Personal memo from
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octanitrocubane

Congratulations, Prof. Eaton.

I've been following such constructions for years, both as topological curiosity and for energetic impulse. Of course a useful explosive or propellant must also be inert before shock. Was that vial in your hand for real?

Please advise me, has hexanitrobenzene been prepared; and how does that fare?

Sincerely,
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