Acetic Acid.**—Glacial acetic acid (50 ml) was added to 50 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid and the resulting solution was cooled to room temperature. A 1.64-g sample of 1-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)aminomaleimide was dissolved in the acid mixture and the mixture was stirred for 24 hr. On addition of water a solid (1.30 g) precipitated which was identified as starting material.

Registry No.—1c, 39704-29-5; 1d, 39704-30-8; 1e, 39704-31-9; 1f, 31413-88-4; 2a, 6903-87-3; 2b, 30986-27-7; 2c, 39704-35-3; 2d, 39838-39-6; 2e, 39704-36-4; 2f, 31413-91-9; 3c, 14938-99-9; 3e, 20970-39-2; 3f, 20970-35-8; 4d, 39704-40-0; 4e, 39704-41-1.

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Rates of Intramolecular Diels–Alder Reactions of Pentadienylacrylamides

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Among the substrates derived from 4,5-diphenylpentadienylamines 4, prepared for a study of the intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction, the highly reactive N–CH₃ amide of fumaric acid ethyl ester 7a directly produces the endo cycloadduct 8a at 0°, whereas the N-demethyl derivative 7b is far less reactive. The N–CH₃ cinnamamide 9 and N-allylamine 11 give predominantly the cycloadducts *trans*-10 at 90° and *cis*-12 at 140°, respectively, while the acrylamide 13a produces an equal mixture of *trans*-*cis*-14a. The structures and relative configurations of the cycloadducts are discussed and elaborated. The kinetic parameters for the intramolecular cycloadditions of 13a–d reveal that ΔG^\ddagger decreases from 28.7 kcal/mol for 13a by increments of $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger \cong 1.2$ kcal/mol for the homologs 13b and 13c to 25.3 kcal/mol for 13d. This phenomenon is discussed in terms of a conformational equilibrium on part of the substrate, as evinced by nmr studies.

The marked rate-increasing or -decreasing effects of alkyl substituents in the [4 + 2] cycloaddition of dienes with dienophiles has been observed in numerous cases and is well documented.^{1–3} The reactivity of a diene increases if appropriate alkyl substituents, such as in the 2 and 3 positions of butadiene, move the confor-

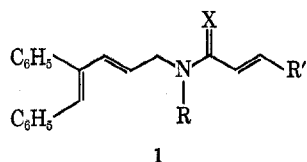
mational equilibrium to the *s-cis* form, the prerequisite diene conformation for the Diels–Alder reaction. Conversely, bulky substituents at the dienophile generally have a rate-decreasing effect. The present study of the intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction with amides of α,β -unsaturated acids reveals still another phenomenon: the rate-accelerating influence of a bulky substituent attached neither to the diene nor to the dienophile component but to an atom linking the two together.

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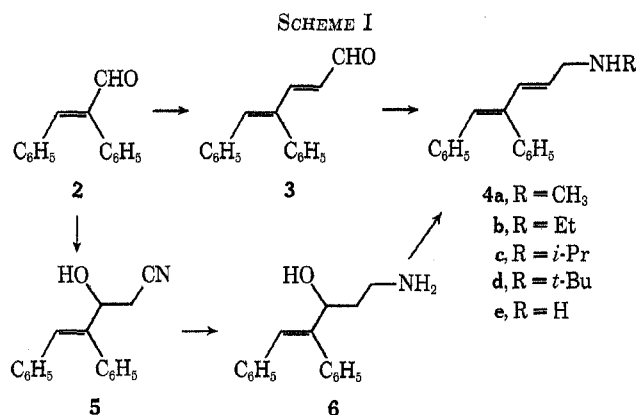
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Synthesis of Substrates.—For various reasons the acrylamides **1** were chosen as substrates for this study



of the intramolecular [4 + 2] cycloaddition. The initial goal then was the preparation of the parent 4,5-diphenyl-2,4-pentadienylamines in which the size of R would be varied from H to *t*-Bu. The synthesis of these amines **4** is outlined in Scheme I.



α -Phenylcinnamaldehyde (**2**) was readily obtained according to methods described previously.⁴ The *cis* arrangement of the two phenyl groups was confirmed by the uv data of the known⁵ α -phenylcinnamyl alcohol obtained by LiAlH_4 reduction of **2**. Homologization to the aldehyde **3** is most cleanly accomplished *via* the directed aldol condensation^{6a,b} of **2** with the lithiated cyclohexylimine of acetaldehyde and subsequent hydrolysis and dehydration. The *trans* stereochemistry of the newly introduced double bond is secured by the nmr data: the vinylic proton next to the aldehyde function, appearing at δ 5.78 ppm, exhibits the large *trans* coupling constant of 15.5 Hz in addition to the 8-Hz coupling with the aldehydic proton. Formation of the appropriate imines⁷ and subsequent reduction with NaBH_4 gave access to the desired amines **4**, which were characterized as their hydrochloride salts. Their uv spectra are most characteristic and show absorption maxima at 206 nm ($\log \epsilon$ 4.38), 224 (4.13), 232 (4.08), 288 (4.49), and 308 (4.26). In order to confirm the assumption that the *cis* relationship of the two phenyl groups was retained during the steps **2** \rightarrow **4**, one of which involved the intermediacy of an allylic carbonium ion, the disubstituted double bond of **4c** was cleanly and selectively reduced with $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RhCl-H}_2$. The uv data of the dihydro product [257 nm ($\log \epsilon$ 4.03)] are clearly in good agreement with the *cis*-stilbene chromophore. The primary amine **4e** was accessible *via* the alternate route outlined in Scheme

I. Condensation of **2** with α -lithioacetonitrile⁸ afforded a good yield of the hydroxy nitrile **5**, which after LiAlH_4 reduction and acid-catalyzed dehydration of the crystalline amino alcohol **6** produced the well-identified primary amine **4e**.

