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Doing Fine... What Can I Do? (History) is our attempt to address a number of the specific principles/ problem of engagement laid out in the Five Years Fragments project concept. Namely that the project asks us to:

Position practices in fields 'outside' of each other (eg 'work of Art' and 'History'); Place emphasis on one-to-one [private dialogues between 'practices' / practitioners; Produce from these one-to-one dialogues, results that form some kind of exhibition/ event that will be open to the public (to engage with); Try to imagine what 'Fragment' might mean.

Is Work and History really all about positioning? Or not at all? A one-to-one dialogue

The transcription of a two hour conversation recorded in Amy's research office in Glasgow University [college of arts postgraduate study space] on the 2nd of December 2012 Partly recorded in sound. Partly video recorded. An ad ho discussion trying to work out what we might make a piece about in response to the problems set out above. The transcription attempts to retain the voice's patterns (an authenticity?) It does not seek to tidy mistakes, naiveties, intimacies, error or incoherences. Each voice in conversation is divided by urn into parts (fragments?) and catalogued (one of us is even, the other is odd). Systematically numbered 1-1207.

Separately, and after the event, we revisit the conversation At a remove we set about adding to, but not subtracting from the (transcribed) text. We assign to each numbered part a further reflection (250 each). A footnoted commentary. Might these forms be seen as fragments?

Can the fragments be understood in their Romantic form as Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe and Jean-Luc Nancy suggest? 'A determinate and deliberate statement, assuming or transfiguring the accidental and involuntary aspects of fragmentation... aim[ing] at fragmentation for its own sake'?

Or would it 'really not serve [us, to regard the concept of the fragment as something that] 'merely emphasizes incompletion, residualness, detachment, or brokenness'? ${ }^{2}$

Is there something else of the fragmentary that might be of service? 'Since meaning is given by such a placing in common (the continuity of a series of always discontinuous and even divergent texts, of essentially different forms and 'genres'), there are no reasons to differentiate between texts already published elsewhere and texts written for the publication. Often these already-published texts contain a latent possibility of citation, that is, they belong already to the fragmentary or, more simply, to fragments, sentences, paragraphs, which, when put into relation with others, can take on a new meaning or further our research. Abandon any preconceived idea of originality or the privilege of being previously unpublished'3

Should we just forgo the term and present an extensive series of footnotes that attempt to interrupt, clarify, explicate succinctly and rigorously index our origina transcribed conversation/ text? See what happens?

Our work (fragmented text?) will operate as the object for further conversation (action?)

Principally: What is the place and function of this project as conceived and thus far executed? This is the question opened to the public. We propose to present a series of events where our work (research?) will act as starting point for a conversation/ discussion in a free public space at a given time. Something akin to a reading group. Private and public. Closed study space. Studio. Public area. Open. Parrhesia and interior dialogue

We may not necessarily both conduct the
conversation, but its event will be declared (and
recorded) and added to the research (work?)

Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe and Jean-Luc Nancy
The Literary Absolute: The Theory of Literature in German Romanticism
Rodolphe Gasché Ideality in Fragmentation
(Foreword to Friedrich Schlegel's Philosophical Fragments)
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[They are reading the introduction. Laughing]

1. 'Image Fades Up. You added that?
2. This isn't all email though, is it?
3. That is... that's all email..
4. Did you write 'Image Fades

Up' to me in an email?
2. Oh yes... well it's both of us..
3. Ok.
4. But it's interesting... I think what's interesting.. is that... there's a way of speaking... and there's a way of writing... and even... even a difference between texting and... to... e-mail..
8. Yes...
9. Oh, I missed that! [laughs]
10. Well it was in the... Well-it's-easy-to-miss-things Isn't it? And also... what's happening here is that it's going backwards...
11. [laughs] Mmm..
12. You can see that? It's like
when you... go through... in... umm... [swallows] Regard... in reverse...
13. Yes I can see that!
14. So that you step backwards... and step backwards. The initial exchange is at the beginning... at the end... Sorry...
15. Ah! I see... I remember... Yes. [clears throat]
16. [clicks fingers, whistles the opening bars of Coronation Street. Sighs]
17. It's interesting that even since this has been written, my position has changed... I think...
19. Which is maybe one of the things that happens with positions... Positioning... and trying to record, or document what is... where you are at any given moment... or what you are... in fact that is something that I've been thinking about a lot... that kind of facets... different facets of yourself... what you present... to different people at different times... and what happens when they kind of collide.
20. Well that's what... the thing about what you last said... which was... He understands it... but where is he positioned when not positioned by others? Which I thought... Dingding! Seconds out!
21. Where is that?
22. The last paragraph..
23. Ah yes... oh the last?
24. Here
26. Well I sent you this... and you added the paragraph at the beginning and the paragraph at the end...
27. Yes... He understands but where is...
28. And also... the whole lapsing into... the third person... anonymous? But that was my fault...
29. [laughs]
30. I was doing it all the time... rather than say... which I found... [laughs] which I found quite distressing... when I... I was reading your... one hundred fragments... which I... which I... a... what's the word? When you don't read something? And it's...
31. Avoiding?
32. No... Yes obviously I was avoiding but... I couldn't read them until I'd... written my own... and I... Where as I was completely... was completely different from you... You went through this... this splurge of... memories...
33. U-hum...?
34. But yours are all... 'Eddy'
and 'Jeremy'...
35. [laughs]
36. And I kind of... avoided... completely...
37. That was because you and Jeremy were probably the people that were there...
38. And Trish...

## 25. Where?

18. Yes...
19. There's not you and Jeremy?
20. Well obviously there's quite a bit of 'Eddy'... Eddy is perplexed...
21. [laughs]
22. Eddy looks confused.
23. [laughs]
24. Eddy is confused. Eddy is scared. Eddy is anxious.
25. Yes
26. Jen
27. Yes
28. [laughs]
29. [laughs] Eddy is at the door again! Eddy won't go away!
30. [laughs]
31. Why is he here?
32. Eddy is pacing [laughs] up and down... and then we've got...
33. I also liked... funnily enough... more than once... I haven't studied them but... now when I think... When I recall... there is the... what's the one... Eddy...
34. [laughs]

So what are we going to do with this?
56. Well my... my... thinking had been... Ok. Here was... here was the recording. In situation. This... funny conversation that we had... where we barely know each other... and so it's kind of like... A weird introduction to certain ideas... but it's also a document of a... a certain amount of time... as the transcription of something.. which means... that as we were discussing... there were lots of things which were absent... the drawing you did... oh yes that was the one... Eddy looks worried about my drawing...
57. [laughs]
58.
...but then the fragments were... were clearly about. . memory... about revisiting... and about making comments...
commenting on... at a removal... there's a past tense... Isn't there?
59. Mmm...
60. Or even if there's a... a... reinhabiting...
So there's a difference of... perspective... there's a time difference... there's a massive amount of difference in time between the way that you've written it... a sense of... immediacy...
61. Yes
62. ...and with me... which... laboured for the good part of a year...
63. Yes. I think for me there was something kind of... authentic about doing it all at once... I suppose. I was asked to do one hundred fragments. And so I did one hundred fragments... and if I did them the next day... they'd be different. Although I suppose they'd be similar... in that they would be immediate... and rolling one after the other. There's a sense... in which I don't... the way I write is not.. this is something I've been
thinking about at the moment
because... obviously I've been writing on my blog... and I write in my PhD... and I write for myself... I suppose that's like the blog... I don't tend to write... it's like I don't write... seriously somehow... about... not... serious is not the right
word... I don't write... it's a reflective style of writing, when
I write for myself... it's not a
kind of... critical... There's a
critical edge to it... but it's not...
64. What's the difference
between reflection and...
65. I think this is reflection...
66. ...report?
67. Don't know... I mean...
how would one... theorize these fragments?
68. That's a very interesting question!
69. [laughs]
70. Why? Why would you theorize these fragments?
71. Well why would you theorize anything?
72. Well define theory in that respect...
73. Well...
74. Do you mean critical? Why would you...
75. Yes I mean critical...
76. ...to give context? Criticality to something which is purely...
77. It's like... I was discussing this with someone the other day... If you go into a classroom and ask
people to do some yoga before you start teaching Art History they'd probably just think you're mad... they might do it... but it'd be a bit awkward... and they'd be annoyed or whatever...
But if you discuss it as a critical
pedagogy... say this is a... to do with some other theory about how we teach and how we learn... then ask them to do it... it's different... and the reason it seems to me to be different is because they're no longer doing it... they're acting to do it...
78. But is that not... 'How do you validate?' ... which is...
79. Which is theory!
80. Is that the difference between what is significant... and what is insignificant?
81. Well in terms of theory... and I think that comes down to positioning... If you want this to become a piece of creative writing... it has different criteria for value than a piece of theoretical writing... somehow...
82. Do you know what the rules are?
83. I know what some of the rules are. I know what the rules are in Art History for example.
84. Or just where they are?
85. Well I think that they are in the dialogue of disciplines... there in the dialogues of people doing them...
86. I think this is why I'm interested in having this conversation... because... it's... I don't know... I understand from what you're saying that there's a problem... it would be a problem for me to consider how... how to legitimize something which is... everyday...
87. Illegitimate?
88. [sighs] Banal... or...
89. But you could. There are theories around the everyday. And you could do that.
90. ...of course... Something to do with the document!
92. But it's interesting that you jump into that... quite... early!?
93. Yes, it's on my mind!
94. But it is what you do...
95. No it's not what I do!
96. Well... it's part of the background... part of the... the environment that you're in... the discipline...
97. The historical? But this is not about historical positioning. This is about theoretical positioning. Which is different.
98. Is it not possible to... consider the theory of history as part...
99. That's different.
100. Yes? But is it not also part of history as well... to be... to
consider its theoretical...
101. But its not the history that I've written... it's not something I'm comfortable with... I'm comfortable with the kind of history where I look in the archives... I describe... I record... I make interpretation, but I don't critique... what I mean by... and I don't know if that's because I'm not intellectually able to do that... or if... I haven't wanted to... or... if there's a...
102. Well if I'm right in thinking... in the past you were... positively dissuaded from doing so?
103. Yes that's true. Yes... there is a..
104. Theory was the... enemy?
105. Yes that's right. There is that strand... and I suppose I was quite influenced by... but also... quite receptive to... because I have my own discomfort with theory ... because I see people using it... and it seems often people use it without really getting to the primary sources... which is what I like about history... that you see for
yourself what it is you're then discussing... which is a bit like... social science... so you do your own field work or whatever... and that's what you draw from. Whereas theoreticians tend to read the secondary sources... and you can perpetuate ideas which are incorrect... maybe incorrect isn't right...
106. Yes... but the question of positioning oneself as... as a... As someone who thinks about history... practicing history... is problematic because... it levels a problem of where to position...
107. Yes
108. If that... if that's... but then there are various... sort of ways... of... of... engaging with that..
109. In different places? Like in...
110. ...but then it comes into schools of thinking...
111. It is! Like quite small schools of thinking... and if you step outside... then you're asked the difference about questions.. and perhaps given another set of tools... and... I wonder if there's a natural position for one?
112. Just saying the word 'natural' is problematic...
113. I know it's a problem.
114. So... what is 'nature' and what is 'history'?
115. If there's a position that's comfortable to me... or if the position that is comfortable to me is...
116. Well getting back to... art... history... isn't it? I mean... just those two words... 'art' and 'history' ...and the question of practice... and the place of practice... so... even if you
were not thinking about it in
terms of 'theory' you were
thinking in terms of... you were just thinking of things which necessarily complicate the... smooth reception... of the access to... primary truths? ... which at the same time doesn't... shouldn't... discount... the absolute... the... the... value... importance of... that's the problem of developing a field of thinking... which... a... and it's not about balancing... whether it's about dialectics... about.. how you place yourself...
or not place yourself...
117. Mmm...
118. So there is this speculative area?
I... I don't... but I'm not in
that position... because I'm not where you are... I haven't...
119. Where are you?
120. I'm... I'm currently in the office...
122. As a... as a...
123. Interloper.
124. Yes...
125. [laughs]
126. Getting back to these little fragments here... the asides... I'm not... I can see the point that when... if... you decide to make of it... a piece of... historical analysis... this is what you would do if you were thinking of it in terms of... creating something... this is what you would do... you wouldn't necessarily have to... justify it in terms of... if you removed it from somewhere else... so.. it's not a problem... for me it's not a problem... maybe it's utterly woolly thinking... This is naive... amateurism... so where... I think I 'm closer to the... dilettante?
127. Yes. And that just makes me want to critique the dilettante.
128. Word of the month!
138. It's not about... about showing the... It's not about.. that write... more theoretically about... the past... they don't mind about this idea about... accuracy... to the archive... That's not the point...
134. Accuracy to the archive... is important... you can't not...
135. But not accuracy to the dilettante archive...
136. They can still... be...
137. But it's not important to you!
139. It's not about knowing what that means... or about what that meant..
140. Well... going through the... rigour...
141. Yes.
142. ...of assessment... of peer assessment..
143. Of learning?
144. No... within those frameworks...
129. That's the historian in me. Well what do we mean by dilettante?
130. Oh I don't know!
131. No.
132. Well what I think it means... I mean... literally... the delight! The delight of the dilettante!
133. But you don't really mind... Yes you don't really mind! The... I think that's an interesting thing about people I know

145. What frameworks?
146. The frameworks of... the history department for example? Or a particular school?
147. Or an archive?
148. The office...

from that point... I would say that always... that made things... rather than art... but was making things within a professional context... but... or trying to theorize myself into that context... but then I stopped doing that and just made things... and saw what that brought me... and... the PhD was quite a.. kind of $\mathrm{a} . .$. bold way of doing that because it's so... so encompassing that for quite a while my practice was subsumed I think... and then I the kind of crunch point where I tried to bring it in... and tried to... deal with that... that... despair... about it... about... not... getting to what I was trying to get at... umm... and then I moved forwards...
149. How did you move forwards?
150. I... embarrassed myself in front of my peers... [laughs] and decided that I didn't have the intellectual capacity to do what I thought I should do...
151. Despair and embarrassment...
152. Yes. And humbleness... you know... like ok... maybe I can't do a PhD... and... critique the system... so what! [laughs] It's going to take a bit longer to
work out... you know? And maybe to some extent I got it out of my system... I think for me there's quite a lot of that. . I get these... I'm thinking, I'm thinking, I'm thinking, I'm working, I'm working, I'm working... and then suddenly I kind of explode...

## [silence]

180. Is that to do with the school of history that you're in? That it can't... it's difficult to... legitimize or validate within the school and maintain...
181. Well I think it's difficult to do it... within the framework I was trying to do it from... I think it probably is possible but... I still don't know what it was I was trying to do... that's often a problem I have... and that's part of what I really enjoy about my practice... it's not always about knowing... it's what I always enjoyed about it actually... it's that space where I don't have to know... it's maybe what holds me back... [laughs]
182. Yes. Definitions of.. knowledge... and.. experience...
183. People have recently been asking me what I... do... What do you actually do? In terms of your creative practice?
184. Are you asking me?
185. No... Well yes! Go on! What do you do? What do you actually do?
186. I spend a lot of time avoiding the question. Well this is... it comes up in the little paragraph there [points] about... about how I imagine being articulated by others... and that seems either important to me or.. frustrating... so... on occasions where... I might think... that what I'm doing is... is making something... 'creatively'... There is not just me...it's the enterprise! [laughs] It's the... there's the whole endeavour... which is... which constitutes... to me... something... about working... 'creatively'... but then it's considered to be... my practice... so therefore it's my... authorship... it may be even a simple notion of... co-authoring or... like this!
What is this? That's happening now? What is it? What is a conversation? Something which is shared? What does that become? What is this thing that
is made between us? Someone might... well you instigated it... you're providing the... impetus... it's yours... and that is not something I'm interested in...
187. Mmm ?
188. ...and in some way... maybe it's similar... but completely different to... about... trying to... what's the word? Migrate from something... something.. which is... constraining and... unhelpful... with trying to find something that is genuinely... [sighs] meaningful... and important... but not about me! [laughs] It's... that's... the thing that's... that just... avoids... a particular... definition of what being 'creative' is...
Well that didn't work
189. Or what being me is?
190. Me... Yes... Just an escape from me...
191. Mmm?
192. And about speaking... And about language... And...
193. Dialogue
194. Dialogue... and communication..
195. It's pretty fundamental to your work I think?
196. My work!
197. Uhhuh! I would say
198. My 'oeuvre' !!
199. Accused? Or noted? Observed?
200. [laughs] Yep! Sorry...
201. Yes... Well may you apologize! [laughs]
202. Denounced!
203. Denounced?
204. When it all goes wrong..
205. [laughs] Your gray matter!
206. Yes... I get into trouble... into problems... suddenly... you're the... A right! This is the thing... you're accused of being... the head...
207. But you do have... I would
say... a tendency to... manage [laughs] situations...
208. [sighs]
209. Action?
210. Yes! When you...
211. Manage...
212. Yes...
213. Like an administrator?
214. Mmm... Like a facilitator...
215. [makes a sound... something similar to Lurch in the Addams Family] Facilitator..
216. Yes.
217. Facilitator? What does a facilitator... facilitate mean?
218. You facilitate others...
219. I suppose you facilitate... or when I've seen you in action...
220. Tell me more!
221. [laughs] You...
222. [laughs]
223. Well you were very anxious I suppose before... the... when you got people into the room together... to... ask them to video each other... and have that conversation...
224. [clears throat] Yes..
225. Aaa [unformed word]
226. Yes. No. That the bit that's most clearly my...
227. [laughs]
228. Under my directorship!
229. But... Yes the anxiety... but...

It's interesting... well... this is only recently... that I've been placed... more into... 'public'.. This is the sort of thing that you do? As part of your.. discipline... Your... training as an... academic... to present...?
231. Yes... Yep!
232. To... publicly critique...?
235. I like running... I like cycling... yes. No, I don't like football... or rugby... hockey... not that into group... team sports I suppose..
236. Things where... no... actually... yes...
233. Yes
234. It's only recently... I only..
it's... I answer invitations! And
I never got invitations... and
then... I do get invitations... and I realize that when I'm... there are occasions... You're..
you're... I guess here...
You're not a great one for sport are you? Or are you? Things where... no...
229. [laughs] Yes!
238. Performance... The question of performance...
239. No. I don't like being watched.
240. But there are occasions where you perform better... than others...
241. Well... better? There are occasions...
242. Do you feel less embarrassed?
243. ...where I perform more appropriately for certain situations?
244. Less despairing? You perform...
245. Well if I'm performing

I'm not despairing.
246. Unless you're performing... despair?
247. Unless I'm performing despair... which I would only do in an art context..
248. Yes... I wondered about that...
249. [laughs]
250. About... for myself... as much as anything else... whether... was it legitimate... If it was a way of contextualising... validating any kind of activity... that presents... all outcomes.. That's what we were talking about... before? Allowing... Cringing... either cringing embarrassment... cringing despair... or not... speaking... not contributing... absenting
yourself... from... from the
activity... from the action..
251. Absenting yourself
from the action?
252. Yes... There seem to be quite a lot of... people do that..
256. I will not... give you an example...
257. That's not new! Is it? Artists have been doing that for ages!
261. Yes...
262. It's the Bartleby thing... But of all of these... things...
258. yes... yes... yes... yes... yes...
259. Look... I can't explain my work... I...
260. No! I refuse..
254. Ah... removing... redacting...
266. Are you cold?
267. Yes... Always...
263. Explain the Bartleby thing!
264. Yes... Let's see if I can do this... It's... Melville... Bartleby the Scrivener... who refuses to do his job... or to... participate... it's taken... by Deleuze amongst others... as a way of resisting... [clears throat] and this question of 'passivity' and... are you putting this heater on?
268. [sighs] Anyway that's my understanding rather than my... or my interpretation... but... the question of... of... of action... of inactivity or... all things being allowed to occur.. like embarrassment... and.. despair... [almost inaudibly] possibility... to be enacted..
265. This one on... because it's quieter...
270. I don't know..
271. I think the allowance is important... but I think for me... and probably for you as well... I'm... I feel like I'm creating a space to allow myself to do something... which... usually involves other.. creative... type people... that understand themselves as involved in creative practices.. because they're more willing o accommodate this... even if it's not... even if there's still this... my friend Alasdair has this great thing where... I made him a painting... for his gallery in Orkney... and he displayed it and... some guy came in and said... is that meant to be something... and Alasdair loves this... the perfect sort of description of what I'm doing... which is... true in a way... That is what I'm... is that meant to be something? I don't know... but that's what we have! For many of the people you're working with... are... is that meant to be something? There's a kind of acceptance that... that dialogue is maybe kind of valuable... or possible to work with... somehow... it's not $\mathrm{a} . .$. is that meant to be...

It's a question! Which is a good point to work from... and I
think it's understood as such...
if you get the right people or...
277. But it's some artists as well... that it'd be the wrong question..
278. Yes... but... or... I know this is not what you're saying.. but there is a sense in which. I... Do I have the experience? Do I have the level of understanding? Have I been initiated in the ways... of? To... to be able to read! Do I have the requisite knowledge?
279. To read?
280. Yes... or at least say... look... I suspend... whatever it is...
281. Be more specific?
282. To say what you said... Is it... not so much is it supposed to be something... but... [sighs] Happy to experience... and to consider... in whatever ways..
283. That's it isn't it? I think there's something in us which is very much about... it's the process... but it's the document and the archive
and the... experience... trying to capture all those things... but it's not the packaging... Or if I have problems with the packaging element... anyway... that's that... What do you do? Question what do you do means... How do you contribute... tangibly... somehow...
284. Yes... or just dealing with... the... the hideous question.. 'So. Sell me this!'
285. Mmm...?
286. Which... I've had... had recently and I... I was kind of angry with myself that I couldn't... say... That is precisely the kind of question that means I cannot do this... This is not the right place... This is... and if I had.. it would have saved an awful lot of... of... bother. There were reasons why I couldn't... and there are always reasons.. because either somebody thinks that... well one.. you need to do it... because there are lots of reasons why we've got to do it... whether they're legitimate... They think they're helping you...
276. I think it's... the thing that people... dislike about artists...
287. They're helping you make clear...
288. Oh absolutely! And they think it's necessary for everyone else... because that is the requisite question... whereas it's... and either you think... oh hang on a second...I... sound like I'm negating everything... or I'm now going to...
289. It's a resistance isn't it? I experience it as a resistance... Part of what I liked about removing my practice from my PhD was that it... I didn't have to resist anything in my practice anymore because I could do my PhD and reflect... and that was what I was doing... contributing... and then I could reflect and kind of... make a mess... and think creatively... and whatever about it... it became this hobby... which for a while was good... but... seems... I suspect... because ultimately what I'm interested in is... always more than... anything that I'm doing... I want to be... reaching beyond.. what I'm doing... towards... some way of understanding.. Where we are now... which I never managed to do... but
it's what I'm interested in... I
suppose... Lost my train there!
290. Train... [whispers]

But is that to do with... tightly... defined... functions and roles? And whereas... there...
291. Yes..
292. ...is value in having to... conform...thinking... and there is a... a rigour!
293. It depends what you want to make doesn't it?
294. Rigour! That funny word!
295. Ah well Jen hates it... I don't mind it that much...
296. She hates it?
297. Oh yes! Rigor mortis...
298. Oh that's good!
299. Mmm..
300. ...because I think [laughing] she's one of the most rigor mortis folk I know! Yeah
well... the irony never...
301. Stops...
302. ...ceases to... It's just whether you're allowed to... to agree...
303. Yes...
304. ...but as to the value of... of escape... of..
305. I think... I think there's a value... see I wonder... thinking about this disciplinary differences recently... quite a bit... and... there is something I feel... about wanting to understanding art history... in order to... because I'm interested in its discipline.. its practice and how it's understood... And it's a useful process... to learn... and to bring to my other understandings.. of learning of art practice... It's an... enriching experience.. even if it's uncomfortable... because it's difficult to cross disciplines... to...
306. It's difficult to cross disciplines.. because it's... Because?
307. Because... I wonder... because they don't... They're not commensurate... They don't connect up... They ideally I suppose should enrich each other, but they've been separated to the extent that they
don't... there aren't really good points of contact... between some of them... between some of them I think there are... but I... it's either me that is uncomfortable... which is entirely possible... or it's that these things don't easily fit together... that what is required is an arts practitioner... it's different from what is required from an art historian... and navigating those... becoming one or the other for a time is... kind of difficult...
308. The argument that's always given is that if you... You lose.. [sighs] Some value... some aspect... of the... discipline.. and... it becomes too wide...
309. That's the argument... but that's not held up in history... da Vinci or any of the seventeenth century or eighteenth century... What led us into the enlightenment... or even our own understanding of our own history... leads us to think that separating disciplines is not a good idea... and yet that's what happened... although we still recognize the value of multi-disciplinarity now... of trans-disciplinarity in the university and art college... it's still... embedded within this idea that the discipline... yes... that you need this... in order to get high levels of intense..
value from something you need to go really far into one thing...
310. Sure... but also there's... is there a perceived... problem... where methodology... or... just... for want of a better word... thinking is... almost oppositional... that... that the process... or question of practice... is... antagonistic... oppositional... It's perceived as oppositional to a... critique which... necessarily... pertains to objectivity... pertains to something... outside... and that... obviously these are huge examples of...
311. Yes..
312. ...theoretical thinking... which... complicate... which allow... the speculative... dialectical... consideration...
313. And I think... you probably just have to find the right people..
314. People?
315. The people who are interested in that... you have to find your... people...
316. The interest... rather than the people?
317. Yes... I guess you have to... that's another place where universities tend to be quite specific... or art colleges... you have... specialisms within... different places... and you have to...
318. I mean from the outside... there seems to be... a defensiveness... I mean art schools for example..
319. To? Defensiveness towards?
320. Destructing their position..
321. Destructing the artists' position?
322. Or a position... the position from where they... they have... become established...
323. Yes. Establishment is part of it... Having an investment in a particular way of thinking maybe?
324. Is it possible? Do you... do you ever consider the way that you approach your research... and the way that you approach your practice... even if it doesn't seem to make sense... or if it does...
325. Yes! I think about it all the time!
326. Yes... so... does it... is it something... not so much that it... resolves... but allows a practice to occur which is... critical...
327. Is that reflection that allows...
328. Is that something that can be... done?
329. The reflection?
330. From the position you are... that you've... got to?
331. I think so... I think it's possible... I think it requires quite a lot of confidence... to do it...
332. Is it about overlapping? Parts of what you would be... happy to consider being... amateur practice?
333. It's just hard to... call it... it's hard to... gather and... it's hard to make visible what my practice is... as an art historian... and... it's easier to make visible what my practice is as a... I think it would need an exhibition... it would need a space... rather than the forms I have been working in...
334. Ah!
335. Yes... I think it might be more visible... it might be the office... or... I mean the way I work in here... it's very... like the way that I worked as an artist... when art was my... PhD if you know what I mean... when it was flipped a bit... I just went in and worked... I didn't... and I had... I had an idea... a goal of some kind... which I had with the PhD but... and then I just roll... I just work... it's not...
336. There is this... and I think... Charlotte... Jen... and many people do... the question of the... studio and the study... and the office... and the lecture hall... There are places where.. activity occurs... and maybe they overlap between...
337. But there is a real similarity if you come down to it.. for me anyway... in what academics do... and what artists do... Practically you go in... and do something...
338. ...but there is the... there is the... 'nature' of the activity... there is the...
339. For me it's pretty similar... there are tools which...
340. ...or the 'history' of the activity..
341. Yes the 'history' of the activity..
342. So ... the 'monastic' aspect of the activity... or the social... consideration of the activity?
343. There's more emphasis on limit I would say... in my experience of academic... inquiry... Is that what you were talking about? People think that it's valuable to make things clearer... and limited... because you have to get things into a certain order.. and you have to make things a certain size and certain.. You know? Size! [laughs] I'm making hand movements.. [laughs] ...but I think that's also the... probably also the case in creative practice... that we are encouraged to make clear... to package... to sell.. to limit... because otherwise it's just... crap in an office... or a studio... or a... which I... yes... you could also... reflect on as an art object...
344. ...but it is the ready environment where... isolated consideration... is necessary before public... dissemination.. It is funny that this space... this whole... structure... is so... monastic! A little cell!
345. Yes... this is only from the sixties... It's really good though... it's really handy..
346. The Study... yes..
far from the...
347. ...madding crowd [laughs]
348. Do you know how to use this?
349. I think I probably have used it before..
350. Do you know... that's the zoom... T for telephoto.. W for wide... We're very close... so... [laughs]
351. [laughs]
352. ...it's probably just as easy to move the camera! I don't know... I think there's a tape in here... the problem with this.. this is a break we're having...
353. [laughs]
354. ...the problem with this camera is that its... it won't rewind!
355. That is a problem..
356. ...but that's quite interesting because it means we can't review it immediately... so... and we can discuss this at some point... What do we do with the recording? There will be a time lapse...
Right!
357. Technology is a bit of another issue I have..
358. Same here. Hence it doesn't work!
359. Yes..
360. Come on... switch on...
[camera on]
361. I think it might be quite interesting to talk about how we're going to package this?
363. As part of this conversation.. because I think this textual thing is quite hard to get your head round... but this is this thing about limiting and making clear... I mean these fragments... I suppose if they are contextualized... then they... you can read them... you can just dip in and out... maybe it's the same with this conversation? I mean it's quite long and... sort of... it's not user friendly... really...
364. The conversation?
365. Yes...
366. Right...
367. Or is it?
368. Well there is the... [sighs] I was thinking of making it... well... integrating our... I think we said it before... about weaving... fragments... back into it...
369. Weaving!? The fragments back to what?
370. Into the... this text..
371. This text? Or that text?
communicate itself...
372. That text... [points]
373. This text? [sighs]
374. Or the one that we're doing?
381. Does it?
375. It's difficult though because it's numbered. They're all numbered! So in terms of people understanding what's happening... it's really complicated... I think.. because the fragments are numbered... but the conversation is also numbered.
376. Mmm...
377. So how do you make it clear? Which is a fragment? Which is a conversation? When it's all fragmented? It's a question!
378. Umm...

