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Project VI. Exposure of marine invertebrates to X-rays.

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A regular schedule for counting samples showing high activity was established for the purpose of constructing decay curves.

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