The next step toward a substrate **1** consisted in linking the amines **4** with an appropriate dienophile moiety. We were in fact looking for a substrate **1** which would meet the following criteria for a kinetic study: (a) solubility in a nonpolar solvent suitable for uv measurements; (b) crystalline, easily purified compounds; (c) undergo the intramolecular [4 + 2] cycloaddition in a practical temperature range, such as 25–150°. Scheme II outlines the substrates actually prepared by acylation or alkylation of the corresponding amines **4**.

As we have experienced with other examples,^{9,10} the intermediate amide **7a** of fumaric acid ethyl ester was far too reactive and could not be isolated. Instead, the product of an endo addition **8a** was isolated directly in 63% yield. In sharp contrast to **7a**, which undergoes the cycloaddition at 0° or below, the demethylamide **7b** could be isolated without difficulty. Intramolecular cycloaddition occurs only above 100° to produce **8b** in 58% yield. The respective structures and the relative configurational relationships of the four asymmetric centers of these two adducts are firmly supported by the analytical and spectral data. Both cycloadducts **8a** and **8b** exhibit the styrene chromophore at 242 nm ($\log \epsilon$ 4.06). The ir carbonyl frequencies for ester and γ -lactam are at 1718 and 1686 (**8a**) and at 1713 and 1664 cm^{-1} (**8b**), respectively. A 100-MHz nmr spectrum with double-resonance experiments permitted the assignment of all the important protons in **8a**. With the *cis* arrangement of phenyl and carboethoxy group, the ester protons are heavily shielded by the aromatic ring current and appear at 0.90 and 3.75 ppm (ABX₃ system owing to hindered rotation). The benzylic hydrogen at 4.57 ppm is coupled to H₂ (3.22 ppm) with $J = 7$ Hz. The latter, forming nearly a 180° angle with H₃ (2.8 ppm), exhibits the large *trans*-diaxial coupling of 13 Hz. The N-CH₃ group appears normal at 2.9 ppm and the adjacent CH₂ protons (H₆) as a multiplet at 3.4 ppm. The vinylic proton H₅ at δ 6.26 forms approximately a 90° angle with H₄ (2.82 ppm) and is virtually uncoupled. The signal does sharpen somewhat by irradiating at the frequency of the benzylic proton (H₁).

The cinnamamide **9**, incorporating a less powerful dienophile, was isolated in crystalline form and with an approximate half-life of 2 hr underwent cycloaddition at 90° to a 8:1 mixture of the endo and exo adducts **10** separable by preparative tlc.

The isolated and unactivated double bond, representing the least reactive dienophile available, was tested by preparing the *N*-allylamine **11**. The free base, isolated and characterized as its hydrochloride salt, was in fact amenable to a [4 + 2] cycloaddition under relatively mild conditions. After 12 hr at 140° the product mixture consisted, according to nmr and glc analysis, of 84% *cis*-**12** and 16% *trans*-**12** identical

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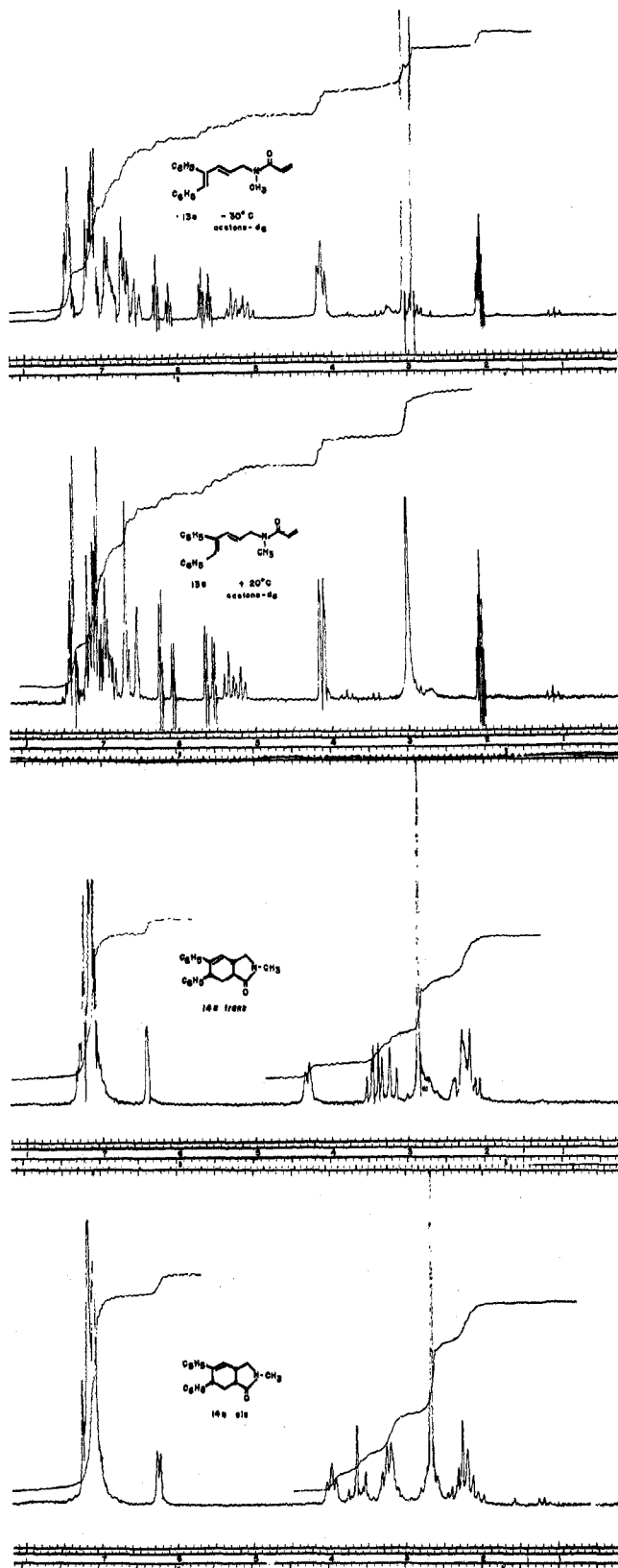


