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Biobusiness World Data Base. Edited by D. N. Leff, Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, 1989, 212 pp. ISBN 0 444 99629 X. Price: £86.00, Dfl 280.

This book represents the complete text of a draft report by a US government interagency working group on competitive and transfer aspects of biotechnology, including carbohydrates. Produced by a group of 27 representatives drawn from a number of government departments and private firms active in various aspects of biotechnology, this unique text provides information on the biotechnology activities of 19 countries, and reveals proposed US biotechnology companies. It gives details of technology and projected start-up dates which will be interesting to follow-up for product developments in the US and Japan; specific strategies for commercialisation and barriers imposed by the various countries; projection of sales of existing products, equipment and potential products to the year 2000.

This book must be read by all involved in the future of biotechnology. Executives in industry, academic research workers and development officers, military contractors, government planners and policy makers, investment analysts and venture capitalists will all find this book of immense value in future planning. The lists and tables which form the basis of the text contain a wealth of information.

John F. Kennedy

Chiral Liquid Chromatography. Edited by W. J. Lough, Blackie, Glasgow, 1989. ix + 276 pp. ISBN 0 216 92499 5. Price: £45.00.

It has been known since Louis Pasteur's discovery in 1848 that enantiomeric materials can be separated. However, separation of