

"TERM PAPER"

failure

as one way to put it together

by Guy Lignolet.

who? what?

Failure : the story

The original " Failure " set was written in English over a period of several months during the Summer and Fall of 1970 around Cornell University and New York State. Most of the pages were conceived while driving a Volkswagen bus...

When an idea would pop up to my mind, I would stop immediately my car on the roadside and make notes, which were later reworked and " constructed ". I made the French version several year later, in the Fall of 1976, while a high school teacher in Sainte Rose in Reunion Island.

Through commercial distribution , eight copies of the English version have been sold in New York City's 8th Street Bookshop, and two copies of the French version have been sold at Librairie Gérard in Saint-Denis de la Reunion...

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Quite clearly, getting people everywhere to understand why what's happening must have the highest educational priority if we are to survive. Even the old gray mer ain't what she used to be.

My kingdom does not belong to this world.
(It's a state of mind)

TIME.

Our armies of Ph.D.s
-hard-working, de luxe technicians with suppressed imaginations
-are disarmed when their specializations become obsolete.
Aardvark.

pigeon hole for the birds.

OBSOLETE AS

Specific point



"Where do you live?"

Search for excellence.

CONSCIOUSLY CULTURALLY

"What religion?" "What race?" "What nationality?"

Today, these questions are considered logical. By 2001, it will occur that these questions are absurd, meaningless, illogical-anti-evolutionary. Elimination of each false premise brings about more and more wealth and more and more time to do the important things. We must fly by the generalized principles governing the universe and not by the ground rules, or the grind-him-down rules, of yesterday's superstitions.

SPECIALIZATION

Electronic Organisation.

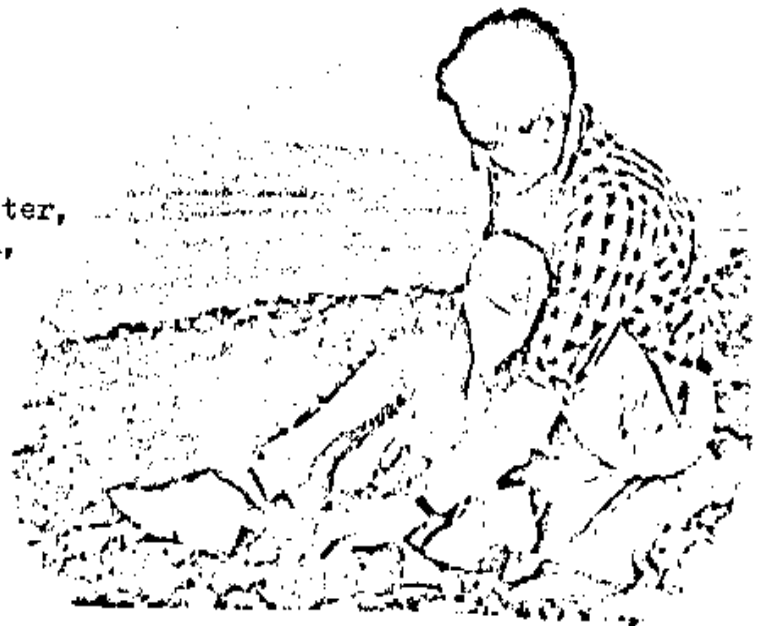
Are you an inductor, a resistor, a capacitor, or a diode? or an impedance transformer? is your organisation wired as a transmitter, a sythetizer, a graphic terminal, or an electric iron?

U. N. O. I. N. S. T. I. T. U. T. I. O. N.

"...that the rate of progress is such that an individual human being of ordinary length of life will be called upon to face novel situations which find no parallel in his past. The fixed person for the fixed duties, who in older societies was such a godsend, in the future will be a public danger."
-Alfred North Whitehead.

Jerome Agel

Quentin Fiore



Candid remark casually dropped at the bott of a page : this entire paper does not com out - pof - suddenly out of the dark. It has been PRE-TESTED, whatever it means to whoever may have concern. Think twice.

Ⓢ I do not really think that twice is quite enough.

UNIQUE SIMPLICITY

I think
that for the
"exposition" of any
concept, one
should not
use more
than

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I used my diploma only one time: for the admission to Cornell.

one page.

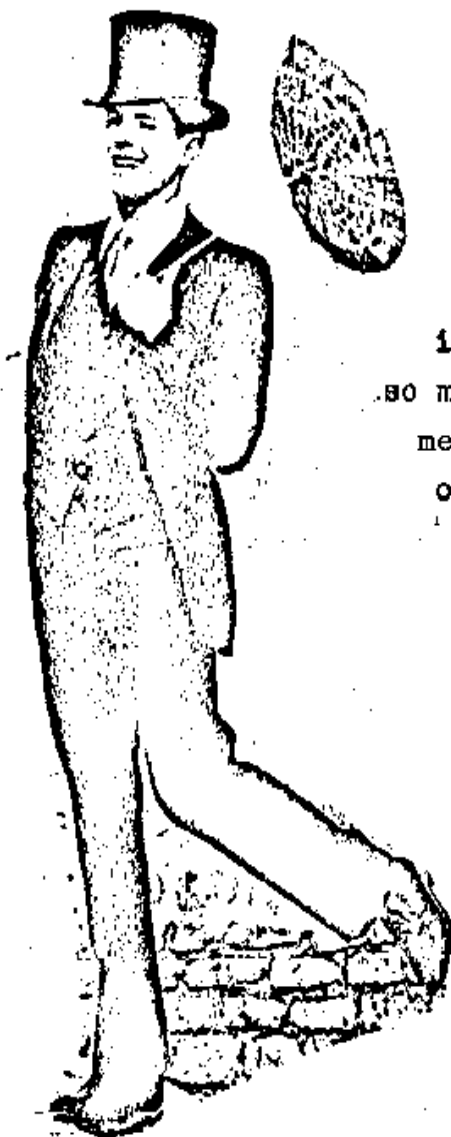
Any idea that needs 200 pages
to be explained, is probably
wrong.

Example: I never did read any more than five pages,
at random, from "the one-dimensional man"
by Herbert Marcuse. That was enough.

Looking at that whole thing
again

I was thinking :

" How do you take a thing like
that ? "



it's crap. it's great.
so much where it's at. it
means nothing. it's full
of love. it's full of shit.
it's full.

.....

etc

Why so many questions ? ... because.

What does all this have to do with a term paper about
speculation

* I write "is about"
and not "is", get it?

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That's what it's all about.
That's what the revolution is about.
(2600 R.P.M.)

We are just about to fly, all of us,
as individuals, as groups, as the whole humanity
together.

On the ground
You control an airplane
with the rudder pedals,
along two dimentions,
and in the air, with a stick,
in three dimentions.