Figure 1.—Nmr spectra (100 MHz) of **13a** in acetone- d_6 and of *trans*-**14a** and *cis*-**14a** in $CDCl_3$.

and **9** with those described earlier^{9,10} reveals surprisingly that the additional phenyl substituent in the 4 position of the pentadienylamine moiety did not affect the rate of the reaction in any dramatic way. A quite remarkable effect, however, on the rate of cycloaddition is noticed by replacing the N-CH₃ group with a hydrogen. Aside from the influence on the gross

conformational equilibrium of the substrate exerted by size of the N substituent, as outlined below, intermolecular hydrogen bonding in nonpolar solvents in the case of **7b** would, relative to **7a**, not only alter the electronic properties of the dienophile part of the molecule but most certainly also change the conformational situation *via* bimolecular interactions. The possibility of intermolecular H bonding in **7b** is thus considered to be the dominant factor for its markedly decreased reactivity as compared to **7a**. It would be expected that the cycloaddition would be considerably accelerated in a polar solvent, such as DMF.

Intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions, in which isolated nonactivated double bonds add to the highly reactive, substituted cyclopentadienes and *o*-quinodimethanes, have been reported previously.^{13,14} More recently it was observed¹⁵ that *N*-allyl amines undergo an intramolecular cycloaddition to an endocyclic *cis-cis* butadiene system, although the temperatures required were rather high (180°) and the yields of cycloadducts low. It was therefore surprising and remarkable that the cycloaddition of the *N*-allylamine **11**, in which the diene moiety has a *trans-trans* geometry and is not particularly activated, proceeds under relatively mild conditions. It is also of interest to note that in the absence of a terminal π system, which otherwise stabilizes a transition state leading to the *trans*-fused cycloadducts, such as in **7a** or **9**, the *cis*-fused product is favored by a respectable margin, namely, 84:16. This observation parallels the results of Oppolzer in the cycloadditions of *o*-quinodimethanes.^{14a,b} The transition from an *N*-allyl to an *N*-acryloyl system (**13a-d**) leads only to a modest increase in reactivity. This is rationalized by the fact that in the transition state of **13a** \rightarrow **14a** the terminal double bond can no longer assume coplanarity with the amide carbonyl, thus losing some of the reactivity of an α,β -unsaturated double bond system. Again, in the absence of a terminal π system the *trans*-fused product is not favored and the *cis*:*trans* ratio remains through all the products **14a-d** virtually the same, namely, approximately unity. The kinetic measurements for the cycloadditions of **13a-d** (Table I) clearly indicate that the free energy of activation (ΔG^\ddagger) decreases with increasing size of the N substituent. In the four examples studied, namely, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, and *tert*-butyl, the average decrease in ΔG^\ddagger ($\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$) is 1.2 kcal/mol. Although the size of the respective $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$'s is not very large, it is nevertheless significant, but quite definitely of a different order of magnitude than the probable, yet not actually determined, $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ between **7a** and **7b** (N-CH₃ vs. N-H). The values of approximately 1.2 kcal/mol happen to be very close to the differences in the inversion barriers of *N*-substituted aziridines (N-CH₃ to N-Et, $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = 1.4$ kcal/mol).¹⁶

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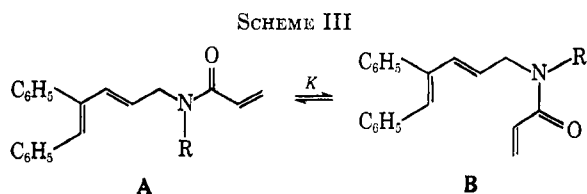
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TABLE I
 KINETIC DATA FOR THE INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLOADDITIONS

