(s). ¹H NMR: 0.76-1.52 (m, 6 H), 2.38 (s, 2 H), 2.7 (s, 2 H), 7.12-7.44 (m, 5 H), 9.04-2.28 (br, 1 H).

exo-3-(N'-(Methylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoyl)-3-azatricyclo[3.2.1.0^{2,4}]octane (35). Norbornene (1 g, 10.6 mmol, 0.35 M) and 43 (536 mg, 2 mmol) in 30 mL of dichloromethane reacted at room temperature without irradiation. After 3 h, 92% of the expected amount of N₂ had evolved. Crystallization of the residue from petroleum ether gave 379 mg (57%) of 35, mp 94-5 °C. IR (CHCl₂): 2970 (w), 1600 (s), 1585 (s), 1390 (s), 1335 (s), 1190 (s), 1135 (s). ¹H NMR: 0.84 (d, J =8 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (m, 5 H), 2.2 (s, 6 H), 2.5 (s, 2 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 2 H), 7.02 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.27, 25.28, 28.28, 36.22, 42.42, 42.90, 125.85, 126.06, 128.67, 129.99, 148.95. M⁺ = 334 (10). Anal. Calcd for C17H22N2O3S: C, 61.07; H, 6.63; N, 8.38. Found: C, 61.14; H, 6.65; N, 8.67.

exo-3-(N'-Cyanomethoxycarbimidoyl)-3-azatricyclo-[3.2.1.0^{2,4}]octane (36). Norbornene (0.6 g, 6.4 mmol, 0.58 M) and 40 (625 mg, 5 mmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane evolved N_2 briskly for 3 h at room temperature; crude 36 (780 mg, 82%), mp 88-9 °C (from chloroform-petroleum ether). IR (CCl₄): 2960 (w), 2880 (w), 2200 (m), 2210 (m), 1590 (vs), 1450 (s), 1385 (s), 1345 (s), 1210 (s), 1190 (s). ¹H NMR: 0.92 (d, 1 H), 1.1-1.7 (m, 5 H), 2.66 (s, 2 H), 2.94 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: 25.46, 28.21,

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36.23, 41.43, 56.84, 113.97, 170.63. M⁺ = 191 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₃O: C, 62.80; H, 6.85; N, 21.97. Found: C, 62.89; H, 6.74; N, 21.84.

exo -3-(N'-Cyanoethoxycarbimidoyl)-3-azatricyclo-[3.2.1.0^{2,4}]octane (37). Norbornene (1.58 g, 16.8 mmol, 0.53 M) and 41 (0.35 g, 2.5 mmol) in 30 mL of dioxane reacted at room temperature in the dark for 12 h. Crystallization from petroleum ether gave 400 mg (77%) of 37, mp 51-2 °C. IR (CHCl₃): 2205 (m), 1580 (s), 1345 (s), 1200 (s). ¹H NMR: 0.8-1.0 (br d, 1 H), 1.0-1.7 (complex, t at 1.3, 8 H), 2.66 (s, 2 H), 2.8 (s, 2 H), 4.25 (q, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: 13.91, 25.42, 28.16, 36.18, 41.32, 66.26, 114.01, 170.11. M⁺ = 205 (30). Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{15}N_3O$: C, 64.37; H, 7.36; N, 20.47. Found: C, 64.37; H, 7.49; N, 20.31.

exo-3-(N'-Cyano(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoyl)-3azatricyclo[3.2.1.0^{2,4}]octane (51). Norbornene (2.84 g, 30 mmol, 0.94 M) and 44 (1 g, 4.7 mmol) in 30 mL of dichloromethane evolved N_2 briskly for 15 min and were kept in the dark for 2 h. Recrystallization from petroleum ether gave 1.078 g (82.5%) of 51, mp 105-6 °C. IR (CHCl₃): 3000 (m), 2980 (w), 2200 (m), 1595 (s), 1580 (s), 1390 (s), 1345 (s). ¹H NMR: 0.8–1.04 (br d, 1 H), 1.12-1.8 (m, 5 H), 2.16 (s, 6 H), 2.48-2.8 (br, 2 H), 3.04 (s, 2 H), 7.04 (s, 3 H). $M^+ = 281$ (90). Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}N_3O$: C, 72.56; H, 6.81; N, 14.93. Found: C, 72.56; H, 6.91; N, 14.90.

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Functionalization of Phenyl Rings by Imidoylnitrenes

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The electrophilic reactivity of imidovlnitrenes ROC(=NZ)N can be controlled by the choice of Z. With Z = SO_2CH_3 , benzenes react only if they bear electron-donating substituents. The resulting N-arylisoureas, ROC(=NZ)NHAr, can be obtained conveniently and in high yields, without competing insertion of the nitrenes into aliphatic C-H bonds.

