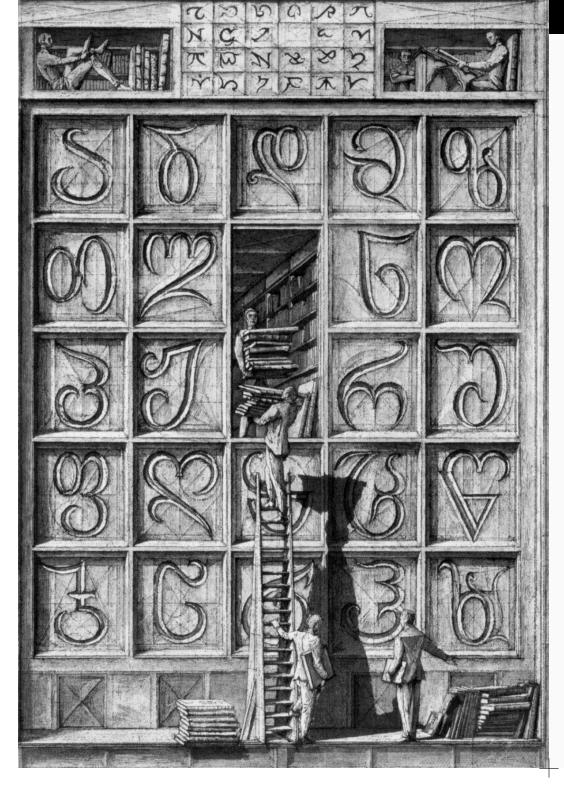
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TEN OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME\* 01. How to avoid the tyranny of real time, of immediacy, and ubiquity. 02. How to insure that the precision afforded by technology does not obscure the imprecise realities of our environments, our culture, and our histories. 03. How to reestablish a symbiotic relationship between the design process and the written word, one that reveals states of constant flux and adds to the domains of poetry. 04. How to defy the instantaneous and disposable snapshot fueled by a contaminated world of information and embrace that perception is action. 05. How to acknowledge the paucity of architecture in thoughtful relationship to time and reignite the discipline most responsible for its creation. **06.** How to subvert the Capitalistic systems that have given us fifteen-year loan cycles, depriving civilization of its ruins. 07. How to wage reprisal against sensory deprivation, to counter the thousand and one false dawns delivered by the sun of our technologies. 08. How to resurrect a kind of intellectual twilight where vision succumbs to the imagination and idle details are suppressed. 09. How to practice what we call "I'oeil de l'enfant" so as to read the image for what it truly is and protect it from false pretense. 10. How to illuminate the spectral nature of architecture and glimpse the soul of an edifice! \*OR LET'S MURDER FILIPPO TOMMASO MARINETTI

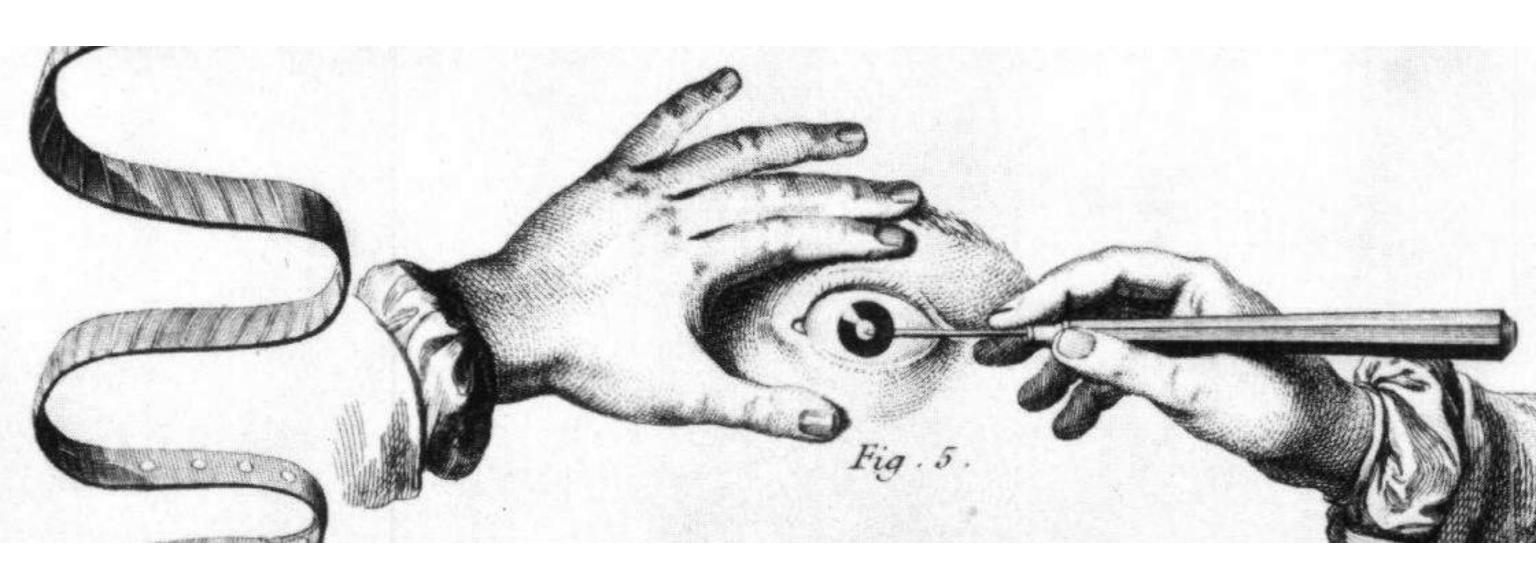


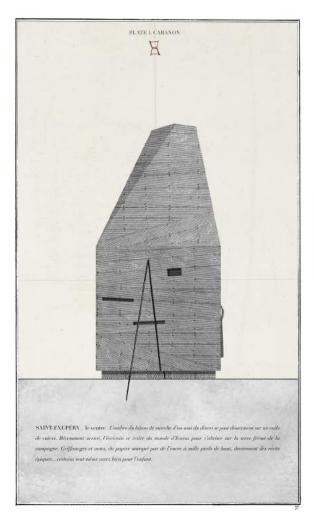
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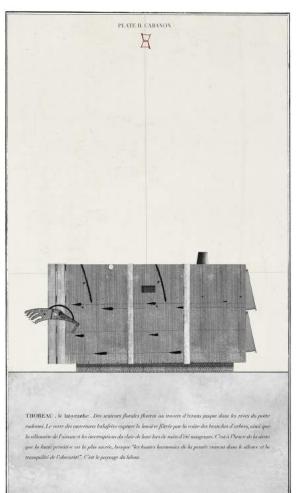
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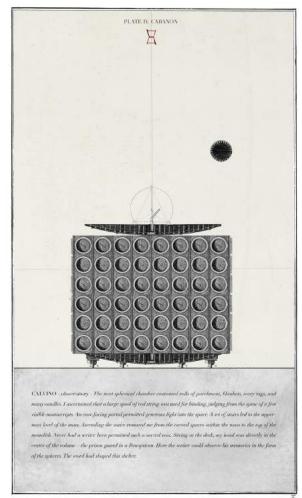


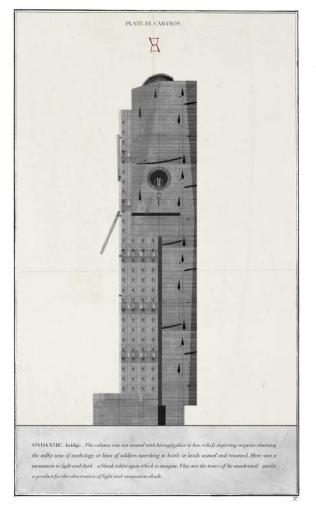
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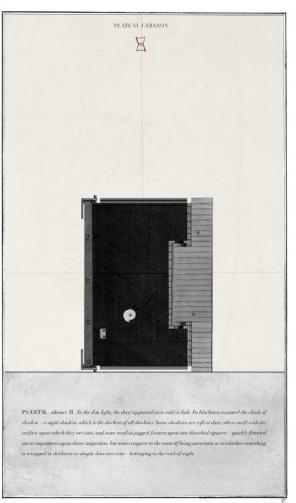