You don't... make it clear
379. So we're 'anti-clear'?
380. ...but it does

|  |  |  | of... of fragment to speech... |  |  |  | next to the other... There are |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $387 .$ | But do we need to make that clear? |  |  |  | two voices. There's two voices speaking in time... and there are two voices addressing... the situation... in parallel... |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 388 . \\ 389 . \end{gathered}$ | We're making it clear now... <br> Are we? |  |  |  | So there's a commentary... So there will always be this... Voice over... whether on occasions... |
| 383. | I don't know either! |  |  |  |  | 395. | What are you talking about!? |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 396. | I'm talking about this... |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 397. | There are two voices!? |
| 384. That's good... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 391. | [laughs] |  |  |
| 385. [laughs] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 386. | That's good... I don't know whether there's a way in |  |  | 392. | We're recording this... |  |  |
|  | which... because they're written... if we're talking about |  |  |  |  | 398. | Yes... |
|  | the difference between the continuity of the conversation which is... those are just |  |  |  |  | 399. | That's you and me? |
|  | exchanges and you could take away the numbers... and it |  |  | 393. | So it will be clear [laughing] somehow! |  |  |
|  | doesn't really matter... and then there's the discontinuity of the |  |  |  | No... but it's... it is clear... I | 400. | Yes... |
|  | fragments... because although... the fragments do form | 390. | Well we've now just stated it... |  | No... but it's... it is clear... I think it's more about writing... than... in that sense there... | 401. | And what's the commentary? |
|  | themselves into... a beginning, middle, end... a narrative... |  |  |  | [sighs] ...in the past... In-ThePast... | 402. | The commentary is our voices... |
|  | because there is a removal... a disjuncture from the spoken word... there is always the possibility of it... the conjunction |  |  |  | There is a way in which... It's like a voice... isn't it? If you... if you... not in any particular order... but if you put one thing | 403. | This voice? Like us? Now? |

404. No. The fragments...
405. The fragments?
406. ...are our commentary on... are our memory... and our... our...
407. ...fragments? Yes?
408. And our commentary on that room..
409. The conversation is the conversation...
410. It's just a step back... isn't it?
411. A step back to where?
412. From... another reflection... in the same way that we're now reflecting.. both of them... Now...
413. So a lot of this is to do with reflection?
414. Seems to be...
415. [laughs]
416. Isn't that what the archive
and the document allow?

## 417. Well they can... I don't think they have to.

418. Is everything not read?
419. It's a particular kind of reflection ... isn't it?
420. Yes... a lot of it's to do with language... or it's to do with writing... or to do with the voice... or with communication... but all of it is about... making some kind of declaration...
421. Declaration!
422. Yes..
423. This is a declaration!?

It's like about thirteen
pages long!! [laughs]
424. Yes well it's just a really woolly, rubbish declaration... [laughs] I did preface it by saying... some kind of...
425. [laughs]
426. Hopefully it comes under... 'comedy'...
427. Comedy! ok...
428. [sighs]
429. So. Reflection leading
to declaration?
430. No.

But you said that the archive..
431. It's giving me the red battery sign..
432. It's not really the red battery sign... I don't know what it is... it's never on there long enough for me to figure out what it is.. Right! Note to self Eddy. Stop playing with your nose!
433. [laughs]
434. [laughs]
435. I'm stuck on the idea that this might be in some way a 'declaration' [laughs] We could call it that? [laughs]
436. Yes? Well what are the other things that end in -laration? [laughs]
437. Well it's not a narration quite... is it?
438. I think it's a... it's... it's... fragmentary... It's fragmentary writing... it's a way of..
439. It's not though... It's been made into fragments by the numbers... this is not a fragmentary... This is a conversation...
440. That is... Yes..
441. That's not a fragment... really... that's a coherent... semi-coherent...
442. Yes... Yes... Yes... Yes... Yes.. Absolutely!
443. ...sentence... temporal... I mean..
444. Yes... but even in the conversation... of course... of course... yes... it has... but... when you read it... you know when... there is everything that is missing... everything...
445. Yes... the fragments which are dealt with in some way by the.. I think that this is what we're getting to... isn't it? That the fragment... That's that kind of thing of thing about putting the fragments back in...
446. ...it's the possibility that they're... not so much dealt with... but that they're there..
44. And they're there for different people in different ways. So for me they're different than they are for you...
448. Yes..
449. ...that kind of ... difference... perception... or something...
450. [sighs]

Yes. Yes. That's it.
But I'm... I'm... I need to get back to the thing you were saying about... the archive... It doesn't necessarily allow... What? What does it not necessarily allow?
451. Tricky... but... I think I have an issue with... what I think I might take from an archive as a practitioner... and what I take from it as an historian...
452. Yes... of course... that goes back to...
453. ...both are reflections..
454. Yes... but that's to do with...
455. ...expectations...
456. Yes... Purpose and premise... and training... and everything else... but... there you have the ... if such a thing occurred... as... exists... the raw material... which... the professional...
457. Various things could be made...
458. So... like any reading... Is it about reading?
459. ...and experiencing... the archive...
460. Yes... Well right now it is the archive... All we're doing is archiving... That's all we've done!?
461. Well we've thought as well?
462. Yes...
463. I suppose that is part of the archiving process? You have to work out how to put down... and categorize... and...
464. Sticking a number next to it...
465. Sticking a number next to it... [laughs]
466. And putting it into an index... And then shuffling it...
467. [laughs]
468. Yes... I don't know... there's a great deal... about... um... film language... or... theatre... or... Yes, those
things... Drama! Comedy!
474. Such as?
475. Well something that explains what... this is... Or what these are? Or how we understand these... and the duration of the discussion... Where it took place... You know?
That... but just in a very
clear... introductory way?
469. Can it be very well introduced?
470. We could get somebody well to introduce it... Yes...
471. It's going to be a publication of some kind isn't it? I
hate to be clear... But?
472. Yes... I think we are..
473. So... we can work in a very clear... straightforward... introduction? And then...
it... and it was difficult... and then... even in my PhD it was a bit like that... like I wasn't really explaining myself.. and now I'm kind of... it's all a bit clearer and I feel... like with my work as well... it's perhaps a bit clearer... just to say what happened... or what I'm doing... You know it's not such a mystery... and I quite like that... I'm interested in what happens...
482. Yes... for me it has always been an... aspiration! I've always desired to be clear.. and I'm continually told... but I'm not... and I...
483. But do you really want to be clear?
484. Umm... this is like the
beginning of 'Fame'... how much do you want to be clear? [laughs] You want clarity!?
Well clarity... demands work!
485. Answer the question!
486. Yes when it's good... No when it's bad..
487. [laughs]
488. ...when I want to hide... I...
489. But this is going to be good isn't it?
490. Pardon?
491. This is going to be good... Isn't it?
492. Yes... well there is a thing about being... [sighs] When you mean clarity... do you mean... distilling and being succinct?


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499. Yes... So I was saying...
Can I bring in the term..
interpretation?
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500. ...no you're talking about...
ah right... yes... Yes!
501. And might that be valuable?
502. Yes! ...but I think you're... than I [laughs]
503. [laughs] I've been
doing it for years!
504. Well this is the point! , mother would say. point of this conversation... the point of why we're working...
505. ...why this is happening... is that... I feel like I've come to the doctor's... You can give me...

## 07. Fix it!

508. No not me... give clarity to the project... in a way that. my clarity is... is... to hide things in open view...
509. Yep! Well there's a nice landscape analogy there!
510. Thank you...
511. We could call it that!
512. You did that to me once... 'thank you'...
513. What did I do?
514. I suddenly got something... and then you said... [laughs]
515. ...that old time rigour..
516. ...Mortis... I think that was quite a useful... conversation...
517. ...well we've decided upon something...
518. ...which I feel quite comfortable with...
519. See that's the issue... I'm rubbish at decision making...
520. I'm quite bad at it... but...
521. ...you obviously are not as rubbish as I am..
522. No. [laughs]
523. Yes I know... you forced the issue here...
524. I'm forcing the issue... [laughs]
525. ...and you're writing the introduction...
526. Along with all the introductions to my thesis...
527. Well I never do it... and you're absolutely right! I see it and think... [sighs] I don't have the will... and it really is... I
don't know how you define...
Will! ...to actually... write...
the damn thing... and then that's where my great capacity for procrastination come in...
528. Can we not just write it and say that it exists?
529. No! [laughs]
530. ...give out a phone number? If you want an introduction... here's the... helpline?
531. No we don't have to... We don't have to do anything! I think what we do have to do... perhaps if we have to do anything... maybe what we have to do is write the introduction because it's something I'm interested in... and then see if it... see what it does... to the... test it with the thing... what does this do... does it change it into something that your comfortable with? And it might well do actually... I think it might... because... I think you have an interest in not being clear...
532. Right?
533. ...and it might change it into something I don't want! It might change it into something that reminds me too much of my thesis... or something.. but it might not... and we could of course write about that! It... It could be a conclusion... Nice to have a conclusion isn't it? [laughs]
534. Bloody Hell! We've got a beginning and an...
535. Thesis...
536. ...end! Now all me need is the sausage meat in the middle...
537. That's right... [laughs] That's the fragments...
538. Well... I was thinking more of... no... no... no... that's fine... the thing is... I'm.. I'm... [sighs] despite what I think other people think... I think I am... very malleable!
539. | Yes... I think you're |
| :--- |
| going to have to be... |
540. I'm easily... swayed! Weak! Yes. I'm weak! So that's good!
541. But we've yet to see if you'll actually let that happen!
542. I thought you'd said
'We've yet to save you!'
543. No... if that actually could
happen. If you would let that go to press... with your name on it!
544. Which bit? The succinct introduction?
545. Yes...
546. Oh I'd love it!
547. Would you?
548. I've tried it! I've genuinely tried to do it... and my way out of doing it is to present documents... and to say... here is the exchange... in their own voice... saying... please do this... Here is the context... and... I... or else I give examples... and it's... just [sighs] my problem is that I like it to be interpreted widely...

I'm very interested... and
many other people are... about whatever it is that... anyone.. brings... however destructive..
557. You can put footnotes with that in... [laughs]
558. So... who knows..
559. Yes
560. Footnotes... [laughs
561. Well if you want to get a bit philosophical you can always bung it in a footnote... You know?
562. Bung it in a footnote? [sighs]
563. Yes...
564. Again... about the weaving analogy... well then maybe it's not a good analogy... because you can't continually weave.. weaving and reweaving and weaving... but you can start off... and you introduce.. the fragments... and then other fragments... there is a way of relating... no... I like it... I'm quite happy to have a textiles analogy...
565. Ok [laughs]
566. With footnotes.
567. With footnotes (laughing) well I just thought that if there was a... if there was a... You have it really close up Eddy You always do that! You want it on somebody's nostril! It's horrible! We just all look crap!
$\left.\begin{array}{lrl}\text { 569. It's in... a... fuck I've forgotten... } & & \text { all the stuff around it... } \\ \text { Excuse me... begins with a... } \\ \text { W... down south... Wiltshire! }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { 575. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { The background stuff? That's } \\ \text { what it says in 'Stage'...all } \\ \text { the background stuff... sort of } \\ \text { gets in the way sometimes... }\end{array}\right\}$

Excuse me... begins with a...
W... down south... Wiltshire!
570. Ok [whispers, sighs]
571. Why do you do that? With the close ups? What's that about?
572. I like faces... I like... I like difference... I mean verything... and also it's bout drawing... I think it's... holding a camera... ful front on is a... an issue... pick up all the... detritus..
all the stuff around it..

The background stuff? That's
what it says in 'Stage'...all the background stuff... sort of gets in the way sometimes...
576. In 'Stage'?

Yes... the film... from Oh yes... right... right... I was thinking of... that film called 'Stage'..
[laughs]
80. But background?

1. Gets in the way..
2. Well, I was always told that I one of those voices that.. that recur... Back again..
3. And you're like... No!?
4. I didn't think I was in the way! [laughs]
5. Then you immediately reflect upon... the immediate past... as it is becoming..
mediated... through the...
voice of... That's the thing...
[swallows] lips move...onto..
6. You can see them really clearly at this distance...
7. This distance? [laughs]
8. [laughs]
9. Hopefully there is not too much coffee around the edges...
10. Well let's hope so...
11. Let's hope so... Do you find seeing and speaking at the same time... difficult? or...
12. I find this quite difficult... trying to record and look at you... and notice you there as well... but it's not impossible...
13. [sniffs] God the nose... [laughs]
14. Are we straying off topic?
15. No. This is very much the topic...
16. Ok
17. Anything is always the topic... this is why it's such a great idea that you're going to write this introduction...
and conclude it... which I'm very much hoping to read..
18. And we can have a little contents page as well? If we want illustrations?
19. I want an index... I love an index...
20. An index? Appendices even? The fragments could go in the appendices?
21. uh...
22. Maybe it's a structural issue?
23. No... but I think...
24. It depends what the main body of the text is?
25. Are you familiar with any kind of writing for screen?
26. No
27. So there are camera directions.. or... in theatre... there are...
off voice... off screen... there is... let's see if I've got the right word... diagetic and extra-diegetic... things that come from the mouth and are visible... and things that come from outside of the screen..
28. The wheel turns...
29. Ok... I'll just keep it as how you had it...
30. So what's this diegetic thing? That seems quite relevant to you?
31. No that's quite close up..
32. Oh... Is this close up?
33. [laughs]
34. Right...
35. Stop it... I don't like the way I look to be on camera like that...
36. I think it seems very relevant to you!
37. Ok. Speak!
38. Well... I think... there's a.. well a lot of this is to do with commentaries upon... and so... in films for example... internal monologues... can be done quite straightforwardly... but just recording... another audio channel..
39. It's fakery isn't it?
40. Well ok... I'll stick to the office..
41. Well of course it is... but
42. Does the office have a face? For you...
43. Oh god yes..
44. Yes ok...
the whole internal...
45. Which is something... there is some kind of issue there with the integrity of the archive.. Isn't there? There's all this discourse around authenticity to the archive... and then anything you do to interpret or to change... the structure
of things... that you found or made... is quite a significant thing to do... to that archive...
46. Well that is the big difference...
obviously... you are
destroying its authenticity?
47. No... I'm introducing its authenticity...
48. Yes... You are! I'm... not... I'm disrupting it...
49. Well no... You're just not introducing it...
50. Why? Why am I not?
51. Because...
52. In what way am I not?
53. [laughs]
54. Just because I haven't said the word, authentic?
55. No... I just mean in terms of what we've been talking about... how you... find it difficult to introduce things...
56. Ah...
57. I suppose I was just wondering whether what I was... the kind of... introduction I was talking about... whether that disrupts the archive? The integrity of the archive... or whether it allows it to become... a full archive... because it allows people to understand... in a common language... what we understand the archive to be... and we are the archivists... So we should... have the responsibility to... explicate... the archive to some extent?

| 644. | If there is a question over the authenticity of the archive... is that not the most fundamental introduction of what an archive is? | 656. | Right... so what is it? That definition of... neglect... is what? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 657. | The footnotes... |
| 645. | Umm? |  |  |
|  |  | 658. | The footnotes... |
| 646. | Is that succinct? |  |  |
| 647. | What? | 659. | I think that's what it is... It's how you reference it? |
|  |  | 660. | Yes? |
| 648. | By its actuality? | 661. | ...and to what you're pinning your references on... and to what extent people believe that's accurate... I think... |
| 649. | What!? |  | and... yes your context... and it's that whole... it's that |
| 650. | Its disruption? |  | slippery... line... it doesn't really exist... but it's just how |
| 651. | What!!? |  | you position yourself I think... |
|  |  | 662. | Between art and history? |
| 652. | [laughs] |  |  |
| 653. | [laughs] It's just a closeup of my nose? Isn't it? | 663. | Creative writing... and history.. or art and history... I mean writing and history is slightly |

easier than... art and history...
because writing is really what
historians do... but films...
I suppose are the same...
664. So that which doesn't conform to language... or writing... is more problematic?
665. Well... it has a different structure doesn't it? I find the kind of structures I'm looking for... or I find in my artworks... are not... maybe the process is just a bit more tortured? Maybe I'm looking for the same thing... I find it very confusing...
666. But it is confusing?
667. I suppose... I don't see what I'm doing as an artist as creative writing... I see it as more documenting aspects of my thinking... trying to make them... clearer..
668. Isn't that a... What is that definition of history that says...
'What really happened'.
669. It is like... what I'm doing as a practitioner... rather than what I do as an historian... but I'm doing it to my thought processes... So I'm applying what I understand of history to my understanding of my thoughts... rather than the archive of the past... the more distant past...
670. Say that again?
671. Well as an historian I would be looking at primary resources... going into archives... reading secondary texts... bringing them together in order to make something clearer... in order to... make it for people who haven't been to the archive... or who haven't looked at this... with the perspective that I'm looking at it from... I'm trying to make it clear what I see when I do that... and as an artist I'm trying to do that same thing.. but I'm doing it with the source material of my experience... I'm trying to make that... clearer...
by writing... and making films.. and drawing... and cogitating.. and doing all that stuff that I do... that I do! But it's the same process... I think... but applied to different source material...
672. Where does the image come in? In all this?
673. It's interesting that... because the image for the art historian... is important... that's what I look at... and that's what I have a real problem with sometimes...you're always looking at... something that's mediated... through this image... I suppose as an artist the image is... interesting... I do like an image... an image of myself... or something I'm doing... or something to... Someone described it as a fulcrum... like something to...
674. A fulcrum?
675. Yes... like it's a way to... a lever... to... allow other things to happen... I suppose...
676. The image allows other things to happen?
677. Or it's a mechanism... that allows other things to happen?
678. It's not the thing happening?
679. Something to focus on... It is something that happens... but it's how you then package that.. I think... You understand it... and clarify it and make it... Try to make it evident to... other people... or to yourself! I think..
680. And that's different from reading?
681. Reading?
682. Reading...
683. Yes it's different to words... Images and words are different for me...
684. Yes... So images are unpacked and words are read?
685. Yes... are written..
686. But the relationship between say...drawing and...
687. ...but if I was a literary historian? I would be unpacking words... but... I'm not.
I'm an art historian...
688. And drawing? Drawing's your...
689. Drawing I'm interested in because it seems... a way of looking at... a practice... that circumvents... a really weighty history... of art... that I feel
uncomfortable with... So I'm trying to look at... look at it from another... angle... in order to.. rethink what it might be... it's problematic... as you discovered with my... experience of John Dunstall at Kilquhanity... I don't quite get that view of drawing...
690. That's different isn't it? That's the vast field of other people's contentious... notions of what drawing is... Which are things about positions...
691. Yes... someone asked me recently what I thought... well they asked me to define delineation and drawing... and I... that's where I became a bit unstuck... because I think I know what I think it is... I haven't theorized it necessarily... but part of what I'm doing as a practitioner interested in reflecting on practice... it's not theorizing.. but it's recognizing the value that's inherent in the practice... somehow..
692. Inherent in the practice?
693. I may not be being clear enough...
694. No... no... that's quite clear! But that's also the... the definition of practice? Of experience
of the event? Of occurrence?
Being... and all those things?
696. It is as well... but it's also imbued with... a notion of object?
697. Don't you think that theorizing has an introductory aspect? Or packaging? Like we're talking about?
698. Of course...
699. Of practice? Or is it more of a dialogue?
700. Well... so for example... the question of... what is immediate? And what is mediated? The immediate... is understood... but it... it is contextualized and theorized... but it also has its immediacy! [laughs] So there is this... there is... A simultaneity? The relationship between theory and practice...
701. Is it?

724. Stomped up and down on...
725. Yes... but that's not a
theory is it? [laughs]
726. Well why is that? Well maybe this is a problem of... analogy? Allegory? Or metaphor? There is a lot of theory which... are you going to survive this? [laughs] I have my back to it! Can you see them? Fantastic...
727. [laughs]
728. It's a good shot to have... I like this! This is like a television isn't it...? It's like being in a television... [laughs] There's not even a 'Now Showing'... 'Play for Today'...
729. It's nice because this is where I come to work... this is like my PhD nerve centre...
730. PhD-land...
731. You're together and separate...
733. I've been wondering if I should have a studio again... Or a studio... study or... something...
734. Well that's a key question I think... I haven't had a studio for about twenty years... I have used other peoples'... and I can stretch out a piece of tarpaulin in front of the fire...
732. It's similar to my studios... when I have them..
738. Fake?
739. As if I was making art... bu then it wasn't art... because it was in the studio... so to become art it then had to take another stop again.. like I used to work in gallery spaces more... directly... which seemed less fake...
740. Oh that's less fake?
736. Yes...? The kitchen Table!
737. Yes... that's what I do... I just use my flat... and that's ok... and I think I decided at some point that I didn't want a studio... I just inhabit spaces.. and it just seemed a bit fake...
at's less fake

|  |  |  | the fake... thing at all... | 756. |  |  | I'm saying now... [laughs] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 747. | No... You like the fake! |  | Barthes! See... that's the thing about the image... Recording the image... Recording of the face... but the fake... | 767. | [laughs] Do yo think that's a good introduction for this project? |
|  |  |  | No... No... that's your problem... |  |  | 768. | Not for you... |
|  |  | 749. | Then we should talk about it... | 757. | You do so have an issue with fake! |  |  |
| 741. | Yes... for me... I mean the gallery is obviously fake... and so is the studio... to some degree... |  |  | 758. | Yes... Oh yes... | 769. 770. | Why not for me? <br> Because I said it... and you're doing the introduction... |
|  |  |  |  | 759. | You just said you didn't! |  |  |
| 742. | There are all sorts of levels that you could live with that... because... I mean... either the |  |  | 760. | Oh did I? |  |  |
|  | thing that you do in the studio is fake... and it's brought out... when it's ready... or you present the idea that working | 750. | Yes... so which is more fake... having... having the... You're getting closer? See... it's | 761. | You said it was my issue... and then you wanted to move away from it quickly... | 771. | But I have issues with 'fake' and 'real'... |
|  | in the gallery is somehow the... process... the studio process... made public... which is... even more of a fake... |  | good... and you ask me why? <br> [laughs] Deep... deep... | 762. | Um... No... but I think the fake... real thing... are one in the same... and... as an issue it's a perfect introduction to... | 772. | Yes... well... What are the issues? Let's talk about your issues with fakery... |
| 743. | No... you don't have to present it as a studio process... but you can present it as what it is... presented to the public... | 751. 752. | Deep? No shot... <br> Yes I know... it's the skin... damn... deadly skin... | 763. | To what!? |  |  |
| 744. | There is the definite experience of... no... this is a process... and doing it in this location... |  |  | 764. 765. | To the problem of... being 'real'... and being 'authentic'... <br> 'Real' and 'Fake' is a |  |  |
| 745. | Which I would argue is less fake... | 753. 754. | [laughs] Soon to be dead... |  | good introduction to the problem of being 'real' and 'fake' [laughs] Eddy! |  |  |
| 746. | I don't have an issue with | 755. | Shut up! | 766. | You're just repeating what |  |  |

773. Well...
774. Stop touching your nose Eddy!
775. Make sure we're still trained on the nose...
776. The nose... damn the nose...
777. It was always about trying to make clear... the process of
something in itself... Rather than something that had to be represented... and my issue.. problem is... that I'm letting this project come out as my issues... well my issue... will come out... or that it doesn't help people... to understand what you're doing...
778. Well I understand that...

I'm not too bothered about helping people...
779. I am...
780. I think you're right... and I think it's what makes me.. bad... and you... good...
781. [laughs]
782. And it also helps... it helps in other... in other spheres... if you are doing good... but I also think that doing the bad thing is a good thing... [laughs]
783. But why is it good?
784. Because it is something
that... to use that word..
chimes... with others..
785. Does it?
786. I think it does... I do it when I see it... I like to.. chime... with others...
805. Your point being?
806. It doesn't dispute... or... disallow...
807. What?
808. The introduction doesn't... disallow what's said.. and that's... good...
809. The introduction doesn't disallow...
810. Doesn't disallow...
800. I don't mind... by all means put
a warning sign saying... this
800. I don't mind... by all means put
a warning sign saying... this
is... animals were genuinely
hurt... but... it... goes to
the... this is the frame...
801. Say that more!
802. It's one of the other voices...
it joins the queue of voices...
803. What does that voice say?
804. It says... 'This is a
contrivance!' Whereas...
804. It says... 'This is a
contrivance!' Whereas... this is a contrivance... this is a contrivance..

## 811. The introduction doesn't disallow what's said! [laughs] What does that mean!?

787. [laughs] And you think an introduction stops the 'chiming'?
788. No... it's just yet another..
thing... it's just one
amongst others...
789. So whatever you do is fine
because it'll chime with
someone at some point...
790. ...yes...
791. I just wonder if it can be more than that?
792. Well I think that's where an introduction helps... maybe? Because it says... what you did... They don't have to believe you... but that's up to them... If you set out what the contrivance is... to me that makes a difference... it becomes less of a contrivance... because you're not asking people to suspend their disbelief... as you are in a film... or the theatre...
793. God you're greedy... [laughs]
794. [laughs]
795. No... Yes... Yes... You
have aspirations...
Good aspirations...
796. [laughs] You have bad aspirations?
797. I just want to get through it... [laughs]
798. Life? Yes... mmn...?
799. But getting back to the fake thing... it's a bit like... is it like when Sue said... 'This is all very well... but it's... contrived!' It's just a contrivance...
800. It means it's got the green light... You can do it... [laughs]
801. Wait... What doesn't disallow... is that a double negative? Doesn't disallow! [laughs]
802. [laughs] I get that from my mum... I have to say...
803. So the introduction allows!
804. Yes...
805. That's fine... but you just don't think it's necessary! For your purposes...
806. No... we said this before... I find it difficult... it's the sort of thing... that... I get lost in... and... I... become.. impotent... I think... I witness myself... at the desk... thinking... do anything... else... other than this...
807. I think it'd be interesting to see if I could do it... because I think my training... in Art History... might allow me to do it... in a way that I couldn't have done it before... a distance...
808. This is like the magnificent seven...
809. In what way?
810. That's your special skill... You can use a knife... and you can write an introduction...
811. I can be objective... about introductions... without weeping... [laughs]
812. Yes... That's an issue then...