Compd	Temp. °C (±0.1)	Rate constant $K = k_{trans} + k_{cis} \times 10^{-5}, \text{sec}^{-1}$	Activation parameters		
			ΔH^\ddagger , kcal/mol	ΔS^\ddagger , cal/°K mol	ΔG^\ddagger_{298} , kcal/mol
13a	90.2	1.2275 ± 0.0147	24.7 ± 0.3	-13.4 ± 0.7	28.7 ± 0.5
	96.9	2.3797 ± 0.0141			
	101.6	3.5570 ± 0.0211			
	109.4	7.3025 ± 0.0857			
13b	90.0	2.1003 ± 0.0147	22.2 ± 0.6	-19.2 ± 1.5	27.9 ± 1.0
	96.9	3.8192 ± 0.0264			
	101.6	5.4197 ± 0.0672			
	109.4	10.9470 ± 0.2551			
13c	69.4	1.7056 ± 0.0142	20.4 ± 0.4	-21.2 ± 1.0	26.7 ± 0.7
	76.0	3.1147 ± 0.0090			
	82.3	5.2758 ± 0.0670			
	90.0	9.8378 ± 0.1781			
13d	34.0	0.5233 ± 0.0051	21.0 ± 0.1	-14.4 ± 0.3	25.3 ± 0.2
	45.2	1.8986 ± 0.0127			
	52.0	3.8217 ± 0.0248			
	60.7	8.9581 ± 0.0636			

It seems appealing to explain this phenomenon in terms of the conformational differences among the four substrates **13a-d**. Since both diene and dienophile moieties are part of the same substrate undergoing an intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction, a new conformational equilibrium becomes a codeterminant factor. In addition to the prerequisite *s-cis* conformation of the diene part, the rate of cycloaddition depends upon the population of the one conformer in which the spatial relationship of the four reaction centers starts to resemble the geometry of the transition state. Thus, the conformational equilibrium of the least reactive N-CH₃ amide **13a** would appear to be almost exclusively on the side of the "stretched" or linear conformer A (Scheme III), whereas the reac-

(**13c**). Between 0 and 10° the signals coalesce and appear sharp at 20°. The established presence of such a conformational equilibrium makes the meaning of the calculated activation parameters somewhat questionable. The first-order rate constants for the formation of the products may actually be composite: $dP/dt = k'R$ with $k' = kK(1 + K)$.¹⁸ The conformational equilibrium between forms A and B is described by the constant K , and k' would be the rate constant for the disappearance of the reactive conformer B. Thus, only with extreme K values (very small or large) would a standard transition-state theory plot produce accurate activation parameters. Since **13d** appears to exist almost exclusively as the reactive conformer B (K large) as evinced in the nmr studies, the rather crude (solvent difference) correlation of this fact with the measurements of the rate constants seems to indicate that the activation parameters for **13d** are probably the most meaningful ones. The calculated values for the entropies and enthalpies of activation for the other congeners, in particular though for **13b** and **13c**, are likely to be less reliable.



tive **13d**, the other extreme, would virtually be frozen as the bent conformer B.

Nmr spectroscopy provides a practical tool to determine conformational equilibria, which in this particular case seem to be determined essentially by the energy barrier to rotation around the amide bond. However, the known dependence of such measurements upon concentration and in particular the solvent¹⁷ made it rather difficult if not impossible to correlate the kinetic data (infinite dilution, in decahydronaphthalene) with any nmr data. A series of nmr studies (in acetone-*d*₆) revealed that **13d** was exclusively one conformer (B) between -30 and 20° (at higher temperatures cycloaddition occurs). At -30° the other three substrates (**13a-c**) exhibited the sharp and distinctly different signals of two conformers in the ratios of 1:1 (**13a**) (see Figure 1), 3:2 (**13b**), and 1:2

Experimental Section

The physical data were obtained as follows: melting points in a Thomas-Hoover melting point apparatus (uncorrected); ir spectra on a Perkin-Elmer 521; uv curves on a Cary Model 14; mass spectra on a AEI MS 902 by direct insertion; nmr spectra on either a Varian A-60 or a XL-100 using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. The following abbreviations are used: b, broad; w, weak; sh, shoulder; ex, exchangeable with D₂O; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet.

4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienal (3).—To a solution of 36.5 ml of diisopropylamine in 260 ml of dry ether was added 162 ml 1.6 *M* BuLi-hexane, the temperature being kept below -10°. Then 32.4 g (259 mmol) of cyclohexylacetaldehyde in 260 ml of ether was added dropwise. After 15 min the temperature was lowered to -70° and a solution of the aldehyde **2** (45 g, 216 mmol) in 1.2 l. of ether was added dropwise. After the addition the temperature was raised to 20°, then again lowered to -10°, and 450 ml of water was added. The ethereal layer was then separated and stirred for 16 hr vigorously with 300 ml of benzene, 108 ml of AcOH, and 270 ml of H₂O. The organic layer was again separated and washed with dilute H₂SO₄, ice water, dilute NaOH, and finally brine. After drying the sol-

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vent and evaporation, the residue (49 g) was crystallized from EtOH to give 32.2 g of **3**, mp 92–94°, and a second and third crop of 9.4 g, mp 85–92° (83%); ir (Nujol) 1675, 760, 710, 690 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 228 mμ (ε 10,500), 236 (10,900), 326 (39,400); nmr (CDCl₃) δ 5.78 (q, *J* = 15.5 and 8 Hz, 1 H), 6.7–7.6 (m, 12 H), 9.65 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O: C, 87.15; H, 6.02. Found: C, 87.12; H, 6.21.

