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998-57-313 **Darren Long**, Dept of Mathematics, U.C.S.B, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, and **Alan W. Reid***,
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groups. Preliminary report.

We define the notion of a retraction of a group onto subgroup and discuss some applications. This is motivated by separability properties of 3-manifold groups. (Received March 01, 2004)