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Correlation of 170 Chemical Shifts of Chromium Carbene Complexes with Moss' m_{xy} Reactivity Parameter

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CHAPTER I: **STATEMENT OP THE PROBLEM**

The general procedure for recording relative carbene reactivities involves measuring product ratios from carbene attack on several alkenes and comparing the m_{xy} parameters. However, it is very difficult to measure the reactivities of the unreactive nucleophilic carbenes which usually do not cyclopropanate alkenes well. Metal carbonyl compounds of chromium are an example of such reactive species, which, until recently, have found little data to compare their reactivities. 170 NMR chemical shift data of the carbonyl group is a parameter to understand the metal-to-ligand bonding. They might provide some information toward the understanding of reactivities of carbene complexes in relation to the m_{w} parameter. Our preliminary observations of a correlation of 17 O chemical shift with calculated m_{ν} suggested that a series of chromium carbene complexes should be made and studied, especially complexes of the unreactive nucleophilic carbenes.

CHAPTER II

HISTORICAL REVIEW

A) Carbenes

1) Synthesis

Originally, a dichlorocarbene intermediate was postulated by Hine's group to explain the basic hydrolysis of chloroform¹ (Equation 1).

 $CHCl₃ + HO⁺ \longrightarrow Cl₃C + H₂O \longrightarrow : CCl₂ + Cl⁻$ (1)

Carbenes can also be generated by the photolysis of diazoalkanes² (Equation 2).

> $\frac{Ph}{Ph}$ $C=N_2$ \xrightarrow{hv} $\frac{Ph}{Ph}$ $C: + N_2 \uparrow$ (2)

Photolysis of diazirines also gives carbenes³ (Equation 3).

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\text{Ph} & \text{hv} & \text{Ph} \\
\text{C} & & \text{m} \\
\text{N=N} & & \text{H}\n\end{array}\n\qquad \qquad \text{Ch} & \text{C:} + \text{N}_2 \quad \text{A} \tag{3}
$$

2) Reactivities

It is well known that carbenes are short-lived reactive intermediates⁴ which are electron deficient. Many carbene sources such as diazo and diazene compounds, are carcinogenic substances, so they should be handled with extreme care.

Carbenes can undergo addition to alkenes. For example, Under the action of heat, methylenes react with alkenes to produce cyclopropanes^{5,6} (Equation 4).

$$
C1 \t C12 + CH2=CH2 \t (4)
$$

Decomposition of arydiazomethanes with zinc halidecatalysis⁷ gives a better yield of cyclopropane when reacted with olefins (Equation S).

Carbenes react with alkynes⁸ to produce cyclopropenes and side products (Equation 6) .

Arylcarbenes can also undergo rearrangement⁹, or insert into C-H bonds¹⁰, and dimerize.

It was also found that carbenes can exist in both singlet and triplet electronic states. They are pictured in this way:

The two carbene states have completely different mechanisms when they react. For this reason, singlet carbenes produces both cis and trans alkenes when they react with alkynes.

3) Physical Studies

Many physical studies have been made on carbenes. However, it was very difficult to isolate and characterize such species, so spectroscopic techniques were applied at low temperatures. Herzberg and Shoosmith¹¹ observed a spectrum of methylene on flash photolysis of diazomethane in the vaccuum ultraviolet region. Twenty years ago,

Jones' 12 group successfully studied triplet carbenes in solution through electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR} spectroscopy. In 1970, Wasserman's¹³ group observed the EPR spectra of $:CD_2$ and $:CHD$ in a solid matrix. The spectra were different from the spectrum of $:CH₂¹⁴$. They observed the X-band EPR spectra of methylene that was:

Signal/noise increases from a} to c} and is associated with increased concentration.

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Spectra of $:CD₂$ (top) and :CHD (bottom) with $hv/q\beta = 3279.2$ and 3277.4 G, respectively.

People have studied the kinetics of carbenes. For example, the decay of some triplet carbenes were

monitored¹⁵ by EPR. Based on EPR and laser flash photolysis (LFP) results, Platz¹⁶ explained atom-transfer of aromatic carbenes by using quantum mechanical tunneling (QMT) theories.

B) Fischer Carbene Complexes

1) Synthesis

Metal carbene complexes are very special carbenes. Although singlet, triplet reactivity differences are important for carbenes, they don't occur in metal carbene complexes which are closed shell ground state-singlets. The synthesis of carbene complexes has a twenty year history.