N-(4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)-*N*-methylamine (**4a**).—The aldehyde **3**, 23.1 g (99 mmol), was stirred together with 53 g of Na₂SO₄ in 230 ml of 1.73 *N* CH₃NH₂-benzene for 4 hr at room temperature. The heterogenous mixture was then filtered and the benzene was evaporated to give 25 g of crude methylamine. This imine was dissolved in 415 ml of ethanol and cooled to 0° and 5.8 g of NaBH₄ was added. After an additional 1 hr at room temperature, the ethanol was evaporated *in vacuo*, the residue was made acidic with 5 *N* aqueous HCl, then made basic with 30% NaOH, and the amine was extracted into CH₂Cl₂. After drying over Na₂SO₄ and removal of the solvent, 25.9 g of crude product was obtained. This was dissolved in ethanol and 1 molar equiv of ethereal HCl was added. A total of 19.7 g of hydrochloride was thus collected: mp 154–158° (70%); ir (Nujol) 760, 700 cm⁻¹ (broad); uv (CH₃OH) 207 mμ (ε 19,300), 224 (12,300), 232 (11,900), 288 (27,800); on free base nmr (CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (s, ex, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.4 (td, *J* = 6.5, 16 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (s, 1 H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1 H), 6.7–7.5 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N·HCl: C, 75.64; H, 7.05; N, 4.90. Found: C, 75.48; H, 7.13; N, 5.20.

N-(4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)-*N*-ethylamine (**4b**).—From 2 g of aldehyde **3** was obtained 2.28 g of imine by following the above procedure. This was reduced as described for **4a** to give 2.2 g of crude amine. From ethanol a total of 2.1 g of hydrochloride salt was collected: mp 154–156° (80%); ir (Nujol) 980, 760, 700, 690 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 207 mμ (ε 23,400), 233 (12,100), 288 (30,800), 308 (18,000).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N·HCl: C, 76.11; H, 7.40; N, 4.67. Found: C, 76.33; H, 7.64; N, 4.66.

N-(4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)-*N*-isopropylamine (**4c**).—From 2 g (8.6 mmol) of aldehyde **3** and 19.2 ml of 1.8 *N* isopropylamine in benzene one obtained, after a reaction of 20 hr at room temperature, 2.4 g of crude imine. Reduction with NaBH₄ for 2 hr and work-up as outlined for **4a** produced 2.3 g of crude amine. From ethanol a total of 2.17 g of hydrochloride salt was collected: mp 192–193° (80%); ir (Nujol) 980, 750, 700, 680 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 232 mμ (ε 13,000), 288 (31,360), 308 (18,200).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N·HCl: C, 76.53; H, 7.70; N, 4.46. Found: C, 76.57; H, 7.63; N, 4.50.

N-tert-Butyl-*N*-(4,5-diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)amine (**4d**).—The aldehyde **3** (2.0 g, 8.6 mmol) was stirred with 29 ml of 1.8 *M* *t*-BuNH₂-benzene for 44 hr. The crude product, 2.5 g, was reduced as described above to give 2.5 g of crude amine. From hexane, 1.1 g of crystalline **4a** was obtained, mp 98°. To the mother liquor in ethanol was added ethereal HCl and an additional 1.16 g of hydrochloride salt was collected, mp 196–198° (total yield 78%). The analytical data were obtained on the free base: ir (Nujol) 970, 750, 700, 688 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 206 mμ (ε 24,970), 224 (13,400), 232 (12,100), 288 (31,200), 308 (18,000).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N: C, 86.55; H, 8.65; N, 4.81. Found: C, 86.78; H, 8.85; N, 4.67.

4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienylamine (**4e**) (2 → 5 → 6 → **4e**).—In a three-necked flask 16.5 ml of 1.6 *M* BuLi in hexane was cooled to -75° under a N₂ atmosphere. Then 16.5 ml of dry THF was added all at once and immediately thereafter a solution of 980 mg of CH₃CN in 24 ml of THF over 5 min. Stirring was continued for 1 hr at -70° and then a solution of 5 g (24 mmol) of aldehyde **2** was added. The cold bath was removed, stirring was continued for 1 hr and then ice and dilute HCl were added. The organic layer was diluted with ether. After drying the organic part over Na₂SO₄ and removal of the solvent, a solid residue of 6 g was obtained (**5**). This material was dissolved in 350 ml of ether and carefully added to a cold suspension of 1.5 g of LiAlH₄ in 90 ml of ether. After stirring at room temperature for 16 hr, excess hydride was destroyed by the addition of 1.5 ml of H₂O, 1.5 ml of 15% NaOH, and 4.5 ml of H₂O. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to give a residue of 5.6 g. Crystallization from ether gave a total of 3.6 g of hydroxyamine **6**: mp 114–116° (60% overall); ir (Nujol)

3350, 3290, 700, 690 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 217–224 mμ (ε 15,400), 255 (13,500).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO: C, 80.57; H, 7.56; N, 5.53. Found: C, 80.20; H, 7.68; N, 5.65.