Introduction

Nitrene reactivity spans a very wide range, as discussed in the preceding paper.¹ In a program to provide a set of nitrenes, GN, of graded reactivities, we have constructed so far part of a set with G = ROC(=NZ), alkoximidoylnitrenes.^{1,2} With the "control substituent" Z = CN, N'cyanoethoxycarbimidoylnitrene (1) converted benzene to a mixture of N-(N'-cyanoethoxycarbimidoyl)azepine (2) and N-phenyl-N'-cyano-O-ethoxy isourea (3), while N'-(methylsulfonyl)ethoxycarbimidoylnitrene (4) (Z = SO_2CH_3) did not attack benzene.² We expected that increasing the electron availability in aryl moieties would increase the aryl reactivity over that of unsubstituted benzene. We therefore studied reactions of imidoylnitrenes with substituted benzenes.

Results and Discussion

As a sensitive probe for the effect of electron availability in aromatics, we desired a singlet nitrene almost, but not quite, reactive enough to attack unsubstituted benzene, i.e., one that would "decompose" (rearrange, fragment, dimerize, etc.) at a rate at least 200 times faster than that for attacking benzene under normal reaction conditions.

Scheme I. Azides and Nitrenes

		R		
1	CN	C ₂ H ₅	34	
4	SO ₂ CH ₃	C ₂ H ₅	-	
5	SO ₂ CH ₃	CHa	10	
6	SO ₂ CF ₃	CH ₃	7	
9	SO2CH3	2,6-(CH ₃) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	11	

Such a rate factor would make the reaction with benzene go undetected in normal synthetic work. This submarginal nitrene should require only a small increase of the electron-withdrawing effect of G in GN to make its reaction with benzene observable. To learn whether N'-(methylsulfonyl)methoxycarbimidoylnitrene (5) might be at the desired reactivity level, we changed G from SO₂CH₃ to SO_2CF_3 . Since the effect of the CF_3 group must be transmitted through the SO₂N=C moiety, this is only a modest change in electron availability at the nitrene nitrogen. N'-((Trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)methoxycarbimidoylnitrene (6) was generated from the corresponding azide 7, thermolysis of which in benzene did indeed produce N-phenyl-N'-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-O-methylisourea (8) in 80% yield, confirming our hope that 6 is just above, and 5 just below, the reactivity needed for attacking benzene. Consequently, we used 5 for the studies described below. In addition, we used the more hindered N'-(me-

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Table I. Reactions of Imidoylnitrenes GN with Monosubstituted Benzenes^a



^a Thermolyses at 80 °C; arene: azide ratio = 10:1 unless otherwise stated. ^b Yield based on total azide employed. ^c Yield based on azide decomposed (nitrogen evolved). ^d Ar = 2,6-dimethylphenyl.

thylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoylnitrene (9), to probe for steric effects. We find that benzene derivatives with electron-donating substituents do react with both 5 and 9 to N-arylisoureas. (See Schemes I and II.)

Reactions with Benzene. N'-(Methylsulfonyl)methoxycarbimidoyl azide³ (10) decomposed completely at 80 °C in the presence of benzene in 24 h, but did not give any products incorporating all or part of the benzene ring. Benzene is also inert toward N'-(methylsulfonyl)ethoxycarbimidoylnitrene (4), as are saturated hydrocarbons, acetonitrile, and THF. N'-(Methylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoyl azide¹ (11) also decomposed quantitatively, under the same conditions, without attacking the benzene. When thermolyzed in such inert media, all the azides discussed here (and quite a few others⁴) give remarkably constant, but complex, product mixtures, not incorporating solvent or cosolute. Their composition does not depend on the nature of solvent and cosolute, as seen by VPC, IR, and NMR, and is characteristic for a given azide and different for different azides (see Experimental Section). We have not yet studied these mixtures, which are designated here by numbers $n \mathbf{x}$ for each azide n, so that "7x" is the product mixture from the decomposition of the azide 7 in a medium with which 7 (or the nitrene 8 derived from it) does not react. In the absence of sufficient concentrations of reactive substrates, $n \mathbf{x}$ can be formed together with intermolecular nitrene products. In the presence of sufficiently reactive substrates, no $n \mathbf{x}$ is formed, and nitrene products are identified in up to quantitative yields.

Monosubstituted Benzenes. (See Table I.) Chlorobenzene did not react with methoxy-N'-(methylsulfonyl)carbimidoylnitrene (5), but alkylbenzenes and anisole did. Under our standard conditions (1:10 molar ratio of azide to aromatic reactant in acetonitrile at 78-80 °C for 24 h; N₂ yield near 100%), toluene and 5 gave the N-4- and N-2-tolylisoureas 12 and 13, respectively, in the statistical ratio para:ortho = 1:2. Toluene and N'-(methylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoylnitrene (9) also gave the statistical 1:2 ratio of N-4- and N-2-tolylisoureas 14 and 15. This is reasonable, as the nitrene will initiate its interaction with the face of the phenyl ring and experience little steric hindrance in the case of toluene. With *tert*-butylbenzene and 5, the para:ortho ratio reversed



to about 2:1 (to give 16 and 17, respectively) and to 3:1 with the bulkier nitrene 9 (to give 18 and 19, respectively). Anisole and 5 produced in 83% yield a mixture of the N-(4-methoxyphenyl)- and N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisoureas 20 and 21 in a 54:46 para:ortho ratio and a 17% yield of 10x (see above). Anisole and 9 gave a 78% yield (by NMR) and a 63:37 ratio of the N-(4-methoxyphenyl) and N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isoureas 22 and 23, respectively.

