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July 5, 1977

Dear Illana,

- (a) Two black and white photographs of a corner. 8x10 camera situated at a 45 degree angle from the corner. The first photograph is hung left of corner before the second photograph is shot. The second photograph is hung right of corner.
- (b) Two black and white photographs of a corner. Same as (a) except that camera is situated at a 75 degree angle from the corner.
- (c) Three black and white photographs of a wall. 8x10 camera situated x feet from center of wall. Center photograph taken with lens surface parallel to wall. End photographs taken with camera swiveled so that the field to be included starts at the point where the field of the center photograph ends.

I have included six installation photographs from two Dwan exhibits. I have also included an issue of Art Forum which has an article which discusses some of the work which lead up to this present work. Cover, and page 24 through 30. Reproduction on page 30. The last paragraph in the article (also page 30) treats that work.

Since I'll be out of the city for most of the summer, I'll call next week in case you have any questions about these proposals.

Bill anastasi

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Three evenings from Bill Anastasi

February, 1978

Narrators: Les Levine, Friday the 10th

Carl Kielblock, Saturday the 11th

John Cage, Sunday the 12th

Reporters: Linda Bederman and Anne Major

The Clocktower, 108 Leonard Street, NYC

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1 First day 8:00

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with a blue sweater on which has a desine on the front

of it which is reminiscent of abstract art.

8:00 - 20 seconds

6 the design is divided in two by a diagonal line and that dia

gonal line is divided again. The upper part of the line is

8 orange and the one part is blue and the other part is a

9 darker blue and she is typing on a typewriter. She is

wearing glasses and her hair is coming over her glasses a

little bit. She is looking at a stenographic tape which is

lying on a grey metal table.

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she has just removed the grey stenographic tape and put it

in the garbage pail. she has placed it on the table and has

16 held it with her right hand and positioned it. a man with

a green staple gun in his hands behind his right hand is

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ots a navy blue sweater and a light tan shirt.

20 8:02 he just moved away frm looking at a box of camera

21 materals. he is looking back toward the camera. a man in a

22 khaki outfit and light clor high shoes has just kneeled be

side a camera and is skirting -- squirting air into it. he

has a rip in the sideof his clothes and he can see his under

wear.

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he just checked out to make sure that what i said was true. he found it to be true. he closes the camera case and has put it away and is now walking away and he is now buys looking at the camera and holding it with both hands. 8:02 he is looking at the material on the typewriter now. has both hands on the camera, the camera has a chain. it has move up to hi eye. he has a watch on his right hand. hte face is facing inward. a woman in a tweed jacket with her ring 10 bone type tweed i would call it, in a light pattern with dark, 11 with a hooked light swede or leather patches at the arms 12 and a bag wich is made of leather over her right 13 shoulder, and she is moving her hand behind her back. she 14 is wearing light tan shoes. 15 8:03 16 and a light tan -- it has some olive it in, a skirt and a light 17 blouse and her hair is in a bun and she is oriental. 2 18 women had moved forward. one has her hands on her hips and is 19 wearing courderoy pants and a grey sweater which is tied by 20 a looks like a band os ome sort which comes froma foreign 21 country of which i don't know , and she is wearing a 22

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and her neck is wich i would call a choker of ivory

shirt under that which is striped and has a red enamel star

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and cut in the form of flowers. she just laughed and her hair is frizzed out and in her hair is a red plastic barette and on her right hand there are two rings what is metal and the other is black, and a girl just looked at her and said that he was giving her a lot of visible -- who is wearing a grey sweater that is tied around the waist by a leather belt which has a cossack like appearance. it has a large mother of pearl type buttons, 2 large buttons in an opaque and her hair is hanging down to her shoulders, and a ban has now looked through both of those women. the man has just walked away. he is wearing black coat and he's ot a grey now blocked by my vision about by three women. the girl has who was wearing the grey sweater before and the red band is now wearing i just noticed a oulder bag, a dark leather shoulder bag. and she also has 2 red combs in her hair. a woman in a grey sweater with black slacks a man in a navy blue cardigan with faded jeans. a woman in a hounds tooth jacket, a woman in a light blue sweater, 2 women of just approached, one is wearing what i think is calle a sheepskin coat. it's brown on the outside and it has wool on the inside and she's got a green suede jacket inside that which is tied by a black belt, and she is talking to the women who had the red belt on before, and she has a vest or something underneath the green. she has a green

skirt on that has buttons down the front and kind of a faun i

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think shoes and stockings.

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a woman in an acetate type navy shirt is standing against a wall

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er pants. a woman is opening a package of cigarettes. she has a what looks like a persian jacket, i'm not sure or afgan jacket it's leather on the outside with stiching and dark and woolly on the inside and she has i thin what are clled clogs on. they are shoes like the kind of shoes that they wear on holland, but they are not made out of wood, the

a woman is walking away from us with her hand in the back of h

upers of them are made out of leather and the bottom part

8:09 she has a white baret on and a skarf and a faun sweater

in blue jeans and suede type shoes which have snow marks on

them. she just lifted up her right foot to display this

blue sweater has lifted a page off her and ks carrying it

over to the wall behind him. the oman in the cossick type

outfit is taking a photograph of all of us. a man in a kahki

the wall and now the women in the cossack outfit has decided

8:08 the photographers of all moved back a step. a woman

is reading what has been put on the wall and the

photographer is looking at what's happening too.

to take a photograph of all of them.

outfit is taking a photograph of the man putting the thing up on

mark and now she is watching the typewriter. a man in a dark

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and blue jeans a woman is standing to my right trying to light

a cigarette, smiling. now she's taking a match out she's lit it, she f held it upto her mouth, she has taken a putt and blown it out. now ; she's handing it to the woman in the afgan jacket. the woman in the hounds tooth jacket is deciding to stop by in the center ov the room and look back. now she's turning to her left and walking toward forward toward the wll. she is taking the bag off her s-oulder and is placing it on the floor and ; she has trrned around and she is looking at a photographer. the pho tographer is now photographing the apper which is on the floor, a woman has just stepped forward and smiled and licked her lips a woman in a nanook of the north type hat has arrived and a long brown skarf and gloves is now opening her hat, she is taking her hat off her hat is now in her right- hand with a pair of brown gloves, a photographer is taking an inciden tal light reading off the telatype tapes or whaterver they are called, the photographer is now looking at the gage on the meter reading and is he now changing the aperature on the camera. 8:11 a woman with a hat in her hand and a glove in her hand, yellow shoes and blue jeans and a dark blue coat is looking over at a group of people looking at a piece of paper being hung on the wall while another woman appears around to

check out the situation. a man is standing to my right, against

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the wall. by himself. he is wearing a dark blue coat and has a gray seashell over his left houlder going down to his right hip and his hands or crossed one over the other, the right crossed over the left, holding it just about whre the rist is. 2 women have walked away toard the paper that are on the wall. a woman has just taken off wit what looks like a russian hat or a canadian mountied plece hat, the kind they wear in the winter, not the big type of hat they wear when they are in full dress, and she has on boots that come about to the calkf and then they are kind of a raw umber i would call them. and then she has a tan slacks which are inside the boots making a pantaloon kind of effect, and she has a shirt look that and a jacket that looks like an old fashioned man's shirt which is being tied in the center which is black, and her hair is shoulder length, she is now just trying with her right hand to a man who has a green staple gun in his left hand and who is picking at the bottom of his cloth of his trousers with his right hand and he is wearing a blue sweater. 8:13 a man and a woman have just moved toward. the woman is carrying a brown paper bag and she has on a kind

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of pile either color leather or cloth. she has a pair of those walking boots on. the kind that are like ski boots but they are really for kiking, and they are i guess a light

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tan i would call them, and she's got a pair of blue jeans on and a very pale tan sweater, or almost off white, and a dark blue p jacket and a heavy gray skarf which is around her neck, the man moved away a with a can of beer in his hand and put it down to my right, he is now walking back. he didn't put it down. he's got a gray swade gacket on and a nitted sweater, blue jeans which are very tight on the lef and a pare of brown swade shoes that have white ish rubber soles. he has now took his scarf off and has moved his jacket in a kind of a jesture so as to relieve the weight of it, or womething.

8:12 he has moved back and under the sweater we have a courderoy shift and under that a nitted seater or shirt. he has a gold colored can in his right hand which is held by four fingers on the front and the thumb the back and there is i would say about 2 inches from the bottom of the can there is a cream colored metal fastner and about 4 inches to the right of that there is a black colored metal fastner and his hand is in his right hand pocket of his jacket. he just turned his back around so as to show it to me. and now he is walking away. the photographer is looking at the iece of paper which are being taped out and he is holding his hand upt to the lens and then when he held his hand upt to the lens sufficiently he puts his hand on top fo the camera and then very carefully takes a photograph. now, a woman with a sweater draped over her shoulders and a silly blouse which

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is the kind that has now clor and is tied in the center by a ribbon and a pair of slax and a pair of hi heeled shos they are quite hi heeled but they are not the pointed heels, they are kind of heavy type heels so it might be the under pat of a boot, rather than a shoe. a man in a dark green seater and a blue shirt and some faded jeans with his hands in the back of his pocket has just removed his hands from the pockets to the front pockets and now back to the back pockets and now the front pockets again and he has looked over toward something while holding his arms and smied. i can now see that there are 1,2,3,4,5,6, 6,7, 8,9,10,11,12,13, 14 buttons on the front of the womans slax and she has turned around to show me that in the back of her lax she has a lace up effect so it gives the appearance that may be its a saylors the kind of slax that saylors wear. and she has just done a perfect fred astair type ship ahoy jump 8:18 she has now placed her seater on top of a maroon coat to my right. the man in the center of the room is now sitting down in what is might be considered a wuarter lostus position, that is to say is the beginning of the lotus position. i can see now that he has maroon sox on and he has a scarf and his neck, which is about 8 inches of orange and 6 inches of dark blue and 6 inches of orange and 6 inches of dark blue and 6 inches of orange and 6 inches of dark blue and his hands are foleed in the frong and

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and the kind of coat that he has on is a parker which means tat it has a hood on the back of it which has a rim of fur around the front of it and fur around the front of it is draped around his shoulder, for that off the shoulder look.

