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Films: Kodak Instamatic movie camera; color; 3 minutes each,
The titles are temporary titles, used to separate one film
from the other.

-- Jumping in

Still camera. Outdoors.
When the film begins, there is no one in view.
After a few seconds, I am seen jumping from the outside of the picture, at the left, into the inside.
After the jump, I walk off, to the left, and jump again; etc.
Each time I jump, I land in a slightly different place. There are no visible marks on the ground to note each landing spot; the viewer has to depend on memory to mark each previous landing spot.

-- Timing

Holding the camera, I walk from one point (a soccer goal post) toward another (a soccer goal post); filming whatever is in front of me.

My object is to reach the second point in exactly three minutes, just as the film ends.

My rate of walking is sped up or slowed down periodically, according to my estimation of the time it will take to cover the remaining distance.

-- Tracking

Performer walks; camera man walks beside him, at relatively the the same pace; camera man is filming the performer.

Now and then, at irregular intervals, the performer falls; the camera man keeps moving, his pace unchanged.

The performer, when he gets up, makes an effort to catch up to the cammera, to get back in the picture(he had fallen out of the picture when he fell and the camera man moved on).

-- Filling up space

Still camera. Outdoors.
As the film begins, I am far enough from the camera to allow my whole body to be seen. I begin walking, from the left of the picture, in a straight line to the right. I walk by placing one foot directly in front of the other and flush against it.

When I go out of the picture, at the right, I turn around and head back toward the left, walking in the same manner. This time I am walking in a line just in front of the previous line.

The process is continued, from left to right, and then from right to left, etc; each line in front of the one before.

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An activity situation using streets, travelling, following, changing location, "going wherever you go"

General circumstances: "Street Works IV," sponsored by the Architectural League.

New York City.

October 3-25, 1969.

Follow: to act in accordance with something; to take as an example; to come about or take place as a result, effect, or natural consequence; to keep the mind fixed on something.

Street: a public thoroughfare; a promising line of development or a channeling of effort; "right up your street."

Particular circumstances: Each day, a person is chosen, at random, in the street, any location.

I follow him wherever he goes, no matter how long or how far he travels.

I stop following only when he enters a private place (home, his office, etc).

An activity situation using streets, a traffic light, standing still, traffic, pedestrians

General circumstances: "Street Works IV," sponsored by the Architectural League.

41 East 65 Street.

Opening; October 2, 1969; 5-7 PM.

Light: to attend or conduct with or as with a light; a source of light used as a signal; a conspicuous or dominant person in a particular country, place, or field of endeavor; capable of moving or acting swiftly and dexterously; barely moving or existing; to come or arrive by chance.

Stand one's ground; stand by; stand a chance; stand for.

Particular circumstances: For the duration of the opening, I stand in one spot by the traffic light at 65th Street and Madison Avenue, northeast corner (watching the traffic, waiting for the cars to stop, losing sight of a moving pedestrian, anticipating a car of a certain color, thinking that somewhere someone else is standing in a similar position, etc).

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GAIN GROUND; 246 WEST 80th STREET (BROADWAY); 877-8584 (102 CHRISTOPHER STREET; APARTMENT 6B; 242-7040)

JANUARY 10, 11; 17, 18; 24, 25 11AM TO 5PM (ALSO, 8PM TO 11PM ON SATURDAYS)

Vito Acconci: ROOM SITUATION (A SITUATION USING ROOM)

- -- Each weekend, the movable contents of a section of my apartment (Christopher Street) will be re-located at GAIN GROUND
 (West 80th Street). January 10, 11: kitchen; 17, 18: living room-bedroom and bathroom; 24, 25: workroom.
- -- Whenever I need something that has been re-located at GAIN GROUND, I will go there to get it; anything taken out of the gallery will be returned when I have finished using it.
- -- At GAIN GROUND, a checklist will be used to define the "extended apartment" by noting the daily activity between its two farthest points; the list will include the objects taken each time I go to the gallery, the times of pick-up and return, the routes and means of transportation.

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- 2. Because the mail is at the museum, on exhibit, the museum guard's normal services are used to guard against a 'federal offense'; his function shifts to that of a mail guard.
- 3. The piece is performed (unawares) by the postal service, as the mail travels to the museum, and by the senders of the mail, wherever they happen to be. I perform the piece actively by coming to the museum to pick up my mail.

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STEPS (STEPPING-OFF PLACE)

Apartment 6B, 102 Christopher Street, New York City.

February 1-28, 1970; continuing thereafter, indefinitely, every day in alternate months.

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(The public can see the activity performed, in my apartment, any morning during the performance-months.

Whenever I cannot be home, I will attempt to perform the activity wherever I happen to be.)