Disubstituted Benzenes. (See Table II.) The nitrenes 5 and 9 reacted with 1,4-dialkylbenzenes about as expected on the basis of steric effects. The yields of isoureas 24-26 were lower, and those of 10x and 11x higher. The reaction of 1,4-dimethoxybenzene was studied only with the nitrene 5. As azide:dimethoxybenzene ratio of 1:10 gave the monosubstitution product 27 quantitatively,

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	$R'OC'(=NSO_2CH_3)$		yields ^c (%) and products		yield ^c				
benzene deriv	R	yield of N_2 , ^b %	monosubst	disubst	%	n x			
mesitylene	CH ₃	98	80, 29	0, -	20	10x			
1.3.5-tri-tert-butylbenzene	CH_3	99	0, -	0, -	100	10x			
1.3.5-tri-tert-butylbenzene	Ard	na ^g	0, -	0, -	100	11x			
1.3.5-trimethoxybenzene	CH_3	100	95, 30	0, 31	5	10x			
1.3.5-trimethoxybenzene, ^f 1:1	CH_3	79	64, 30	16, 31	20	10 x			
1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, ^e 2:1	Arď	100	83, 32	5, 33	12	11 x			

^a Thermolyses at 80 °C; arene: azide ratio = 10:1 unless otherwise stated. ^b Yield based on total azide employed. ^c Yields based on azide decomposed (nitrogen evolved). ^d Ar = 2,6-dimethylphenyl. ^e Arene: azide ratio = 2:1. ^f Arene: azide ratio = 1:1. ^g Not applicable.

indicating strong activation and little steric hindrance. With a 1:1 ratio, the yield (based on decomposed azide and corrected for the stoichiometry) was 70%, consisting of a 50% yield of monosubstituted (27) and a 20% yield of 1,4-disubstituted product (28), which was also obtained by thermolyzing 10 in the presence of 27.

Trisubstituted Benzenes. (See Table III.) 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene and 5 gave an 80% yield of the monosubstituted product, N-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methoxyisourea (29), and 20% of 10x. 1,3,5-Tri-*tert*-butylbenzene did not react with either 5 or 9; only 10x and 11x were formed, respectively. In contrast, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene did react with both nitrenes in high yields, to give 30 and 32, respectively. Moreover, some disubstituted products, 31 and 33, were formed even when a 1:10 azide: substrate ratio was used.

Discussion

Our results show the attack of benzenes by imidoylnitrenes to be quite sensitive to the electron availability in the benzene. Attaching just one methyl group to benzene changes the yields from 0% to 92% with 5, and to 95% with 9. Strong steric hindrance is observed only with *tert*-butyl-substituted benzenes. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene adds both 5 and 9 in high yields, and even forms disubstitution products, 1,2,3,4,5-pentasubstituted benzenes. Mono- and di-*tert*-butylbenzenes react with diminished yields, but 1,3,5-tri-*tert*-butylbenzene does not react with either nitrene. Even 9 can attack the position between two methyl or methoxy groups, but neither nitrene could access the carbon between two *tert*-butyl groups. The results agree with a facial, rather than radial, approach vector of the nitrene.

In all reactions, we obtained isoureas, formally products of insertion into an aromatic C-H bond. In many other reactions of nitrenes with phenyl rings, the primary products are N-substituted azepines. Azepines could have been formed initially and then rearranged in the isoureas. This indeed might be the mode of reaction of 1 with benzene. Alternatively, the initial adduct of the benzene π -electron system with 5. 6. or 9 could have rearranged directly to the apparent C-H insertion product, without first forming an azepine, or spending much time in the system of azanorcaradiene-azepine isomerizations. We cannot rule out intermediate N-imidoylazepines: The rearrangement of N-acylazepines to aminoaryl derivatives takes place readily in other systems.⁵ Abramovitch,⁶ for example, obtained apparent nitrene insertion into aromatic C-H bonds when he generated (methylsulfonyl)nitrene in benzene. At 120 °C, he could not detect azepines, but was able to trap intermediate N-(methylsulfonyl)azepine with TCNE, and he did isolate azepine when working at a lower temperature. A single attempt on our part, using TCNE, did not trap azepine (see Experimental Section, 34).

The nitrene 9 should be particularly useful in synthesis. Its precursor 11 is easily prepared, is indefinitely stable in the refrigerator, and decomposes to the nitrene completely at 80 °C in 24 h. It produced the best yields in our experiments, giving isoureas that can be readily hydrolyzed

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to their parent aromatic amines. Aliphatic C-H bonds are not attacked,¹ nor are phenyls lacking electron-donating substituents. In its other reactions, 9 is similar to 5. The reactions of 9 with olefins¹ and alcohols are described in the preceding paper. The new nitrene CH₃OC(=NSO₂C-F₃)N (6) is somewhat more reactive than 9. Like 1, it does attack unsubstituted benzene, but its azide precursor CH₃OC(=NSO₂CF₃)N₃ (7) is quite susceptible to hydrolysis, thus less practical than C₂H₅OC(=NCN)N₃, the precursor to 1.

