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The compounds VIII and IX could not be separated, but it seems most reasonable to conclude from the above results that the hydrolysis of IV to VII proceeds successively through the course depicted in Chart 1.

Further investigation is in progress; details

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