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- Each morning, during the designated months, I step up and down the stool at the rate of 30 steps a minute; each time, the activity lasts as long as I can perform it without stopping.
- At the end of each performance-month, a chart will be sent out — noting the results of the repeated activity, the course of changes in duration.
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Progress Report: daily record of performance time: Second month (April 1970):

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Third series of performances: July 1970; 8AM each day.

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Vito Acconci: SERVICE AREA

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Notes on and around some uses of SERVICE AREA

- -- I going to the museum, I am performing in a different style my ordinary role of going down to get my mail.

 Learning to 'get on the track.' Learning to make equivalent 'going to the museum' and 'going for my mail.'

 (A performance piece consisting of 1: a tape of a walk, specified number of steps, and 2: a live performer running in place, the same number of steps, trying to outrun the tape.)
 (A performance piece in which a phrase of a song, on record, is played over and over again until I can sing it, fairly exactly, along with the original singer; going on to the next phrase.)
- -- My performing here means reacting to stimuli (wanting or needing mail, fearing that mail might be stolen). Performing the piece means going against a form (the materials decrease as I pick up the mail). If I do not perform, the materials build up (the mail increases) while I am at rest. Left alone, the mail seeks equilibrium, which would be reached at the end of the exhibition (all the mail together in one place: saturation). Living on the land. (Farmers.) Living off the land. (Nomads.) (Skimming; scanning.)

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Realization of SERVICE AREA

- 1. A small table (about 25"x25" and of ordinary height; the size
 is not important.
 My: mail, as it comes into the museum, is placed on the table.
 The table should have, at its edge, a label: "Mail Table."
- 2. A second table, about the same size as the first and placed about one or two inches apart.

 Three maps and one diagram are placed on this table.
 - a. In the upper left-hand corner, a map of the world.

 This will define the route of each letter from outside the city. A line will be drawn from the source (the place the letter was mailed) to the destination (the museum, NYC); I can draw the lines when I come to the museum to pick up the mail.

 Beneath the map there will be a label: "Map of Mail Routes (#1)."
 - b. In the upper right-hand corner, a map of New York City. This will define the route of each letter from within the city. As on the map of the world, a line will be drawn from the source of each letter to its destination. Beneath the map there will be a label: "Map of Mail Routes (#2)."
 - c. In the lower left-hand corner, a map of Manhattan. This will define the route I follow when I come to the museum to pick up my mail. A line will be drawn from my starting point (home or elsewhere) to the place of pick-up (the museum). Beneath the map there will be a label: "Map of Pick-up Routes."
- d. In the lower right-hand corner, a diagram of the room in which the piece is placed.

 This will define the movement of the guard around the room. Since his movements are indeterminate, the arrows will be general, following the edges of the outlines of the room; the arrows will each point in both directions. Label: "Diagram of the Guard's Walking Area (Indeterminate)." Diagram of the Guard's Walking Area (Indeterminate). "Diagram of the Guard's Walking Area (Indeterminate)." Bet maps of fairly uniform size.
 - 3. Wall.
 A statement of the project (page 1 of the enclosed sheets) will appear on the wall, above the first table.
 Next to the statement will appear calendars of the exhibition months. On the calendars I will mark the dates and times I come to the museum to pick up mail.
 - Note: The second table, with its documentation, functions to clarify the movement and circulation that the piece involves.

 If I decide that the second table could get too much focus, I might decide to leave it out and have only the first table.

 In that case, the materials of the piece would be: Table, mail, printed statement, calendars, museum guard.

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- d. In the lower right-hand corner, a diagram of the room in which the piece is placed.

 This will define the movement of the guard around the room. Since his movements are indeterminate, the arrows will be general, following the edges of the outlines of the room; the arrows will each point in both directions. Label: "Diagram of the Guard's Walking Area (Indeterminate)." Note: I will attempt to get maps of fairly uniform size.
 - 3. Wall.

 A statement of the project (page 1 of the enclosed sheets) will appear on the wall, above the first table.

 Next to the statement will appear calendars of the exhibition months. On the calendars I will mark the dates and times I come to the museum to pick up mail.
 - Note: The second table, with its documentation, functions to clarify the movement and circulation that the piece involves.

 If I decide that the second table could get too much focus, I might decide to leave it out and have only the first table.

 In that case, the materials of the piece would be:
 Table, mail, printed statement, calendars, museum guard.

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The instructions appear on the enclosed sheets, #2 and #3.

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Insurance value:

none

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ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

Name (in full): Vito Acconci

If your professional name is not your full name, please give professional name:

Date of birth (month, day, year): January 24, 1940

Place of birth: Bronx, New York

Present address(es): 102 Christopher Street New York, New York 10014

Citizenship (and date of naturalization, if appropriate): U.S.

Places and dates of former permanent residences: 383 Broome Street, NYC (1961) 1968); 102 Bowery, NYC (1966-1967)

Study (places and dates):

Holy Cross College (Worcester, Mass.); 1958-1962
University of Iowa (Iowa City); 1962-1964

Prizes, grants, etc.:

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