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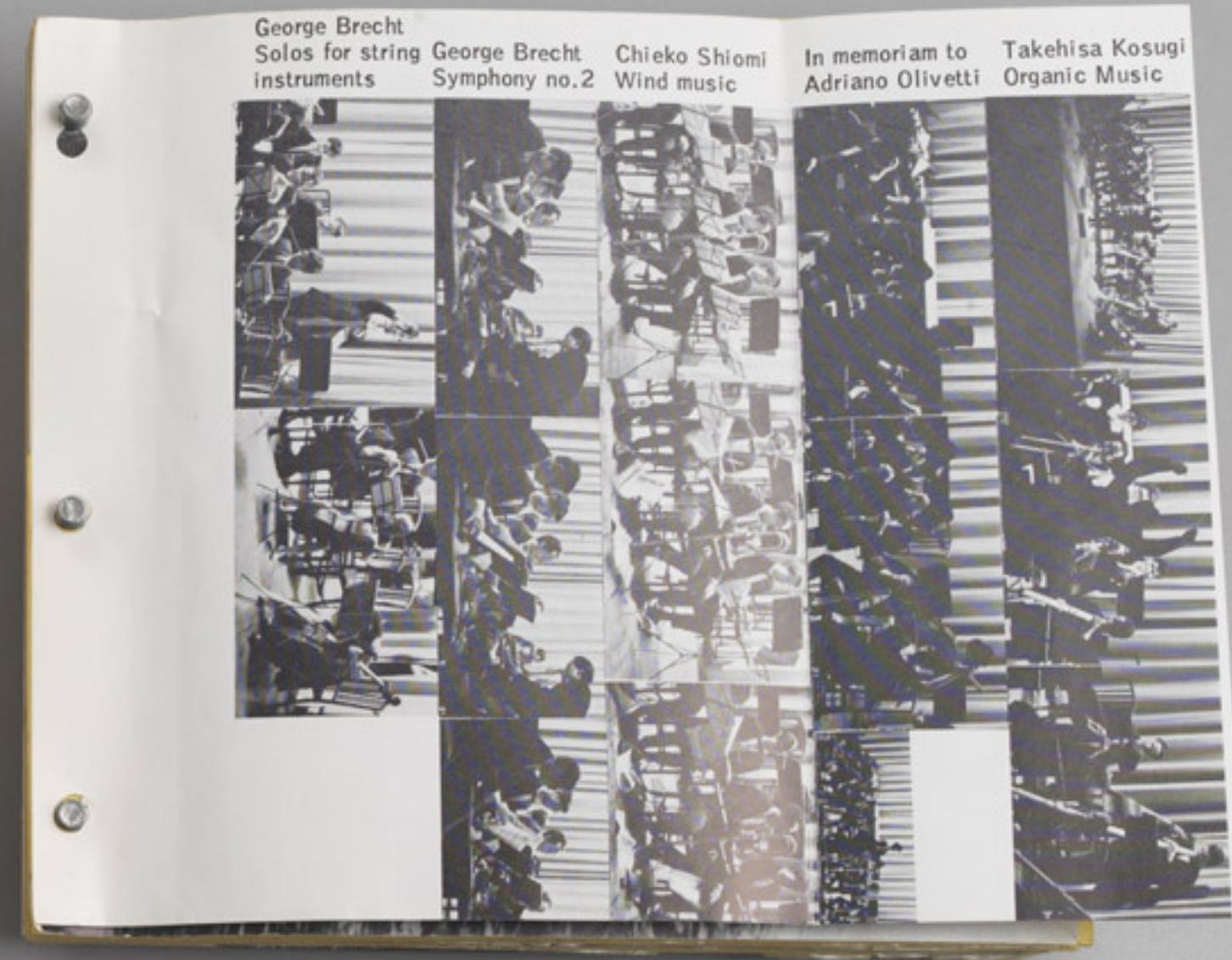
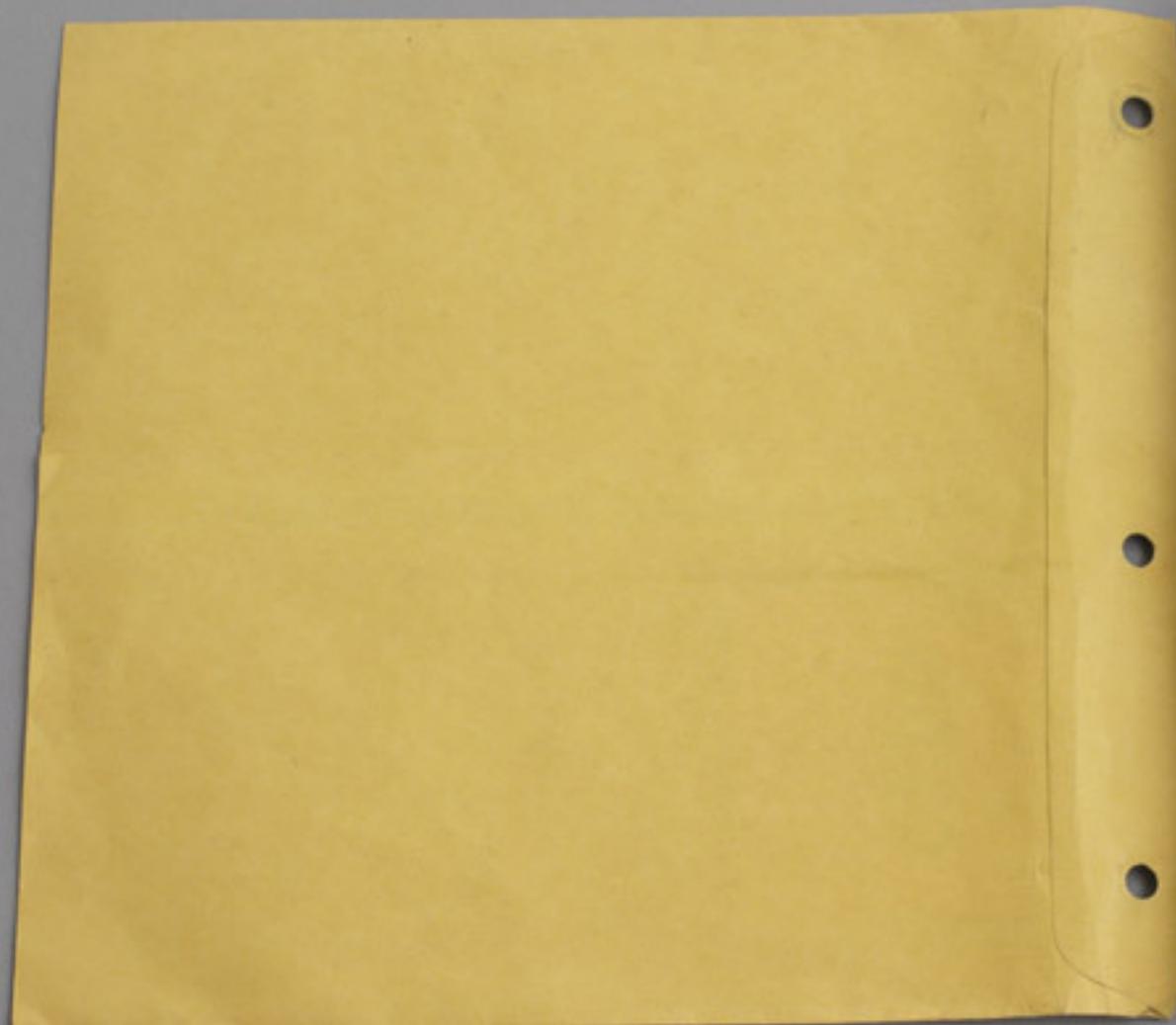
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Solos for string instruments



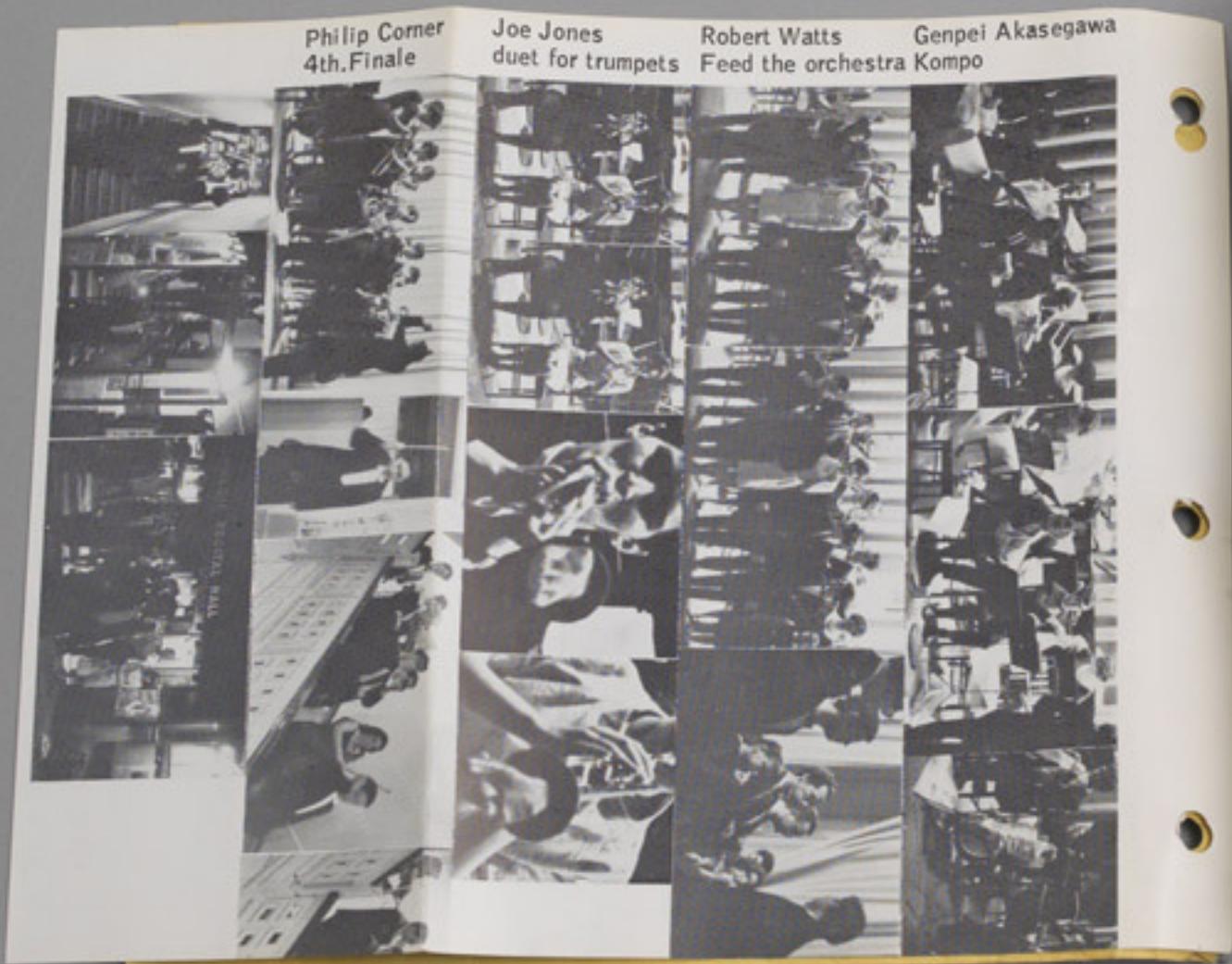
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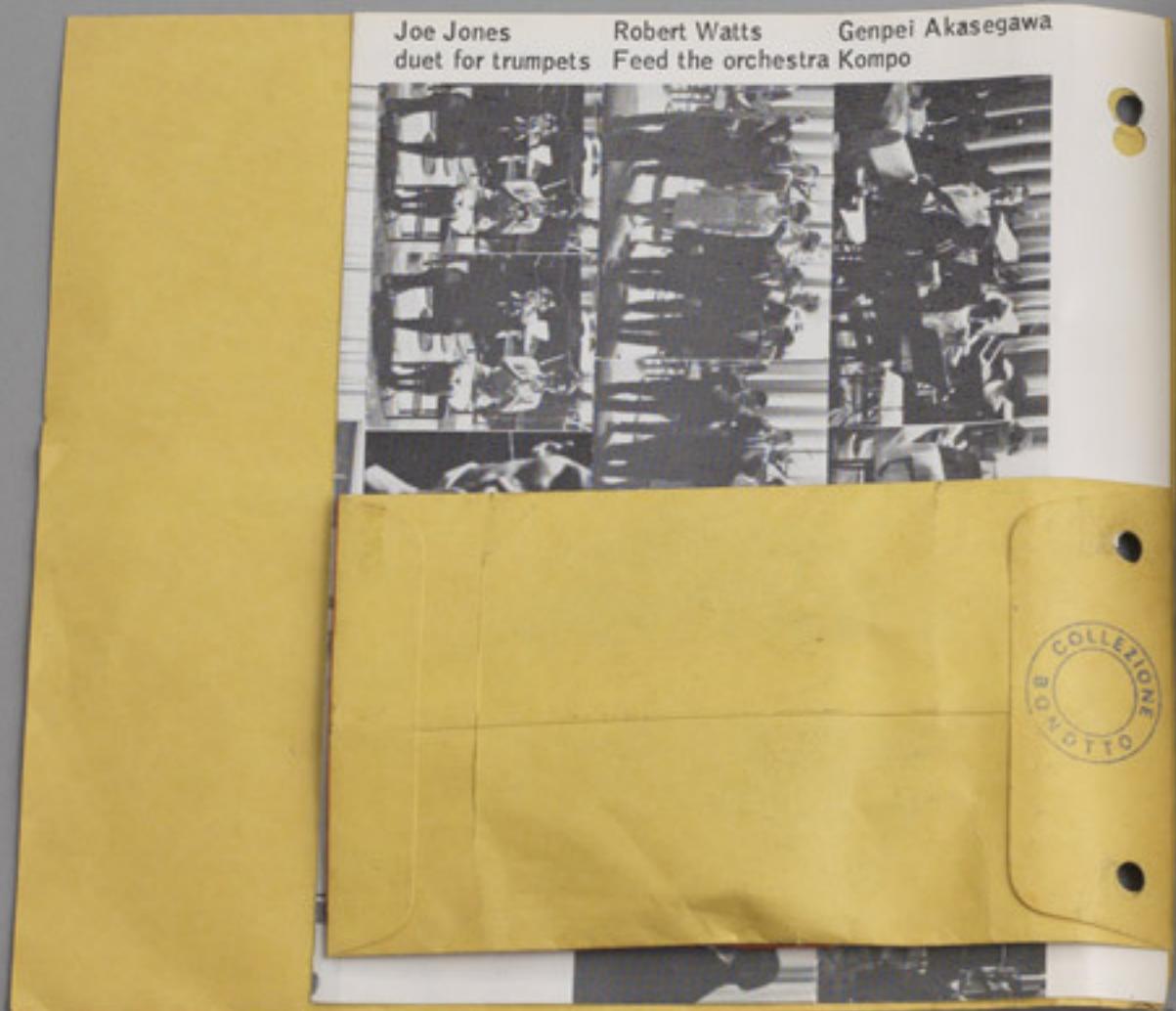
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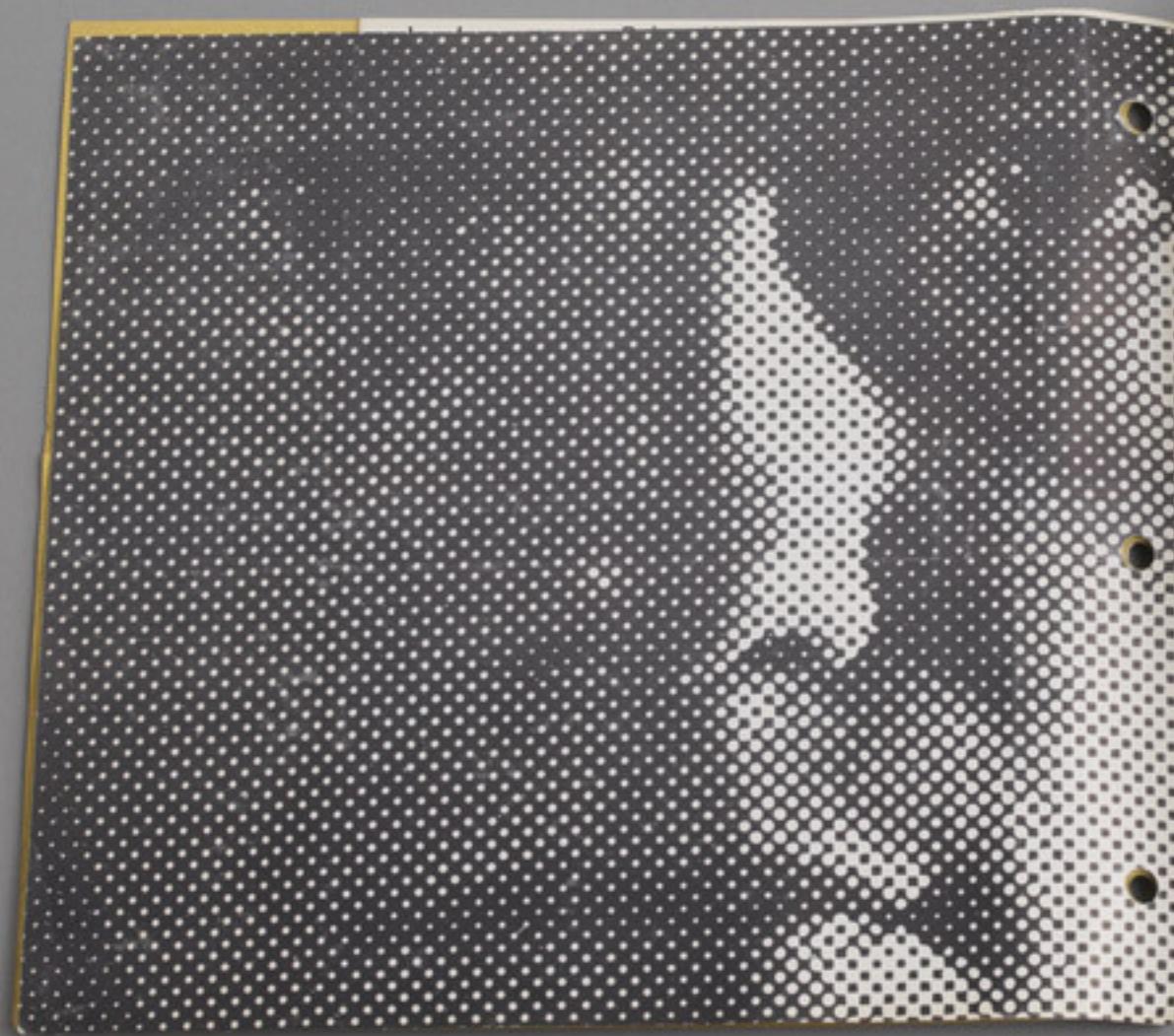
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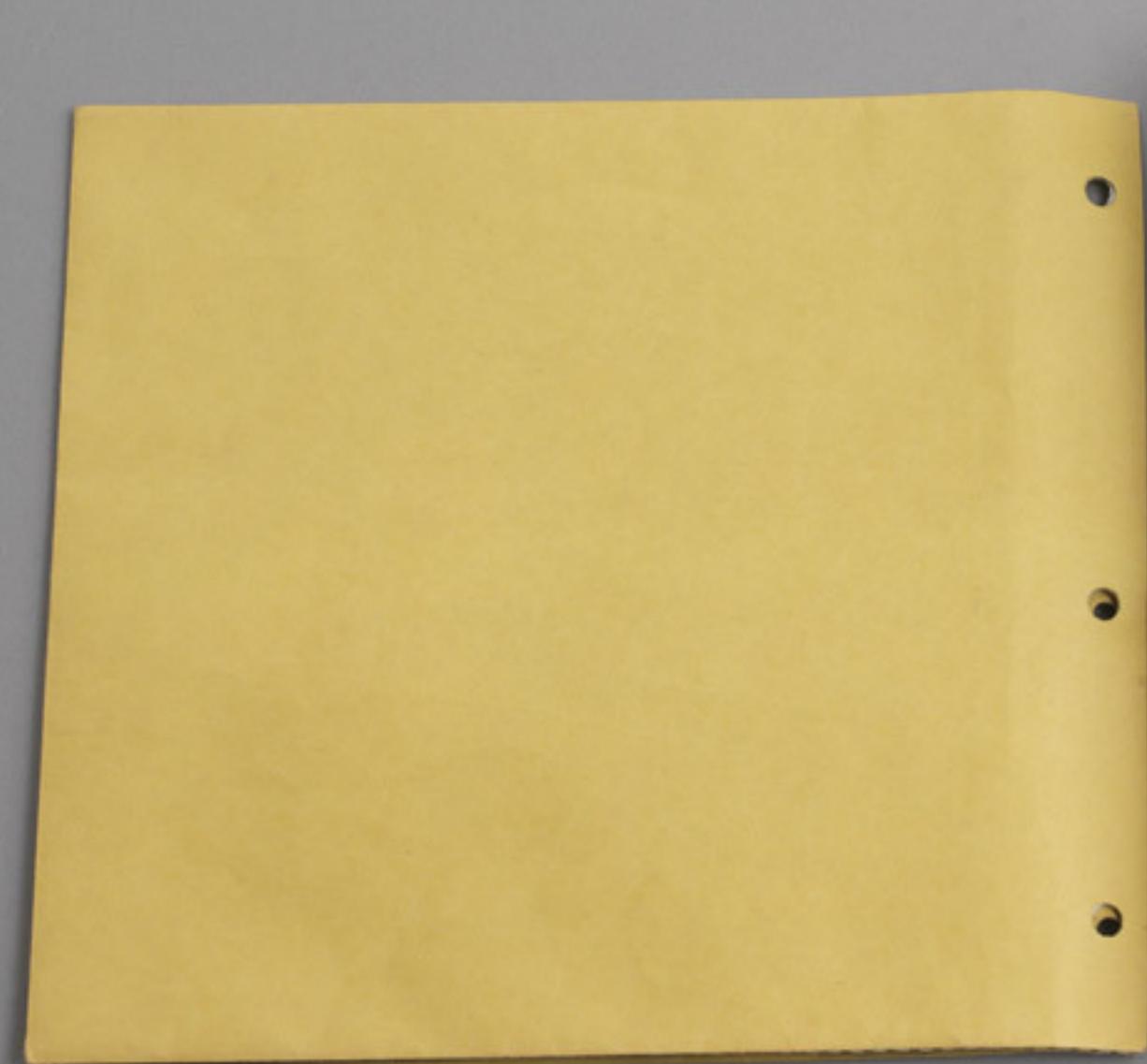
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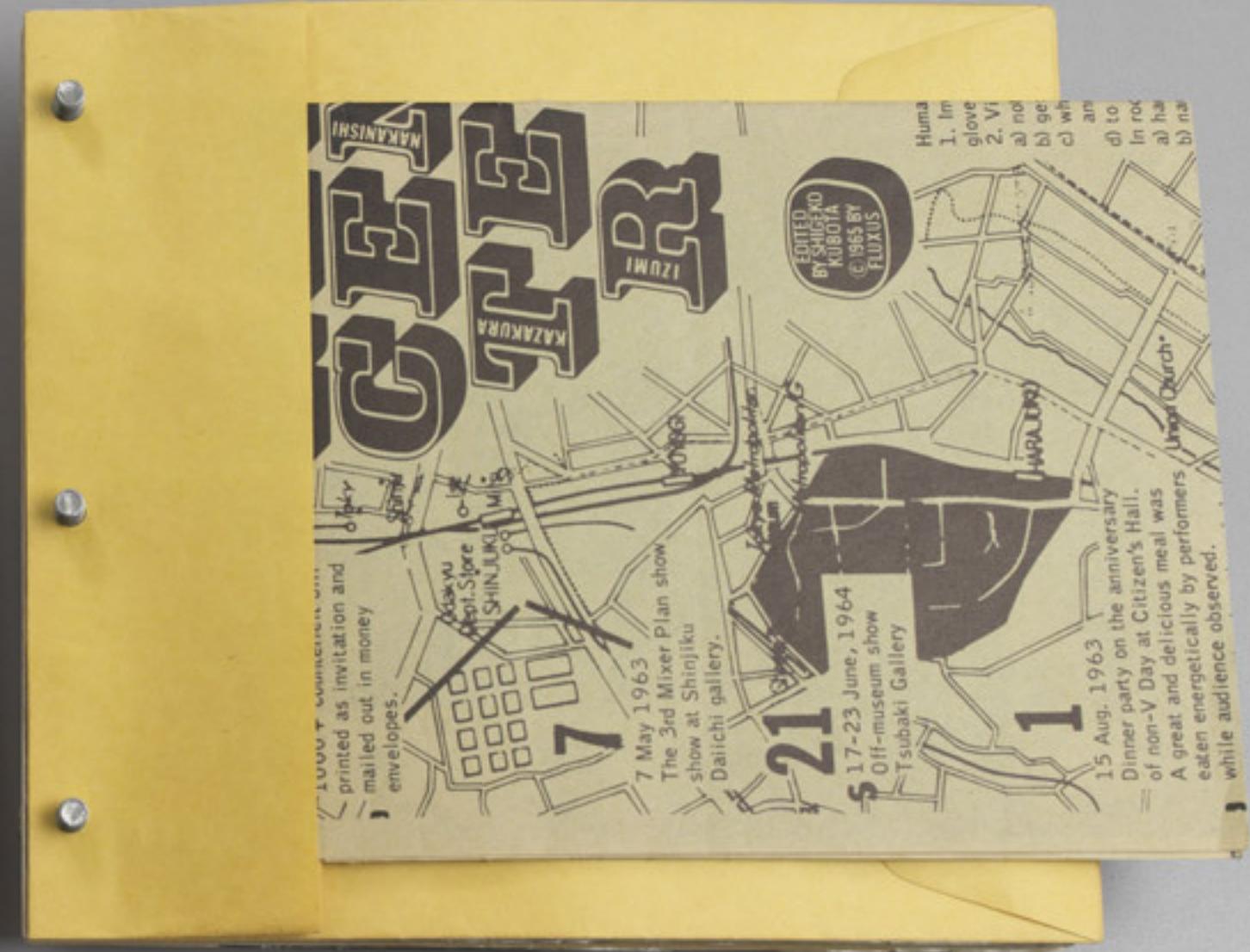
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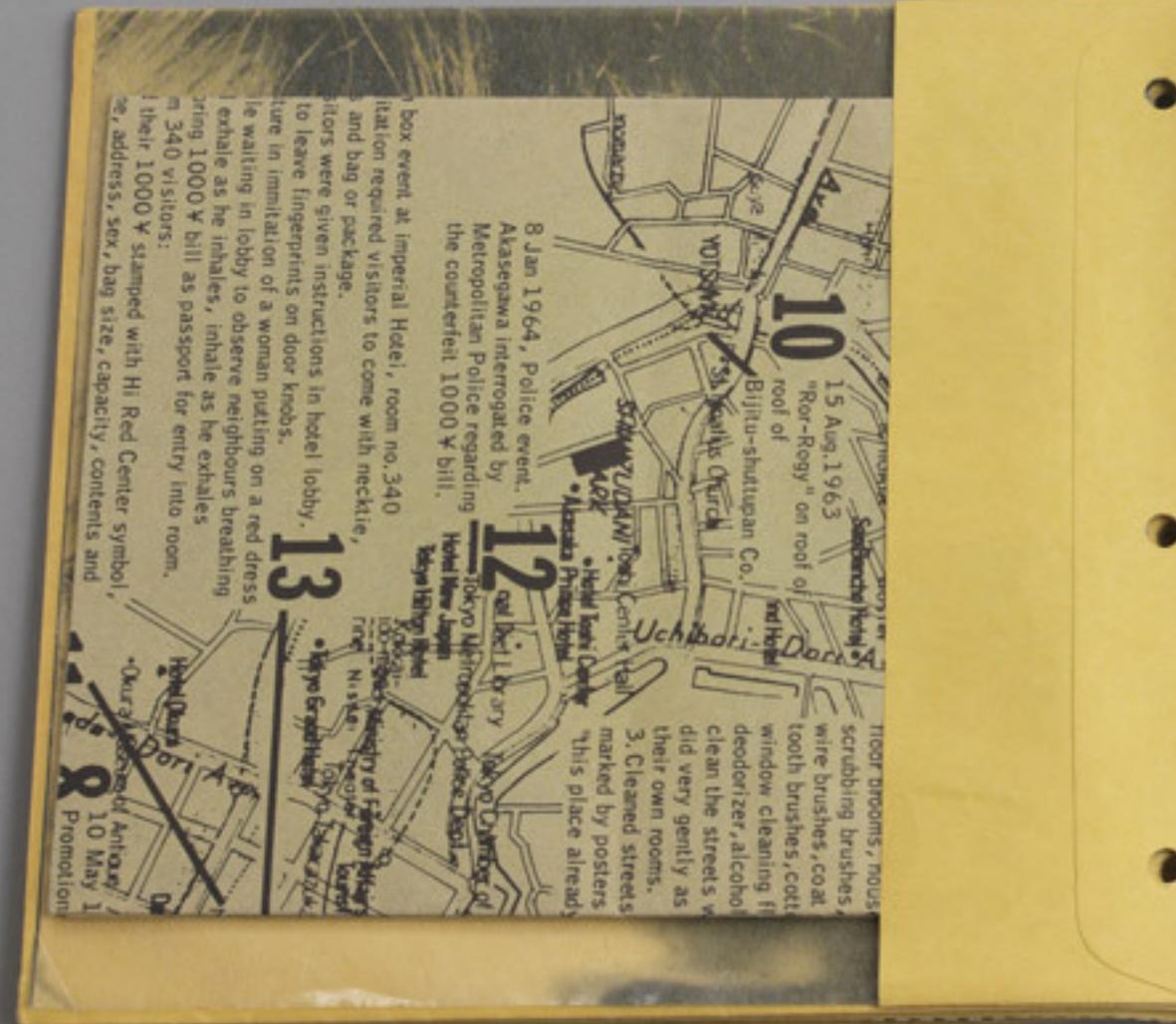
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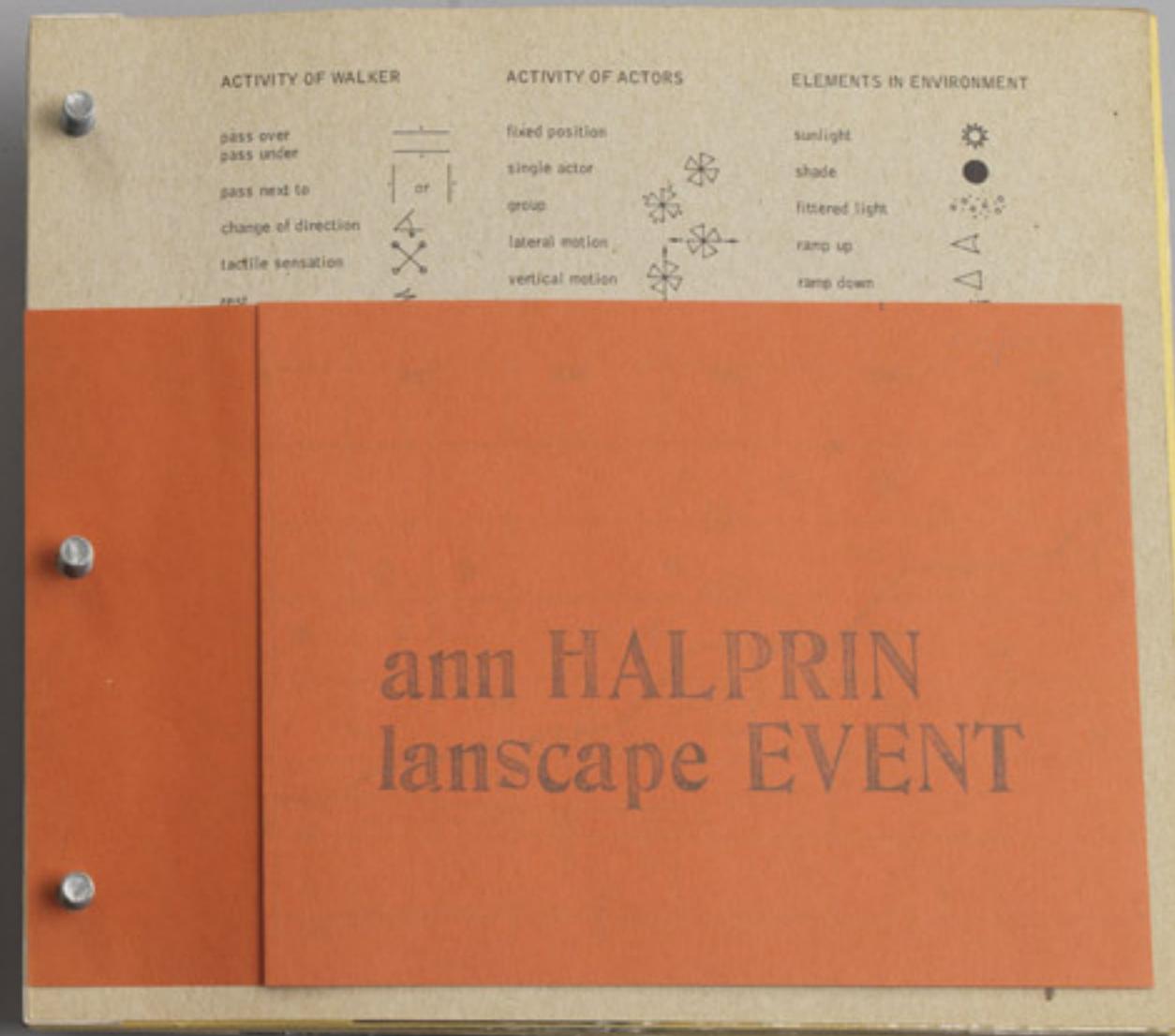
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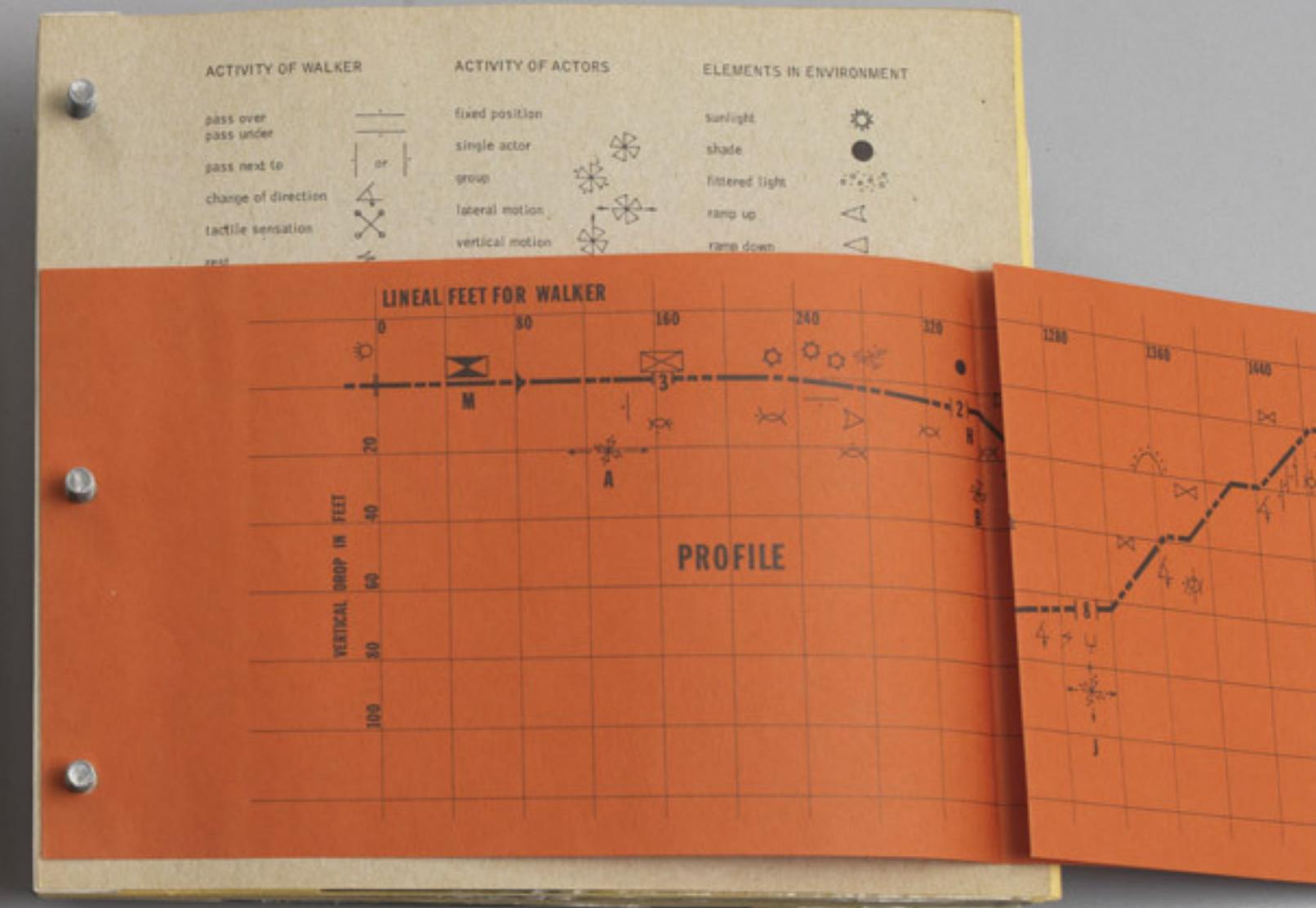
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A. HALPRIN