Since the pioneering work of Fischer et. *al.,"* ^a large number of synthetic studies on amino chromium-carbene complexes have appeared. The earliest of these was the use of lithium reagents on $Cr(CO)$, followed by alkylation¹⁸ (Equation 8) .

$$
Cr(CO)_{6} + Meli \longrightarrow (CO)_{5}CrC \longrightarrow Me
$$
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$$
\xrightarrow{[Me_{3}O]^{+}[BF_{4}]^{+}} (CO)_{5}CrC \longrightarrow Me
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\n
$$
(8)
$$

The substitution reactions of alkylamines on pentacarbonylchromium [methoxy(methyl)carbene]¹⁹ produced amino chromium carbene complexes (Equation 9).

$$
M \text{eNH}_2 + (CO) \, {}_5 \text{CrC} \xrightarrow{\text{OMe}} (CO) \, {}_5 \text{CrC} \xrightarrow{\text{Me}} + \text{MeOH} \qquad (9)
$$

Potassium intercalated graphite complex reacted with Cr(CO), to produce the chromium pentacarbonyl dianion which then can be reacted with amides 20 to give chromium amino carbene complexes (Equation 10) .

$$
C_{8}K + Cr (CO)_{6} \longrightarrow K_{2}Cr (CO)_{5}
$$
\n
$$
\xrightarrow{Q} \text{Me-}\ddot{C}-N (Me)_{2}
$$
\n
$$
\xrightarrow{N (Me)_{2}} (CO)_{5}CrC \times \xrightarrow{N (Me)_{2}} (10)
$$

^Asimilar reaction with sodium naphthalenide on Cr(CO}, produces the chromium pentacarbonyl dianion which can react with acid halides to make chromium pentacarbonyl acyl anions which can then be alkylated 21 (Equation 11).

2) Physical studies

Metal carbonyl carbene complexes have been studied extensively using spectroscopy. In Connor's work, 22 infrared spectroscopy (IR} was employed to identify the isomeric effects and the steric effects of the substituents

in amino carbene complexes of the type (CO) , $Crc(Me)NHR$. They observed the N-H stretching frequency and the vibrational frequency of the carbonyl ligand trans to the carbene. The electron density at the nitrogen atom could be correlated with the N-H stretching frequency and then the trans carbonyl stretching frequency.

Another study of metal carbonyl carbene complexes was undertaken by ¹³C NMR. For example, a correlation was observed between the carbonyl chemical shifts and the stretching force constants for a series of tungstencarbonyl complexes²³ and π - (C₅H₅) Fe (CO) ₂X derivatives²⁴.

Todd and Bodner²⁵, studied the 13 C NMR spectra of a series of (π -arene)tricarbonyl chromium complexes and found a correlation between the 13C NMR carbonyl chemical shifts and the carbonyl stretching frequencies.

Organometallic carbene complexes have also been studied by 170 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy (NMR). Todd's group²⁶, studied a group of transition metal carbonyl complexes and found the 170 chemical shifts range 400-300 ppm downfield from $H₂¹⁷$ O. Due to a very long correlation time, they found the trans carbonyl resonance

is broader than the cis carbonyl resonance.

Iwamura⁷ et. al., studied the chemical bonding in some tungsten carbonyls LW(CO), by 17 O NMR and found that the 170 chemical shift of the trans carbonyl was more shielded when L was a strong σ -donor/ π -acceptor.

3) Reaction

Although metal carbene complexes also react with a variety of unsaturated substrates 28 , they often react differently from free carbenes. For example:²⁹

C) Relative Reactivities

Carbenes can add to double bonds to form cyclopropanes and insert in C-H bonds. Numerous investigations have compared carbene reactivites³⁰. Moss developed the m_{ν} parameter³¹ to compare reactivites of various carbenes through cyclopropanation reaction on certain alkenes. For X-C-Y,

$$
m = -1.11\sum_{xy}\sigma_x^2 + 0.53\sum_{xy}\sigma_x - 0.31. \qquad (12)
$$

In this empirical equation, σ , and σ , depend on the nature of the carbene substituents, X and Y. Moss' reactivity parameter m_{ν} for carbenes has become the parameter used to measure the reactivity of electrophilic and ambiphilic, but not nucleophilic carbenes which usually do not cyclopropanate alkenes well.

Compared to carbenes, there are not many reactivity studies on metal carbonyl complexes. This is of particular interest because preliminary work carried out by Crumrine and Iwamura³² on 170 NMR spectroscopy of some complexes, indicated that such ¹⁷O NMR data could provide insights into the reactivity of the parent nucleophilic carbenes.

CHAPTER III

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Synthesis of Chromium Carbene Complexes:

In our study, seven chromium pentacarbonyl carbenes were synthesized. The syntheses are discussed below and the results are summarized in Table I.