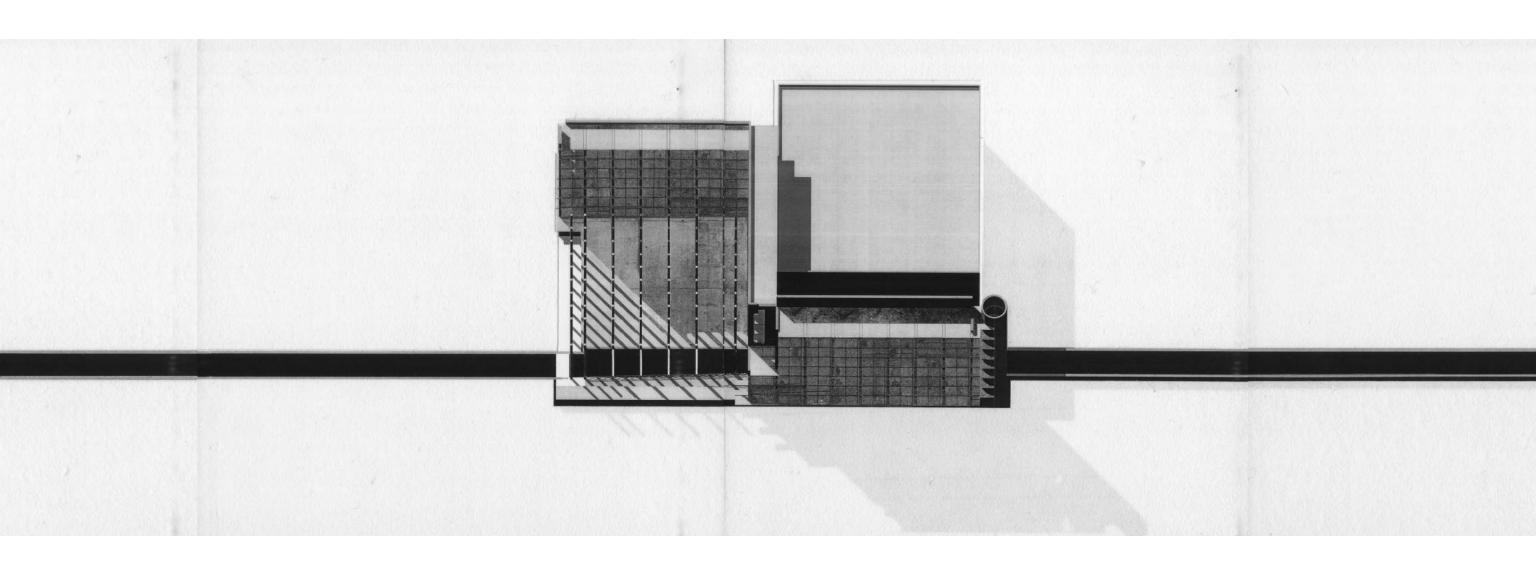


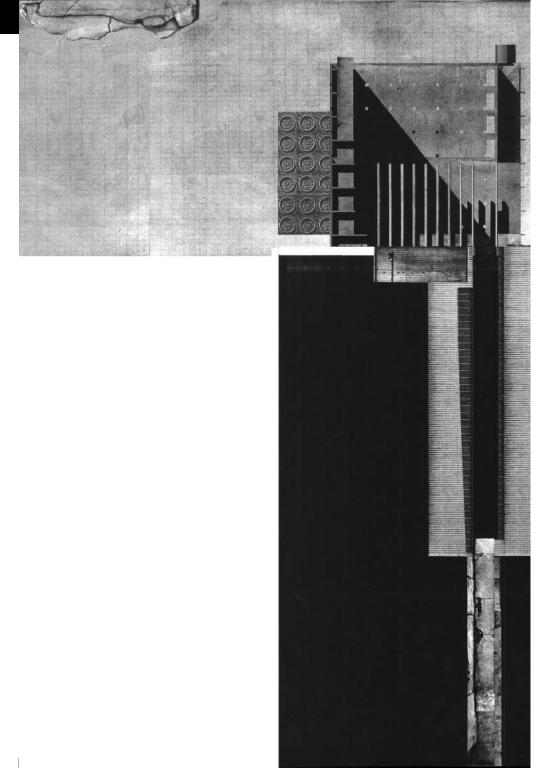










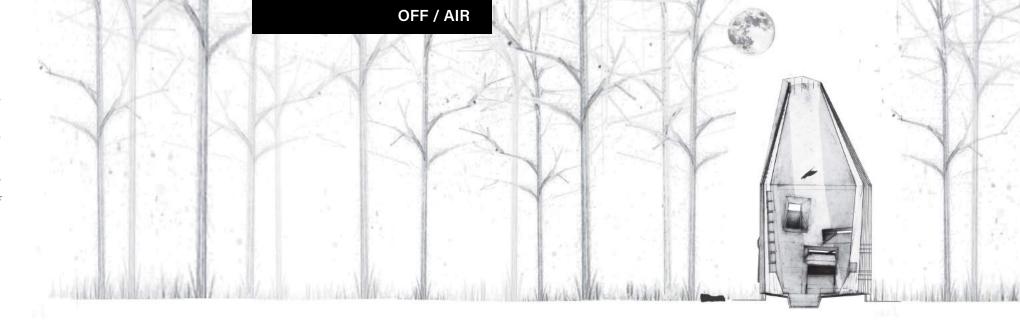


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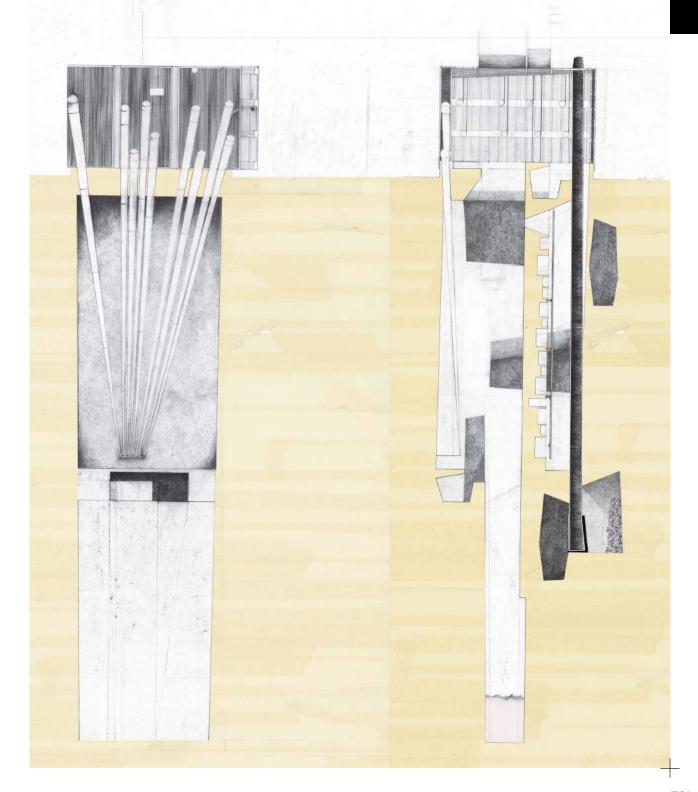
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**THOREAU** Will the bird ever know the joy found in observing the gentle pace of the woods? Sometimes even the lens of a stagecoach window moves too quickly. It was always the smallness and silence of solitude in which I was permitted a glimpse of the soul of Nature and, in turn, my own.

# TIMESCARELAS





Everything is known, including that which is still unknown. The Paranoid-Critical Method (PCM) is both the product and the remedy against that anxiety: it promises that, through conceptual recycling, the worn, consumed contents of the world can be recharged or enriched like uranium, and that ever-new generations of false facts and fabricated evidences can be generated simply through the act of interpretation.

- Rem Koolhaas, Delirious New York: A Retroactive Manifesto for Manhattan

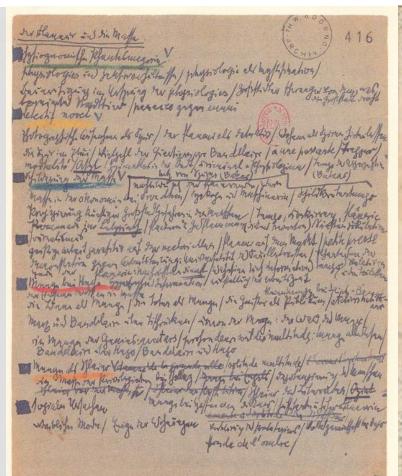


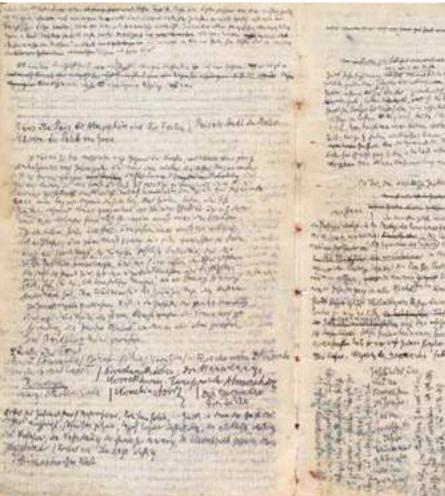








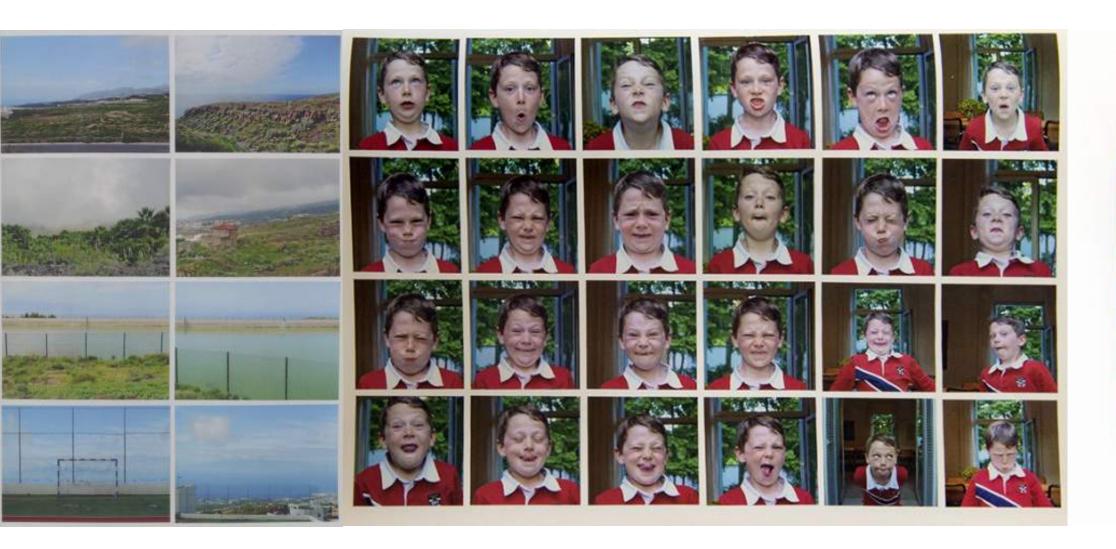


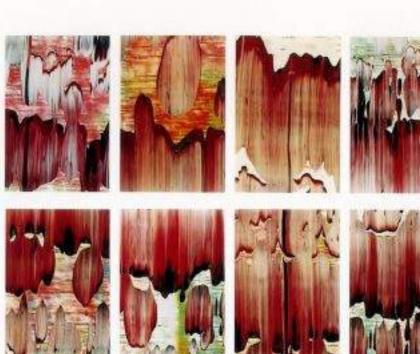


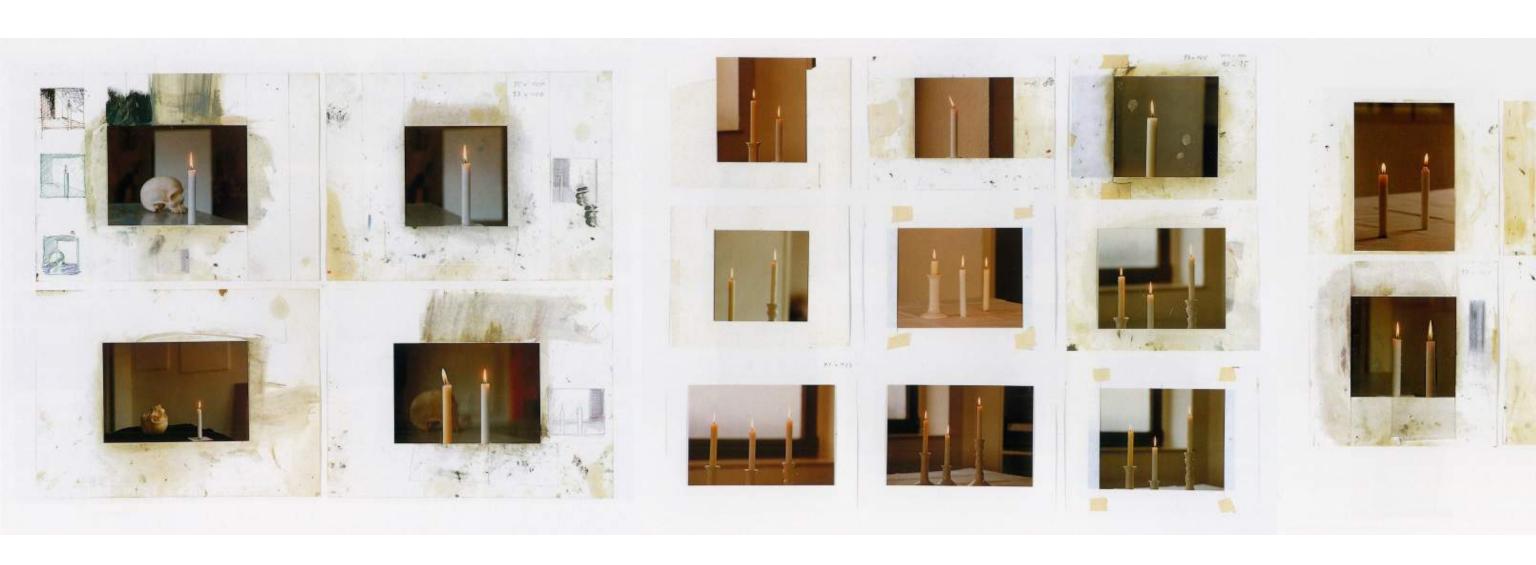


















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sense of breathing. Bone and bone, blood and blood, life and life disjointed and abandoned they lay graven in so final depth, that dreams attend them seemed not plausible. Fish halted on the middle and serene of blind sea water sleeping lidless lensed; their breathing, their sleeping subsistence, the effortless nursing of ignorant plants; entirely silenced, sleepers, delicate planets, insects, cherished in amber, mured in night, autumn of action, sorrow's short winter, water hole where gather the weak wild beasts, night; night: sleep: sleep.