Experimental Section

General. The products obtained were characterized spectroscopically and by elemental analysis as described in the preceding paper.¹

Azide Thermolyses. General. Unless stated otherwise, azides were thermolyzed in 50 mL of acetonitrile at 78-80 °C for 24 h, using a 1:10 molar ratio of azide to the intended reactant. Acetonitrile and excess reactant were removed at 2 mmHg and 40 °C. The residue was analyzed by ¹H NNR, using tetrachloroethylene or dichloromethane as an internal standard, with an accuracy of about 5%. The residue was chromatographed on basic alumina, using chloroform-hexane (95:5) as the eluent. Often, part or all of the product arose from the azide alone, not incorporating solvent or intended reactant. The properties of these "azide-only" product mixtures did not depend on the nature of the other components in the system and were remarkably constant for each azide, as seen by their spectra and their chromatographic behavior (they usually eluted last). They are named by the number of the azide, with an x appended, e.g., 7x.

Azides. N'-(Methylsulfonyl)methoxycarbimidoyl azide (or methyl 1-azido-N-(methylsulfonyl)formimidate) (10) and N'-cyanoethoxycarbimidoyl azide (ethyl 1-azido-N-cyanoformimidate) (34) were reported earlier.³ The preparation of N'-(methylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoyl azide (11) from 5-(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)tetrazole (35) is described in the accompanying paper.¹

N'-((Trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)methoxycarbimidoyl Azide (7). To a stirred solution of 5 g (50 mmol) of 5-methoxytetrazole in 500 mL of anhydrous, peroxide-free THF was added dropwise at 0 °C under argon 5.54 g (52 mmol) of trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride in 25 mL of THF over 30 min. After another 30 min, 5.37 mL (52 mmol) of triethylamine was added during 1 h. Two hours later the Et₃N·HCl was filtered and washed with THF, and the concentrated THF solutions were passed twice through short silica gel columns (20 g each). Elution with chloroform-ethyl acetate (95:5) gave 5.2 g (50% yield, considering recovered tetrazole). 7 is stable at room temperature and decomposes above 100 °C. It hydrolyzes very easily to 5-methoxytetrazole. Recrystallization from ether-hexane (1:1) gave pure 7, mp 51-2 °C. ¹H NMR: 4.08 (s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) (¹H decoupled): 59.6, 118.8 $(q, J = 319 \text{ Hz}), 160.1. \text{ IR (CHCl}_3): 3080 \text{ (w)}, 2900 \text{ (w)}, 2160 \text{ (s)},$ 2200 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₃H₃N₄O₃F₃S: C, 15.52; H, 1.30; N, 24.13. Found: C, 15.81; H, 1.23; N, 24.16.

Reactions with Benzene. Thermolysis of 10 in Benzene. A solution of 2 g (11.2 mmol) of $MeOC(=NSO_2Me)N_3$ (10) and 10 mL (112 mmol) of benzene in 50 mL of acetonitrile, heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for 24 h, evolved 100% of the calculated volume of N_2 . Concentration of the solution at 2 mmHg at room temperature left a yellow viscous residue (10x). Its ¹H NMR spectrum showed many overlapping singlets: 10–15 between 2.7 and 3.62 ppm (integral 40) and 10–15 between 3.7 and 4.5 ppm (integral 40), as well as a broad signal at 5.6 ppm (area 1.5). No signals were found in the aromatic region.

Thermolysis of 11 in Benzene. 11 (1 g, 37 mmol) and 3.33 g of benzene (373 mmol) gave the expected volume of N_2 and a residue 11x, whose ¹H NMR spectrum showed unresolved signals around 2.2 ppm (area 30) overlapping singlets between 2.5 and 3.2 ppm (area 14), a broad signal at 4.4 ppm (area 1), and unresolved signals between 6.7 and 7.1 ppm (area 15). The ratio 30:15 for the upfield and the downfield signals is that expected for material having only the 2,6-dimethylphenyl moiety as its aromatic constituent. The material resisted separation by VPC or column chromatography and has not yet been investigated further.

N-(N'-Cyanoethoxycarbimidoyl)azepine (2) and N-Phenyl-N'-cyano-O-ethoxyisourea⁷ (3). Benzene (32.5 mL), 34 (0.3 g, 2.2 mmol), and dichloromethane (27.5 mL), divided into three equal portions, were irradiated with 300-nm light for 90 min each. Sixty percent of the expected N₂ was evolved, leaving a dark brown mixture. Separation on 1-mm silica gel plates, using chloroform-ethyl acetate (85:15), gave a mixture rich in azepine and low in isourea (R_f 0.67-0.76) and, at higher R_f values, mixtures containing less azepine and more isourea. Complete separation was not achieved. By NMR, the azepine: isourea ratio was 1.17:1, and the total yield, 58%. Crystallization from ethyl acetatepentane at -25 °C gave crystals of a 1:3 azepine-isourea mixture.