I think... I think the weeping is a... isn't altogether..
825. Without weeping...
826. ...a bad thing...
827. No... But... I found it very helpful..
828. It does cloud the vision... it's true...
829. ...for my health... to... to... because I found the constant reflection... and anxiety about practice... without any kind of objectivity... very damaging..
830. Yes you're right..
831. Not healthy...
832. But... is it possible to... regard... that as... process... ual... that things are.. episodic? This is very close... I'm going to have to say...
833. [laughs] Episodic?
834. Time... there's a time...
835. Yes there is a time...
836. So... in between bouts of weeping...
837. Yes... but I think that's been healthy for me to have gained the facility to be objective with my own work...
838. That does sound sane.. and good...
839. It does... doesn't it? and I think that's why people
do it... Do you think that's why people do it?
840. Yes? I wish I was a better person so that I could... I have made attempts...
841. A lot of people would think that it's bad! Arts people... because you do have to switch off parts of your brain... that are questioning... and... What about this constant doubt... about this thing over here that I'm not... but they're part of me now... that's just well...
842. Well skepticism is..
843. It's just... it's just a device... to help people get into what you're doing...
844. Yes...
845. It's not something about the ineffable truth.. that'll come later?
846. That took almost two hours... to get to the ineffable...
847. [laughs]
848. But you're absolutely right... and it's not because I think it's necessary to be... obscure... it... it's just because... but it is a discipline... and it is part of the discipline.. so knife wielding it is...
849. Great...
850. Just wondering whether at this point it would be good to have a look at... the image...? [The computer is switched on. They begin to look through the video footage taken at Kilquhanity in 2011]

This is crap... never mind... could you hold this?
851. I think we can sort of see the image...
853. That's funny that...
854. I don't know how much you edit? You did edit your work... didn't you?
855. Do I edit my work? Yes I do... Yes...
856. Look at that blooming hair
857. I like editing...
858. What is it about editing that you like?
859. I think it's structural... it's like
it's allowing something to... talk to me about what I want... to be saying... through pictures...
860. Oh that's such a good answer!
though everyone is utterly rigid... petrified... this one is like... I always think that... Jeremy's first... where is he?
863. Showing his teeth...
864. ...question... What is this for? What is it that you think you're recording here? [laughs]
865. Is this supposed to be something?
866. Yes... Is this supposed to be something?
867. [laughs]
868. It is good having more than
two... camera positions...
whereas this is completely..
you... me... you... me..
869. Yes...
870. The conversation is occurring.. well they're not... [laughs] [on tape] ...part of the vocabulary... [winds through tape] ...[laughs] words..
852. There you go..

## 861. Oh look!

862. Oh look! I'd really like to do something with this... I don't know if it's possible anymore... but... there's something about the end of civilization about it... everything is.. whereas the other day was all... sunny and... light... even

863. [on tape] ...and I suppose a lot of... [laughs] Ah... Ah... Eh...
864. Well she does have a
fantastic face... Oh!
865. [laughs]
866. [on tape] ...recording something which can be... Can be? Listen to you! You deign!
867. Deign to...
868. Anyway the point is really...

This is... for me... this is a
kind of... a possible... way of
writing... way of drawing...
through the editing process...
872. [on tape] ...are you...
873. That's cute...
881. Yes... that'd be good..
882. But what it means is... it breaks down... the time... so it breaks down the narrative... that's there from beginning to end... and introduces the difference between moving and... animation... and stillness.. Portraiture... Image...
883. Yes... I have to go to the toilet actually...
884. Ok... we probably should finish quite soon... we could finish now if you wanted?
885. Well lets wait?
886. [laughs]
[leaves room
[Picks up a copy of Hegel's Philosophy of History from the bookshelf. Flicks through. Places it back]
[comes back]
887. I switched it off... stupid cow...
oh... now it's warm... ok! So how do you feel about that?
888. Good... There's... I was just thinking... we've got three minutes [of video] we could just stop it if you wanted?
889. Do you mind?
890. Yes... we may as well... just stop... What I might do.. if it's at all possible... if I could take some pictures of your bookshelves?
891. They're not very beautiful looking... well I'll finish my PhD and then it ${ }^{\prime}$ ll be different... I don't know why I work in that sort of... unbeautifulness...
892. Well... there lies authenticity...
893. I don't know... think I might sabotage...
894. But you know where everything is... don't you?
895. Not really..
896. You know that some books
have just been moved?
897. I thought I'd switched that on... I wondered why I was still cold...
898. This is fun...
899. Yes... so did you think this was all that you'd hoped for?
900. I thought it was fantastic...
901. Good... I thought it got to the key...
902. I daren't listen to what I've been talking about...
903. We hit all the things we wanted to hit? So should I try to work on an introduction... and then we can meet again... and do some editing?
904. Well we can talk about..
905. What are the deadlines again?
906. Soon...
907. What is the funding state like?
908. It's really dependent on people writing decent introductions...
909. Yes... Bad...
910. There are a couple of main
things that we just need to think about...
What it is we're actually doing!
911. Yes...
912. But once we've done that... it'll be all over..
913. What will it be all over?
914. I'll stop...
[camera off]
915. Cold?
916. Pardon?
917. Are you cold?
918. No... no... I'm not cold..

I've got my jacket on... so I would appreciate the... oh but I will because I've got my coat... I'm not... I'm not actually... my mum and dad's house can be hot and cold. no... but I'm fine... I'm fine... I'm generally alright...
919. [laughs]
920. Yes... I thinks so... I've just checked...
921. Everything ok?
922. I had to run round... Had to ask everyone at home... like the numbskulls...
923. Yes... I like the numbskulls..
924. But what we need to do is... think about... What are the forms?
925. Do you want to write down on that bit of paper I've been writing on?
926. So this is what it's like?
927. The nerve centre..
928. I feel like I'm possessed... Now!
930. It's very interesting!
931. Quite interesting..
932. No! What's more interesting...

I have a friend... I won't tell you who he is... maybe one of these years... he's doing a PhD right now as well... but... one of his most infuriating phrases is... to tell you... when you've said something to him... 'Yes... but what's more interesting... Even more interesting! [laughs] The thing is... he doesn't even do it deliberately...
933. Naturally...
934. Bastard! But he is lovely... He's a very lovely lovely man... and he is a man... What was I supposed to write?
935. What we need to do is...
936. What we need to do! Do you like writing? I mean... Writing...
937. I like it for the very first word... but I can become bored... and it's a chore...
938. But then... does it not become like drawing?

Forms! And where? That's
a big question... for us...
939. No...? Because it's got to be read?
940. You're a slave... to this... this reader?
941. I am... Do you think that's bad?
942. No... I think it's good... It's actually... considerate...!
943. I am in the world!
944. No... it's a... It's about love? And a consideration for... someone... and that what you're doing is...
945. It's part of something...?
946. Yes... it's either a gift... or telling them what the hell they're doing wrong...No? Maybe not... What we need to do is... think about how it's going to form...
947. Forms? Do you mean outputs?
948. Outputs?
949. And where... do you mean... Events...
950. Putouts... Event... Events...
951. Publication?
952. I think there... there has to be
a manifestation... of... some... thing... If it's a publication then... there is... discussion around it... Public!
953. So... maybe for the event... thing...
954. I feel like I'm in University...
955. You are in University! Is there some kind of gallery... with an interest in... discursive things... ? That would host us?
956. I thought you said toast.. Ah host! Yes... is there a place in Glasgow?
957. I don't think Glasgow's the place for it... It's so obsessed with its own... cool...
958. Wow? Still? Alright... but is that not the very time...?
959. I mean somewhere like... Leeds?
960. Leeds?
961. Yes...
962. Like a half-way house... town? I've never been to Leeds...
963. Good...
964. I've been on a train... going to Leeds... through Yorkshire...
965. I've lived in it... so..
966. Yes... that's where you met Eva and..
971. [laughs] What do you want them to be of?
972. I would like drawings of... something complete... resolved... and... meaningful... which would communicate itself... directly... with whomever it is... that would read it... look at it...
973. Like a map?
974. Yes? Or a landscape... well... landscape... You want place? Place I thought was a... key?
975. Place is harder... than landscape...
976. Well... map? Drawing?
967. Eva and Luke...
968. But if we were going to
have a gallery type event
thing... what would it be?
969. I guess $\mathrm{it}^{\prime} \mathrm{d}$ be a conversation... Wouldn't it?
970. I was hoping... well... would there be drawings? There haven't been so far... You can do drawings can't you?
977. Coherent... for everyone...
978. Coherent for everyone... that's a good... name... Coherent for everyone...
979. Of this process? Or something else?
980. I don't know... to me... as it's
getting... as it fragments... and gets... it is already...
981. It's not fragmenting... it's coming together...
982. Not for long...
983. [laughs]
984. The relationship between the... particular and... the universal...
86. Is... is... that it's going to be then chopped up into little bits... and... sieved...
987. Maybe that's going to happen...
988. Mimmbes aye.. mimmbes naw...
989. Mimmbe aye! Mimmbe naw..
990. Well that's the thing isn't it? That's our... paradoxical... mimmbe aye/ mimmbe
naw... Yes... both... so...
objects? Objects? Which could be books... I'm thinking in terms of the moving image?
991. Yes... that'd be nice.
992. Do you think it'd be nice?
993. I think it might be... different... I think if we were both editing... than if... just you were editing it...
994. Absolutely... I have no intention... no desire to.. no... of... presenting... alright that's... no... whatever it would be... would... might be... a consideration... to... work... with... diptychs? Possibly? Maybe not? If not diptychs then... textiles? With footnotes?
995. Not a film?
996. Oh yes! All of them! All of the above! And below!
997. We don't want too
much though...?
998. [laughs] Where did that rule come from? We don't want too much...?
999. Why don't we just want to make a film?
1000. Because there is all this... Fascinating material!
1006. Well the textiles is the... the... is the... well... ranges of editing!
1007. Ok...
1008. Intellectual knitting... and there is the drawing aspect... but that's... I would think the drawing is important to you..
1009. It hasn't been so far...
010. It's important to me...
1011. Then that's why we're doing that!
1013. I would see the drawing in all of this... but I wouldn't see that I need to do extra drawing! 'Because drawings important to me'! Because that's what you just said!
1014. No... no... no... I wondered whether that would be... [laughs] an extra..
1015. Homework?
1016. Like setting a... packed lunch..
1017. What I might do is take some footage... which could be incorporated into the film..
1004. Yes... That's all I'm talking about...
005. And a textile...

1. Well we can make a book out of that...
2. There you go! A film.. and a book!
3. That'd be quite nice...
4. I see... interesting... you want to intercut your... intercut?

## 1019. Infiltrate! How do you

 feel about that?1020. That sounds fantastic! I love it..
1021. Ok...
1022. But not too much! Yes... see... I think... how do you feel about devising... a... kind of system for writing? For editing? For... doing all this kind of stuff?
1023. Fine.
1024. Yes... well that's good...
1025. [laughs]
1026. See... for me... that's my introduction..
1027. Alright... that'd be a really good introduction... We'd just have to set it out really clearly...
1028. Clearly is my middle name...
1029. So how do we devise this?
dictation... no it's not... idiot..
Textile? Yes... absolutely...
[sighs] well I asked you before.. about the issues about... randomness... or... contriving systems for... shuffling order...
1030. Write that down!
1031. Well... I don't know... how do we... I mean... [sighs] I don't mind potpourri? To a degree... Not too much... I don't mind... taking threads and... weaving them in...
1032. So do you want to use this textile analogy to talk about the... devising of this editing?
1033. Oh, just the question marks here...
1034. So talk to me a little bit more... and write about this.. editing process... System...
1035. Ok... Everything.. Everything is numbered...
1036. Write that down!
1037. We could..
1038. Would you write that down? [laughs]
1039. Say that... Write that down! 'Once we have a system... that can shuffle that numerical order.. we'll be home and dry...'
1040. Well the tape's still running... Yes... for example...
1041. That's the bit I'm not sure about...
1042. You're not sure about whether you like... or want... or... understand...
1043. I like mixing things up... I understand it in the editing process...
1044. Less so in that one?
1045. I don't know how it works with...reading?
1046. Yes... Yes...
1047. It's not pictures...
1048. Well the problem is... that... that it gives fixity to the process... and then you end up with an immovable... modular.. piece of writing... which... which I'm not... really...
interested... not that interested in... continuous... I think I did say to someone... that I was... continuous editing... which... maybe I am? I don't know...
1049. I just think pictures are different...
1050. Ok then... Well this is like one of those... 'Out there' ones...
1051. Ok...
1052. A palette... or a... what did you call it?
1053. A yarn store...
1054. A yarn store... of course it's a bloody yarn store... I don't like the word 'store'? Yes... yarn... what was the other one? Yarn... It's gone... and once we have a system... that can shuffle that numerical order... we'll be home and dry...
1055. Binds all of them? No... each
to their... own constituent. . piece... part... but still... because this...that's... really immediate... that is... about looking... searching...
1056. How about we take the numbers
off the conversation? Mmm...?
1057. De-number... Not numbered...

## 1079. Mmm...?

1080. Ok... Absolutely... Not numbered fragments...
1081. Or... we think about..
whether they're actually working... in the way we that we want them to work...
1082. We haven't... they're not..
this is just... How they are...
1083. 
1084. Yes... well... 1-100..
1085. No... the fragments... are fine to number... because that's what they're about...
1086. Fine... Ok... Odd...

Even... Yes...
1087. What about making the conversation more like a stage.. set... or something? A play?
1088. Yes... definitely...
1089. Write that down!
1090. Well... what about... Alright..

I mean this... is like the structure of the novel... or the... well... this is what the novel does... the novel takes all these different... styles? ... and then integrates... and that's why the novel... is so good... It allows... conversation... and non-conversation... to be... together... you're going faster now...
1094. But... not without the... anxiety ... of right...
1095. Self-conscious..
1091. It's not just novels!
1092. Yes...
1093. Natural History... does that...
1096. Yes... ok... Natural History... any... kind of story...
1097. Subjectivity...
1098. So... it may incorporate...
1099. The anxiety..
1100. Heteroglossia... or whatever you call it..
1101.
1102. And there you have your 'theory of the novel'... If you're wanting a theory...?
1103. Mmm...!
120. As a novel..
1121. Maybe quite nice... Or a play?
1111. Alright... [sighs]
1112. Eagleton... Marxist...
1125. Could you write _?
1126. This is what we said... a long time ago... Where we got very excited about the... gray suits...

## 1107. Yes I must!

1113. Ok...
1114. I haven't read them in a long time... but yes... of... yes..
1115. Yes... of... Yes... !? Ok!
1116. Yes... of... yes... of...
1117. So...
1118. But anyway... it's just taking this... and putting it into another form... for example it could all be done as... as a...
1119. Film... Not that film...
1120. What about play? You seem to be not sure about the play?
1121. Ok... but that's... A play... well what have I got? I've got something... My new book... Is that the number you were thinking of? [laughs] I don't know what that says... it's too...
1122. I think it should be a play then... language... for a play...
1123. [sighs]
1124. And that's how we interject the fragments... Isn't it? That's how we deal with the fragments... we deal with them in time... rather than space...
1125. Yes... No... Yes... definitely...
[He gesticulating]
1126. Which I think'll work better...
1127. Yes... So do we keep the order of the fragments... that we... or do we... do you...
1128. Or we read them
continuously... or we break
them up... in some way...
were doing a... stage... a... Do
we have characters names...?
Are these characters?
1129. Can we just do a written play? Directions? That could be performed?
1130. Right... for... for characters?
1131. Yes...
1132. And do the characters have names?
1133. Eddy... do you mean?
1134. Eddy and Amy... ok...
1135. You hate that...
1136. No... No I don't... I love Eddy... Eddy is a... laugh... Eddy's... [sighs] His sock's are drying on the radiator... Eddy talks... He is... not anxious...
1137. That's the thing...
1138. No... hang on a second..
1139. We are already characters in this...?
1140. Yes... yes... yes... I've written here... Would that take... That doesn't make sense... Would that take this sufficiently out of the realms... question mark... Or remove aspects of... direct... actual... Could these not be more generic? Or is it possible...
1141. Why!?
1142. Lying?
1143. Why!?
1144. Take it into the realms of fiction?
1145. Ok... So like... Samantha and John?
1146. Samantha?
1147. Is that what you mean?
1148. I think it is... actually... [laughs]
1149. That's fine... [laughs] It's Samantha and John!
1150. [laugh]
1151. I was just thinking... when you're reading the... if we
1152. I always wanted to be...
1153. Anyway... you... are always... you use... it's Eddy this... and Eddy that... but I don't do...
1154. You're John...
1155. Me, Jeremy and Eddy... watching Nastra...
Nostradamus...
1156. Or something...
1157. Nosferatu... Is this History? Is this... like a... key... event in...
1158. It was a key event for me..
1159. But... this is like a..
the signing of..
1160. Something... Important!
1161. This is the event... This is an event... This is about event...
1162. It's not..
1163. And these are key historical figures..
1164. Like Napoleon...
1165. Yes..
1166. [sighs] I think its more a series of events... It's not really... we didn't come together to... sign anything... we just came to have a conversation... which could be an historical event...?
1167. Well it is now.
1168. We could talk about it like that? That'd be interesting? Write that down!
1169. Bossy boots.
1170. Well someone has to make sure that things are done in the right order...
1171. They're not in an order... What do I have to write down?
1172. Something about historic-ness...
1173. And what about this recording right now?
1174. Layer upon layer...
1175. It could be just two episodes?
1176. [laughs] Write that down!
1177. Yes... alright... So I think we need to stop soon...
1178. Yes... [laughs]
1179. What two acts?
1180. Two acts...
1181. Then and Now... Should we do the same for this one? Revisit? Fragments... Remove ourselves?
1182. It would take you about a year...
1183. We don't have a year... So a deadline... No that's no reason not to do it...
1184. Is there a reason to do it?
1185. Symmetry?
1186. So for the two acts of the play... you'd have... the conversation... and the fragments...?
1187. And the same again for now...
1188. Ok...
1189. Should we stop?

## 1203. Now?

## 1204. Stop...

1205. Tape?
1206. Yes..
1207. Yes... ok...



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- Oh, [...]. I'm sorry. I don't have a studio. I'm just a kitchen table artist.
[Some of her books. Gilles Deleuze, Negotiations; Kevin
Sharpe, Remapping Early
Modern England: The Culture
of Seventeenth-Century Politics; William Cook MacKenzie, Life and Times of John Maitland. Duke of Lauderdale, 1616-1682; An Aside selected by Tacita Dean; Joseph Anglade, Grammaire de l'Ancien Provençal]
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

2. Thus the texts will be fragmentary: precisely to make plurality possible (a nonunitary plurality), to open a place for it and at the same time neve to arrest the process itself always already ruptured and as if destined to be ruptured, in order to find their meaning not in themselves but in their conjunction-disjunction, their being placed together and in common [mise en commun], their relations to difference.

- The gaps come.
- I could tell that the crunching noise I was making would be heard on the tape But I kept eating.
- Marking and cross-referencing may take the form of reading through the archive...?
- Past. The first thing he noticed in the photograph of _ in his studio was his palette. Each colour mixed had been bound into carefully separated plastic bags. Not bags. Clingfilm. Obsessively sealed it appeared to him. On the face of it, highly practical. But the quantities were so minute. So precious. He recognized the same trait in the son.
- This is a half way point. Is this finished?
- Prior to any particular
expression and beneath
all particular expressions,
which cover over and
protect with an immediately adopted face or countenance, there is the nakedness and destitution of the expression as such, that is to say extreme exposure, defencelessness, vulnerability itself.
- The book may not be finished. The book may be made in common.
- I search for the word. It's interesting, I'm somewhere
between trying to sound reasonably intelligent and knowing that in this conversation that's not the point.
- To formulate more pointedly: the neo-avant-garde institutionalizes the avant-garde as art and thus
negates genuinely avant-
gardiste intentions. This is
true independently of the consciousness artists have of their activity, a consciousness that may perfectly well be avant-gardiste. (*An example of this: Referring explicitly to Breton's demand that poetry should be put into practice, Gisela Dischner summarizes the intentions of concrete poetry as follows: ‘But the concrete work of art moves toward this utopian state, its sublation in concrete reality' (Konkrete Kunst und Gesellschaft, in Konkrete Poesie. Text + Kritik, no. 25 (January 1970) It is the status of their products, not the consciousness artists have of their activity, that defines the social effect of works. Neo-avant-gardiste art is autonomous art in the full sense of the term, which means that it negates the avant-gardiste intention of returning art to the praxis of life. And the efforts to sublate art become artistic manifestations that, despite their producers' intentions, take on the character of works.
- I would very much like to write texts for the stage. I like writing dialogue, but what would I begin with? Whereas for my films, I'd always felt that there was a gift, that you received something and afterwards you could... It's closer to painting. You see a tree leaf and you say, 'I'm going to draw it.' You can't be utterly alone, it's too much. There has to be a small group, there has to be the need for a vision. I'd like to make a film with a real reverse-shot. There has never been one.
- I say I don't like team games.

He leans over the computer to try an explain what is happening on screen.]

- What's the last thing we do?

[^2]- The most elementary procedure of art consists in substituting for the object its image. Its image, and not its concept. A concept is the object grasped, the intelligible object. Already by action we maintain a living relationship with a real object; we grasp it, we conceive it.
The image neutralizes this real relationship, this primary conceiving through action. The well-known disinterestedness of artistic vision, which the current aesthetic analysis stops with, signifies above all a blindness to concepts
- That bloody carpet.
- Random(ness)/ systems
- The big window.
- I wonder how I look in the film.
- I remember Eddy's camera tactics from before.
- [He] can conceive for my personality no other pattern than a system of fragments, because [he himself is] something of this sort; no style is as natural to [him] and as easy as the fragment.
- Where I wrote my PhD.
- I realize that I believe what I am saying, that it is a genuine conversation, in my office.
- Dilettante.
[She looks down]
- Hoping for the best to come out.
- $\quad$ The fragments (these words) may attempt to see clearly and give purpose and meaning to what was being said.
The fragments may attempt to see clearly and give purpose and meaning to what was not being said. Etc.
- Medium shot of John. Strange was the state of his mind. He notes: Perhaps if we regard our fragments as part reflections on the points that were talked about, their relation to us as digressive - or not as you wish
- Looking for my words.
[He looks slightly puzzled]
- Ladies and Gentlemen! It is with great hesitation and much misgiving that [we] appear before you, in the character of - The preacher. If timidity be at all allied to the virtue of modesty, and can find favor in
your eyes, [we] pray you, for the sake of that virtue, accord
[us] your utmost indulgence.
rupture; that is, to bring it
about in a mode of rupture;
hence the necessity of breaking
with the traditional habits and privileges of writing.
[Her head bowed in
hysterical laughter]
- The window of my office.
- Forgotten. The studio becomes defined by the fact that it excludes so much. Its condition is that of isolation
- $\quad$ Studio Practice. We are having visitors. An artist and her family staying. I hide a number of paintings that I had placed in the living room so that she does not see them.
- I notice parts of my thesis on the table.
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.
It too will strive to bring about
- 2. 2.12.12 Picture Book (1-X)

A series of X Picture Books (Shot/Reverse Shot 1-10,000)
each X pp. black and white book of images (A5) from the video of the conversation as a separate.
Each spread is a composite image. The left-hand image is the left-hand of the still from the video camera. The righthand image is the right-hand of a still from the video footage one third of a second after.
Each spread of the Picture Book
works through the footage

- What time is it?
- Eddy on my right.
- Walking down the stairs.
- $\quad$ The door.
- These words that we find or write (which we call 'fragments') may address anyone. Each
[He looks at camera,
shuts mouth]


## [silence]

- The camera comes out of its case.
- Are we wrong?
- Lots of people were
walking past.
- Giggling.
$\square$
- The hand of the painter painting: painted.
- Unaccomplished
[He looks at camera, laughs]
- I remember being aware of all the things in my office. The books and postcards.
- But the aspect of the myth which Ovid finally forgets is that Narcissus, bending over the spring, does not recognize himself in the fluid image that
the water sends back to him. It is thus not himself, not his perhaps non-existent ' $I$ ' that he loves or - even in his mystification - desires. And if he does not recognize himself, it is because what he sees is an image, and because the similitude of an image is not likeness to anyone or anything: the image characteristically resembles nothing. Narcissus falls 'in love' with the image because the image as such - because every image - is attractive: the image exerts the attraction of the void, and of death in its falsity.
- Walking down stairs.
come forward to serve the big bourgeoisie, are the scholar despots, a section of the petty bourgeoisie, decadent artists, actors and actresses, writers, singers, musicians, painters, etc. They follow the life style and social practice which best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

4. Parasitism in life style and
parasitism on the labours
of the working people.

- When Benjamin praised montage as progressive because it 'interrupts the context into which it is inserted,' he was referring to its destructive, critical dimension (the only one Adorno's observations recognize). But the task of the Arcades project was to implement as well the constructive dimension of montage, as the only form in which modern philosophy could be erected.
- His affirmation of self sounds like a continuous hidden polemic or hidden dialogue with some other person on the theme of himself. 'Do you want to work from memory?' He had said. 'I'm finding myself veering towards a quite forensic sift through the remnants of the crime scene...placing the broken down particles of (my / our) speech into...' He paused. 'Bags? Putting the bags into...' He paused again. 'Files?'
- The spines of my books.
- My computer screen.
- Refusal is said to be the first degree of passivity. But if refusal is deliberate and voluntary, if it expresses a decision - though this be a negative one - it does not yet allow separation from the power of consciousness, and comes no closer to passivity than this act, of refusal, on the part of a self. And yet refusal does tend toward the absolute, independent of any determination whatsoever. This is the core of refusal which Bartleby the scrivener's inexorable 'I would prefer not to' expresses: an abstention which has never had to be decided upon, which precedes all decisions and which is not so much a denial as, more than that, an abdication.
observe, while abandoning,
the two requirements at once.
- [We] would plead for [our] want of habit, did it not seem preposterous, judging from precedent, that ought save the most efficient effrontery, could be ever expected in connection with [our] subject - for [we] will not conceal from you, that [we] talk about Art! Yes, Art.
- Orange and red orange and red. - I think it is a sunny day.
- History / Event/ The Late Heavy Bombardment ends
- Yet they watch the plays because they hope to be made to feel sad, and the feeling of sorrow is what they enjoy. What miserable delirium this is! The more I am subject to such suffering myself, the more easily moved I am by it in the theatre.
- $\quad$ Should we be in my office?
- I ask Eddy to draw or to record, to note.
- I ate my crisps.
- 53. To have a system, this is what is fatal for the mind; not to have one, this too is fatal. Whence the necessity to
- Why do I keep thinking about the carpet?

This is explained in part by the (for me, already problematic) idea which is formulated explicitly in one place, of the work as pure 'montage,' that is, created from the juxtaposition of quotations so that the theory springs out of it without having to be inserted as interpretation.

- Directions/ stage/ acting/ No I?
- There is a kind of wit which,
because of its solidity,
thoroughness, and symmetry, one is tempted to call architectonic wit. Expressed satirically, it produces the only real sarcasms. It has to be properly systematic, and then again it doesn't; with all its completeness, something should still be missing, as if torn away. This baroque quality may very well be the source of the grand style in wit.
- At the beginning of last year I finally received the Arcades material hidden in the
Bibliothèque Nationale. During last Summer I worked through the material in the most detailed fashion, and some problems then arose [...] The most significant is the extraordinary restraint in the formulation of theoretical thoughts in comparison with the enormous treasure of excerpts.
[He looks at her.
Listens to her response.]

To make a theatre which is the synergetic coming together of its separate elements, the lighting, the singing, the piano, the record-playing, the brief intrusion of a composite tape of more than a hundred operas superimposed (truckera), brief flashes of light in the performance space, the movement of the singers from one spot to another in the

- What is this for?
- My computer, my postcards.
performance space or to the chairs at the back of the stage: 75 lights 3256 cues. Six singers each singing six arias of his or her own choice (Gluck-Puccini). 140 1-16 measure excerpts from Liszt's Opera Phantasien two pianists; fragments of $30078^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ played on 12 electric victrolas by six composers, the performance of truckera, the performance of the lighting, 70 minutes.
[He looks at her while she is speaking. A slight glance away. He sighs. Then returns back.]
- The category 'work' is not merely given a new lease of life after the failure of the avantgardiste attempt to reintroduce art into the praxis of life; it is actually expanded. The objet trouve is totally unlike the result of an individual production process but a chance find, in which the avant-gardiste intention of uniting art and the praxis of life took shape, is recognized today as a 'work of art.' The objet trouvé thus loses its character as anti-art and becomes, in the museum, an autonomous work among others. (*See the exhibition Metamorphosis of the Thing: Art and Anti-art, 1910-1970, Brussels 1971, which was shown in Brussels and elsewhere).
[His untidy beard. Hardly
a beard. In fact, just an untidy crop. Light catching stray wiry. Awn]
- We keep talking.
- 'Berlin's left-wing Fascists greet Teddy the classicist'
- They comes across a shopping mall, which becomes their sanctuary. To make the mall safe for habitation, they block the entrances with trucks to keep the undead masses outside from building up enough cumulative force to break through; they also craft a wooden "false wall" to hide the access to their living space. Afte clearing the mall of zombies, they enjoy a hedonistic lifestyle with all the resources available to them. As time goes by, however, they come to perceive themselves as imprisoned.
- 1. Midnight

2. The Stairs
3. The Dice Throw
4. Sleep on the Ashes, after
the Candle is Snuffed Out
[His face out of focus comes into focus. Cropped]

- I ate my crisps.
- You (as he/me/I/ double) Direct address me/I (you)
- Love.
- Darker as we go into the
basement level so we can leave.
- What is this fragmenting?
[He grins]
- What's the best we can do?
- Unknowing.