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ACTIVITY OF WALKER	ACTIVITY OF ACTORS	ELEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENT
pass over	fixed position	sunlight
pass under	single actor	shade
pass next to	group	filtered light
change of direction	lateral motion	ramp up
tactile sensation	vertical motion	ramp down
rest	random motion of actor	stairs up
pause - in minutes	lines of motion for actor, (in plan)	stairs down
sit		bridge
repeat experience		grove of deciduous
walking		grove of evergreen
running		dry landscape
look forward		wet landscape
look backward		flat landscape
look right		hillside
look left		wet valley
look down		dry hill
look up		rolling
look at position		stream
random motion		lake
controlled motion		open structure
altitude feeling: very high H		closed structure
high H		
medium M		
low L		
very low L		
falling		influence of exterior environment

A. HALPRIN



T. KOSUGI



G. MACIUNAS



JOE JONES:
favorite song



J. JONES



G. MACIUNAS



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A. KNOWLES



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STOCKROOM

This environment will require the following minimum space and materials. The minimum space, number of materials and proportions between them may be extended indefinitely whenever it seems appropriate to a given exhibition area, as long as the proportions are basically maintained.

SPACE

20 feet long by 11 feet wide by 7 feet high

MATERIALS

34 cardboard cartons, of which 7 are large (from 3 feet to over life-size), 17 are medium sized and 10 are small.

52 pieces of newspaper,

enough newspaper and flattened cartons to cover the floor area of the environment.

1 bottle of schoolchild's black watercolor paint.

1 bottle of schoolchild's white watercolor paint.

2 inexpensive brushes (one for each bottle).

2 sticks (one for each bottle).

1 small can of commercial black spray enamel.

1 small can of commercial white spray enamel.

1 box of charcoal.

1 box of large, soft schoolchild's white pastel or chalk.

1 roll of commercial adhesive tape ("Scotch" or "masking" tape).

1 roll of nylon (plastic) cord such as used by fishermen and decorators.

1 roll of picture wire (if necessary).

36 or more eye screws (if necessary).

38 small "S" hooks.

1 common household bulb (150 w.), socket and enough electric wire to hang it from above.

1 stepladder and 1 small table, preferably dirty.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Perhaps in view of the unfamiliar nature of such a work as this, a few suggestions regarding its composition are permitted. Basically, the work is to be conceived organically rather than geometrically, though one should not interpret these words in any absolute way. The "feel" of it should be one of artlessness or stylelessness, therefore. This of course requires of the composer the utmost in responsibility and devotion to his job. While flexibility is intended within certain limits, license is to be discouraged. The composer's sense of responsibility to what he does, furthermore, may be conceived in a spirit of either fun or gravity, as long as his feelings are natural and spontaneous.

To achieve this, it may help to consider the form of the work and the use of one's materials. Materials and their arrangement are to "grow" from each other. They are therefore to reveal as few repetitions as possible. The composer should try to avoid similar sizes of elements, similar groupings, similar heights and placements of papers and boxes, similar spaces in between them, repeated cuts, tears, crumples, scrawls, strokes, etc. This should be attended to from all views, inside the work and from without. The quality of moves should be as human as possible, ranging from hard to soft, rapid to slow, dense to open, heavy to light, restrained to excited, etc.. Any person (or small group) may secure the materials and compose the environment, except that once decided, that person (or group) should follow through until the work appears complete. The composition may then continue to change like the seasons, like furniture in a room, or chessmen... from day to day.

Any visitor to the exhibition is permitted one of the following changes: He may paint, spray, scratch, draw, write or print with one color, on a box or paper, either chosen from those on the floor or those hanging. He may move a box on the floor within the environment's general floor area. He may unhook a hanging box and hang it on a free hook elsewhere, or he may interchange any two hanging boxes. A stepladder and table with materials are provided for these moves.

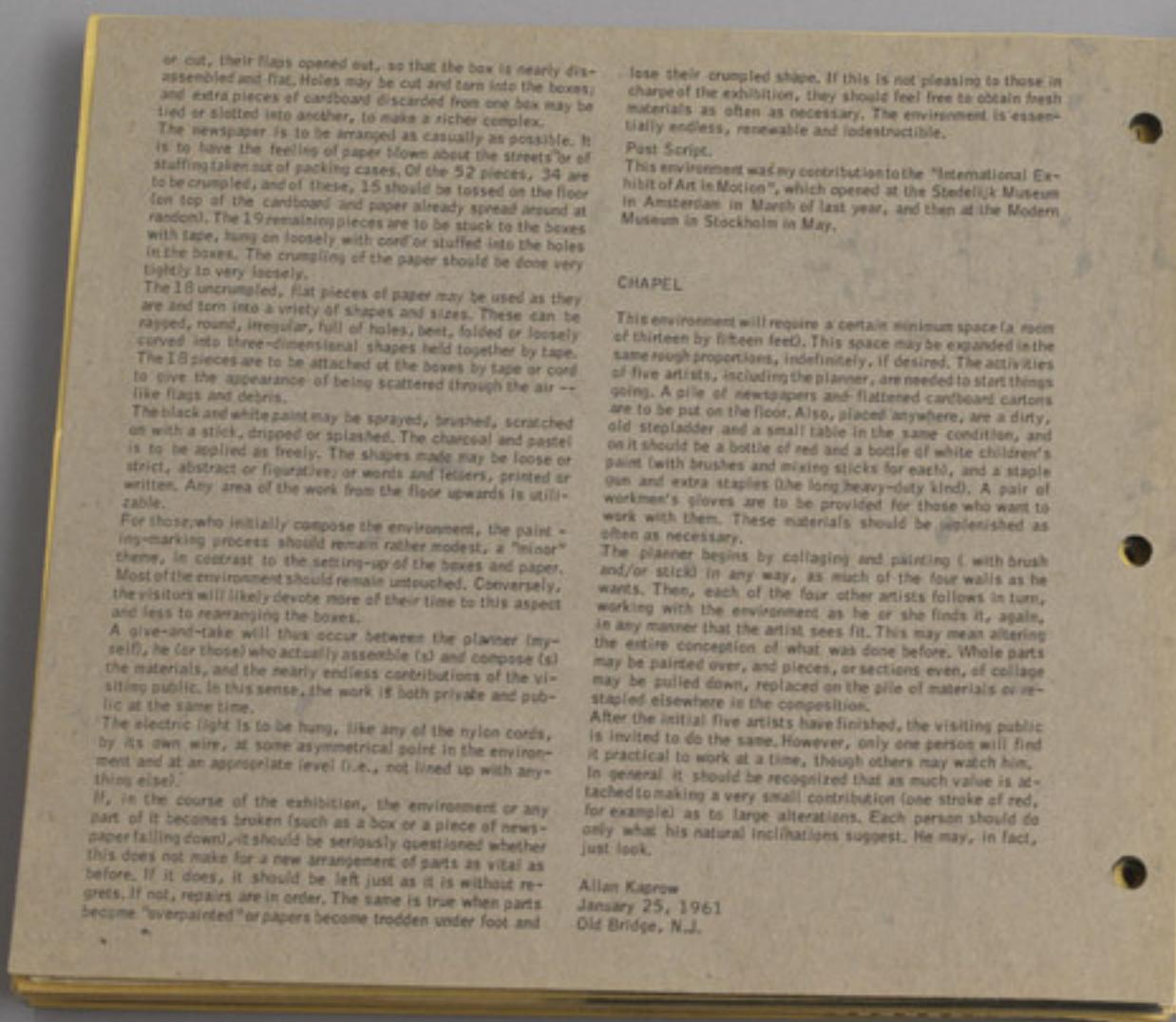
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

The boxes are to be hung in such a way as to permit people to move amongst them. They are to be attached by hooks to single nylon cords hanging from the ceiling. (If it is impractical to fix these cords to the ceiling, picture wires may be screwed into wall moldings and strung tightly overhead in some irregular fashion, which will permit the nylon cords to be arranged unmechanically).

38 cords, of different lengths, ranging from down to the floor to seven feet above it, each with a hook at its end, are to be depended from the ceiling. Only 29 will be used, thus leaving 9 free for changes.