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a woman with a naver in her hand and a bag in her hand just moved forward and leaned against one of the colums which is almost directly in front of us. a man is now undoing a belt on a light tan gaberdine coat. has hand is now at the lowest of 3 buttons his hand is now at the second button, his hand is now at the third button, he is wearing a skarf which looks like a houds tooth skarf which looks like natural wool and some grey fibers knitted together. he is taking his coat and a jacket off and under neath than he is wearing a lite olive colored weater. nad blue jeans and brown shoes. he is standing beside a man who has his right hand in his poacket he is wearing light brown shoes too. they are the hi heeled type the type which has deeper heel than normal and he is wearing blue jeans too and a brown belt and a white shirt, and he has a moderate length beard. by moderate i ean covers his face 3 eights of an inch of hair and it need be trimmed a woman is taking a qyick of her nail on her thumb while another woman smiles at her and moves her head from side to side. she is

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smoking a cigarette and holding that cigareette between the index and the second finger on her right hand. she has one finger her index finger inside the left hand pants pocket and she has 3 finger outside. 8:22 a woman in a turtel neck sweater but more than a turtle neck sweater because its a mound of stuff around her neck which is blue and blue jeans and she also has hi heeled shoes on. those 3 people are -- a man in a green sweater and a woman in a blue sweater and a woman in a white blouse which is dressy have walked away while a woman in courdaroy slax that have been rolled up from the bottom is moving toward a group of people. a woman who is dressed in navy blue slax that are inside hi heeled boots that come almost as far as the nee, the boots come up as far as the knee and the slax are inside teh boots, so it gives the effect of being for the purpose of writing or that kind of thing, like soledors wear leg gees, that kind of a thing, that kind of an effect, and then she iw wearing a grey sweater and has put her hands on the bacl p back of her hair and punch her hare in a pony tail and has walked forward and handed me a camera for what purpose I don't know, but i pre sume that she wants me to take a photograph of you. 8:24 she is now waving with her hands straining to be asked to take a photograph when you are describing an event that

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is going on.. 2 women have decided to sit down to my right and talking to one another. one woman has a series of jestures that she's making with her hands. i would say that as she speaks to make certain points she raises her left elbow or shugs her shoulder slightly or moves her hands from one knee to another and from time to time when she says yes she shakes her head in order to make it clear that she has just said yes. she is also playing with her bracelets or armlets, that are made out of sterling which are on her right hand and playing with them with her left hands now, now i see its only one, one bacelet and what i would call a phologree type bacelet, the kind where a design has been cut out of a piece of metal, a piece of flat metal and it looks to me like an art or early celtic type design and then it has the form around it, it looks like its about i would say an ich and a quarter in width and its highly polished but not a shine like chrome, a shine like silver and she has on that same hand a markasit ring which, do you know what a marksite is its little black sontes, so people call it something else i don't know, attrocity maybe, no that's coal, but its it is that kind fo stone which is silver, a dull silver and a woman is now putting a maroon coolored that may be a violet colored oat on, plum colored coat and she is lifting up a hat, putting it on her had, and she has just put herhands up as if to show me that she is approved of who she is. a man in a hat which reminds me of supermans had

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hefore he becomes superman of course, it a light gray like a raw umber felt hat, and he's got a nitted sweater on which is dark brown, and a jacket which has a patch of leather 3 on the right hand shoulder, leather or swade im't not sure it is 8:28 a woman in a not quite a navy blue a bit lighter than a navy blue and darker than royal blue, a light navy blue i would say sweater which has a im trying to gind the correct word for it has a lot of nitting around the neck butnot realy a turtleneck but this is just a lot of nitting 10 that almost goes around the shoulder, its obvously some kind 11 of a crewel neck she just looked over, as soon as we said 12 that as if she had subliminally heard that we were talking 13 about her a man just came over to the table and took another 14 sheet of paper off the all. now a woman in a what looks like 15 a fake fur coat which is dark and it looks like a cross between 16 carpet and velvet to me, it don't look line any fur animal 17 that i have ever seen, but its dark and where 18 it bends where there is a fold because of an arm or a back or 19 something like that, there seems to be a little bit of a 20 shine just in that particular spot so it has the effect of 21 som appearing to be two tones even thous its one tone it just 22 made out of one fiber, and the lining of the coat is hanging 23 down a bit and it looks like it is probably made out of lite 24 gray tafeta or something of that sort and he's wearing what

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are known as bell bottomed pants and they are of navy blue quite definitely navy blue and looks like they are made of some woolen daterial. she is speaking to a man who is waearing a gray leather jacket and a beret a dark blue beret. he is now looking over 8:26 and blue jeans and his hands are to his back pockets and he is looking at a glass of wine being lifted to a mans mouth. and he is also looking at a courtroom reporter and a court typist. and a man in a blue sweater is explaing about as tehtics to a man in a pail green wind cheater i guess you call that, it looks like all of those kinds of nylon jackets that have come into fashion in the past year and a hafl you know those kinds of quilted, except that this one is in pail green, it is like institutional green, and he's wearing as I would say probably 80 percent of the people in this room are wearing bluejeans and he is also wearing a gray wind sheild under that windshield and he is wearing a yellow and red skarf whchi is tied around his neck. he's also holding a pair of gloves which is flicking around nervously. the man in the blue sweater is poing at him the 2 of them are now moving around a bit and looking at their feet as though they were demonstrating some kind of activity like dancing or steps to a particular activity the man has now put the glove on his head and is now putting another glove in his

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mouth while this other man explains to him he is pleased with
the idea of that and takes it out of his hand and now
decided to actually put the glove inside his chest its an
obvious attempt here to be interesting or visually ex
citing. however, its not working. those around him do not
seem to get excited by it, shoe he's putting the gloves
on his hands

8:32 he is now wearing what we used to call wellington boots and a man over here to my left has nitted sox and a brown courderoy lsd slacks and a denim shirt that stands up to his hands up to his beards, he has a beard and his hands up to it and his knee up so a bit like this thinker, but not in a perfect position to be rodan's thinker so more like rodan nude or something like that 8:22 -- 8:33

a man is looking over here swaying from side to side now several peoplar are reading what is on the wall and from time to time they will make jestures such as putting their hands to their head or looking at what somebody else is doing, and its quite a crowd dathered around the peper 3 people have moved forward here one of them is wearing a bare skin coat and the other is wearing one of them has asked the reporter a question and it is necessary for the reporter to explain that no talking can occur while recording.

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and so the woman has understood instantly and has moved back and is now talking to the photographer and her back is to us at this point. the hotographers shirt which is kaki is a pen which is black and has a clip which is silver so its a black pen with a silver clip which is in his left hand pocket. he has on his camera what looks like a 135 milamenter lens and he has just raised the camera to his eye and is now about to take my photograph. he has now taken a photograph and looks toward me and co recognized that he has taken a photogarph and now is lurking toward the left. 8:35 he has now decided to take another photogarph there is a man in front of me who is wearing a beret and a skarf which has fringes which are about 3! 1/2 inches long, tied around his neck, and he has a brown shirt which is closed by forms of clasps the kind of clapsps that you find on western shirts, rather than buttons, and he has a leather jacket on and the leather jacket looks as though it has a bit of orange on it because the front surface of the leather in some cases has worn off and the undersurface of the leather can be seen and the zipper is partly torn out of the leather jacket. the clips or claspsed is the thing that closes the leather jacket looks as though the pans have worn off them so it gives the general appearance of being

well worn and he has a belt which is dark brown the clasps of

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this belt is made out of it looks to me like either er circular wre or semi circular wire which is about a quarter of an inch thick and has been formed into a rectangualar shpaped oval that is to say that it is not quite an oval and its not quite a rectangle it looks like a rectangle which is oval an antique rectangle. 8:37 he is weraing courderoy slax which is light tan, raw umber not quite brown and not quite yellow and he has these slax ucked in just below the knee into what were called when iwas a kid wellington boots they are rubber boots which are commonly worn by people who want to avoid getting their feet we in water or if they are going to go wading or anything like that. he has hir right hand on his hip, or on his waist actually, with one finger on the belt and the other 2 fingers on the edge of the belt. his right hand is behind his back slightly. i would say about an inch away from his back pocket or maybe his thum is in his back pocket i'm not sure. he has now turned and put his hand in his pocket and i notice that he had a great hat or skarf under his left arm. they are now seems to be formed about i would look and say about 15 wfeet away from me agoup of people who are in their overcoats we are taling to one who are tlaking to one another, i will try to describe them. the first person i can only see leaning aginst the pillar, all i can see is an arm, on that arm there seems to

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be a band of some kind the next person seems to be wearing a sinthetic coat, brown with black slax the next person is wearing a light tan coat its clor is that we normally a 3 sociate with the idea of a camel coat but its obvously not made out of camel hair. this is a taylors version of a camel hair coat in cloth and he has an envelope which i would say is about 14 by 17 inches in his hand he has just put it under his left arm, he is wearing a glove in his left article and 8 holding a glove in his left hand. 9 8:40 soe he has a glove on and is holding a glove in his hand 10 a man is walking into the room. the photographer is now dealing 11 with the camera bag and it looks to me as tough he is putting 12 his camera equipment away, or certain parts of it anyway. 13 he has now gotten up and is moving toward 3 people. one 14 person who is moving his hands up and down explaing great 15 deatil to him something which i can't hear however, whatever 16 is the detail about there are movments of articulation in 17 speech which have to do with pointing an finger, turning 18 the hand in a circular anticlockwise motion and placing 19 index finger and the thumb in the air as though picking up 20 something out of the air and then placing the 3 fingers into 21 the air as though to explain and then pointing one finger 22 outward. 23 8:41 a woman is now moving her hand in the air, up in the 24 air and circulating it. she has now moved the finger of her 25

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be a band of some kind the next person seems to be wearing a

sinthetic coat, brown with black slax the next person 2 is wearing a light tan coat its clor is that we normally a 3 sociate with the idea of a camel coat but its obvously not made out of camel hair. this is a taylors version of a camel hair coat in cloth and he has an envelope which i would say is about 14 by 17 inches in his hand he has just put it under his left arm, he is wearing a glove in his left article and 8 holding a glove in his left hand. 9 8:40 soe he has a glove on and is holding a glove in his hand 10 a man is walking into the room. the photographer is now dealing 11 with the camera bag and it looks to me as tough he is putting 12 his camera equipment away, or certain parts of it anyway. 13 he has now gotten up and is moving toward 3 people. one 14 person who is moving his hands up and down explaing great 15 deatil to him something which i can't hear however, whatever 16 is the detail about there are movments of articulation in 17 speech which have to do with pointing an finger, turning 18 the hand in a circular anticlockwise motion and placing 19 index finger and the thumb in the air as though picking up 20 something out of the air and then placing the 3 fingers into 21 the air as though to explain and then pointing one finger 22 23 outward.