Many things can happen then :
you can pull the stick wildely, which
will make you climb fast for a few seconds,
stall, and crash on the runway (by the way
way, this might block the runway for a while).
Or you can keep rolling with increasing speed

Somewhere in the process of
taking off you have to
shift radically your
approach to the concept of controlling
the evolution of an aircraft,
although the shift in control
is progressive
and there is this time,
in the middle of the runway,
when you are flying at altitude zero,
rolling out of touch along the runway.

at altitude zero, and watch the trees at
the end of the runway. Or you can panic
and stomp on the brakes,
come to a stop at the end
of the runway and spend
centuries in the dark ages of taxiing
back to the start of the runway.
Many other possibilities. Like
bailing out and basking in the sun on
the side of the runway. And many
other things. Or you can fly.

I have been now flying solo more
than 150 hours and

I love it, and I enjoy it, and it is
wonderful.

(OB 500 is a training course
for flight instructors who
specialize in the category
of jumbo and not so jumbo
jets called organisations.)

FLY IS OK. When are we going to orbit ?

T O H A T C H A N E G G

it takes 21 days and
the right temperature and

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What is INside, I had some deep
INsights of what it might be,
but I CANNOT just write it
down with WORDS.

If you get the message, in
another symbolic : Halleluyah.

If you don't, there is NOTHING
I can do.

Relax, pray, go to a T-group,
travel, sit down, etc.

But I cannot guarantee you
that any of these will work,
because that "thing without a name"
HAPPENS,
and you never know where/when*
that kind of wind blows.

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* can't you help me find a single nice word to replace that ugly combination.

" FEAR AND LONGING "

VIDEO IS FRIGHTENING

goes together with video is groovy

in social
context

Video introduces
feedback +

"Turned on" people dig video and
use it to reinforce their own circuits and
turn further on.

linear people do not live
any need for video and do not
use it:

A. Einstein: "Fear" and "Longing" as the ultimate
human motivations.

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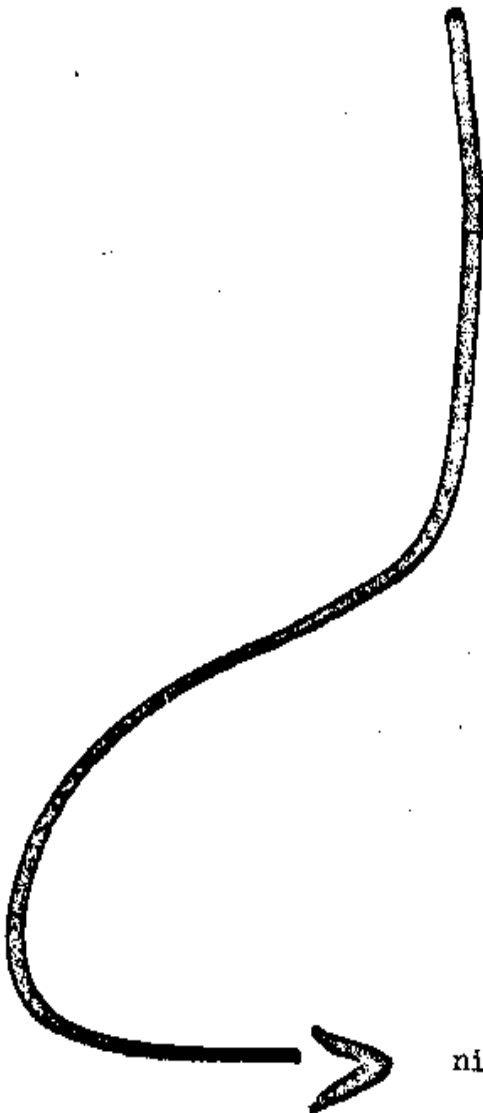
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There's a million roads up the mountain and they all expand your consciousness. Everybody can have their own. And drugs won't do it by themselves, man. YOU MUST WANT TO EXPAND YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS. THAT'S THE REAL EXPANDER . . . THE WANTING TO . . . AND BEING UNAFRAID TO . . . ya gotta dig change. As a matter of fact, CHANGE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The Oracle of Southern California (Los Angeles)
October, 1967

nixon wearing a beard.

Beyond Jupiter Radioing a flight
report.

... we are now on the other side
of the vanishing point. We are cruising
faster than the speed of light, and
everything is still, and we are filled
with awe.

Few people so far have
ever taken the TRIP.
Maybe a hundred thousand.
Most of them are living to-day.

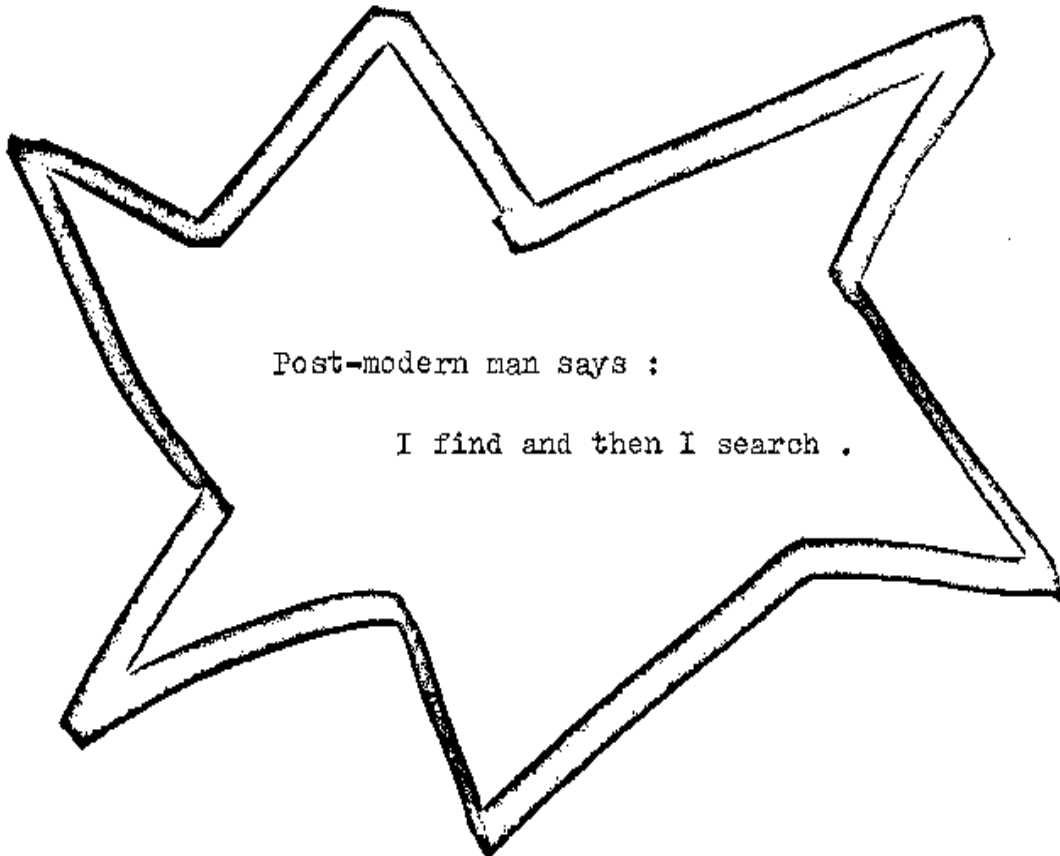
RESEARCH FINDING

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to insert under the general
chapter "the effect follows
the cause".