The 34 boxes may be easily obtained from the streets, grocery stores, etc., or garbage dump. They should be used, not new, revealing already the transformative marks of a life of their own. 29 boxes are to be hung on the hooked nylon cords, by loops of cord tied through some part of the boxes. 5 boxes are to be placed on the floor. They are to be arranged as freely as possible. They may be hung or set straight, askew, crumpled, or used just as they were found. They may be bent, torn

A. KAPROW



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JE SIGNE TOUT

BEN 1960



B. VAUTIER



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mystery envelope

THIS WAS A GESTURE PIECE BY BEN, 1962

B. VAUTIER

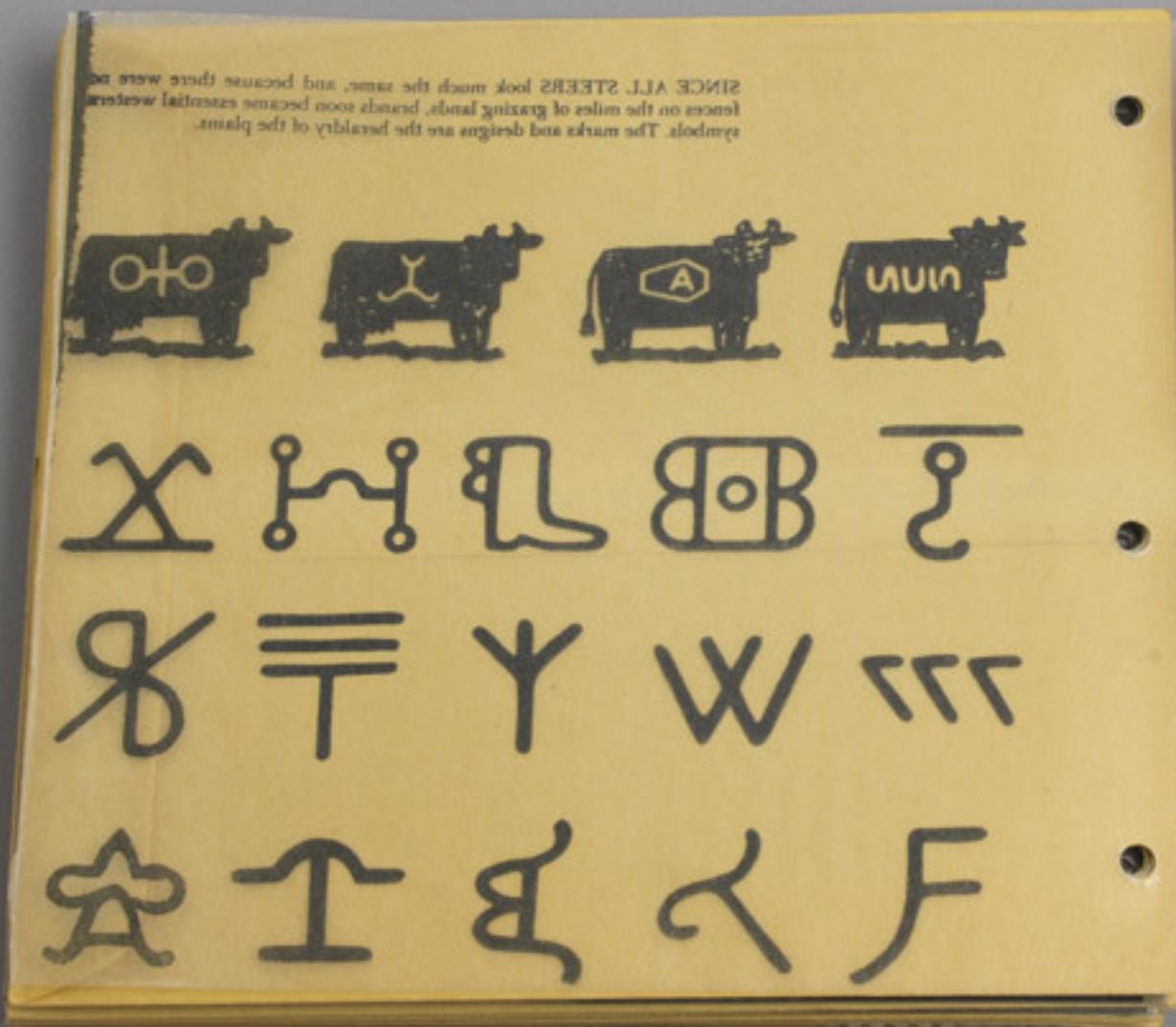
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B. VAUTIER

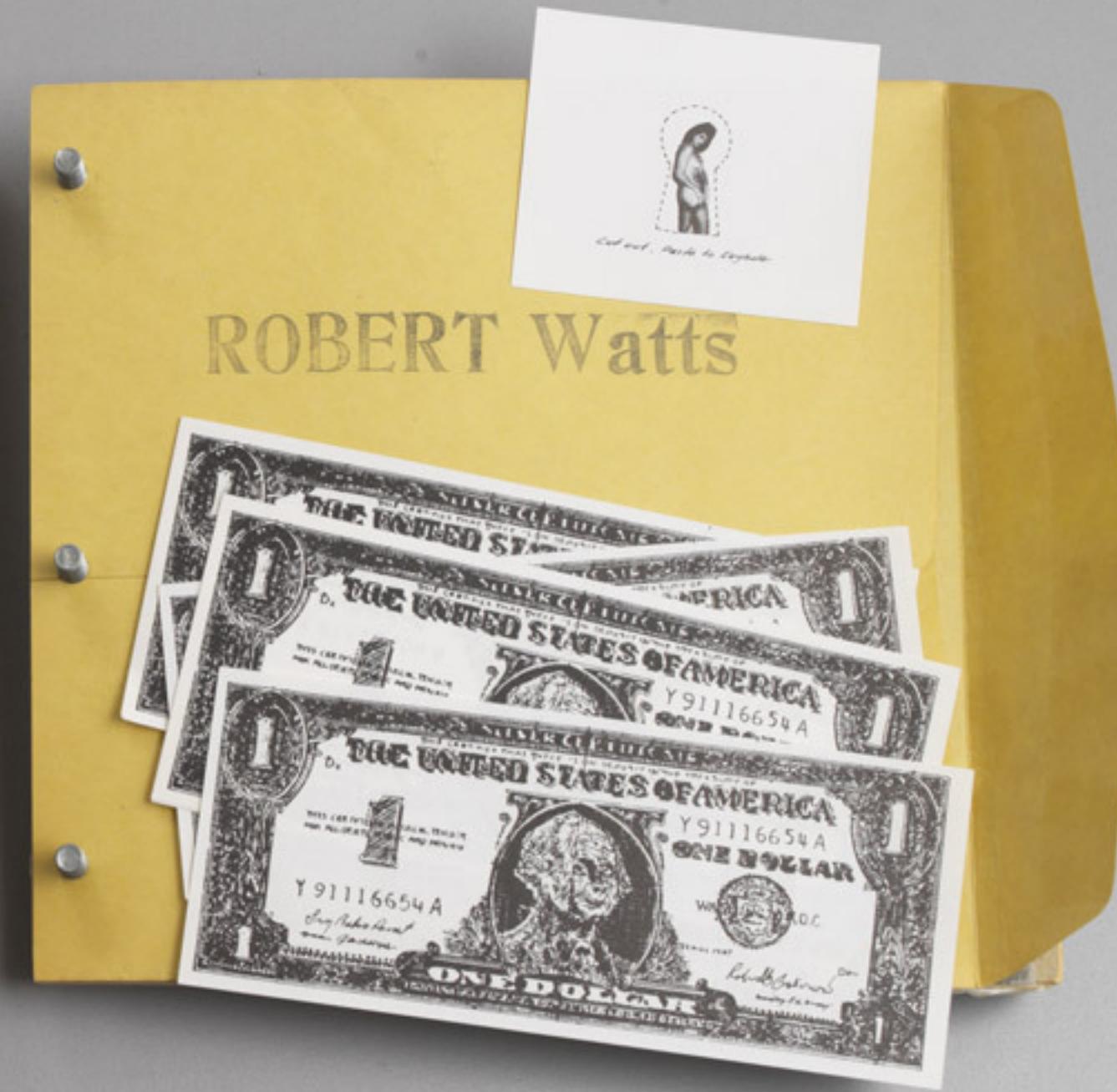
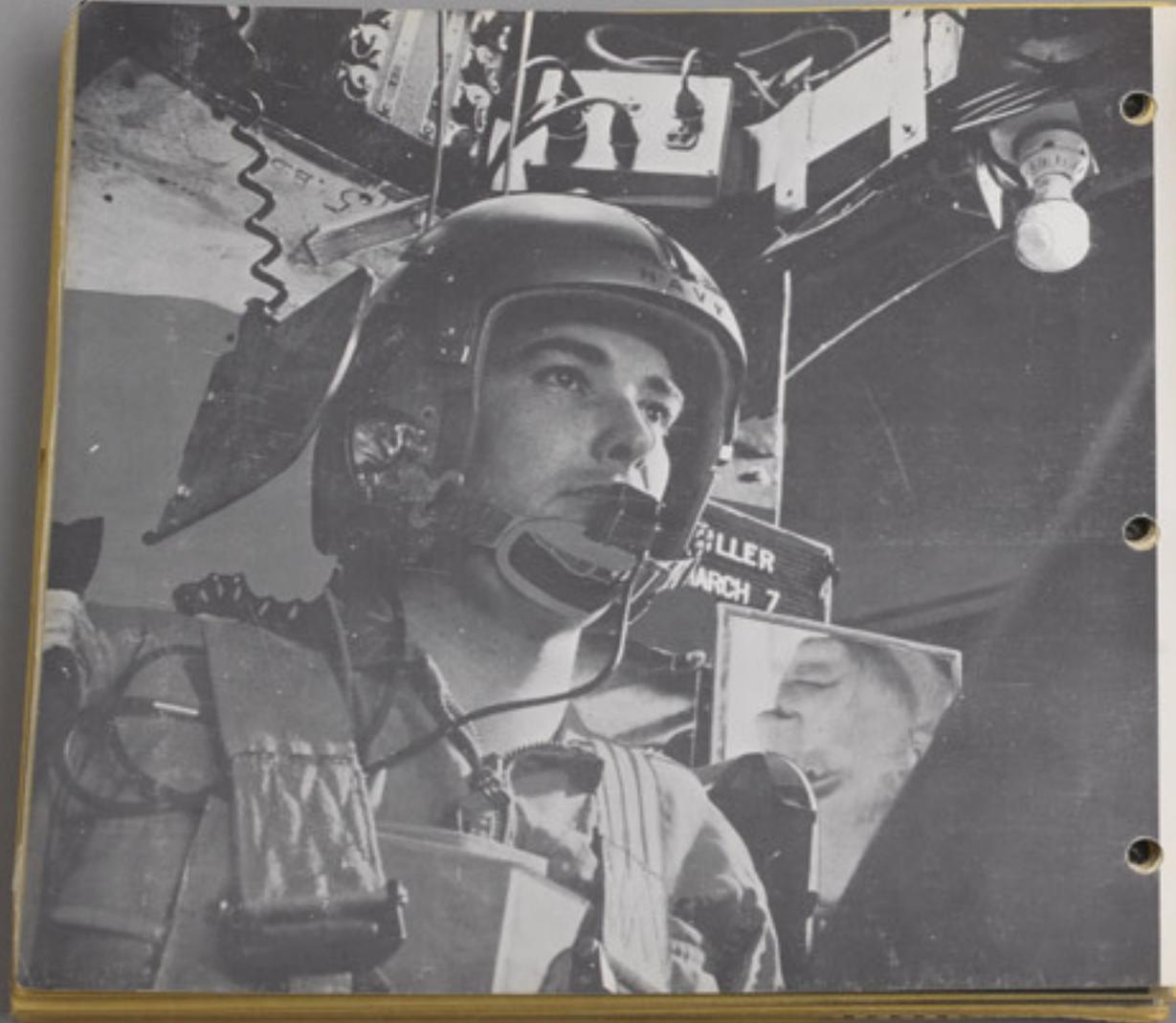
SINCE ALL STEERS look much the same, and because there were no fences on the miles of grazing lands, brands soon became essential western symbols. The marks and designs are the heraldry of the plains.



R. WATTS



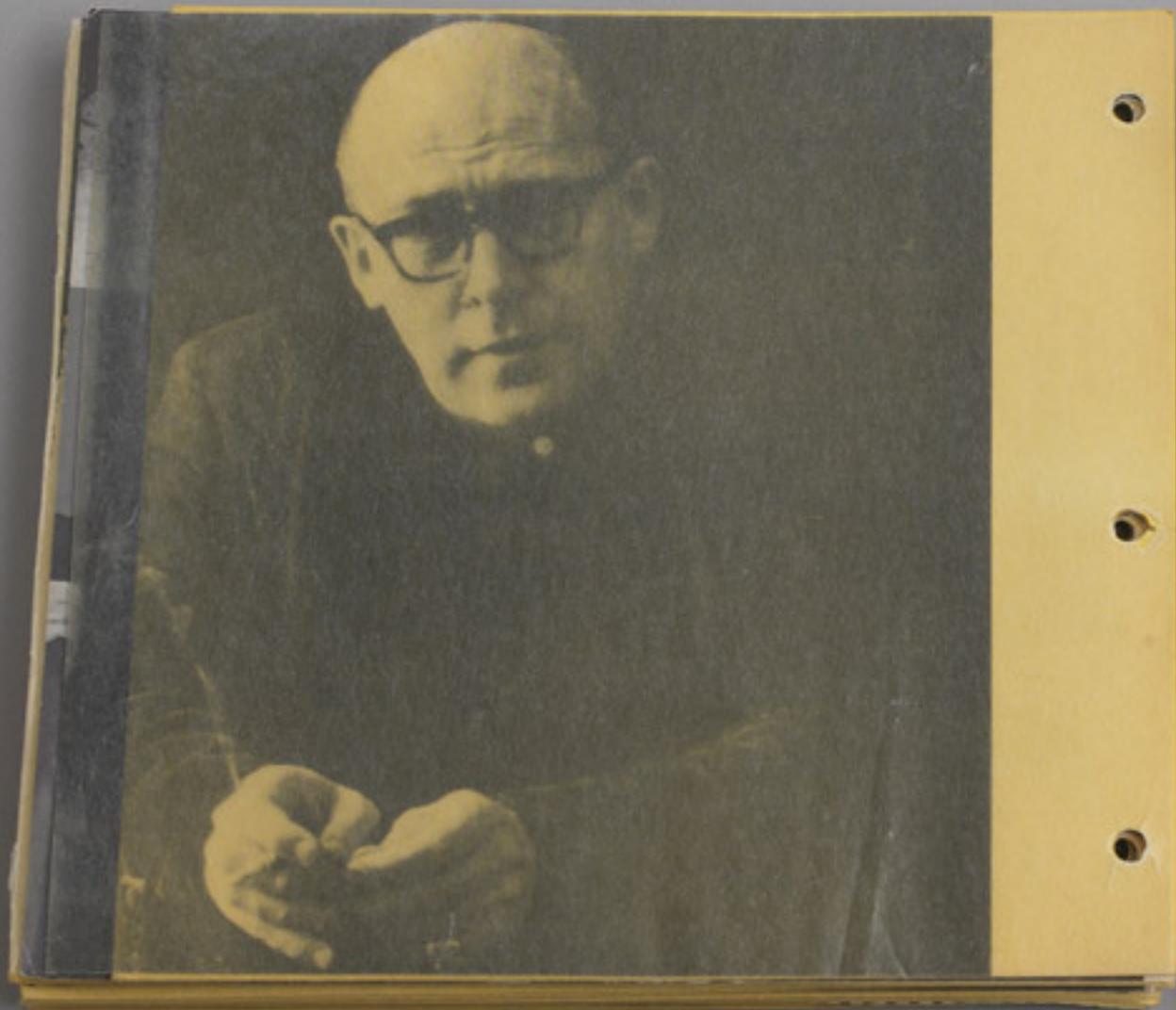
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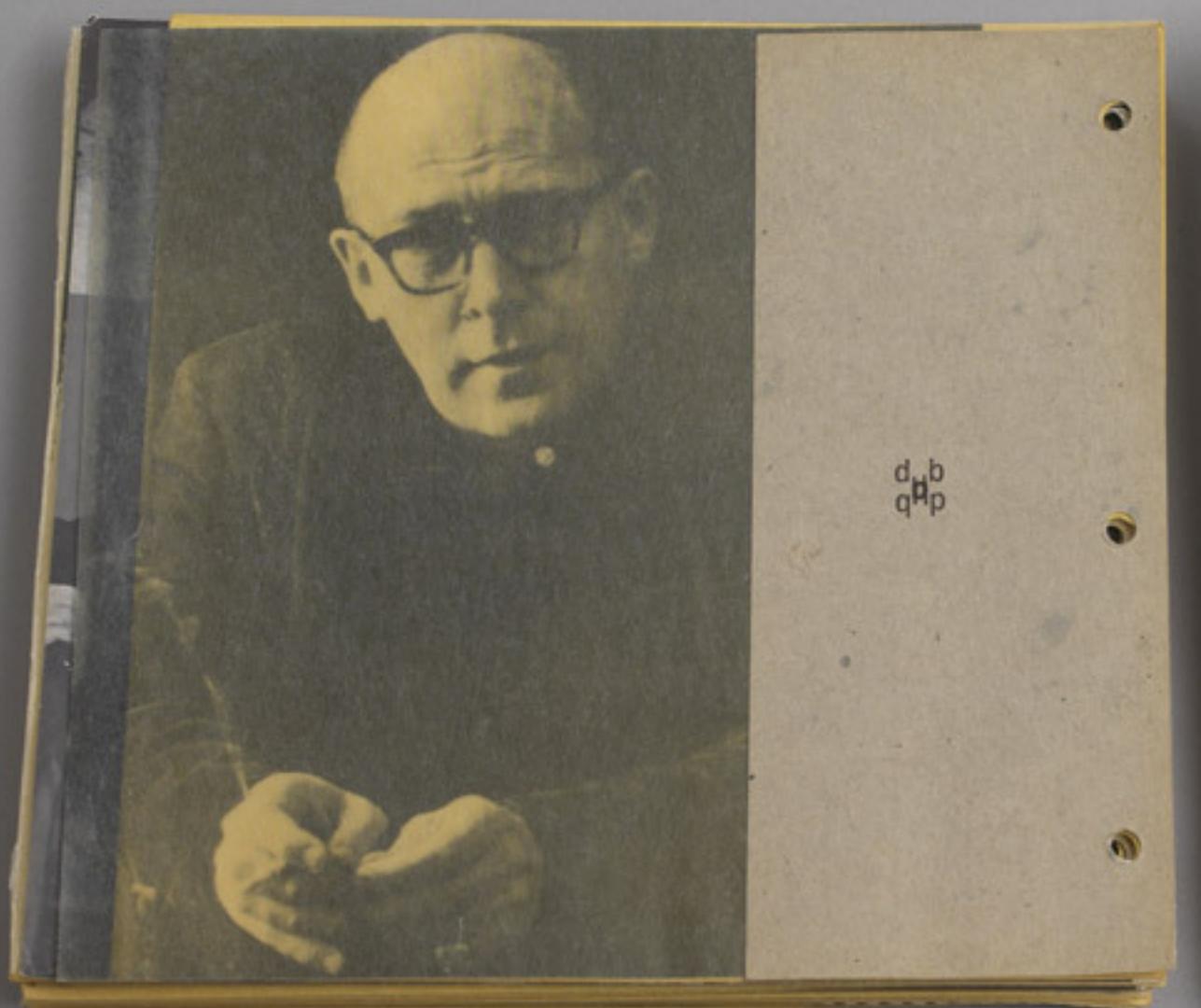


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b song for five performers (performers are as far apart as possible)		nd male voices	m l k j i h g f e d c b a
voice one :	ba	dock?	r q p o n m l k j i h g z
voice two :	be	dock?	e d c b a z y x w v u f y
voice three:	bi	dock?	z y x w v u t s r q t e x
voice four :	bo	dock?	c b a z y x w v u p s d w
voice five :	bu	dock?	n m l k j i h g t o r c v
voice one :	ba ba	dock?	g f e d c b a f s n q b u
voice two :	be be	dock?	h g f e d c z e r m p a t
voice three:	bi bi	dock?	q p o n m b y d q l o z s
voice four :	bo bo	dock?	h g f e l a x c p k n y r
voice five :	bu bu	dock?	g f e d k z w b o j m x q
voice one :	ba ba ba	dock?	n m d c j y v a n i l w p
voice two :	be be be	dock?	c l c b i x u z m h k v o
voice three:	bi bi bi	dock?	b k b a h w t y l g j u n
voice four :	bo bo bo	dock?	i j a z g v s x k f i t m
voice five :	bu bu bu	dock?	x y z y f u r w j e h s l
voice one :	ba ba ba ba	dock?	u v w x e t q v i d g r k
voice two :	be be be be	dock?	z a b c d s p u h c f q j
voice three:	bi bi bi bi	dock?	m n o p q r o t g b e p i
voice four :	bo bo bo bo	dock?	h i j k l m n s f a d o h
voice five :	bu bu bu	dock?	k l m n o p q r e z c n g
voice one :	ba ba ba	dock?	v w x y z a b c d y b m f
voice two :	be be be	dock?	o p q r s t u v w x a l e
voice three:	bi bi bi	dock?	p q r s t u v w x y z k d
voice four :	bo bo bo	dock?	y z a b c d e f g h i j c
voice five :	bu bu bu	dock?	p q r s t u v w x y z a b
voice one :	ba ba	dock?	o p q r s t u v w x y z a
voice two :	be be	dock?	
voice one :	ba	dock?	

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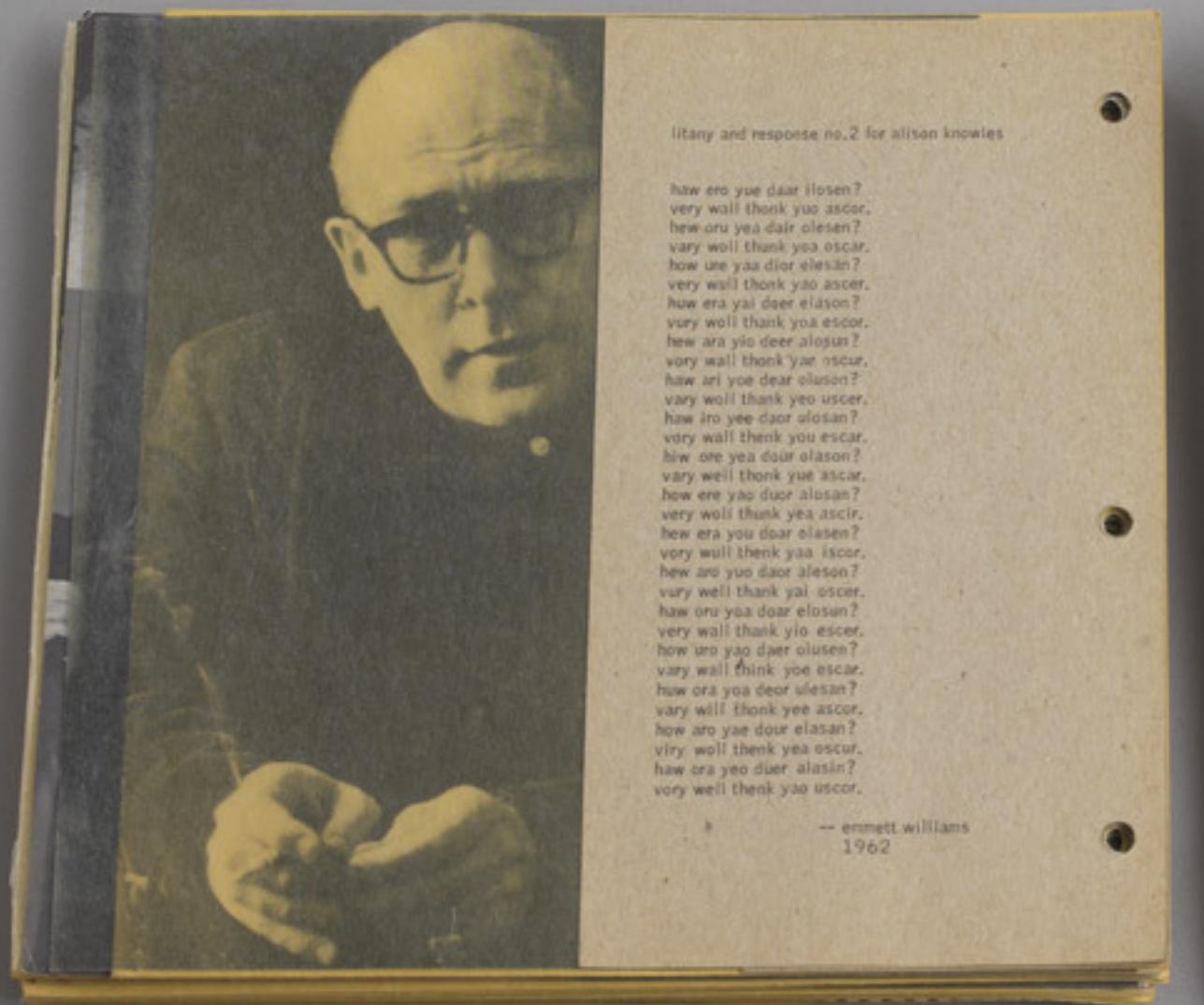
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Illary and response for female and male voices
by emmett williams

whit es thi defference betwean a dock?
ene if ets legs os bath tha sema.
what is the defference betwoun o deck?
oni ef its legs es bath the sam,
whit es the defference batwoun e dock?
ine if ots legs as bath tha sim,
what es the defference batwoun o dock?
enl of ets legs es bath thi semi,
whit es the defferencu between i deck?
ino ef ets legs as bath thi sim,
whit es the deffarunce betwoun e dock?
one af ets legs is bath thi semi,
whit es the daffuronce botwien i dock?
ena ef ets legs es bath the sim,
whit es tha dafforencu bitweln o deck?
ane af its legs is bath the sim,
whit as the dofferenci betwoun e dock?
ena if ets legs es bath the sim,
what us tho defferince bitweln a deck?
ani ef its legs es bath the sim,
whit as the dofferenci betwoun e dock?
ine if ets legs es bath the sim,
whot es tho differnce betwain a dock?
eni ef ets legs es bath the sam,
whet os thi deffironce betwain i deck?
ine ef ets legs es bath thi simo,
whot is the differnca betwain e dock?
ene ef ets legs es bath tha simo,
whit es thi defference betwien i deck?
ene ef ets legs as both the simo,
whit is tho defferencia bitweln e deck?
ene el ets legs us both the sami,
whit as the defferenci betwien e deck?
ene el ets legs os bath the simo,
whot es tha deffironce bitwelen e deck?
ene af ets legs es both thi semi,
whit as the daffuronce betwelen e deck?
enauf ets legs os bath the simo,
what es tha difference betweell e deck?
anu of ets legs is bath thi simo,
whet as thi deffirience between e deck?
uno ef ets legs es bath tho sema.

m l k j i h g f e d c b a
r q p o n m l k j i h g z
e d c b a z y x w v u f y
z y x w v u t s r q t e x
c b a z y x w v u p s d w
n m l k j i h g t o r c v
g f e d c b a f s n q b u
h g f e d c z e r m p a t
q p o n m b y d q l o z s
h g f e l a x c p k n y r
g f e d k z w b o j m x q
n m d c j y v a n i l w p
c l c b i x u z m h k v o
b k b a h w t y l g j u n
i j a z g v s x k f i t m
x y z y f u r w j e h s l
u v w x e t q v i d g r k
z a b c d s p u h c f q j
m n o p q r o t g b e p i
h i j k l m n s f a d o h
k l m n o p q r e z c n g
v w x y z a b c d y b m f
o p q r s t u v w x y z k d
y z a b c d e f g h i j c
p q r s t u v w x y z a b
o p q r s t u v w x y z a

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litany and response no.2 for alison knowles

how ero yue daair ilosen?
very wall thank yuo ascir.
hew oru yea dair olesan?
vary woll think yea oscar.
how ure yaa dior elesan?
very wall thank yao ascir.
haw era yai deer elason?
very woll thank yea escer.
hew ara yio deer alosun?
very wall thank'yea uscur.
haw ari yoe dear elosun?
vary woll thank yeo uscer.
haw iro yee daor oleson?
very wall thank you escar.
hew ore yea doar olason?
vary well thank yue ascir.
how ere yao duor alosen?
very wall think yea ascir.
hew era you doar elasen?
very wall think yaa escor.
hew aro yuo doar aleson?
vary well thank yai oscer.
haw oru yea doar elosun?
very wall thank yio escer.
how uro yao dier olusen?
vary wall think yoe escar.
how ora yea deer ulesan?
vary wall think yee ascir.
how aro yae doer elasan?
vary wall think yea oscur.
haw cra yeo duer alasin?
very well think yao uscor.