Thermolysis of 7 in Benzene. 7 (8.6 mmol) in benzene (50 mL) at 80 °C did not produce nitrogen, but 2 g (8.6 mmol) of 7 and 10 mL of benzene in 50 mL of peroxide-free diglyme in an oil bath at 115 °C for 24 h gave 92% of the expected N₂. The residue did not show the ¹H NMR signals of 7x (obtained by thermolysis in diglyme alone), but those of N-phenyl-N'-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (8). Chromatography produced 1.95 g (80%) of pure 8, mp 40–1 °C. ¹H NMR: 4.0 (s, 3 H), 7.09–7.55 (m, 5 H), 9.25 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 57.14, 119.72 (q, J = 320 Hz), 123.7, 127.3, 129.4, 134.1, 159.2. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₉N₂O₃F₃S: C, 38.80; H, 3.21; N, 9.93. Found: C, 38.31; H, 3.21; N, 9.92.

Reactions with Monosubstituted Benzenes. Chlorobenzene. Thermolysis of 10 in chlorobenzene, under the conditions described above for thermolysis with benzene, gave only 10x and no products derived from chlorobenzene.

Thermolysis of 10 with Toluene. 10 (0.309 g, 1.74 mmol) with toluene (1.8 mL, 17.4 mmol) gave 95% of the expected N₂. ¹H NMR analysis of the residue indicated the presence of a 36% yield of N-(p-tolyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (12) and a 62% yield of the corresponding o-tolyl isomer 13. The reaction was not investigated further.

Thermolysis of 11 with Toluene. 11 (2.52 g, 9.4 mmol) with toluene (10 mL, 94 mmol) gave 95% of the expected N₂ volume. NMR analysis of the brown residue indicated near quantitative formation of a 1:2 mixture of the *p*- and *o*-tolyl isoureas 14 and 15. Filtration of a chloroform solution through 4 g of basic alumina gave a white mixture of the ortho and para compounds. Soxhlet extraction with 150 mL of ether gave 1.2 g (35%) of *N*-(*o*-tolyl)-*N*-(methylsulfonyl)-*O*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea (15), mp 113-4 °C (from dichloromethane-hexane). ¹H NMR: 2.20 (s, 6 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 7.05 (s, 3 H), 7.19-7.50 (m, 4 H), 9.08 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.33, 18.02, 42.49, 126.16, 126.32, 126.77, 127.43, 128.64, 129.95, 130.89, 133.08, 134.04, 148.38, 155.42. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₃S: C, 61.42; H, 6.06; N, 8.43. Found: C, 61.12; H, 6.22; N, 8.39.

Repeated recrystallization from chloroform–ether of the material remaining unextracted in the thimble gave pure N-(p-tolyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea (14), mp 173–4 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.20 (s, 6 H), 2.38 (s, 6 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H), 7.05 (s, 3 He, 7.09–7.30 (m, 4 H), 9.19 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.33, 20.94, 42.53, 123.63, 126.17, 128.64, 129.85, 130.12, 132.12, 136.37, 148.35, 154.88. Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{20}N_2O_3S$: C, 61.42; H, 6.06; N, 8.43. Found: C, 61.21; H, 6.18; N, 8.29.

Thermolysis of 10 with tert-Butylbenzene. 10 (1.0 g, 5.6 mmol) with tert-butylbenzene (8.7 mL, 56 mmol) gave a 96% yield of N₂ and (by NMR analysis of the residue) a 55% yield of a 64:36 mixture of N-(2-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (17). ¹H NMR para compound 16: 1.32 (s, 9 H), 3.09 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 7.15 (d, J = 2 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (d, J = 2 Hz), 8.90 (br, 1 H). ¹H NMR, ortho compound 17: 1.20 (s, 9 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 7.05-7.50 (m, 4 H), 9.03 (br, 1 H). We did not succeed in separating the isomers.

Thermolysis of 11 with tert-Butylbenzene. 11 (2.86 g, 10 mmol) with tert-butylbenzene (13.4 g, 100 mmol) produced 98% of the expected N₂. NMR analysis of the black residue indicated the presence of a 48% yield of 11x and a 52% yield of a 3:1 mixture of N-(p-tert-butylphenyl)- and N-(o-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isoureas (18 and 19, respectively). Chromatography eluted first a mixture of the isomeric isoureas (48% yield) and later the viscous, yellow,

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"azide thermolysate" 11x (see above) not incorporating solvent or substrate. Soxhlet extraction in the isourea mixture, using a 1:1 ether/hexane mixture, gave a small quantity of the product 18 of nitrene attack in the para position of the *tert*-butylbenzene, mp 156-7 °C (from ether/hexane). ¹H NMR: 1.51 (s, 9 H), 2.22 (s, 6 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 7.02 (s, 3 H), 7.2-7.56 (m, 4 H), 9.2 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.89, 30.67, 34.99, 42.78, 126.11, 126.64, 127.14, 127.86, 128.73, 129.61, 129.97, 132.29, 145.24, 148.54, 155.18. Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_3S$: C, 64.14; H, 6.99; N, 7.48. Found: C, 63.85; H, 7.10; N, 7.45. After 2 h of extraction, left in the thimble of the Soxhlet apparatus was a small amount of the ortho isomer 19, mp 189-90 °C (from chloroform-ether). ¹H NMR: 1.50 (s, 9 H), 2.16 (s, 6 H), 2.83 (s, 3 H), 6.95 (s, 3 H), 6.97-7.075 (m, 4 H), 9.25 (br, 1 H).

