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When this chiral secondary alcohol reacts with  $SOCl_2$  alone, retention of configuration via the  $S_{Ni}$  mechanism is observed from the initially formed intermediate.

When SOCl<sub>2</sub> and pyridine are used, the initially formed intermediate reacts with pyridine to give an excellent leaving group and inversion of configuration is observed.

When the  $SOCl_2$  reaction is carried out in 1,4-dioxane, retention of configuration is also observed, but not via the  $S_N$  mechanism. Propose an alternative to the  $S_N$  mechanism under these conditions that could also lead to retention of configuration as the only outcome.

11.20 Complete the following equations as required.