The phenyl ethoxy chromium carbene complex 4 was synthesized by adding phenyl lithium (1) to chromium hexacarbonyl (2) in ether. The intermediate anion 3 was then alkylated with triethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate at 0°C to give 4 as an orange red oil in 20% yield.

Scheme I: Synthesis by Lithium Reagent Generated Anions

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\text{PhLi} + \text{Cr(CO)}_{6} & \xrightarrow{25^{\circ}\text{C}} & \text{Co}^{\text{}}_{5}\text{CrC} \\
1 & 2 & 3\n\end{array}
$$
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$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\text{[Et}_{3}\text{O}]^{+} & \text{[BF}_{4} \\
\hline\n0^{\circ}\text{C} & & \text{Ph}\n\end{array}
$$
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$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\text{OEx} \\
\text{Chic} \\
\hline\n0^{\circ}\text{C} & & \text{Ph}\n\end{array}
$$

The phenyl amino chromium carbene complex S was prepared in 66% yield by substituting ammonia on complex 4. (Equation 13.}

 $NH₃ + (CO)₃CrC$. OEt ether (CO) CFC . Ph \mathcal{P} h 0°C $\mathcal{N}H_2$ + EtOH (13) s

Synthesis of the hydrogen dimethyl amino chromium carbene complexe 9 in 43% yield involved potassium intercalated graphite 6 with chromium hexacarbonyl (2) to make the dipotassium chromium pentacarbonyl (7) which then was reacted with dimethylformamide (8) $(R=H; R'=Me)$.

Scheme II: Synthesis by C_8K Generated (CO) $_SCr^2$, Followed by Amides 160-180°C $8C + K$ ----------> C_8K

$$
6 + Cr(CO)_{6} \xrightarrow[-78^{\circ}C]{THF} \times K_{2}Cr(CO)_{5}
$$

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7 + R-C-N(R')₂
$$
\xrightarrow{\text{TMSCI}}
$$
 (CO)₅CrC
\n8
\n9 (R=H, R' = Me)
\n10 (R=H, R' = Et)
\n11 (R=R' = Me)

In a similar manner, 10 was obtained in 50% yield from dianion 7 and diethylformamide (8) $(R=H; R' = Et)$ and 11 was obtained in 52% yield from dianion 7 and dimethyl acetamide $(R=R'-Me)$.

The reaction of 7 with N,N-dimethyl carbamayl chloride (8) {R=Cl; R'=Me) produced the chromium acyl salt 12 which· was alkylated by trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate (13)

(R"=Me) to give 14 in 1.3% yield.

Scheme III: Synthesis by C_8K Generated (CO) $_5Cr^2$, Followed by Acid Halides

In the same way, alkylating the salt 12 with triethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate (13) (R"=Et) gave 15 in 14.3% yield.

In preliminary experiments, it was thought that complex 14 could be synthesized by Scheme I, which used a phenyl lithium generated anion, followed by the alkylation with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate in water, nitromethane in hexane, or other alkylating reagents. However, the result was negative. It seemed that a good solvent had not been found for the alkylation step.

One attempt to synthesize 14 involved some work similar to Scheme II using 10 mmol of diethylcarbamate to

react with the C_sK-generated Cr(CO)_i, but it was not successful. It seemed that carbamates decomposed the $K, Cr(CO)$ _s, or the starting materials were recovered unchanged. Further experiments confirmed that the carbamates, in fact, failed to convert the $KCF(CO)$, into the corresponding alkoxyaminocarbene complexes.

It was reported²⁰ that methoxy carbene complexes could be synthesized by reacting sodium naphthalenide with $Cr(CO)$, followed by reaction with acid halides and alkylating agents. Therefore, the potassium graphite intercalated complex reaction with $Cr(C0)$, was sustituted for the sodium naphthalenide reaction with $Cr(C0)_{6}$. Then dimethylcarbamyl chloride was used as one of the acid halides. New chromium carbene complexes 14 and 15 were sucessfully prepared in this manner as shown in Scheme III. The structures proposed for the two complexes are consistent with data obtained from ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C$, ${}^{17}O$ NMR, MS and IR spectra.

The physical properties and yields of the complexes prepared for this study are summarized in Table I. The $^{\mathrm{l}}\textnormal{H}$ NMR chemical shifts for this series of (CO) $CrcRR'$ derivatives were given in Table II. Solutions of the complexes in CDCl₃ and C_6D_6 were placed in 10 mm (OD) NMR. tubes and the 13 C and 17 O spectra were obtained on the 7.0 T Varian NMR at 20°C using the parameters listed in the experimental section. The ¹⁷0 NMR spectra were referenced to

TABLE I. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AND YIELD FOR CHROMIUM CARBENB COMPLEXES

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TABLE II. ¹H NMR DATA FOR CHROMIUM CARBENE COMPLEXES

* = Spectra were recorded in C_4D_6 .