The hydroxy amine **6** (15.5 g, 61.3 mmol) was refluxed in 150 ml of dioxane and 460 ml of 2 *N* H₂SO₄ for 5 hr. The mixture was cooled, made basic with 30% NaOH, and extracted into CHCl₃. After drying over Na₂SO₄ and removal of the solvent, the residue weighed 14.8 g. From ethanol and an equivalent amount of ethereal HCl 11.4 g of the hydrochloride salt of **4e** was obtained: mp 212°; ir (Nujol) 1610, 1660, 1510, 790, 705, 690 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 224 mμ (ε 12,400), 232 (11,240), 287 (28,000), 308 (17,000).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N·HCl: C, 75.13; H, 6.68; N, 5.15. Found: C, 75.22; H, 6.89; N, 4.95.

Ethyl 5,6-Diphenyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-4,5,3a,7a-tetrahydroisindoline-4-carboxylate [**4a** → (**7a**) → **8a**].—A solution of 11.1 g (44.7 mmol) of **4a** (free base) in 450 ml of CH₂Cl₂ was stirred in an ice bath. Then 4.4 ml of pyridine and a solution of 7.7 g of fumaric acid chloride ethyl ester in 90 ml of CH₂Cl₂ were added. The mixture was stirred at 25° overnight. The dark solution was subsequently washed with a cold Na₂CO₃ solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue of 17 g was crystallized from benzene to give a first crop of 7.9 g of **8a**, mp 247–251°, and a second crop of 2.5 g, mp 230–240° (63% yield): ir (Nujol) 1718, 1686 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 242 mμ (ε 11,450); nmr (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 0.86 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3 H), 2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 3.22 (*J* = 12 and 7 Hz, 1 H), 3.0–4.0 (m, 3 H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H), 6.26 (s, 1 H), 7.0–7.3 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₃NO₃: C, 76.77; H, 6.71; N, 3.73. Found: C, 76.90; H, 6.72; N, 3.84.

Ethyl *N*-(4,5-diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)fumarate (**7b**).—From 9.7 g (41.3 mmol) of amine **4e** was obtained, in the same manner as outlined for **7a**, 14.7 g of crude amide **7b**. This crude material (700 mg) was crystallized from ether to give 200 mg: mp 87–89°; ir (Nujol) 1713, 1664, 1644, 1632, 1556 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 208 mμ (ε 38,300), 224 (27,100), 288 (36,000), 308 (21,600); nmr (CDCl₃) δ 1.23 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3 H), 4.2 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2 H), 4.0 (dd, *J* ≅ Hz, 2 H), 5.25 (t d, *J* = 6, 16 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1 H), 6.7–7.5 (11 H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NO₃: C, 76.43; H, 6.41; N, 3.88. Found: C, 76.81; H, 6.54; N, 4.17.

Ethyl 5,6-Diphenyl-3-oxo-4,5,3a,7a-tetrahydroisindoline-4-carboxylate (**8b**).—The crude amide **7b** (14.5 g) was refluxed in 700 ml of benzene for 5 hr. After cooling, the precipitated product was filtered off (8.5 g, 58%): mp 200–207°; ir (Nujol) 3200, 3100, 1725, 1700 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 242 mμ (ε 11,300).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO₃: C, 76.43; H, 6.41; N, 3.88. Found: C, 76.45; H, 6.46; N, 3.82.

N-(4,5-Diphenyl-2,4-pentadienyl)-*N*-methylcinnamamide (**9**).—To an ice-cold solution of 1.1 g (4.4 mmol) of amine **4a** and 0.44 ml of pyridine in 50 ml of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 0.78 g of cinnamoyl chloride in 10 ml of CH₂Cl₂. After 2 hr the mixture was washed with cold dilute HCl and dilute Na₂CO₃ and dried. After evaporation of the solvent the residue (1.8 g) was crystallized from ether to give 1.1 g of **9**, mp 118°, and a second crop of 400 mg, mp 105–115° (84%); ir (Nujol) 1638, 1598 cm⁻¹; uv (CH₃OH) 213 mμ (ε 27,100), 223 (24,200), 290 (47,900); nmr (CDCl₃) δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 4.13 (d, broad, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.3 (six lines, *J* = 5.5 and 15.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.4–7.6 (m, 18 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1 H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₂₅NO: C, 85.45; H, 6.64; N, 3.69. Found: C, 85.65; H, 6.88; N, 3.63.

N-Allyl-*N*-methyl-4,5-diphenyl-2,4-pentadienylamine (**11**).—A solution of 2.38 g (9.5 mmol) of amine **4a** in 100 ml of dry ether was cooled to -40° and (under N₂) 7.16 ml of BuLi-hexane was added, followed by 1.5 g (12.4 mmol) of allyl bromide in 20 ml of ether. The mixture was warmed to 25° and stirred at that temperature for 16 hr. Water was added, and the ether was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The residue of 2.47 g, containing, according to nmr, some starting material, was acylated with AcCl under Schotten-Baumann conditions. The basic material was then extracted into dilute HCl, the aqueous layer was separated, and the pH was adjusted to 11. Extraction with ether gave a residue of 1.5 g. From acetone 1.1 g of hydrochloride salt was obtained: mp 138–141° [recrystallization from acetone raised the melting point to 149–151° (300 mg)]; uv (CH₃OH) 222 mμ (ε 14,100), 232 (13,000), 289 (32,300), 306 (21,000).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}N \cdot HCl$: C, 77.40; H, 7.42; N, 4.30. Found: C, 77.66; H, 7.54; N, 4.41.

