



reactions of the nitroxide (I) with arsenic metal and bis(trifluoromethyl)arsine respectively<sup>5</sup>.  $[(CF_3)_2NO]_3As$  reacts with one mole of hydrogen chloride to give  $[(CF_3)_2NO]_2AsCl$  and bis(trifluoromethyl)hydroxylamine. Except for  $[(CF_3)_2NO]_3As$ , the other bis(trifluoromethylnitroxide derivatives of phosphorus and arsenic are liquids at room temperature. All the compounds have been characterised by elemental analysis, and confirmed by their IR spectra and, in some cases, by their molecular weights using Reynault's method.

Further radical exchange reactions with other Group V compounds are in progress.

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