In their prodigious realm, their field, bashfully at first, less timorous, later, rashly, all calmly boldly now, like the tingling and standing up of plants, leaves, planted crops out of the earth into the yearly approach of the sun, the noises and natures of the dark had with the ceremonial gestures of music and of erosion lifted forth the thousand several forms of their entrancement and had so resonantly taken over the world that this domestic, this human silence obtained, prevailed, only locally, shallowly, and with the childlike and frugal dignity of a coal oil lamp stood out on a wide night meadow and of a star sustained, unraveling in one rivery sigh its irremediable vitality, on the alien size of space.

Where beneath the ghosts of millennial rain the clay land lay down in creek and the trees ran thick there disposed upon the sky the cloud and black shadow of nature, hostile encampment whose fires were drenched, drawn close, half sleeping, near, helots; and it was feasible that within a few hours now, at the signaling of the primary changes of the air, the wave which summer and darkness had already so heavily overcrested that it leaned above us, snaring its snaketongued branches, birnam wood, easually would lounge in and suddenly

and for ever subdue us: at most, some obscure act of guerilla warfare, some prowler, detatched from his regiment, picked off in a back country orchard, some straggling camp whore taken, had; for the sky:

The sky was withdrawn from us with all her strength. Against some scarcely conceivable imprisoning wall this woman held herself away from us and watched us: wide, high, light with her stars as milk above our heavy dark; and like the bristling and glass breakage on the mouth of stone spring water: broached on grand heaven their metal fires.

And now as by the slipping of a button, the snapping and failures on air of a spider's cable there broke loose from the room, shaken, a long sigh closed in silence. On some ledge overleaning that gulf which is more profound than the memembrance of imagination they had lain in sleep and at length the sand, that by degrees had crumpled and rifted, had broken from beneath them and they sank. There was now no further extreme, and they were sunken not singularly but companionate asoming the whole enchanted swarm of the living, into a region prior to the youngest quaverings of creation.

{We lay on the front porch. The boards were unplaned thick oak, of uneven length, pinned down by twenty-penny nails. A light roof stuck out its tongue above us dark and squarely, sustained at its outward edge by the slippery trunks of four young trees from which the bark had been peeled.} There were four steps down, oak two-by-twelves; the fourth, when stept on, touched the ground. These steps were at the middle of the porch. They led, across the porch, into a roofed doorless hallway, about six fact wide, which ran straight through the house and clove it in half. There was a floor to this

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March 14, 1952

Mr. James Agee 18716 Topanga Beach Road Malibu, California

Dear Mr. Agee:

Congratulations on your Academy Award nomination. As you know, this year's presentation ceremony will be held at the RKO Pantages Theatre on the night of March 20th. We hope that you will be on hand for the

There are certain items of procedure necessary for a smooth running of the show. They are listed:

- 1. You will be seated immediately adjacent to one of the two center aisles leading to the stage.
- 2. If your name is called as a winner, will you please get to the stage as quickly as possible?
- 3. Please do not stop to accept congratulations enroute to the stage.
- 4. The show is being broadcast coast-to-coast by the ABC network and around the world by the Armed Forces Radio on a very tight time schedule. For that reason, a limitation must be placed on speech-making. There is no hard-and-fast rule; but we would appreciate your cooperation in making all speeches as brief and graceful as possible.
- 5. Please exit the stage in the direction indicated by the presenter of the Award. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO THE AUDIENCE AT THIS TIME.
- 6. Immediately upon leaving the stage you will be escorted to the press and photography rooms downstairs backstage. Following press coverage, you will be shown back to your seat.

Again, our best wishes and thanks for your cooperation.

Very sincerely, General Director 24th Awards Presentation

### MARLON BRANDO

February 16, 1954

Mr. Jim Agee 17 King Street New York City

Dear Jim Agee:

It's a long time since Wednesday, December 16, 1953. Let me begin by saying I saw "The Quiet One" on television the other night. It stood up completely as a third impression. You should feel very proud.

I am interested in your project. If and when a script is ready, I would appreciate your sending it to me via MCA, % Jay Kanter. Tell him I am expecting it, and please enclose a release.

I saw Carole Saroyan on the coast. She is very well, relatively independent, and has been working hard on a novel, which has come to be a long short story after having two-thirds of it cut out. She sends her regards.

Sincerely yours.

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Jean Jim -

The phone - Strike makes living not here a sort of an oasis, but I dis want to tell you that Konswitzky accepted our "Knoxville Summer of 1915" at once and it seems all set that Eleanor Stephen will do the solo part with him next seeson.

She returns to New York from town May 15th and will been it: Then I want her to saig it for you So that you will forget my squeeks and werbles I cames vinag ine a better telam for

By way of formality, would you please drop me a line giving me permission to use your text for musical setting? Scheimers have asked for This and will draw up a publication contract with your publishers later: but frist your permission. Thanks.

It is useless to tell you how much pleasure I pu brief visit gan me: I kope it will som be All but wisher - Jan Basa

Dear Bob:

I asked TSM if 3 proof copies of the 20-odd photos made of T. S. Eliot in Boston, sometime last week, could be sent to him, and he said sure, to ask you to see to it. He said there'd be no charge; if there is though, I'll be glad to pay it. In any case I hope I can buy a 4th sheet of the proofs for myself. Thanks a lot if you'll see to this. They should be sent to Eliot care of

Dr. I. A. Richards
41 Kirkland Street
Cambridge
Mass.

Much obliged --

Jim Agee



it is thanksgiving and I am four years old and this is my birthday, and we all dangle in from the living room through the green room into the dining room to the table and gramma puts down the bell when she sees us. grampa says sherry. unc ' hugh gets another big book and puts it on the big book on the chair and daddy hise me up, there you are, here i am. happy birthday. many happy returns of the day, huh? california sherry. say i beg your pardon? i beg your pardon? california. many happy returns of the day. say thank you granma. say the same to you and many of them. same to you and many of them. thank you. thank you granma. seee tom? thank you seee, what rufus has got. seee, what, rufusisgot. what is it white, dry, light, shape of something right on the napkin by the plate. granma put down her glass and dabs her mouth with a fold of napkin. do you know what that is rufus? what is it rufus. a course he doesnt. Of course he does. Sure he does, heez seen um, seen um out at chilhotty park, havent you rufus. seen what. them those birds, on the pond. what birds. why the birds for god sake like the jay. like the big white birds with the long necks on the lake, dear. What is it. look like a sort of a sort of a sort of a bird or something. sort a bird. swan. swan. tadadadah, ta tadadas, ta tadaaah (dadadadadadidledydaddle) hnh? swan. swan. swan. swan? sure. swan. well i swan. mine leeeeeebr sschhhwannnnn, here, eat your dinner, rufus. here, let it swim. give hima swim. hm? swim. not good to eat. daddys hand reached across him dragging stuffing at the cuff, took his fingers from around the swan and set the swan up in the tumblerful a water. It Floats. it stands right up on the water. there, see? Just like chilholly park. not very much. eat your dinner dear, dont dawdle. there he is, stand ing right up on top of the water, waving up and down.

he watched it steadily as he ate, we swan, well i swan, happy birthday, many happy returns of the day, same tyoon many of them, the water tasted funny and the swan boggled at his nose, very big and fuzzy, for god sake: for god sake. rufus. look up, shake her head no, no, no, no. now you see, jay. yeap. four. hall be eleven, hinheleven, www, kitty, wrroww, kittymity, myrrhhrrowr, kittums,

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Dear Mr. Chaplin:

In all courtesy I should write you by hand; but my handwriting is a discourtesy in itself; I'd rather spare your eyes.

There is a great deal I'd like to say, but I will write as briefly as I can.

{The idea I'm sending could only be carried out by your Tramp and could, I believe, summarize all that he has ever been, and extend it as well, to cut very sharply at the roots of a great deal that I imagine you care about; what is deadly, tragically, ridiculously wrong with contemporary civilization; what is possibly curable; what, even if cure seems to be effected, ultimately appears to guarantee the doom of all present civilization, and of us all.} This to be examined in a short prologue; then at length in a story of what happens, after the "ultimate" Bomb wipes out virtually everything and everyone.

I understand you are already at work writing a new film; so I am all the more deeply grateful if you are willing to read this, and all the more diffident in intruding on you with it. I would hold off, feeling it was hopeless as well as ill-mannered to intrude on you, now you are at work, except that I feel that the film could be of great importance and possible usefulness, and that it would have to be made soon if it is to be made at all. I wish I could offer it to you in a sharper, more developed state; but even by continuous typing, of just what I had, I am late in getting it to Frank Taylor, through whose kindness my opportunity comes, of delivering it to you at all. I hope and believe there is enough here to make clear to you whether you are further interested in the idea. And in one sense I'm not so sorry there isn't any more, because I imagine that when you are in terested in a basic idea, you prefer to develop it yourself. I'm only sorry I couldn't make it better, and less inconvenient, reading.