Intramolecular Cycloaddition of 11 \rightarrow *trans*-12 + *cis*-12.—A solution of 170 mg of 11 (free base) in 0.37 ml of C_6D_6 was heated in a sealed nmr tube at 140–142° and the reaction was monitored nmr spectroscopically. Rough estimates indicated that after 3 hr 60–70% and after 12 hr more than 95% of products 12 were formed. Glc analysis revealed a ratio of 84% *cis*-12 and 16% *trans*-12. The characteristics of the pure compounds 12 are given below.

Preparation of Acrylamides 13a–d.—Generally a solution of the amine (4a–d) (2.75 mmol) and 260 mg of pyridine in 12 ml of CH_2Cl_2 was added at 0° to a solution of 300 mg (3.3 mmol) of acryloyl chloride in 40 ml of CH_2Cl_2 . After 16 hr at 0–20° (0° for 13c and 13d) the CH_2Cl_2 was evaporated, and the residue was taken up in ether and washed with cold dilute HCl, then with Na_2CO_3 solution, and finally with brine. Drying over Na_2SO_4 and removal of the solvent *in vacuo* (temperature <30° for 13c and 13d) produced the crude amides, which were recrystallized.

13a had mp 98–101° (from ether); ir (Nujol) 1642, 1606 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 224–236 $m\mu$ (ϵ 14,900), 288 (32,300), 307 (18,800); nmr, see Figure 1.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}NO$: C, 83.13; H, 6.98; N, 4.62. Found: C, 83.14; H, 7.20; N, 4.46.

13b had mp 84–86° (from ether); ir (Nujol) 1643, 1609 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 224 $m\mu$ (ϵ 15,500), 234 (15,200), 289 (32,100), 308 (18,500).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{23}NO$: C, 83.24; H, 7.30; N, 4.41. Found: C, 83.06; H, 6.96; N, 4.58.

13c had mp 112–114° (from ether); ir (Nujol) 1650, 1609 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 226 $m\mu$ (ϵ 15,700), 234 (15,600), 289 (32,000), 308 (19,200).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{25}NO$: C, 83.34; H, 7.60; N, 4.23. Found: C, 83.38; H, 7.34; N, 4.31.

13d had mp 118–119° (from ether); ir (Nujol) 1648, 1607 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 224 $m\mu$ (ϵ 14,200), 234 (14,100), 289 (30,400), 307 (18,800).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{27}NO$: C, 83.44; H, 7.88; N, 4.05. Found: C, 83.74; H, 8.11; N, 3.91.

Intramolecular Cycloaddition of 13a \rightarrow *trans*-14a + *cis*-14a.—A solution of 470 mg of amide 13a in 20 ml of toluene was refluxed for 8 hr. Removal of the solvent and preparative tlc separation of the residue (silica gel, AcOEt/ $CHCl_3$ 1:4) gave 198 mg of *trans*-14a (R_f 0.2, 42%) and 189 mg of *cis*-14a (R_f 0.4, 40%) besides 37 mg of starting material (8%) and 70 mg of material remaining at the origin. Crystallization of the main fractions from ether gave 120 mg of *trans*-14a and 100 mg of *cis*-14a crystalline material.

trans-14a had mp 131–133°; ir (Nujol) 1680 cm^{-1} (sh at 1685); uv (CH_3OH) 245 $m\mu$ (ϵ 12,100); nmr ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 2.0–2.5 (m, 3 H), 2.6–3.0 (m, 1 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 3.15–3.6 (m, 2 H), 4.32 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 1 H), 6.42 (d, $J \cong 1.5$ Hz, 1 H), 6.9–7.4 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}NO$: C, 83.13; H, 6.98; N, 4.62. Found: C, 81.71; H, 6.95; N, 4.58 (crystallized with $1/3$ mol of ether).

cis-14a had mp 127–129°; ir (Nujol) 1672 cm^{-1} (sh at 1677); uv (CH_3OH) 243 $m\mu$ (ϵ 12,700); nmr ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 2.25 (m, 2 H), 2.68 (s, 3 H), 2.7 (m, 1 H), 3.0–3.8 (m, 2 H), 3.21 (m, 1 H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 5.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1 H), 6.13 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.9–7.3 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}NO$: C, 83.13; H, 6.98; N, 4.62. Found: C, 83.41; H, 7.22; N, 4.41.