8:41 a woman is now moving her hand in the air, up in the

air and circulating it. she has now moved the finger of her

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hand to her nose and is scratching the top of the surface of her nose she has nw put both hands behind her back. they are not exactly behind her back, they are on her waist and her arms are out displayed as though you know when you put your arms on your waist your arms then form 2 triangels if you consider the body as part of the triangel she has put her arms on her head and gathered up her hair and is holding her hair, the surplus of her hair behind the back of her head and she is now because she is doing that both of her elbows are at about eye level and she is taking one hand down and has the other ahnd at eye level is using the right hand to make a jesture to explain to others, but she is still keeping the left and behind her head and her el bow is still at eye leve. now she has changed positions. is now has put the other hand up to the back of her head to hold all this hair up, as though she didn't have long hair, as thoug her hair were in a bunch or something and her elbow is held up there again at not quite at eye level, something had said something which has appeared to be amusing to her and som her elbow drifted down as she laughed. now it is almost aginst her chest or the front of her body and she now has turned hat a turn so her back is to me. the man with the green stample gun now has his hand on his waist so his arm is forming a negative trapezpoid in the pc place where the space with his shoulder is up to and he has decided to walk over

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to here and now has picked up a sheet of papers and he is now walking and reading while he is walking away and a man is rading over his shoulder. the man in the camel coat who has on sorry -- reatake who is holding the large envelope a man in a checker shirt a plaid shirt the kind of shit that we normally assocaite with lumber jacks i think is w hat you associate that kind of a shirt with, or western, i think thats the canadian lumber jack shirt, i would say and he has his hands on his waist and is very difficult to des cribe people he because you can only describe them above the waist below the waist they all look exactly the same, all waring blue jeans except for one or two who are not, but most are, so you can only concentrate on the top of the poe ple in making those descriptions. in making these descriptions thee seems to be several choices that are possibel. you can describe the way people are relating to one another in a formal sense, that is to say there is a man and then there is a woman and then there is a man and then there is a woman and then thereis a woman and then there is a m-n and then there is a woman and then there is a man and then there is a man and then there is a woman and then there is a man and then there is a woman and then there is a man and then there is a woman and you can describe them in terms of things like surfaces tat there appears to be a surface which is leather, then is soft like wool and then is inbetween soft and hard like flannel

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and then is again soft like wool and then is soft like fur. 8:46 And then goes to gaberdine and then goes to cotton and then goes to silk. you can describe them that way or you can describe them in terms of what they would be in terms of col or dark tan, gray black gray brown light tan white, white blue, the descriptions are by nature there seems to be an amount of inches which people feel comfortable standing at looks to me that people feel comfortable with about 8 inches between there feet when they are standing its t not true in all cases but it seems that most of those that are standing have approximately 8 inches between their feet and of course there is a lot of moving around of these people now there is if you look at the ffet for instances, you can see that the first set of feet ar flat, absolutely flat, its got a rubber sole and a workman type shoe and the second set of feet is would remind one of a movie on south s america i would sy, its a hi heeled shoe, it s a boot, its on a woman, it makes you think of carmen miranda in venezuela. next boot you come across well you think about a firemans shoe, rubber boots, but maybe not a firemans, something more like somebody who just works in the new york sewers or some thing like that. then the next shoe you come across is a brown leather shoe, it goes almost all the way up to the nee. its

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quite an expensive shoe and its almost outlined the leg almost designs the shape of the leg. you can see it by that now a man has walked in who has a different pair of shoes, a pair of suede lace up shoes that come to about the lower calf and he has moved around the audience very ery quickly 5 looked to see what is on the wall and he's moved toward the door. 8:49 a man with i would say not long hair, not short 8 9 hair, i would say okay if i had to describe the length of his hair i would say it was art director 1969 when 10 art directors decided that it was okay made art director decided 11 it was okay to have long hair for the first time. post 12 hippie when everybody was saying i hate hippies for having 13 long hair, then art directors decided it would be hip to have 14 long hair. this is the length they had other people who had 15 hair before that lengths just slightly below the shirt cloodr 16 for a man, where wall street brokers. youch, wall street 17 brokers young wall street brokers who all of a sudden 18 found taht they could have a feeling other than normal appear 19 anc had that kind of air. i don't know whether the man heard 20 what i was saying but he left the room. to my ight now 21 is a sweater on the floor which is stitched in 22 what i think is called the rib stiching. it must be the rib 23 stitching. it has a ribbed effect, right, and about, i would 24

guess about 3 feet away from that is a letter bag. a leather

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bag, the simplist way to describe it is that it looks like a shopping bag, if you would make a leather shopping bag --3 somebody just knocked over the leather shopping bag and a paper back book fell halfway out of it. it didn't fall the whole way out of t it t next to the leather bag is a grey coat, or sweater, it can't tell, and then a greay sweater and there is a girl sitting there who has her 8 right hand on her oh, her left hand, 9 sorry, on her the shoe lace of her left boot, which is a 10 hiking boot and she is wearing blue jeans. 11 8:52 and she is wearing a i can't get the color of the 12 sweater it looks to me like barley color, if i were 13 you know, designing that clor, i would say barley, this is the 14 color. it may not be that color, but whatever color you 15 seeem to say seems to be wrong, its not tan, really, its 16 not brown really, it looks to me like a color in which 17 white and a certain shade of brow were added to come up with 18 this very very pale brownish color. she is standing 19 next sitting lamost in a semi lotus position with her hands in front of her and her fingers are interwoven and she 21 is sitting next to a man who is wearing a sweater that has a 22 cabel stich in it and it is the off white color, the kind of 23 color which is appears to be natural wool. i would say

a woman has moved forward and is intermittently checking the

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stenographic machine and the typewriter her yes move like a cambera on a dolly first of all to the stenographic machine then to the typewriter. it is a bit like a description ofr a camera move. in an alfred hitchcock movie i would imageine that a hitchcock script write r could very easily say that the woman's eyes went from the stenographic machine to the typewriter and back to the ste nographic machine. a man in a navy blue suit and a woman in a whie sewater of have entered the room. they have entered the room and they are very business like in a very business like fashion and decided they would -- i notice that the way pepcel jesture to one another h is interesting. the position of their shouldres. its so hard to decided which way you are going to describe a situation you can describe a situation in terms of the hands in the room, right? there seem to be very few positions for hands. for instance, they are tierh on a person's waist, which seems to be a relative ly popular position for them, or they are in front clasped together, which is antoerh relative ly popular position, or they are jesturing to make a point to articulare a phrase in language, which a person who is speaking may not feel it is clear, or they may feel it is clear and they need a way of accuentuation a par ticular feeling that they have about something, but there seems to be a lot of hand movement, from time to time somebody will move their hands up in the air and from time to tim you

can see 2 hands move in unison, and when you do see

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2 hands move in unison its beautiful, its kind of like when you see a tugboat move into the center part of a motion picture or when you see a train move by rail fast on a motion picture skreen, there are ceratin images that are bound to really make the audience feel like they are in the theater. 8:57 and the train image is one and one thing that i am learning now is that the hand image is another. i think that the hand image could be considerably used to give the audience the sensation of space a man has just walked in , this is the man who before was wearing the came haired coat. he is now a square piece of foam rubber in his hand he has decided to sit down on it and he is adjusting himself to be as comfor table as possible and has made a hand jesture the hand gesture consisted of taking the index finger and the thumb, placing them about an inch apart and moving them from left to right in space. he is sitting on the floor and the position of his nees are such that his trouser legs and slax are i would sy about 14 inches from the sole of his shoe the sole of his shoe is up off the ground and the heel of his shue is on the ground because the way his legs are positions if you consider the idea of a lever, the idea of a sculp tural form, you cant of his feet on the floor unless his legs we re and geled back about 5 more inches, then if they were his soles would hand exactly back on the floor. but as they are

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feet directly out in front of him and he is obviously moving his toes back and forth because he is sort of wiggling going on in the sole of his shoes.

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9:00 he has his hands together, interlocked, one finger inside the o ther and thumb in thum and his hands are approximately where is crotch is. i don't know if that has any specific jesture but i notice a lot of people do it in crowd, that they in some way protect their genitals, maybe thay are not doing that, maybe it feels comfortable to do that, but if yo look at peple a long time you notice that there hands go to different parts of their bodies, unconsciously. the pho tographer has now lifted up his case and has his shoulder, he's put the case down again he's got over his left hand shoul der his coat, which is navy blue or black i would say its navy blue, because black to me is a little greenish, i also think of black is being greenish, like if you think of coal which is black, it has got a little greenish to it, or if you think about really navy blue, a blue that is really dark, it still seems bluish to me, even though its extremely dark. 9:02 a man has his 2 hands up, in a kind of joston fashion but of course hes not singing. it has do do with making a jesture of resistance i would imaging. o no, no, what ever -- i find that it is impossible to hear what anybody is saying in this situation because the typewriter gives this constant sound, but it also fine it reminds me it is very

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tween the audience and me i don't have to think about wat

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the uadience is saying, i don't care about what they are saying because the type writer is also saying this constant noise, and it kind of shields me from the audience to some degree, so a man has walked into the room with a with a do you call those windcheaters, whindbrakers, and he haspicked up a 8 white sweater and is now leaving he room i guess walking 9 in with and taking a white sweater, with the windcheater in 10 some indrect way means i am leaving now. i would imagine that 11 if you were to say, i am leaving now, you could say it several 12 ways. you could actually say take a piece of papers and 13 wite it out i am leaving now, and you can turn around to 14 anybody and hand this to them and say i am laving now or 15 yuu can turn around and say this i'll leave now, i'm going home, right or you can put your windcheater -- a windbreaker on 16 17 you know quite definitely that what has been 18 said here in terms of visual form, is I am leaving 19 and on the top of that what has been said is i have this -- a 20 man who is the photographer now has the navy blue coat com 21 pletely on and he is holding the camera bag in his right hand an d 22 he is waling toward the door. of course its possible 23 to decsribe anything for instance the calm over there now has a brown envelope a miami envelope and i like those envelopes

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in that kind of an envelope so that envelope says to me finsihed. so i like seeing those envelopes very much and besides it is a coat, and when -- with a -- what i find terribly exciting and i'm sure its not terrible exciting to many people, so that one one side of the colums is a coat hanging down which has a certain kind of quality, the quality of being held under the arm and a grey kind of coat , right, so it is held down under the arm and it barely comes into the part of the column. it reminds me a bit of a painting in which just the corner of the left hand cornder has some image of it and the rest of the image, the rest of the canvas is clear. Acress the column a little but of some perspective because the column is a square column, right, so when you move acress the column you get into the line which defines the corner which is closest to us. now if you think about the line which is closest to us you are involved in considering the idea that what we are looking a at really here is a doamond shape! 9:07 a diamond shape which has a little bit of fabric falling into its right hand corner, and then as we move on to one facet of that doamond shape, the right hand facet, we see this brown rectangular slightly crumpled envelope and to its right, to its immediate right we see a light brown over coat that has some red in it. a little bit of red it it any way. a little bit of red is in the form of a piping, or maybe its a scar of i can't really tell wat is it, but it lo