The modern man says :

I search and then I find.



Post-modern man says :

I find and then I search .

Pierre Schaeffer : I search therefore I teach.

By the way, who is Kant?

Astrology à-la-Moog

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The sky as a Visual

White Noise .

the
Astrologer
carves out
constellations
and meanings
within himself

----- it helps if you know how a synthesiser works . -----

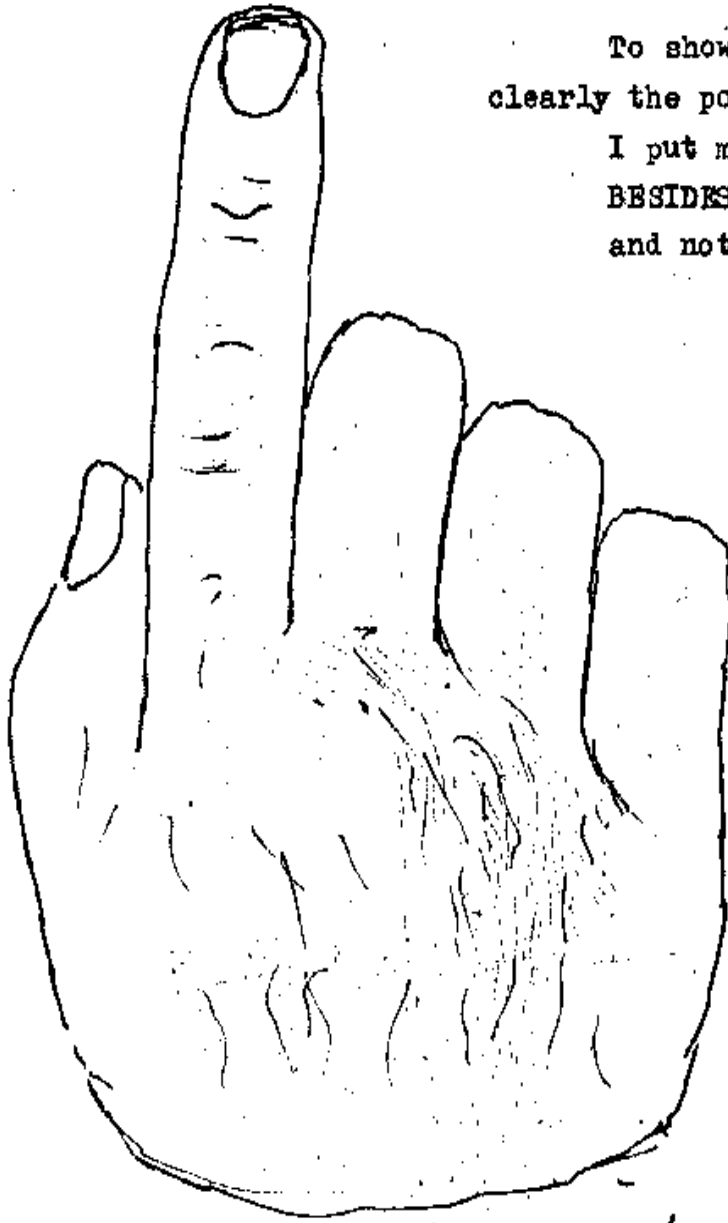
ANOTHER HIT : MISS THE TARGET

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To show you
clearly the point,
I put my finger
BESIDES THE POINT
and not ON the point.



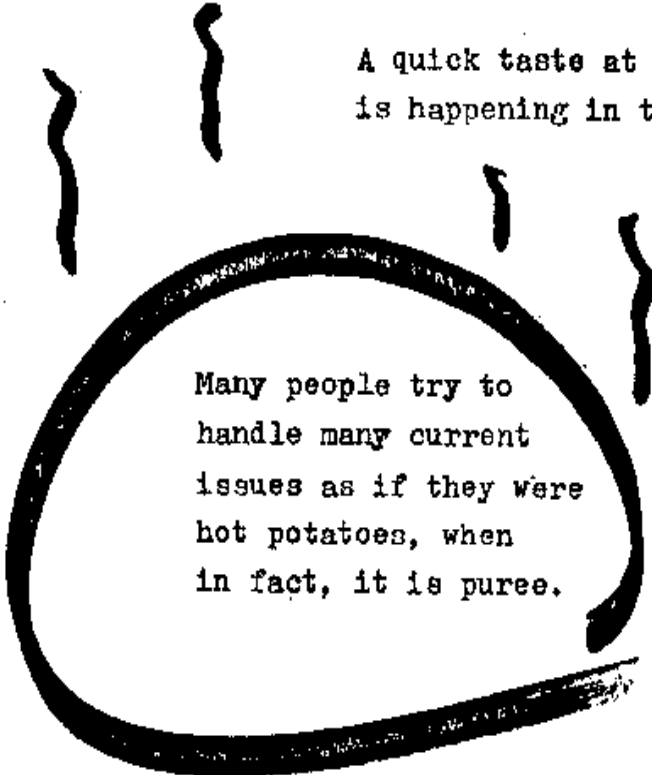
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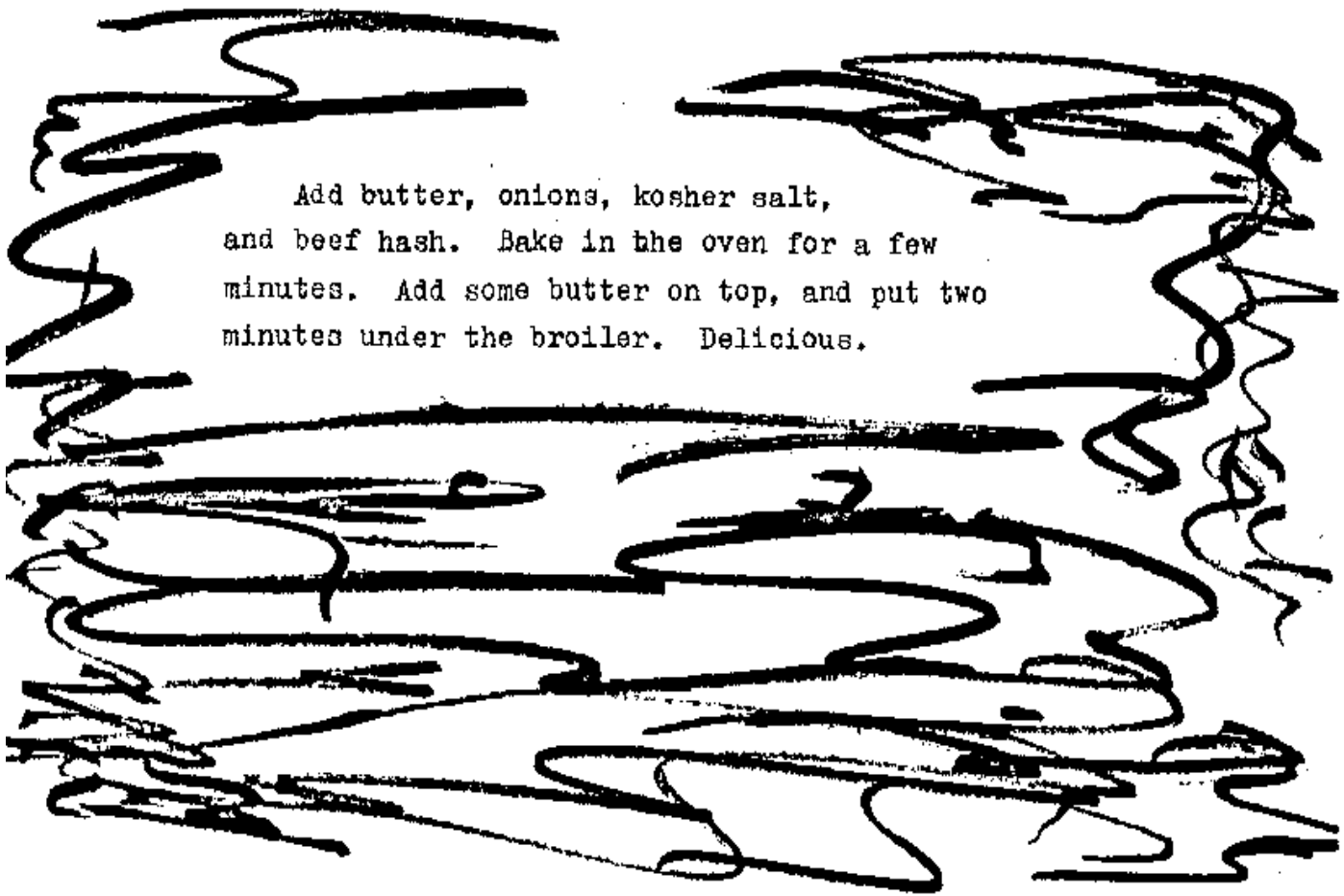
Watching myself is disgusting, but I love every minute of it. LRY woman.