[His glasses around his neck. Which is odd. He isn't reading anything]
[Close, but not extremely close, her head turns back
into shot. Smiling]
- Close-up.
- Art's 'resistance' is in fact the tension of contraries, the interminable tension between Apollo and Dionysus: between the happy figure of an annulled dissensus, dissimulated in the anthropomorphic figure of the beautiful god made of stone and re-opened dissensus, exacerbated by Dionysiac fury or complaint: in Achab's will to nothingness or Bartleby's nothingness of will.
[She couldn't be happier]
- Erratic.
- The possibility that we may be right to do this.
- Mild confusion and happiness.
- The two zombies seek refuge in a shopping mall.
- We are negotiating.

A conventional pattern of editing and camera placement in sequences showing a conversation between two (or more) people. The camera alternates between shots of person A and shots of person B, taken from opposite ends of the axis of action. The camera must move at least 90 degrees between the two shots (in order to move from person A's end of the axis to person $\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ ), while staying on only one side of the figures (that is, one side of the 180 degree line)
[noises from the camera]

- Anxiety for nothing.
- She on one page. He on the other (left, right)
Or. He and She alternating as double spreads. Their own images as composites, disappearing into the fold of the book.
Or. Separating their images into different books. Their own images as composites, disappearing into the fold of the
book.
(SHOT/REVERSE SHOT (or
REVERSE ANGLE SHOOTING):

He nods without speaking.
Confirming her assertion.]
[His crows feet.
His lopsided nearly sneer grin.]
is not a studio. It is the living room in Manchester.

- Wait.
- Past. His first, and in truth, his only studio, was a room in a derelict school in Greenwich. Without running water and without electricity. 1989-1992 He closed the door behind him. The room he is in now
- Feeling better.
[He is overcome, perhaps]
- Window

She laughs]

- $\quad$ These fragments (the words) may attempt to see clearly what is being said and unveil the truth. The fragments may attempt to see clearly what is being said and cover the truth.
- Green pumps?
- The keyboard of my computer, black and newly clean.
- I love jump-cuts, because on one hand I am trying to do something that is very controlled, on the other hand, I am trying to do something that is not so controlled at all, so it is kind of a medicine against [him]self.
- Random Sequence Generator The form allows [you] to generate randomized sequences of integers. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. Sequence Boundaries. Smallest value (limit -1,000,000,000)
Largest value (limit
$+1,000,000,000$ ) Format in column(s). The length of the sequence (the largest minus the smallest value plus 1) can be no greater than 10,000 . Note: A randomized sequence does not contain duplicates (the numbers are like raffle tickets drawn from a hat).
http://www.random.
org/sequences/
- Lost. The Culture Industry has succeeded in transforming
- My thesis in the middle of my mind, the introduction, for after he leaves
- I have been in this office for a long time.
- Studio / Study/
subjects into social functions and done this so undifferentiatedly that those who are completely seized by this, no longer mindful of any conflict, enjoy their own dehumanization as something human, as the happiness of warmth.
- It's a Sunday so it should have been quiet.
[His crows feet lines. Looks down then back up again to finish the sentence.]
- The material to which [he] devoted himself, however, was historical and literary. While he was still quite young, in the early 1920s, he formulated the maxim of never thinking off the top of his head, or, as he called it, 'amateurishly,' but rather thinking always and exclusively in relation to existing texts. [He] understood that idealist metaphysics was deceptive in equating what exists with meaning. At the same time, any unmediated statement about meaning, about transcendence, is historically forbidden. This is what gives his philosophy its allegorical quality. It aims at the absolute, but in a discontinous, mediated fashion. The whole of creation becomes for [him] a text which must be deciphered but whose code is unknown.
- The revival of art as an institution and the revival of the category 'work' suggest that today, the avant-garde is already historical. Even today,
of course, attempts are made to continue the tradition of the avant-garde movements (that this concept can be put on paper without being conspicious oxymoron shows again that the avant-garde has become historical). But these attempts, such as the happenings, for example, which could be called neo-avant-gardiste, can no longer attain the protest value of Dadaist manifestations even though they may be prepared and executed more perfectly than the former.
- I say something about not understanding the numbering system.
- We look sidelong at each other after a short gap in the conversation.
- The fragments (these words) may or may not be written in the first person. They may be understood as stage directions Or a narrator's voice. They may assume the voice of the judge. Or the anthropologist. Or the historian. Etc.
- I felt self-conscious but it also felt right.
[Figures pass behind his
head. They glance in.]
- Early and Incomplete.
- It's hard to get a straight answer from Eddy but I persevere.
[She looks at him while she is speaking]
- Thus the laws of remembrance were operative even within the confines of the work For experienced event is finite - at any rate, confined to one sphere of experience; a remembered event is infinite, because it is only a key to everything that happened before it and after it.
- Close-up
- Authentic
[She is happy if incredulous]
- I wonder how the fragments will go
- 80. The historian is a prophet facing backwards.
[Dark silhouette. His head against the window outside gives the impression that he is in a cell which itself faces out onto the opened institutional space]
- Poetry $=$ Prose $+a+b+c$ Prose $=$ Poetry-a-b-c
- Eddy begins to talk about his practice.
- [The Book.] Not as a single book in the usual sense. Even what we call the Bible is actually a system of books. And that is, I might add, no mere arbitrary turn of phrase!
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

1. The texts will be anonymous Anonymity aims not to remove the author's right of possession over what he writes nor even to make him impersonal by

- Do I believe that?
- This seems sensible to me, in its possibility.
- The doors.
freeing him from himself
(his history, his person, the
suspicion attached to his
particularity), but to constitute
collective or plural speech:
a communism of writing.
- I have never known that.
- These fragments (these words) might digress from the spoken attempt to articulate. They may attempt to fill in what was left unsaid. Complete.
- Drawing without recourse to archive?
- The fragments (these words) may attempt to explain our speech. Disown our speech. Etc.

Words do not change their meaning as much in centuries as names do for us in the space of a few years. Our memory and our heart are not large enough to be able to remain faithful. We have not room enough, in our mental field, to keep the dead there as well as the living. We are obliged to build over what has gone before and is brought to light only by a chance excavation, such as the name [Saintrailles] had just wrought in my mind opened up. I felt that it would be useless to explain all this..
$\square$
till restored by voice resuming.

- A dialogue is a chain or garland
of fragments. An exchange of letters is a dialogue on a larger scale, and memoirs constitute a system of fragments. But as yet no genre exists that is fragmentary both in form and content, simultaneously completely subjective and individual, and completely objective and like a necessary part in a system of all the sciences.
- I believe in the negotiation.
[He looks at camera opens mouth]
[He gestures strongly]
- There is [...] another sense in which memory issues strict weaving regulations. Only the actus purus of recollection itself, not the author or the plot, constitutes the unity of the text. One may even say that the intermittence of author and plot is only the back side of the tapestry. This is what
Proust meant, and this is how he must be understood, when he said that he would prefer to see his entire work printed in one volume in two columns and without any paragraphs.
- Public/ Event Direct [we] address of the audience (you)
[She writes]
- [...] in a perfect literature all books should be only a single book, and in such an eternally developing book, the gospel of humanity and culture will be revealed.
- The reconstructions have been built as authentically as possible,
the films have been made
as authentically as possible.
The illusion, quite simply,
is so accurate that it brings
the tourists to tears. One can
always scoff, but what else can
a tourist really do but cry?
- The demand, the extreme demand of the fragmentary is at first obeyed lazily, as though it were a matter of stopping at fragments, sketches, studies: preparations or rejected versions of what is not yet a work.
[Hands. Pencil in hand. She picks at her finger nail.]
- A list of all the words that
were spoken has been made. Separated and ordered alphabetically. There are around 16,000 words. These words might be key. They form an appendix. They might suggest other words; these words? A list of all these words. Either from existing texts (footnoted, references, bibliography, etc) or not.
- Who is in the study space today that I know?
- We sit beside each other.
- It's a pressure release from the past.
- Behind the computer.
output more complex and interesting, thus enhances the quality of the product. (Another art school dogma, still prevalent at many German art academies, decrees of course exactly the opposite.) But as the analysis undertaken in recent years of 'cognitive capitalism' has thoroughly demonstrated, knowledge and thinking are subject to the same market mechanisms as art objects and their production. (This is reflected by, among other things, the countless new Ph.D programs for artists.)
- I remember snow in here.
- I am not sure about the format.
- Meant to be? Between the document and the work is the stage? or too much maybe?
- I propose an introduction.
- A rarely questioned art school dogma decrees that tackling philosophy and more generally, theoretical texts makes artistic
[Because he is sitting with his back to the window. Because the shared space outside the office has large window over head height. The sky. The camera iris closes down. Often leaving him blotted out in silhouette.]
- Isolated, or is that today.
[He looks at camera, serious]
- I had tidied up and I think I didn't need to but I'm glad I did.
- What books have I read?
- The audience is not called upon to offer help but only to feel sorrow, and the more they are pained the more they applaud the author. Whether this human agony is based on fact or is simply imaginary, if it is acted so badly that the audience is not moved to sorrow, they leave the theatre in a disgruntled and critical mood..
- This extreme exposure - prior to any human aim - is like a shot 'at point blank range'.
- We were noisy for the studyspace and people walking past looked in. I wondered what they thought of Eddy holding the camera.

Doch sonderbar!
Während dem Schlucken wird mir Zu Sinne, als ob ich verdoppelt, Ein andrer armer Schlucker sei Mit mir zusammengekoppelt

- Record / Archive / Document/ Photograph/Index
- Post-it notes.
- When rays of light inscribe an object's image onto photosensitive paper at particular moment, they record the object's presence but they also inscribe that moment of time, henceforth suspended.
- [...]the search for a new form of completion that mobilizes - renders mobile - the whole
through its interruption and through interruptions various modes. This demand for a fragmentary speech, not in order to trouble communication
but to render it absolute, is
what causes Schlegel to say
that only future centuries will
know how to read 'fragments.'
- Am I weird?
- We have paper in front of us.
- What is it meant to be?
- Exchange. I emailed Amy to ask her to take a photograph
of a place in Glasgow that we could meet to discuss the book. She had already sent me a number of beautiful pictures from Orkney and so I imagined an urban landscape of some kind a perhaps all too obvious, counter. We had been thinking of George Square,
The Botanical Gardens and
Queens Park. But I wondered if
The Buchanan Galleries (with
its 'imperial era of capitalism'
arcade connotation) might be a suitable location to meet. The Buchanan Galleries though, is a shopping centre. She agreed (in the way she took her pictures... a panorama of sorts of a spot somewhere in the whole complex where we would be allowed. Not one of the shops. Take in as much of the landscape as possible. Where we might meet should be a little empty space. Awaiting? Would that be possible? She emailed me later to say that she'd tried, but that she'd found that she was scared to. She hadn't known she would be until that moment.
- What are these systems?
- Levinas often has good ideas, but when he talks about the gaze of the other that cannot be killed, the other who is such that he can't be killed, he is doing a bad reverse-shot. Film can touch on such questions perhaps. I can't because I don't have Lévinas's intellectual capacity, but if we were working together, we'd manage to come up with a phrase that is deeper, worked out with greater care, in that domain only.
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

5. Thus in this [...] those who are without words, who are not writers, the very people whom the discourse does not reach - even though it is this discourse that they believe they can best make themselves heard - must have a place in which to express themselves or to find themselves expressed, whether directly or indirectly.
[She closes eyes, folds arms]

- But, in its expression, in its mortality, the face before me..
An eyelash caught
- We talk about things I might regret saying.
on her cheek]
- Backdrop. Vermeer's studio.

With its recording booth and props. Chair upholstered in tapestry; one of a batch made by Maximiliaan van der Gucht for the Town Hall in Delft. Claes Jansz. Visscher, map of Seventeen Provinces of the Netherlands, c.1595. It is possible to see that the joists are supported at the left on a timber lintel or wall plate, running across the heads of the windows.

- We argue over randomness.
- [...] the 'foundation' that fragmentation presupposes consists precisely in the fragmentary totality in its organicity. The fragment thus constitutes the most mimological writing of individual organicity.
It is in this light that we read [CF.103's...] praise, in opposition to 'works of beautiful coherence,' of a 'motley heap of sudden ideas,' whose profound substantial unity rests on the free and equal fellowship' of its parts. An ideal politics - and consequently, according to the most constant tradition of metaphysical politics, an organic politics - furnishes the model of fragmentation. Analogously, if the Bible remains or once more becomes the model of the book, it does so, as can be seen [...], as the plural book ( $t a$ biblia), and as such, as One.
- Discussing landscape fragments.
[She looks down to write]
- Theory
- When, as children we were given those great encyclopedic works World and Mankind, New Universe, The Earth, wouldn't our gaze always fall first of all, on the colour illustration of a Carboniferous Landscape' or on 'Lakes and Glaciers of the First Ice Age'? Such an ideal panorama of a barely elapsed primeval age opens up when we look through the arcades we look through the arcades
that are found in our cities. Here resides the last dinosaur of Europe, the consumer.
[Extreme close-up of her mouth. Pulls back a little. She is looking down as he tries to speak. And then as part of his sentence forms recognizably, she glances up and nods]
- It is a matter of dialogue. How rare dialogue is; we realize this by the surprise it makes us feel, bringing us into the presence of an unusual event, almost more painful than remarkable. In novels, the 'dialogued' part is the expression of laziness and routine: the characters speak to put white spaces on a page and out of imitation of life, where there is no narration, only conversation; from time to time one must give speech to people in books; the direct contact is an economy and a repose (for the author even more than for the reader).
- Thoughtful.
[She thinks, smiling]
things but remembering.
- Do I find paper?
[His right hand holds on to his chin. Darts suddenly to accentuate his speech]
- $\quad$ Stupid prick.
- My computer screen.
- Preface. I'd choose for this Note not to be read, or then for it to be forgotten once glanced at; it has little to teach [...]
[He looks to the side]
- I say lots and then wonder aloud if that is right? Do I?
- Not talking about some
- Does Eddy speak?
- Close-up. comfortable with the huge red jumper I am wearing.
that they constitute. With this discontinuity that they preserve,
through this nonclosure,
there will be a search for a more radical language that is situated outside of discourse, outside of culture, and that, while being declarative, should continue to maintain the incessant work of questioning.
- Paintings, maps, chairs, leather, ornamental material, windows, curtains, a musical instrument, the model takes the place appointed by the painter. An almost inhuman detachment. This painter, a recluse hiding behind his lens, captures the exterior world.
- Remembering what I write, remembering it is written.
- In my office.
- I struggle with these systems.
- I'm acting in a film.
- You dilettante! You pedestrian!
- Shaky.
[He observes, leaning back]
he works and sleeps in his
tiny studio. Now aged 77,
he has little time for his
friends. Even for old friends.
He feels he is running out of
time. His work is the most
important thing in his life. It
is this that he worries about.
of the book.
- Medium shot.
[He looks at camera, thinking]
- There is very little in my
mind when I remember this.
The office is so familiar, I just pan around it in my mind.
- I would prefer not to. It means only what it says, literally. And what it says and repeats is I would prefer not to. This is the formula of its glory, which every loving reader repeats in turn.
- What will happen?
maybe, but not 'dilettante'.
There was too much to it. Class. Class. Class. I had been thinking
of a friend. He'd mentioned during a phone conversation
that his research outputs or
profile (I can't remember)
had been dismissed by the
University he was working for
in a rather brusque manner.
'Pedestrian' and 'Dilettante'.
We'd laughed about it. Laughed at the fact that the criticism had been given as a self-evident, goes-without-saying assessment of his clearly 'un-professional',
un-academic', 'un-research-
based' practice. Probably
correctly, but certainly without
any of the vaunted 'critical rigor'. It made me want to have $t$-shirts made declaring our pedestrian and dilettante solidarities. I think I should have just told the story.
- But the attack [of the historical avant-garde movements on art as an institution] did make art recognizable as an institution and also revealed its (relative) inefficacy in bourgeois society as its principle. All art that is more recent than the historical avant-garde movements must come to terms with this fact in bourgeois society. It can either resign itself to its autonomous status or 'organize happenings' to break through that status. But without surrendering its claim to truth, art cannot simply deny the autonomy status and pretend that it has a direct effect.
- Numbers.
- Medium close-up.
- The strata which has come forward to serve the big
bourgeoisie, are the scholar despots, a section of the petty bourgeoisie, decadent artists, actors and actresses, writers, singers, musicians, painters, etc. They follow the life style and social practice which best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

2. Detachment from the real problems of the people (especially the working people)

- [This] Book (text) A composite of parts. Presented to be read through in the space. (Table, chairs, reading lights)

1. Transcribed [2 hour] conversation between A and B. The conversation is broken up into a numbered sequence of exchanges (1207)
2. Fragments. The number of exchanges determines
how many fragments each interlocutor writes (the total 1207 divided by the number of interlocutors). Fragments fall into the following categories: Commentaries written from memory of the time spent during this conversation. Commentaries written in direct response to the transcribed conversation (and/or to the audio-recording) Quotations or references made in direct response to the transcribed conversation (and/or to the audio-recording)
Fragments should be no longer than 500 words.
Fragments may be grouped under an agreed list of headings (derived from words/ terms
that have arisen from the
conversation)
Fragments may also be grouped under a list compiled separately by each interlocutor.
Footnotes and reference details may be used outside of the 500 word count.
3. An Introduction if desired.

Index. Appendices.

- $\quad$ The fragments (these words) may incorporate the words of others. Response outwith. During the course of the project Beyond a first edition. Etc. How do they understand the structure? Is there a system that organizes what is written? What is that system? System

1. Each uttered part (1207) is randomly assigned a fragment from all the fragments they submit. System 2. Each uttered part (1207) is assigned a specific fragment by each of them. Only from those they submitted.

- The aim and purpose of our reflections are not communicated directly between us. Why? We don't know. Is it a kind of Research?
- Evidently. Panning. Reader comes... like them. Them. In a state of agitation. Reading. Listening. Speaking. The wonder of its constant genesis... and the swell of its unfurling... the work... ruined... by them...
- It is a bit cramped in the office, particularly with all my books
- The place I wrote my PhD.
- Conversation.
[He looks away, hand on forehead]
- Image fades down.
- Many works that are praised for the beauty of their coherence have less unity than a motley heap of ideas simply animated by the ghost of a spirit and aiming at a single purpose.

What really holds the latter together is that free and equal fellowship in which, so the wise men assure us, the citizens of the perfect state will live at some future date [...] On the other hand, many a work of art whose coherence is never questioned[?] as the artist knows quite well himself, not a complete work but a fragment, or one or more fragments, a mass, a plan.

- [Tumulus.] A monument is not the commemoration, or the celebration, of something that has happened; instead it confides to the ear of the future the persistent sensations embodying the event: the constantly renewed suffering of men and women, their re-created protestations, their constantly resumed struggle. Will this all be in vain because suffering is eternal and revolutions do not survive their victory? But the success of a revolution resides only in itself, precisely in the vibrations, embraces and openings it gives to men and women at the moment of its making and that composes in itself a monument in the constant process of becoming, like those tumuli to which each new traveler adds a stone.
- The spectacular collapse of meaning with depressive persons - and, at the limit, the meaning of life - allows us to assume that they experience difficulty integrating the universal signifying sequence, that is, language. In the best of cases, speaking beings and their language are like one: is not our speech our 'second nature'? In contrast, the speech of the depressed is to them like an alien skin; melancholy persons are foreigners in their material tongue. They have lost meaning - the value - of their mother tongue for want of losing the mother. The dead language they speak, which foreshadows their suicide, conceals a Thing buried alive. The latter, however, will not be translated in order that it not be betrayed; it shall remain walled up within the crypt of the inexpressible affect, anally harnessed, with no way out.
- A Klee painting named 'Angelus Novus' shows an angel looking as though he is about to move away from something he is fixedly contemplating. His eyes are staring, his mouth is open, his wings are spread. This is how one pictures the angel of history. His face is turned towards the past. Where we perceive a chain of events, he sees one single catastrophe which keeps piling wreckage upon wreckage and hurls it in front of his feet. The angel would like to stay, awaken the dead, and make whole what
has been smashed. But a storm is blowing from Paradise; it has got caught in his wings with such violence that the angel can no longer close them. This storm irresistibly propels him into the future to which his back is turned, while the pile of debris before him grows skyward. This storm is what we call progress.
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

7. An essentially irregular publication, bound to a temporal irregularity, just as much as an irregularity of format and formulation.

- Weak! Weak! Weak!
- I don't know if there are anymore fragments.
- Freedom.
- Face to Face / close-up.
- My red jumper with
the big neck.
- We laugh in understanding.

A thin line of tear. Not tear. Just the moisture reflecting the window]

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1. Eclecticism in attitude or general outlook.
[As she speaks, her gaze moves between the window behind him on his right and then returns back to meet his listening]

- The romantic conception of the fragment as a construction that is not complete but rather progresses onward into the infinite through self-reflection champions this anti-idealist motive in the midst of Idealism. Even in the manner of its presentation, the essay may not act as though it had deduced its object and there was nothing left to say about it. Its selfrealization is inherent in its form: it has to be constructed as though it could break off at any point. It thinks in fragments, just as reality is fragmentary, and finds its unity in and through the breaks and not by glossing over them.
- My brother's Christmas pudding jumper.
- We clear space.
- I keep remembering that there is no way to be wrong in this situation.
- It can't be wrong in this room, but everywhere else it can. Maybe that is the point of this
- Forgotten. The most private of places. The artist's studio. I want to show you something you would normally not see. Could not see. Now I am no longer an observer, but am in my small way a director. I can negotiate what I want to get from a short session with a true artist. What drives these creative people?
- Remembering humiliation.
- 1. For Marcel Proust. - The son of well-to-do parents who, whether out of talent or weakness, chooses a so-called intellectual occupation as an artist or scholar, has special difficulties with those who bear the distasteful title of colleagues. It is not merely that his independence is envied, that the seriousness of his intentions is doubted and that he is presumed to be a secret envoy of the established powers. Such mistrust is borne out of resentment, yet would
usually find its confirmation.
However the actual resistances lie elsewhere. The occupation with intellectual [geistigen] things has meanwhile become "practical," a business with a strict division of labor, with branches and numerus clausus [Latin: restricted entry]. Those who are materially independent, who choose out of repugnance towards the shame of earning money, are not inclined to recognize this For this he is punished. He is no "professional" [in English in original], ranks in the hierarchy of competitors as a dilettante, regardless of how much he knows about his subject, and must, if he wishes to pursue a career, display a professional tunnel vision even narrower than that of the most narrowminded expert. The suspension of the division of labor to which he is driven, and which the economic state of affairs allows him, within certain limits, to realize, is considered especially scandalous: this betrays the aversion to sanction the hustle and bustle dictated by society, and high and mighty competence does not permit such idiosyncrasies. The departmentalization of the Spirit [Geist] is a means of abolishing such there, where it is not ex officio or contractually obligated. It does its work all
the more surely, as those who continually reject the division of labor - if only in the sense
that they enjoy their work reveal, by this selfsame measure, their vulnerabilities, which are inseparable from the moments of their superiority. Thus is the social order [Ordnung] assured: this one must play along,
because one could not otherwise
live, and that one, who could
indeed live, is kept outside,
because they don't want to play along. It is as if the class which the independent intellectual deserted from revenges itself,
by forcibly pushing through
its demands precisely where
the deserter sought refuge
- Walking into the study space
with Eddy feels strange, I
always go in there alone.
- What are the rules?
- When will I begin?
[Her finger removes something
from the corner of her left eye]
- [Clarifying tumult.] A public location. Where we might meet in the future should be a little empty (heaped?) space in the middle of it all?


## [He uses hand]

[She holds her pencil]

## [She closes eyes in pain]

- Do they think I am weird?
- Relief at Eddy.
- $\quad$ Speaking
- I managed to say what I thought, to question.
[Mid-shot. She is note-taking]
- The work is not a work when it is only an interesting object of study, a product among other products. In this sense it has no history. The work is not history's • The camera is heavy. business; rather, history makes it the business of professionals. And yet the work is history; it is an event, the event of history itself, and this is because its most steadfast claim is to give to the word beginning all its force.
- I was much attracted by the theatre, because the plays reflected my own unhappy plight...
- I am insistent.
$\square$
[He closes eyes]
[The computer is switched on.
They begin to look through
the video footage taken at
Kilquhanity in 2011]
[One finger to his mouth]
- An unsettled, agitated,
snow globe.
- Socrates relates a story he heard about Leontius, son of Aglion:
On his way up from the Piraeus
outside the north wall, he
noticed the bodies of some criminals lying on the ground, with the executioner standing by
them. He wanted to go and look at them, but at the same time he was disgusted and tried to run away. He struggled for some time and covered his eyes, but at last the desire was too much for him. Opening his eyes wide, he ran up to the bodies and cried, 'There you are, curse you, feast yourselves on this lovely sight.'
- We switch the camera.
- To be grasped. To be asked to document. And then there is
the gap. Torn. I'm not sure.
- I am looking at the small window on the right of my office.
- A contemporary aesthetic can no more neglect the incisive changes that the historical avant-garde movements effected in the realm of art than it can ignore that art has long since entered a post-avant-gardiste phase. We characterize that phase by saying that it revived the category of work and that the procedures invented by the avant-garde with antiartistic intent are being used for artistic ends. This must not be judged a 'betrayal' of the aims of the avant-garde movements (sublation of art as a social institution, uniting life and art) but the result of a historical process that can be described in these very general terms: now that the attack of the historical avant-garde movements on art as an institution has failed,
and art has not integrated into the praxis of life, art as an institution continues to survive as something separate from the praxis of life.
- The camera retrieves both image and sound. This camera is portable. It is passed between the two protagonists. Each taking it in turn to hide behind the lens. However, the camera's microphone picks up clearly the voice of the person holding the camera. They continue to pass the microphone between themselves. It doesn't matter. Sound is recorded whether we see the lips or not.
- And since, to the dreaming collective itself, the decline of an economic era seems like the end of the world, the writer Karl Kraus has looked quite correctly on the arcades, which, from another angle, must have appealed to him as the casting of a dream: 'In the Berlin Arcade, there is no grass growing. It looks like the day after the end of the world, although people are still moving around.[...]
[She brings sleeve of jumper up to mouth]
[He shuts eyes]
[She squeezes eyes and mouth shut]
- Even where art insists on the greatest degree of dissonance and disharmony,
its elements are also those of unity. Without it, they would not even be dissonant.
- Bits (scraps)
- We are in my office.
- Eddy films with the zoom again.

It takes me awhile to realize.

- The tutorial.
- All of the doors.
- Drawing

She waits for his sentence to continue. Her expression is one of incredulity]

- It's a conversation.
- Fragments/ systems
- I don't regret saying any of it.
- I take a leaf out of Eddy's book
naiveties, intimacies, errors or incoherences. Each voice in conversation is divided by turn into parts (fragments?) and catalogued (one of them is even, the other is odd).
Systematically numbered 1-1207.
[Pale green brown gray eye. The corner of her tear duct.]
[Medium close-up.
He scratches his nose.]
- The transcription of a two hour conversation recorded in Amy's research office in Glasgow University [college of arts postgraduate study space] on the 2nd of December 2012. Partly recorded in sound. Partly video recorded. An ad hoc discussion trying to work out what they might make a piece about in response to the problems set out above. The transcription attempts to retain the voice's patterns (an authenticity?) It does not seek to tidy mistakes,
[She doesn't look at him
while she is speaking]
- Art is upon the Town - to be chucked under the chin, by the passing gallant! to be enticed within the gates of the house holder - to be coaxed into company, as a proof of culture and refinement! If familiarity can breed contempt, certainly Art, or what is currently taken for it, has been brought to its lowest stage of intimacy!
- It's my office.
- What's the worst that can happen here?
- Door
- Clear.
- Recorded conversation.
[Extreme close-up of her left eye. The reflection of the window behind him cuts a long narrow strip]
- The sound recording device.
- In Literary Notebooks, Schlegel remarks: 'All philosophy that is not systematical is rhapsodic'; in other words, it is an ensembl of unconnected pieces merely stitched together. On the other hand he continues, 'every system is a rhapsody of masses and a mass of rhapsodies.' Now the idea of the system is nothing less than the idea of totality. ('Totality is the systematic idea'). Yet even the greatest system is merely a fragment.' (Literary Notebooks 1797-1801, fragments 921,922,925,927 and 930)
- I stick up for clarity.
[Close-up of his head. Figures pass by behind him. He is unaware. They are in an office with windows looking out onto a shared space.]
- I wonder about how I look because the camera is on me.
- Everything?
- I believe in this process.
- The cringing is a great part of the process.
- The seminar.
- Numbers and words.
- We talk about games.
- Stage.
- Is that meant to be something?
- Weave / textile
[Close-up. The light not falling on his face. His muddied features]
- I stood on the other side of the room while I ate.
[Light from the window
falls onto her. Daylight.]
- I walked Eddy to the door in the basement, then I went to the bathroom on the same level.
- and Eddy's beard.
- The blank computer screen.
- (Note to self: Organize conference on dilettantism)
- Conversation / system
$\square$
- Familiarity.
- Leaving.
- Speaking the words of a remembered conversation.
[He pulls at eye]
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best serve the interests of
the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

5. Exuberance about decay heading towards total decay.
[...]The core of this is bourgeois individualism, the festering 'ego', and complete opposition to anything healthy.