-- emmett williams
1962

voice piece for la monte young (1962)

ask if la monte young is in the audience, then exit. (if performance is televised or broadcast, ask if la monte young is watching or listening to the program.)

song of uncertain length (1960)

performer, with bottle balanced on his head, walks or runs about singing or speaking until bottle falls.

ten arrangements for five performers (1962)

conductor rings bell, performers move about freely, conductor rings bell again, performers freeze and say a single word. this procedure is repeated nine more times.

duet for performer(s) and audience (1961)

performer(s) sit(s) on edge of stage or on a chair or on the floor, facing audience, cup(s) hand(s) to ear(s), and await(s) audible reaction from audience, which he/she (they) repeat(s). if performer(s) is (are) performing in a foreign land, he/she (they) may use an interpreter. duration?

tag (1962)

for five or more performers, who walk onto the stage in no particular order. the performer whose last name begins with the letter nearest to the end of the alphabet begins the piece by walking about at any tempo (consistent), and between footfalls pronounces two syllables of an improvised "message". after a while he tags another performer, who repeats the activity of the first performer, but at a different tempo (and, most likely, with different syllables). second performer tags a third, the third tags a fourth, etc., etc., etc., until all performers are engaged. the first performer then tags another performer, he tags a third, etc., etc., etc., until the stage is quiet. (it is desirable to have as many languages at work as possible in this piece.)

m l k j i h g f e d c b a
r q p o n m l k j i h g z
e d c b a z y x w v u f y
z y x w v u t s r q t e x
c b a z y x w v u p s d w
n m l k j i h g t o r c v
g f e d c b a f s n q b u
h g f e d c z e r m p a t
q p o n m b y d q l o z s
h g f e l a x c p k n y r
g f e d k z w b o j m x q
n m d c j y v a n i l w p
c l c b i x u z m h k v o
b k b a h w t y l g j u n
i j a z g v s x k f i t m
x y z y f u r w j e h s l
u v w x e t q v i d g r k
z a b c d s p u h c f q j
m n o p q r o t g b e p i
h i j k l m n s f a d o h
k l m n o p q r e z c n g
v w x y z a b c d y b m f
o p q r s t u v w x y z k d
y z a b c d e f g h i j c
p q r s t u v w x y z a b
o p q r s t u v w x y z a

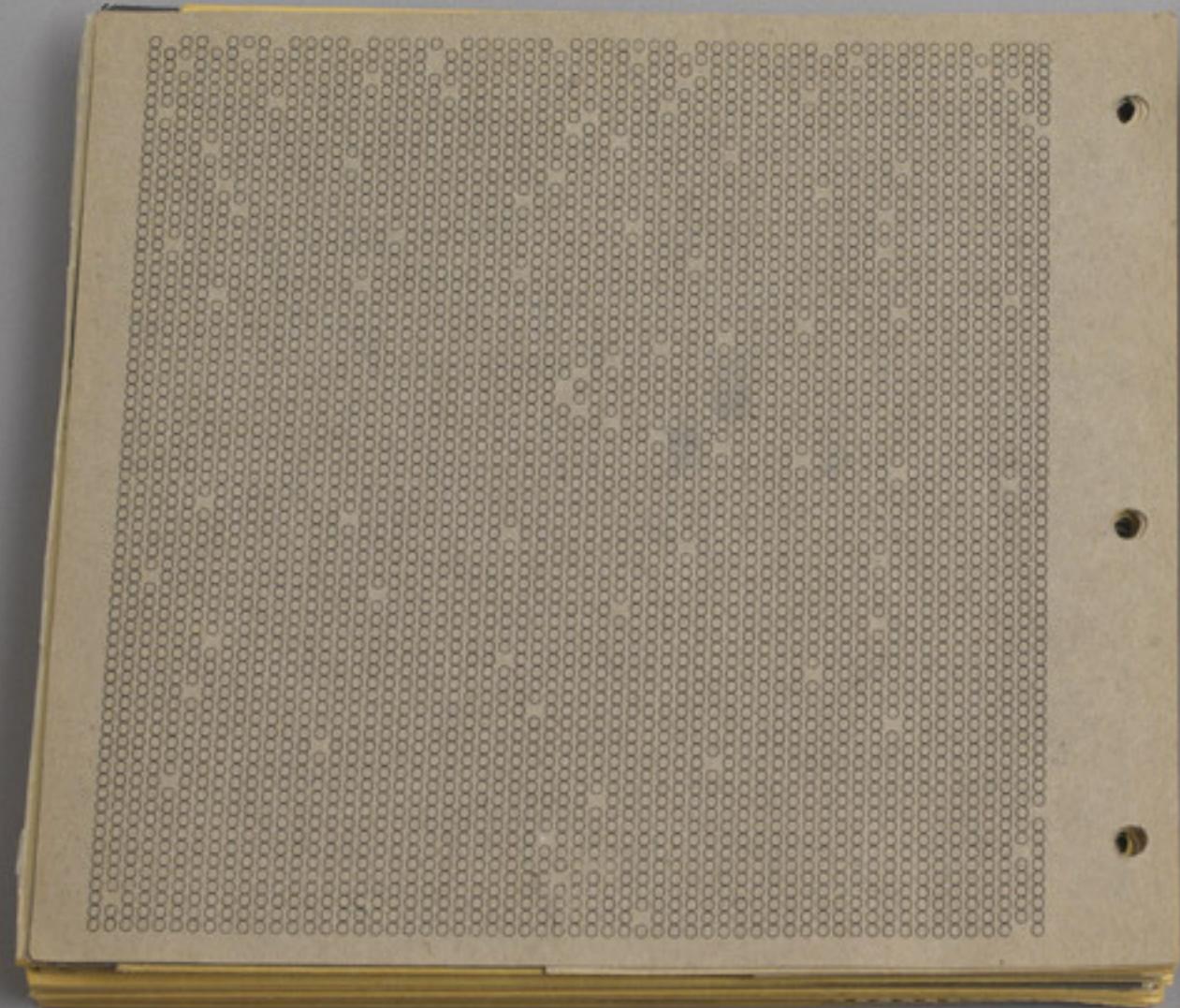
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- counting song no.1 (1962)
performer counts audience aloud from stage.
- counting song no.2 (1962)
performer counts audience silently from stage.
- counting song no.3 (1962)
performer counts audience aloud from stage, placing one nut or bonbon in his mouth for each spectator.
- counting song no.4 (1962)
performer counts audience silently from stage, placing one nut or bonbon in his mouth for each spectator.
- counting song no.5 (1962)
performer touches everyone in audience, counting aloud.
- counting song no.6 (1962)
performer touches everyone in audience, counting silently.

a z y x w v u t s r q p o n m l k j i h g f e d c b a
b e d c b a z y x w v u t s r q p o n m l k j i h g z
c f q p o n m l k j i h g f e d c b a z y x w v u f y
d g r k j i h g f e d c b a z y x w v u t s r q t e x
e h s l m l k j i h g f e d c b a z y x w v u p s d w
f i t m n w v u t s r q p o n m l k j i h g t o r c v
g j u n o x o n m l k j i h g f e d c b a f s n q b u
h k v o p y p o n m l k j i h g f e d c z e r m p a t
i l w p q z q p w v u t s r q p o n m b y d q l o z s
j m x q r a r q x m l k j i h g f e l a x c p k n y r
k n y r s b s r y n k j i h g f e d k z w b o j m x q
l o z s t c t s z o l q p o n m d c j y v a n i l w p
m p a t u d u t a p m r e d c l c b i x u z m h k v o
n q b u v e v u b q n s f a b k b a h w t y l g j u n
o r c v w f w v c r o t g h i j a z g v s x k f i t m
p s d w x g x w d s p u v w x y z y f u r w j e h s l
q t e x y h y x e t q r s t u v w x e t q v i d g r k
r u f y z i z y f u v w x y z a b c d s p u h c f q j
s v g z a j a z g h i j k l m n o p q r o t g b e p i
t w h a b k b a b c d e f g h i j k l m n s f a d o h
u x i b c l c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r e z c n g
v y j c d m n o p q r s t u v w x y z a b c d y b m f
w z k d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x a l e
x a l e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z k d
y b m n o p q r s t u v w x y z a b c d e f g h i j c
z c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z a b
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z a

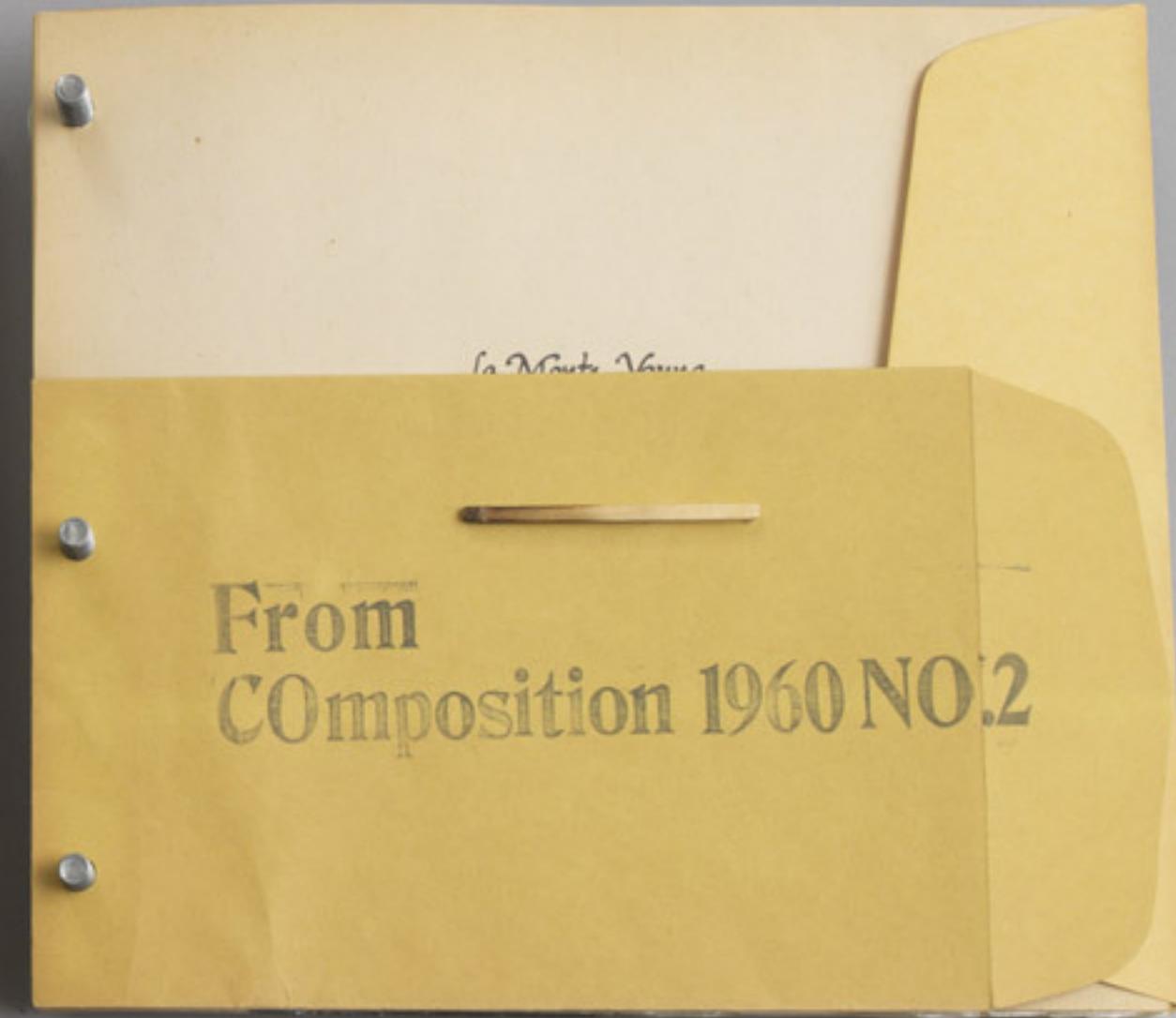
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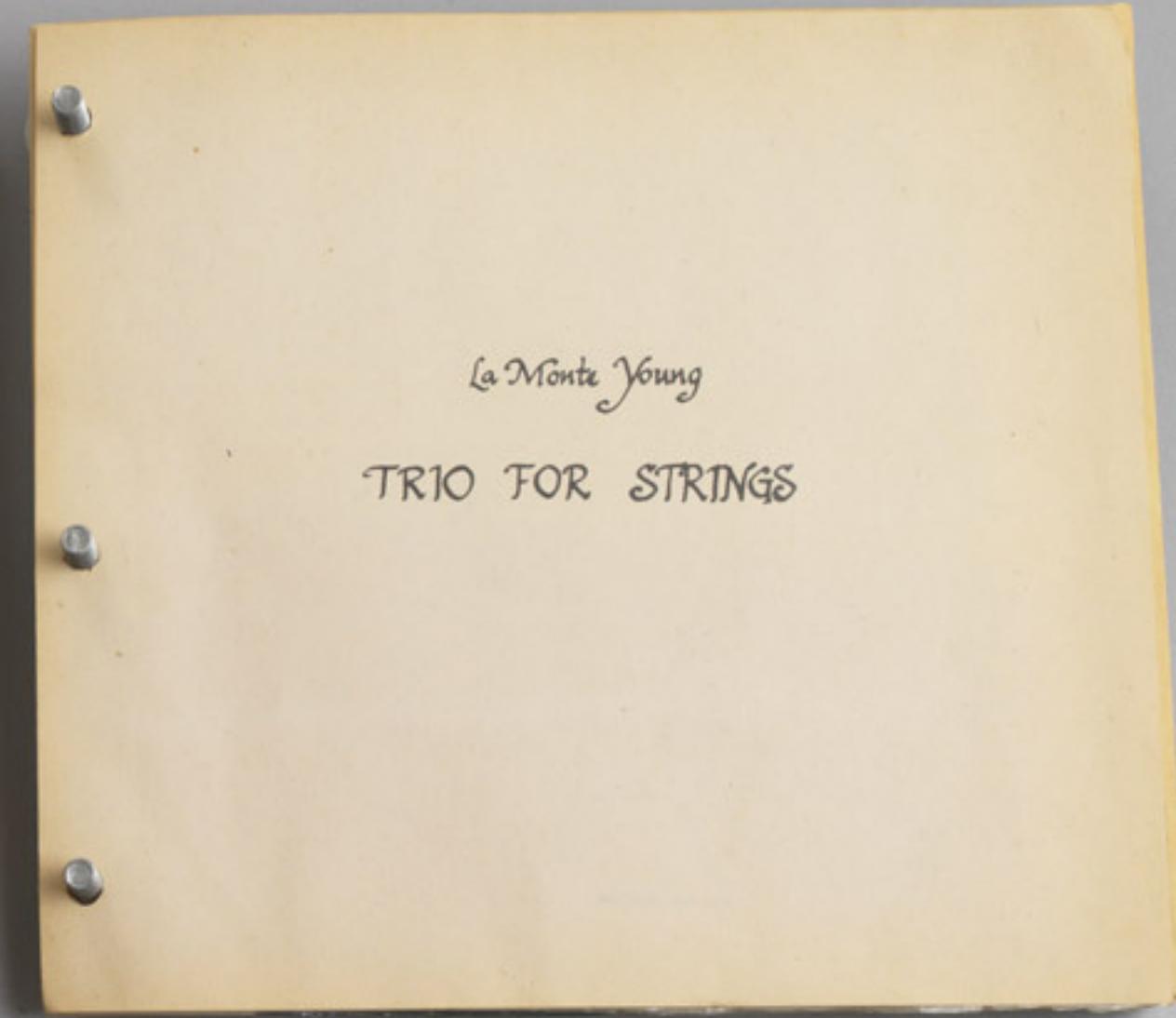
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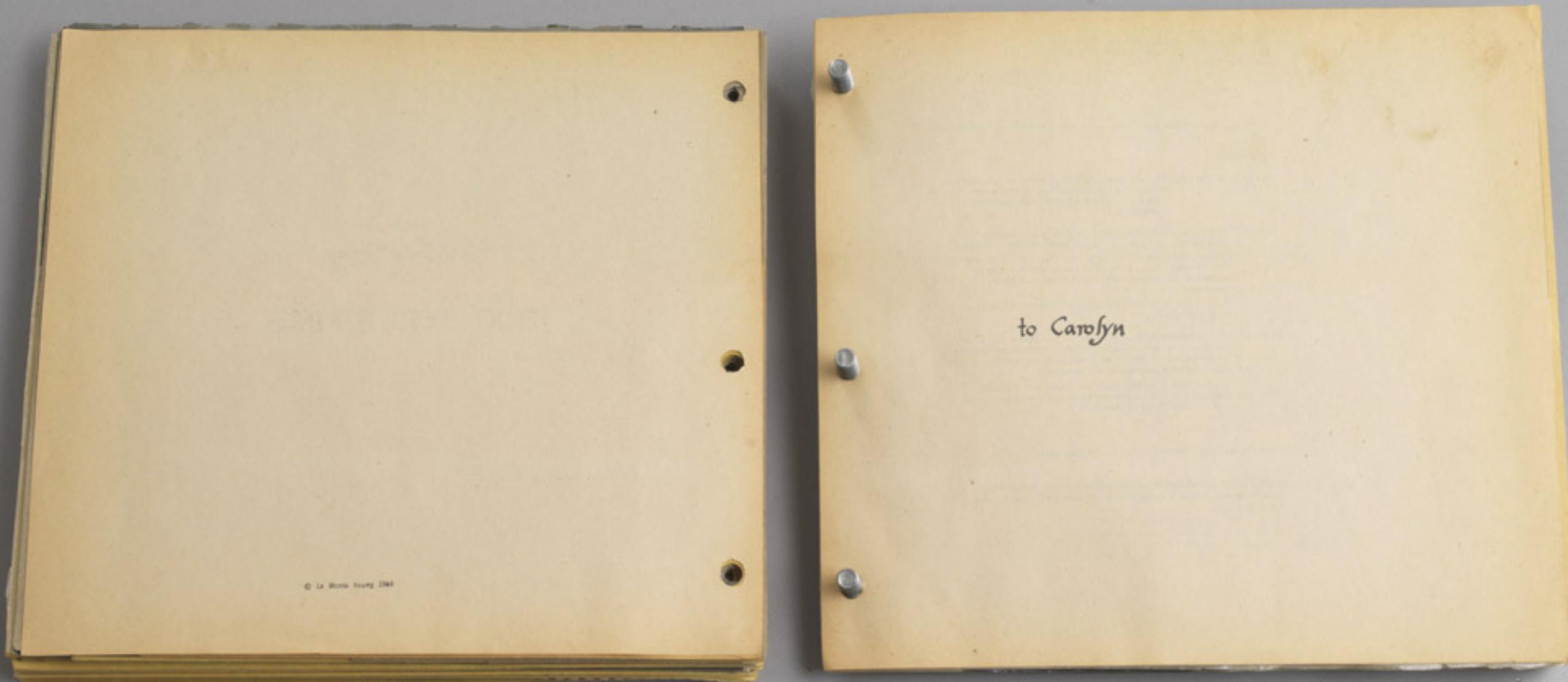
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LA MONTE YOUNG



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This piece is to be played by the usual string trio or by a string orchestra of violins, violas and cellos.

General Instructions For Both Trio And Orchestral Performance

No Vibrato

Dynamic markings: The dynamic markings refer to an absolute scale, e.g., *ppp* on viola is the same volume as *ppp* on cello, etc. (ensemble dynamics).

Bowing: The bow should be drawn as slowly as possible but the indicated dynamic level must still be achieved. *Flautando* (the bow should float across the strings) at all times throughout the piece except where dynamic markings such as *d* require greater pressure.

Cel legno is to be executed with both the hair and the wood.

Tuning: All pitches sound as written in this score but it is necessary to retune some strings (secondarum) before performance in order to produce notes written below the usual ranges of the instruments.

Viola: the C string must be tuned down to B_b.

Cello: the G string must be tuned down to F, and the C string down to E.

Instructions For String Orchestra Performance

Double stops should still be played as double stops rather than by giving each player in the section only one of the two notes.

Tuning: In string orchestra performance additional secondarum is necessary -- 5/6ths of the violins must tune their G strings down to F (see * below).

Reorchestration: The notes Eb and D_b in the violin part, page 8, fourth brace, $\frac{2}{4}$ so, are not to be played by the violins but should be held as harmonics by the cellos in the following way:

half of the cellos play



and the other half play



The section beginning on page 9, second brace, $\frac{2}{4}$ 132, B_b in cello part, and ending on page 10, first measure (B_b in cello), must be reorchestrated as follows:

-- assuming that the orchestra will already be balanced correctly for this piece --
Page 9, second brace, $\frac{2}{4}$ 132, B_b is to be played by 3/6ths of the cellos and 2/6ths of the violas (violas' C strings tuned down to B_b).