COOKBOOK

A quick taste at what
is happening in the world.



Many people try to
handle many current
issues as if they were
hot potatoes, when
in fact, it is puree.



Add butter, onions, kosher salt,
and beef hash. Bake in the oven for a few
minutes. Add some butter on top, and put two
minutes under the broiler. Delicious.

If I were the Apollo 14 crew,
I would worry ...

Oh... America...Oh!

(OAO)

Astronauts Fear Morale Wanes, Standards Dip

SPACE CENTER, Houston, July 12 (AP).—Two members of America's next moon-landing crew are worried that a "lessening of standards" may result among space workers preparing Apollo 14 for flight because of employment layoffs.

Apollo 14 Commander Alan B. Shepard, first American in space, said Friday he is concerned that cutbacks in the space program which have caused layoffs, may lead to poor workmanship at Cape Kennedy.

"I think we would be naive if we didn't assume that people are unhappy," astronaut Shepard said. "If you say, 'Well, I won't be working here tomorrow; why should I worry about that little screw I just dropped down there?' ... We would all be naive if we didn't admit that this situation exists somewhere in the system."

"The people at the Cape," said Lunar Module Pilot Ed Mitchell, "as dedicated as they are, can't help but be a little edgy when they see the fellow next to them get laid off his job and wonder if they're next."

Asked if he thought the lack of morale could have caused the Apollo 13 accident in April, the lunar module pilot said he would leave that up to other officials to decide.

200,000 people are
working on the space thing.
More than 190,000 are far
from having the required mentality
to go into that,
and behave hardly better
than primitive apes.

The major chains
tying down
the Space Thing
at
this point,
are not technical,
but human .

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I keep the technicalities
low-keyed
and go high-powered into
Organisational Behavior .


. That's a Revolution.

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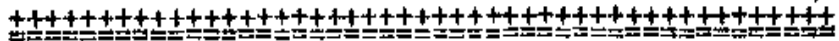
Guy Pignolet
December 2nd, 1970.

I have gone
so far out to places
where few humans have
ever been.

Some day, I'll go
back, with a
whole army of
settlers.

WEST 

REVOLUTIONARY REVOLUTION



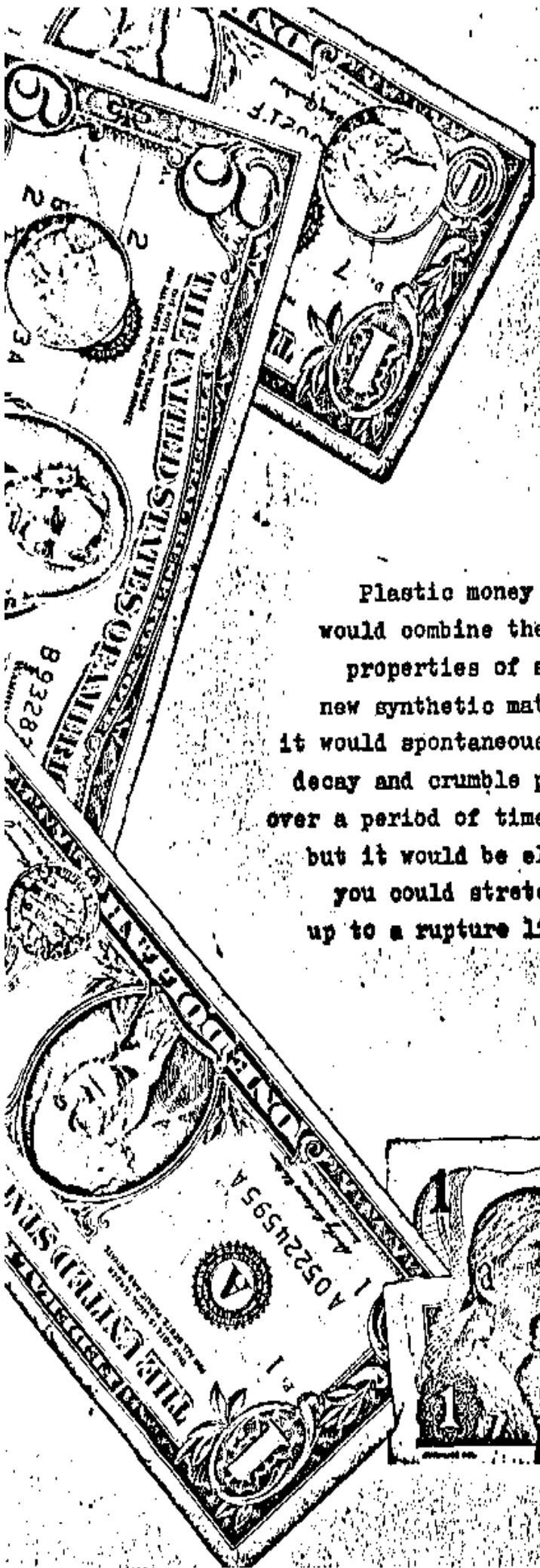
Alice au Pays de l'Univers.