Thermolysis of 10 with Anisole. 10 (2 g, 11 mmol) with anisole (12 mL, 110 mmol) gave 98% of the expected N₂. NMR analysis indicated an 83% yield of a 54:46 mixture of N-(4methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (20) and N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (21) and a 17% yield of 10x. Chromatography did not separate the isomers, but did separate them from 10x. Soxhlet extraction with benzene for 5 min dissolved the para-substituted anisole adduct 20, mp 111-2 °C (from chloroform-hexane). ¹H NMR: 3.09 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H, 6.97 (q, 4 H J = 10 Hz), 8.88 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 42.68, 55.66, 114.28, 125.34, 128.22, 1546.85, 157.90. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₂O₄S: C, 46.50; H, 5.56; N, 10.85. Found: C, 46.52; H, 5.46; N, 10.82. Continued Soxhlet extraction with benzene, for 90 min, left in the thimble a small amount of the ortho isomer 18, which was recrystallized from chloroformether, to give 21, mp 93-4 °C. ¹H NMR: 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.80-7.53 (m, 4 H), 9.45 (br, 1 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₂O₄S: C, 46.50; H, 5.56; N, 10.85. Found: C, 46.24; H, 5.41; N, 10.80.

Thermolysis of 11 with Anisole. 11 (1.5 g, 5.5 mmol) with anisole (6 g, 55 mmol) gave nitrogen in 99% yield. NMR analysis of the residue indicated a mixture of para and ortho products in 78% yields, in a ratio of N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea (22) to N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea (23) of 63:37. Soxhlet extraction with ether gave the para compound 22, mp 177-9 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.19 (s, 6 H), 2.91 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 7.04 (s, 3 H), 7.15 (q, 4 H), 9.08 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.30, 42.54, 55.48, 114.44, 125.76, 126.15, 128.19, 130.02, 148.39, 155.15, 258.21. Anal. Calcd for C17H20N2O4S: C, 58.60; H, 5.79; N, 8.04. Found: C, 58.28; H, 5.81; N, 7.93. Crystallization from chloroform-petroleum ether of the material remaining in the thimble gave pure ortho compound 23, mp 128-9 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.21 (s, 6 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 6.82-7.79 (m, 4 H), 7.08 (s, 3 H), 6.95 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.30, 42.53, 55.95, 110.87, 120.78, 122.68, 125.19, 126.22, 128.69, 130.12, 148.37, 150.48, 154.71. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₄S: C, 58.60; H, 5.79; N, 8.04. Found: C, 58.30; H, 5.75; N, 7.99.

Reactions with Disubstituted Benzenes. Thermolysis of 10 with p-Xylene. 10 (2 g, 11.9 mmol) with p-xylene (15 mL, 119 mmol) gave a 78% yield of N₂. NMR analysis indicated the formation of a 49% yield of N-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-N⁻(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (24) and 51% of 10x. Elution with chloroform from basic alumina and recrystallization from dichloromethane gave 1.22 g (40%) of 21, mp 173-4 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 6.88-7.13 (m, 3 H), 8.41 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 17.43, 20.93, 42.58, 55.68, 126.24, 127.81, 129.58, 130.55, 133.76, 136.40, 157.16. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₃S: C, 51.54; H, 6.30; N, 10.90. Found: C, 51.49; H, 6.49; N, 10.89.

Photolysis of 10, with 300-nm light in a Rayonet reactor, was exceedingly slow in the presence of a 10-fold molar ratio of p-xylene. When a 1:2 ratio was used, it was still slow. A solution of 0.712 g (4 mmol) of the azide with 8 mmol of p-xylene in 30 mL of dichloromethane and 20 mL of acetonitrile for 3 days at 0 °C produced a quantitative yield of N₂, 0.34 g (35%) of 24, and a 65% yield of 10x.

Thermolysis of 10 with 1,4-Di-tert-butylbenzene. 10 (1.96 g, 11 mmol) with 1,4-di-tert-butylbenzene (4.2 g, 22 mmol) gave a 100% yield of N_2 . After removal of excess substrate by extraction with petroleum ether, NMR analysis of the residue indicated a 90% yield of 10x and 10% of monoadduct. Crystal-

lization from chloroform gave slightly impure N-(2,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (25), mp 124-9 °C. ¹H NMR: 1.30 (s, 9 H), 1.38 (s, 9 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 7.08-7.30 (m, 3 H), 8.80 (br, 1 H). Mass spectrum: 340 (M⁺).