*Page 9, second brace, F# is to be played by 5/6ths of the violins (secondarum). Note: 1/6 of the violins do not play in this section.
Page 9, second brace, F_b, and third brace, F_b, and fourth brace, F_b are each to be played as a harmonic by the remaining 3/6ths of the cellos in the following manner:



Page 9, third brace, B_b is to be played by the remaining 4/6ths of the violins.

Note: In the above reorchestrated sections the dynamic levels, bowing instructions, and mute indications already given in the score still apply to a note even though it is being played by a different instrument.

j=80

5 senza vibr. 8 13
pp 5 8 senza vibr. sul tasto 13
p 5 8 13
p 5 8 13

8 6 4 *j=100* 4 *j=132* *all cresc.*
8 6 4 *mp*
8 6 4 —

5 nt. 4 *j=132* 4 5
5 nt. 4 *ord.* — 5
5 con sord. rit. 4 *mf* — 5
pp 5 4 *p* — 5

— — 4 rit. 4 *j=88* 2
cresc. — *mf* — 4 con sord. sul tasto 4 *pp*

6 10 — 7 6
6 10 — 7 6
6 10 — 7 6

7 8 13 — 13
7 8 13 — 13
7 8 13 — 13
con sord. espans. 13
pppp 13

j=140 7 *j=208* 3 2
7 3 2 2
7 3 2 2

— 6 — 7
6 6 — 7
6 6 — 7

rall. poco a poco 6 *sul tasto* *j=176* 7
con sord. 6 *pp* 7
6 6 7 7

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5

5

6

7

10

10 (con sord.) 7 (con sord.) 7

10 7 7

10 7 7

10 7 7

10 12 11

12 11

12 11

12 11

senza sord. sul pont. 14 -3- $\text{♩} = 112$ 7 $\text{♩} = 208$

 con sord. / ord. 3 8 6 3 8 6 3 8 6

 senza sord. -3- sul tasto 13 9 9 13 13

 11 ord. $\text{♩} = 116$ 10 6

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J=200
 10
 12
con sord. sul tasto ↓
mp

12
 8
 13
ord.
ppp

9
 10 *con sord. sul tasto*
 12

J=192
 24
 24
sonata sonata
con son. sul tasto
p

14
 14
ord.
 12
mp

12
 12
 15
sul tasto
ppp
 4

4
 4
con sord. sul tasto
 4
(con sord. sul tasto)
pp
 4

J=192
 12
con sord. sul tasto
p = pppppp
p

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Handwritten musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) on four staves. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf*, *p*, *pp*, and *fff*. The vocal parts are labeled *solo* and *col legno*. Measure numbers 14 through 18 are indicated above each staff.

Measure 14: Soprano: *mf*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 15: Soprano: *solo* *col legno*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 16: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 17: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 18: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Handwritten musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) on four staves. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *pp*, and *fff*. The vocal parts are labeled *con sord.* and *col legno*. Measure numbers 26 through 29 are indicated above each staff.

Measure 26: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

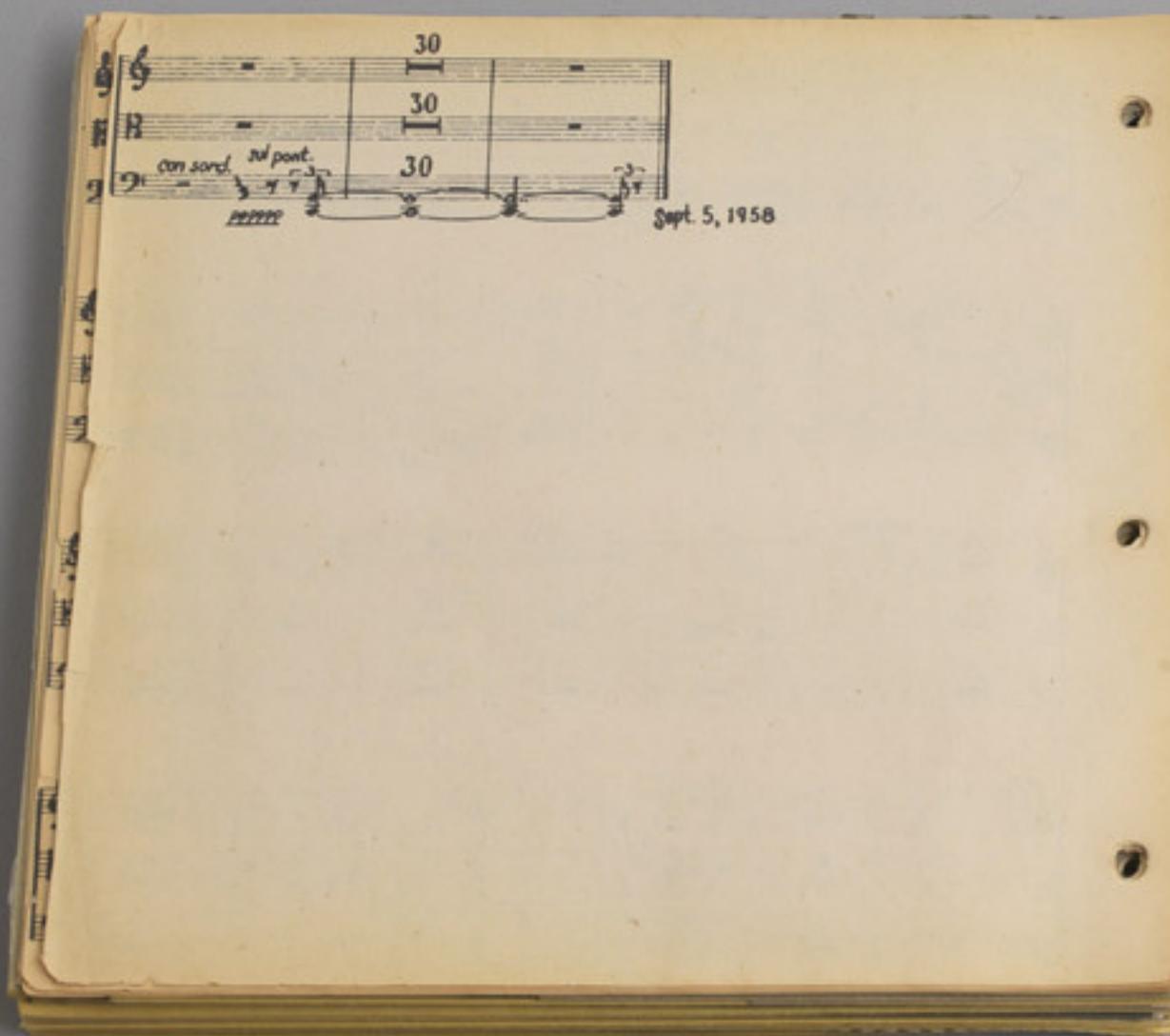
Measure 27: Soprano: *con sord.* *col legno*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 28: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

Measure 29: Soprano: *p*; Alto: *p*; Bass: *p*.

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Death Chant

Dec. 23, 1961

Snow (Jr. 54-4)

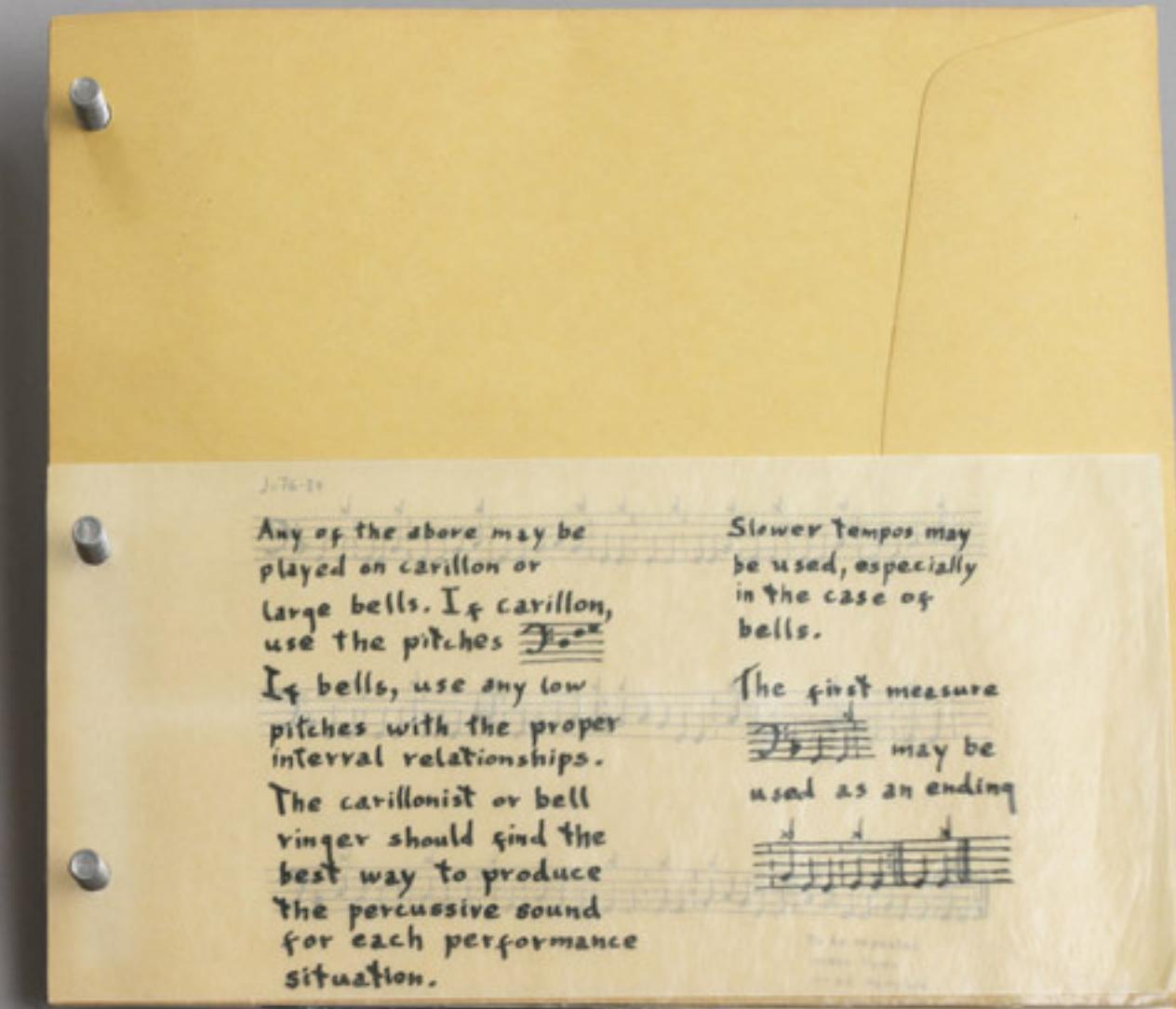
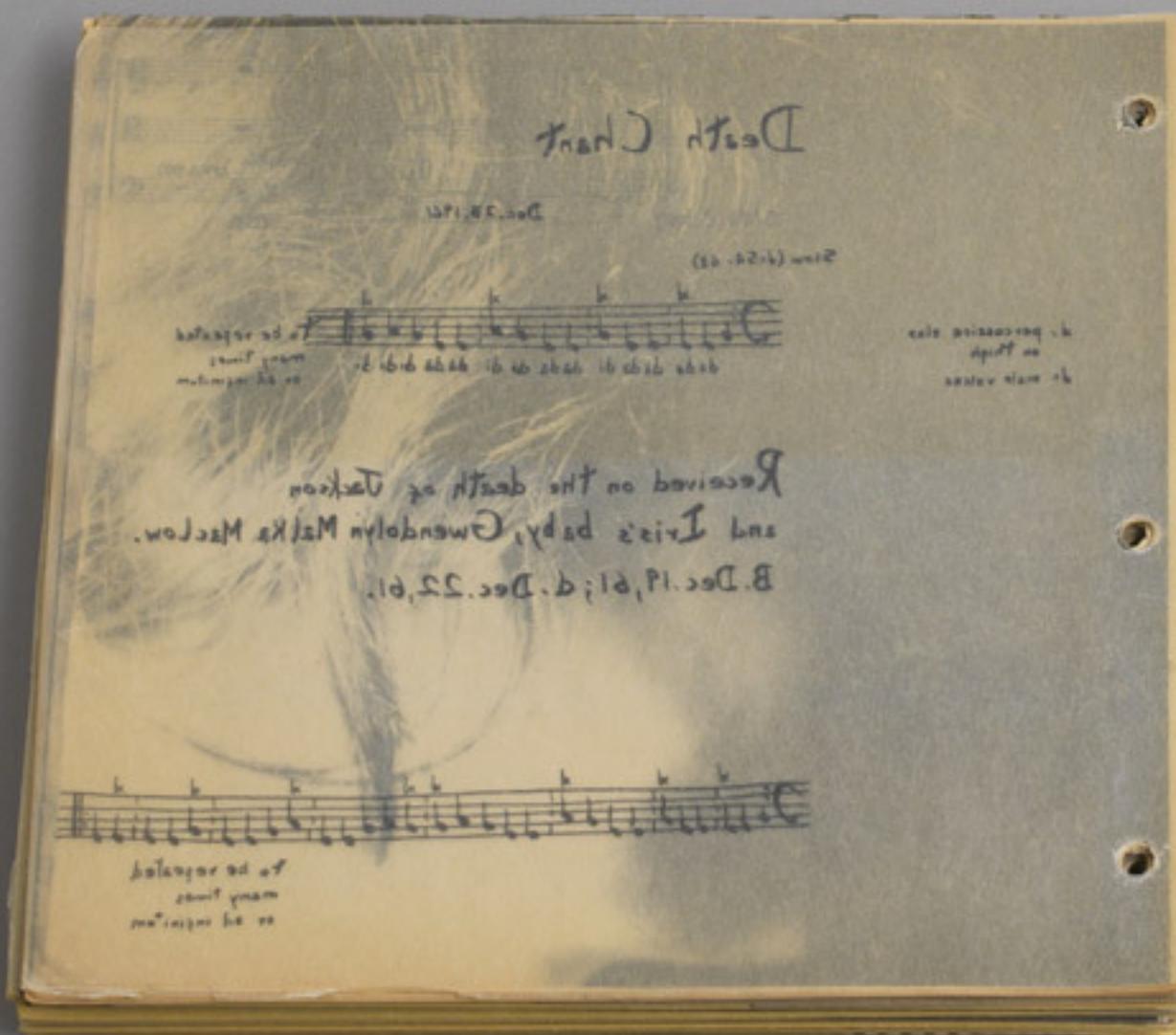
do: percentage stan
on thigh
do male voters

Received on the death of Jackson
and Iris's baby, Gwendolyn Maika MacLow.

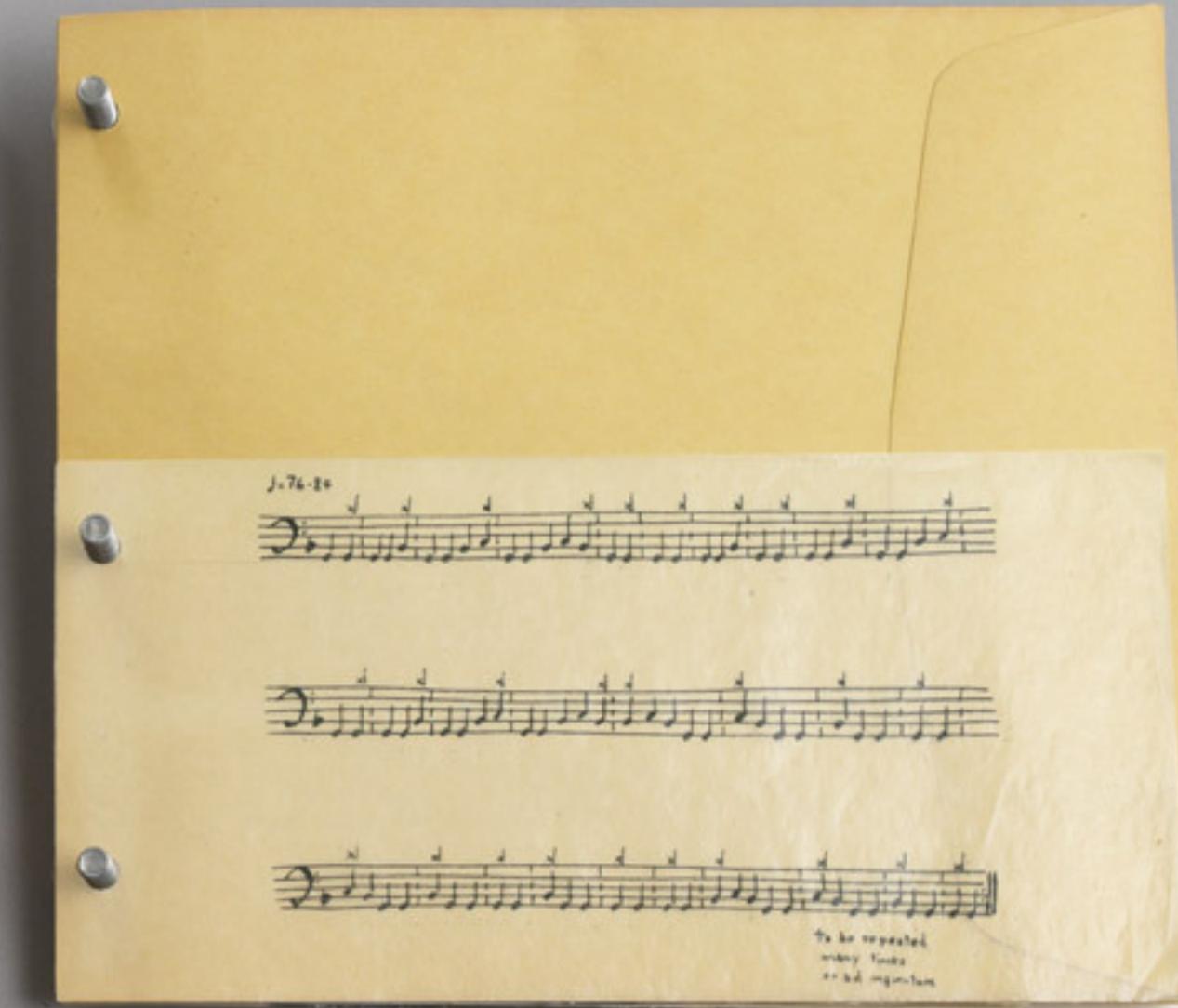
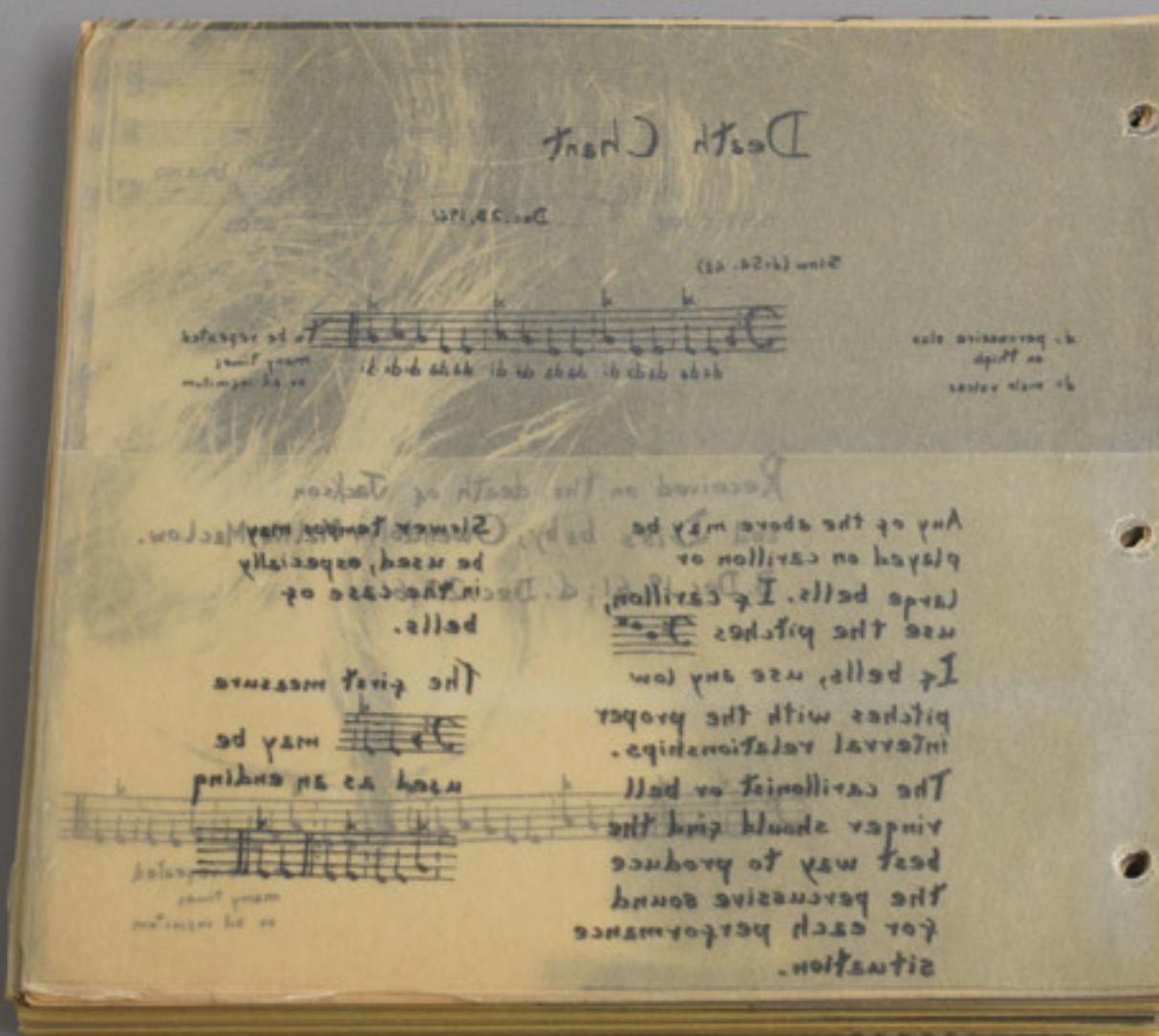
Any of the above and Iris's baby, Gwendolyn MaKee MacLow,
played on carillon by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~use~~ ^{use} ~~large~~ ^{large} bells. B. Dec. 19, 61; d. Dec. 22, 61.
~~use~~ ^{use} the pitches ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} bells.

The carillon finger should be used as an ending.
The best way to produce
the percussive sound
for each performance
situation.