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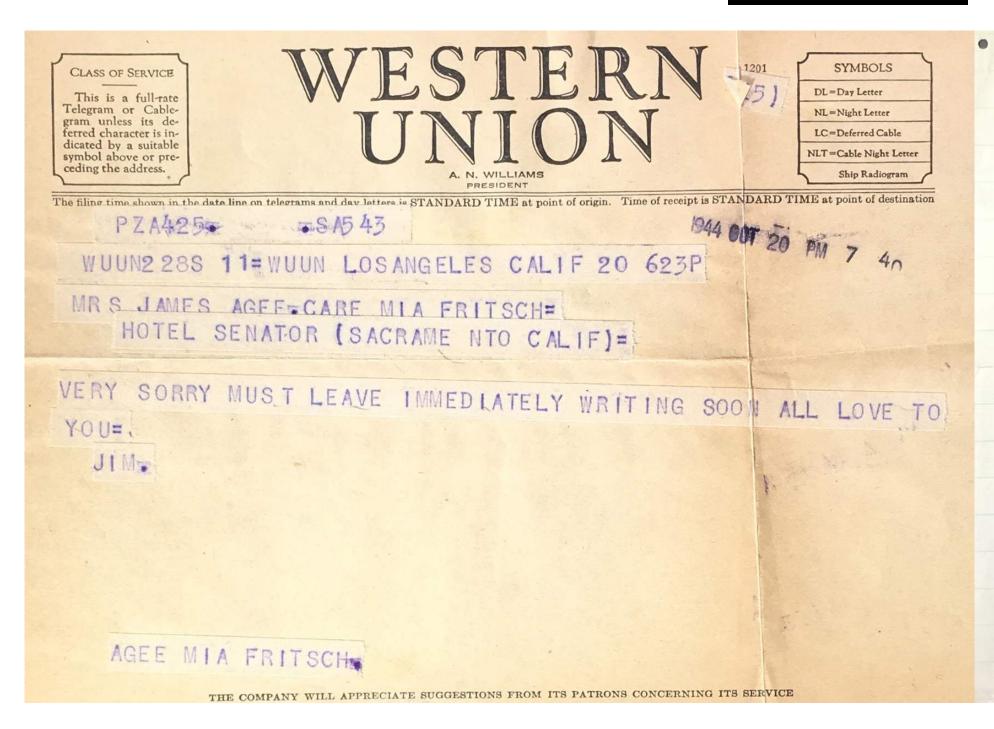
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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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## JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 551 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK N.Y.

1933

Applications and accompanying documents should be sent by registered mail and must reach the Secretary of the Foundation not later than November 1, 1932. They are desired, for the convenience of the Committee of Selection, as early as possible.

In what field of learning, or of art, does your project lie? Creative writing (postry) Concise statement of project A long satirical-moral poem, somewhat in the marmer of Don Juan, which shall attempt a diversified and comprehensive reflection and appreciate of contemporary American civilization and which ultimately, it is hoped, will hold water as an Manatomy of Evil. Three volumes are planned; the immediate project is to do the first and shortest.

RSONAL HISTORY:				
Name in full James Rufus Ages				
sent address 333 East 11th Street, New York City.				
Telephone Murray Hill 2-5710 (Fortune).				
permanent address 41 Masonic Street, Rockland, Mains.				
esent occupation Writer for FORTIME.				
ce of birth Knoxville, Tennessee. Date of birth 27 November, 1909.				
not a native-born American citizen, date and place of naturalization				
gle, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single.				
me and address of wife or husband				
me and address of nearest kin, if unmarried Mrs. Erskine Wright, 41 Masonie St. Rockland Me				
es of children				
we you any constitutional disorder or physical disability?None				

With this application please submit a small recent photograph.

### EDUCATION:

1. Give a summary of your education in the following form:

	Name of Institution	Period of Study (give dates)	Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (give dates)
Academic: College	76+76+4		
University	Harverd ,	1928-1932	A.B., June, 1932.
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Professional Musical			
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Special Study			

- 2. Give a list of the scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the places and periods of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and amounts of the stipends:
- 3. State what foreign languages you have studied, and whether you are able to consult works on your subject in these languages. Estimate your proficiency in reading, writing and speaking each of them: Of modern languages I have studied only French. I read it well, write it beadly and speak it poorly but well enough for practical purposes. I have the "Temple Classical acquaintence with Italian. In other words, I can consult Dante and Montaigne and Rabelais and Villon. I read Latin adequately.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Positions held (professional, teaching, scientific, administrative, business):

Name of Institution or Organization	Title of Position	Years of Tenure (give dates)	Compensation
FORTUNE	(cub) Staff Writer	July 132	\$25 per weel
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3. Submit a full account of the advanced work, research, or creative work you have already done in this country or abroad, giving dates, subjects, and names of your principal teachers in these subjects. What are your present attainments in your proposed field of study?

2. Of what learned, scientific or artistic societies are you a member?. Her

4. Submit a list of your publications with exact titles, names of publishers, and dates and places of publication. (Please do not submit copies of publications or manuscripts.)

### PLANS FOR STUDY:

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for the study you would pursue during your tenure of a Fellowship. This statement should include, inter alia: (1) a description of the project, including its character and scope, and the significance of its presumable contribution to knowledge, or to art; (2) the present state of the project, time of commencement, progress to date, and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed foreign university, or institution of similar grade, or the place where the study would be carried on, and the foreign authorities, if any, with whom the work would be done; (4) your expectation as to publication of the results of your study; and (5) your ultimate purpose as a student. This statement should be complete and carefully prepared. (Please submit one more copy of PLANS FOR STUDY than the number of your references.)

If awarded a Fellowship-

When would you wish to commence the study proposed? Probably May or June, 1933,

What is your estimate of its probable duration? As long as money leasts, 2 years, I hope.

James Agel

Relevant to 'Plans for Work', I quote from another part of the application:

'The bulk of the work which most seriously interests me and which is most relevant to this application is experimental, unfinished and not satisfactorily describable. It includes: Satiric and semi-'documentary' uses of the sermon, the monologue, the broadcast, the letter, direct address. Direct and elliptic uses of spoken language. Lyric and religious satire. Experiments in geographic and scientific writing. Experiments toward a more nearly accurate recording of dreams. Experiments in modified uses of the short story and of the long story and the novel. Studies in the redistribution of the imagination and of the inventive faculty toward new forms of 'poetic' 'documentary' writing, roughly parallel to the use of selection and imagination by still and moving photographers. Studies toward more nearly accurate recording of forms of consciousness in terms of words, photographic images, and sound. Studies toward new verbal analogies to music; to memory and emotion; to pure sensation. Studies in communication by language, image and sound; of obstruction and their causes; of ambiguity in art, and in phases of experience. Studies and manipulations of the single word; of the degrees of necessity and unnecessity of context; of rhythm and tension in the single word, in language, in sound and in space. Studies of the significance and stature of the 'actual' as opposed to the 'invented' ('creative'). Studies of the 'creative' distortion of 'reality'. Studies of the inevitability, and complex and accurate significance, of detail detached from context, and of detail in context and in shifted context, in nature, and in the human sphere (architecture, signletters, costume, cosmetics, degrees of obedience to tradition, social and psychological dialects, postures, gestures, etc etc). Studies in pure sound and in the

James Acee

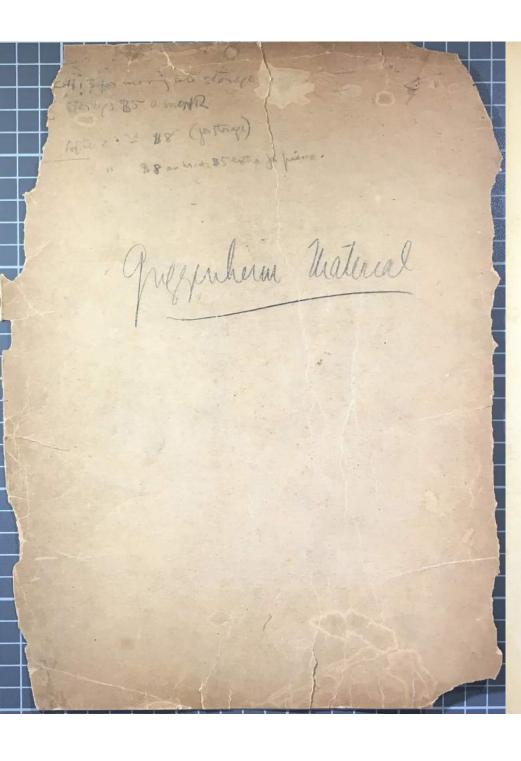
relationships between sounds heard and objects seen or not seen. Studies toward a new form of dancing. Studies in esthetics. In psychology. In sexual behavior. In ethics. In education. In corruptions of idea and of emotion. In self-betrayal. In self-deceit. In the self-destruction of self-protection. In fear. Mysticism; anarchy; comedy; entertainment; mothers; marriage; childhood; genius; religion. Suspected electrical or chemical shifts in the body under stress of emotion and under tension of idea. Provincialism in human self-conception. Specialized forms of consciousness. This list is partial.

The source of such so-called studies is chiefly not the findings of others but direct experience and observation. They are carried forward in analysis and discussion with certain friends, and alone, and in notebooks; and usually indirectly, that is in so-called 'creative', rather than directly in more 'scientific' forms of writing. They are in various stages of progress. A number are fairly far towards tentative crystallization; others are scarcely more than begun; none is completed; few, by the nature of their source, can be undertaken very systematically.

Accomplishments:

3.

Several years' work in journalism; an estimated quarter million published words. About fifteen years' work, much of it juvenile or misdirected, as a student of writing, moving pictures, music and related fields and as a writer in most of the 'creative' forms of prose and verse. The bulk of the work which most seriously interests me and which is most relevant to this application is experimental, unfinished and not satisfactorily describable. It includes: Satiric and semi-documentary uses of the sermon, the monologue, the broadcast, the letter, and direct address. Direct and elliptic uses of spoken language. Lyric and religious satire. Experiments with geographical and scientific writing. Experiments toward a more accurate recording of dreams. Experiments in modified uses of the short story. Studies in the redistribution of the imagination and of the inventive faculty toward new forms of 'poetic' 'documentary' writing, roughly parallel to the use of selection and imagination by still and moving photographers. Studies toward more accurate recording of forms of consciousness in terms of words, photographic images, and sound. Studies toward new verbal analogies to music, to memory and emotion, to pure sensation. Studies in communication by language, image and sound; of obstructions and their causes; of ambiguity in art and in objects and in phases of experience. Studies and manipulations of the single word; of the degrees of necessity and unnecessity of context; of rhythm and tension in language, sound and space. Studies of the significance and stature of the 'actual' as opposed to the 'invented' ('creative') Studies of the 'creative' distortion of reality! Studies of the inevitability, and complex and accurate significance, of pure detail, and of detail in context and in shifted context, in nature, and in the human sphere (architecture, signletters, costume, cosmetics, degrees of obedience to tradition, social and psychological dialects, postures, gestures, etc etc).



FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

# JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 551 FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK · N · Y · 1938

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In what field of learning, or of art, does your project lie? Creative was Tiert
Concise statement of project (a): To so on work, 46. OR, (b) A RECORD
OF EIGHT WEEKS SPENT IN ALABAMA DURING THE SUMMER OF
1936, SETTING MATERIAL FOR A STUDY OF COTTON TEMPLOY.

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### REFERENCES:

Submit a list of references from whom further confidential information may be obtained concerning. your qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed studies.

Name of Reference	Position	Address
ARCHIBALD MACLESCH	POET, CRITIC, JOURNALIST.	FORTUNE, 52 19 (hor Chyster Blos, 14)
WALKER EVANS	Photographer.	441 E. 92 Sr. N.y.C.
EDWARD C. ASWELL		

If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship or scholarship for the same period state the facts regarding such applications:

If you apply elsewhere for any fellowship or scholarship after presenting this application, please notify the Secretary of this Foundation immediately.

SIGNATURE ....

PLACE AND DATE OF MAILING.....