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of about 9 or 10 inches. articularing the brown envelope and allowing us to see what makes the brown envelope has. now part of the coat comes down on to the floor. I would say it angels down on to the floor about o ten or 11 inches so that what we have really is like a form as if you had lets say you had a photograph on papers and you decided to draw a heavy line around that photograph so as to make what was in the photograph jump out a bit more, so off got this sensation here this column siding, diving rather, an ida of perspective or persenium relationship of how far things are away from you in space or how far they are moving toward you which is the old idea of the train. the reason the train is used in movies all the time is because its something that is coming woward you or something that is moving away from you so it gies you s ensation of going or coming to somewhere, coming into a town, leaving its a real ly simple device that is used to deal with space. 9:09 and soe in this case the column acts exactly the same way. we know for instance that the right hand corner of it has to be ta least 16 inches closer to us than the other corner which is its exactly mirror opposit. but what i find interesting bout is is that you have basic for mal ideas such as a column which is a it looks like a wquare

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structure to me and it has some moldings on it and its generall what we would consider to be geometric or in the form of geom etric anyway. and these other elements come into it, the coats and the package, etc, which have some -- the envelope has some basis in geometry but it isn't geometric because it has some things inside it which makes it less than flat and rec tangular and give it a bulky sensation a sensation of being a package. and the coat is it appears to be informal random in shape. the ideas that we normally associate with the idea of being abstract, of course, if you could recognize that its a coat, then of course you know its a coat so its not abstract, its a coat, but if you don't think about it as being a coat, if you just think about that amoutnt of clothing comeing out from the side of that geometric shape, right next to that manilla envelope, ti looks like a very ab stract form. and you can very easily imageine that it is a idea that wasn't specially palced there by a human being. 9:14 so it really sin't important or intersting to anyone. it isn't important. lets say when you walk by a hot dog stand womewhere and this think to yourself how nice that hot dog stand looks on a new york street, but i would never eat a hot dog out of that, no way, but nevertheless you think that makes me feel im in new york, the fact that i see that. and its nice that its there and i would'nt want to ever do anything for it not to be there. as a mater of fact if

it weren't there I would be down in City hall petitioning to have it be there, but I would never eat a hot dog from this place. so for me it has something to do with defining those ideas as to where things are and how they appear to be formed in relationship to one another. seems to have something to do with where i think i am. it's difficult to think that you are going to see everything that you look at all the time in some essential relationship, or that it will have some meaning which is worth considering, bevause if you were to look at everything all the time inthat particular way, ko doubt, you would never get anything done

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seems interesting. i mean it seems more interesting, let's say that a human beeing who wasn't aware of the idea of making art came in and just put it there. as opposed to, let's say a set desinner who would say, i should put it there that way because it would look great. it seems far more, I mean it wasn't interesting in that case. I mean it sisn't interesting. what i am saying is, if you think about it as a aet of objects together, it isn't that interesting. actually, you would pass it in the street any day and not think wtwice about it, but it only becomes interesting when you think about its formal alities in relation to empty space. here is something in empty space that has a shape and if you start to think about things that are in emply space, that are no where, so to speak, than you can think about a wwhole universal idea about what defines space

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e any way. where does something begin and where does something end. where are we when we think we are inside, andway. of course, we can certainly sat that my back is about three inches away from the chair, and we can certaintly say that my chair is about, I don't know, about 23inches away from the w all. but can I have any sensation of what that really feels like? if it were two mils behind me, the wall, would I reel any differend than I do know. so it seems interesting, not interesting, it seems important to me that those kinds of ideas could be felt, that you would feel the difference between being inside or outside, and that, well maybe its not important, maybe whats more interesting to me about it is t he idea that it gratifies some essential meed within me to understand the nature of the way things are placed in position . 9:15 but, nowever, from time to time it seems necessary,

becuse it seems necessary to stop and sya sure there is a coat an that person, there is a sweater on that person, and i woul often wonder, why did that person standing in front of me choose that jacket, i mean i often wonder about these things. i know why i chose this one that i have on for instance, its very simple. but its probably not simple to someone else so i think that when you think about those things it seems like wasting time, you know, it seems like this is about nothing, or we are just wasting time thinking about mynor de-

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tails, but at the same time they are not minor details because thefact of the matter is that the way you look at something in the long u run'
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the way you loo, at something in the long run divines your psychological equilibrium. for instance, i have the ories about seeing things which are based on very complicated ideas, one of them is taht those who believe that things have to be interesting are by nature -- first of all, po litically conserative, i think that liberals are prepared for boredom, conservatives, never are. second ofall, i think that if something is not teresting it will invariably cause considerable stress and that is called boredom. so in the long run it seems terribly important for me, i don't i can't explain to you why its so exciting to actually see something that is there, there. i mean, that would seem as though nothing is happening. you are just seeing what is but it just seems to me that you never do that there, really. and so just seeing it, because its there isnt enough. that doesn't seem enough to me in the long run. it seems to me that you have to decide when you look at someth ing that is there which is mynute, that you can allow it to be nothing and that there is no that is not detrimental. so you have to i d feel allow yourself to participate in the possibility that part of the time may be quite i

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uninteresting. several people now are standing in the room. there are groups there are 3 men standing together, there is a woman over at the wall there is a woman in a fur coat and she's got a nightged hat on and she's thinking about she's thinking she gave me a look like im thinking about this. i am not going to accept this too easily, i am going to check it out and you may be wrong. i would judge that look to be, you may be wrong. and she's walking toward the door, but her hand toward her head and now she is walking back and i would judge tht would be you may not be wrong. but its already hard to say, maybe its not you thing that or the other thing, it just has to do with quandry. it probably has to do with the idea that one doesn't know how one should act in this situation, what should one do, a groupof opele seem to be collecting the audience group seems to be dividing itself in term sof a circle an inner circle and an outer circle, there is a horseshoe of people over here. i must say that i love looking at people. i must confess at this moment if confessions are in order that looking at people is ceratinly a worthwhile activity its rewarding, considerable, and i find myself wondering when i look at people you know from time to time what would they be liike in other siutuations and the one thing that always baffles me about people is how they decided or got involved with this particular social structure. you know, like why they decided i should be in this group

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in this way. you ,now, like heres a woman standing there with her hands up to her neck, i would say, pulling a skarf over her, there is another man stapling something into the wall, another man just raised his hands up and another man leaning against the wall and a woman talking to him and they are having discussins presumably thsee discussions havesome interest to them, but you wonder why they decided th at this particular social structure was of any interest s to them over another one. lets say for instance there could be a dance going on right here o now, there could be disco music, the bee gees jon travolta swinging his ass all over the place, you know, it isnt happening, what is happening is a number of people are speaking quietly to wond another and the idea that people have decided to form that kind of a structural situation i mean by structural, a social structure, where they are tacitly involved with one another but actually not at all involved at all. they have definining ways to keep away they are finding ways not to ever have to be involved with what the other person is doing. i would say there is a consid erable amount of apprehension i thinkis the best way to put it, its not eally fear because they are not afraid of one another, well, no i won't put it a wall unless you want to put it t-at way, you got your hands on the controls but i don't mean a wall i don't like to use words that are

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in previous literature, i like to try and have a experience first hand to come up with my own ideas about what i think is happening and to just enter it with a blank mind bring it into the present. what i feel is not so much a wall but a number of people who like to make contact with one another, there seems to be a sensation of making contacts but they never wor, out the basis for waht the contact is going to be. they are afraid that maybe they will get it wrong, the basis will be wrong or they wil go far or not far enough. 9:25 but they don't feel freindsly in that kind of aistuation it seems frinedly enough, and it seems honest enought, but it also seems as though it all has to do with occupyingspace it all has to do with saying im' in the room now wi what do i do about the ga fact that i am hear and what do i do about the fct that all there other people are here and how do i let those people know that i am in the room and how do i op occupy the space in such a way that they do not feel that an over occupation has occurred, i

don't want to eat up all the space but never the less i do
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and at the same time and to be socially graceful is there a way to put it, so there is a lot of external use of social

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have to do with relating to one another. very little has to do with cutting through into some kind of real space where for a moment in time you actually get the sensation of what its like to be someone else in that room. 9:27 so a lot of it has to do with potecting space so you notice, like the man in the blue coat picked up his shoulder bag which was on the bag, which was on his shoulder and moved it into the corner, as if the idea of it being in 10 the corner gave it greater protection than if it were at the edge of the room or in the center of the room. 11 now its in the corner. i can look over to that corner any 12 moment and see that it is in the corner, so that there is a 13 14 way of dealing with things and space. ghe corner obvously have a very diffinite meaning for people, the corners are 15 the ways the things are joined together, two preseniums 16 come together and make a corner, so the 17 people feel that the corner is some kind of a haven or a more 18 secure spot than other parts of the wall 19 9:19.55 and people are trying to figure out in which direc 20 tion they should walk toward one another and i feel that i 21 should just say no, you are 3 evenings by bill anastasi 22 feb 1978 and tonight was the narrater mr les levine 23 on friday the 10 and karl deblock will be the narrator 24 on saturday the 11, jon cage wil be the narrator on sunday 25

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and this took place at the clocktower 108 leaonard street new york and it started at 8 pm and its now 9:30 and that thank you very much for coming here.

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but however there are people in the other parts of the work room there are people in the center of the room and i don't know whether they how they feel its impossible to say but i notice that when anybody wants to represent something to belong to them, they find a specific feat of architecture to put it to at the columns you notice for instance things are being placed next to the column as if to say next to this column i have put my thing, to the right corner, a couple of things are being put, very often it seems that things that are left intentionally left, as if to say i am leaving this, i don't want it, are left womewhere at the edge of the room, not in the corner and not in the center of the room but along one of the walls. people who feel even more insecure i don't know whether its a sensation of insecurity, but its a sensation of wanting to be connected at a main activity, it leaves the things close to where were are, so its to say, well, those people are there, they will see if anybody takes it, but it doesn't look like anybody is interested in taking anything.

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day 2 8:00 this is you ar. it is. 3 a piece designed by bill anastasi whereby a person narrating sits next to a person stenotyping 8 sitting next to a person 9 typing 10 the narrator for tonite is 11 karl keilbock 12 me. 13 ann majors is the stenographer 14 linda bederman the typist 15 8:01 16 Bill anastasi has just come over and pointed to the 17 top of the page that linda bederman has just typed 18 not actually from he stenotype ist but from 19 the narrator and has 20 pointed to the top of the page 21 linda has taken the paper out of the stenograph and is typing now at this point wi what is coming off it. narrating gets me very dry in ghe mouth work 24 bill anastasi is starting to laugh hysterically. dove bradshaw is looking over the typewriter looking

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it is an ibm selectric typewriter the stenograph machine is probably the more interesting of the machines.

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everyone already knows what a typewriter is. the people who have come to this show are not standing, e wandering looking at the walls in a normal gally fashion. htey have all sat down and are facing the corner of the room where we are sitting. a person is h now taking our picture. smile.

someone has set up a mirror in front of this and is also taking a picture. they are pointing at the mirror, gazing at the mirror and smiling.