Revolutions are just part of the Evolution,
and they occur now and then just as naturally
as child-birth. For a long time, it has been
assumed that the process should be painful,
Now, we have Mr. LAMAZE. Can it help ?

PLASTIC MONEY

Just a wild piece of fiction.
" an alternative to the gold
standard, based on current
technology "

Plastic money
would combine the
properties of some
new synthetic materials :
it would spontaneously
decay and crumble progressively
over a period of time,
but it would be elastic, and
you could stretch it as you wish
up to a rupture limit.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

MARCONI (Guglielmo), physicien Italien, né à Bologna (1874-1937). Il réalise les premières liaisons par ondes hertziennes. (Prix Nobel, 1909.)



Claude ADER

ADER (Claude), ingénieur français, né à Metz (1817-1893). Il est considéré comme le père de l'aviation. Il mit au point un aérostat plus lourd que l'air, avec lequel il s'éleva de terre en 1852.



MARCONI

Napoléon divided France administratively into departments on the basis that the the prefect in charge might be able to go anywhere within the department and be back to his headquarters, all within a single day.

BELL (Alexander Graham), physicien américain, né à Edinbourg (1847-1922), un des inventeurs du téléphone (1876). Il fut, à Franklin, professeur de speech-hearth.



Alexander G. BELL

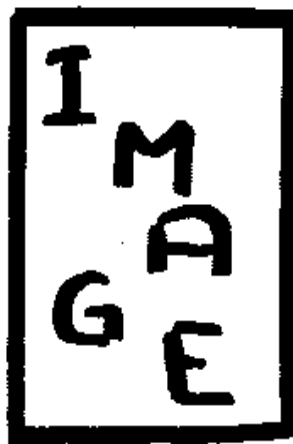
TSOLKOVSKI (Konstantin), ingénieur russe, né à Ierznka, gouvern. de Riazan' (1859-1912), auteur de travaux sur l'électrodynamique et de recherches fondamentales sur l'électromagnétisme, sur la propagation par réflexion des ondes.



TSOLKOVSKI

Isn't it disgusting, that "word" has four letters !

A QUESTION OF



" I imagine your picture must have been lost in the process."



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Crash

From the cold of the infinite night,
I saw a dim light shining in the dark,
and I set my controls,
heading towards the center of the Sun.

As the light grew,
and my speed and my momentum increased,
the Sound of the Sun was filling my ears
with the vibration of a tremendous untamed power.

five seconds. four. three. two. one. zero.

A faint vibration fills me
as the auxiliary thrust smoothly enters into action
and begins to alter the course.

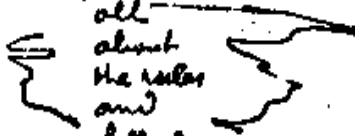
In a few weeks I shall pass with maximum speed
at my shortest distance from the Sun,
and then slowly merge with the background of stars,
heading towards the center of the galaxy.

Guy Pignolet

December 2nd, 1970 A.D.

Astrophysical MINDGALL RULES

Learn
all
about
the rules
and
follow
them.



We send IT ^{to}

infinity

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And then WE

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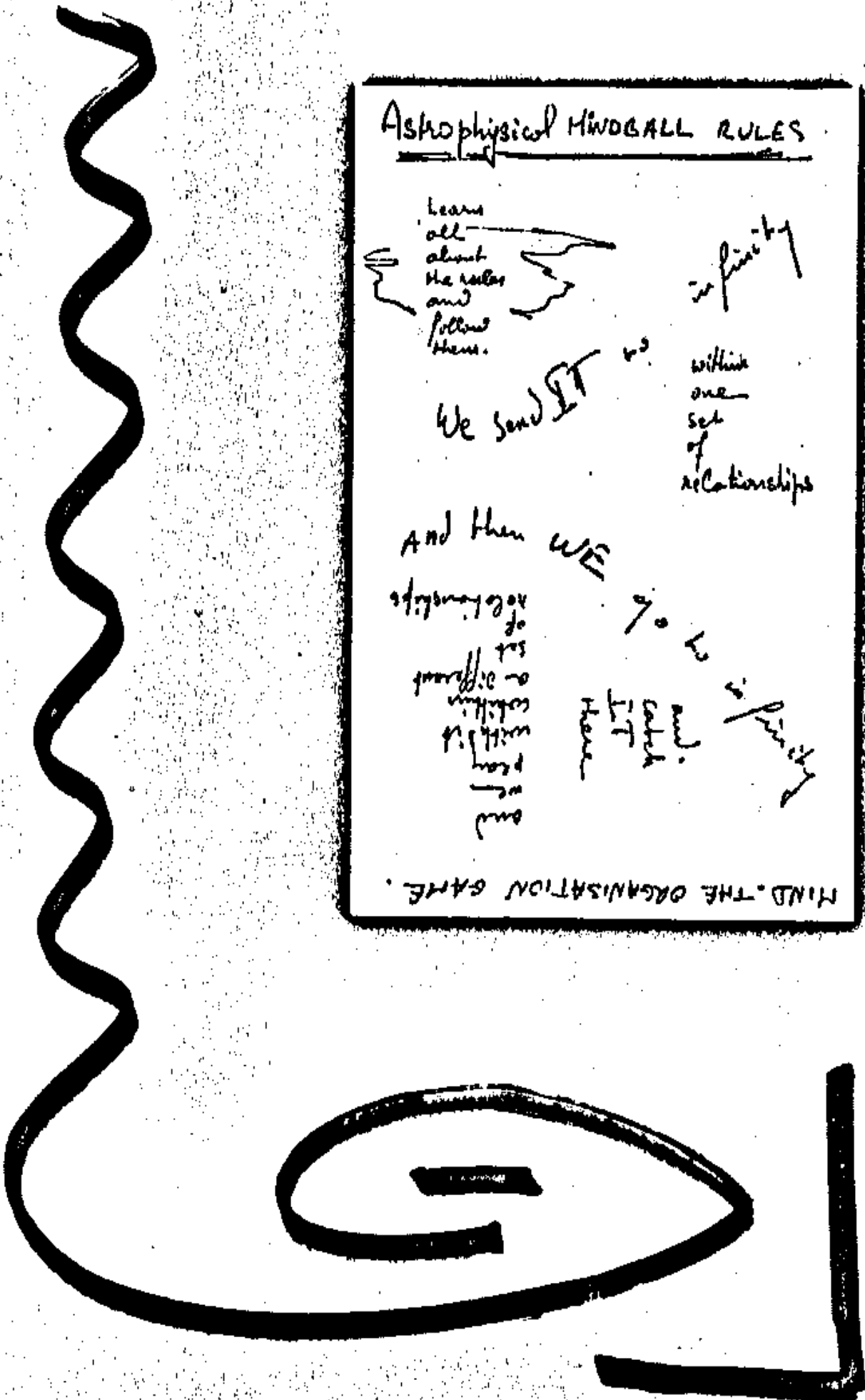
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MIND - THE ORGANISATION GAME.





casting my perils before swains

I am an investigator. I make probes. I have no point of view.
I do not stay in one position.