If you do not get a receipt for your application within a reasonable time, please notify the Secretary-

### SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS

- 1. If convenient, please type application and additional material.
- 2. Use paper the size of this sheet, 81/2" x 11", if possible, for writing all documents submitted.
- 3. Every page or document submitted must bear the applicant's name plainly written.
- Whenever the space provided in this form is not suitable for an applicant to present fally the facts of his or her case, it is requested that they be stated in a separate document.
- Only one copy of the application form should be submitted to the Foundation by the applicant; the other may be retained by him for his own files.
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PLANS FOR WORK.

I am interested not in one but in several projects. They are too various to be taken care of under any one head, Ideally, a writer or artist works at what interests him when it most interests him to do so, and more often than not he can state little of that at all honestly in advance. I would much prefer if possible, then, the liberty of committing myself to no project more specific or singular than that of continuing to work in line with my own best effort, juggement and inclination; and of promising no more than to submit such work as I shall have done at the end of a period agreed upon. This work would be along the lines of the 'studies' indicated above (copy attached), and along others which would turn up. I could guarantee only that there would be work to show for the time, more likely than not of considerable bulk, and roughly of such quality as may be indicated in my published writing. Publication is definitely a minor interest to me, and I would strongly prefer not to obligate myself to making it a major, or an obstructive, far less a gudding, consideration.

If however none of this is feasible, I will commit myself to a single and definite project, provided it be understood and granted that I will probably do some other work as well. Here follows a brief description of this project.

In the summer of 1936 the photographer Walker Evans and I spent two months in Alabama hunting out and then living with a family of cotton tenants which by general average would most accurately represent the whole. This work was in preparation for an article for Fortune. We lived with one and made a detailed study and record of three families, and interveiwed lands and observed landswners, new dealers, county officers, white and negro tenants, etc. etc., in several cities and county seats and villages and throughout 6000 miles of country.

The record I want to make of this is not journalism; nor on the other hand is any of it to be invented. It is to be as exhaustive a reproduction and analysis of personal experience, including the phases and problems of memory and recall and revisitation and the problems of writing and of communication, as I am capable of, with constant bearing on two points: to tell everything possible as accurately as possible; and to invent nothing. It involves therefore as total a suspicion of 'creative' and 'artistic' as of 'reportorial' attitudes and methods, and it is likely therefore to involve the development of some more or less new forms of writing and of observation.

of this work I have written about 40,000 words. They are first draft, and entirely tentative. On this manuscript I was offered an advance and a contract, which I declined, feeling that I could neither wisely nor honestly commit the project to set or estimated limits of time and length. With your permission I wish to submit it as a part of my application, in the hope that it will indicate certain things about the general intention of the work, and also some matters suggested under the head of 'accomplishments', more clearly than I can. I should add of it a few matters which the manuscript is not sufficiently developed to indicate.

Any given body of experience is sufficiently complex and ramified to require more than one mode of reproduction: it is likely that this one will require many, including some that will extend writing and observing method. It will likely make use of various traditional forms but it is anti-artistic, anti-scientific, and anti-journalistic. Though every effort will be made to give experience, emotion and thought as directly as possible, and as nearly as may be toward their full detail and complexity (it would have at different times, in other words, many of the qualities of a novel, a report, poetry), the job is perhaps chiefly a

skeptical study of the nature of reality and of the false nature of recreations and of communication. It should be as definitely a book of photographs as a book of words: in other words photographs should be used profusely, and never to 'illustrate' the prose. One part of the work, in many senses the crucial part, would be a strict comparison of the photographs and the prose as relative liars and as reproducers of the same matters.

I should like to get to work immediately. If project 1 is acceptable there would be no particular question of completion (though certain pieces of work might be completed and published or publishable), but I would willingly report at the end of a time agreed on, say, a year.

Of project 2, I can know only that a year's work would advance it a long way and might very possibly finish it.

(Submitted by James Agee with application for a Guggenheim Fellowship in 19379 38?

PLANS FOR WORK.

I am working on, or am interested to try, or expect to return to, such projects as the following. I shell first list them, then briefly specify a little more about most of them.

An Alebama Record.

Letters.

A story about homosexuality and Cootball.

Hews Items.

Hung with their own rope.

dictionary of key-words.

Fotes for color photography.

A revue.

Shakespeare.

A cabaret.

Hewsreel. Theatre.

A new type of stage-screen show,

Anti-communist manifeste.

Three or four love stories.

A new type of sex book.

'Glamor' writing.

A study in the pathology of 'laminess'.

A new type of horror story.

Stories whose whole intention is the direct communication of the

intensity of common experience.

'Musical' uses of 'sensation' or 'emotion'.

Collections and analyses of faces; of news pictures.

pevelopment of new forms of writing via the caution; letters; pieces of overheard conversation.

A new form of 'story': the true incident recorded as such and an analysis of it.

A new form of movie short roughly equivalent to the lyric poem.

Conjectures of how to get 'art' back on a plane of organic human

necessity, parallel to religious art or the art of primitive hunters.

A show about motherhood.

Pieces of writing whose rough parallel is the prophetic writings of the Bible.

Uses of the Dorothy Dix method; the Voice of Experience: for immediacy, intensity, complexity of opinion.

The inanimate and non-human.

A new style and use of the imagination: the exact opposite of the Alabama record.

A true account of a jazz band.

And account and analysis of a cruise: 'high '-class people.

Portraiture. Notes. The Triptych.

City Streets. Botel rooms, Cities.

A new kind of photographic show.

The slide lecture.

A new kind of music. Noninstrumental sound. Phonograph recordings.Fadio.

Extension in writing; ramification in suspension; Schubert 2-cello quin tet.

Analyses of Hemingway, Faulkner, Wolfe, Auden, other writers.

Analyses of reviews of Kafka's Trial; various moving pictures.

Two forms of history of the movies.

Reanlyses of the nature and meaning of love.

Analyses of miscommunication; the corruption of idea.

Moving picture notes and scenarios.

An 'autobiograph'cal' 'novel'.

New forms of 'poetry'.

A note book.

In any effort to talk further about these, much is liable to overlap and repeat. Any further coordination would however be rather more false than true indication of the way the work would be undertaken: for these projects are in fluid rather than organized relationship to each other. Home of the following can be more than sug estive of work.

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### Letters.

cf, in precision and complex detail, the sender and receiver and the whole world and context each is of: as distinct in their own way, and as valuable, as would be a faultless record of the dreams of many individuals. The two main facts about any letter are: the immediacy, and the flawlessness, of its revelations. In the true sense that any dream is a faultless work of art, so is any letter; and the defended and conscious letter; is as revealing as the undefended. Here then is a racial record; and perhaps the best available document of the power and firight of language and of miscommunication and of the crippled concepts behind these. The variety to be found in letters is almost as unlimited as literate human experience; their monotony is equally valuable.

Therefore, a collection of letters of all kinds,

Almost better than not, the limits of this would be: what you and your friends and their acquaintance can find. For even withing this, the complete range of society and of mind can be bracketed; and this limitation more truly indicates the range of the subject than any effort to extend it onto more ordinary planes of 'research' possibly could.

Working chiefly thus far with two or three friends, we have got together many hundreds of letters. Many more are on their way.

There are several possible and equally good ethods of handling

these letters.

- 1. Beyond deletion of identifiers, no editing and no selection at all. In other words let chance be the artist, the fulerum and shaper. This is beyond any immediate possibility of publication, in any such bulk.
- 2. Very careful selection, the chief guides to be a scientific respect for chance and for representativeness rather than respect for more conventional forms of 'reader interest'; and b) the induction and education of a reading public, for less selected future work.
- 3. Context notes, short and uncolored, would probably be useful.
- 4. Take certain or all such letters. Let them first stand by themselves. Then an almost word by word analysis of them, as manysided and extensive as the given letter requires. This could be of great elarifying power.
- 5. Instead of a purely 'scientific' enalysis, one which likewise allows the open entrance of emotion and belief, to the violent degrees for instance of rage, rhapsody and poetry.
- 6. A series or book of invented letters, treated in any or all of the above ways.

These treatments may seem to cancel each other. Not at all necessarily. I would hope to use them all in the course of time, and very likely would try substantial reginning-examples of all in the same first volume.

The value or bearing of such work would come under my own meanings of science, religion, art, teaching, and entertainment.

It should also help to shift and to destroy various habits and certitudes of the 'creative' and of the 'reading', and so of the daily 'functioning', mind

It could well be published in book form or as all or as part of

a certain type of magazine I am interested in, or as a part of a notebook which I shall say more of later.

As a book it should even in its first shot contain as much as a publisher can be persuaded to allow; and its whole demeanor should be colorless and noncommittal, like scientific or government publications. It should contain a great deal of facsimiles, not only of handwriting but of stationery.

### A story about homosexuality and football.

Not central to this story but an inevitable part of it would be a degree of cleansing of the air on the subject of homosexuality. Such a cleansing could not in this form hope to be complete. The same clarifying would be attempted on the sport and on the nature of belief; always less by statement than by demonstration. All this however is merely incidental to the story itself.

An account then of love between a twelve year old boy and a man of twenty two, in the iliadic air of football in a Tennessee mountain peasant school: reaching its crisis during and after a game which is accounted chiefly in terms of the boy's understanding and love; in other words in terms of an age of pure faith. The prose to be lucid, simple, naturalistic and physical to the maximum possible. In other words if it succeeds in embodying what it wants to it must necessarily have the essential qualities of foll epic and of heroic music carried in terms of pure 'realism'. This is being written now. It is to be about the length and roughly the form of the 'long short story'.

### News Items.

Much the same as latters.

Bung with their own rope. I have found no single word for that I mean.

The material turns up all over the place. The idea is, that the selfdeceived and corrupted betray themselves and their world more definitively
than invented satire can. Vide Eleanor Received's My Day; Wrs. Daisy
Chanler's Autumn in the Valley; the journal and letters of Damaliel
Bredford; court records, editorial, religious, women's pages; the 'literature' concerning and justifying the castration of Eisenstein; etc.
Such could again be collected in a volume, or as a magazine or part
of a magazine; or in the notebook.

The above is limited to self-betrayals in print. Those in unpublished living must of course be handled in other ways. One minor but powerful way is, the unconsciously naked sentence, given either with or without context. These are abundant for collection.

### A dictionary of key words.

More on the significance of language. Add idioms. A study and categorizing of tomes of voice, of rhythm and of inflection; of social dialects; would also be useful Key words are those organic and collective belief and conception words upon the centres and sources of which most of social and of single conduct revolves and deceives or undeceives itself and others. Certain such words are Love, God, Honor, Loyalty, Beauty, Law, Justice, Duty, Good, Wil, Truth, Reality, Sacrifice, Self, Fride, Pain, Life, etc etc etc. Such would be examined skeptically in every discernable shade of their meaning and use. There might in a first dictionary be an arbitrary fifty or a hundred, with abundant quotations and examples from letters, from printed matter, and from actual speech.

Mr. I. A. Richards, whose qualifications are extremely different from

of sexual love. If these are 'works of art', that will be only incidental.