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external D_2O . The results of an analysis of the 170 NMR spectra of a series of chromium pentacarbonyl carbene complexes are presented in Table III along with a tabulation of the ¹³C NMR spectra.

2. The Correlation of NMR of the Complexes with Moss• mxy Reactivity Parameter

The 170 NMR chemical shift values are listed in Table III. The 170 NMR chemical shifts of the carbonyl ligands for this group of chromium carbene complexes occur between 6365-400 ppm downfield relative to external and naturally abundant D_2 ¹⁷O. The ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts of the trans carbonyl ligands follow the trend: PhCOEt > PhCNH₂ > HCN (Et), > HCN (Me), > MeN (Me), > N (Me), COMe > N (Me) 2 COEt.

Following the Moss reactivity equation, the m_{xy} parameters of a series of chromium pentacarbonyl carbene complexes were calculated and are shown in Table IV.

A plot of the 17 O chemical shifts of the trans C=O vs Inxy parameters along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression analysis data are shown in Figure I and Table V respectively. There is not a simple relationship between 170 NMR data and m_{xy} . They don't have good linear or quadratic correlation. However, ¹⁷O NMR data on the trans C=O of this series of unreactive nuclephilic chromium pentacarbonyl carbene complexes show a non linear cubic

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Func.grp.	σ_p^+	$\sigma_{\rm I}$	$\sigma_{\rm R}^+ = \sigma_{\rm p} - \sigma_{\rm I}$	Structure	m_{xy}
MeO	-0.78	0.27	-1.05	$C(0Me)$ (NMe ₂)	2.9507
NMe ₂	-1.67	0.06	-1.73	C(OEt) (NMe ₂)	2.9174
NH ₂	-1.3	0.12	-1.42	$C(Ph)$ (NH ₂)	1.6936
Ph	-0.18	0.1	-0.28	$C(Ph)$ (OEt)	1.3291
H	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	$C(H)$ (NMe ₂)	1.6421
Me	-0.31	-0.05	-0.26	$C(Me)$ (NMe ₂)	1.9042
OEt	-0.75	0.27	-1.02	$C(H)$ (NEt ₂)	2.0861
NEt ₂	-2.07	0.06	-2.13		
\mathbf{F}	-0.07	0.5	-0.57	CF ₂	1.4854

Table IV. Calculation of m_{xy} by Taft Constants³³

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correlation of 0.93 with Moss' m_{ν} parameter. A plot of the ¹⁷O chemical shifts of the cis C=O chemical shifts vs m_{xy} parameters along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression analysis data are shown in Figure II and Table VI respectively. Clearly, there is no correlation of the 170 chemical shifts of the cis C=O of the carbene complexes with Moss' m_{xy} parameter. However, a plot of the ¹⁷0 chemical shifts of the difference of the trans and cis C=O chemical shifts vs m_{xy} parameters (Figure III) along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression data analysis (Table VII) were made. 170 NMR data of the overall effect have a non linear cubic correlation of 0.95 with Moss' reactivity m_{xy} parameters. A plot of ¹³C chemical shifts of the carbene carbon vs m_{xy} parameters (Figure IV) along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression data analysis (Table VIII) were made. An interesting aspect of the plot is the lack of correlation with Moss' reactivity m_{ν} parameters. It is possible that the carbene carbon experiences different electronic effects due to its being directly bonded to the metal. A plot of 13 C chemical shifts of the trans carbonyl vs m_w parameters (Figure V) along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression data analysis (Table IX) were made. Also, a plot of 13 C chemical shifts of the cis carbonyl vs m_{xy} parameters (Figure VI) along with the Lotus 1-2-3 regression data analysis (Table X) were made. Linear, quadratic and cubic plots lack correlation with Moss'

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Figure V. ¹³C Chemical Shifts of the Trans C=O vs Moss' m $_{xy}$ Parameter

 $*$ = Spectra were recorded in C_6D_6 .

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Figure VI.¹³C Chemical Shifts of the Cis C=O vs Moss' m_{xv} Parameter

* = Spectra were recorded in C_6D_6 .

reactivity m_{xy} parameters.