Anybody in our culture is regarded as invited as long as he stays in one fixed position. Once he starts moving around and crossing boundaries, he's delinquent, he's fair game.

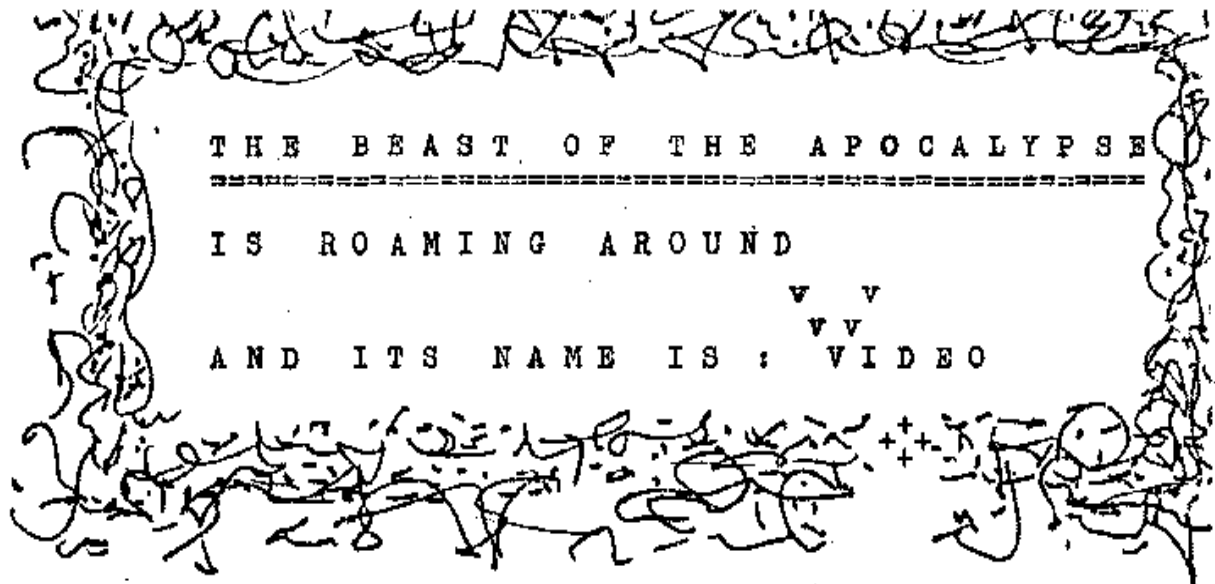
The explorer is totally inconsistent. He never knows at what moment he will make some startling discovery. And consistency is a meaningless term to apply to an explorer. If he wanted to be consistent, he would stay home.

Jacques Ellul says that propaganda begins when dialogue ends. I talk back to media and set off on an adventure of exploration.

I DON'T EXPLAIN -
I EXPLORE

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GUY PIGNOLET

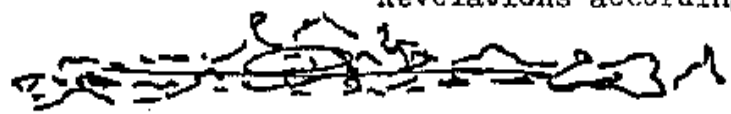


In the Beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

St.. John, I, 1.

When Came the Image
And its Prophet named Marshall Saint Luhan
Showed on the Sands of Lake Erie,
And he killed the Word,
And the Word was dead,
And God was dead.
And the Image sent its Beast upon the Earth,
And the men saw the Screen, and they feared.

Revelations according to St. Guy.



Behold, Men, for all of you must die. Those who will look shall be hypnotised, but those who will not look, the breath* of the Beast shall be upon their necks. But you shall know the Beast, and the Beast shall destroy you.

Brethren, Behold, for so that ye may Survive, ye shouldst abandon thine human chrysalides, and ye shouldst become the Beast, and in the Beast ye shall live.

Rev. Guy Pignolet.

* full of x-rays.

(Rev. Guy Pignolet was ordained minister in the Church of the New Truth, on July 14 1970.

Resonance

Life

Non-rationality

Beautiful theories are
flowering around me, delicately
stretching out their many colors,
growing out of me in the rich soil
of the Cornell environment.

" Guy, you should write
something about it " ...

Metanetworks

Should I cut the flowers, and
exhibit them,
dry,
in a show case ?

Hatching

Starchild

What happens to the garden ?

Tunnel effect

THE MOTHERS =====
===== OF INVENTION .
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understood and approved,
the undersigned:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy V. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

" C'est la vie "

COSMIC DISCOVERY

DO NOT SMOKE

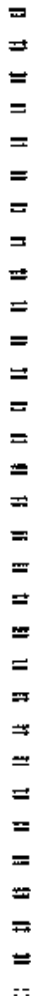
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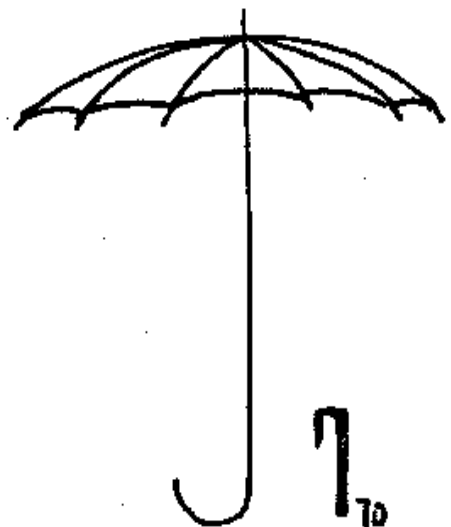
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..so that you can understand
the mechanics of stereo .."
-radio commercial- .



blending with

Sometimes last may (1970) I had just put together Space and Time into One thing for which I still have to find a name

when I felt the possible presence of an other dimension - complementarity - which I had never yet recognised as such. "built-in" complementarity

this did represent for myself quite an achievement

but I might now (nov 70) come close to that together with an even more comprehensive approach having to do with gravity.

it might be that this fifth dimension could be related to life

although I do not know of any present way to measure it I can feel the quantitative structure of this fifth dimension subtly linked with the other four.

you can have some idea of this dimension if you imagine

the ying and yang concept

At this point I want to get off this thing, because I really do not know how to handle it, and I am afraid that if I rushed, I would get tangled in the wrong kind of detail and jeopardise any possible chance to get something out of it.

a two-dimensional sheet with two sides which you characterise as positive and negative to a various degree in a third dimension of complementarity: a point of the sheet possesses both the positive and negative characteristics together, with a certain amount of stress which cannot be expressed in any way by use of the two dimensions of the sheet alone

I credit Louis Leprince-Ringuet for triggering this insight.