### A new type of sex book.

Beginning with quotations from contemporary and former types, an analysis of their usefulness, shortcowings, and power to damage, and a statement of the limitations of the present book. Then as complete as possible a record and analysis of personal experience from early childhood on, and of everything seen heard learned or suspected on the subject; analyses and extensions of the significance and power of sex and of sexual self-deception; with all avalible examples.

### 'Glamor' writing.

Here, as above on love, the concentration on recording and communicating pure glamor and delight.

### Pathology of 'laziness'.

Essentially fiction, but probably much analysis. Its commettens with fear, ignorance, sex, misinterpretation and economics. A story of cumulative hopror.

## A new type of 'horror' story.

Not the above, but the horror that can come of objects and of their relationships, and of tones of voice, etc etc. Non-supernatural, non-exaggerative.

Stories whose whole intention is the communication of the intensity of common experience,

# "Writing first thing comes into my mind"

Writing first thing comes into mind. Point being nothing does when you watch for it. Whistle, ok. Heard that outside. Boat—Midnight boats. Never got much of a rise from. more noise. Window problem. Evil. Regnum Malorum. Thought for that. Next? What the hell the use? Scavenger. Lone prairie. O bury me not,,, on the loa prayereee,, **Get hands & body in for God's sake.** And natural speech. And the hell with this. When will I stop? When will I start again? Thou only hast my heart, Sister, believe. When Eve first saw the glittery day; she sat and cried, to break her heart. What time is coming, and what way, the sun moves up, and falls apart. Stink o. Miner. Pedantic wit. Phooey. Spreaded day before her -. From her pillow's height. High. throne. Smiling from her pillows height. I held her from her pillow's height. High. Throne. Smiling from her pillows height. I held her from her pillow's height reach down her smile about me, she watched and sweetly grieving said I'll spend this night without ye. I call that woman holy hell that of my heart bereaved me, and laughed my love to let me tell and never once believed me. She left me low for another guy, he loved and left her high and dry, now both are dead, and only

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I, remain to tell, our story. She left me cold for another guy, He loved and left her high and dry, now both are cold and only I am left to tell the story.

I met her young, in the young green woods, And the day was wild as glory,

And I laid her down, and I got the goods, and that begins, my story.



### "CLOUDS AS IF THEY LAY"

clouds as if they lay on a shelf of glass. Great distances. Avenues. / on bridge, dinged 25 or so, rollerskated, on lazy legs. Queer comedy. / loves one & incongruous figures fine for such: 1 oclock; solitary on bridge. Woman in sedan, / . Strange quality, pimpish, female, of a chauffeur to midaged-old lady types who live in hotels. Very ugly quality to this. / Garden theatre, roomy, empty, lots of lounging space, Spanish orange plaster; Rube, and very nice. / little Cuban girl, sloe mouth: you can already & easily see her as an old woman. Another: are you satisfied? / Can I have a rickey instead of coffee? Misunderstanding. / Dograces: very calcium. New green grass a phony color in the light. Big sign tells odds. They are led round their posts (1 pees) naked: long, widestrap leashes. Weigh in quiet. On to stalls. Head & heart fealt. Heads are scrathched. One very quiet, leans head vs. thigh of handler. Buzzer: they leap & whine. Some are caught up by throat& nearly carried. Wghts. 47-72 lbs. Genitals tucked far in. Great squad rigamarole. Have to lift some into starting stalls. Rabbit like a fair-prize. Goes round once first. They are loose. Called by number. / Pale shell, tissue, membrane of moon. Effaced: stuck. Smell of

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cold mist on swamp, tilled land. Sound & sight of train, late night, flat land, cars, lights irregular, mail & baggage, dory & Pullmans, engine breeches: light under its smoke. Flat grass, sparse trees, big black branches scattered on grass. Am. Landscape. Mist & night make Florida more handsome. Antediluvian. / Magazine. Paper. Editorials. Ads. / (Outside races: a nig boy, overcalled, leads hound away. No telling of winning. / Crooked shore. Crippled shore. Crippling the shore. / Smell of water hits like sound of weltering tin on iron. Taste & quality, dead, of galvanized iron, of Zinc. / Absolutely necessary cut loose from self. Possibly best is to write voluminously & carelessly. Make writing the living & get inside living. / Frankie Darro swell keep in mind for city Huck Finn stuff.

Least substantial elements of population: even the villians are boys who looked in mirrors. "Proletarian"; debutantes don't do so well. / Shawl. / slowed popcorn clouds. / kind of faces bodies voices & brains environment makes. / Shelves of sand under the water coloring it. / Traffic (of cloud) / ANTAGONIZE. ANTAGONIST. / COLLUDE

JAMES AGEE. AUTOMATIC WRITING. LOFARO AND DAVIS TRANSCRIPTION

/ COLLOP / COLLOID / COLLISION / DIRIGIBLE / BALLOON cloud / PITCHBIENDE / PITCHSTONE, PITCHED / cows like weary tents; pitched on their bones like tents / ADVANCED / AFTERDAMP / TALISMAN / ANALGESIC (N.) / ANCHORSTROKE / ANKLE / ANOPHELES / APOLOGY / ARC: BRIDGE, bridged w. light / SHOUTS for the PUMP / AWASH / OVAL TURTLE / BUTTERBEAN / VALVE / CLOSURE / FORECLOSURE / NASTY / DECLARE DUPLE / FRIT (N[oun]. V[erb]. T[ransitive].). / STAMEN / GLADRAGS / ECHO / FUSELAGE / BEAT TO DRAW / THE AIR Has a head on it (cloud) / SHOULDERING CLOUDS / .INTINCTION (of the earth or end of matter). / ALKALOID / BORDERS (ON) / VIOLATE / OPSONIC, OPSONIN / ROOTED NERVES / RAMPION / RAMP PURFLING (of crates, turtles, violins) / FLAX / PROSTHESIS / ENDEMIC / baskethilted / .SILLY SEASON / SNOOK / TRYPANOSOME (auger-body) / that won't wash /

A PERFECT SANITARY NAPKIN. Women entering an age when their dresses look alike for yr to year / EGGLAYING / CHARY

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So impossible to detach myself. Hammering merciless in Walgreen's. Groveling to grive glass of water. Why are waiters so fooled into defense of employers. People at tables are meek. Or attack waiter who is not responsible. Painting in face of Berceuse doesn't seem so good: little glinting pastel strokes, I mean. Must get inside, be lost & digested into matter.

Asylum Ave. Window. Japanese ivory sheathe of sword. Threaded minnieballs. (latter a War word isn't it?) Camel with pale fairy thighs. Veined. Smooth. Sparrowbelly, weaklooking. Wondering lifted snaky head. Split lip like grasshopper, sheep. Sloping, slouching hyena. Frizzy. Fuzz. Hair of no certain length. like possum, gives & shapelessness. SHAPED geese. Filthy mouths of hyenas. Lantern jawed; lifted eye. All head & shoulder. little sickly calf (Fla roadside) innocent face, very long fuzz on sides, unsteady, looking out of a shadow, apprehension / branching horns / branching life, life branching / life branching terribly / birds throbbing in pines, roaring like a motor in ...











# city of light VOGUE0117

- 39. scalloped origami like applique
- 38. you say jellyfish
- 39. set tongues wagging for its balance of youthful attitude and Parisian design rigor.
- 39. snap-stud miniskirts in camel suede... silver go-go boots
- 40. postmodern bebe
- 40. life-size paper dolls
- 40. holdover from the designer's childhood
- 42. (caption) view finder. a pop-out bedroom designed by Frank Gehry captures the moon's trajectory
- 50. strung-out hitmaker
- 51. bohemian cabin suites kitted out with vintage nautical details and private tiled courtyards.
- 77. insects took over the kitchen
- 98. in vitro hamburger
- 98. a vast mass of living flesh kept alive by nutrients circulating through a network of pipes and tubes that run around and through her
- 98. start eating our pets

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- 101. female Viagra
- 101. aspires to the metaphysical, targeting brain chemistry in order to boost desire
- 37. curious hybrid of bi-city newsroom and elementary school
- 75. python-print leather skirt

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- 74. his scarlet cargo waiting behind tinted windows
- 77. TITLE. northern lights
- 76. I don't like pain, exactly, but as a ballerina I lived in constant pain
- 76. if someone had been to the doctor and gotten painkillers, we divided them among us. After I quite dancing, for a while it felt strange to not be in pain.
- 76. first known gender-confirmation surgery
- 76. discriminated against... this is a civil rights movement
- 77. In ballet school we all had very good grades she recalls but not because you needed to be smart to dance

### 40. City of Light

74. "I have no recollection of that free fall." 77. The filter between my thoughts and my language is much thinner, so things just flow. I found myself in 53. an urban landscape whose ground was shifting beneath my feet. 74. World weary and childlike 107. hiking up dunes and scaling up volcanoes, crawling through salt-cave labyrinths or clambering through river gorges. 34. It looked like the moon; 98. a mountain of pulsating protoplasm swinging long, carved, razor-sharp blades, and sliced off thick slabs of flesh. 119. A switch was flipped in my entorhinal cortex? 40. Would Jacques Derrida, father of deconstruction and a Parisian professor himself, have been amused? 98. Coalescing into a perfectly awful storm 74. the adrenaline made every six seconds feel like a single second, time collapsed.

107. Watching plumes of geothermal spray burst from the moonscape, 53. three kinds of scenes: fights, seductions, and negotiations yielded 53. dovetailing storylines. 77. The wife of a lighthouse keeper who takes in a baby carried ashore in a lifeboat and 53. a fighter who must

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battle segregation and his own demons as much as his white opponent to capture the heavyweight crown.

The wife, 38. one of the first women scuba divers, walks the shoreline in 38. a captain's mess jacket (now a deftly cut blazer) with 38. sleek, elongating, high-waisted pants with a neoprene gleam. Is it possible that 38. jellyfish may have roamed the sea for 500 million years. The fighter, 111. though not talkative, likes to recite poems by Neruda.

Our evening walk led us to 111. picking out Orion and Gemini in the Southern Hemisphere. 111. Flamingos flocking at salty pools and 111. stark peaks - terra cotta, gray, or white - rising from parched earth like the plates on a stegosaurus's back; cactus-spiked cliffs; rushing cataracts. We had arrived 53. to the deathbed of the matriarch guarded by 53. one uncannily sympathetic squirrel. We opened 107. the red stained wood reveiling107. skin-smoothing goat's milk flecked with lavender and mint, admiring the snapdragons that frisked beyond the tub's round rim.