- I was the guest of a French museum which had a particularly good Matisse. I had been given the use of an apartment in the museum and would often visit the painting 'after hours'. I was struck by the accomplishment between that Matisse and the 'new' Matisse-inspired pictures which filled the art magazines and galleries at the time - the latter were so much more successful.
The Matisse itself was rather awkward, I had the impression of someone who did not quite know what they were doing, someone 'at the edge' of what was possible and acceptable. Precisely what defines an academy is that it knows a success when it sees one, the criteria are already in place success is then defined in terms
of conformity to established criteria and proficiency in the execution of the exercise.
[His beard. Unkempt. The light from behind, highlights this. It has been cut. But not well.]
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3. Isolation from the
real, material world.

- I am anxious.
- [You]The people have been harassed with Art in every guise - and vexed with many methods, as to its endurance - [You] have been told how [you] should love Art! and live with it -
- 1. II. 2.12.12 Text Book (Incomplete). $250+\mathrm{pp}$ ? The Text Book (draft) comprises of the following sections. Title page (Title / names)/ Contents/ Introduction/ Conversation (1-1207 parts) + X Fragments (randomly*) inserted into the conversation text. X fragments account for $\mathrm{X} \%$ of the possible number (1207) Appendix 1. Conversation text arranged alphabetically. Appendix 2. Fragments text arranged alphabetically.

Appendix 3. *Random sequence
of numbers
Notes for parts 1-1207.
References, footnotes, material not inserted with the fragment but placed as part of an index.
as such a priori significant.
The individual subject who
remains silent speaks not
less but more through silence
than when speaking aloud.
[He crosses his legs.
Folds his arms. Trussed.]

- The studio visit.
- Windows.
- Is there a wrong way to do the fragments?
- Pure montage, without the addition of intentionality in its elements, does not derive intention merely from the principle itself. It seems illusory to claim that through the renunciation of all meaning, especially the cinematically inherent renunciation of psychology, meaning will emerge from the reproduced material itself It may be, however, that the entire issue is rendered obsolete by the insigh that the refusal to interpret, to add subjective ingredients, is in itself a subjective act and
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

Thus, there will be three perpetually decentered centers: - movement as the demand for rupture (the original forces of rupture);

- the possibilities of rupture in the work space (worker-student relations);
- the international exigency
(relations with foreigners). But everything belongs to
us, that is to say, we belong
to everything and nothing.
- We (They) don't discuss.
[She laughs out of shot]
write with each other.
- I understand
- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

4. Similarly, such information collected as is, in its brute force and without commentary, sparsely of densely punctuating the discontinuous series
of texts will also belong
to this same research.

- Our work (fragmented text?) will operate as the object for further conversation (action?). Principally: What is the place and function of this project as conceived and thus far
executed? This is the question opened to the public. We
propose to announce a series of events where part of our work (research?) will act as starting point for a conversation/ discussion in a free public space at a given time. Something akin to a reading group. Private and public. Closed study space. Studio. Public area. Open. Parrhesia (let's say free, purposeful speech? Free open questioning? In dialogue, polylogue) and this interior dialogue. Should we just forgo the term (fragments) and present an extensive series of footnotes that attempt to interrupt, clarify, explicate succinctly and rigorously index our original transcribed conversation/ text? See what happens?
- 'The art of writing books has not yet
been discovered, but it is about to
be: fragments like these are literary seeds.'[Novalis] From this same perspective both Schlegel and Novalis will affirm that the
fragment, in monologue form, is a substitute for dialogical communication since ' $a$
dialogue is a chain or a garland of
fragments.'(Schlegel) and, more profoundly, an anticipation of what one could call a plural
writing; the possibility of a writing that is done in common.
- The blank, dark
computer screen.
- The faded floor.
computer screen.
- Transcription. The pencil.

Writing, listening. Pace. His voice. Her voice. The gesture of the pencil. Here in the Library. A public library. This book.

- Eddy's beard.
- We have views.
- Thoughts drifting, focusing.
- Faith.
[Her thought arrives]
would not do so in away that craves acceptance and strives for street credibility, but would make resources available and offer equal partners the possibility of exchange. By necessity, it would be a matter of rescinding the dichotomy of inside and outside within the institutional power structure, and viewing dilettantism and professionalism as two poles within a continuous an fluid process.
- However, in those unhappy days I enjoyed the pangs of sorrow. I always looked for things to wring my heart and the more tears an actor caused me to shed by his performance on the stage, even though he was portraying the imaginary distress of others, the more delightful and attractive I found it...Hence my love of things which made me sad.
- What is captured and what is lost. That compels her. A bit. Being allowed to remember. Being asked to document.
- Carpet
- I write and draw-document.
- My hands, always my hands
[She laughs]
- Why did you want to see everything in Hiroshima?

It interested me. I have a view about it. For example, looking carefully at things can be learned...

- Past. Rain falls heavily through the morning and into the afternoon. The balcony partially floods. The light alternately failing.
- All I have to do is walk towards someone.
- $\quad$ The Latin word textum means 'web'. No one's text is more tightly woven than Marcel Proust's; to him nothing was tight or durable enough. From his publisher Gallimard we know that Proust's proofreading habits were the despair of the typesetters. The galleys always went back covered with marginal notes, but not a single misprint had been corrected; all available space had been used for fresh text.
- Joe seen from front sitting on edge of bed, relaxed, eyes closed. Hold, then dolly slowly in to close-up of face. First word of text stops this movement. Camera moves 1-9 Between first and final close-up of face, camera has nine slight moves in towards face, say four inches each time. Each move is stopped by voice resuming, never camera move and voice together.
- The studio is not a light box. Only the first room is light box. The second room allows the view of the activities of the first room. The projected image of the first room onto the screen window of the second. In the second room the artist observes the fall of light. For the artist who traces this image there are a number of issues. The painting cannot but obscure and impede the image. Even the gentlest of washes interrupts profoundly the reading of the image on the screen window. Every subsequent brush mark contributes to the barrier.
The painter is encouraged to work quickly and directly to position tonally the elements in the room as they play upon the screen. Dissolving touch. Almost anonymous. Scorning petty precision. The question of placing ones self in the image cannot arise. A double is employed. The stage is se up. At the point of description the artist is hidden. Literally the camera obscura is a hide
- As rocks of the Miocene or Eocene in places bear the imprint of monstrous creature from those ages, so today arcades dot the metropolitan landscape like caves containing the fossil remains of a vanished monster: the consumer of the pre-imperial era of capitalism, the last dinosaur of Europe.
[She opens mouth, shuts eyes]
[His silhouetted head.]
[She laughs as though crying]
- I have a sense of weight.
- 'Iphigenists of the world, unite!'
- I feel like I can question, legitimately.
[He gesticulating]
- I love this.
- Image/ Imagine.
- Some words that are said or appear (in no particular order)
- Why did he say that? Why? He'd never said it before. He always tried to evade. And here he was, caught in the act of thinking one thing and not speaking wholly of $i t$. Was that it? world, the actual working of his government - the carrying out of his plan - is the History of the World. This plan philosophy strives to comprehend; for only that which has been developed as the result of it, possesses bona fide reality. That which does not accord with it, is negative, worthless existence.
- Happiness
- I stand on the other side of the room to eat
- Who am I talking about?
- I wonder what Eddy thinks. He likes to see people.


## [She stares upwards to the side]

[He looks at camera, grins]

- Words to avoid because of their excessive theoretical freight: 'signifier,' 'symbolic,' text,' 'textual,' and then 'being,' and then finally all words, and this would still not suffice[...]
- I tried to clear up.
[His lopsided grin]
- Precipitate. Solution. Suspension. Supernate
Precipitate. Suspended. Pigment. An evaporated conversation over time captured failed to capture wished to lose all that... everything I touched... touch... turns to evidence... of document. Work. History Communicated. Intimacy. Incarnated in the reader.
- Pause.
- 'The big cheese of science is coming! What's old Adorno to
us? Why should we care about a theory that disgusts us because it does not say how we can best set fire to this shitty university and a few America Houses with it.'
- Kilquhanity
- I am insistent.
[She stares into upper distance]

[They are reading the introduction. Laughing]

1. 'Image Fades Up.' You added that?

- Oh, [...]. I'm sorry. I don't have a studio. I'm just a kitchen table artist.

2. Oh yes... well it's both of us...
[Some of her books. Gilles Deleuze, Negotiations; Kevin Sharpe, Remapping Early Modern England: The Culture of Seventeenth-Century Politics; William Cook MacKenzie, Life and Times of John Maitland. Duke of Lauderdale, 1616-1682; An Aside selected by Tacita Dean; Joseph Anglade, Grammaire de l'Ancien Provençal]
3. Ok.

- The gaps come.

4. But it's interesting... I think what's interesting.. is that... there's a way of speaking... and there's a way of writing... and even... even a difference between texting and... to... e-mail..

- I could tell that the crunching noise I was making would be heard on the tape.


## But I kept eating

5. This isn't all email though, is it?
6. That is... that's all email..
7. Did you write 'Image Fades Up' to me in an email?

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

2. Thus the texts will be fragmentary: precisely to make plurality possible (a nonunitary plurality), to open a place for it and at the same time never to arrest the process itself always already ruptured and as if destined to be ruptured, in order to find their meaning not in themselves but in their conjunction-disjunction, their being placed together and in common [mise en commun], their relations to difference.
3. Yes...
4. Oh, I missed that! [laughs]
5. Well it was in the... Well-it's-easy-to-miss-things Isn't it? And also... what's happening here is that it's going backwards...
6. [laughs] Mmm..
7. You can see that? It's like
when you... go through...
in... umm... [swallows]
Regard... in reverse..

- Marking and cross-referencing may take the form of reading through the archive...?

13. Yes I can see that
14. So that you step backwards... and step backwards. The initial exchange is at the beginning... at the end... Sorry...
15. Ah! I see... I remember... Yes. [clears throat]
16. [clicks fingers, whistles the opening bars of Coronation Street. Sighs]
17. It's interesting that even since this has been written, my position has changed... I think...

- Prior to any particular expression and beneath all particular expressions, which cover over and protect with an immediately adopted face or countenance there is the nakedness and destitution of the expression as such, that is to say extreme exposure, defencelessness, vulnerability itself.

18. Yes...
19. Which is maybe one of the things that happens with positions... Positioning... and trying to record, or document what is... where you are at any given moment... or what you are... in fact that is something that I've been thinking about a lot... that kind of facets... different facets of yourself... what you present.. to different people at different times... and what happens when they kind of collide.

- $\quad$ Filming and sound and writing.

20. Well that's what... the thing about what you last said... which was... He understands it... but where is he positioned when not positioned by others? Which I thought... Dingding! Seconds out
21. Where is that?
22. The last paragraph..
23. Ah yes... oh the last?
24. Here

- The book may not be finished. The book may be made in common.

25. Where?
26. Well I sent you this... and you added the paragraph at the beginning and the paragraph at the end...
27. Yes... He understands but where is...
28. And also... the whole lapsing into... the third person... anonymous? But that was my fault...
29. [laughs]
30. I was doing it all the time.. rather than say... which I found... [laughs] which I found quite distressing... when I.. I was reading your... one hundred fragments... which I... which I... a... what's the word? When you don't read something? And it's...
[She motions with hands]
31. Avoiding?
32. No... Yes obviously I was avoiding but... I couldn't read them until I'd... written my own... and I... Where as I was completely... was completely different from you... You went through this... this splurge of... memories...
33. U-hum...?
34. But yours are all... 'Eddy'
and 'Jeremy'...

- Past. The first thing he noticed in the photograph of _ in his studio was his palette. Each colour mixed had been bound into carefully separated plastic bags. Not bags. Cling film. Obsessively sealed it appeared to him. On the face of it, highly practical. But the quantities were so minute. So precious. He recognized the same trait in the son.

35. [laughs]
36. And I kind of... avoided. completely...

- This is a half way point. Is this finished?

37. That was because you and Jeremy were probably the people that were there..
38. And Trish..

- I search for the word. It's interesting, I'm somewhere between trying to sound reasonably intelligent and knowing that in this conversation that's not the point.

39. Trish yes... and Sally...

- To formulate more pointedly: the neo-avant-garde institutionalizes the avant-garde as art and thus
negates genuinely avantgardiste intentions. This is true independently of the consciousness artists have of their activity, a consciousness that may perfectly well be avant-gardiste. (*An example of this: Referring explicitly to Breton's demand that poetry should be put into practice, Gisela Dischner summarizes the intentions of concrete poetry as follows: ‘But the concrete work of art moves toward this utopian state, its sublation in concrete reality' (Konkrete Kunst und Gesellschaft, in Konkrete Poesie. Text + Kritik, no. 25 (January 1970) It is the status of their products, not the consciousness artists have of their activity, that defines the social effect of works. Neo-avant-gardiste art is autonomous art in the full sense of the term, which means that it negates the avant-gardiste intention of returning art to the praxis of life. And the efforts to sublate art become artistic manifestations that, despite their producers' intentions, take on the character of works.

40. Yes
41. Jen

- Not quite hopelessness.

42. Yes
43. There's not you and Jeremy?

- I would very much like to write texts for the stage. I like writing dialogue, but what would I begin with? Whereas for my films, I'd always felt that there was a gift, that you received something and afterwards you could... It's closer to painting. You see a tree leaf and you say, 'I'm going to draw it.' You can't be utterly alone, it's too much. There has to be a small group, there has to be the need for a vision. I'd like to make a film with a real reverse-shot. There has never been one.

44. Well obviously there's quite a bit of 'Eddy'... Eddy is perplexed...
45. [laughs]
46. Eddy looks confused.

- Fragments, in my confusion.

47. [laughs]
48. Eddy is confused. Eddy is scared. Eddy is anxious.

- Foggy memory

49. [laughs]
50. [laughs] Eddy is at the door again! Eddy won't go away!
51. [laughs]

## 52. Why is he here?

- I say I don't like team games.

53. Eddy is pacing [laughs] up and down... and then we've got...
54. I also liked... funnily enough... more than once... I haven't studied them but... now when I think... When I recall... there is the... what's the one... Eddy...
55. [laughs]

So what are we going to do with this?
56. Well my... my... thinking had been... Ok. Here was... here was the recording. In situation. This... funny conversation that we had... where we barely know each other... and so it's kind of like... A weird introduction to certain ideas... but it's also a document of a... a certain amount of time... as the transcription of something.. which means... that as we were discussing... there were lots of things which were absent... the drawing you did... oh yes that was the one... Eddy looks worried about my drawing...
57. [laughs]
58. ...but then the fragments were... were clearly about... memory... about revisiting... and about making comments...
commenting on... at a removal... there's a past tense... Isn't there?
[He leans over the computer to try an explain what is happening on screen.]
59. Mmm...
60. Or even if there's a... a... reinhabiting...
So there's a difference of... perspective... there's a time difference... there's a massive amount of difference in time between the way that you've written it... a sense of... immediacy...

- What's the last thing we do?

61. Yes
62. ...and with me... which... laboured for the good part of a year...
63. Yes. I think for me there was something kind of... authentic about doing it all at once... I suppose. I was asked to do one hundred fragments. And so I did one hundred fragments... and if I did them the next day... they'd be different. Although I suppose they'd be similar... in that they would be immediate... and rolling one after the other. There's a sense... in which I don't... the way I write is not.. this is something I've been
thinking about at the moment because... obviously I've been writing on my blog... and I write in my PhD... and I write for myself... I suppose that's like the blog... I don't tend to write... it's like I don't write... seriously somehow... about... not... serious is not the right word... I don't write... it's a reflective style of writing, when I write for myself... it's not a kind of... critical... There's a critical edge to it... but it's not...
64. What's the difference between reflection and...

- That bloody carpet.

65. I think this is reflection...

- The big window.

66. ...report?
67. Don't know... I mean... how would one... theorize these fragments?

- I remember Eddy's camera tactics from before.

68. That's a very interesting question!
69. [laughs]
70. Why? Why would you theorize these fragments?

- The most elementary procedure of art consists in substituting for the object its image. Its image, and not its concept. A concept is the object grasped, the intelligible object. Already by action we maintain a living relationship with a real object; we grasp it, we conceive it. The image neutralizes this real relationship, this primary conceiving through action. The well-known disinterestedness of artistic vision, which the current aesthetic analysis stops with, signifies above all a blindness to concepts

71. Well why would you theorize anything?
72. Well define theory in that respect...

- I wonder how I look in the film.

73. Well...
74. Do you mean critical? Why would you...
75. Yes I mean critical...
76. ...to give context? Criticality to something which is purely...

- Where I wrote my PhD.

77. It's like... I was discussing this with someone the other day... If you go into a classroom and ask
people to do some yoga before you start teaching Art History they'd probably just think you're mad... they might do it... but it'd be a bit awkward... and they'd be annoyed or whatever...
But if you discuss it as a critical pedagogy... say this is a... to do with some other theory about how we teach and how we learn... then ask them to do it... it's different... and the reason it seems to me to be different is because they're no longer doing it... they're acting to do it...
78. But is that not... 'How do you validate?' ...which is...
79. Which is theory!
80. Is that the difference between what is significant... and what is insignificant?
81. Well in terms of theory... and I think that comes down to positioning... If you want this to become a piece of creative writing... it has different criteria for value than a piece of theoretical writing... somehow...
82. Do you know what the rules are?
83. I know what some of the rules are. I know what the rules are in Art History for example.
84. Or just where they are?
85. Well I think that they are in the dialogue of disciplines... there in the dialogues of people doing them...
86. I think this is why I'm interested in having this conversation... because... it's... I don't know... I understand from what you're saying that there's a problem... it would be a problem for me to consider how... how to legitimize something which is... everyday...

## 87. Illegitimate?

- Random(ness)/ systems

88. [sighs] Banal... or...
89. But you could. There are theories around the everyday. And you could do that.
90. ...of course... Something to do with the document!

- $\quad[\mathrm{He}]$ can conceive for my personality no other pattern than a system of fragments, because [he himself is] something of this sort; no style is as natural to [him] and as easy as the fragment.

91. The archive!
92. But it's interesting that you jump into that... quite... early!?
93. Yes, it's on my mind!
[He is unconvinced]
94. But it is what you do...
95. No it's not what I do!

- I realize that I believe what I am saying, that it is a genuine conversation, in my office.

96. Well... it's part of the background... part of the... the environment that you're in... the discipline...
97. The historical? But this is not about historical positioning. This is about theoretical positioning. Which is different.
98. Is it not possible to... consider the theory of history as part...

- The fragments (these words) may attempt to see clearly and give purpose and meaning to what was being said.
The fragments may attempt to see clearly and give purpose and meaning to what was not being said. Etc.

99. That's different.
100. Yes? But is it not also part of history as well... to be... to
consider its theoretical...
101. But its not the history that I've written... it's not something I'm comfortable with... I'm comfortable with the kind of history where I look in the archives... I describe... I record... I make interpretation, but I don't critique... what I mean by... and I don't know if that's because I'm not intellectually able to do that... or if... I haven't wanted to... or... if there's a...

- Dilettante.

102. Well if I'm right in thinking... in the past you were... positively dissuaded from doing so?
103. Yes that's true. Yes... there is a..
[She looks down]
104. Theory was the... enemy?

- Hoping for the best to come out.

105. Yes that's right. There is that strand... and I suppose I was quite influenced by... but also... quite receptive to... because I have my own discomfort with theory ... because I see people using it... and it seems often people use it without really getting to the primary sources... which is what I like about history... that you see for
yourself what it is you're then discussing... which is a bit like... social science... so you do your own field work or whatever... and that's what you draw from. Whereas theoreticians tend to read the secondary sources... and you can perpetuate ideas which are incorrect... maybe incorrect isn't right...

- Medium shot of John. Strange was the state of his mind. He notes: Perhaps if we regard our fragments as part reflections on the points that were talked about, their relation to us as digressive - or not as you wish.

106. Yes... but the question of positioning oneself as... as a... As someone who thinks about history... practicing history... is problematic because... it levels a problem of where to position...
107. Yes
108. If that... if that's... but then there are various... sort of ways... of... of... engaging with that...
109. In different places? Like in...

- Ladies and Gentlemen! It is with great hesitation and much misgiving that [we] appear before you, in the character of - The preacher. If timidity be at all allied to the virtue of modesty, and can find favor in
your eyes, [we] pray you, for the sake of that virtue, accord [us] your utmost indulgence.

110. ...but then it comes into schools of thinking...
111. It is! Like quite small schools of thinking... and if you step outside... then you're asked the difference about questions.. and perhaps given another set of tools... and... I wonder if there's a natural position for one?
[He looks slightly puzzled]
112. Just saying the word 'natural' is problematic...

- Looking for my words.

113. I know it's a problem.
[Close-up. He turns away. Scratches the side of his head.]
114. So... what is 'nature' and what is 'history'?
115. If there's a position that's comfortable to me... or if the position that is comfortable to me is...
116. Well getting back to... art... history... isn't it? I mean... just those two words... 'art' and 'history' ...and the question of practice... and the place of practice... so... even if you
were not thinking about it in terms of 'theory' you were thinking in terms of... you were just thinking of things which necessarily complicate the... smooth reception... of the access to... primary truths? ...which at the same time doesn't.. shouldn't... discount... the absolute... the... the... value... importance of... that's the problem of developing a field of thinking... which... a... and it's not about balancing... whether it's about dialectics... about... how you place yourself... or not place yourself...
117. Mmm..
118. So there is this speculative area?
I... I don't... but I'm not in that position... because I'm not where you are... I haven't...
119. Where are you?

- Laughter.

120. I'm... I'm currently in the office...
[Low mid-shot. Arms folded tightly. One hand moves to clasp. Grip his chin.]
121. The office...

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.
It too will strive to bring about
rupture; that is, to bring it about in a mode of rupture; hence the necessity of breaking with the traditional habits and privileges of writing.

122. As a... as a...
123. Interloper.
124. Yes...
125. [laughs]
126. Getting back to these little fragments here... the asides.. I'm not... I can see the point that when... if... you decide to make of it... a piece of... historical analysis... this is what you would do if you were thinking of it in terms of... creating something... this is what you would do... you wouldn't necessarily have to... justify it in terms of... if you removed it from somewhere else... so..
it's not a problem... for me it's not a problem... maybe it's utterly woolly thinking...
This is naive... amateurism... so where... I think I 'm closer to the... dilettante?

- I notice parts of my thesis on the table.

127. Yes. And that just makes me want to critique the dilettante.
128. Word of the month!
[Her head bowed in hysterical laughter]
129. That's the historian in me. Well what do we mean by dilettante?
130. Oh I don't know!

- The window of my office.

131. No.

- Forgotten. The studio becomes defined by the fact that it excludes so much. Its condition is that of isolation.

132. Well what I think it means... I mean... literally ... the delight! The delight of the dilettante!
133. But you don't really mind... Yes you don't really mind! The... I think that's an interesting thing about people I know that write... more theoretically about... the past... they don't mind about this idea about... accuracy... to the archive... That's not the point...
134. Accuracy to the archive... is important... you can't not...
135. But not accuracy to the dilettante archive...
136. They can still... be...
137. But it's not important to you!
138. It's not about... about showing the... It's not about..
[She opens eyes to think]
139. It's not about knowing what that means... or about what that meant..
140. Well... going through the... rigour...
141. Yes.
[She is happy]
142. ...of assessment... of peer assessment..
[She looks up]
143. Of learning?
144. No... within those frameworks...

- Studio Practice. We are having visitors. An artist and her family staying. I hide a number of paintings that I had placed in the living room so that she does not see them.

145. What frameworks?
146. The frameworks of... the history department for example? Or a particular school?
147. Or an archive?

- 2. 2.12.12 Picture Book (1-X)

A series of X Picture Books
(Shot/Reverse Shot 1-10,000).
each X pp. black and white book of images (A5) from the video of the conversation as a separate. Each spread is a composite image. The left-hand image is image. The left-hand image is the left-hand of the still from
the video camera. The righthand image is the right-hand of a still from the video footage one third of a second after. Each spread of the Picture Book works through the footage.
148. Well the archive opens up things for lots of other... other ways? I don't know... maybe... what is the archive in relation to...

- The door.

149. I'm asking you about the dilettante archive. Going back to the archives.... discover what the dilettante was. But you're not concerned with that. Which is what I was saying...
150. I don't know... whether or not the dilettante is something... more akin to reading... the ability to read?
151. But you don't know. That's the point. But you're using it anyway.
152. I don't have access...
153. You do. You could have access.
[He is unconvincing]
154. To what?
155. To... old books... that talk to you about what a dilettante was... That's what I mean by historical research!
156. Well yes...
157. But it's not something...
158. I look back at what I'm doing... this is not a... this seems to be an accusation... but I don't know whether there's another voice in me that says... well... You're not a professional! You're not an academic... you're not part of the academic industry... you're not part of the culture industry... You're not. So what is this? This place which isn't belonging to these other... which isn't belonging to these other things? Is this just the gray... matter... between... then suddenly... oh hang on.. what is the high ground... what is the position of the dilettante... then... legitimizes... its research... I don't know...
159. The dilettante was legitimized through a class. Through being a particular class. And having access to particular kinds of knowledge.

- What time is it?

161. So it just seems to me that that's quite complicated, and that it would require quite a lot of unpicking.
162. Yes
163. But it wouldn't to many... theorizations. They could just say it and move forwards, because people generally... vaguely know what you mean. And it's this kind of... But for me... that's... Ah but... [pained] surely...
164. Yes
165. There's just so much in that... just saying that word... and maybe referencing some tired old text about it... probably someone wrote in the 70's... about dilettante's... even if you were going to do that.. and they probably didn't look at primary sources... [sighs]

- These words that we find or write (which we call 'fragments') may address anyone. Each other. The reader. The archive?

166. I like... those examples where it is used... as a pejorative term... sense... that in itself... speaks...
167. To you?
168. Yes...yes

Anyway... the other one would be maybe not dilettante... maybe going on to artist!

- Eddy on my right.

169. Also complicated...
170. Yes...

- Walking down the stairs.

171. But that's kind of what my PhD is about... I suppose... it's those kind of problems... there's this thing called art and how did we get there? And why did we get there? And how might we be able to be moved forward... better... I suppose. It comes with my issues with art...
172. ...and that's something that's regarded from the remove of a... of... practice?
173. Yes... I think I got that annoyed with it all!
174. So there is a separation?
[The corners of her mouth]
175. I was annoyed with the professional... practice idea... model... like... that I was being a professional artist! So I went off and got a job... and worked... and still made things... and I suppose
from that point... I would say that always... that made things... rather than art... but was making things within a professional context... but... or trying to theorize myself into that context... but then I stopped doing that and just made things... and saw what that brought me... and... the PhD was quite a.. kind of $\mathrm{a} . .$. bold way of doing that because it's so... so encompassing that for quite a while my practice was subsumed I think... and then I the kind of crunch point where I tried to bring it in... and tried to... deal with that.. that... despair... about it... about... not... getting to what I was trying to get at... umm... and then I moved forwards...
176. How did you move forwards?

- Are we wrong?

177. I... embarrassed myself in front of my peers... [laughs] and decided that I didn't have the intellectual capacity to do what I thought I should do...
178. Despair and embarrassment...
179. Yes. And humbleness... you know... like ok... maybe I can't do a PhD... and... critique the system... so what! [laughs] It's going to take a bit longer to
work out... you know? And maybe to some extent I got it out of my system... I think for me there's quite a lot of that. . I get these... I'm thinking, I'm thinking, I'm thinking, I'm working, I'm working, I'm working... and then suddenly I kind of explode...
[silence]

- The camera comes out of its case.

