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**Significance:** The marine natural product panacene was first isolated in 1977 from *Aplysia brasiliana* and possesses antifeedant properties. In 1982, Feldman and co-workers reported the first total synthesis, establishing the relative configuration of the bromoallene.

**Comment:** Benzofuran **D** was accessed by means of Dieckmann condensation and further transformed to alcohol **I.** Treatment with NBS led to cyclization affording bromide **J** which was elaborated to aldehyde **L.** Subjecting propargylic mesylate **O** to LiCuBr<sub>2</sub> furnished the natural product.

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