Thermolysis of 11 with 1,4-Di-*tert*-butylbenzene. 11 (1.5 g, 5.6 mmol) with 1,4-di-*tert*-butylbenzene (10.1 g, 56 mmol) gave a 95% yield of N₂, a 33% yield of N-(2,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea) (26) and 67% of 11x (by NMR). Chromatography gave 26, mp 175-6 °C (chloroform-petroleum ether). ¹H NMR: 1.30 (s, 9 H), 1.50 (s, 9 H), 2.25 (s, 6 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 7.02 (s, 3 H), 7.35-7.44 (m, 3 H), 9.25 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 16.89, 30.78, 31.20, 34.25, 34.64, 42.79, 124.93, 126.06, 126.85, 127.07, 128.72, 128.81, 129.98, 132.93, 142.39, 148.65, 149.69, 155.37. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₄N₂O₃S: C, 66.94; H, 7.96; N, 6.91. Found: C, 66.84; H, 8.16; N, 6.41.

Thermolysis of 10 with *p*-Dimethoxybenzene. 1:10 Molar Ratio. 10 (1.86 g, 10.5 mmol) with *p*-dimethoxybenzene (14.5 g, 105 mmol), gave 94% yields (based on decomposed azide) of N₂ and N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-Omethylisourea (27), mp 80-1 °C from dichloromethane-hexane). ¹H NMR: 3.12 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 6.61 (dd, J = 10 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (d, J =0.5 Hz 1 H), 9.56 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 42.45, 55.77, 56.48, 108.76, 109.36, 111.34, 126.02, 144.18, 153.36, 156.25. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₃S: C, 45.82; H, 5.56; N, 9.72. Found: C, 45.61; H, 5.63; N, 9.76.

1:1 Molar Ratio. Thermolysis of 10.4 mmol of 10 in the presence of 10.4 mmol of *p*-dimethoxybenzene gave 97% of the expected N₂, 30% of 10x, 50% of the monoadduct 27, and 19% of the diadduct *N*,*N*'-bis(*N*''-(methylsulfonyl)methoxycar-bimidoyl)-1,4-diamino-2,5-dimethoxybenzene (28). Chromatography gave pure 28, mp 214–5 °C (from chloroform). ¹H NMR: 3.08 (s, 6 H), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 3.91 (s, 6 H), 7.09 (s, 2 H), 9.41 (br, 2 H). ¹³C NMR: 42.51, 55.85, 56.71, 106.71, 122.36, 144.09, 156.21. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂N₄O₈S₂: C, 38.35; H, 5.06; N, 12.79. Found: C, 38.48; H, 5.17; N, 13.15.

The diadduct 28 was also obtained in 80% yield from monoadduct 27 (0.5 g, 1.7 mmol) and 10 (0.31 g, 17.3 mmol), by using the standard thermolysis conditions.

Reactions with Trisubstituted Benzenes. Thermolysis of 10 with Mesitylene. 10 (1.5 g, 8.4 mmol) with mesitylene (12 mL, 8.4 mmol) gave yields of 98% of N₂, 80% (by NMR) of N-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (29), and 20% of 10x. Chromatography and recrystallization gave 1.5 g (66%) of 29, mp 131–2 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.20 (s, 6 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 6.90 (s, 2 H), 8.46 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 18.10, 20.96, 42.54, 55.68, 128.98, 130.19, 135.28, 137.75, 157.90. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₂O₃S: C, 53.31; H, 6.71; N, 10.36. Found: C, 53.39; H, 6.74; N, 10.43.

Thermolyses of 10 and 11 with 1,3,5-tri-*tert*-butylbenzene gave only N_2 in almost quantitative yields, no products containing the substrate molecule, and the azide thermolysates 10x and 11x, respectively.

Thermolysis of 10 and 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene. 1:1 Molar Ratio. 10 (3.0 g, 16.9 mmol) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (2.8 g, 16.9 mmol) gave a 79% yield of N_2 . NMR analysis of the residue showed a 20% yield of 10x. Chromatography gave a 4:1 mixture of mono and diadducts (by NMR), separable by chromatography on silica with chloroform-ethyl acetate (95:5) elution. N-(2.4,6trimethoxyphenyl)-N'-(methylsulfonyl)-O-methylisourea (30) has mp 150-1 °C (from chloroform-ether). ¹H NMR: 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 6 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 6.15 (s, 2 H), 8.19 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 41.88, 55.48, 55.55, 55.95, 90.66, 105.49, 156.24, 158.86, 160.37. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_6S$: C, 44.28; H, 5.70; N, 8.80. Found: C, 44.22; H, 5.51; N, 8.77. The minor product, N, N'- bis (N''- (methyl sulfonyl) methoxy carbimidoyl) - 1, 3- diamino-2,4,6-trimethoxybenzene (31) has mp 224-6 °C (from chloroform). ¹H NMR: 3.05 (s, 6 H), 3.76 (s, 9 H), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 6.27 (s, 1 H), 8.30 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 42.27, 55.76, 56.10, 61.20, 91.81, 110.48, 153.48, 155.31, 158.39. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₄N₄O₉S: C, 38.40; H, 5.16; N, 11.96. Found: C. 38.07; H, 5.17; N, 11.89.