180. Is that to do with the school of history that you're in? That it can't... it's difficult to... legitimize or validate within the school and maintain...
181. Well I think it's difficult to do it... within the framework I was trying to do it from... I think it probably is possible but... I still don't know what it was I was trying to do... that's often a problem I have... and that's part of what I really enjoy about my practice... it's not always about knowing... it's what I always enjoyed about it actually... it's that space where I don't have to know... it's maybe what holds me back... [laughs]
182. Yes. Definitions of.. knowledge... and.. experience...
[She is pleased]
183. People have recently been asking me what I... do... What do you actually do? In terms of your creative practice?
[He looks at camera,
shuts mouth]
184. Are you asking me?
185. No... Well yes! Go on! What do you do? What do you actually do?
186. I spend a lot of time avoiding the question. Well this is... it comes up in the little paragraph there [points] about... about how I imagine being articulated by others... and that seems either important to me or.. frustrating... so... on occasions where... I might think... that what I'm doing is... is making something... 'creatively'.. There is not just me...it's the enterprise! [laughs] It's the... there's the whole endeavour... which is... which constitutes... to me... something... about working... 'creatively'... but then it's considered to be... my practice... so therefore it's my... authorship... it may be even a simple notion of... co-authoring or... like this!
What is this? That's happening now? What is it? What is a conversation? Something which is shared? What does that become? What is this thing that
is made between us? Someone might... well you instigated it... you're providing the... impetus.. it's yours... and that is not something I'm interested in...
187. Mmm?
188. ...and in some way... maybe it's similar... but completely different to... about... trying to... what's the word? Migrate from something... something.. which is... constraining and... unhelpful... with trying to find something that is genuinely... [sighs] meaningful... and important... but not about me! [laughs] It's... that's... the thing that's... that just... avoids... a particular... definition of what being 'creative' is...
Well that didn't work!

- Lots of people were walking past.

189. Or what being me is?

- Giggling.

190. Me... Yes... Just an escape from me...
191. Mmm?
192. And about speaking... And about language... And..
193. Dialogue.

- The hand of the painter painting: painted.

194. Dialogue... and communication...
195. It's pretty fundamental to your work I think?
196. My work!

- Unaccomplished!

197. Uhhuh! I would say
198. My 'oeuvre' !!
[He looks at camera, laughs]
199. [laughs] Yep! Sorry...
200. Yes... Well may you apologize! [laughs]

- I remember being aware of all the things in my office. The books and postcards.

201. [laughs] Your gray matter!
202. Yes... I get into trouble... into problems... suddenly... you're the... A right! This is the thing... you're accused of being... the head..

- But the aspect of the myth which Ovid finally forgets is that Narcissus, bending over the spring, does not recognize himself in the fluid image that
the water sends back to him. It is thus not himself, not his perhaps non-existent ' I ' that he loves or - even in his mystification - desires. And if he does not recognize himself, it is because what he sees is an image, and because the similitude of an image is not likeness to anyone or anything: the image characteristically resembles nothing. Narcissus falls 'in love' with the image because the image as such - because every image - is attractive: the image exerts the attraction of the void, and of death in its falsity.

203. Accused? Or noted? Observed?

- Walking down stairs.

204. Denounced!
205. Denounced?
206. When it all goes wrong...

- The strata which has come forward to serve the big bourgeoisie, are the scholar despots, a section of the petty bourgeoisie, decadent artists, actors and actresses, writers, singers, musicians, painters, etc. They follow the life style and social practice which best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

4. Parasitism in life style and
parasitism on the labours
of the working people.
5. But you do have... I would say... a tendency to... manage [laughs] situations...

- When Benjamin praised montage as progressive because it 'interrupts the context into which it is inserted,' he was referring to its destructive, critical dimension (the only one Adorno's observations recognize). But the task of the Arcades project was to implement as well the constructive dimension of montage, as the only form in which modern philosophy could be erected.

208. Manage...
209. Yes...
210. Like an administrator?
211. Mmm... Like a facilitator...
212. [makes a sound... something similar to Lurch in the Addams Family] Facilitator..
213. Yes.
214. Facilitator? What does a facilitator... facilitate mean?
215. You facilitate others...
216. [sighs]
217. I suppose you facilitate... or when I've seen you in action...

- His affirmation of self sounds like a continuous hidden polemic or hidden dialogue with some other person on the theme of himself. 'Do you want to work from memory?' He had said. 'I'm finding myself veering towards a quite forensic sift through the remnants of the crime scene...placing the broken down particles of (my / our) speech into...' He paused. 'Bags? Putting the bags into...' He paused again. 'Files?'

218. Action?
219. Yes! When you...

- The spines of my books.

220. Tell me more!
221. [laughs] You...
222. [laughs]

- My computer screen.

223. Well you were very anxious I suppose before... the... when you got people into the room together... to... ask them to video each other... and have that conversation...
224. [clears throat] Yes..

- Refusal is said to be the first degree of passivity. But if refusal is deliberate and voluntary, if it expresses a decision - though this be a negative one - it does not yet allow separation from the power of consciousness, and comes no closer to passivity than this act, of refusal, on the part of a self. And yet refusal does tend toward the absolute, independent of any determination whatsoever This is the core of refusal which Bartleby the scrivener's inexorable 'I would prefer not to' expresses: an abstention which has never had to be decided upon, which precedes all decisions and which is not so much a denial as, more than that, an abdication.

225. Aaa [unformed word]
226. Yes. No. That the bit that's most clearly my...
227. [laughs]
228. Under my directorship!

- I ask Eddy to draw or to record, to note

229. [laughs] Yes!

- I ate my crisps

230. But... Yes the anxiety... but... It's interesting... well... this is only recently... that I've been placed... more into... 'public'... This is the sort of thing that you do? As part of your.. discipline... Your... training as an... academic... to present...?
231. Yes... Yep!
232. To... publicly critique...?
[She does not look up]
233. Yes
234. It's only recently... I only.. it's... I answer invitations! And I never got invitations... and then... I do get invitations... and I realize that when I'm... there are occasions... You're... you're... I guess here... You're not a great one for sport are you? Or are you?
[She moves out of shot]
235. I like running... I like cycling... yes. No, I don't like football... or rugby... hockey... not that into group... team sports I suppose..
236. Things where... no... actually... yes...

- 53. To have a system, this is what is fatal for the mind; not to have one, this too is fatal. Whence the necessity to
observe, while abandoning, the two requirements at once.

237. What makes you think of...

- [We] would plead for [our] want of habit, did it not seem preposterous, judging from precedent, that ought save the most efficient effrontery, could be ever expected in connection with [our] subject - for [we] will not conceal from you, that [we] talk about Art! Yes, Art.

238. Performance... The question of performance...
239. No. I don't like being watched.
240. But there are occasions where you perform better... than others...
241. Well... better? There are occasions...

- Orange and red orange and red.

242. Do you feel less embarrassed?

- Why do I keep thinking about the carpet?

243. ...where I perform more appropriately for certain situations?
244. Less despairing? You perform...
245. Well if I'm performing

I'm not despairing.
246. Unless you're performing... despair?

- History/ Event/ The Late Heavy Bombardment ends

247. Unless I'm performing despair... which I would only do in an art context...

- Yet they watch the plays because they hope to be made to feel sad, and the feeling of sorrow is what they enjoy. What miserable delirium this is! The more I am subject to such suffering myself, the more easily moved I am by it in the theatre.

248. Yes... I wondered about that...

- $\quad$ Should we be in my office?

249. [laughs]

- I think it is a sunny day

250. About... for myself... as much as anything else... whether... was it legitimate... If it was a way of contextualising... validating any kind of activity... that presents... all outcomes... That's what we were talking about... before? Allowing... Cringing... either cringing embarrassment... cringing despair... or not... speaking... not contributing... absenting
yourself... from... from the activity... from the action...
251. Absenting yourself from the action?
[She watches the video of the discussions at Kilquhanity]
252. Yes... There seem to be quite a lot of... people do that...

- There is a kind of wit which, because of its solidity, thoroughness, and symmetry, one is tempted to call architectonic wit. Expressed satirically, it produces the only real sarcasms. It has to be properly systematic, and then again it doesn't; with all its completeness, something should still be missing, as if torn away. This baroque quality may very well be the source of the grand style in wit.

253. What do you mean?
254. Ah... removing... redacting...

- At the beginning of last year I finally received the Arcades material hidden in the
Bibliothèque Nationale. During last Summer I worked through the material in the most detailed fashion, and some problems then arose [...] The most significant is the extraordinary restraint in the formulation of theoretical thoughts in comparison with the enormous treasure of excerpts.

This is explained in part by the (for me, already problematic) idea which is formulated explicitly in one place, of the work as pure 'montage,' that is, created from the juxtaposition of quotations so that the theory springs out of it without having to be inserted as interpretation.
255. Give me an example?

- Directions/ stage/ acting/ No I?

256. I will not... give you an example...
257. That's not new! Is it? Artists have been doing that for ages!
[He looks at her.
Listens to her response.]
258. yes... yes... yes... yes... yes...
259. Look... I can't explain my work... I...
260. No! I refuse...

- To make a theatre which is the synergetic coming together of its separate elements, the lighting, the singing, the piano, the record-playing, the brief intrusion of a composite tape of more than a hundred operas superimposed (truckera), brief flashes of light in the performance space, the movement of the singers from one spot to another in the
performance space or to the chairs at the back of the stage: 75 lights 3256 cues. Six singers each singing six arias of his or her own choice (Gluck-Puccini). 140 1-16 measure excerpts from Liszt's Opera Phantasien two pianists; fragments of 30078 's played on 12 electric victrolas by six composers, the performance of truckera, the performance of the lighting, 70 minutes.

261. Yes...
262. It's the Bartleby thing... But of all of these... things...

- My computer, my postcards.

263. Explain the Bartleby thing!
[He looks at her while she is speaking. A slight glance away. He sighs. Then returns back.]
264. Yes... Let's see if I can do this... It's... Melville... Bartleby the Scrivener... who refuses to do his job... or to... participate... it's taken... by Deleuze amongst others... as a way of resisting... [clears throat] and this question of 'passivity' and... are you putting this heater on?

- What is this for?

265. This one on... because it's quieter...
266. Are you cold?
267. Yes... Always...

- The category 'work' is not merely given a new lease of life after the failure of the avantgardiste attempt to reintroduce art into the praxis of life; it is actually expanded. The objet trouvé is totally unlike the result of an individual production process but a chance find, in which the avant-gardiste intention of uniting art and the praxis of life took shape, is recognized today as a 'work of art.' The objet trouvé thus loses its character as anti-art and becomes, in the museum, an autonomous work among others. (*See the exhibition Metamorphosis of the Thing: Art and Anti-art, 1910-1970, Brussels 1971, which was shown in Brussels and elsewhere).

268. [sighs] Anyway that's my understanding rather than my... or my interpretation... but... the question of... of... of action... of inactivity or... all things being allowed to occur... like embarrassment... and.. despair... [almost inaudibly] possibility... to be enacted...
[His untidy beard. Hardly a beard. In fact, just an untidy crop. Light catching stray wiry. Awn]
269. I think that allowance...

- 'Berlin's left-wing Fascists greet Teddy the classicist'

270. I don't know..
271. I think the allowance is important... but I think for me... and probably for you as well... I'm... I feel like I'm creating a space to allow myself to do something... which... usually involves other.. creative... type people... that understand themselves as involved in creative practices.. because they're more willing to accommodate this... even if it's not... even if there's still this... my friend Alasdair has this great thing where... I made him a painting... for his gallery in Orkney... and he displayed it and... some guy came in and said... is that meant to be something... and Alasdair loves this... the perfect sort of description of what I'm doing... which is... true in a way... That is what I' $\mathrm{m} . .$. is that meant to be something? I don't know... but that's what we have! For many of the people you're working with... are.. is that meant to be something? There's a kind of acceptance that... that dialogue is maybe kind of valuable... or possible to work with... somehow... it's not $\mathrm{a} . .$. is that meant to be...

It's a question! Which is a good point to work from... and I think it's understood as such... if you get the right people or...

- They comes across a shopping mall, which becomes their sanctuary. To make the mall safe for habitation, they block the entrances with trucks to keep the undead masses outside from building up enough cumulative force to break through; they also craft a wooden "false wall" to hide the access to their living space. After clearing the mall of zombies, they enjoy a hedonistic lifestyle with all the resources available to them. As time goes by, however, they come to perceive themselves as imprisoned.

272. The right people?

- I ate my crisps.

273. I know... it's horrible...
274. Well... it is... actually...
275. But it is I think true... there are some people for whom it is not the right question...

- You (as he/me/I/ double) Direct address me/I (you)

276. I think it's... the thing that people... dislike about artists...

- We keep talking

277. But it's some artists as well... that it'd be the wrong question..
278. Yes... but... or... I know this is not what you're saying.. but there is a sense in which...
I... Do I have the experience?

Do I have the level of
understanding? Have I been initiated in the ways... of? To... to be able to read! Do I have the requisite knowledge?

- 1. Midnight

2. The Stairs
3. The Dice Throw
4. Sleep on the Ashes, after
the Candle is Snuffed Out
5. To read?
6. Yes... or at least say... look... I suspend... whatever it is...
7. Be more specific?
8. To say what you said... Is it... not so much is it supposed to be something... but... [sighs] Happy to experience... and to consider... in whatever ways...

- Love.

283. That's it isn't it? I think there's something in us which is very much about... it's the process... but it's the document and the archive
and the... experience... trying to capture all those things... but it's not the packaging... Or if I have problems with the packaging element... anyway... that's that... What do you do? Question what do you do means... How do you contribute... tangibly... somehow...
284. Yes... or just dealing with... the... the hideous question... 'So. Sell me this!'
[His face out of focus comes into focus. Cropped]
285. Mmm...?
286. Which... I've had... had recently and I... I was kind of angry with myself that I couldn't... say... That is precisely the kind of question that means I cannot do this... This is not the right place... This is... and if I had... it would have saved an awful lot of... of... bother. There were reasons why I couldn't... and there are always reasons... because either somebody thinks that... well one... you need to do it... because there are lots of reasons why we've got to do it... whether they're legitimate... They think they're helping you...

- The crunching of my crisps.

287. They're helping you make clear...

- Darker as we go into the basement level so we can leave.

288. Oh absolutely! And they think it's necessary for everyone else... because that is the requisite question... whereas it's... and either you think... oh hang on a second...I... sound like I'm negating everything... or I'm now going to...

- What shoes was I wearing?

289. It's a resistance isn't it? I experience it as a resistance.. Part of what I liked about removing my practice from my PhD was that it... I didn't have to resist anything in my practice anymore because I could do my PhD and reflect... and that was what I was doing... contributing... and then I could reflect and kind of... make a mess... and think creatively... and whatever about it... it became this hobby... which for a while was good... but.. seems... I suspect... because ultimately what I'm interested in is... always more than... anything that I'm doing... I want to be... reaching beyond... what I'm doing... towards.. some way of understanding.. Where we are now... which I never managed to do... but
it's what I'm interested in... I
suppose... Lost my train there!
290. Train... [whispers]

But is that to do with... tightly... defined... functions and roles? And whereas... there...
291. Yes..
292. ...is value in having to... conform...thinking... and there is a... a rigour!
293. It depends what you want to make doesn't it?
294. Rigour! That funny word!
295. Ah well Jen hates it... I don't mind it that much...
296. She hates it?

- What is this fragmenting?

297. Oh yes! Rigor mortis...
[He grins]
298. Oh that's good!

- What's the best we can do?

299. Mmm...

- Unknowing.

300. ...because I think [laughing] she's one of the most rigor mortis folk I know! Yeah
well... the irony never...
301. Stops...
302. ...ceases to... It's just whether you're allowed to... to agree...
303. Yes...
304. ...but as to the value of... of escape... of...
305. I think... I think there's a value... see I wonder... thinking about this disciplinary differences recently... quite a bit... and... there is something I feel... about wanting to understanding art history... in order to... because I'm interested in its discipline... its practice and how it's understood... And it's a useful process... to learn... and to bring to my other understandings.. of learning of art practice... It's an... enriching experience.. even if it's uncomfortable... because it's difficult to cross disciplines... to...
306. It's difficult to cross disciplines.. because it's... Because?
307. Because... I wonder... because they don't... They're not commensurate... They don't connect up... They ideally I suppose should enrich each other, but they've been separated to the extent that they
don't... there aren't really good points of contact... between some of them... between some of them I think there are... but I... it's either me that is uncomfortable... which is entirely possible... or it's that these things don't easily fit together... that what is required is an arts practitioner... it's different from what is required from an art historian... and navigating those... becoming one or the other for a time is... kind of difficult...
308. The argument that's always given is that if you... You lose... [sighs] Some value... some aspect... of the... discipline... and... it becomes too wide...
309. That's the argument... but that's not held up in history... da Vinci or any of the seventeenth century or eighteenth century... What led us into the enlightenment... or even our own understanding of our own history... leads us to think that separating disciplines is not a good idea... and yet that's what happened... although we still recognize the value of multi-disciplinarity now... of trans-disciplinarity in the university and art college... it's still... embedded within this idea that the discipline... yes... that you need this... in order to get high levels of intense..
value from something you need to go really far into one thing...
[His glasses around his neck. Which is odd. He isn't reading anything]
310. Sure... but also there's... is there a perceived... problem... where methodology... or... just... for want of a better word... thinking is... almost oppositional... that... that the process... or question of practice... is... antagonistic... oppositional... It's perceived as oppositional to a... critique which... necessarily... pertains to objectivity... pertains to something... outside... and that... obviously these are huge examples of...

- The possibility that we may be right to do this.

311. Yes...
312. ...theoretical thinking.. which... complicate... which allow... the speculative... dialectical... consideration...

- In truth, and particularly in the case of Friedrich Schlegel the fragment often seems a means of complacently abandoning oneself to the self rather than an attempt to elaborate a more rigorous mode of writing. Then to write fragmentarily
is simply to welcome one's own disorder, to close up upon one's own self in a contented isolation, and thus to refuse the opening that the fragmentary exigency represents; an
exigency that does not exclude totality, but goes beyond it.

313. And I think... you probably just have to find the right people...
314. People?
[Close, but not extremely close, her head turns back into shot. Smiling]
315. The people who are interested in that... you have to find your... people...
316. The interest... rather than the people?
317. Yes... I guess you have to... that's another place where universities tend to be quite specific... or art colleges... you have... specialisms within... different places... and you have to...
318. I mean from the outside... there seems to be... a defensiveness... I mean art schools for example..
319. To? Defensiveness towards?
320. Destructing their position...
321. Destructing the artists' position?
322. Or a position... the position from where they... they have... become established...
323. Yes. Establishment is part of it... Having an investment in a particular way of thinking maybe?
324. Is it possible? Do you... do you ever consider the way that you approach your research... and the way that you approach your practice... even if it doesn't seem to make sense... or if it does...

- Mild confusion and happiness.

325. Yes! I think about it all the time!
326. Yes... so... does it... is it something... not so much that it... resolves... but allows a practice to occur which is... critical...
[She couldn't be happier]
327. Is that reflection that allows...

- Erratic.

328. Is that something that can be... done?
329. The reflection?
330. From the position you are... that you've... got to?

- Close-up

331. I think so... I think it's possible... I think it requires quite a lot of confidence... to do it...
332. Is it about overlapping? Parts of what you would be... happy to consider being... amateur practice?

- Art's 'resistance' is in fact the tension of contraries, the interminable tension between Apollo and Dionysus: between the happy figure of an annulled dissensus, dissimulated in the anthropomorphic figure of the beautiful god made of stone and re-opened dissensus, exacerbated by Dionysiac fury or complaint: in Achab's will to nothingness or Bartleby's nothingness of will.

333. It's just hard to... call it... it's hard to... gather and... it's hard to make visible what my practice is... as an art historian... and... it's easier to make visible what my practice is as a... I think it would need an exhibition... it would need a space... rather than the forms I have been working in...

- The two zombies seek refuge in a shopping mall.

334. Ah!
335. Yes... I think it might be more visible... it might be the office... or... I mean the way I work in here... it's very... like the way that I worked as an artist... when art was my... PhD if you know what I mean... when it was flipped a bit... I just went in and worked... I didn't... and I had... I had an idea... a goal of some kind... which I had with the PhD but... and then I just roll... I just work... it's not...
336. There is this... and I think... Charlotte... Jen... and many people do... the question of the... studio and the study... and the office... and the lecture hall... There are places where... activity occurs... and maybe they overlap between...

- Feeling better.

337. But there is a real similarity if you come down to it... for me anyway... in what academics do... and what artists do... Practically you go in... and do something...
338. ...but there is the... there is the... 'nature' of the activity... there is the...
339. For me it's pretty similar... there are tools which...
[He is overcome, perhaps]
340. ...or the 'history' of the activity..

- We are negotiating.

341. Yes the 'history' of the activity..
342. So... the 'monastic' aspect of the activity $\ldots$ or the social... consideration of the activity?
343. There's more emphasis on limit I would say... in my experience of academic... inquiry... Is that what you were talking about? People think that it's valuable to make things clearer... and limited... because you have to get things into a certain order.. and you have to make things a certain size and certain... You know? Size! [laughs] I'm making hand movements.. [laughs] ...but I think that's also the... probably also the case in creative practice... that we are encouraged to make clear... to package... to sell.. to limit... because otherwise it's just... crap in an office... or a studio... or a... which I... yes... you could also... reflect on as an art object...

- Past. His first, and in truth, his only studio, was a room in a derelict school in Greenwich. Without running water and without electricity. 1989-1992. He closed the door behind him. The room he is in now
is not a studio. It is the living room in Manchester.

344. ...but it is the ready environment where... isolated consideration... is necessary before public... dissemination... It is funny that this space... this whole... structure... is so... monastic! A little cell!
345. Yes... this is only from the sixties... It's really good though... it's really handy..
346. The Study... yes...
far from the...

- Wait.

347. ...madding crowd [laughs]
348. Do you know how to use this?
349. I think I probably have used it before..

- She on one page. He on the other (left, right)
Or. He and She alternating as double spreads. Their own images as composites, disappearing into the fold of the book.
Or. Separating their images into different books. Their own images as composites, disappearing into the fold of the book.
(SHOT/REVERSE SHOT (or REVERSE ANGLE SHOOTING):

A conventional pattern of editing and camera placement in sequences showing a conversation between two (or more) people. The camera alternates between shots of person A and shots of person $B$, taken from opposite ends of the axis of action. The camera must move at least 90 degrees between the two shots (in order to move from person A's end of the axis to person $\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ ), while staying on only one side of the figures (that is, one side of the 180 degree line)
[noises from the camera]
350. Do you know... that's the zoom... T for telephoto... W for wide... We're very close... so... [laughs]

- Anxiety for nothing.

351. [laughs]
352. ...it's probably just as easy to move the camera! I don't know... I think there's a tape in here... the problem with this.. this is a break we're having...

He nods without speaking. Confirming her assertion.]
353. [laughs]
[His crows feet.
His lopsided nearly sneer grin.]
354. ...the problem with this camera is that its... it won't rewind!

- Window

355. That is a problem..
356. ...but that's quite interesting because it means we can't review it immediately... so... and we can discuss this at some point... What do we do with the recording? There will be a time lapse...
Right!
357. Technology is a bit of another issue I have..

- These fragments (the words) may attempt to see clearly what is being said and unveil the truth. The fragments may attempt to see clearly what is being said and cover the truth.

358. Same here. Hence it doesn't work!
359. Yes..
360. Come on... switch on...
[camera on]
361. I think it might be quite interesting to talk about how we're going to package this?
362. Yes?
363. As part of this conversation.. because I think this textual thing is quite hard to get your head round... but this is this thing about limiting and making clear... I mean these fragments... I suppose if they are contextualized... then they... you can read them... you can just dip in and out... maybe it's the same with this conversation? I mean it's quite long and... sort of... it's not user friendly... really...
364. The conversation
[She laughs]
365. Yes...
366. Right...

- Video/ Film/Editing/ intercut

367. Or is it?
368. Well there is the... [sighs] I was thinking of making it... well... integrating our... I think we said it before... about weaving... fragments... back into it...
369. Weaving!? The fragments back to what?
370. Into the... this text..

- My thesis in the middle of my mind, the introduction, for after he leaves

371. This text? Or that text?
372. That text... [points]

- Green pumps?

373. This text? [sighs]

- The keyboard of my computer, black and newly clean.

374. Or the one that we're doing?
375. It's difficult though because it's numbered. They're all numbered! So in terms of people understanding what's happening... it's really complicated... I think... because the fragments are numbered... but the conversation is also numbered..

- I have been in this office for a long time.

376. Mmm...
377. So how do you make it clear? Which is a fragment? Which is a conversation? When it's all fragmented? It's a question!
378. Umm... You don't... make it clear.

- Studio / Study /

379. So we're 'anti-clear'?
380. ...but it does
communicate itself...

- I love jump-cuts, because on one hand I am trying to do something that is very controlled, on the other hand, I am trying to do something that is not so controlled at all, so it is kind of a medicine against [him]self.

381. Does it?

- Random Sequence Generator. The form allows [you] to generate randomized sequences of integers. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. Sequence Boundaries. Smallest value (limit -1,000,000,000) Largest value (limit $+1,000,000,000$ ) Format in column(s). The length of the sequence (the largest minus the smallest value plus 1) can be no greater than 10,000. Note: A randomized sequence does not contain duplicates (the numbers are like raffle tickets drawn from a hat).
http:/ /www.random. org/sequences/

382. I don't know...

- Lost. The Culture Industry has succeeded in transforming
subjects into social functions and done this so undifferentiatedly that those who are completely seized by this, no longer mindful of any conflict, enjoy their own dehumanization as something human, as the happiness of warmth.

383. I don't know either!

- It's a Sunday so it should have been quiet.

384. That's good...

〔His crows feet lines. Looks down then back up again to finish the sentence.]
385. [laughs]
386. That's good... I don't know whether there's a way in which... because they're written... if we're talking about the difference between the continuity of the conversation which is... those are just exchanges and you could take away the numbers... and it doesn't really matter... and then there's the discontinuity of the fragments... because although... the fragments do form themselves into... a beginning, middle, end... a narrative... because there is a removal... a disjuncture from the spoken word... there is always the possibility of it... the conjunction
of... of fragment to speech...
387. But do we need to make that clear?
388. We're making it clear now...
389. Are we?

- The material to which [he] devoted himself, however, was historical and literary. While he was still quite young, in the early 1920s, he formulated the maxim of never thinking off the top of his head, or, as he called it, 'amateurishly,' but rather thinking always and exclusively in relation to existing texts. [He] understood that idealist metaphysics was deceptive in equating what exists with meaning. At the same time, any unmediated statement about meaning, about transcendence, is historically forbidden. This is what gives his philosophy its allegorical quality. It aims at the absolute, but in a discontinous, mediated fashion. The whole of creation becomes for [him] a text which must be deciphered but whose code is unknown.

390. Well we've now just stated it...

- The revival of art as an institution and the revival of the category 'work' suggest that today, the avant-garde is already historical. Even today,
of course, attempts are made to continue the tradition of the avant-garde movements (that this concept can be put on paper without being conspicious oxymoron shows again that the avant-garde has become historical). But these attempts, such as the happenings, for example, which could be called neo-avant-gardiste, can no longer attain the protest value of Dadaist manifestations even though they may be prepared and executed more perfectly than the former.

391. [laughs]

- I say something about not understanding the numbering system.

392. We're recording this...

- We look sidelong at each other after a short gap in the conversation.

393. So it will be clear [laughing] somehow!
394. No... but it's... it is clear... I think it's more about writing... than... in that sense there.. [sighs] ...in the past... In-ThePast...
There is a way in which... It's like a voice... isn't it? If you... if you... not in any particular order... but if you put one thing
next to the other... There are two voices. There's two voices speaking in time... and there are two voices addressing... the situation... in parallel... So there's a commentary... So there will always be this... Voice over... whether on occasions...
395. What are you talking about!?
396. I'm talking about this..
397. There are two voices!?

- The fragments (these words) may or may not be written in the first person. They may be understood as stage directions.
Or a narrator's voice. They may assume the voice of the judge. Or the anthropologist. Or the historian. Etc.

398. Yes...
399. That's you and me?

- I felt self-conscious but it also felt right.