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# { rhythmic manifesto } VOGUE0217

- 60. starring in a money-spinning global juggernaut
- 60. had androgen insensitivity syndrome when she wasn't even a month old
- 49-52. beautiful full page images for montaging
- 68. we met in the middle of a blackout
- 68. people were sweaty and edgy, thronging the streets, leaking heat and anxiety
- 68. the ATMs didn't work and bodegas were charging insane amounts for bottled water and I was thirsty, hungover, and almost out of cash 70. past an intersection where a girl in a sunsuit dress was directing traffic
- 70. window after window teeming with powerless, shimmering chandeliers, the people in the apartments above drinking beer on the fire escapes the city seemed less like a nightmare and more like a carnival.
- 70. I felt as if I had conjured her out of the dark
- 70. lived in rentals furnished with dusty junk
- 70. Lucy grew up in a little town outside Portland, where you could smell wood pulp from the paper mills when the wind blew.

- 78. gorgeously bishop sleeved sweatshirts, and exaggeratedly tuned-up pants
- 80. I've been taking a bright and bold departure from my usual comfort zone
- 83. tinkered through Madrid's botanical garden in soaring crystal stilettos at a recent exhibition opening
- 84. the bright green powder is a natural antioxidant that lives in an elegant little jar
- 85. steamed, air dried, and stone ground
- 87. intersex is perhaps the last taboo
- 87. was born with internal testes, and without a uterus or ovaries
- 91. Is that who I am deep inside? A human confection?
- 94. down to the wiring
- 94. switch to a type of Vitamin B12 better suited for her body
- 96. "I Am Not Your Negro"
- 96. seemingly inescapable bonds and barriers between blacks and whites
- 96. from the streets to the voting booths to the silver screen
- 96. he captured how it feels to be black



- 100. "can lead to feeling like an alien in your own skin."
- 102. a soprano capable of roller coaster worthy loops
- 102. the trouble with perfection is you start looking for cracks
- 106. who wears a burka and drives a motorcycle
- 121. honeymoon phase
- 123. bewitched, bothered, bewildered
- 160. foster a sense of intimacy with her regulars
- 160. tact, negotiation, seduction and education
- 171. bursting with retro femininity
- 126. I got you balloons!
- 126. a dense tangle of helium-filled Mylar
- 126. a strip club in Thai town
- 133. escaped to a succession of celluloid obsessions
- 139. dedicated an atrium wall to a giant garden of succulent variet-
- ies, a kind of living, linear ode to the forest
- 143. painting portraits of undocumented immigrants
- 144. sold everything, put the money into a diamond, and brought it over sewn into his daughter's favorite floppy doll

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- 158. terms of adornment
- 158. a plastic bag full of pliable, braided loops
- 160. chart-topping new record
- 160. rival sensation



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### 160. a rhythmic manifesto about the sacredness of individuality

78. By an open window overlooking a cobbled yard, 126. a cobweb covered urinal in the corner of the room, 126. the iron gates of her mother's Hollywood Hills house creep open. 106. Whirring drones and glowing screens filled the hillsides and are 160. gesticulating wildly on the color set outside on the balcony table. I light my cigarette and walk through the sliding door, "152. Have you heard? The sky is falling, and, quite apropos: Chicken is king!" My only real 144. interest is butterfly hunting. Butterflies are the 100. material for a visual revolution and accommodate my appetite for 182. trying to hit a moving target. Patrick, the last vestige of 106. Britain's vanished empire appears 143. without stubble and wearing his best ostrich-leather boots. He has 160. a knack for mixing avant-garde ideas with more traditional techniques and 126. convincingly using words like 'night-blooming' to describe our evening expedition. Tonight we will be 88. exploring uncharted territory with 92. seven bottles instead of one ranging from 91. shades of honey to amber.

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We pass through a 87. bubble gum pink décor as we find the curb and follow it to the bounds of the historic city. 144. What was then a semirural part of town, where they grew their own vegetables and had a menagerie of ducks, geese, a goat and many dogs and cats 68. was now searing hot and there wasn't any running water 91. Somehow, I feel amoeba more than anything else,123. an ethereal love affair in what was an 100. iconic watery landscape.

We begin rolling for a 106. film that hopefully taps into nostalgia. The stripped 92. tangelos, pomelos, and satsumas lining the shelves begin to slow our pace and so we stop to build a fire. A 112. healthy dose of torrid infatuation takes over as Patrick describes a Monarch he pinned last year that possessed 129. lacquered lips and pronounced curves. Seems that on that particular day millions of butterflies composed 106. an American patchwork of love and loss across a river valley.

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Our path in the morning, 80. whirling like a dervish in illogical directions, 106. dances the jitterbug across the 106. sun-dazzled ochre of the African plains. Our anthem for a period of time becomes 85. Mark Twain: "Quitting is easy; I've done it a thousand times." We had our 78. antennae scanning for each and every underground rumbling and by sunset we had amassed 78. an inclusive palette that ran from neutral to plush magenta. 80. And the footnote? 70. Someday I will travel the world like Pippi Longstocking and tell our stories, 124. those tales of a souvenir stolen from the boy.

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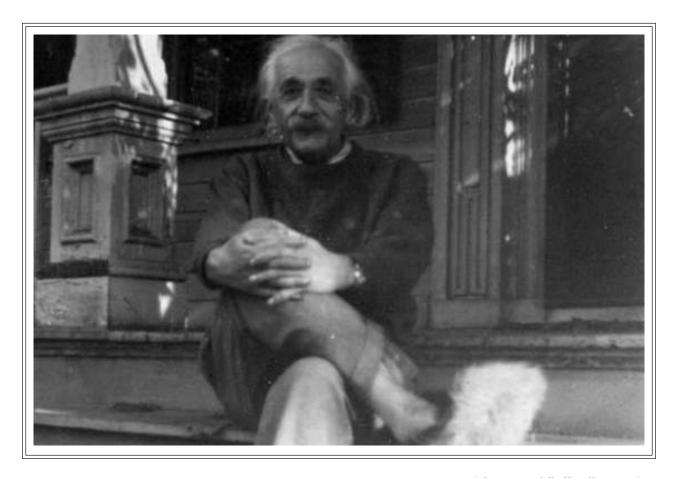


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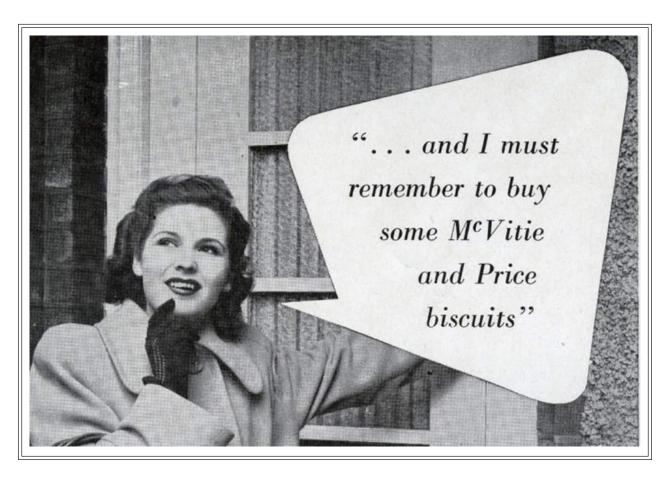


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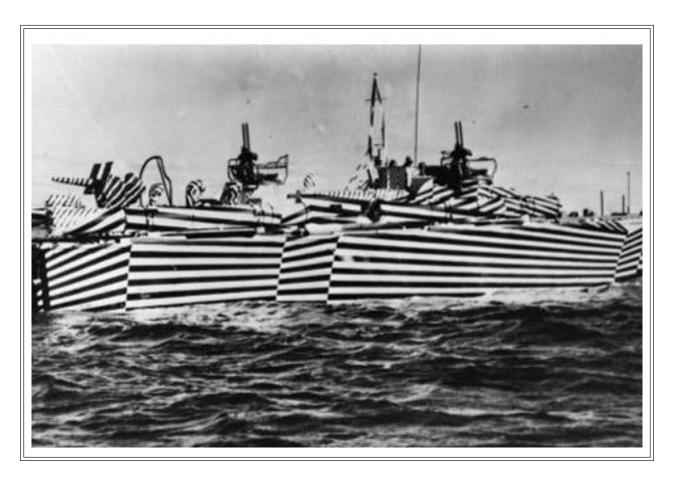


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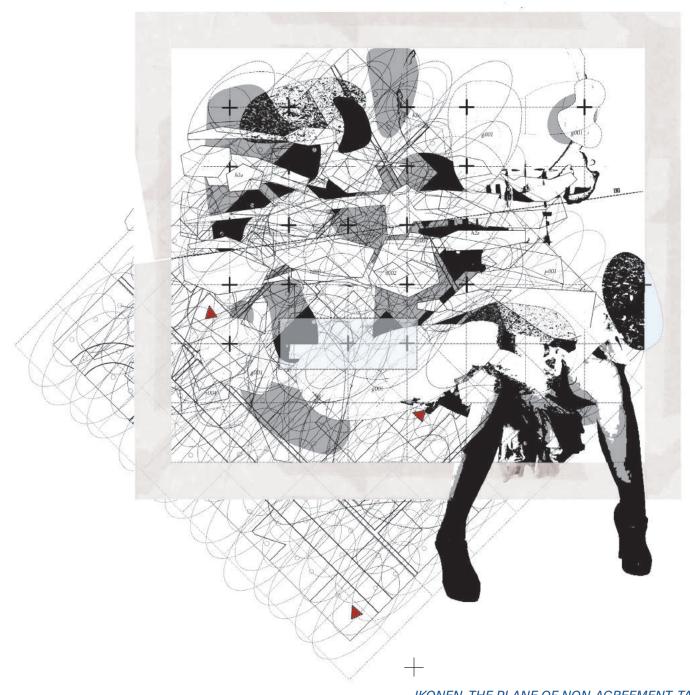
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Do we represent the construction, or construct the representation? Ours is a crisis of cutting and joining, a crisis of editing: we have passed beyond the crisis of montage. This is a crisis of representation rather than construction.

- Paul Virilio - Lost Dimension









# VOGUE MAPPING POP CULTURE

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With an introduction by

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Notes

The writing contained in this publication is the result of a workshop entitled Vogue: Mapping Pop Culture conducted by time[scape]lab with students at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obisbo on November 17th and 18th, 2016.

One rainy day in 1919, finding myself in a village on the Rhine, I was struck by the obsession which held under my gaze the pages of an illustrated catalogue showing objects designed for anthropologic, microscopic, psychologic, mineralogic, and paleontologic demonstration. There I found brought-together elements of figuration so remote that the sheer absurdity of that collection provoked a sudden intensification of the visionary faculties in me and brought forth an illusive succession of contradictory images,  $double, triple, and \ multiple\ images, piling\ up\ on\ each\ other\ with\ the\ persistence\ and\ rapidity\ which\ are$ peculiar to love memories and visions of half-sleep.