Thus, the 17 O NMR data versus Moss' m_{ν} parameter shows cubic correlation. The higher order correlations here are not simple curved lines. We conclude that there is a similar trend between the 17 O chemical shifts and the m_{ν} parameters. However the simple correlation does not have a high correlation coefficient because here the two carbon groups are both conjugated to the same lobe. This usually destroys any additivity for substituent effects. We believe that 170 NMR is a good spectroscopic technique which provides direct information about the relation between physical properties of the chromium carbene complexes and the reactivity of the corresponding free carbene.

CHAPTER l:V

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the ¹⁷0 NMR chemical shifts of seven chromium carbene complexes have been correlated with Moss' m_{xy} parameters. Measuring the ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts on the carbonyl systems of the unreactive nucleophilic pentacarbonyl chromium carbene complexes provides a direct method to assess the carbene reactivity of the complexes. The poor correlation coefficients are caused by having two groups conjugated to the only one carbene lobe in the chromium complexes. The other carbene lobe is now involved in bring to the chromium. Our "O NMR chemical shift data confirm the m., parameters predicted by Moss' equation for these nucleophilic carbenes. This is the first experimental confirmation of these results.

CHAPTER V

EXPERIMENTAL

(1) General Information.

Solvents. THF was predried over $CaH₂$ and distilled under argon from sodium benzophenone ketyl before use. Diethyl ether and hexane were distilled from powdered CaH,, while dichloromethane was distilled from anhydrous MgSO. The solvents were degassed by rapidly bubbling nitrogen through them for 10 min.

Reagents. Phenyl lithium, n-butyl lithium, trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, triethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, N,Ndimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, N,N-diethylformamide, potassium, graphite, trimethylsilyl chloride, and dimethylcarbamyl chloride were purchased from the Aldrich Chemical Company and used as received. Chromium hexacarbonyl was from Aldrich or Spectrum Chemical Company. Measurements. Melting points were taken in a capillary tube on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected. 'H NMR spectra were recorded on either a Varian EM360A (60 MHz) or a Varian VXR 300 (300 MHz) spectrometer. 13C (75 MHz) and ¹⁷⁰ $(43$ MHz) were obtained in a 10 mm broadband probe in CDC1, or $C_{6}D_{6}$. On the VXR 300 'H and "C chemical shifts were given

in parts per million (ppm) relative to Me,Si, whereas 170 chemical shifts were given in ppm relative to external and $\mathtt{natural}$ abundant $\mathtt{D_2^{17}O}.$ IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1310 spectrometer. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck Silica Gel 60, or polyester backed Silica Gel 60 (PF-254 with CaSO,). Developed plates were visualized under UV light. Column chromatographic separations used hexane and ether eluant on Florisil. Mass spectra for 14 and 15 were run on a VG mass spectrometer by direct injection at Northwestern University.

(2) Synthesis by the lithium reagent-generated anion. Preparation of (CO) _sCr=C(OEt)Ph (4). In a 250 mL round bottom flask fitted with a side arm for nitrogen introduction and provided with a stirrer, were placed 100 mL of dry ether and 625 mg (2.84 mmol) of $Cr(CO)_{6}$. Phenyl lithium in hexane, 1.2 mL (2.8 mmol), was added without allowing the temperature to rise above room temperature. After stirring for 5 min, solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. Then 10 mL of degassed R:O was added, and a sample of $[Et_3O]^+[BF_4]$ in CH_2Cl_2 was added via syringe until the solution became acidic to pH paper. The solution was extracted with three 30 mL portions of degassed hexane. The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na, SO , (1.5) g}. Column chromatography (10 g Florisil, hexane eluant}

afforded an orange-red fraction which deposited 179 mg (20 %) of **4** as a bright orange-red crystallizing oil upon removal of solvent on a rotary evaporator. IR(hexane) 2050, 1982, 1940 (C=O) cm⁻¹; (Lit³⁴ 2050, 1982, 1960, 1940 (C=O) $cm⁻¹$). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 7.50-7.38 (5H m, ArH], 4.92 (2H q, $CH₂O$), 1.65 (3H t, CH₃). ¹³C (CDCl₃) 215.8 (CO, cis), 223.7 (CO, trans), (C:, not observed), (Ar): 153.7, 129.8, 128.1, 122. 5; 170 NMR spectra were obtained from the combined products of three different syntheses. 17 O NMR (CDCl₁) 373.9 (4CO, cis), 397.5 (CO, trans).

