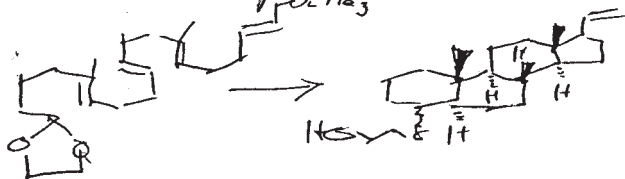


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I am delighted to see you again Professor Mayo; - and looking so fantastically young! By the next time we meet I hope we may have completed a tetracyclic to give the complete steroid nucleus, i.e.



Bill Johnson
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It is a great pleasure to visit your beautiful country and to meet you on the occasion of the first IKCOE conference. I hope you have found the use of transition metals as fascinating as your many important contributions to organic chemistry. Perhaps next time we will be able to report the completion of our total synthesis of macrolide antibiotics. I hope to welcome you to Madison on the occasion of the 3rd IUPAC Conf on Organic Synthesis in 1980



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