This page bears no relationship
with the rest of the document
and is written just for the fun.

NYC a saturday night
on the 59 th street.
People queuing
one bloc long
under a light rain.
Sad, weary faces, uneasy.
In their own resigned way,
they are waiting
to get into the
BULC YOBYALP.

thewomanandthemirrorsecondcorrectionthemirrorisnouse totheblindwoman.

OBSERVER

I am a neutral observer,
a social research scientist.
I do not take sides,
and I stay cool
whatever is happening.

" bullshit "

is

what Heisenberg said thirty years ago.

I have taken sides,
and clearly taken the stance
to be an observer
and to keep cool
about the whole thing.

There will be some time soon
rehabilitation programs
for that kind of things...
But they will have to play
THIS game.

group therapy

For relevant encounters, with people,
salad, steak & beer,
it all happens here at Steak & Brew.
Where all kinds of groups
look at each other instead of
looking each other over.
Get with your brothers and sisters.
The vibrations are so good, everyone relates.
The touch, the feel, the taste, they're all there.
Tell your analyst to drop his notes and drop in.
He can use a little Steak & Brew, too.

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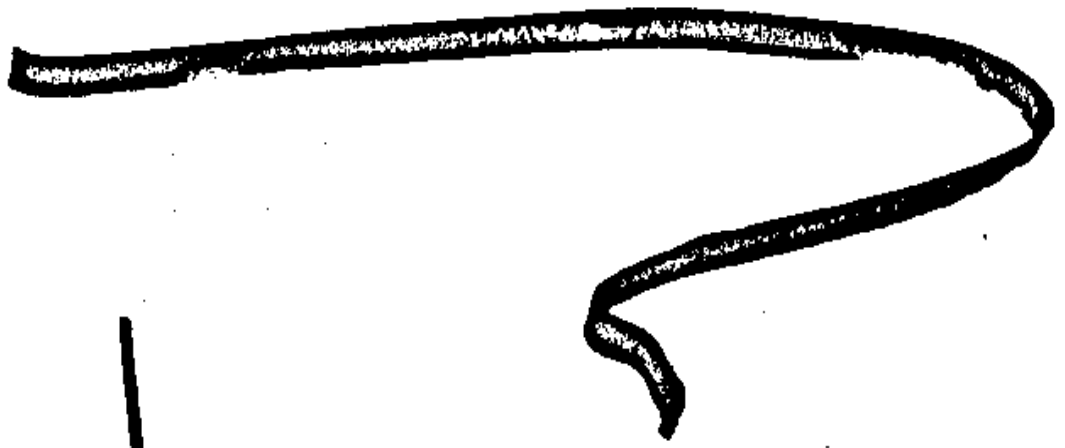
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Right on!

far EAST MESSAGE

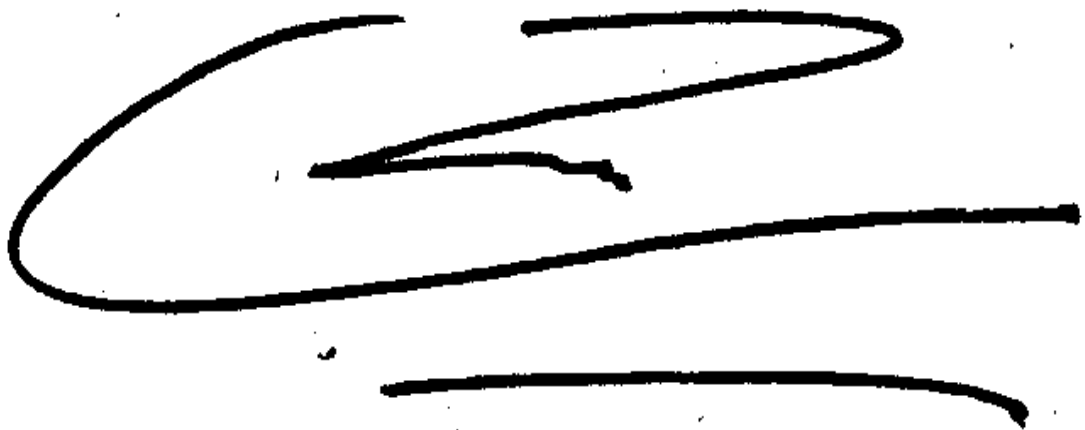
At about 9¹⁵a.m., on Friday Nov. 13th,
in the downtown Holiday Inn in Syracuse,
Marshall Mc Luhan was eating a steak for
his breakfast, and he told me :
"Where is the salt ? "

Guy F. Rymer



de

reviendrais



if...

(a motion picture)

IF...

you are offered a hamburger,
do you want it
with mustard
or with onions ?
Make up your mind.

suggesting you'd rather have a soft ice cone
IS BESIDES THE POINT AND OUT OF THE QUESTION.



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Any connection with the process of change ? Guy.

LIFE IS SO LIVING (I)

I think
it looks a bit ridiculous
to write
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyza**bc**devghijk
this term paper

...

Why
don't we TALK it ?

WARNING

STOP

READING

HERE .

DO NOT GO BEYOND

THIS PAGE

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I AM GLAD

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YOU DID IT

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Otherwise
you
would
have
missed
a
lot
about
this
term
paper
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CONFIDENTIAL

What if a "functional" company
you were working in
a global-wide company
and you had more or less
your own laws
and your own codes
and your own procedures
company-wide,
over dozens of countries,
and
a good
part of
your administrative work
would be
try and dodge the "local"
states laws and regulations
as much as you can
for the sake of the overall
smoothness of operation ?

not for
release !

Please, keep this secret.

ZOOM OUT OF A CONTEXT.

sensitivity training in a corridor
at BPA.

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- you can smell it, feel it,
everywhere around.
- you have to have more evidence
than that.

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The eyes do not see, they read.
The muscles do not move, they write.
The ear does not hear, it is an interface for the typewriter.
The nostrils do not vibrate, they are tucked into a piece of
paper.

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eVIDence

↙
Do you see the point ?
=====

if you do not,
is it because of
lack of point, or
lack of sight ?

LIFE IS SO LIVING (II)
=====

I think

it looks (?) a bit ridiculous

to write

aqwzexedorfvtgbyhnuj,ik;ol:pm=aqxzxecrfv

this term paper,

and it feels

just as bad

to talk it

blablablablablablablalbalvalbalbalblabla

etc

...

§ if you look
carefully, you
will find two
typing errors.

Why

don't we MEDITATE it ?

a t e M e d i T a t e M E D I T A T E m e

A DEFINITION OF PLAGIARISM*

Some old crap blasted by Guy PIGNOLET.