Preparation of (CO)_sCr=C(NH₂) Ph (5). A sample of 359 mg (1.10 nunol) of pentacarbonylphenylethoxycarbenechromium complex **(4)** was dissolved in 200 mL of dry ether. Excess dry ammonia, which was generated by dropping aqueous NH₄Cl solution onto solid NaOH, was passed through a glass frit into the ether solution of **4.** When the red ether solution had turned to yellow, the solvent was removed by vaccum pump. Column chromatography (10 **g** Florisil, hexane eluant) afforded a yellow fraction which deposited 216 mg (66.0%) of yellow crystals upon removal of solvent by a vacuum pump. Chromatography on a 1 cm by 10 cm Florisil column, with hexane eluant provided a pure sample of yellow crystals of 5. $mp 78.5 - 79.5$ °C; (lit³⁵ mp 79°C). IR(neat) 2059 , 1980, 1930 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 7.42-7.35 (3H m, ArH), 7.18-7.15 (2H m, ArH), 8.85 (1H s, NH), 8.29 (1H s,

NH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 216.6 (CO, cis), 222.6 (CO, trans), 290.6 {C:), {Ar): 152.5, 129.3, 128.5, 121.8; 170 NMR {CDC13) 370.2 {4CO, cis), 385.0 (CO, trans).

(b) Synthesis by C_sK -generated Cr (CO) s^2 .

Preparation of Potassium Intercalated Graphite (C_sK) (6). In a 100 mL three-neck airless flask, provided with a stirrer and heated by a sand bath, was placed 2.30 g (195 mmol) of graphite. When the stirred graphite had heated to 150-160°C for 15 min, 0.74 g (19 mmol) of potassium was added under argon without allowing the temperature to drop below 160°C. When the potassium was gone and a bronze color had appeared, the potassium intercalated graphite had formed. 36 If stirring was inadequate, the bronze color was weak and the flask could be carefully shaken by hand with leather gloves-CAUTION.

Preparation of C_xK -generated $Cr(CO)$; (7). Continuing with the above complex, the flask was cooled with dry ice in acetone. Then THF, 15 mL, was added and 1.8 g (8.2 mmol) of $Cr(C0)$, was added under a positive pressure of argon {balloon) . The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at - 78°C and placed in an ice bath at 0°C until the solution turned to a thick slurry of silvery green solid in a yellow-green solution²³ which indicated the presence of Cr (CO), 2 .

Preparation of (CO) **,** $CF=C(H)$ **NMe₂** (9). A 8.18 mmol sample of C_sK-generated K₂Cr(CO), contained in a flask was cooled by dry ice in acetone and 0.60 mL (7.7 mmol) of N,Ndimethylformamide **(8)** (R=H, R'=Me) was added via syringe. After the stirred mixture had cooled at -78°C for 30 min and then warmed to 0°C for 1 h, a 2.9 mL sample of TMSCl (trimethylchlorosilane) was added via syringe. This solution was stirred for 0.5 h and warmed to 25°C. Then 22 q of neutral Al, 0, was added to absorb the product. The solvent was stripped on a rotary evaporator employing water aspiration. The Al_2O_3 was placed at the top of a column. The column was eluted with hexane to give 0.87 g (43%) of pale yellow crystals of 9 . mp $66-68^{\circ}$ C; (Lit³⁷ mp $64-66^{\circ}$ C) IR(hexane) 2059, 1930 (C=O), 1545 (C-N) cm¹ in good agreement with the literature. 1 H NMR (C_eD_e) 9.89 (1H s H), 2.59 (3H s N-CH₃), 1.81 (3H s, N-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆ 263.0 [=CH-N], 218.2 (CO, cis), 224.0 (CO, trans), 53.7, 45.5 (N- $CH₃$; ¹⁷O NMR (CDCl₃) 368.0 (4CO, cis), 378.2 (CO, trans).

Preparation of (CO) **5Cr=C (H) NEti (10)** . A flask, which contained 6.98 mmol of K_2 Cr(CO)₅, was cooled in dry iceacetone and 0.78 mL (7.7 mmol} of N,N-diethylformamide **(8)** (R=H, R'=Et} was added via syringe. After the stirred mixture had cooled at -78°C for 30 min and warmed to 0°c for 1 h, 3.5 mL of TMSCl was added via syringe. This solution was stirred for 0.5 h and warmed to 25°C. Then neutral Al_2O_3

was added to absorb the product. The alumina was placed at the top of a chromatography column and eluted with hexane. The solvent was stripped on a vacuum pump to give 0.96 g (50*) of pale yellow crystals of 10. IR(CDCl₃) 2059, 1975, $1900-1940$. (C=O), 1520 (C-N) cm¹; ¹H (CDCl₃) 3.94 (2H q, $NCH₂$), 3.51 (2H q, $NCH₂$), 1.33 (3H t, CH₃), 1.20 (3H t, CH₃), 10.8 (1H s, H); ¹³C (CDCl₃) 217.1 (CO, cis), 223.5 (CO, trans), 259.3 (C:), 57.6, 52.0 (N-CH₂), 15.0, 14.2 (CH₃); ¹⁷O (CDC13} 369.0 (4CO, cis}, 379.0 (CO, trans}.