400. Yes...
401. And what's the commentary?
402. The commentary is our voices...
[Her eyebrow]
403. This voice? Like us? Now?
404. No. The fragments...
[Figures pass behind his head. They glance in.]
405. The fragments?

- It's hard to get a straight answer from Eddy but I persevere.

406. ...are our commentary on... are our memory... and our... our...
407. ...fragments? Yes?

- Authentic

408. And our commentary on that room..
[She is happy if incredulous]
409. The conversation is the conversation...

- Close-up

410. It's just a step back... isn't it?
411. A step back to where?
412. From... another reflection... in the same way that we're now reflecting... both of them... Now...
413. So a lot of this is to do with reflection?
414. Seems to be...
415. [laughs]
416. Isn't that what the archive and the document allow?

- Early and Incomplete.

417. Well they can... I don't think they have to.
[She looks at him while she is speaking]
418. Is everything not read?

- Thus the laws of remembrance were operative even within the confines of the work. For experienced event is finite - at any rate, confined to one sphere of experience; a remembered event is infinite, because it is only a key to everything that happened before it and after it.

419. It's a particular kind of reflection ... isn't it?
420. Yes... a lot of it's to do with language... or it's to do with writing... or to do with the voice... or with communication... but all of it is about... making some kind of declaration...
421. Declaration!
422. Yes..
423. This is a declaration!?

It's like about thirteen pages long!! [laughs]
424. Yes well it's just a really woolly, rubbish declaration... [laughs] I did preface it by saying... some kind of...
425. [laughs]

- I wonder how the fragments will go.

426. Hopefully it comes under... 'comedy'..
427. Comedy! ok...

- 80. The historian is a prophet facing backwards.

428. [sighs]
429. So. Reflection leading to declaration?
[Dark silhouette. His head against the window outside gives the impression that he is in a cell which itself faces out onto the opened institutional space]
430. No

But you said that the archive...
431. It's giving me the red battery sign..

- $\quad$ Poetry $=$ Prose $+a+b+c$ Prose = Poetry-a-b-c

432. It's not really the red battery sign... I don't know what it is... it's never on there long enough for me to figure out what it is... Right! Note to self Eddy. Stop playing with your nose!
433. [laughs]
434. [laughs]
435. I'm stuck on the idea that this might be in some way a 'declaration' [laughs] We could call it that? [laughs]

- Eddy begins to talk about his practice.

436. Yes? Well what are the other things that end in -laration? [laughs]

- [The Book.] Not as a single book in the usual sense. Even what we call the Bible is actually a system of books. And that is, I might add, no mere arbitrary turn of phrase!

437. Well it's not a narration quite... is it?

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

1. The texts will be anonymous Anonymity aims not to remove the author's right of possession over what he writes nor even to make him impersonal by
freeing him from himself (his history, his person, the suspicion attached to his particularity), but to constitute collective or plural speech: a communism of writing.
2. I think it's a... it's... it's... fragmentary... It's fragmentary writing... it's a way of...

- How the book may be written.

439. It's not though... It's been made into fragments by the numbers... this is not a fragmentary...
This is a conversation...
440. That is... Yes...
441. That's not a fragment... really... that's a coherent... semi-coherent...

- Words do not change their meaning as much in centuries as names do for us in the space of a few years. Our memory and our heart are not large enough to be able to remain faithful. We have not room enough, in our mental field, to keep the dead there as well as the living. We are obliged to build over what has gone before and is brought to light only by a chance excavation, such as the name [Saintrailles] had just wrought in my mind opened up. I felt that it would be useless to explain all this...

442. Yes... Yes... Yes... Yes... Yes... Absolutely!
443. ...sentence... temporal... I mean...
444. Yes... but even in the conversation... of course... of course... yes... it has... but... when you read it... you know when... there is everything that is missing... everything...
445. Yes... the fragments which are dealt with in some way by the.. I think that this is what we're getting to... isn't it? That the fragment... That's that kind of thing of thing about putting the fragments back in...
446. ...it's the possibility that they're... not so much dealt with... but that they're there...

- The fragments (these words) may attempt to explain our speech. Disown our speech. Etc.

447. And they're there for different people in different ways. So for me they're different than they are for you...
448. Yes...

- Drawing without recourse to archive?

449. ...that kind of ... difference... perception... or something...

- I have never known that.


## 450. [sighs]

Yes. Yes. That's it.
But I'm... I'm... I need to
get back to the thing you
were saying about... the archive... It doesn't necessarily allow... What? What does it not necessarily allow?
451. Tricky... but... I think I have an issue with... what I think I might take from an archive as a practitioner... and what I take from it as an historian...
452. Yes... of course... that goes back to...
453. ...both are reflections...

- These fragments (these words) might digress from the spoken attempt to articulate. They may attempt to fill in what was left unsaid. Complete.

454. Yes... but that's to do with...
455. ...expectations...
456. Yes... Purpose and premise... and training... and everything else... but... there you have the ... if such a thing occurred... as... exists... the raw material... which... the professional...
457. Various things could be made...
458. So... like any reading... Is it about reading?
459. ...and experiencing... the archive...
460. Yes... Well right now it is the archive... All we're doing is archiving... That's all we've done!?

- Do I believe that?

461. Well we've thought as well?
462. Yes...
463. I suppose that is part of the archiving process? You have to work out how to put down... and categorize... and...
464. Sticking a number next to it...

- This seems sensible to me, in its possibility.

465. Sticking a number next to it... [laughs]

- The doors.

466. And putting it into an index... And then shuffling it...
467. [laughs]
468. Yes... I don't know... there's a great deal... about... um... film language... or... theatre... or... Yes, those

- A dialogue is a chain or garland of fragments. An exchange of letters is a dialogue on a larger scale, and memoirs constitute a system of fragments. But as yet no genre exists that is fragmentary both in form and content, simultaneously completely subjective and individual, and completely objective and like a necessary part in a system of all the sciences.

469. Can it be very well introduced?
470. We could get somebody well to introduce it... Yes...
471. It's going to be a publication of some kind isn't it? I hate to be clear... But?
472. Yes... I think we are...
473. So... we can work in a very clear... straightforward... introduction? And then...

- Face

Practically motionless
throughout, eyes unblinking
during paragraphs, impassive except in so far as it reflects mounting tension of listening. Brief zones of relaxation between paragraphs when perhaps voice has relented for the evening and intentness may relax variously
till restored by voice resuming.
474. Such as?

- I believe in the negotiation.

475. Well something that explains what... this is... Or what these are? Or how we understand these... and the duration of the discussion... Where it took place... You know?
That... but just in a very clear... introductory way?

- Joy.

476. That's your... yes...
[He looks at camera, opens mouth]
477. That's my...?
478. That's your thing...
479. Well I'm interested in...
that... I'm interested in... making clear...
480. Yes...
[He gestures strongly]
481. I'm interested because for years I had a real problem with making things clear... and I didn't want... I just didn't trust the language or something... or I didn't think I could... so I just made stuff and didn't explain
it... and it was difficult... and then... even in my PhD it was a bit like that... like I wasn't really explaining myself... and now I'm kind of... it's all a bit clearer and I feel... like with my work as well... it's perhaps a bit clearer... just to say what happened... or what I'm doing... You know it's not such a mystery... and I quite like that... I'm interested in what happens...
482. Yes... for me it has always been an... aspiration! I've always desired to be clear... and I'm continually told... but I'm not... and I...

- There is [...] another sense in which memory issues strict weaving regulations. Only the actus purus of recollection itself, not the author or the plot, constitutes the unity of the text. One may even say that the intermittence of author and plot is only the back side of the tapestry. This is what Proust meant, and this is how he must be understood, when he said that he would prefer
to see his entire work printed
in one volume in two columns and without any paragraphs.

483. But do you really want to be clear?
484. Umm... this is like the
beginning of 'Fame'... how much do you want to be clear? [laughs] You want clarity!? Well clarity... demands work!
485. Answer the question!
486. Yes when it's good... No when it's bad...
487. [laughs]

- Public/ Event Direct [we] address of the audience (you)

488. ...when I want to hide... I...
489. But this is going to be good isn't it?
[She writes]
490. Pardon?

- [...] in a perfect literature all books should be only a single book, and in such an eternally developing book, the gospel of humanity and culture will be revealed.

491. This is going to be good... Isn't it?
492. Yes... well there is a thing about being... [sighs] When you mean clarity... do you mean... distilling and being succinct?

- The reconstructions have been built as authentically as possible,
the films have been made as authentically as possible. The illusion, quite simply, is so accurate that it brings the tourists to tears. One can always scoff, but what else can a tourist really do but cry?

493. Yes.
494. Right... see I think clarity is also being... could be... just always in focus... everything...

- The demand, the extreme demand of the fragmentary is at first obeyed lazily, as though it were a matter of stopping at fragments, sketches, studies: preparations or rejected versions of what is not yet a work.

495. How do you do that?
496. You present the whole thing...

- Who is in the study space today that I know?

497. But you see... I think that's different... I think that's an archive... that's not an interpretation...
498. Yes well... just bring in the term interpretation...

- Meant to be? Between the document and the work is the stage? or too much maybe?

499. Yes... So I was saying...

Can I bring in the term...
interpretation?
[Hands. Pencil in hand. She picks at her finger nail.]
500. ...no you're talking about... ah right... yes... Yes!
501. And might that be valuable?

- A list of all the words that were spoken has been made. Separated and ordered alphabetically. There are around 16,000 words. These words might be key. They form an appendix. They might suggest other words; these words? A list of all these words. Either from existing texts (footnoted, references, bibliography, etc) or not.

502. Yes! ...but I think you're... going to be better at it than I am... [laughs]
503. [laughs] I've been
doing it for years!
504. Well this is the point! ...as my mother would say...
This is the point! This is the point of this conversation... the point of why we're working...
505. Yes.

- I propose an introduction.

506. ...why this is happening... is that... I feel like I've come to the doctor's... You can give me...
507. Fix it!

- Behind the computer.

508. No not me... give clarity to the project... in a way that.. my clarity is... is... to hide things in open view...
509. Yep! Well there's a nice landscape analogy there!
510. Thank you...
511. We could call it that!

- I remember snow in here.

512. You did that to me once... 'thank you'...
513. What did I do?

- We sit beside each other.

514. I suddenly got something... and then you said... [laughs]

- It's a pressure release from the past.

515. [laughs]

- A rarely questioned art school dogma decrees that tackling philosophy and more generally, theoretical texts makes artistic
output more complex and interesting, thus enhances the quality of the product. (Another art school dogma, still prevalent at many German art academies, decrees of course exactly the opposite.) But as the analysis undertaken in recent years of 'cognitive capitalism' has thoroughly demonstrated, knowledge and thinking are subject to the same market mechanisms as art objects and their production. (This is reflected by, among other things, the countless new Ph.D programs for artists.)

516. God what an idiot I am

- I am not sure about the format.

517. To hide things in open view... I think that's nice... I must stop saying 'nice' ... and I must stop saying... 'interesting' well...
[Because he is sitting with his back to the window. Because the shared space outside the office has large window over head height. The sky. The camera iris closes down. Often leaving him blotted out in silhouette.]
518. Give us that good ol' rigour...
519. Yep!
520. ...that old time rigour..
521. ...Mortis... I think that was quite a useful... conversation...

- Isolated, or is that today.

522. ...well we've decided upon something...
[He looks at camera, serious]
523. ...which I feel quite comfortable with...

- I had tidied up and I think I didn't need to but I'm glad I did.

524. See that's the issue... I'm rubbish at decision making...
525. I'm quite bad at it... but...
526. ...you obviously are not as rubbish as I am..
527. No. [laughs]
528. Yes I know... you forced the issue here...
529. I'm forcing the issue... [laughs]
530. ...and you're writing the introduction...
531. Along with all the introductions to my thesis...
532. Well I never do it... and you're absolutely right! I see it and think... [sighs] I don't have the will... and it really is... I
don't know how you define..
Will! ...to actually... write...
the damn thing... and then
that's where my great capacity
for procrastination come in...

- We were noisy for the studyspace and people walking past looked in. I wondered what they thought of Eddy holding the camera.

531. I think I could probably write...
if I had all the information...
I could probably write a fairly useful introduction...
532. Do we have to show the introduction?

- Doch sonderbar!

Während dem Schlucken wird mir Zu Sinne, als ob ich verdoppelt, Ein andrer armer Schlucker sei Mit mir zusammengekoppelt
533. Yes!
534. Right...

- Post-it notes

535. Yes

- When rays of light inscribe an object's image onto photosensitive paper at a particular moment, they record the object's presence but they also inscribe that moment of time, henceforth suspended.

536. Can we not just write it and say that it exists?

- What books have I read?

537. No! [laughs]

- The audience is not called upon to offer help but only to feel sorrow, and the more they are pained the more they applaud the author. Whether this human agony is based on fact or is simply imaginary, if it is acted so badly that the audience is not moved to sorrow, they leave the theatre in a disgruntled and critical mood...

538. ...give out a phone number? If you want an introduction... here's the... helpline?
539. No we don't have to... We don't have to do anything! I think what we do have to do... perhaps if we have to do anything... maybe what we have to do is write the introduction because it's something I'm interested in... and then see if it... see what it does... to the... test it with the thing... what does this do... does it change it into something that your comfortable with? And it might well do actually... I think it might... because... I think you have an interest in not being clear...
540. Right?

- This extreme exposure - prior to any human aim - is like a shot 'at point blank range'.

541. ...and it might change it into something I don't want! It might change it into something that reminds me too much of my thesis... or something... but it might not... and we could of course write about that! It... It could be a conclusion... Nice to have a conclusion isn't it? [laughs]
542. Bloody Hell! We've got a beginning and an...
543. Thesis...
544. ...end! Now all me need is the sausage meat in the middle...

- Record / Archive/ Document/ Photograph/Index

545. That's right... [laughs] That's the fragments...
546. Well... I was thinking more of... no... no... no... that's fine... the thing is... I'm.. I'm... [sighs] despite what I think other people think... I think I am... very malleable!

- [...]the search for a new form of completion that mobilizes - renders mobile - the whole
through its interruption and through interruptions various modes. This demand for a fragmentary speech, not in order to trouble communication
but to render it absolute, is
what causes Schlegel to say
that only future centuries will
know how to read 'fragments.'

547. Yes... I think you're going to have to be...

- Am I weird?

548. I'm easily... swayed! Weak! Yes. I'm weak! So that's good!

- We have paper in front of us.

549. But we've yet to see if you'll actually let that happen!
550. I thought you'd said 'We've yet to save you!'
551. No... if that actually could happen. If you would let that go to press... with your name on it!

- What is it meant to be?

552. Which bit? The succinct introduction?
553. Yes..
554. Oh I'd love it!

- Exchange. I emailed Amy to ask her to take a photograph
of a place in Glasgow that we could meet to discuss the book. She had already sent me a number of beautiful pictures from Orkney and so I imagined an urban landscape of some kind a perhaps all too obvious, counter. We had been thinking of George Square, The Botanical Gardens and Queens Park. But I wondered if The Buchanan Galleries (with its 'imperial era of capitalism' arcade connotation) might be a suitable location to meet. The Buchanan Galleries though, is a shopping centre. She agreed (in the way she took her pictures... a panorama of sorts of a spot somewhere in the whole complex where we would be allowed. Not one of the shops. Take in as much of the landscape as possible. Where we might meet should be a little empty space. Awaiting? Would that be possible? She emailed me later to say that she'd tried, but that she'd found that she was scared to. She hadn't known she would be until that moment.

555. Would you?
556. I've tried it! I've genuinely tried to do it... and my way out of doing it is to present documents... and to say... here is the exchange... in their own voice... saying... please do this... Here is the context... and... I... or else I give examples... and it's... just [sighs] my problem is that I like it to be interpreted widely...

I'm very interested... and many other people are... about whatever it is that... anyone.. brings... however destructive...
557. You can put footnotes with that in... [laughs]
58. So... who knows.
559. Yes
[She breaks her gaze]
560. Footnotes... [laughs]
561. Well if you want to get a bit philosophical you can always bung it in a footnote... You know?
562. Bung it in a footnote? [sighs]

- What are these systems?

563. Yes...
564. Again... about the weaving analogy... well then maybe it's not a good analogy... because you can't continually weave.. weaving and reweaving and weaving... but you can start off... and you introduce.. the fragments... and then other fragments... there is a way of relating... no... I like it... I'm quite happy to have a textiles analogy...
565. Ok [laughs]
566. With footnotes..

- Levinas often has good ideas, but when he talks about the gaze of the other that cannot be killed, the other who is such that he can't be killed, he is doing a bad reverse-shot. Film can touch on such questions perhaps. I can't because I don't have Lévinas's intellectual capacity, but if we were working together, we'd manage to come up with a phrase that is deeper, worked out with greater care, in that domain only.

567. With footnotes (laughing) well I just thought that if there was a... if there was a... You have it really close up Eddy! You always do that! You want it on somebody's nostril! It's horrible! We just all look crap!

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

5. Thus in this [...] those who are without words, who are not writers, the very people whom the discourse does not reach - even though it is this discourse that they believe they can best make themselves heard - must have a place in which to express themselves or to find themselves expressed, whether directly or indirectly.
6. [sighs] What church is that?
7. It's in... a... fuck I've forgotten...

Excuse me... begins with a...
W... down south... Wiltshire!
[She closes eyes, folds arms]
570. Ok [whispers, sighs]
[An eyelash caught
on her cheek]
571. Why do you do that? With the close ups? What's that about?

- Backdrop. Vermeer's studio. With its recording booth and props. Chair upholstered in tapestry; one of a batch made by Maximiliaan van der Gucht for the Town Hall in Delft. Claes Jansz. Visscher, map of Seventeen Provinces of the Netherlands, c.1595. It is possible to see that the joists are supported at the left on a timber lintel or wall plate, running across the heads of the windows.

572. I like faces... I like... I like difference... I mean everything... and also it's about drawing... I think it's... holding a camera... full front on is a... an issue...

- We argue over randomness.

573. [laughs]
574. ...but yes I know... it does pick up all the... detritus...
all the stuff around it...
575. The background stuff? That's what it says in 'Stage' ...all the background stuff... sort of gets in the way sometimes...

- But, in its expression, in its mortality, the face before me...

576. In 'Stage'?
577. Yes... the film... from Kilquhanity...
578. Oh yes... right... right... I was thinking of... that film called 'Stage'...
579. [laughs]
580. But background?
581. Gets in the way...
582. Well, I was always told that I got in the way... and that's one of those voices that...
that recur... Back again...
Eddy! Get out of the way!
583. And you're like... No!?
584. I didn't think I was in the way! [laughs]
585. [laughs]
586. Then you immediately reflect upon... the immediate past... as it is becoming...
mediated... through the...
voice of... That's the thing...
[swallows] lips move...onto...

- We talk about things I might regret saying.

587. You can see them really clearly at this distance...
588. This distance? [laughs]
589. [laughs]
590. Hopefully there is not too much coffee around the edges...
591. Well let's hope so...
592. Let's hope so... Do you find seeing and speaking at the same time... difficult? or...
593. I find this quite difficult... trying to record and look at you... and notice you there as well... but it's not impossible...
594. [sniffs] God the nose... [laughs]
595. Are we straying off topic?
596. No. This is very much the topic...
597. Ok
598. Anything is always the topic... this is why it's such a great idea that you're going to write this introduction...
and conclude it... which I'm very much hoping to read...
599. And we can have a little contents page as well? If we want illustrations?
600. I want an index... I love an index...

- [...] the 'foundation' that fragmentation presupposes consists precisely in the fragmentary totality in its organicity. The fragment thus constitutes the most mimological writing of individual organicity. It is in this light that we read [CF.103's...] praise, in opposition to 'works of beautiful coherence,' of a 'motley heap of sudden ideas,' whose profound, substantial unity rests on the 'free and equal fellowship' of its parts. An ideal politics - and consequently, according to the most constant tradition of metaphysical politics, an organic politics - furnishes the model of fragmentation. Analogously, if the Bible remains or once more becomes the model of the book, it does so, as can be seen [...], as the plural book ( $t a$ biblia), and as such, as One.

601. An index? Appendices even? The fragments could go in the appendices?

- Discussing landscape fragments.

602. uh...
603. Maybe it's a structural issue?
[She looks down to write]
604. No... but I think...

- Theory

605. It depends what the main body of the text is?

- When, as children we were given those great encyclopedic works World and Mankind, New Universe, The Earth, wouldn't our gaze always fall first of all, on the colour illustration of a Carboniferous Landscape' or on 'Lakes and Glaciers of the First Ice Age'? Such an ideal panorama of a barely elapsed primeval age opens up when we look through the arcades that are found in our cities. Here resides the last dinosaur of Europe, the consumer.

606. Are you familiar with any kind of writing for screen?
[Extreme close-up of her mouth. Pulls back a little. She is looking down as he tries to speak. And then as part of his sentence forms recognizably, she glances up and nods]
607. No
608. So there are camera directions.. or... in theatre... there are...
off voice... off screen... there is... let's see if I've got the right word... diagetic and extra-diegetic... things that come from the mouth and are visible... and things that come from outside of the screen..

- It is a matter of dialogue. How rare dialogue is; we realize this by the surprise it makes us feel, bringing us into the presence of an unusual event, almost more painful than remarkable. In novels, the 'dialogued' part is the expression of laziness and routine: the characters speak to put white spaces on a page and out of imitation of life, where there is no narration, only conversation; from time to time one must give speech to people in books; the direct contact is an economy and a repose (for the author even more than for the reader).

609. Ah ok...

- Thoughtful.

610. So... lots of voice overs...
611. Diegetic..
[She thinks, smiling]
612. I don't know... I'll have to go back and get that... Do you find writing and recording difficult? [laughs]
613. Can you not do that really close up one this time?
614. Ok... I'll just keep it as how you had it...
[His right hand holds on to his chin. Darts suddenly to accentuate his speech]
615. No that's quite close up...
616. Oh... Is this close up?
617. [laughs]

- My computer screen.

618. Right...
619. Stop it... I don't like the way I look to be on camera like that...

- $\quad$ Preface. I'd choose for this Note not to be read, or then for it to be forgotten once glanced at; it has little to teach [...]

620. Well ok... I'll stick to the office..

- I say lots and then wonder aloud if that is right? Do I?

621. Does the office have a face? For you...
622. Oh god yes..
623. Yes ok..

- Not talking about some
things but remembering.

624. The wheel turns...

- Do I find paper?

625. So what's this diegetic thing? That seems quite relevant to you?

- $\quad$ Stupid prick.

626. I think it seems very relevant to you!
627. Ok. Speak!
628. Well... I think... there's a... well a lot of this is to do with commentaries upon... and so... in films for example... internal monologues... can be done quite straightforwardly... but just recording... another audio channel. .
629. It's fakery isn't it?
[He looks to the side]
630. Well of course it is... but the whole internal...
631. Which is something... there is some kind of issue there with the integrity of the archive... Isn't there? There's all this discourse around authenticity to the archive... and then anything you do to interpret or to change... the structure
of things... that you found or made... is quite a significant thing to do... to that archive...

- Does Eddy speak?

632. Well that is the big difference... obviously... you are destroying its authenticity?
633. No... I'm introducing its authenticity...
634. Yes... You are! I'm... not... I'm disrupting it...

- Close-up.

635. Well no... You're just not introducing it...
636. Why? Why am I not?
637. Because...
638. In what way am I not?
[Can she really follow what he's saying? His sentences breaking up under in attempt.]
639. [laughs]

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

6. In short, language is given not in the content of the texts nor in their form but through their relations, the necessarily disharmonious ensemble
that they constitute. With this discontinuity that they preserve, through this nonclosure, there will be a search for a more radical language that is situated outside of discourse, outside of culture, and that, while being declarative, should continue to maintain the incessant work of questioning.
7. Just because I haven't said the word, authentic?

- I have never been entirely comfortable with the huge red jumper I am wearing.

641. No... I just mean in terms of what we've been talking about... how you... find it difficult to introduce things...
642. Ah...
643. I suppose I was just wondering whether what I was... the kind of... introduction I was talking about... whether that disrupts the archive? The integrity of the archive... or whether it allows it to become... a full archive... because it allows people to understand... in a common language... what we understand the archive to be... and we are the archivists... So we should... have the responsibility to... explicate... the archive to some extent?

- Paintings, maps, chairs, leather, ornamental material, windows, curtains, a musical instrument, the model takes the place appointed by the painter. An almost inhuman detachment. This painter, a recluse hiding behind his lens, captures the exterior world.

644. If there is a question over the authenticity of the archive... is that not the most fundamental introduction of what an archive is?
645. Umm?
646. Is that succinct?
647. What?

- In my office.

648. By its actuality?

- I struggle with these systems.

649. What!?
650. Its disruption?
651. What!!?

- I'm acting in a film.

652. [laughs]
653. [laughs] It's just a closeup of my nose? Isn't it?
654. No... I was doing your hands actually... It's not... I wouldn't willfully... but... no... isn't it... The difference between a history and a story is... is?

- Remembering what I write, remembering it is written.

655. It's negligible...
656. Right... so what is it? That definition of... neglect... is what?
657. The footnotes...
658. The footnotes...
659. I think that's what it is... It's how you reference it?
660. Yes?
661. ...and to what you're pinning your references on... and to what extent people believe that's accurate... I think.. and... yes your context... and it's that whole... it's that slippery... line... it doesn't really exist... but it's just how you position yourself I think...
662. Between art and history?

- You dilettante! You pedestrian!

663. Creative writing... and history... or art and history... I mean writing and history is slightly
easier than... art and history...
because writing is really what
historians do... but films...
I suppose are the same...

- Shaky.

664. So that which doesn't conform to language... or writing... is more problematic?
[He observes, leaning back]
665. Well... it has a different structure doesn't it? I find the kind of structures I'm looking for... or I find in my artworks... are not... maybe the process is just a bit more tortured? Maybe I'm looking for the same thing... I find it very confusing...
666. But it is confusing?
667. I suppose... I don't see what I'm doing as an artist as creative writing... I see it as more documenting aspects of my thinking... trying to make them... clearer...

- There is very little in my mind when I remember this. The office is so familiar, I just pan around it in my mind.

668. Isn't that a... What is that definition of history that says... 'What really happened'.

- Forgotten. During the week
he works and sleeps in his tiny studio. Now aged 77, he has little time for his friends. Even for old friends. He feels he is running out of time. His work is the most important thing in his life. It is this that he worries about.

669. It is like... what I'm doing as a practitioner... rather than what I do as an historian... but I'm doing it to my thought processes... So I'm applying what I understand of history to my understanding of my thoughts... rather than the archive of the past... the more distant past...

- Medium shot.

670. Say that again?
671. Well as an historian I would be looking at primary resources... going into archives... reading secondary texts... bringing them together in order to make something clearer... in order to... make it for people who haven't been to the archive... or who haven't looked at this... with the perspective that I'm looking at it from... I'm trying to make it clear what I see when I do that... and as an artist I'm trying to do that same thing... but I'm doing it with the source material of my experience... I'm trying to make that... clearer...
by writing... and making films... and drawing... and cogitating... and doing all that stuff that I do... that I do! But it's the same process... I think... but applied to different source material...
672. Where does the image come in? In all this?
673. It's interesting that... because the image for the art historian... is important... that's what I look at... and that's what I have a real problem with sometimes...you're always looking at... something that's mediated... through this image... I suppose as an artist the image is... interesting... I do like an image... an image of myself... or something I'm doing... or something to... Someone described it as a fulcrum... like something to...
674. A fulcrum?

- What will happen?

675. Yes... like it's a way to... a lever... to... allow other things to happen... I suppose...
676. The image allows other things to happen?
677. Or it's a mechanism... that allows other things to happen?

- I question the format
of the book.

678. It's not the thing happening?
679. Something to focus on... It is something that happens... but it's how you then package that.. I think... You understand it... and clarify it and make it... Try to make it evident to... other people... or to yourself! I think...

- I would prefer not to. It means only what it says, literally. And what it says and repeats is I would prefer not to. This is the formula of its glory, which every loving reader repeats in turn.

680. And that's different from reading?
[He looks at camera, thinking]
681. Reading?
682. Reading...
683. Yes it's different to words... Images and words are different for me...
684. Yes... So images are unpacked and words are read?
685. Yes... are written..

