

TABLE II

## POOL SIZES, TURNOVER RATES AND CONCENTRATIONS OF METABOLITES IN THE CHLOROPLAST AND EXTRACHLOROPLAST COMPARTMENTS OF SPINACH PALISADE PROTOPLASTS AFTER 4 MIN ILLUMINATION

The metabolite levels are taken from Table I and Fig. 6. The molecular turnover is calculated in the chloroplasts for a photosynthetic rate of  $80 \mu\text{mol CO}_2$  fixed/mg chlorophyll per h, and in the extrachloroplast compartment for sucrose synthesis at  $52 \mu\text{atom C/mg chlorophyll per h}$  ( $22 \mu\text{mol CO}_2/\text{mg chlorophyll per s}$  and  $1.2 \mu\text{mol sucrose/mg chlorophyll per s}$ , respectively). The calculations assume a unidirectional flow of carbon. The chloroplast volume is taken as  $47 \mu\text{l}$  (Ref. 14, Table VI) and the cytosolic volume is assumed to be equal to the chloroplast volume.

| Compartment      | Compound           | Molecules turned over per molecule of $\text{CO}_2$ fixed (chloroplast) or molecule sucrose synthesized (extrachloroplast) | Amount (nmol/mg chlorophyll) | Consumption (nmol per second) when $\text{CO}_2$ fixation is $80 \mu\text{mol/mg Chl}$ per h, sucrose synth. = 4.3 | Half-time of pool turnover (s) to regenerate Rib-1,5- $P_2$ or sucrose | Concentration (mM) |
|------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| Chloroplast      | 3-Phosphoglycerate | 2  | 55.2                         | 44   | 0.63   | 1.17               |
|                  | Triose- $P$        | 2  | 27.4                         | 44   | 0.31   | 0.58               |
|                  | Fru-1,6- $P_2$     | 0.33   | 26.4                         | 7.3  | 1.8  | 0.56               |
|                  | Hexose- $P$        | 0.33   | 36.5                         | 7.3  | 2.5  | 0.78               |
|                  | Rib-1,5- $P_2$     | 1  | 24.7                         | 22   | 0.56   | 0.52               |
|                  | ATP                | 3  | 10.2                         | 66   | 0.08   | 0.22               |
| Extrachloroplast | 3-Phosphoglycerate | 4  | 29.2                         | 4.8  | 3.0  | 0.62               |
|                  | Triose- $P$        | 4  | 35.1                         | 4.8  | 3.6  | 0.74               |
|                  | Fru-1,6- $P_2$     | 2  | 6.0                          | 2.4  | 1.2  | 0.02               |
|                  | Hexose- $P$        | 2  | 78.3                         | 2.4  | 16.2   | 1.66               |
|                  | ATP                | 1  | 6.1                          | 1.2  | 5.0  | 0.13               |