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now dove has fit herself around the back in the corner and is taking a picture. over our shoulders but into by face. there is some Tab sitting on the type writer table. there is a diagital clock that is 8:03.15. the stenographer is working quite diligently. obviously used to this. the typist is oubviously used to typing own the stenographers off the stenographers paper.

8:04 im feeling a little nervous a lot of nervous. the first page is being stapled on to the wall and 2 people have gone over to look at it. there is a garbage pail here water, im taking a drink

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40 of water again. im getting my first glimps into the auidience for a hard look there is a pson gazing into the mirrir and looking at me and reciting an old poem. she said tit is sky, but malka is something something to me. malka is dodo is what the person sittin g on her stomach is saying. a person gazing ovr is asking us if we if they are helping. 8:05 there is a large group of people standing way in the bck and are reading les levines performance of last night. there seems to be getting into a rolicking mood here. i hope it gets even worse. everything on the walls is white very very white. there are a lot of coats an d a real lot of spoken foam f rubber on the floor. pep le are using it to sit on. there is a man with a beer. ienvy the man with the beer. i envy the man with the beer. 8:05 im amazed at how many people are here. 1,2.3.4.5 --- coutnign. there are over 20 peple. i see people gaz ing around i am gazing around i see some peple smiling and point. there is talking starting to go on generally people are starting to break upfrom the audience sitat=ion that they are in and starting to gather wancer around. someone is now plaing with a can with two eggs. someone is asking me womeone has asked me a question do i remember phils party? i'm going to answer that question. no. i don't remember a thing

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1 no i dont remember a thing they promise to show me what happened at that party. 2 8:06 someone is offering me an egg i don't now 3 whether its hardboiled or soft boiled but i am not going to accept it. i am going to talk with the typewriter the typeweriter is a grey type writer with dark gray keys lectrick and fasinating to watch. especially with this person who w happens to be typing because in the beginning of this she could 9 type as fast as I could talk at least for a while not at 10 this point. she is sitting with perfect posture, the one 11 ting that everynone can gree upon. 12 13 8:07 she is ripping through the stenographic sheets with real 14 ease. obviously the stenographer doesnt 15 agree with any of this. she laffs. there are a lot 16 of people here im going to ask the stenographer 17 to help me out with observations. there are 18 about 30 people here. they are more into talking 19 now and the room is starting to get loud i don't know mos 20 of the pople here is the steographer has dropped her gum 21 on the floor. she has stopped toput it in the garbage 22 can and laffing about it saying that she doesnt have to 23 right that down. i would like a piece of gum. do 24

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he asked the stenographer a person has just asked for a piece of gum hername is jean derrick jean marie der rick. the gum is dentine only 3 pieces. just enough for the 3 of us she says. i am now asking for people who are close enought to come up with comments of their own. i will gladly select them at random and say them into the recording. i am chewing on a piece of dentine jum. it never tasted so good. im 9 starting to recognize some other people here. 10 8:09 11 cathleen mooney and others. a man just 12 a man is sprawled on very little of the gallery space his 13 name is dan. he had mentioned that there are 14 spots on the wall. there are spots on the wall 15 people are now gathering around the few 16 sheets of typed aper with my spoken word on it. some 17 of my spoken words which are being typed right at the 18 very moment or -- to watch, especially with this 19 person who happens to be typing because in the beginning 20 of this she could type as fast as i could talk at least 21 for a while, not at this point. 22 8:10 at this point she is just typing that more 23 people are standing now than are sitting. bill ana 24 stasi brought something over a tall handsome man dressed very conservatively and someone has handed me a

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of paper that she thinks i might want to read. i don't think i want to read it. she has asked me to read it she has asked me to read it. i will read it it has just been mentioned to me that i am wasting time reading apiece of paper that has been handed to me. i am not wasting time. it would be a waste of time to read this and have it written down. im going to hand this back.

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she has now left someone says that i am recking this i dont believe that it can be wrecked i anything can hap pen. o like people to come up and talk, i like people to look over a i am waivering they are waving back pretty much the gallery is divided by diagnoally in half. we are on this half of the gallery, everyone else except for one other person is on the other side of the gallery they are less hesitant to come over here. i wouldnt mind if they did come over here. possibly if they read this they would come over here. would you mind, he asked, someone has just asked me a question. am i going to do my juggling act? i am going to answer him this way: i don't have a juggling act. now he is showing me some eggs. 8:13 someone has just asked me for water, i said yes, yo can have water i am drinking more water. i am pausing

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that I was stumped. i would like you to believe that i was stumped. well its right down on paper. i don't know what to say. she said that i should say i don't know what to say i will admit that at some times 5 i don't know what to say im glad that at some point i dont know what to say, if i knew what to say all the time i would be talking all the time and probably miss out on other things that i would like to do. i a questn has just been asked of me tak talking has nothing to do t 10 with this. talking all the time has nothing to do with this 11 i will answer her with -- no i am realising t at this point 12 it is really hard to hold a conversation directly with 13 a person and have it written down at the same time. 14 8:17 someone has asked me if i am still doing the wild 15 west show. i will answer him, thusly. no i am not 16 i am jsu just noted how extremely quick the stenographer 17 is. someone is taking my picture with a really tiny littl 18 e camera. i have that camera. she says that she has a camera that a person standing next to her has, which is a 20 nicomat 35 mm camera, her camera is a tiny probably 21 japnese made tiny camera allthough hers has a case and mine dont we will talk about tis later i would 23 also like to have the nicomat. 8:18 someone has just asked me about a personal question

about the wild west show i will have to tell him that i

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will speak to him later about that. yes i would really like to speak to you later about that as long as you are after me. another page is being stapled on to the wall i also onotice because it makes a loud noice. glenda hiber has just walked in. she is wearing her fluff jack et. hi glenda. proximately half of the peple here in this room that are sitting down and leaning aginast the wall. they are socializing. someone just told me that they are glad that they brought a book. i just told her tat im glad she brought a book. now that people have come up here it is getting hard for me to see the rest of the gallery space but that is okay i like peering between 12 people. but it is pretty much the same as it was before 13 which was everyone just sitting around and socializing. 14 8:19 only 2 people, 3 people are reading what is written 15 on the wall. everyone else is just standing around 16 someone has just asked me if they are alowed to harass 17 me. i haven't the time to answerthat. after answering 18 the question she has completely forgotten it herself 19 i will answer it this way, over the stenograph, w 20 anyone could do this anything they want. i wish anyone would do anything they want. i am pausing agin. i am 22 being smiled at i am now having an argument with the sten 23 ographer wherer ishoud puse or not i stopped she was look

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the stenographer is clapping her hands.

the major portion of the noise in the room is sprisingly enough not talking. it is the typewriter machine. it sounds just lke a typewriter. the senographic machine makes no noise at all. someone has just said so long to me. the senographic is dark gray and sits on a small tripod between the legs of the stenographer. this is called the stenographer has told me that the stenograph is named

herbie. i am asking her whether she knows the name of the typewriter. the typist has just named the typewriter burton cummings.

8:24 a person has just come up to me as though they were going to ask me a question and stopped. I will ask him wat he wants. his name is bruce. i don't have a question. it is important. bill anastasi si walking over with the staple gun. looking so for something to do with the situation, the typewriter, the stenographer and my self sitting her just in this small area. somehas asked me why is there a smell of stale beer here. i didn't notice that there was the smell of stale beer. im glad he mentioned it. for the amount of people that are here there is actually very little conversation going on. a man is by himself caughing. the stenographer joking ly says that he is dying. someone is bringing a

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truncated triangle shaped mirror into the room. he has

filthy hands. he has asked me if i have every seen up 2 stairs. no i hav never seen upstares. a spiral stair 3 case upstares. big birds carved out of limestones and pigons. regular pigeons. really live pigons they are cooing. another person chimes in. they are cooing and they are in cages. in a cage that one of which looks like it was made by solwit. 8:26 and people are laffing at that fact. another per 9 son agrees with it. im going to ask them directly for 10 more oeservations. what else have you noticed? some 11 other people have gone outside im asking them what they s 12 aw. tthe people that went upsatairs took photographs 13 as far s i know that could be a lie. that could be the tr 14 uth. i didn't see it myself, it is only relayed image to 15 me, to the stenographer, to the typist, to the wall. 16 8:27 17 im going to ask them to go out and ask other people to 18 bring back information directly to me so that i can 19 read it into the stenographer. ask other people for in 20 formation to bring back to me so that i can put it 21 in the stenographic machine. bill and stacy stand with 22 understanding what i just said. other people dont -- on 23

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zine called soap operat digest. her name is jane

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49 on the cover of which is ricahrd dean and derson general 2 hospital jeff and rick webber, y and r feature. i 3 don't understand this magazine. it says tv section simbols. 1978 sopy award ballots inside. i doint thing im very interested in this book. im putting it on the floor. someone is now telling me that they are going o 6 to tell me a story. 7 8:19 i may have mistaken -- she isnt telling me a story she is telling a person standing next to me a story they a e talking to fast for me to hear it and also keep the nara 10 tion together. 6 people are now reading what is written 11 on the wall and the level of conversation is getting a 12 little louder and now is going over the level of noise of 13 the typewriter. i am speaking louder. the louder i spea 14 k the more i feel i have to say. a flash has gone off. 15 a picture has just been taken in this direction. it has 16 been suggested of me that i should tak louder, i am 17 talking louder. bill anastasi is standing in front of me 18 laffing his terically. at the fact that the louder 19 i talk the more i have to say. its an enjoyable 20 fact that the lounder you talk the more you have to say 21 as a matter of fact, moving your arms around jesturing wha 22 t you say helps you say things. they autimatically 23 come to mind. 8:30

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notice anything going on that i haven't he asked someone that person has repeated i doubt it. she is glenda somene has just sked me if i asked some guy for money i am answering him thusly i will talk to you about that later. no i don't know ill talk to you about that later. wil continue describing things. hi. someone has asked me how i am. i am answering fine. youself? no she has asked me wheterh i am nervous. i replied no. i am not nervous any more. i am getting nervous. a man wi th a beard and his hair parted down the middle looking sort of like a lumberjack is standing close by. he knows he s being described. hes smiling. i dont know who he is. 8:32 he tells me his name is dave. it could be for all i know. hes laffing. the gallery is now pretty much bal anced there is just as many people on this side of the gallery as there are on the opposite side. and people are loosening up and realizing that it is not what you would call a performance situation. they have broken the audeience positioning. it is hard to tell whether they like this situation that they are in at the moment or whether they dont like the situation. andrea drewspa lookus is here he is the first person that hasnt come up and asked how are you. that i know or that knows me.

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stenographer has just told me she has just written that. that person has just came over frank and has started sin ging. he should sing some more. people are starting to lean on one another, smoking cigarettes, talking jest turing with their hands and talking with pauses. some one has just asked me if the mirror s propped up on the typists tabke if they are themselves props my answer is no they are mirrors.

