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After reviewing H. Vodden's 1971 biodegradation program, I have the following questions/comments to offer:

1. It appears that as Ruabon's studies continue, they are becoming progressively more ivory-towered in nature. The work is no doubt very interesting but do we have practical applications which will help the business group meet its commitments?

2. Now that the South Second Street laboratory has some C_2 culture, will we be duplicating work that Ruabon is doing?

3. Vodden refers frequently to "other" cultures. It seems to me this kind of study can go on forever. When do we stop?

4. With the budgeting problems we are facing for 1971, are we getting our money's worth in this activity?

5. Who guides Vodden regarding the type of activity his group pursues?

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