Preparation of (CO) , $Cr=C(Me)$ NMe, (11) . A flask, which contained 10.6 mmol of $K, Cr(C0)$,, was cooled by dry ice and 0.95 mL (10.2 mmol) of N, N-dimethylacetamide (8) $(R=R'-Me)$ in 5 mL of THF was added via syringe. After the stirred mixture had cooled at -78°C for 30 min and then warmed to 0°C for 1 hr, 3.8 mL of TMSCl was added via syringe. This solution was stirred for 1/2 hr. and warmed to 25°C. Then 25 g of neutral Al_2O_3 was added to absorb the product. The alumina was placed at the top of a chromatography column and eluted with hexane. The solvent was stripped on a vacuum pump to give 1.44 g (52%} of pale green crystals of 11. mp $54-55^{\circ}$ C; IR(neat) 2030, 1975, 1930. (C=O) cm⁻¹; $(Lit^{38}$ IR(net) 2055, 1967, 1933, 1930). ¹H NMR 3.29 (3H s, $NCH₃$), 3.86 (3H s, $NCH₃$), 2.68 (3H s, $CH₃$); ¹³C NMR (CDC1₃) 217.4 (CO,cis}, 223.0 (CO, trans}, 272.8 (C:}, 53.2, 42.5 (NCH_3) , 40.4 (CH_3) ; ¹⁷O NMR $(CDC1₃)$ 369.1 $(4CO, cis)$, 375.2

 $(CO, trans)$, (C_eD_6) 369.6 (4CO, cis), 377.0 (CO, trans).

Preparation of $(C0)$ $_C$ **Cr=C(OMe) NMe₂ (14).** In a 100 mL threeneck airless flask, provided with a stirrer and heated by a sand bath, was placed 2.50 g. of graphite. When the stirred graphite had heated to 150-160°C under vacuum for 25 min, Potassium, 1.01 g (25.3 mmol), was added under an argon balloon without allowing the temperature to drop below 160°C. When the bronze color had formed and the potassium was gone, the flask was cooled by dry ice. THF, 25 mL, was added and $1.57q$ (7.14 mmol) of $Cr(C0)$, was added under a positive flow of argon. The reaction mixture was stirred 30 min at -78° C and placed in an ice bath at 0° C until the solution turned to a thick slurry of silvery green solid in a yellow-green solution. The flask was cooled by dry ice-acetone again and 0.78 mL (8.47 mmol) of dimethylcarbamyl chloride **(8)** (R=Cl; R'=Me) in 5 mL of THF was added via syringe. The mixture was warmed to 4°C for 5 min then cooled by the dry ice. The above mixture was stirred for 10 min, then $[Me₃O]⁺[BF₄]⁻$, 0.95 g, was added all at once to this solution. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and then was put in the refrigerator at 4°C over night. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25°C. After 15 min, solvent was stripped *in vacuo,* then 15 g of Florisil was added to absorb the product. The combined mixtures eluted with hexane from a 10 g Florisil column. The eluate was

concentrated under vacuum to give a 1.16 g of pale yellowgreen crystals which contained $Cr(C0)$. Further purification by column chromatography gave 26 mg (1.3%) of the pure compound 14 as a pale yellow-green liquid. IR(neat) 2020, 1960, 1930. (C=O) cm¹; ¹H NMR 3.57 (3H s, NCH_3), 3.04 (3H s, NCH₃), 4.23 (3H s, OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 216.8 (CO, cis), 220.8 (CO, trans), 243.8 (C:), 61.5 (OCH_3) : 54.7, 38.6 (NCH_3) ; ¹⁷O NMR $(CDCl_3)$ 372.3 (4CO, cis), 368.4 (CO, trans), (CD₆) 373.2 (4CO, cis), 370.5 (CO, trans); MS m/z (% of base)³⁹ 279 (14.9, M⁺), 251 (15.1, - CO), 223 (16.1, $-CO$), 195 (9, $-CO$), 167 (15.8, $-CO$), 139 $(100, -CO)$, 124 $(34, -CH₃)$, 109 $(7.4, -CH₃)$, 94 $(26, -CH₃)$, 80 $(12.1, -N)$, 52 $(25.9, -CO)$. Mass Calcd. for $C_9H_9NO_6Cr$: 278.9835. Found: 278.9821.