8:35 if you i am asking if he obviously -- observes anything that i haven't observed, to come over and tell me and i will decide if it is a worthy enought observation to have written down on the stenographic machine. i can tell you right now, its worthy enough. some one has just said o brother, some one has just said how long have you done this for but not to me. someone is now taki g a picture. his name is dave. its a nicomat. people are still walking in. there is broxly 40 people here. somebody has just asked me how long im going to do this my answer its hour and a half her name is jean. i am being pestered to say when someone aske me a question, no t to put it this way, some one has just as said to me to say the name. pestering is a good word. 8:37 this person is a pest. someone has just asked me again. how long this is going on for my reply is an hour

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and a half an hour more. her name is michel. a question has just been asked of me, am i chewing gum. i am chewing chewing gum. a mirror was just shined into me. i for got to look. i was too busy talking about something. another picture has been taken. someone has just asked me to say there name into what she describes as a thing her name is jane derrick. good by frank. someone has noticed has just told me that the informer what she refers to as the informer, which is actually the narrator is drinking a lot of water and it is coming out my arms, shes right. im asking her to get an air conditioner. yeah its hot, but it is much warmer and live shes reciting something to me, but im not listening it has something to do with the temperature of the room. there is a person here. i can't see their face. wearing snoshoes bight red snow shoes with the symbol of the olypics on them. A group of people behind up against the wall to my left are staring over here hoping for something more to happen. o ne is pointing and one is sitting with legs out stretched black paints almost tweedling their thumbs, chewing gum another is sitting resiing chewing him. a women and ubviously recognizing that she is being talked about 8:40 someone is playing by blocking my view. its ok. at count i count 28 of the people in this room are not talking and approximately ten are. somewne has brought something along and is showing it to another person. people are sittn

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sitting down having sonversations as yet. most people ares itting by themselves, there are heeps of coats on the floor. bill anastasia is lusting for the next type writte n page so that he can tack it on the wall. dove bradshaw now has a flash in her hand and it looks as though she is goint to attempt something outrageous using a flash unit with her samera. most people when they realize they are being described, start to do something so i will start to describe them more a man is sitting with hands holding himself up behind him, chewing gum, wearing glasses and a gold shirt. he is now smiling, and starting to move his body. he is starting to begin it, is is looking away and starting a conversation with him. the person nest to him is realizing that i am looking over there and is star ting to laugh. generally, starting to gigure it. a women sitting next to the wall wearing s-hite sweater and vest and very dark black hair is ubviously intentionally llooking away. she has a whity berat in her hair and cowboy boots , black leevy pants. another comwn sitting in the corner with her is looking over here and realizing she is being talkied about and smiling and looking back. she was at th is point rea-ding a book. she was looking away. she is .1 ooking back, she is smiling. she is grinning , she is making faces, she has turned to the person next to her an signified to her that she is being talkid about

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8:34 and the person next to her is starting now a situatn with her. the person who has started the conversation is very intense on hlding this conversation at this point and is also making faces but not in this direction. a girl sitting right for ground to us is slouching against the c olumn in the room and on a styrophoam piece of cushon. h er lfet hand is sitting in front, inbetween her legs. she realizes i am talking abou her. seh lafs. sshe waves and probably feels a little embarresed. she is now staring over here and her eybrows are now going up and down and now she is as though she were focussing very closely with her eyes on me as if she can here with her eyes. she is now in nodding her head up and down and i think h she is hoping that iam going to describe someone else. 8:44 the person furthest away from me is taking a picture. he is walking this way. he is looking away. he is now obvious that he is being described. hes leaning against the wall in a very sueve manner with his and on his hip, not putting his hand on his pocket nodding his head and looking away. a person with a 2 tone fur striped coat is having the piece explained to her by bill anastasi i eard her say the pipr and bill is saying that the typist is a professional. she hasnt noticed that i am describing her but she is now look ing over here. she has a very beautiful frizzy hair

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someone has mentioned to me that she is cute that she is being talked about. she is getting into the situation ag ain and not focussing too much on what is going on over here. someone has put their arm around me and someone has handed me an egg. im going to ask them and someone ha s almost broke an egg on me this person that has her hand on my head was the person that i previously described as a pest and the person who handed me the egg is her brother his name is dave. this person close to me is now asking me if i am a pest or if she is a pest and i say now if you would only get me a napkin, would you get me a napkin? she got me a napkin. she may not be so much of a pest of after all. its getting extremely loud in here and terranc e costello came in and explained that i rene cherner came in and he is talking too fast and i can't say what he is saying fast enough to here what he is saying. i will pause and listen to what he has to say. 8:47 someone has told me that the like my shirt the person standing next to them said that it was corny the person that said that they liked my shirt explained to the person had said it was corny that it was theres it is a big joke. as a sprise to me the stenographer and the typist have now switched roles and someone has handed me a photograph of tony pabon. it is a dum photograph. there is more wandering aound going on the gallery and soe

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someone has just asked me where i might find lemon filled donuts around here and walked away. it seems asthough a lot of people who know me want to ask me about personal business. the person sitting in the middle of the room is wearing blue jeans and a white tee shirt with a re d ringed neck. the stenographer is pointint to him. he is looking over and his eyes are opening wide. hes making a large grin. now some poeple are standing in the middle of the room sticking there tung out. in this direction. and the stenographer is pointing at them. a man in a plaid desiwth green bell bottom pants is walking over to the wall and sitting down. he is gazing around and has pulled up his pants off his ankles and is peering into the rest of the gallery space. he has gazed and a bearexd. 8:50 he has looked at the area in the room where the pieces of paper are tacked to the wall. he doesn't look enthused. a man with a very very bright red shirt is gazing at the ceiling. he is gazing at the girl. a man is putting a new lens on his camera froma large case of photographic equipment he is walking close over and is taking a picture its a nikomat. his name is dave. people are walking around with their coats. 8:54 they stopped doing something. she is now taking

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i am asking the person to take a photograph if this. the stenograph machine. there is nothing generally going on any different than was generally going on before. spec ifically the elements of this signation have been describd. a large flash has just gone off. the people closest to me are having a situution about me. terrence costello has just gone up to jane derrick done a waving motion with his hands rocked back and forth made a face at me and has now brought her over to me and has told me id better watch waht i say buddy. and is now laffing his terically. i would like terrence to directly do something other than what is going on. terrence y dont you do something other than what is going on in here so i could describe it? he has now taken jane in his arms and is sw aying back and forth. he is thowing her around the room. she has made a loud yeelling noise. she has a camera in her hands it doesn't seem like a dangerous situation at all. now hes tweling around. there are more cameras taking pictures of this. 8:54 they stopped doing something. she is now taking her picture. he is holding up a card. he is a card carrier. hes bopping around the room. he's holding a card up to my face. bill anastasi i has a very broug smile on his face. im reminded of something that h said earlier a dry well. caren costello is now hold ing a large mirror up into jane derricks camera. he is

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flashing a large mirror up into jane derricks camera. is falshing it around the room. he is the center of atten tion. hes the life of the party. people are fearing that he may step on them. he wisles and places the mirror on the floor. hes putting the mirror between his legs one foot is reflecting in it and moving it around too face for a picture of it to be taken. the mirror i know was suggested by him by jane. i can hear him saying would you like me to dance. i can here him say is this robbin. is she relatedc he is saying hello to bill and at least 30 percent of the people are watching terrence costello. someone has just asked me how i am. i am 8:56 there are too many people here at this momen. going on right at the moment i can't begin to describe what they are someone is taking a cigarette someone has asked what its doing there and drea a stalookus is about to laf and a picture is being taken right close by over here terrence is trying to put something over the stenographic on to the wall, a marriage is of questions is being asked narrator has been mugged. someone was holding there hands over my mouth for quite a long while. people are being more open to coming over and attempting to be involved directly with whats going more directly with whats going on the wall on to

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s and have had there picture taken. i m am reminded again of the phrase a dry well. a dry well. a dry well. a dr y well. a man is standing over the typewriter and reading directly what is being typewritten sometimes there is a a lull in the action. there is a mixup with the paper someone has asked me, someone came up to me and said that they weren't going to say anything and then said they weren't going to ask me anythin.g someone has asked me if i would like some burbon. the bottel is open its being described as spring water. its being put to my lips. i drank some burbon. its awful. would you want any of that. i hear someone say to someone els.e you hav eater have eaten all those rasons and now i hear the sounds of the typewriter and the phrase was repea ted by that person the hole box people are generally standing around. it is very rd hard to talk and introduce people at the same time. im appreciative that people come up and are uninhibited with the fact that they wil come up and talk. there is generally a lot of fast walking going on in the gallery now. it is 9:10 9:01 jane derrick is standing at the end of the gallery and

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a question and is now walking over with a mirror. is explaing to me that the people she got a ride with are making me leave, and i am going to answer her right away because she is leaving. that is okay. im thrilled. there is more picture taking going on in this direction. pepole are freely speaking. in this direction a person has just come very close and put a cigarette out in the ashtray that is stinng on the table in front of me and bent down while doing it as though to not get into my vision. to get in the way of my vision. a group shot is being taken of the stenographer myself the typeist bill anastasi dove bradshaw and i am smiling. dove is smil ing and massages are being given to linda and anne. some oe has just said hello relaly loud and someone terrence has just announced in the middle of the room very loudly that jane derrick is having a shoe. someone says that terrence is uncontrollable. irrepressable. massaging fo the tapist and the stenographer seems to be lubricating the situation. the mechanics are working better. 9:04 is it much better i have just asked if it is much better

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the stenographer has told me that it is better. the people who brought 3 eggs in a coffe can have left i see a person looking at what is written on the wall and smiling. i see 2 people smiling at what is written on the wall, and

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because i am looking over there isee another piee of paper goig up. the situation has gotten so loud that i doubt if i could here the saple gun goes off. i am now look ing at david beel. i just hard the staple gun going off someone has asked me to look at david beel. i will. i had my picture taken. looking at david beel. david beel has noticed that the stenofer machin works much faster than the typing machine.