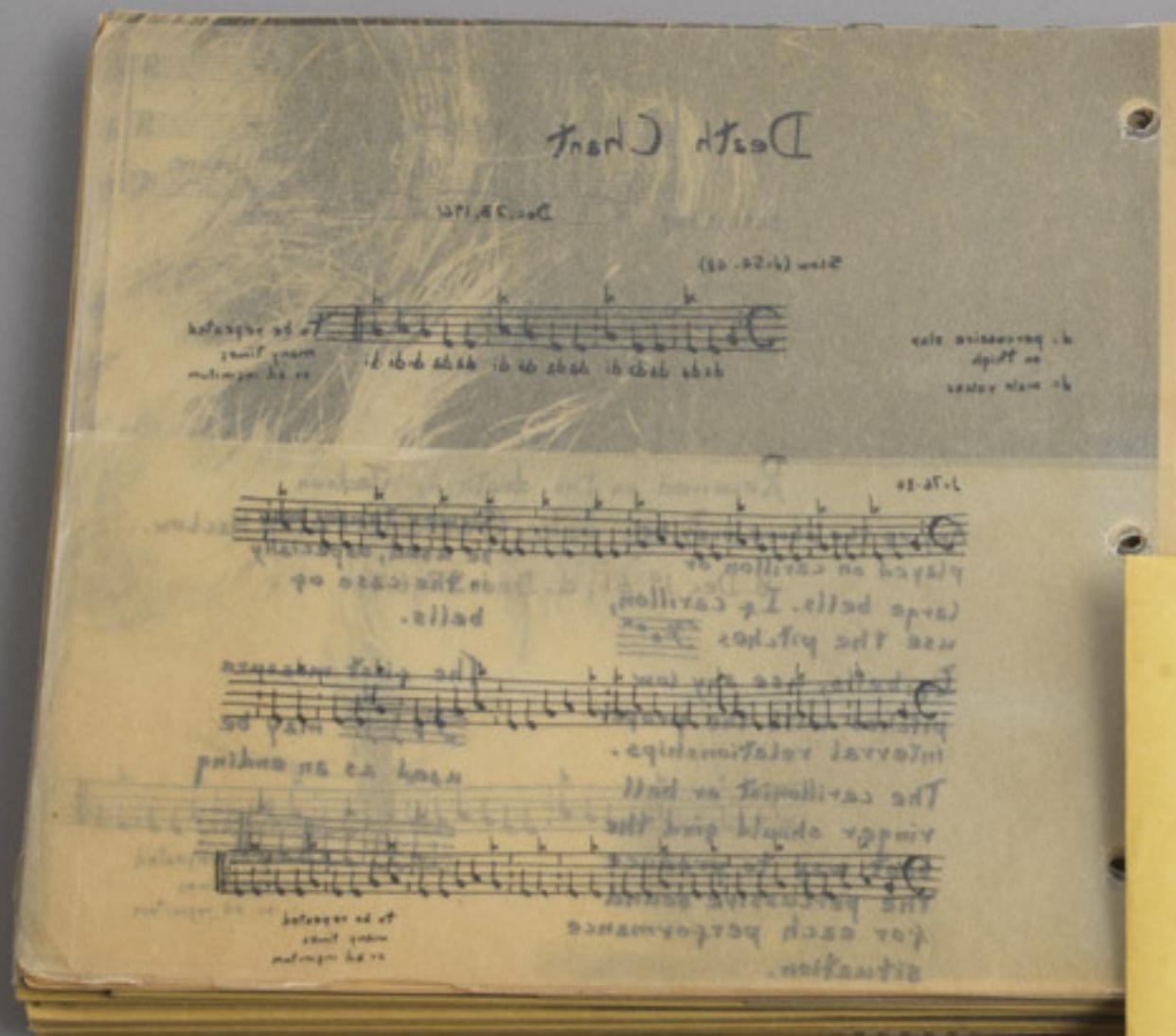
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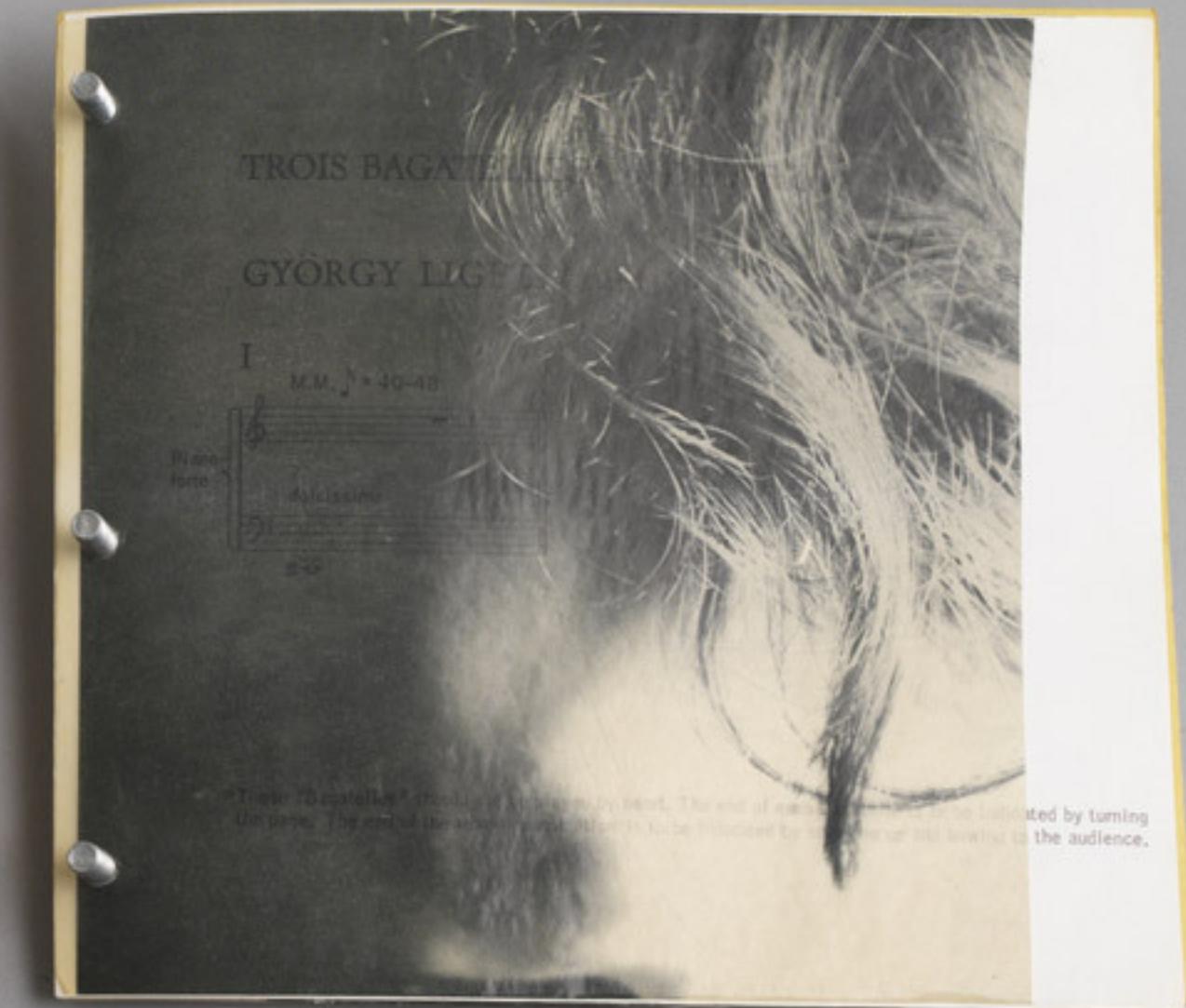


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CHIEKO SHIOMI
disappearing music

M. SHIOMI



G. MACIUNAS



TROIS BAGATELLES* for David Tudor

GYÖRGY LIGETI 1961

I M.M. $\text{♩} = 40-48$ (c)

Piano forte

dolcissimo

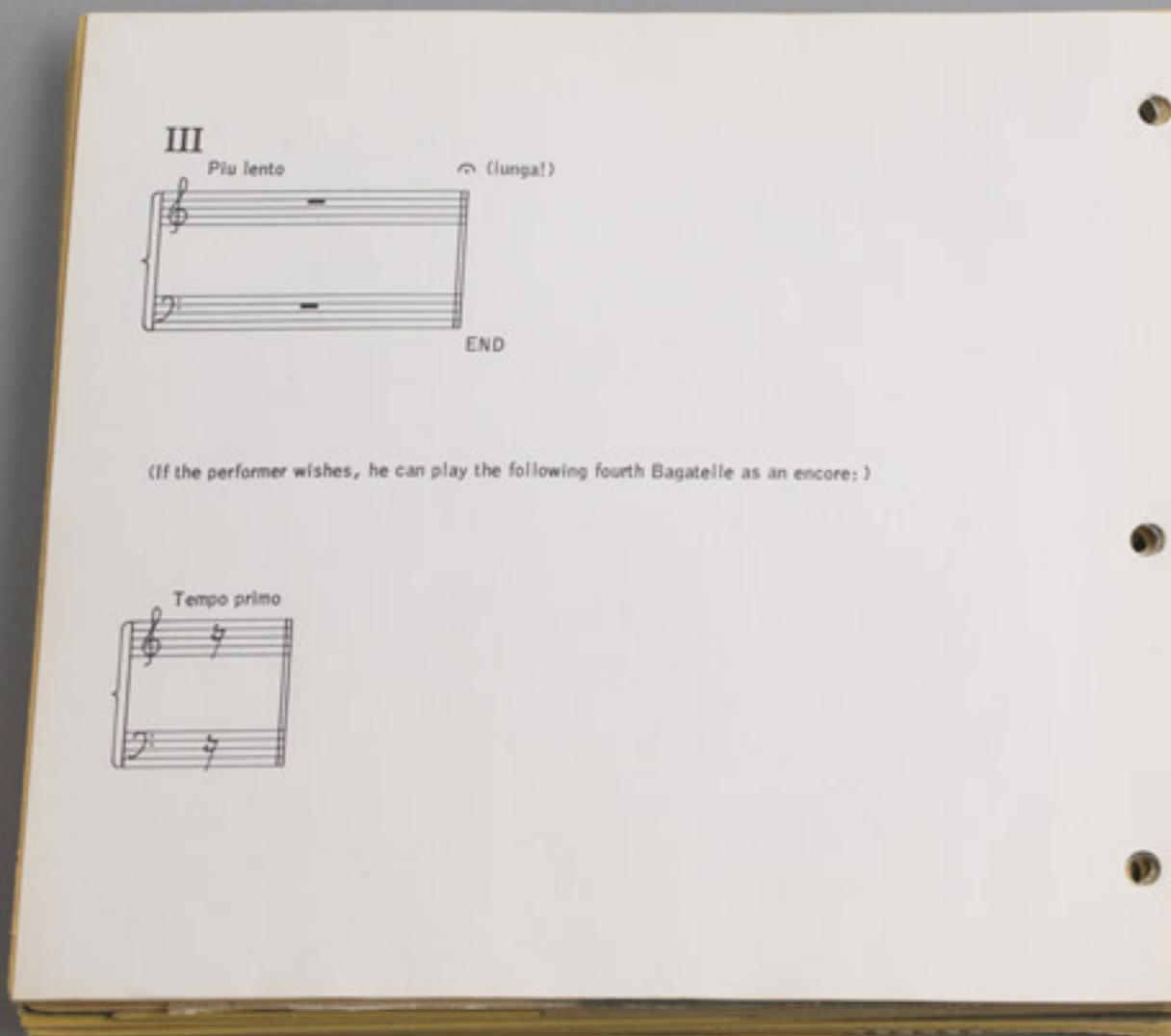
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*These "Bagatelles" should not be played by heart. The end of each Bagatelle is to be indicated by turning the page. The end of the whole composition is to be indicated by standing up and bowing to the audience.

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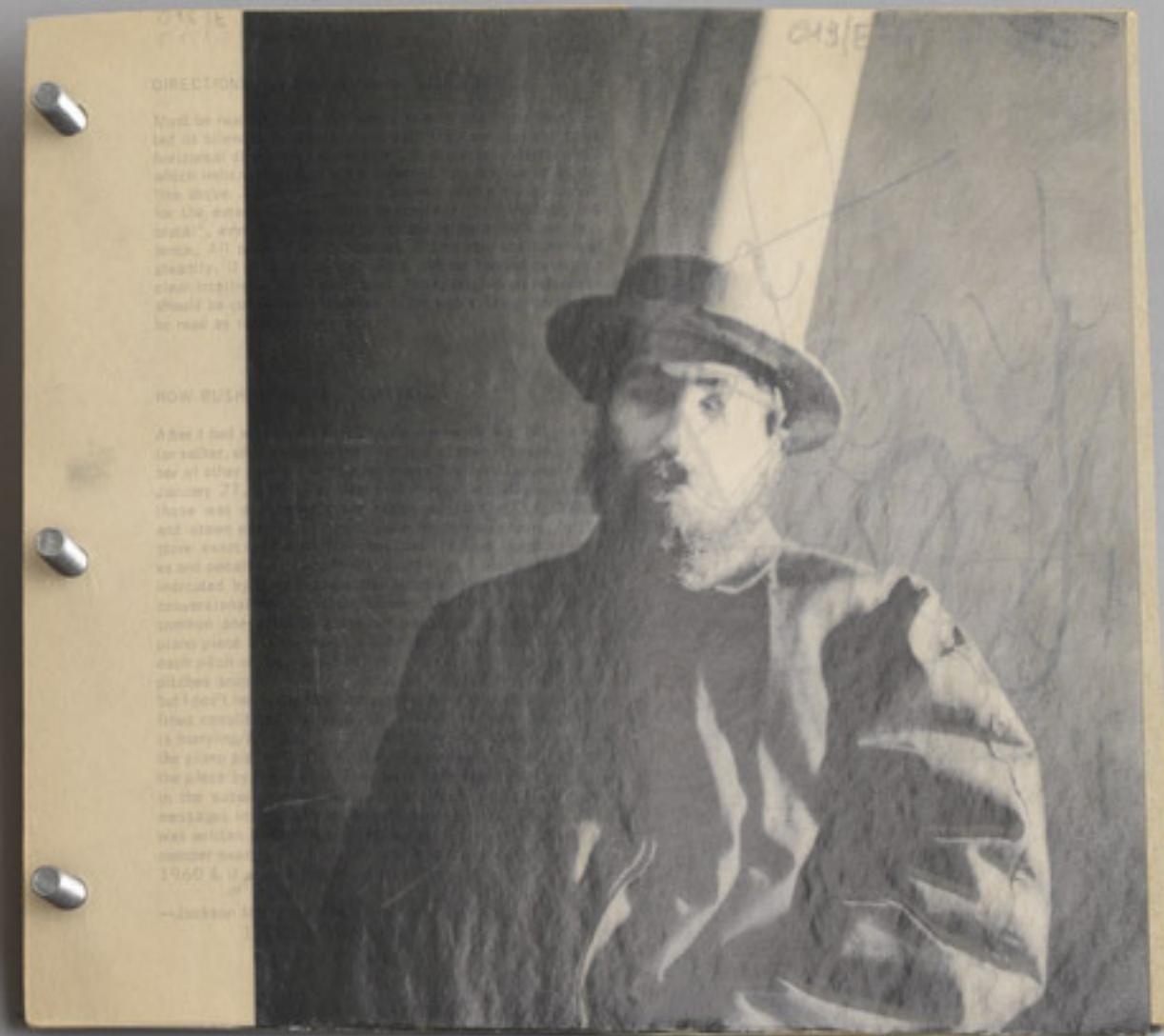
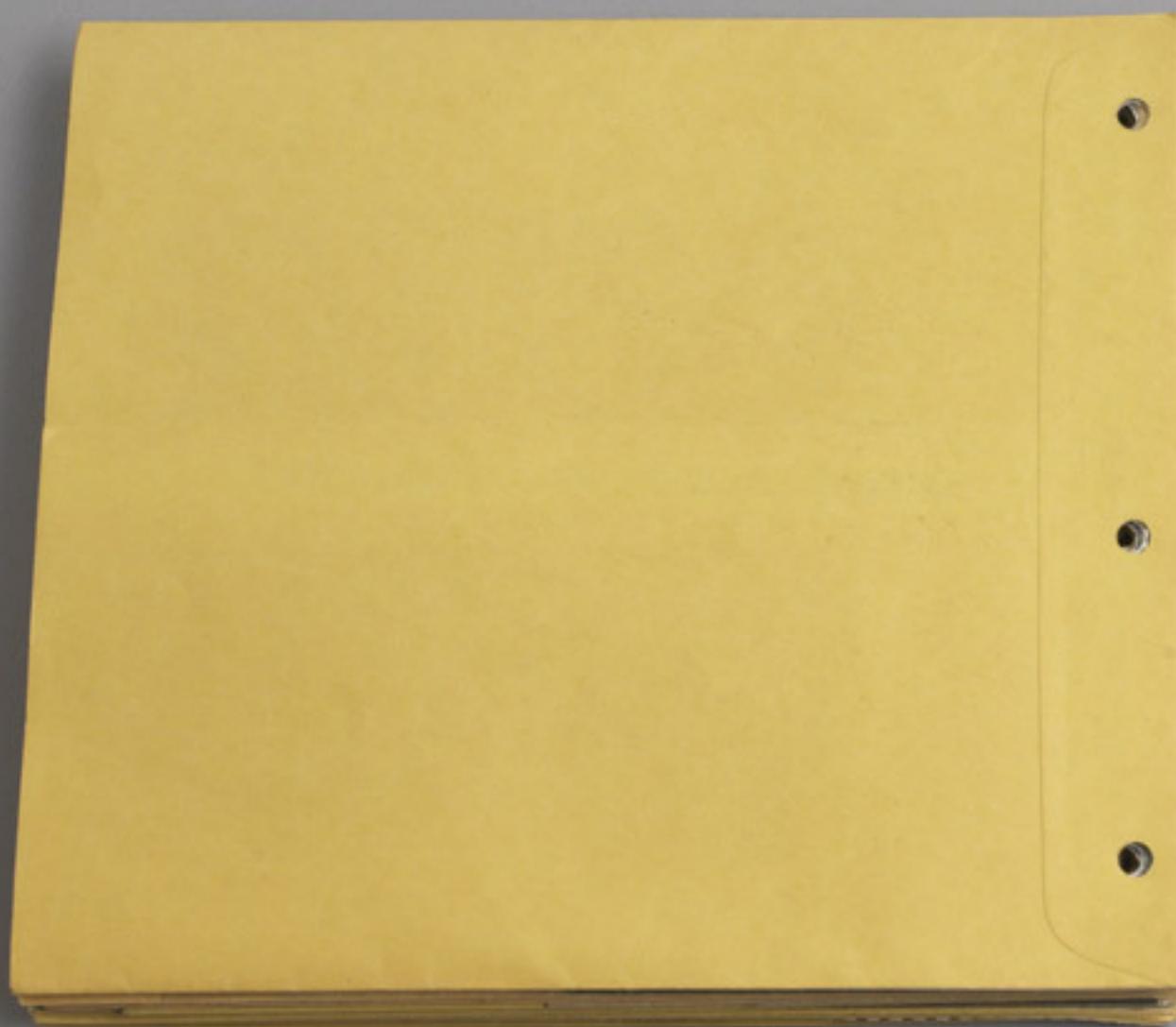
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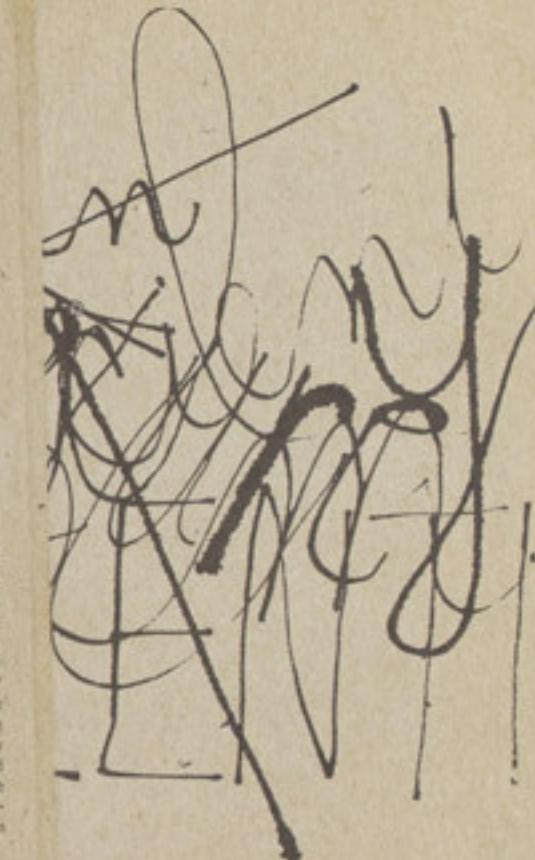
DIRECTIONS FOR PERFORMING RUSH HOUR

Must be read as a solo. All empty spaces should be interpreted as silences proportionate to both their vertical and their horizontal dimensions, except for 10-character indentations, which indicate merely that the indented line is a run-on of the line above. There should be no pauses within lines, except for the extended line "where everyone////is hurrying///&brutal", every two words of which are followed by a long silence. All other lines (including 2-line run-ons) are read steadily, if possible in one breath, but not hurried over past clear intelligibility of each word. No special expressiveness should be consciously imparted to the words. The poem should be read as soberly as a report.

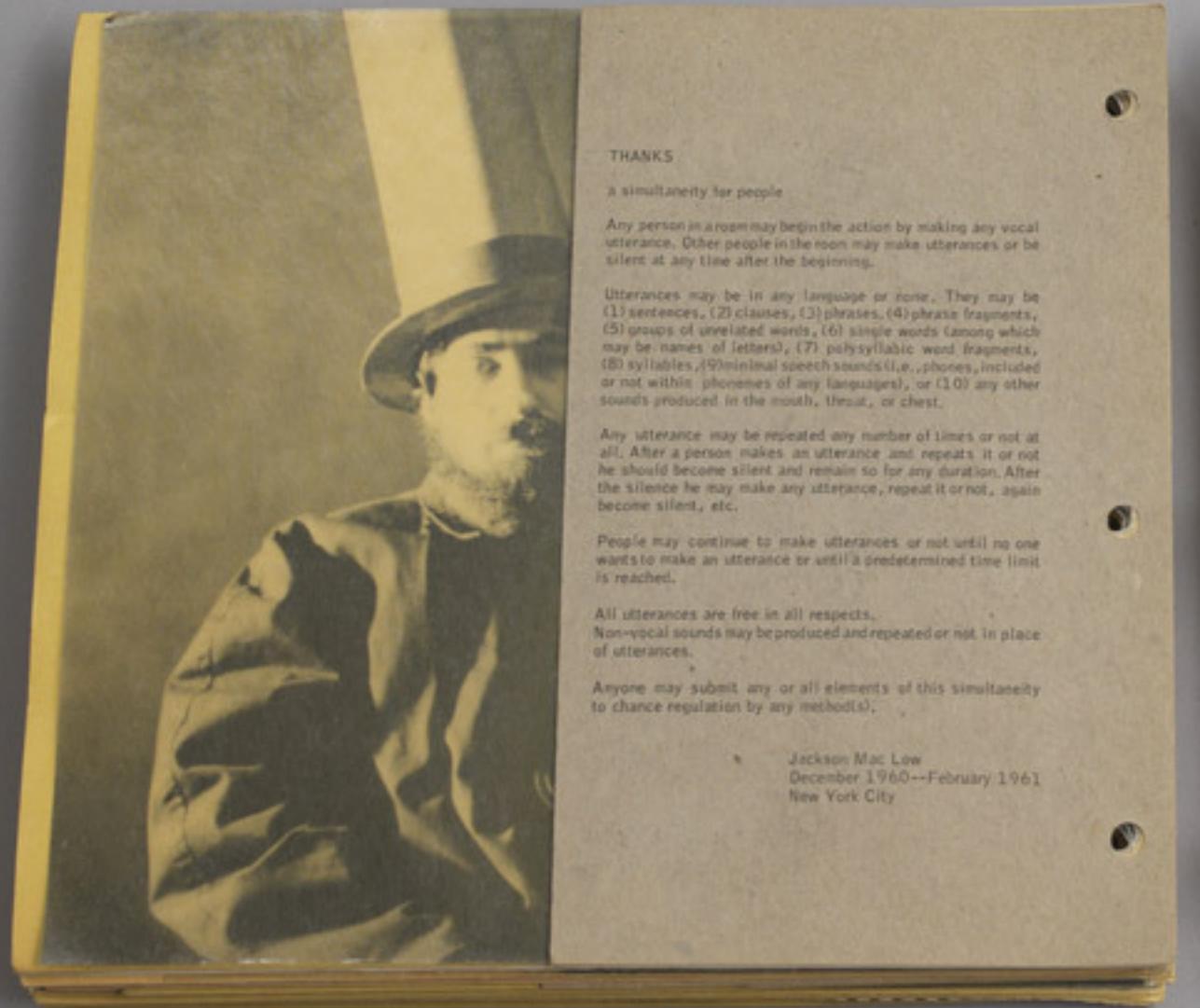
HOW RUSH HOUR WAS WRITTEN

After I had written my first chance poems, 5 biblical poems, (or rather, after I written the first four of them) I wrote a number of other poetic and musical works, between January 6 and January 27, 1955, by means of chance operations. Among these was a complex score composed January 13, 1955, and drawn exactly on music paper in several colors. In this score exact durations of pitches, and I believe dynamics+zenes and pedalling (it was first thought of as a piano piece) were indicated by lengths of colored lines on the staff rather than conventional notes, &c. On January 14 I improvised a list of common one-syllable words and translated the pitches of the piano piece into the words of the list by assigning a word to each pitch of the piano. I believe that each full line contained pitches sounding simultaneously, translated into list words, but I don't remember how I determined from the score how many lines constituted a strope, &c. The lines "where everyone/is hurrying/& brutal", "castanets", and "cloakroom" are from the piano piece itself, i.e., they are spoken at those points in the piece by the pianist. They were improvised spontaneously in the subway while I was working delivering packages and messages in midtown and the chance-determined piano piece was written around them, possibly as a "setting"--I don't remember exactly. The piano score itself was lost sometime in 1960 & if anyone has found it tell me.