Preparation of (CO) , $Cr=C(OEt)$ NMe₂ (15). A sample of $K_2Cr(CO)$, (9.05mmol) was prepared similarly. The flask was cooled with dry ice-acetone and 0.90 mL (9.77 mmol) of dimethylcarbamyl chloride (8) (R=Cl; R'=Me) in 5 mL of THF was added via syringe. The mixture was warmed to 4°C for 5 min then cooled by the dry ice. The mixture was stirred for 10 min, then 11 mL of $[Et_3O]^+[BF_4]$ in CH_2Cl_2 was added into the mixture. After stirring for 1 h, solvent was stripped *in vacuo.* Florisil, 15 g, was added to absorb the product. The combined mixtures eluted with hexane from a 10 g Florisil column. The eluate was evaporated under vacuum to

give pale yellow-green crystals, 1.18g (44% crude}. The product was loaded into a 1 cm by 20 cm Florisil column. The pure fractions of **15** were dried under vacuum pump (0.38g, 14.3%). mp 44-45°C; IR(neat) 2040, 1963, 1930. $(C=O)$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR 2.87 (3H s, NCH₃), 2.10 (3H s, NCH₃), 4.34 (2H q , OCH₂), 0.91 (3H t, OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 216.8 (CO, cis) , 220.9 $(CO, trans)$, 242.1 $(C:)$, 70.4 $(OCH₂)$, 45.4, 38.7 (NCH₃), 15.7 (CH₃); ¹⁷O NMR (CDCl₃) 371.8 (4CO, cis), 367.3 (CO, trans), (C_aD_a) 372.5 (4CO, cis), 369.7 (CO, trans); MS m/z (% of base)³⁶ 293 (7.4, M⁺), 265 (11.7, - CO), 237 (12.6, $-CO$), 209 (5.4, $-CO$), 181 (21, $-CO$), 153 (100, -CO), 124 (40.7, -CH₂CH₃), 109 (5.3, -CH₃), 94 $(17.6, -CH₃)$, 80 $(7.6, -N)$, 52 $(21.2, -CO)$. Mass Calcd. for $\rm C_{10}H_{11}NO_6Cr\colon$ 292.9991.⁴⁰

APPENDIX

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1a. (CO)₅CrC(Ph)(OEt) in CDCl₃ - ¹⁷0 at 20±1^oC.

2a'. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NMe_{2})$ (OEt) in $C_{6}D_{6} - {}^{17}O$ at 2011°C.

3a. (CO)₅CrC(NMe₂)(OMe) in CDCl₃ - ¹⁷O at 20 11° C.

3a'. (CO)₅CrC(NMe₂)(OMe) in C₆D₆ - ¹⁷O at 20 \pm 1^oC.

4a. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NEt_2)$ (H) in CDCl₃ - ¹⁷O at 20 $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C.

6a. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NMe_{2})$ (Me) in CDCl₃ - ¹⁷0 at 20 $t1^{\circ}$ C.

6a'. (CO)₅CrC(NMe₂)(Me) in C₆D₆ - ¹⁷O at 20 \pm 1^oC.

7a. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NH_2)$ (Ph) in CDCl₃ - ¹⁷0 at 2011°C.

1b. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(Ph)$ (OEt) in CDCl₃ - ¹³C at 2011 •C.

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3b. (CO) ₅CrC(NMe₂)(OMe) in CDCl₃ - ¹³C at 20 \pm 1^oC.

5b. (CO) ${}_{5}CFC(NMe_{2})$ (H) in $C_{6}D_{6} - {}^{13}C$ at 20 $\pm 1^{\circ}C$.

6b. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NMe_{2})$ (Me) in CDCl₃ - ¹³C at 20 $\pm 1^{0}C$.

7b. (CO) ₅CrC(NH₂)(Ph) in CDCl₃ - ¹³C at 20 \pm 1^oC.

1c. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(Ph)$ (OEt) in CDCl₃ - ¹H at 20 $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C.

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2c. (CO)₅CrC(NMe₂)(OEt) in CDCl₃ - ¹H at 20 \pm 1^oC.
3c. $(CO)_{5}$ CrC(NMe₂)(OMe) in CDCl₃ - ¹H at 2011°C.

5c. (CO) ${}_{5}Crc(NMe_{2})$ (H) in $C_{6}D_{6} - {}^{1}H$ at 20 $\pm 1^{\circ}C$.

6c. $(CO)_{5}$ CrC(NMe₂)(Me) in CDCl₃ - ¹H at 20 $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C.

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