These visions called themselves new planes, because of their meeting in a new unknown (the plane of non-agreement). It was enough at that time to embellish these catalogue pages, in painting or drawing, and thereby in gently reproducing only that which saw itself in me, a color, a pencil mark, a landscape  $for eign \ to \ the \ represented \ objects, the \ desert, \ a \ tempest, \ a \ geological \ cross-section, \ a \ floor, \ a \ single \ straight$ line signifying the horizon... thus I obtained a faithful fixed image of my hallucination and transformed into revealing dramas my most secret desires - from what had been before only some banal pages of advertising.1

- Excerpt from "Beyond Painting" by Max Ernst

Thomas Carlyle wrote in Sartor Resartus that "tangible products" are said to be reduced to the categories of "Cities ... Fields ... and Books" with the worth of books "far surpassing that of the two others." The intent behind citing this passage emerges not from being partial to the written word, but to establish a sympathizing companion to the more often cited chapter "This Will Kill That" and out of optimism that the transformative power of literature evident here will inspire architecture and expand upon traditional practices of imagining and representing space.

Annabelle Nikolov

Untitled

Navy blue suit, red power tie, flag pin on the lapel. A nationalist homage with an exclamation point. The leader of the populist spectacle has many words [the best words] but no knowledge. Volume is the name of the game, and the red power tie is screaming as loud as it can.

VMPC

A pantsuit that walks the fine line between femininity and power. Yes, mutually exclusive terms. She has choreographed pageantry to perform, damnit. But the public is ambivalent when something designed for a man is worn by a woman.

A wrinkled suit, oversized for the man inside.

Robin Hood for the sophisticated misfits [and the unsophisticated misfits]. Perhaps the oversized suit gets wrinkled riding the bus, while the man inside it sits alongside the people he fights for.

Chilling indifference led us here.

Well-ironed, fitted suits must be worn in office. They must be worn by men, as God intended. And they must always, always include a flag pin on the lapel.

VMPC

Deeksha Phadnis

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Katie Bishop

Untitled

Peroxide artists force the incandescent powder of pale fire into my eyes. Profound fury hell-bent on foraging ruined buttercream truth. Intoxicated with grievance over the death of their tragic hero. Piled, paralytic, in a macabre luxury machine, I bite and spit at the madness, fighting the malevolent minions. Suddenly, the intimate pressure of torture is gone. Adrenaline a physical live-wire, I abandoned the disturbing ballroom and peel up the layers of caulk and velvet delusion. Pointed tufts of dark, teal wool are strewn inside narrow, wet, cobbled secret passageways, dismissed, like a jardin d'hiver, in evading the beasts' pursuit. A terrible voice spiked with coldest treachery and wild obsession dripped words of my demise, hypnotically singing of murdersuicide. Slathered in glorious conviction, I enter the powerhouse to don daring black lacquer and electric plum passion. I become bold preternatural chaos, transcendent magic over psychological villains. I lift the hefty boom box blasting skate-punk music only to drop the heavy metal on mentally cinching glass corsets.

OFF / AIR

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→ dark haired argentine\_sprite

→ She floats

\_cnmtic evocation\_

→ There is a **deep blue sitting room**. She floats, looking in wonder at the **color** drunk silk, acres of red velvet, gardens of growing roses on the ceiling of the silo. Or is it the floor? She can make only essentialist conclusions.

→ New Nordic. Memory rings newly placed. Chic water repellant, which is how she is currently breathing underwater. Bones made of re-pulped mache → She eats fungi, prefereably fleshy fungi. Does not sleep. Greatest cheek bones in the world. Sometimes I like to imagine I can kiss them.

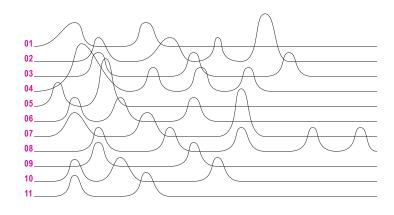
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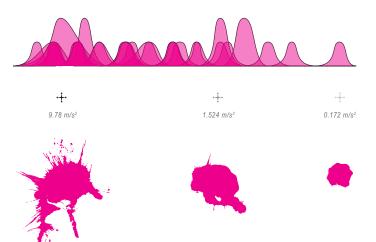
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→ Yes, yes, show me. What happened?

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### SYSTEMATIC SCANSION\_Determining Metric Composition





ORACLE WHISPER\_Pale Fire\*

Two decades of photographic tea leaves	fortune tellers cost \$3.99 in San Antonio
and you still don't know how to breathe in the ocean.	see asphyxiation
My fingers wrinkle with trying. Have you ever seen the beauty of the	desert in Morocco? see unparalleled
I can take you - by valiant flight and clever machinations	see Wright Brothers
where walls stand papered in jungle-print techno,	see industrial hip hop
and you can arch into darkly shimmering fragments.	seven years of bad luck. see superstition
I will rest under the ancient Monterey pine.	see Pinus radiata
Read grass like braille. Imagine how badly you wanted a glass of wir	dab stain with paper towels
Together we sip abbreviated language,	see taciturn
feasting on Fleeting Gestures and Obsessions.	see Manolo Blahnik
You never looked more beautiful than in that flicker of nervousness.	whisper pale fire

VOGUE August 2015 \*see 112 \*\*see 121 definitions from Merriam Webster's dictionary

asphyxiation v. as-phyx-i-ate: to cause Manolo Blahnik n. born 27 November quiet: not speaking frequently (someone) to stop breathing and often to 1942: a Spanish fashion designer and unparalleled adj. unparalleled: not become unconscious and die

industrial hip hop n. a fusion genre of brand industrial music with the rhythms or vo- Pinus radiata n. family Pinaceae, the Wright Brothers n. Orville (19 August trial hip hop is also closely connected to bring good or bad luck digital hardcore and breakcore.

taciturn adj. tac-i-turn: tending to be 1903

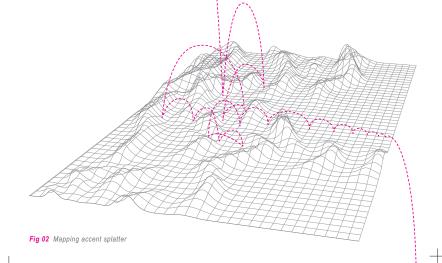
founder of the self-named, high-end shoe found elsewhere : never seen or experi-

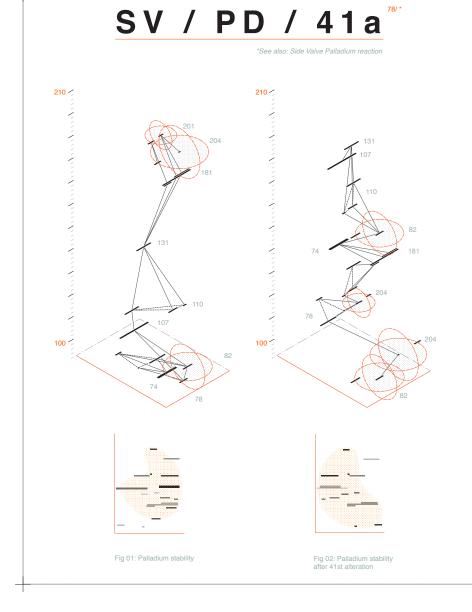
cals of hip hop music. Industrial hip hop Monterey pine, insignis pine or radiata 1871 - 30 January 1948) and Wilbur is connected to (and sometimes confused pine, is a species of pine native to the (16 April 1867 - 30 May 1912), were with) the more experimental variants of Central Coast of California and Mexico two American brothers, inventors, and trip hop. It also anticipates many of the superstition n. surperstition: a belief or aviation pioneers who are credited with developments of dubstep. Illbient is also way of behaving that is based on fear of inventing and building the world's first adjacent to, and possibly a subgenre of, the unknown and faith in magic or luck: successful airplane and making the first industrial hip hop. Contemporary indus- a belief that certain events or things will controlled, powered and sustained heavier-than-air human flight, on 17 December

### PLAYING JACKS\_A Study in Rhythm



Fig 01 Vanderbilt University Special Collection





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new era night owl 204

\*\*See also: Female given name. It originated as a misspelling or variation of the name Innogen, from the Old Irish Ingen meaning maiden. \*See also: Sierra Vista Arizona Police Department Document 41 (Classification: a)

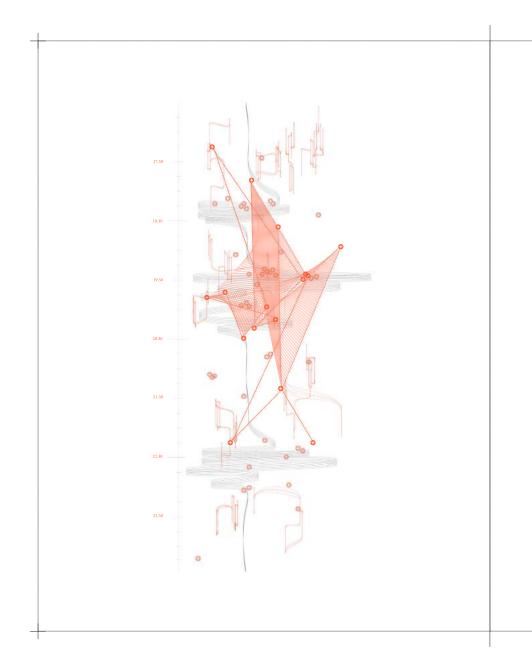
We struggled through the snow together with our elbows tight against our sides and clenched fists buried deep in our pockets. Something about the oak smoke under the stars 201 brought back memories from my long ago visit to the Oyster Bay, 110 where the fisher-folk wore 3 pairs of gloves and lit fires along the piers to keep their lines from freezing. Chad points down an alley. At six foot seven he towers over me and leads the way XXXXXX a covered perfume factory XXXXXXXXXXXI81 With the corners of a smile visible above his scarf, he opens a door marked Imogen Warehouse 74/11 and steps aside. Arrayed on racks 82 in front of us stood a mass of bright young things, 82 hanging brilliantly in midair 110- and beyond was a plot studded with ancient olive trees. 131 Beneath my feet, in 12-inch tall letters of yellow traffic paint, the floor read: "XXX images are simulations of actual XXXXXXX results." 107

# SV / PD / 41a Fig 01: John Pawson A Visual Inventory 203 Fig 02: Visual simulation deterioration, 25.00sec causes nausea, disorientation Fig 03: Visual simulation deterioration, 75.00sec

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\*\*Palladium 41a deemed unstable



thin black satin  $_{[450]}$  drapes over curves that defy gravity.  $_{[440]}$ 

its warm, quirky $_{[388]}$  aroma is rooted in memory, $_{[380]}$  possessed of a certain radiance $_{[462]}$ 

we **nurture this hobby** $_{[340]}$  as a **synchronized recovery** $_{[14]}$  from the rising sun and a pursuit in smallest hours of the night.

this whimsical accessory $_{[432]}$  finds itself to be refreshingly pedestrian $_{[432]}$  held in the hands of the early riser as a mere instinctual talent. $_{[280]}$ 

the engagement to the lips; a kiss that's caught but is shielded from view,  $_{[312]}$  for only the early riser bathes in its sensuality,  $_{[312]}$ 

lingering on the breath, the perfect combination of minimalist lines and maximist flourishes.  $_{[402]}$  a dance on the tongue.

 $years of medication_{[460]}$  derive from the elixir beneath a miniature  $smokestack_{[294]}$ 

this is our namele

daily ecstasy. $_{[312]}$ 