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hes right. that was observed earlier. there us a griyo of poeple standing close by having a situation. they are talking as though they are unaware of the tepewriter and the stenographic machine. two of the people since that have walked in haven't really looked over there to examine what is going on, and i don't believe read what was previously pinned on the wall. there are 2 peple close holding on to one another and smiling and talking there is a man very close by putting out a cigarette. there are less people here than there were before, but the action is getting quicker. a man is reading what is written on the wall and talking in his shirt. i believe that hes been reading from the very beg inning. the light in this room is either very bright or the white of the walls. makes it shine very bright. bill ad dove are kissing over the typewriter they are laughing while kissing overthe typewriter they know that they

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are being observed kissing over the typewriter. it has gone froma kiss to a kiss and a hug and hasn't stopped until this point. someon has mentioned to them that they think is a place a public place. i heard after done kissing said roots. although i dont know why there are still pictures taking going on in this direction a person . i lean turner is looking over here smoking a ciagarette and is looking right through over here as though we were invisable as though she were looking into the corner of the room. she is now aquinting her eyes she is grinning. she knows that we are tlking about herand is tarting to look away and now she is looking back and now she is looking away. 9:09 the poele left at this point seem to be the mor cheery of the r people that have been in this gallery so far and more used to being in a gallery. they seem more enthused with what is going on at this point than they were befor terrence is beginning to dance gain. no sooner does he begin to dance than someone mentioned his name, he already is playing a game with someone. he is now putting both hands on my knee and leaning. he is squeezing my leg he is squeezing my shoulder and trying to get me attention. he is now squeezing my breats. no, no, no. terrence is now being a pest trying to take my shirt off, for reasons

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explained that it is his shirt. i am trying to give him my attention but i feel that i should describe what is going on. terrence is now leaving. 9:10 thank you thank you. someone has just come up to me and told me it was a very interesting evening and gave me a kiss, another person came up to me and said they had enough art for one evening and is also leaving. her terrence has just rold me something very embarrasing which 8 i won't repeat into the wituation. someone has explained 9 to me that i know there name, her name is ileen turner 10 she has said fuck you to me. she has put her hand over 11 my mouth. she is grinning. she is shaking my hand and 12 telling me that she is going to leave. buy. well see you 13 did you get we'll see you did you get the question? did 14 you get we'll see you. did you get my asking my asking 15 if you got the question did i see you. pepople are gathering 16 in groups very close to the section of the gallery now and 17 are ignoring the situation completely. except for one 18 person his name is bill. hes coming over here and giv 19 ing a glass of burbon that is sitting on the tabl directly 20 in front of us. its 9:12 21 9:12 only one person is reading the words that have 22 been placed on the wall. he's reading the very last page 23 thathave been placed on the wall. now 3 people are reading 24 what has been written on the wall and a p man with a sport

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jacket on and a mustache standing very close is grinning he has been here the hole night he is coming closer to her e directly what i am saying. he is nodding his head. his name is bob. he tells me his name is bob for the reocrd and a person standing next to him a woman in a reen shirt amply face strictly for the record she is getting a light for her cigarette. 3 people are coming over and the man in the middle of these 3 people is describing the mechanics of this situation. he is pointing to this stenographic paper and calling them marks. 9:13 2 persons to his left, a woman is taking another look and asking him f more questions. so much noise at this point in the gallery that i can't distinguish what anyone is saying. most pepole are speaking and nodding there heads. another person is gazing directly to what is being written at the typewriter. i am gazing at what is specially being written on the typewriter. no thing is being specially written on the typewriter at the moment. someone is taking another picture. and the person who is explaingin the situation that i noted a few lines ago was just looking a the stenographic machine. her bee. two peple have just met each other and kissed. and i hear the word fastinated and another person says that the steno graphic is a great machine. people who are looking at this specific situation at the corner tends to look at the machines more than they look at the people working

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machines. i am asking the stenographer dont you agree she agress. bill and stacy is stepping on my toe but not hard. he says, but just wait. only one person agins is reading what is on the wall and most people are standing around staring at this directin at this point. the pepoel who are staring can hear directly what i am saying and are saying dry well dry well definiately may m favorite word of the night. bill and stacy says that the tight el for his next piece is dry well. i say to him i doubt it.

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someone has just handed me burbon. i didn't think about it hername is glenda. glenda is now making a face. and using her hands. dove bradshaw is descriging the stenogra phic machine and the stenographic typing machine. i was being hit in the shoulder a few moments ago and people are making different groups. while sitting in the middle of the floor someone is asking the stenographer a qustion i let the conversation with the stenographer go on without listening and without recisting. because it is mechanically impossible to do both. the man with the very bright red shirt has his left hand in his pocket and is laffing at something that dove bradshaw is saying about the typewriter and the stenographic machine. the girl with the bery small camera is taking a picture. i don't believe that there is film in the camera. a person is showing me there chess, i he's wearing a t shirt. it is a picture of a covered

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bridge with a wagon going over a covered bridge. it says intercourse pennsylvania. i know this from deeing it prev iously. conversations are getting at this point probably as loud as they have ever been throughout the bithe night

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939 a dry well, people feel very comportable at this poin
t to some over to this side of the room, talk about the
situating and ask questions directed to any one uf us, ex
cept the typiset. someone has said, ex cuse me, and asked
me whether i have a sterio camera. my reply is, no, i
don't have a sterio camera. she asked me whether i have
a whole collection, my answer is, yes, i have a whole
collection, but i don't happen to have a sterio camera. i
would like to have a sterio camera, but they are usually
very expensive, and they usually don't have big names. it's
been explained to me that you can get a sterio optic lens
for a ica camera, i don't know that'

92] someone is calling my name out from the other side of the room. noone that i have asked for ovservations has come up with any for quote some time. possible they forgot someone is now asking the stenographer a question. what has struck you to do this? the stenographer explains that the reaon that she got into stenography was because it sounded interesting. i have narrated the false hook. i am going to let the person who asked the questopm, whatever question

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she has asked the stenographer, to clear up that falsehood the question was not what was there interest in stenography specifically but rather what was their interest in executing or helping to execute this peice, because they were the second people called. out of the telephone book. the reason that they were interested in doing this piece to begin with is a question that i am now asking the stenographer, the answer is because it sounded interesting and the stenographer at the moment has explained that Linda told her off the phone that wer are now doing sart.

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that is as far as i becieve explaination gois. someone has explained to me that someone else has a question the question is, the question at first posed to me was basically, how much does a stenographer and a typist get someone has just chimed in, when they are getting paid

which enthused the stenographer a lot. it broke sown. the answer broke to the original question, broke down to approximately 3 hundred dollars a night. i heard someone say fanstastic. someone is holding up stenography paper stenography equipement and describing it as constellations using words like sagiterious it has bee determined that a u f r d means off the record and majors has just explained that that is now linda bederman writes off the

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record. she explains that she writs it in three words off the record. it has just been brought to my attention that linda bederman the typist said that she only remem bers typing two words the entire night, bare skin coat which means hat everything that she types she has no recollection of at all which may be the reason that the mistakes are so beautiful. it is 9:28.

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upon expounding the time both the typist and the steno grapher replied simultaneously oh, and are now just realizing that. it has been explained to me by the steno graphic that they both said it for different reasons.

narration is slowing down to the point where it is easy note the narration has slowed to the point where the typist and the stenographer can conversae about the difference in translation between the way ann majors uses the stenography and the way linda bederman interprets what she has written with it. someone as pointed to the clock and said that it is now 9:30.

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Its 8:00. i will attempt to describe what i hear in this room where you and i we are. i hear some people walking and some others are talking. i just said hi to anne major who has arrived a little bit late. just before she sat down she made a very interesting sound with the rubber sole of her shoe. and just now another one moving her chair. the sound of the machine she is using is extremely quiet in comparison with your type writer.

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an acoustic situation is extremely complicated. there are so many things happening for instance the sound of this clock. its almost as though it were boiling, throbbing, and all the walking continues. do you have a cold? do you need some kleenex? what?

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now i hear the voice of my friend maryanne amashe. you

19 hear it. of all the sounds i

20 hear i am growing more and more fond of the one

of this clock. thats a nice one. the situation im in

22 is somewhat impossible, because in order to hear i must

23 be quiet. but in order to narrate which im obliged to

24 do, i have to speak and when i speak my attention isnot

on what im hearing. so that my mind is divided between listening and saying.

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what im already noticing is that the sounds that are closest to me are the ones i hear that take my attention 3 though the sounds of people talking -- that was interesting that sounded like a bottle opening. its not its a staple 5 gun. beautiful. 8:05 and the button of that coat against the wall. its curious that im asked in this situation to know what it is that makes which sound. o whereas in a musicial situation i didn't have such a sense of necessity. i would 10 be able to listen to a sound in a piece of music without 11 knowing what has caused it. perhaps as the time continues my attention will move away from narration and become 13 more musical so to speak. 14 8:06 perhaps as the time continues my attention will 15 move away from narration and become more musical, so to speak. perhaps the need to narrate makes me 17 makes the connection between cause and sound, so that 18 i have something to say about by way of descrition. 19 8:08 if i merely said for instance that i heard high sounds 21 and many sounds in the middle, every now and then some 22 thing percussive, you see how vague the description is.

instead of a reporter perhaps in this sutut situation

what is needed is a recorder.

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8:10 this has both a slight rattel and a pulsating whirring sound. now that there are so many people moving around ad so many people talking its difficult to hear this clock unless i hold it up to my ear as i did and hear it, but before when there were less sounds i could hear the clock more easily even when it was a distance from my ear of a foot or so but when it was a foot away i didn't hear that slight rattle. 8:12 10 i can tell when the people are quiet now because its 11 then that i can hear the clock without putting it up to 12 my ear. 13 14 its actually very beautiful basically as far as i can 15 hear the sound of talking and the sound of walking 16 and now and then the sound which i have earlier described 17 as having a percussive nature like the door slamming or 18 like the stapling gun on the wall or if somebody dropped 19 soemthing, it didn't bounce. 20 this situation of course is very different from what i 21 would hear if i were at home. and its largely due to the 22 fact that there are so many people in the room. 23 8:15 24 do that again this is rattling now. try again.

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maybe this can -try it now.type something. okay. do it again. doesn't seem to rattle much. okay. that's better. try it now. no. go ahead. i think an old fashioned typewriter would probably respond better. 5 im beginning to hear more sounds that sound like the same 6 time as the talking and the walking. this can is getting 7 more and more interesting. 8 this clock is like birds flying. 9 10 8:20 ive noticed thre are moments when theres almost no walking 11 but the talking doesn't ever seem to stop. its amazing 12 how interested people are in talking. 13 youd think theyd be able to get along with a little bit 14 15 less. when you cant understand what theyr saying then you 16 notice now that it sometimes gets louder sometimes more 17 subtler but the extraordinary thing about it is it almost 18 never stops. im going to listen carefully now and see 19 if ican notice its stopping. 20 21 8:23 im ging to listen for lets see we have this clock 22 im going to listen 30 seconds and see if i can hear a time 23

when there is no talking. how many -- i said 30 seconds.

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i would say that during those 30 seconds there wasn't a single instant when someone wasnt talking. but we have no notion of what they were saying. i also have no real sense of how to describe what it was that i heard except that it was talking. talking is made up of vowels and consonants but when you hear it i this way it goes into a kind of blur. an interesting blur. now and then as the finnegans wake you hear a few words that are not

blurred. i mean to say that you understand.

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> but mostly none of it is a clear as the sound of this clock. when he said "thats true" for instance that was not blurred. just now i thought i heard someone say wait, but im not certain that that was what they said.

17 there comes the staple again. the word beautiful. talk 18 about working.