--Jackson Mac Low, 965 Hoe Ave, NY 59 NY
17 January 1962



J. MAC LOW



THANKS

a simultaneity for people

Any person in a room may begin the action by making any vocal utterance. Other people in the room may make utterances or be silent at any time after the beginning.

Utterances may be in any language or none. They may be (1) sentences, (2) clauses, (3) phrases, (4) phrase fragments, (5) groups of unrelated words, (6) single words (among which may be names of letters), (7) polysyllabic word fragments, (8) syllables, (9) minimal speech sounds (i.e., phones, included or not within phonemes of any languages), or (10) any other sounds produced in the mouth, throat, or chest.

Any utterance may be repeated any number of times or not at all. After a person makes an utterance and repeats it or not he should become silent and remain so for any duration. After the silence he may make any utterance, repeat it or not, again become silent, etc.

People may continue to make utterances, or not until no one wants to make an utterance or until a predetermined time limit is reached.

All utterances are free in all respects.
Non-vocal sounds may be produced and repeated or not in place of utterances.

Anyone may submit any or all elements of this simultaneity to chance regulation by any method(s).

Jackson Mac Low
December 1960--February 1961
New York City

THANKS II

The beginning of the piece is indicated in any convenient way.

At any time after the beginning any person present produce's a single non-verbal sound, either with the voice, the non-vocal parts of the body, or objects of any kind. The sound may be either a "musical" one or a "noise"; objects used, if any, may include musical instruments as well as other things.

This sound may be produced singly, prolonged for any duration, and/or reiterated any number of times. If it is reiterated, there must be no pause between reiterations. Reiterations should follow each other evenly (in a regular pulse) or the should be evenly accelerated or decelerated. Any 2 or all 3 of these methods of reiteration may be followed within one group of reiterations. In any case, no recognizable rhythmic figures other than a regular pulse and/or even accelerations or decelerations should occur.

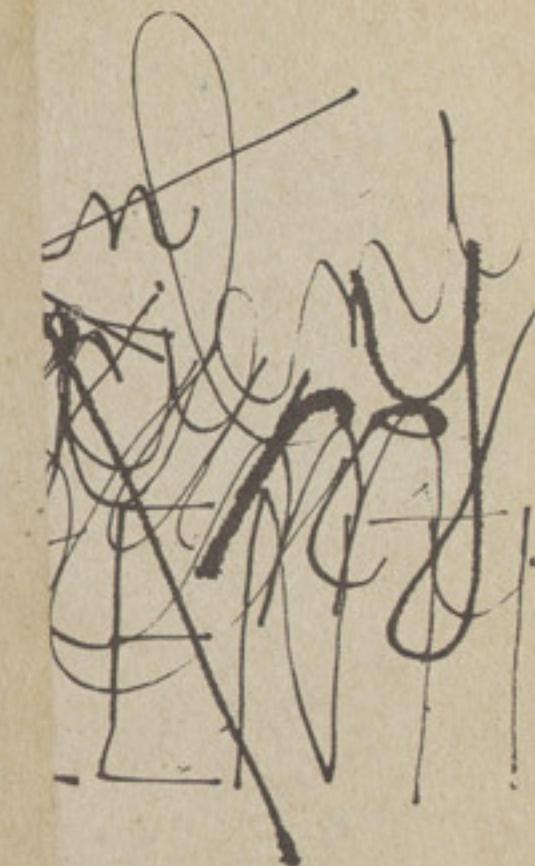
As soon as a pause occurs, intentionally or not, the sound-producing person should become silent for at least a full minute and as long as he likes. Whenever he begins again after a pause, if he does, he should produce a different sound than any produced previously in the performance, by himself or anyone else.

At any time after one person has begun making a sound, others may produce sounds of their own, each one entirely new to the performance, in any of the ways indicated. Whenever each person pauses, he must remain silent for at least a full minute, and if he begins again, he must do so with a sound new to the performance.

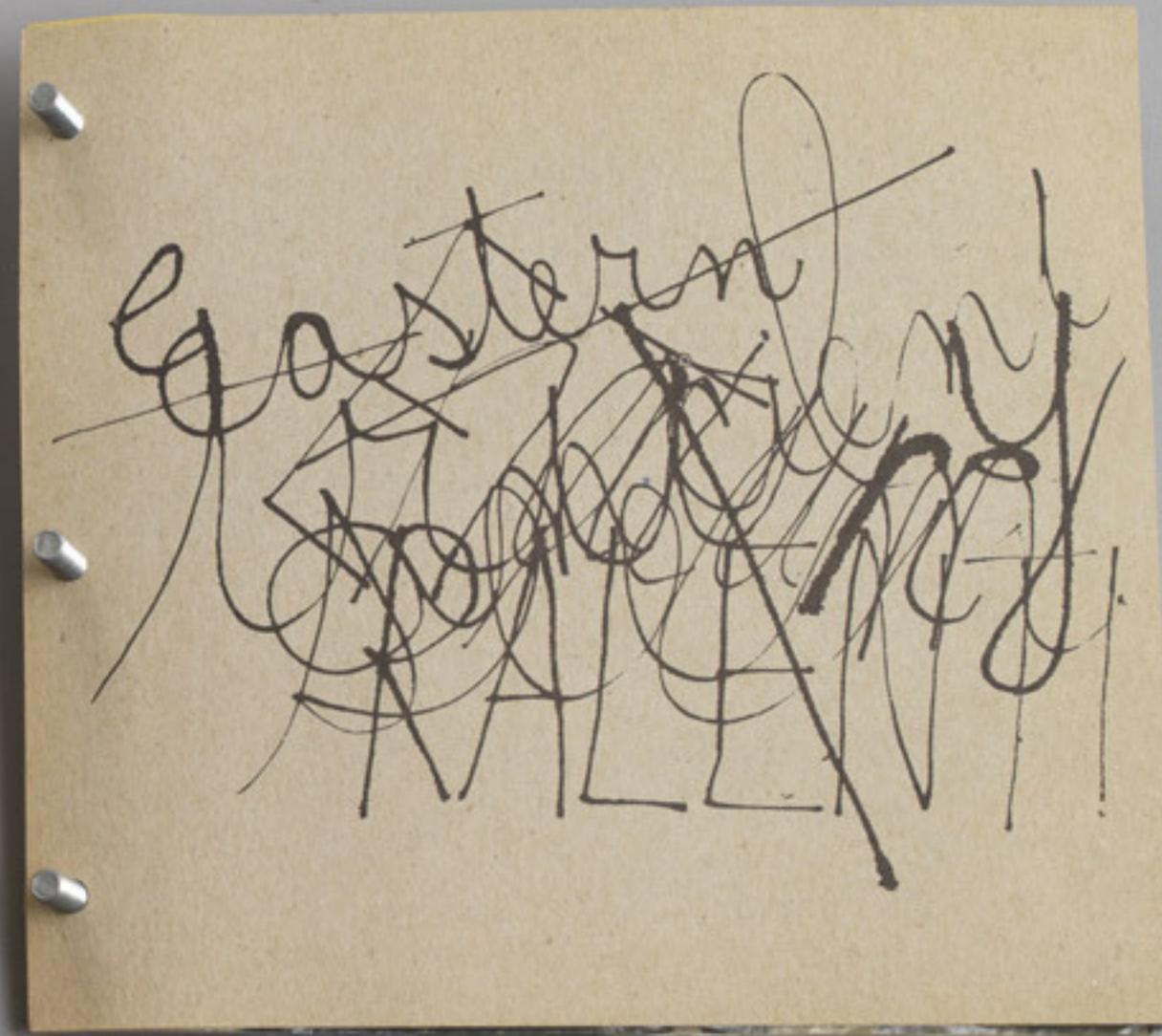
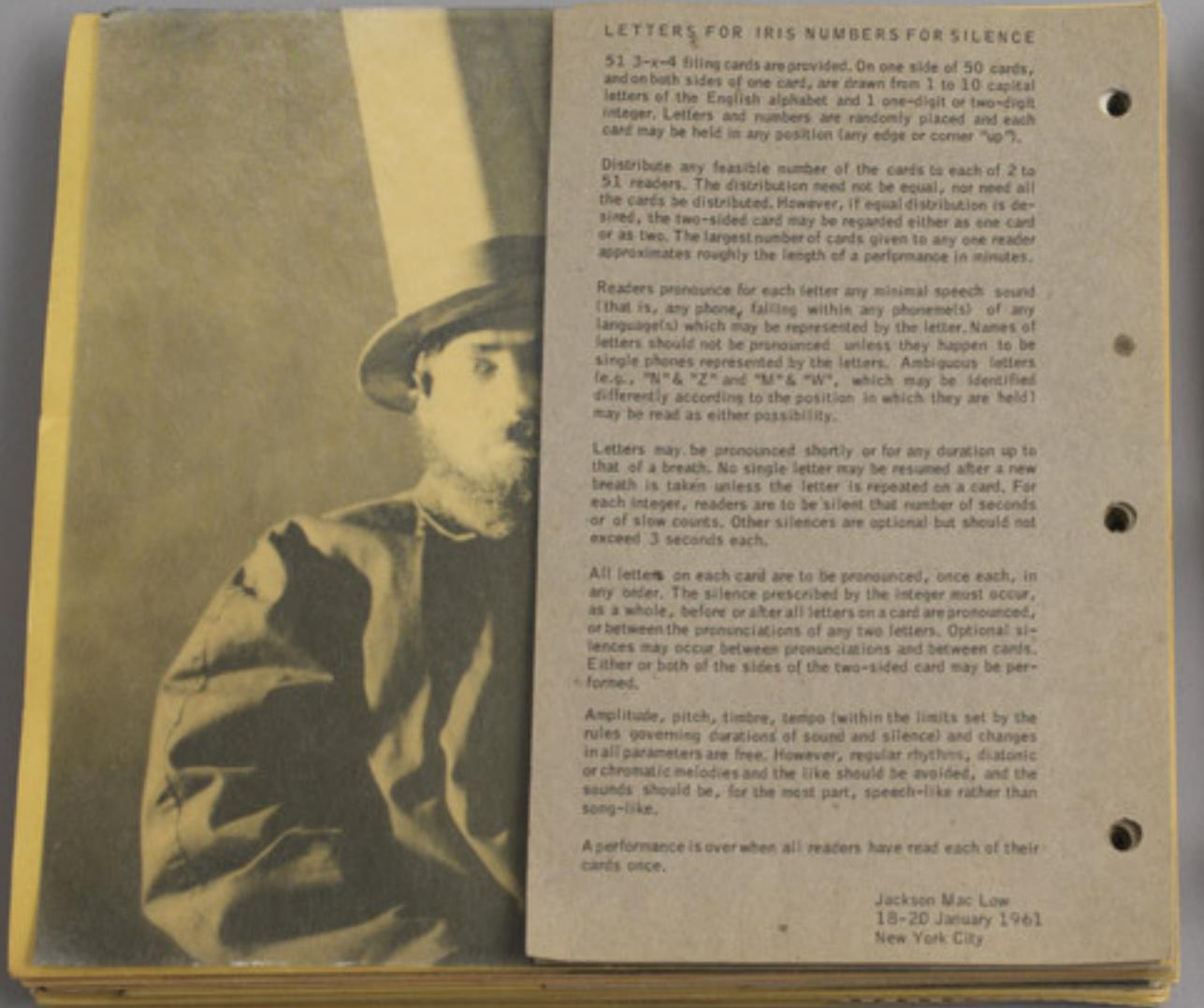
The performance may end at a prearranged signal, or at the end of a duration arrived at by chance operations or by a deliberate decision, or it may be allowed to continue until it stops by itself.

To secure performances of 5 to 17 minutes, the following chance operations are suggested for determining the duration:
Shuffle and cut a pack of playing cards. If the denomination of the card cut to is 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, the number is the duration of the performance in minutes. J, Q, K, A, 2, 3, or 4 indicate, respectively, performances of 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 minutes.

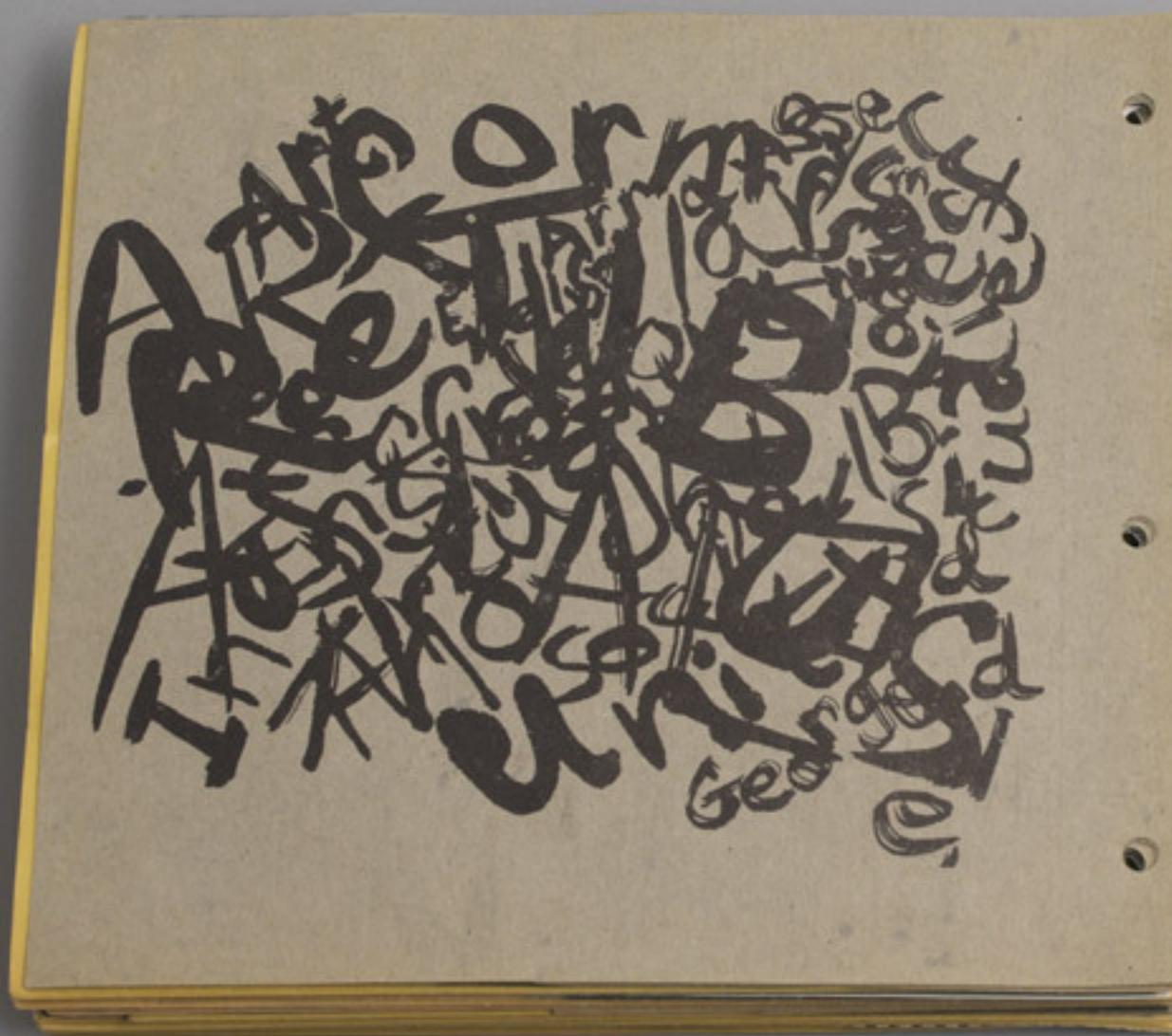
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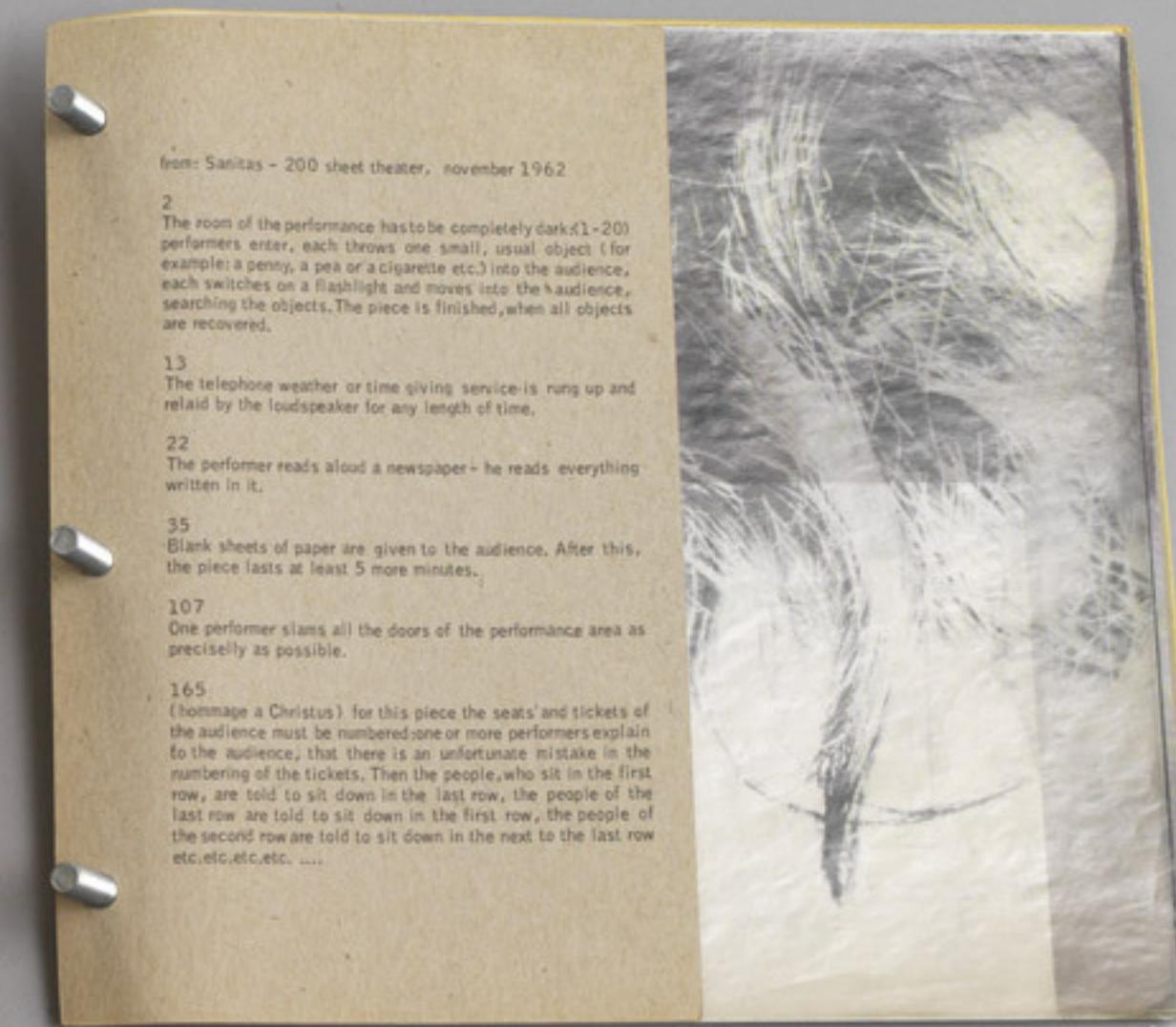
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from: Sanitas - 200 sheet theater, november 1962

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The room of the performance has to be completely dark.(1-20) performers enter, each throws one small, usual object (for example: a penny, a pea or a cigarette etc.) into the audience, each switches on a flashlight and moves into the audience, searching the objects. The piece is finished, when all objects are recovered.

13

The telephone weather or time giving service-is rung up and relayed by the loudspeaker for any length of time.

22

The performer reads aloud a newspaper- he reads everything written in it.

35

Blank sheets of paper are given to the audience. After this, the piece lasts at least 5 more minutes.

107

One performer slams all the doors of the performance area as precisely as possible.

165

(homage a Christus) for this piece the seats and tickets of the audience must be numbered; one or more performers explain to the audience, that there is an unfortunate mistake in the numbering of the tickets. Then the people, who sit in the first row, are told to sit down in the last row, the people of the last row are told to sit down in the first row, the people of the second row are told to sit down in the next to the last row etc,etc,etc,etc.

T. SCHMIT



Zyklus for water-pails (62)

The Interpreter stands in a circle of 10 to 30 water-pails (made from as many different materials as possible). One of them is filled with water, the others are empty. The Interpreter seizes the filled one and empties it into the next one (to the right). Then he puts the one to its place, seizes the (now filled) second pail and empties it into the next one etc., until all the water is evaporated or split.

floor and foot theater

1962

the room of the performance has to be quite empty

the audience moves freely in the room

the actors start simultaneously:

actor 1 writes upon the floor of the room with chalk the vocabulary from: "Kriegsdeutsch", New York, 1943. actor 1 determines the duration of the performance, which is finished, when the floor is completely superscribed.

actor 2 pastes the floor with copies of famous paintings, newspapers, blank sheets of paper, playboy-magazines, war-photos, comics, fashion-magazines, warehouse hand-bills, etc. etc.

actor 3 puts on the floor objects of any kind: bottles, cigars, pencils, burning candles, mirrors, evening-dresses, pieces of foam rubber, nails, unrolled scotch tape, broken glass, etc. etc.

actor 4 pours over the floor (the words, the pictures, the objects): red ink, sugar and cinnamon, cream, black ink, dung-water, benzine and sets fire to it, etc. etc.