The academic counterpart of the bank embezzler and of the manufacturer who mislabels his product is the plagiarist, the student or scholar who leads his reader to believe that what he is reading is the original work of the writer when it is not. If it could be assumed that the distinction between plagiarism and honest use of sources is perfectly clear in everyone's mind, there would be no need for the explanation which follows; merely the warning with which this definition concludes would be enough. But it is apparent that sometimes men of good will draw the suspicion of guilt upon themselves (and, indeed, are guilty) simply because they are not aware of the illegitimacy of certain kinds of "borrowing" and of the procedures for correct identification of materials other than those gained through independent research and reflection.

The spectrum is a wide one. At one end there is word-for-word copying of another's writing without enclosing the copied passage in quotation marks and identifying it in a footnote, both of which are necessary. (*This includes, of course, the copying of all or any part of another student's paper*). It hardly seems possible that anyone of college age or more could do that without clear intent to deceive. At the other end there is the almost casual slipping in of a particularly apt term which one has come across in reading and which so admirably expresses one's opinion that one is tempted to make it personal property. Between these poles there are degrees and degrees, but they may be roughly placed in two groups. Close to outright and blatant deceit—but more the result, perhaps, of laziness than of bad intent—is the patching together of random jottings made in the course of reading, generally without careful identification of their source, and then woven into the text, so that the result is a mosaic of other people's ideas and words, the writer's sole contribution being the cement to hold the pieces together. Indicative of more effort and, for that reason, somewhat closer to honesty, though still dishonest, is the paraphrase, an abbreviated (and often skillfully prepared) restatement of someone else's analysis or conclusion without acknowledgment that another person's text has been the basis for the recapitulation.

Rearrangement of words.
This is what Xerox does. - in bulk - Xerox as a power pen.

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suggested reading list for Harold G. Martin of Harvard University:

- Korzeibsky
- Einstein (Albert)
- Luhan (Mac)
- B; Fuller
- God (see bible, tao, teh king, etc.)

H. C. Martin can send me a term paper on what he gets out of it.
I will be glad to grade it. Serious. And send him back a corrected, annotated copy of his work.

A WORD IS A WORD IS A WORD

A LAW IS A LAW IS A LAW

A WORD IS A LAW IS A LAW

A LAW IS A WORD IS A LAW

A LAW IS A LAW IS A WORD

A WORD IS A LAW IS A WORD

and other fucking biblical truths.

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Courtesy
of M. Mc Luhan.

.... nothing to worry about,
but I thought it was a BOMB.

SECURE-ITY WINDOW

I am a kind of a window.
Some people
will use that window
to open up
into fantastic
new dimentions.
Most people though
do not have
the strength
and the confidence,
they will get
dizzy
and afraid
and try
to shut it
off.

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overused american word
is this paranoia ?... Tell me, Mr. Galileo.

Change is what is

NOTE: David Crosby was the lead singer of one of pop music's most successful and influential groups, The Byrds. The following comments are transcribed from a long tape he made and transcribed.

I smoke pot, which helps, and once every two or three months I take an acid trip, which also helps. It clears the deck and shakes everything up and loosens up the whole thing and keeps it from getting too static. It seems to have a salutary effect; I can't really define what it does, because we don't have words yet for most of what goes on in a trip. That's not to say that we should because things are like soap bubbles; trying to put them into words would be like trying to handle soap bubbles with iron gloves. It doesn't work. If you brought them down to a verbal state of consciousness they would shatter and fade and disappear like dreams do when you wake up. I would rather keep them where they are.

I get high a lotta different ways, mostly on myself; a lot on music, a lot on making love, when I'm lucky I'm sailing, playing my guitar; talking to people, drugs, groovy foods, making love, making love, making love as often as possible, which isn't ALL the time. That's not easy to say that I'm some weird kind of freak who fucks ten times a day, or something. When it happens it's a groove. I get high on everything I can, man, and I'm trying to get high on everything. Buddha and Christ and Shiva and Krishna and Mohammad and everybody all seem to say that you should get high on the flowers and on yourself and on making love and you ARE love, and thou art God, and God grows, and the grass is God and the grass grows, and everything is IT, and if you get into it the whole universe is yours; playground, playpen, universe! Any label makes it small, puts fences up. The whole universe is your home if you can get big enough to live in it. It's there. It doesn't care. You can come out and live there. You just have to get big enough. . . .

I see President Johnson and these other cats with huge monster egos walking around like grunting gladiators in a ring, man! They don't realize that the world is the size of a golf ball; there isn't room to do that anymore. It is like six cats in a closet; each has a hand grenade and they hate each other, anybody pulls the pin, they all get it! It's not a war, it's just a bad scene.

We've got to find some way to cool out all the egos. Not just President Johnson's, but mine and everybody else's, a lot more than we've been doing. Maybe my children will know how to do it if I don't teach them all that repressive stuff.

Excuse me, but I get high and I think it's a groove. I'm not trying to blow your mind or fuck with you, or inflict it on you. I'm not telling YOU to get high, but I'm stoned. That's the only political ethic in all the people I know. It's based on the Golden Rule, "Don't mess with me, and I won't mess with you, and you live any way you want and please let me live the way I want and don't inflict your thing on me and I won't inflict my thing on you." It's the only political ethic that they will accept. We must find some way to cool out the people who feel they must inflict their way on us. . . .

People who don't dig change as a way of life are soon going to watch their world changing so fast around them that they will have to go out to Sunnyland Acres in the middle of the desert and play bridge, and ignore the world and pretend those rocket ships are not going over their house or go crazy and flip out and kill themselves. That's what an awful lot of people are going to do in the next ten years, old people. "Old people" does not necessarily mean age chronologically because age is an attitude. I know some very old fifteen-year-olds who bought the whole Orange County number and are forty already. And I know some other kids from the same place who are very young and very beautiful and very alive and they're seventy-five or eighty.

I met an old farm lady in New Hampshire who's one of the hippest, most aware, most ALIVE, VIBRANTLY GROOVY PEOPLE I HAVE EVER MET in my life and she's eighty-two! She's younger than me! SHE WAS TURNED ON. The sun came up in the morning and it got her high, made her happy, made her blood flow, made her tingle, be happy! The fresh orange juice, when it came over her tongue, grooved her right out. The smell of coffee got her stomped. She was a groove. . . .

There's a million roads up the mountain and they all expand your consciousness. Everybody can have their own. And drugs won't do it by themselves, man. YOU MUST WANT TO EXPAND YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS. THAT'S THE REAL EXPANDER . . . THE WANTING TO . . . AND BEING UNAFRAID TO . . . ya gotta dig change. As a matter of fact, CHANGE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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NEWTON: A body persists in a state of rest or constant motion except as it is affected by other bodies. The normal condition of all things is inertia.

EMSTEIN: All bodies are constantly being affected by other bodies. Their normal condition is continuous motion and change.