1:10 Molar Ratio. 10 (1 g, 5.6 mmol) and trimethoxybenzene (9.5 g, 56 mmol) gave yields of 100% of N_2 , 95% of the monoadduct 30, 5% of the diadduct 31, and no detectable amount of 10x.

Thermolysis of 11 with 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene. 1:2

Molar Ratio. 11 (2.0 g, 7.5 mmol) with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (2.5 g, 15 mmol) produced a 100% yield of N₂ and, nearly quantitatively, a mixture of mono- and diadducts, in an 87:13 ratio. Chromatography gave N-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)-N'-(methyl-sulfonyl)-O-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isourea (**32**), mp 209–10 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.15 (s, 6 H), 2.96 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 6 H), 6.19 (s, 2 H), 7.00 (s, 3 H), 8.39 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 15.76, 41.86, 55.48, 55.74, 90.39, 125.84, 128.40, 130.10, 130.24, 148.43, 156.89, 157.25, 160.85. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₆S: C, 55.87; H, 59.92; N, 6.86. Found: C, 55.19; H, 6.00; N, 6.97. The diadduct N,N'-bis(N'' (methylsulfonyl)(2,6-dimethylphenoxy)carbimidoyl)-1,3-diamino-2,4,6-trimethoxybenzene (**33**) has mp 285 ° dec. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): 2.18 (s, 12 H), 2.95 (s, 8 H), 3.96 (s, 6 H), 4.04 (s, 3 H), 6.60 (s, 1 H), 7.00 (s, 6 H), 8.80 (br, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for

 $\rm C_{29}H_{36}N_4O_9S:$ C, 53.69; H, 5.59; N, 8.64. Found: C, 53.69; H, 5.60; N, 8.54.

Attempt To Trap Azepine. Thermolysis of N'-Cyanomethoxycarbimidoyl Azide² in the Presence of p-Xylene and Tetracyanoethylene. The azide (1.5 g, 12 mmol), p-xylene (120 mmol), and tetracyanoethylene (5 mmol) produced a 99% yield of N₂. Chromatography produced 1.46 g (61%) of N-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-N'-cyano-O-methylisourea (**35**), but no TCNE adduct. Recrystallization from dichloromethane-hexane gave **35**, mp 172-3 °C. ¹H NMR: 2.21 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 7.00-7.20 (m, 3 H), 7.80 (br, 1 H). ¹³C NMR: 17.31, 20.85, 58.41, 115.55, 127.17, 128.69, 130.68, 130.89, 133.17, 136.54, 163.48. M⁺ = 203. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O: C, 65.01; H, 6.45; N, 20.67. Found: C, 64.94; H, 6.44; N, 20.81.

Strong Participation of Selenium Substituents in Decomposition of Pyrazolines Formed by 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition of Appropriate Vinyl Selenides with Diazoalkanes

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Decomposition of 4-(arylseleno)pyrazolines (3) bearing two electron-withdrawing groups such as COOMe, COMe, and CN at C-3, which were prepared in situ by reaction of the corresponding aryl vinyl selenides (2) with diazoalkanes, are reported. The pyrazolines decompose below 0 °C to give allyl aryl selenide derivatives (4) by migration of 4-arylseleno group to C-5 concerted with extrusion of nitrogen. Facile decomposition of the pyrazolines with migration of the selenium substituent is explained by strong contribution of intramolecular diazonium salt resonance structure, within which arylseleno groups strongly participate in the decomposition. Most reactions of 2 with 2 mol of diazoalkanes gave the pyrazolines 5, whereas reaction of 2c with 2 mol of 2-diazopropane gave a reverse orientation adduct, the pyrazoline 9.

There is continuing interest in the decomposition of pyrazolines from synthetic, mechanistic, and theoretical points of view.¹ We have been interested in effects of heteroatoms on decomposition of 4-heteroatom-substituted pyrazolines bearing two geminal electron-withdrawing groups at C-3. Three types of the effects of heteroatom substituents on the decomposition of pyrazolines have been reported. We have found that 4-(arylthio)pyrazolines, geminally substituted with two electron-withdrawing groups at C-3, decompose quantitatively to allyl sulfide derivatives by concerted migration of 4-arylthio group to C-5 with loss of nitrogen under mild conditions.² However, decomposition of a 4-trimethylsilyl group substituted pyrazoline bearing an electron-withdrawing group at C-3 leads to migration of the 4-trimethylsilyl group to C-3 or to C-5, depending on the bulkiness of the substituent at C-5³ the mechanism seems to be different from the case of 4-(arylthio)pyrazolines in the sense that the trimethylsilyl group has positive character opposing the nucleophilic sulfur group (Scheme I). On the other hand, analogous 4-alkoxypyrazolines generally cause predominant 4-hydride migration to C-5 with elimination of nitrogen.⁴ This observation prompted us to investigate the



effect of the 4-arylseleno group on decomposition of the 4-(arylseleno)pyrazolines: how the 4-arylseleno group behaves on decomposition (like arylthio or trimethylsilyl group) because a seleno group is also able to eliminate reductively.⁵ We have found that 4-(arylseleno)-substi-

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