Reduction of *cis*-14a to *cis*-12.—A solution of 350 mg of lactam *cis*-14a in 40 ml of ether was refluxed for 4 hr with 90 mg of $LiAlH_4$. Excess reagent was destroyed with 0.09 ml of H_2O , 0.09 ml of 15% NaOH, and 0.27 ml of H_2O . Filtration from the inorganic material and removal of the ether gave a residue of 350 mg which was dissolved in 3 ml of acetone. Upon addition of an equimolar amount of ethereal HCl, 270 mg of the hydrochloride salt, mp 255° (72%), was collected: ir (Nujol) 1490, 777, 755, 700, 690 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 241 $m\mu$ (ϵ 12,300); nmr ($CDCl_3$) on free base δ 1.4–3.7 (m, 8 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 3.95 (m, 1 H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 4, 2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.9–7.5 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}N \cdot HCl$: C, 77.40; H, 7.42; N, 4.30. Found: C, 77.34; H, 7.46; N, 4.39.

Reduction of *trans*-14a to *trans*-12.—The reduction was carried out analogously to *cis*-14a \rightarrow *cis*-12. The product *trans*-12 was isolated in 53% yield (250 mg from 300 mg of *trans*-14a) as the cyclohexylsulfamate salt: mp >115° dec; ir (Nujol) 1490, 760, 745, 695 cm^{-1} ; uv (CH_3OH) 243 $m\mu$ (ϵ 10,000); nmr ($CDCl_3$) on free base δ 1.7–3.2 (m, 8 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 4.27 (m, 1 H), 6.48 (s, $W_H = 3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.9–7.5 (m, 10 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}N \cdot C_6H_{13}NO_2S$: C, 69.19; H, 7.74; N, 5.97. Found: C, 68.95; H, 7.64; N, 5.67.

Reduction of 4c.—A solution of 310 mg of 4c (hydrochloride salt) and 20 mg of $(Ph_3P)_2RhCl$ in 5 ml of ethanol was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure until 1 mmol of H_2 was taken up. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the dihydro derivative was crystallized from ethanol-ether to give 90 mg; mp 154–156°; uv (CH_3OH) 218 $m\mu$ (ϵ 14,900), 257 (10,700), 260 (3100); mass spectrum m/e 279 (M^+), 264, 205, 178, 98.

Intramolecular Cycloaddition 9 \rightarrow 10.—A solution of 67 mg of 9 in 0.42 ml of C_6D_6 was sealed in a nmr tube and heated in an oil bath of 91–92°. The reaction was completed after 6 hr and the product mixture consisted of eight parts *trans* and one part *cis* adduct, according to the nmr integrations.

A solution of 800 mg of 9 in 50 ml of toluene was heated in an oil bath at 91° for 9 hr. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo* the solid residue was separated by preparative tlc (silica, $CHCl_3$: AcOEt 4:1) to give 650 mg of *trans*-10 (81%) and 85 mg of *cis*-10 (10.6%).

The two compounds were recrystallized for analytical purposes.

trans-10 (from CH_2Cl_2 -ether) had mp 217–219°; ir (Nujol) 1693 cm^{-1} ; nmr ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 2.80 (s, 3 H), 2.75–3.5 (m, 4 H), 3.62 (dd, $J = 6$ and 11 Hz, 1 H), 4.25 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.4 (s, 1 H), 6.7 (m, 4 H), 6.8–7.3 (m, 11 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{27}H_{35}NO$: C, 85.45; H, 6.64; N, 3.69. Found: C, 85.08; H, 6.84; N, 3.69.

cis-10 (from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane) had mp 168–169°; ir (Nujol) 1703 cm^{-1} ; nmr ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 2.62 (s, 3 H), 2.81 (d broad, $J = 9$ Hz, 1 H), 3.3 (m, 2 H), 3.67 (t, $J = 9$ Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.2 (s broad, 1 H) 6.45 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.0–7.4 (m, 15 H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{27}H_{35}NO$: C, 85.45; H, 6.64; N, 3.69. Found: C, 85.10; H, 6.77; N, 3.65.

Registry No.—2, 1755-47-1; 3, 39549-82-1; 4a, 39549-83-2; 4a HCl, 39549-84-3; 4b, 39549-85-4; 4b HCl, 39549-86-5; 4c, 39549-87-6; 4c HCl, 39549-88-7; 4c dihydro derivative, 39549-89-8; 4d, 39549-90-1; 4d HCl, 39549-91-2; 4e, 39549-92-3; 4e HCl, 39549-93-4; 5, 39549-94-5; 6, 39549-95-6; 7b, 39549-96-7; 8a, 39549-97-8; 8b, 39549-98-9; 9, 39549-99-0; *cis*-10, 39550-00-0; *trans*-10, 39550-01-1; 11, 39550-02-0; 11 HCl, 39550-03-3; *cis*-12 HCl, 39550-04-4; *trans*-12 cyclohexylsulfamate salt, 39550-05-5; 13a, 39550-06-6; 13b, 39550-07-7; 13c, 39550-08-8; 13d, 39550-09-9; *trans*-14a, 39550-10-2; *cis*-14a, 39550-11-3; lithiated cyclohexylimine of acetaldehyde, 39550-12-4; methylamine, 74-89-5; ethylamine, 75-04-7; isopropylamine, 75-31-0; *tert*-butylamine, 75-64-9; acetonitrile, 75-05-8; fumaric acid chloride ethyl ester, 26367-48-6; *trans*-cinnamoyl chloride, 17082-09-6; acryloyl chloride, 814-68-6.

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