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if i were at home it seems to me that the sound situation 22 the number of events would be fewer and if i set out to 23 desribe them i might be able to do it but here theres a complexity that so far sip simplifies itself to me simlly

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simply to this clock. to say the sounds of the typing and not so much your machine as your sighing now and then or the moving of this, i mean to say the sounds that the three of us are making here, if i touch this paper, for instance.

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and then i noticed besides the talking and the walking but i keep calling the percussive sounds, the continuous ones are the talking and the walking and the talking is more continuous than the walking. and the fewest are these striking percussive events.

i remember years ago looking out the window at grant street and monroe and noticing the traffic in the east river drive and imagining that one might write music following the

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following the a nature by describing the traffic. so that it is to find a way of making a piece of music, it would result from describing this situation that i am attemptin to a describe but not succeeding in describing now. if i were going to seriously make a piece of music out of this situation i would have to come to some closer terms with it than i have h yet found. perhaps before we s get to the end perhaps ill get an idea.

8:33 of what one would use or what i would use.

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if i were going to make a piece of music out of this situation which, as we say, you are.

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im trying to imagine what that would be without recourse 5 to techonology. its obvious that it could be done very easily with a tape recorder.

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but when i was trying to describe to you what i was hear ing at the beginning you remember i kept thinking of the clock, but that character of the clock which in terms of music is an ostenato, its a constantly repeated pulsating time type sound.

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its not what i would use at all if i were making a piece of music out of this situation. i do think i would use the talking and the walking and it would -- wouldnt be difficult to either construct or to train people to walk, it might be more difficult to be get them to talk because if they thought there were supposed to talk they w ouldnt talk as well as they are talking now. when they dont know that they are supposed to be doing it.

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and there would be a great differencein the sound.

would become self conscious. it would become self conscious for as now what we are hearing is wihtout its without any attempt at self expression. it isn't theatrical, for instance, let alone musical. 8:37 this is a solo for the typewriter. 8 even that's a complicated situation. 9 8:39 10 we have to come to the end of this solo. 11 12 there seems to be more of a laughing, more other uses of 13 the voice than just talking. caughing too. 14 8:42 15 the tearing of the paper is always very interesting. 8:43 17

its of course to make a piece of music like this one doesnt 18 really have to do anything except somehow have say this n 19 umber of people in a room of this size and to do something 20 so that they will stay here rather than go away. then they are obviously going to make just exactly the kind of 22 sounds that we're hearing right now. im of course trying 23 to ignore the sound of your typewriter but this quiet one over here, the court -- what is it -- stenograph its so quiet that i try to hear it.

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and the typewriter is so lound that i try not to hear it. 8:44 im speaking in this direction its coming out in this 3 direction. are you more out of transcribing than you 4

are in the arts? are you more a court reporter than an 5 artist? its very interesting i was just talking with

a yo-ng man here and its clear that when i was talking 7

with him i was not doing my job of narrating. in fact 8

if i were narrating i would now probably have to describe

what it was we talked about but it wasn't anything very 10 interesting. the sound wed have to say didnt make as much

sense as sound as this clock does or the general talking

walking which is even more sound when its more blurred.

so thats the key. it became in fact when we talked 14

together just now it became so distinct that it wasnt 15

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the conversation? just the answers? 19

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florida. its i would say its as warm in this room as

it was in florida 24

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one nce thing about the walking here is that its on the wooden floor and i remember when you first put your coat down and came to your chair you made that sound with your rubber soled shoe. nice one. he closed the suitcase. that falls in the category of percussive sound. though it had a slighty puffy wind instrument type wound 8:50 i haven't noticed a single moment without conversation. without the sound of someones voice. maybe if i had a microscope i don't mean a microscope i mean a way of hearin more slowly than i hear because i think one of the prob lembs about listening is we have to listen so immediately to so many things that they escape out attention so that i not only have the impediment of having to talk while im listening but i have the impendement that there so much happening so quickly that i miss it all but if i could pay attention to it more slowsly as though i had a microscope then i would begin to see spaces between the speaking, but with so to speak my ordinary ears i dont heari anything between the talking. 8:52 that would be very nice to have if we were having more technology to have something that would pull time stretch time out so that a little bit of it became a lot.

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there may even be such a machine for all i know. i dis cover more and more that im very backward technologically and that all things kinds of things are being invented without my being any the wiser. in fact i think im turn ig my back on technology a little bit. not when it comes to the technology i already know but when it comes to say the discovery of new technology.

i think the reason i turn by back on it is because so many people face it.

and since they do it i don't have to.

because that facing is being done so i can pay attention to something else. nevertheless it would be nice from a musical point of view to have some kind of a gdget by mean of which we could take a little bit of time and examine it in detail.

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19 that s of course not the sort of machine that i am.

because im only able to say the most unsatisfactory things aout what im hearing. im able to say to repeat that theres

22 a lit of talking and that it never stops, but if i had

23 this machine that im speaking of i could talke a little

24 bit of time and there would of course be some talking in

it but im sure there would be spaces if it were pulled

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out enough, if it was large enough, there would be some spaces where there wasnt any talking. 8:57 but as a man myself im not able to hear that absence of talking. i just hear it constantly. and then i begin to be silly and be pleased when somebody laffs. or when i har that stapleing machine, simply because it isnt talking. or that sound that this man made with his camera box when he closed it and it had that kind of pouffy quality and i must say your machine is a target for improvement. something should be done to ch ange the sound. lets what this does to it. its better. does that bother you. i don' its com lets see what happens. 8:58 how soon do you want to look? see if it did it all right. its okay. now play a little bit. i mean type. i like it better this way. put this up here and youll be able to see it more easily. you see theres less talking. i begin i think i hear

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9:01 you have to change the paper? theres definitely getting to be less talking. 2 i find this kind of sound uh as interesting and as pleasing to hare not as i would say more pleasing 4 to hear than anything else. that idea i spoke of earlier 5 of making a piece of music out of this situation isnt necessary because it sis it is a peice of music if i 7 hear it as such. i had the feeling just now that i was 8 hearing as such but im not able to describe t it to you 9 in -- im not able to describe it to you in ways that 10 would give you the musical feeling that i was having as 11 i was hearing. i think its because of that characteristic 12 that i mentioned o earlier of its great complexity and i 13 enjoy the complexity but it goes by so fast that i was 14 not really able to say what it was i was hearing. 15 9:04 16 whats so beautiful about this kind of situation which 17 is the sound around us is that its not focussed its not 18 directed its nt pushing. even when the striking percus 19 sive sounds come like opening this box and the stapling 20 machine, the sound of laughing, its no sooner laugh than so that your hearing goes on as freely after een 22 a very striking sound as freely after as before. and that 23 s the kind of situation that is so re rare in so called m 24 usic. when isay so called music i mean music music. 25

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because there everything is underlined and your taken
like a criminal in a truck right up to climax.

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you didn't have to take the you didnt have to take it from the stenograph? there is of course that distinct difference between sounds that are close and ones that are farther way. and closeness helps in particularly the very quite sounds. I could by moving nearer your machine change the effect it had on my attention.

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lets see what thatdoes. its pretty good. i think though the paper isnt moving. did it move. ill hold it. its better when its over the whole thing. now i hear this throbbing more.

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there are coming to be periods of far less talking.

and also less walking. so that i hear your typing.

and the throbbng. and again the special ticking or

percussive sounds. the intermittent ones. i don't mean

that. i didn't mean intermittent. i meant the rare ones

the ones that come and are striking because there hasnt

been anything like them before.

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now were hearing anumber of uses of the voice that have to do with t what were doing. doves remakr for in stance about your virtuosity. and what is it your talking about? 9:12 theres coming to be less separatin between what we're doing and the people who before were just talking and walking. 9:13.25 why was it that you were whispering? 9:14.10 you've been typing so quietly. i think one of the things that needs listening to this situation so interesting is that you never know when the next sound is going to take place and you don't know what its character is going to be and by the time youve notice d it some other sound is taking its place and the situation gets to that complexity where you know longer can describe it. 9:15 thats one of those spectial sounds, a kind of a squeak ing of this table. we could -its very nice. now we know that we could have it at any moment just as we could cover the typewriter with the coat. 9:16 actually we don't need to do that because it

happened so to speak without my doing it in the first place

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and just the fact of hearing it i noticed at the same time that if i wanted to hear it again i could do it.

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is this is this whole situation the constant response to a question and is the do we know what the qustion is that s being asked that makes what it is that we hear. or is this simply the situation of empty mindedness of not having any question to ask i think that thats what it is that if i had a question i would be in a situation of making a piece of music whereas here i am and i could be anyplace else and if these you werent there other yous would be there. without asking any question at all all of thses soulds would take place. but if it were if i wee making a piece of music i would not be able to make it be this way a unless i knew what questions to ask in order to get this kind of respones. the response could come either from musicians who would perform in such a way so as to reproduce a situation like this or o it could be questions put to a machine that would then respond with a complex of talking walking sometimes percussive situation that would have the same kind of unpredictability that the situation we're acutally in not only here but any other time and any other place, to a quieter or louder degree this kind of music is going on constantly.

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9:21 i didn't say lesser or greater because its always equally less -- theres just as little of it or as much of it as there is always. the only difference it seems to me actually is whether its quieter or louder. because take for instance the complexity that iwas talking about when i mentioned about the machine with which we could stretch it out in such a way that we can see the spaces between. that kind of complexity i think is with us always. its just attention that might fail in the presence of the quietness. we might not notice in quietness as much complexity as we notice, well, in what you might call this metzo forte. 9:22 and maybe those percussive so-nds that and not nearly percussive but merely the least little bit louder sometimes greater louder. what all of these situation have in common is not the sounds, we could have this kind of situation for instance without any people. 9:23 just one person listening and then it wouldnt be the talking and the walking but it would be some other sounds that were, so to speak, predominant, but there would also be the thing that is in common, which is the unpredictability.

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this experience of hearing so something that cant be
simplified. and i think its surely the same way
seeing, but perhaps hearing is even more complicated
than seeing because it has all happens all the way around
you.

you only see, so to speak, what is in front of you.

9:25 but you hear all the way around. this is of course what i like most about experience, where its seeing or hearing, is its unpredicatability and i found it less interesting when i new perfectly well what i was hearing.

i mean to say when i was talking. even hearing what i am saying now is less interesting than my being quiet listening, and its doubly less itneresting when im saying talking with someone and answering, say a question, or ma kingsome remark. so that i could go back to listening.

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as to a source.

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i notice that as i do that that there is a tendency for m e to do what music lovers used to also do, which was to shut their eyes.

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i wonder if sutting my eyes is similar to putting the waste paper basket on top of the typewriter.

as i press the end of this clock against my ear it sounds entirely differently here than it does from the front.

here i hear those two sounds i described as rattling and kind of whirring revolving sound now i theres still the two, but the shirrin one's become more dominant than the rattling one is more delicate.