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REACTIONS OF  $CF_3NO$  AND  $(CF_3)_2NO$  WITH INORGANIC HYDRIDES

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Reactions of  $CF_3NO$  and  $(CF_3)_2NO$  with hydrides of phosphorus, arsenic and germanium have in some cases led to interesting and novel unsaturated compounds containing P=N, As=N and Ge=N double bonds. Chemical and spectroscopic methods of characterising them will be discussed. Extending the reactions to metal cluster hydrides afforded new cluster derivatives. The  $(CF_3)_2NO$  ligand exhibit hindered rotation as displayed by the <sup>19</sup>F NMR and supported by x-ray diffraction data.