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- protein has been submitted to various fractionation procedures,

When acetic acid soluble protein from ribosomes or mean

submitted to starch gel electrophoresis in the presence of 6 M urea at pH 5.6, a complex pattern of at least 20 bands appears on staining with amido black (Fig. 1). The possibility that aggregation may be responsible for the complexity of this pattern has been considered, but it appears most unlikely on the basis of the following results:

(a) When a set is asid soluble protein adsorbed on a solumn of earboyymethyl-

ogressively lowering the pH to 2.50, the protein can be recovered in two distinromatographic peaks, I and H. Starch gel electrophotesis in 6 M urea at pH 5.6 (e-material from the two peaks (recovered after extensive dialysis against wate



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gether account for all the bands observed in the unfractionated protein (Fig. 2). The more basic bands are from the material in peak II, in accordance with its chromatographic behavior on carboxymethyl-cellulose.

(b) As a further control, the material eluted from carboxymethyl-cellulose in the system described above was subdivided into ten arbitrary fractions from successive portions of the effluent in the order of increasing in the term of h of

of a considerable overlap of the bands from immediate neighboring fractions, a clear separation into small groups of bands, with increasingly basic properties from fraction 1 to 10, was observed. There was no apparent evidence of re-aggregation. The proteins from peaks I and II, derived from chromatography on carboxy-