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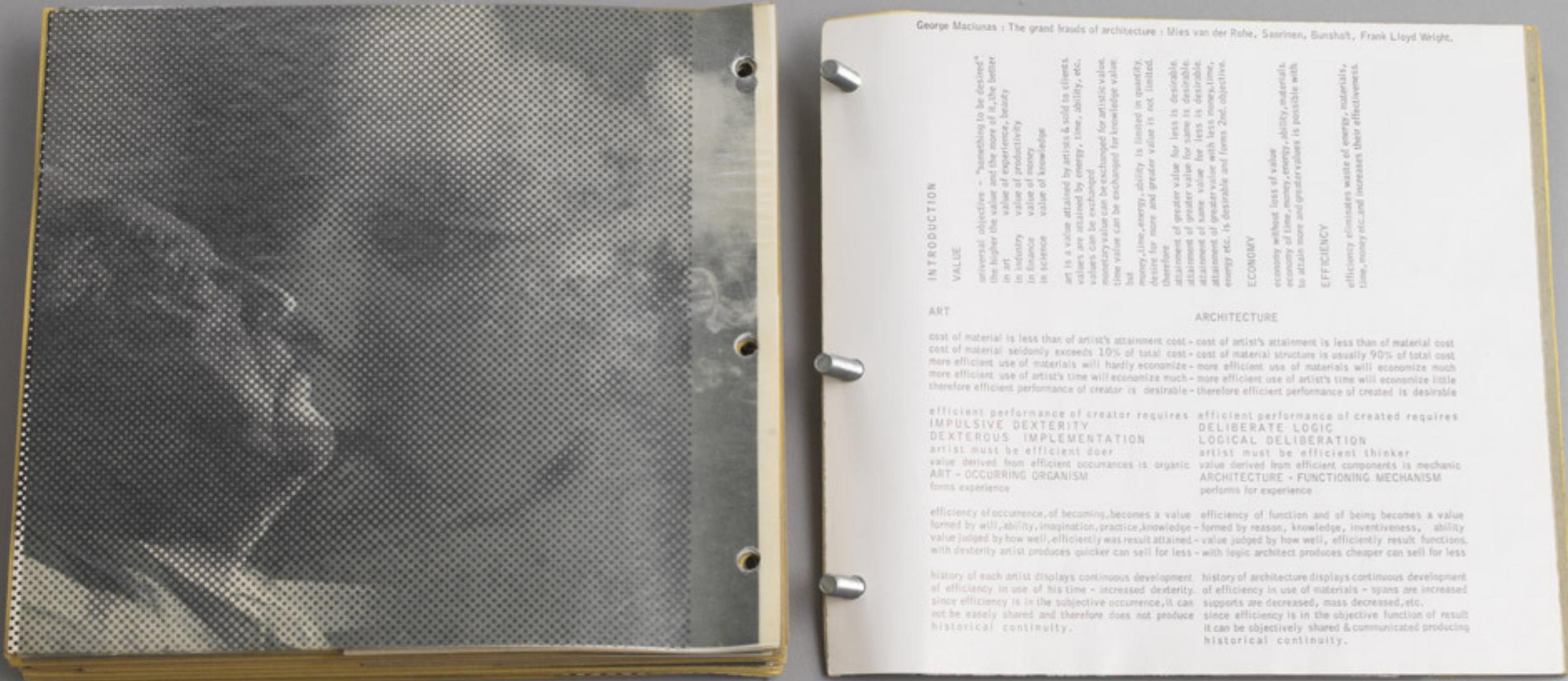
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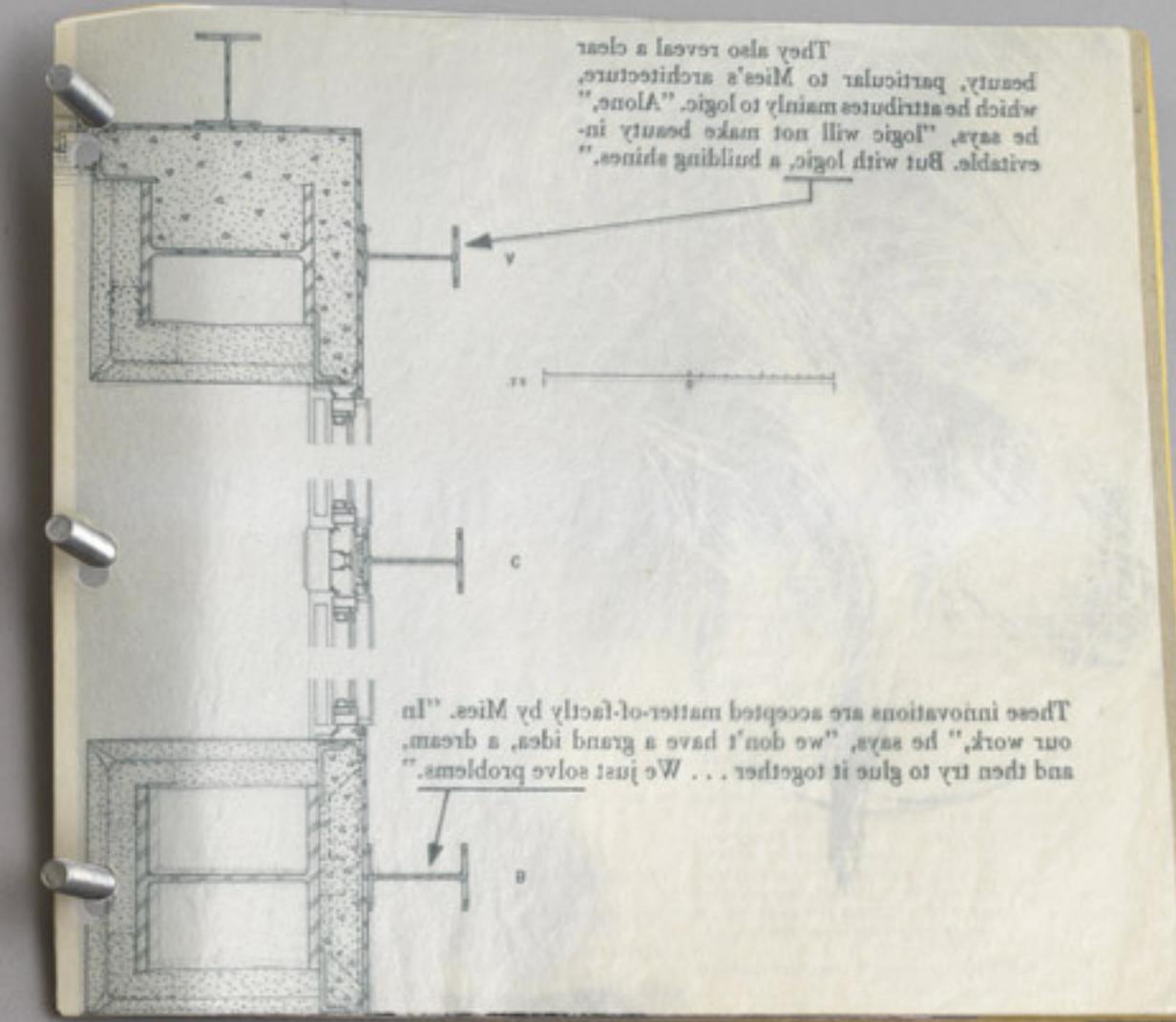


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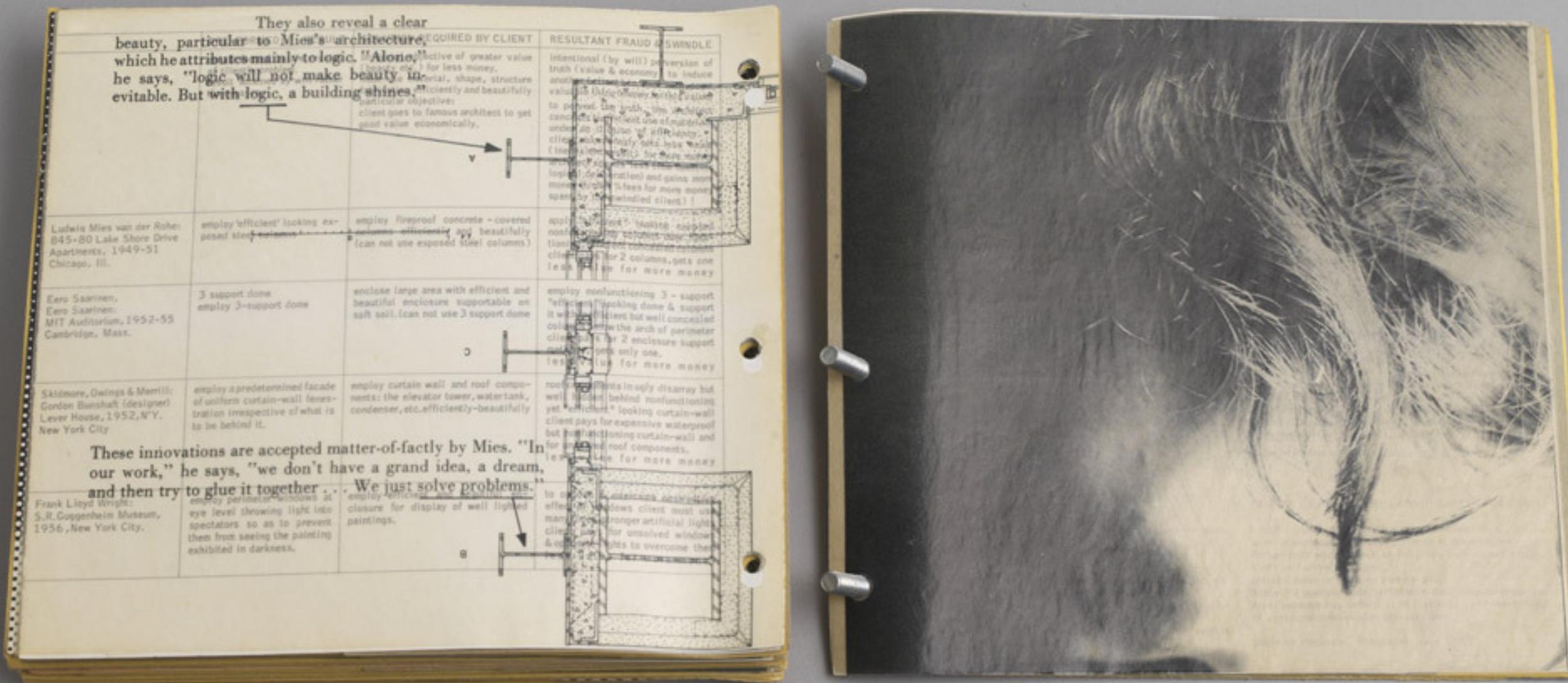


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PRE-FORMED	RESULT	SOLUTION REQUIRED BY CLIENT	RESULTANT FRAUD & SWINDLE
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe: 845-80 Lake Shore Drive Apartments, 1949-51 Chicago, Ill.	result formed before receipt of client's problem, result attained by will rather than reason.	universal objective of greater value (beauty etc.) for less money. must use material, shape, structure fabrication efficiently and beautifully particular objective: client goes to famous architect to get good value economically.	intentional (by will) perversion of truth (value & economy) to induce another (client) to part with some valuable thing (money for this value) to pervert the truth, the architect conceals inefficient use of materials under an illusion of efficiency. client unknowingly gets less value (inefficient result) for more money architect spends less time (omitting logical deliberation) and gains more money (higher % fees for more money spent by the swindled client) !
Eero Saarinen, Eero Saarinen: MIT Auditorium, 1952-55 Cambridge, Mass.	3 support dome employ 3-support dome	enclose large area with efficient and beautiful enclosure supportable on soft soil. (can not use 3 support dome)	apply "efficient" looking exposed nonfunctioning columns over functioning, efficient concealed columns client pays for 2 columns, gets one less value for more money
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill: Gordon Bunshaft (designer) Lever House, 1952, N.Y. New York City	employ a predetermined facade of uniform curtain-wall fenestration irrespective of what is to be behind it.	employ curtain wall and roof compo- nents; the elevator tower, watertank, condenser, etc., efficiently-beautifully	roof components in ugly disarray but well hidden behind nonfunctioning yet "efficient" looking curtain-wall client pays for expensive waterproof but nonfunctioning curtain-wall and for unsolved roof components. less value for more money
Frank Lloyd Wright: S.R. Guggenheim Museum, 1956, New York City.	employ perimeter windows at eye level throwing light into spectators so as to prevent them from seeing the painting exhibited in darkness.	employ efficient and beautiful en- closure for display of well lighted paintings.	to oppose & overcome obstructive effect of windows client must use many times stronger artificial lights client pays for unsolved windows & opposite lights to overcome them less value for more money



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OVERTURE (version II, 1)

preparations:
a noise-maker 1.1 wrapped 2.1 and sealed 3.1 is placed in a small container 4.1 this container is wrapped and sealed and placed in a larger container, the larger container is wrapped and sealed and placed in a still larger container; etc., time, space, and expense determine the number of containers, wrappings and sealings.

performance:
a performer unseals, unwraps and opens containers, two musicians standing on either side of the unwrapper produce alternately the lowest possible tones: on (1.1) a bass brass-wind instrument and (2.1) a large gong or tam-tam; coincident with the opening of each container, the musicians perform a long tone in ensemble, as the noise-maker is unwrapped, the two musicians perform a very long tone in ensemble.
after a pause the unwrapper performs a single long tone with the noise maker.

1. a simple device to be blown, such as a tube with an obstruction, producing a "white-noise" is preferred.
2. wrappings are of paper, cellophane, leather, cloth, wood, metal, plastic, etc.
3. sealings are of wax, glue, zippers, buttons, nails, ropes, tape, locks, nuts and bolts, etc.
(knives, scissors, wrenches, blow-torches, cork-screws, bottle-openers, surgical instruments, etc. are used to open sealings.)
4. containers are boxes, barrels, baskets, caskets, suitcases, punch bowls, safes, garbage trucks, stonecaskets, guitars, etc.

Benjamin Patterson, Paris, 1961

(version III, 1)

preparations:
see version II, substitute a "canned" woman's laugh for noise maker, 1.1, 2.1

performance:
a performer unseals, unwraps, and opens containers, turn off laugh when "canning" device is unwrapped.

1. laugh is "canned" on small transistor tape-recorder or similar device.
2. device should be wrapped in such a manner that laugh is inaudible at beginning.

Benjamin Patterson, Wiesbaden, June 1962

SEPTET FROM "LEMONS"

preparations:
small quantities of water are placed in each of seven whistling tea kettles, a rubber balloon is fitted over the whistle of each kettle in a manner that does not hinder whistling.

performance:
an assistant places kettles on individual heating devices, arranged in a row, and water is brought to boil.
three performers seated at a reasonable range from the kettles explode the inflating balloons in any sequence with pellets fired from a gas or air pistol.

1. determine quantities of water to avoid simultaneous boiling.
2. whistles are of differing frequencies.
3. performers may smoke, converse, read, play cards, etc. while awaiting boiling of water.
4. aim carefully.

SOLE DANCE FROM "LEMONS"

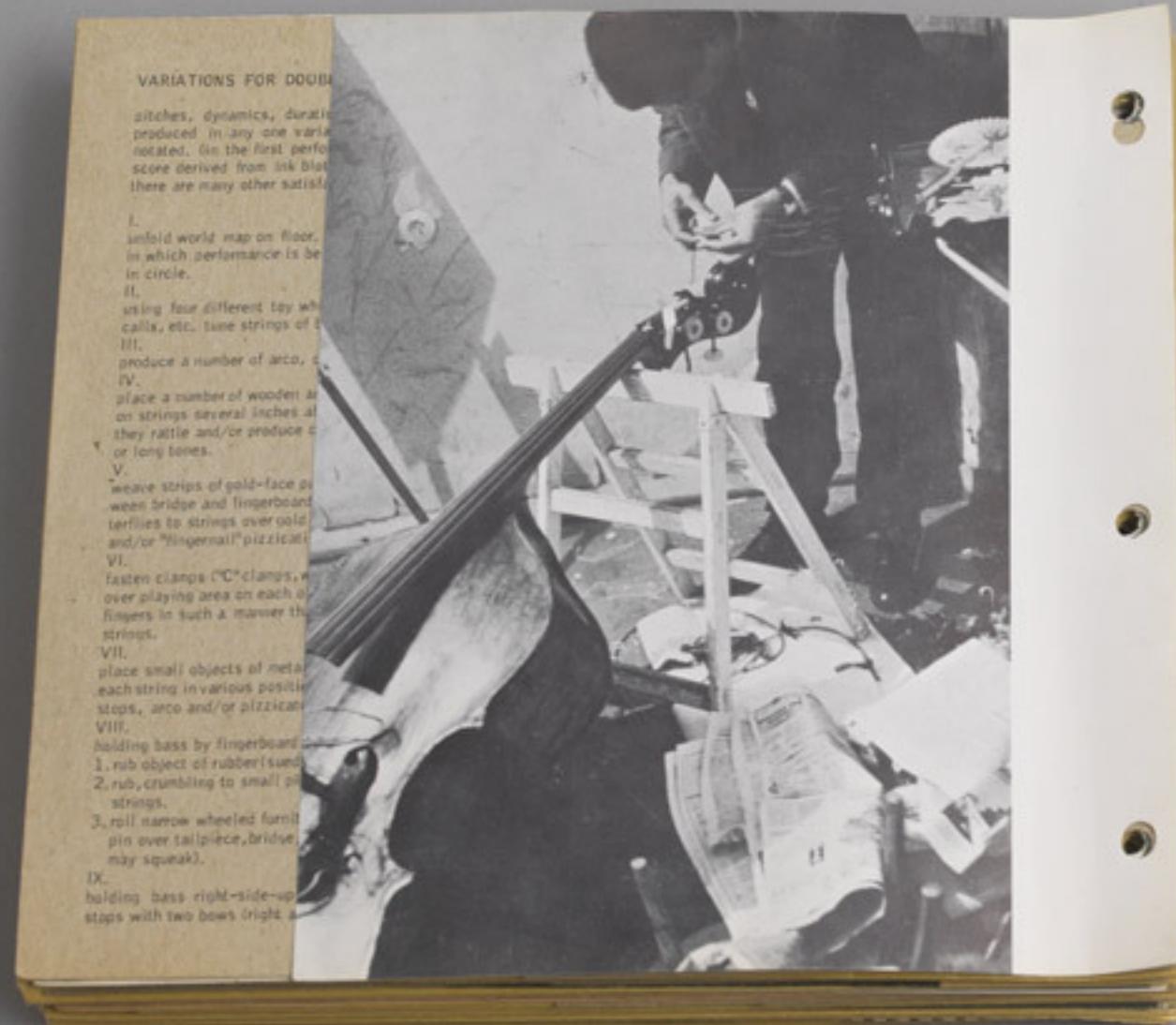
A pulley is hung from ceiling.
A rope of a length that both ends reach floor is hung through pulley. Dancer ties loop in one end, lays face down, or face up, or face left, or face right (or tries all four positions), places feet through loop and hoists self using free end. Dance may end after ceiling is achieved, or after failures of a predetermined number of attempts, or upon exhaustion.

Benjamin Patterson, Klein, 1961

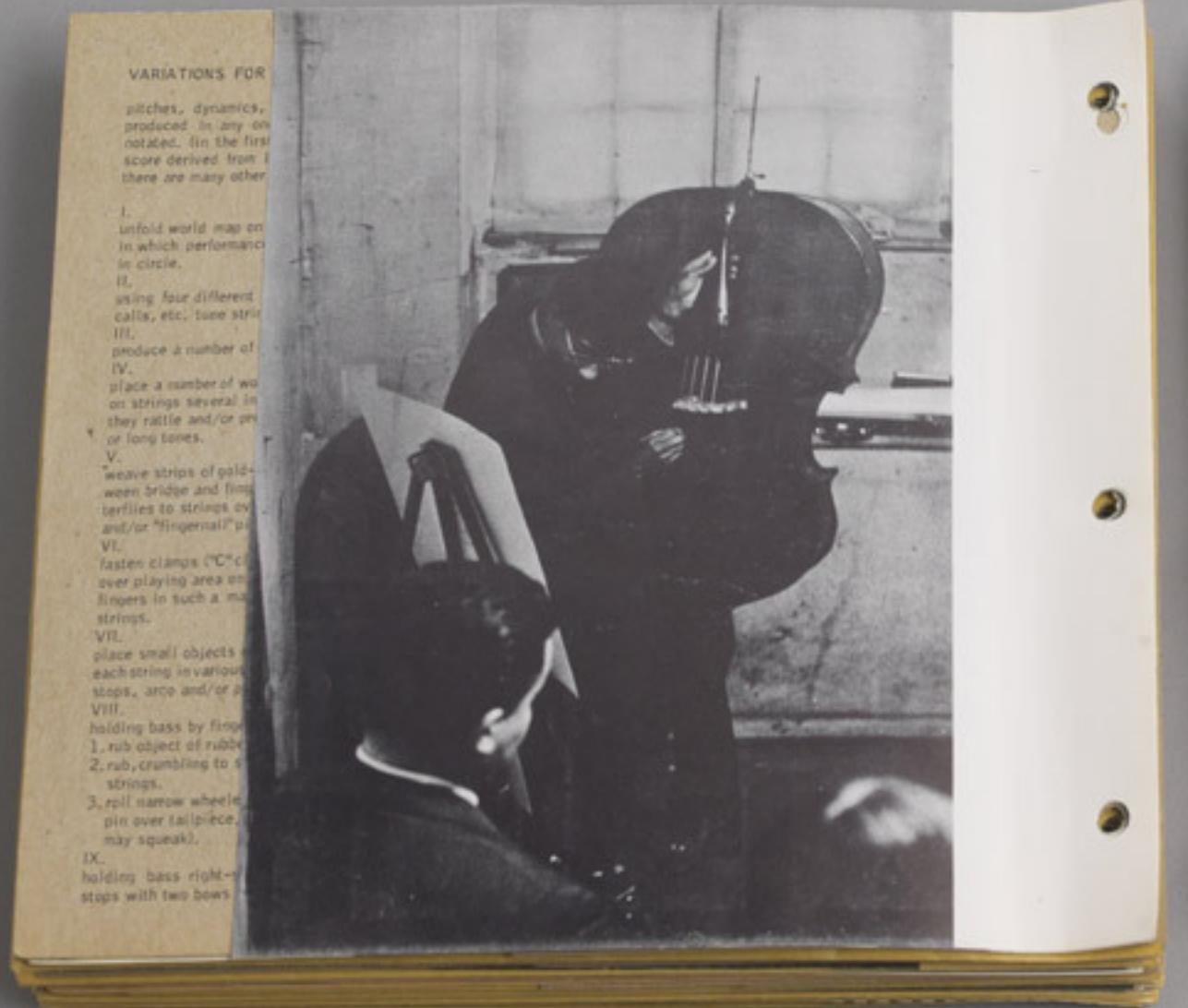
TRAFFIC LIGHT - A VERY LAWFUL DANCE - FOR ENNIS

A traffic light, with or without special pedestrian signals, is found or positioned on street corner or at stage center.
Performer(s) waits at real or imaginary curb on red signal, alerts self on yellow signal, crosses street or stage on green signal.
Achieving opposite side, performer(s) turns, repeats sequence.
A performance may consist of an indefinite, an indeterminate, or a predetermined number of repetitions.

Benjamin Patterson, Wiesbaden, June 1962



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T. SAITO



AN OPERA

AN OPERA
by **ANTONIUS MACHINUS**

yet, it was still there, shutting his eyes would not make it flee once he opened them again, it had no father, no mother, yet there it was, just as he had conceived it between the unprinted sheets, he struck it gently, then lifted it tenderly to the light table, where he placed it, without spilling a drop of its efficacy, plus in the middle of a folded kerchief, it was sweating, so he wiped it with his index finger, alas! the dot was gone, there was no mistaking it, as he bent closer and saw the stamp, the bare stump of the i without its dot, it had lost, itself in the grain of the wood, he sprang out of bed and switched on the overhead light, covering his nakedness, from the neighbour loaded with his left hand, he lifted everything off the table with his right, and placed the objects, one by one, as they were on the tabletop, onto the bed, with his free hand he went over every inch of the tabletop, to no avail, he bent down and licked the table, licking from left to right, right to left, up and down and back again, slowly, then frantically, feverishly, in and out, faster and faster, coating the surface with saliva and sweat, he pulled his tongue back in suddenly, he rushed up to the mirror and thrust it out, he could see nothing unusual, but the painful throbbing spread, he looked at it again, no dot, now his teeth hurt, too, his lower jaw, left ear, he fled to the end of the hall, where the young woman lived, and entered without knocking.

"Wake up... wake up...." he intoned.

her left eye opened, then the right. "What do you want at this ungodly hour?"

"you must come with me quickly," he pleaded.

Please come with you.

800-448-2525

don't understand "you.
It's my teeth.
my gums.
my left ear and...
it's spreading.
my throat.
help!
me do something.
pull out it.
pull out please.
help.

Relax down a bit. For old's sake, what is it you want me to pull out?

"Look," he said, "I'm not going to let you do this."

E. WILLIAMS



T. KOSUGI



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