- What was it I was thinking of when I said 'dilettante'? I'd never described myself as a dilettante before. Amateur
maybe, but not 'dilettante'.
There was too much to it. Class. Class. Class. I had been thinking of a friend. He'd mentioned during a phone conversation that his research outputs or profile (I can't remember) had been dismissed by the University he was working for in a rather brusque manner.
'Pedestrian' and 'Dilettante'.
We'd laughed about it. Laughed at the fact that the criticism had been given as a self-evident, goes-without-saying assessment of his clearly 'un-professional', 'un-academic', 'un-researchbased' practice. Probably correctly, but certainly without any of the vaunted 'critical rigor'. It made me want to have t-shirts made declaring our pedestrian and dilettante solidarities. I think I should have just told the story.

686. But the relationship between say...drawing and...
687. ...but if I was a literary historian? I would be unpacking words... but... I'm not...
I'm an art historian...
688. And drawing? Drawing's your...
689. Drawing I'm interested in
because it seems... a way of looking at... a practice... that circumvents... a really weighty history... of art... that I feel
uncomfortable with... So I'm
trying to look at... look at it from another... angle... in order to... rethink what it might be... it's problematic... as you discovered with my... experience of John Dunstall at Kilquhanity... I don't quite get that view of drawing...

- emails.

690. That's different isn't it? That's the vast field of other people's contentious... notions of what drawing is... Which are things about positions...
691. Yes... someone asked me recently what I thought... well they asked me to define delineation and drawing... and I... that's where I became a bit unstuck... because I think I know what I think it is... I haven't theorized it necessarily... but part of what I'm doing as a practitioner interested in reflecting on practice... it's not theorizing... but it's recognizing the value that's inherent in the practice... somehow...
692. Inherent in the practice?
693. I may not be being clear enough...
694. No... no... that's quite clear! But that's also the... the definition of practice? Of experience
of the event? Of occurrence?
Being... and all those things?

- But the attack [of the historical avant-garde movements on art as an institution] did make art recognizable as an institution and also revealed its (relative) inefficacy in bourgeois society as its principle. All art that is more recent than the historical avant-garde movements must come to terms with this fact in bourgeois society. It can either resign itself to its autonomous status or 'organize happenings' to break through that status. But without surrendering its claim to truth, art cannot simply deny the autonomy status and pretend that it has a direct effect.

695. And what is theorizing?

- Numbers.

696. It is as well... but it's also imbued with... a notion of object?

- Medium close-up.

697. Don't you think that theorizing has an introductory aspect? Or packaging? Like we're talking about?
698. Of course...

- The strata which has come forward to serve the big
bourgeoisie, are the scholar despots, a section of the petty bourgeoisie, decadent artists, actors and actresses, writers, singers, musicians, painters, etc. They follow the life style and social practice which best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

2. Detachment from the real problems of the people (especially the working people)
3. Of practice? Or is it more of a dialogue?
4. Well... so for example... the question of... what is immediate? And what is mediated? The immediate.. is understood... but it... it is contextualized and theorized... but it also has its immediacy! [laughs] So there is this... there is... A simultaneity? The relationship between theory and practice...
5. Is it?

- [This] Book (text) A composite of parts. Presented to be read through in the space. (Table, chairs, reading lights) 1. Transcribed [2 hour] conversation between $A$ and $B$. The conversation is broken up into a numbered sequence of exchanges (1207)

2. Fragments. The number of exchanges determines
how many fragments each
interlocutor writes (the total 1207 divided by the number of interlocutors). Fragments fall into the following categories: Commentaries written from memory of the time spent during this conversation. Commentaries written in direct response to the transcribed conversation (and / or to the audio-recording) Quotations or references made in direct response to the transcribed conversation (and/or to the audio-recording)
Fragments should be no longer than 500 words.
Fragments may be grouped under an agreed list of headings (derived from words/ terms that have arisen from the conversation)
Fragments may also be grouped under a list compiled separately by each interlocutor. Footnotes and reference details may be used outside of the 500 word count.
3. An Introduction if desired. Index. Appendices.
4. Yes... possibly... there is that notion that...
5. So why don't I theorize my practice then?
6. Well I don't know... you
find it too... difficult?
Yes? It is not easy...

- The fragments (these words) may incorporate the words of others. Response outwith. During the course of the project. Beyond a first edition. Etc. How do they understand the structure? Is there a system that organizes what is written? What is that system? System 1. Each uttered part (1207) is randomly assigned a fragment from all the fragments they submit. System 2. Each uttered part (1207) is assigned a specific fragment by each of them. Only from those they submitted.

705. Because it feels as though I'd have to start a theory from first principles in order to do that... and I don't think I have the capacity to do that...
706. And that's why you don't do it?

- I draw.

707. Yes! [laughs] I don't think I can! Maybe I've just never found one that is close enough... and maybe... actually there is one... maybe you get closer...

- Am I talking about my work?

708. Closer?

- Conversation.

709. To something... to something
that fits... maybe this is what I'm trying to do...
710. Those are all the things... that seem necessary to... as precursors... or premise... aims... all those things that... a critical... thinking... might... suggest are ways in which you... understand... that there is a... suspension... there is... in practice... that is practice... but you can't suspend... also... so there is this... other... contradiction... a necessary contradiction... there is... that's... that you can separate the two... out... you have too much theory... or too much practice... I don't know... is that Goldilocks? I don't know! That there's a... field of... and it's just not... really... doesn't seem to be... I don't know... I ran out! [laughs] Couldn't get that out... I just closed the door...
711. It is quite complicated... [laughs]

- Evidently. Panning. Reader comes... like them. Them. In a state of agitation. Reading. Listening. Speaking. The wonder of its constant genesis... and the swell of its unfurling... the work... ruined... by them...

712. Half way down the street...
713. I feel that there should be a very simple way of doing all
this... that I'm just not...
714. I like it...
715. ...aware of yet.
716. Glad.
717. This whole thing.

- The aim and purpose of our reflections are not communicated directly between us. Why? We don't know. Is it a kind of Research?

718. Yes there should be a simplicity...
719. There should be a directness! In words... which is what theory is dealing in...
720. But I think that the simplicity is that it's very difficult...
721. Do you know that drawing I made at Kilquhanity? Of the mud in the puddle?

- It is a bit cramped in the office, particularly with all my books.

722. Yes...

- The place I wrote my PhD.

723. It should be like that... It's what it should be like... but that's clearly not a theory...
724. Stomped up and down on...
725. Yes... but that's not a theory is it? [laughs]
[He looks away, hand on forehead]
726. Well why is that? Well maybe this is a problem of... analogy? Allegory? Or metaphor? There is a lot of theory which... are you going to survive this? [laughs] I have my back to it! Can you see them? Fantastic...
727. [laughs]

- Image fades down.

728. It's a good shot to have... I like this! This is like a television isn't it...? It's like being in a television... [laughs] There's not even a 'Now Showing'... 'Play for Today'...
729. It's nice because this is where I come to work... this is like my PhD nerve centre...
730. PhD-land...
731. You're together and separate...

- Many works that are praised for the beauty of their coherence have less unity than a motley heap of ideas simply animated by the ghost of a spirit and aiming at a single purpose.

What really holds the latter together is that free and equal fellowship in which, so the wise men assure us, the citizens of the perfect state will live at some future date [...] On the other hand, many a work of art whose coherence is never questioned[?] as the artist knows quite well himself, not a complete work but a fragment, or one or more fragments, a mass, a plan.
732. It's similar to my studios... when I have them...

- [Tumulus.] A monument is not the commemoration, or the celebration, of something that has happened; instead it confides to the ear of the future the persistent sensations embodying the event: the constantly renewed suffering of men and women, their re-created protestations, their constantly resumed struggle. Will this all be in vain because suffering is eternal and revolutions do not survive their victory? But the success of a revolution resides only in itself, precisely in the vibrations, embraces and openings it gives to men and women at the moment of its making and that composes in itself a monument in the constant process of becoming like those tumuli to which each new traveler adds a stone.

733. I've been wondering if I should have a studio again... Or a studio... study or... something...
734. Well that's a key question I think... I haven't had a studio for about twenty years... I have used other peoples'... and I can stretch out a piece of tarpaulin in front of the fire...

- The spectacular collapse of meaning with depressive persons - and, at the limit, the meaning of life - allows us to assume that they experience difficulty integrating the universal signifying sequence, that is, language. In the best of cases, speaking beings and their language are like one: is not our speech our 'second nature'? In contrast, the speech of the depressed is to them like an alien skin; melancholy persons are foreigners in their material tongue. They have lost meaning - the value - of their mother tongue for want of losing the mother. The dead language they speak, which foreshadows their suicide, conceals a Thing buried alive. The latter, however, will not be translated in order that it not be betrayed; it shall remain walled up within the crypt of the inexpressible affect, anally harnessed, with no way out.

735. [laughs]

- I ate an orange?

736. Yes...? The kitchen Table!
737. Yes... that's what I do... I just use my flat... and that's ok... and I think I decided at some point that I didn't want a studio... I just inhabit spaces... and it just seemed a bit fake...
738. Fake?
739. As if I was making art... but then it wasn't art... because it was in the studio... so to become art it then had to take another stop again... like I used to work in gallery spaces more... directly... which seemed less fake...
740. Oh that's less fake

- A Klee painting named 'Angelus Novus' shows an angel looking as though he is about to move away from something he is fixedly contemplating. His eyes are staring, his mouth is open, his wings are spread. This is how one pictures the angel of history. His face is turned towards the past. Where we perceive a chain of events, he sees one single catastrophe which keeps piling wreckage upon wreckage and hurls it in front of his feet. The angel would like to stay, awaken the dead, and make whole what
has been smashed. But a storm is blowing from Paradise; it has got caught in his wings with such violence that the angel can no longer close them. This storm irresistibly propels him into the future to which his back is turned, while the pile of debris before him grows skyward. This storm is what we call progress.

741. Yes... for me... I mean the gallery is obviously fake... and so is the studio... to some degree...
742. There are all sorts of levels that you could live with that... because... I mean... either the thing that you do in the studio is fake... and it's brought out... when it's ready... or you present the idea that working in the gallery is somehow the... process... the studio process... made public... which is... even more of a fake...
743. No... you don't have to present it as a studio process... but you can present it as what it is... presented to the public...
744. There is the definite experience of... no... this is a process... and doing it in this location...
745. Which I would argue is less fake...
746. I don't have an issue with
the fake... thing at all...
747. No... You like the fake!

- What did we do first?

748. No... No... that's your problem...
749. Then we should talk about it...

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

7. An essentially irregular publication, bound to a temporal irregularity, just as much as an irregularity of format and formulation.
8. Yes... so which is more fake.. having... having the... You're getting closer? See... it's good... and you ask me why? [laughs] Deep... deep...

- Freedom.

751. Deep? No shot...
752. Yes I know... it's the skin... damn... deadly skin...

- My red jumper with the big neck.

753. [laughs]
754. Soon to be dead...
755. Shut up!
756. Well that's your Roland Barthes! See... that's the thing about the image... Recording the image... Recording of the face... but the fake...

- Weak! Weak! Weak!

757. You do so have an issue with fake!
758. Yes... Oh yes...

- The Classroom.

759. You just said you didn't!
760. Oh did I?
761. You said it was my issue... and then you wanted to move away from it quickly...
762. Um... No... but I think the fake... real thing... are one in the same... and... as an issue it's a perfect introduction to...
763. To what!?

- Face to Face / close-up.

764. To the problem of... being 'real'... and being 'authentic'...
765. 'Real' and 'Fake' is a good introduction to the problem of being 'real' and 'fake' [laughs] Eddy!
766. You're just repeating what

I'm saying now... [laughs]
767. [laughs] Do yo think that's a good introduction for this project?
768. Not for you...

- I don't know if there are anymore fragments.

769. Why not for me?
770. Because I said it... and you're doing the introduction...
[A thin line of tear. Not tear. Just the moisture reflecting the window]
771. But I have issues with 'fake' and 'real'...

- We laugh in understanding.

772. Yes... well... What are the issues? Let's talk about your issues with fakery...

- The strata which has come forward to serve the big bourgeoisie, are the scholar despots, a section of the petty bourgeoisie, decadent artists, actors and actresses, writers, singers, musicians, painters, etc. They follow the life style and social practice which best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:

1. Eclecticism in attitude or general outlook.
2. Well...
[As she speaks, her gaze moves between the window behind him on his right and then returns back to meet his listening]
3. Stop touching your nose Eddy!

- The romantic conception of the fragment as a construction that is not complete but rather progresses onward into the infinite through self-reflection champions this anti-idealist motive in the midst of Idealism. Even in the manner of its presentation, the essay may not act as though it had deduced its object and there was nothing left to say about it. Its selfrealization is inherent in its form: it has to be constructed as though it could break off at any point. It thinks in fragments, just as reality is fragmentary, and finds its unity in and through the breaks and not by glossing over them.

775. Make sure we're still trained on the nose...
776. The nose... damn the nose...
777. It was always about trying to make clear... the process of
something in itself... Rather than something that had to be represented... and my issue... problem is... that I'm letting this project come out as my issues... well my issue... will come out... or that it doesn't help people... to understand what you're doing...
778. Well I understand that... I'm not too bothered about helping people...

- My brother's Christmas pudding jumper.

779. I am...

- We clear space.

780. I think you're right... and I think it's what makes me... bad... and you... good...
781. [laughs]

- I keep remembering that there is no way to be wrong in this situation.

782. And it also helps... it helps in other... in other spheres... if you are doing good... but I also think that doing the bad thing is a good thing... [laughs]

- It can't be wrong in this room, but everywhere else it can. Maybe that is the point of this.

783. But why is it good?
784. Because it is something that... to use that word... chimes... with others...

- Forgotten. The most private of places. The artist's studio. I want to show you something you would normally not see. Could not see. Now I am no longer an observer, but am in my small way a director. I can negotiate what I want to get from a short session with a true artist. What drives these creative people?

785. Does it?

- Remembering humiliation.

786. I think it does... I do it when I see it... I like to... chime... with others...

- 1. For Marcel Proust. - The son of well-to-do parents who, whether out of talent or weakness, chooses a so-called intellectual occupation as an artist or scholar, has special difficulties with those who bear the distasteful title of colleagues. It is not merely that his independence is envied, that the seriousness of his intentions is doubted and that he is presumed to be a secret envoy of the established powers. Such mistrust is borne out of resentment, yet would
usually find its confirmation. However the actual resistances lie elsewhere. The occupation with intellectual [geistigen] things has meanwhile become "practical," a business with a strict division of labor, with branches and numerus clausus [Latin: restricted entry]. Those who are materially independent, who choose out of repugnance towards the shame of earning money, are not inclined to recognize this. For this he is punished. He is no "professional" [in English in original], ranks in the hierarchy of competitors as a dilettante, regardless of how much he knows about his subject, and must, if he wishes to pursue a career, display a professional tunnel vision even narrower than that of the most narrowminded expert. The suspension of the division of labor to which he is driven, and which the economic state of affairs allows him, within certain limits, to realize, is considered especially scandalous: this betrays the aversion to sanction the hustle and bustle dictated by society, and high and mighty competence does not permit such idiosyncrasies. The departmentalization of the Spirit [Geist] is a means of abolishing such there, where it is not ex officio or contractually obligated. It does its work all
the more surely, as those who continually reject the division of labor - if only in the sense that they enjoy their work reveal, by this selfsame measure, their vulnerabilities, which are inseparable from the moments of their superiority. Thus is the social order [Ordnung] assured: this one must play along,
because one could not otherwise live, and that one, who could indeed live, is kept outside, because they don't want to play along. It is as if the class which the independent intellectual deserted from revenges itself,
by forcibly pushing through its demands precisely where
the deserter sought refuge

787. [laughs] And you think an introduction stops the 'chiming'?
788. No... it's just yet another...
thing... it's just one
amongst others...
789. So whatever you do is fine because it'll chime with someone at some point...

- Walking into the study space with Eddy feels strange, I always go in there alone.

790. ...yes...
791. I just wonder if it can be more than that?

## 792. God you're greedy... [laughs]

- What are the rules?

793. [laughs]
794. No... Yes... Yes... You
have aspirations...
Good aspirations...
795. [laughs] You have bad aspirations?
796. I just want to get through it... [laughs]
797. Life? Yes... mmn...?

- When will I begin?

798. But getting back to the fake thing... it's a bit like... is it like when Sue said... 'This is all very well... but it's... contrived!' It's just a contrivance...
[Her finger removes something from the corner of her left eye]
799. Well I think that's where an introduction helps... maybe? Because it says... what you did... They don't have to believe you... but that's up to them... If you set out what the contrivance is... to me that makes a difference... it becomes less of a contrivance... because you're not asking people to suspend their disbelief... as you are in a film... or the theatre...
800. I don't mind... by all means put a warning sign saying... this
is... animals were genuinely
hurt... but... it... goes to
the... this is the frame...
801. Say that more!
802. It's one of the other voices... it joins the queue of voices...
803. What does that voice say?
804. It says... 'This is a contrivance!' Whereas... this is a contrivance...

- [Clarifying tumult.] A public location. Where we might meet in the future should be a little empty (heaped?) space in the middle of it all?

805. Your point being?
806. It doesn't dispute... or... disallow...
807. What?
808. The introduction doesn't... disallow what's said.. and that's... good...
809. The introduction doesn't disallow...
810. Doesn't disallow...

- You amateur!

811. The introduction doesn't disallow what's said! [laughs] What does that mean!?

- The photographic image is the object itself. The object freed from the conditions of time and space which govern it... [the photographic image]shares by virtue of the very process of becoming, the being of the model of which it is the model. Hence the charm of family albums. Those grey or sepia shadows, phantomlike and almost indecipherable, are no longer traditional family portraits but rather the disturbing presence of lives halted at a set moment in their duration, freed from their destiny; not however by the prestige of art but by the power of an impassive mechanical process: photography does not create eternity as art does, it embalms time, rescuing it simply from its own proper corruption.

812. It means it's got the green light... You can do it... [laughs]
813. Wait... What doesn't disallow... is that a double negative? Doesn't disallow! [laughs]
814. [laughs] I get that from my mum... I have to say...

- Books behind me.

815. So the introduction allows!
816. Yes...
817. That's fine... but you just don't think it's necessary! For your purposes...
[She holds her pencil]
818. No... we said this before.. I find it difficult... it's the sort of thing... that... I get lost in... and... I... become... impotent... I think... I witness myself... at the desk... thinking... do anything... else... other than this...
819. I think it'd be interesting to see if I could do it... because I think my training... in Art History... might allow me to do it... in a way that I couldn't have done it before... a distance...
820. This is like the magnificent seven...

- Relief at Eddy.

821. In what way?
822. That's your special skill... You can use a knife... and you can write an introduction...

- I am insistent.

823. I can be objective... about introductions... without weeping... [laughs]
[He uses hand]
824. Yes... That's an issue then... I think... I think the weeping is a... isn't altogether..
825. Without weeping...
[She closes eyes in pain]
826. ...a bad thing...
827. No... But... I found it very helpful..

- Do they think I am weird?

828. It does cloud the
vision... it's true...
829. ...for my health... to... to... because I found the constant reflection... and anxiety about practice... without any kind of objectivity... very damaging..
830. Yes you're right..
831. Not healthy...
832. But... is it possible to... regard... that as... process... ual... that things are... episodic? This is very close... I'm going to have to say...
833. [laughs] Episodic?
834. Time... there's a time...

- I managed to say what I thought, to question.

835. Yes there is a time...
[Mid-shot. She is note-taking]
836. So... in between bouts of weeping...

- Speaking

837. Yes... but I think that's been healthy for me to have gained the facility to be objective with my own work...

- The work is not a work when it is only an interesting object of study, a product among other products. In this sense it has no history. The work is not history's business; rather, history makes it the business of professionals. And yet the work is history; it is an event, the event of history itself, and this is because its most steadfast claim is to give to the word beginning all its force.

838. That does sound sane... and good...
839. It does... doesn't it? and I think that's why people
do it... Do you think that's why people do it?
840. Yes? I wish I was a better person so that I could... I have made attempts...
841. A lot of people would think that it's bad! Arts people.. because you do have to switch off parts of your brain... that are questioning... and... What about this constant doubt... about this thing over here that I'm not... but they're part of me now... that's just well...
842. Well skepticism is..
843. It's just... it's just a device... to help people get into what you're doing...
844. Yes...

- The camera is heavy.

845. It's not something about the ineffable truth... that'll come later?

- I was much attracted by the theatre, because the plays reflected my own unhappy plight...

846. That took almost two hours... to get to the ineffable...

## [He closes eyes]

847. [laughs]
848. But you're absolutely right... and it's not because I think it's necessary to be... obscure... it... it's just because... but it is a discipline... and it is part of the discipline.. so knife wielding it is...
849. Great...
850. Just wondering whether at this point it would be good to have a look at... the image...?
[The computer is switched on. They begin to look through the video footage taken at Kilquhanity in 2011]

This is crap... never mind... could you hold this?
851. I think we can sort of see the image...

- An unsettled, agitated, snow globe.

852. There you go...

- Socrates relates a story he heard about Leontius, son of Aglion: On his way up from the Piraeus outside the north wall, he noticed the bodies of some criminals lying on the ground, with the executioner standing by
them. He wanted to go and look at them, but at the same time he was disgusted and tried to run away. He struggled for some time and covered his eyes, but at last the desire was too much for him. Opening his eyes wide, he ran up to the bodies and cried, 'There you are, curse you, feast yourselves on this lovely sight.'

853. That's funny that...

- We switch the camera.

854. I don't know how much you edit? You did edit your work... didn't you?
855. Do I edit my work? Yes I do... Yes...
[One finger to his mouth]
856. Look at that blooming hair!
857. I like editing...
858. What is it about editing
that you like?

- Standing on the other side of the room.

859. I think it's structural... it's like it's allowing something to... talk to me about what I want... to be saying... through pictures...
860. Oh that's such a good answer!

- To be grasped. To be asked to document. And then there is the gap. Torn. I'm not sure.

861. Oh look!

- I am looking at the small window on the right of my office.

862. Oh look! I'd really like to do something with this... I don't know if it's possible anymore... but... there's something about the end of civilization about it... everything is... whereas the other day was all... sunny and... light... even though everyone is utterly rigid... petrified... this one is like... I always think that... Jeremy's first... where is he?
863. Showing his teeth...
864. ...question... What is this for? What is it that you think you're recording here? [laughs]
865. Is this supposed to be something?

- Eddy moves his chair closer, or farther away.

866. Yes... Is this supposed to be something?
867. [laughs]
868. It is good having more than
two... camera positions... whereas this is completely... you... me... you... me...
[Low mid-shot. Left arm folded tightly. Right
hand grips his chin. Legs crossed. He is listening.]
869. Yes...
870. The conversation is occurring... well they're not... [laughs] [on tape] ...part of the vocabulary... [winds through tape] ...[laughs] words...

- A contemporary aesthetic can no more neglect the incisive changes that the historical avant-garde movements effected in the realm of art than it can ignore that art has long since entered a post-avant-gardiste phase. We characterize that phase by saying that it revived the category of work and that the procedures invented by the avant-garde with antiartistic intent are being used for artistic ends. This must not be judged a 'betrayal' of the aims of the avant-garde movements (sublation of art as a social institution, uniting life and art) but the result of a historical process that can be described in these very general terms: now that the attack of the historical avant-garde movements on art as an institution has failed,
and art has not integrated
into the praxis of life, art as an institution continues to survive as something separate from the praxis of life.

871. [on tape] ...and I suppose a lot of... [laughs] Ah... Ah... Eh..

- The camera retrieves both image and sound. This camera is portable. It is passed between the two protagonists. Each taking it in turn to hide behind the lens. However, the camera's microphone picks up clearly the voice of the person holding the camera. They continue to pass the microphone between themselves. It doesn't matter. Sound is recorded whether we see the lips or not.

872. [on tape] ...are you...

- And since, to the dreaming collective itself, the decline of an economic era seems like the end of the world, the writer Karl Kraus has looked quite correctly on the arcades, which, from another angle, must have appealed to him as the casting of a dream: 'In the Berlin Arcade, there is no grass growing. It looks like the day after the end of the world, although people are still moving around.[...]

873. That's cute..

- All of the doors.

874. Well she does have a
fantastic face... Oh!
875. [laughs]
876. [on tape] ...recording something
which can be... Can be?
Listen to you! You deign!
[She brings sleeve of jumper up to mouth
877. Deign to...
[He shuts eyes]
878. Anyway the point is really...

This is... for me... this is a
kind of... a possible... way of writing... way of drawing... through the editing process...

- Even where art insists
on the greatest degree of dissonance and disharmony, its elements are also those of unity. Without it, they would not even be dissonant.

879. Yes?
880. The recording... of... just doing that... and it's something that I was going to suggest in our next session! [laughs] is to... and this is again along the lines of the dual perspectives... and the overlapping of... points... is to record the ways in which we... navigate... and look at.. what we've just recorded...
881. Yes... that'd be good..
[She squeezes eyes and mouth shut]
882. But what it means is... it breaks down... the time... so it breaks down the narrative... that's there from beginning to end... and introduces the difference between moving and... animation... and stillness.. Portraiture... Image...
883. Yes... I have to go to the toilet actually...

- Bits (scraps)

884. Ok... we probably should finish quite soon... we could finish now if you wanted?
885. Well lets wait?

- We are in my office.

886. [laughs]
[leaves room]
[Picks up a copy of Hegel's Philosophy of History from the bookshelf. Flicks through. Places it back]
[comes back]

- The tutorial.

887. I switched it off... stupid cow...
oh... now it's warm... ok! So how do you feel about that?

- What is my work here?

888. Good... There's... I was just thinking... we've got three minutes [of video] we could just stop it if you wanted?
889. Do you mind?
890. Yes... we may as well... just stop... What I might do.. if it's at all possible... if I could take some pictures of your bookshelves?
891. They're not very beautiful looking... well I'll finish my PhD and then it ${ }^{\prime}$ ll be different... I don't know why I work in that sort of... unbeautifulness...
[He looks at camera,
hand to head]
892. Well... there lies authenticity..
893. I don't know... think I might sabotage...
894. But you know where everything is... don't you?

- Eddy films with the zoom again. It takes me awhile to realize.

895. Not really...
896. You know that some books
have just been moved?
897. I thought I'd switched that on... I wondered why I was still cold...
898. This is fun...
[She waits for his sentence to continue. Her expression is one of incredulity]
899. Yes... so did you think this was all that you'd hoped for?

- It's a conversation.

900. I thought it was fantastic...
901. Good... I thought it got to the key...

- Fragments/ systems

902. I daren't listen to what I've been talking about...
903. We hit all the things we wanted to hit? So should I try to work on an introduction... and then we can meet again... and do some editing?
904. Well we can talk about...

- I don't regret saying any of it.

905. What are the deadlines again?

- I take a leaf out of Eddy's book

906. Soon...

- Drawing

907. What is the funding state like?
908. It's really dependent on people writing decent introductions...
909. Yes... Bad...

- Forgotten. When I suggested that we do a picture in her South London studio, she barks: No. I'm bored with all that rubbish.

910. There are a couple of main things that we just need to think about...
What it is we're actually doing!
911. Yes...
912. But once we've done that... it'll be all over...
913. What will it be all over?

- The transcription of a two hour conversation recorded in Amy's research office in Glasgow University [college of arts postgraduate study space] on the 2nd of December 2012. Partly recorded in sound. Partly video recorded. An ad hoc discussion trying to work out what they might make a piece about in response to the problems set out above. The transcription attempts to retain the voice's patterns (an authenticity?) It does not seek to tidy mistakes,
naiveties, intimacies, errors or incoherences. Each voice in conversation is divided by turn into parts (fragments?) and catalogued (one of them is even, the other is odd).
Systematically numbered 1-1207.

914. I'll stop...
[camera off]
915. Cold?
916. Pardon?
917. Are you cold?
918. No... no... I'm not cold..

I've got my jacket on... so I would appreciate the... oh but I will because I've got my coat... I'm not... I'm not actually... my mum and dad's house can be hot and cold... no... but I'm fine... I'm fine... I'm generally alright...
[She doesn't look at him while she is speaking]
919. [laughs]
920. Yes... I thinks so... I've just checked...
921. Everything ok?
922. I had to run round... Had to ask everyone at home... like the numbskulls...
[Pale green brown gray eye.
The corner of her tear duct.]
923. Yes... I like the numbskulls..
924. But what we need to do is... think about... What are the forms?
925. Do you want to write down on that bit of paper I've been writing on?
[Medium close-up.
He scratches his nose.]
926. So this is what it's like?
927. The nerve centre..
928. I feel like I'm possessed... Now!

- Art is upon the Town - to be chucked under the chin, by the passing gallant! to be enticed within the gates of the house holder - to be coaxed into company, as a proof of culture and refinement! If familiarity can breed contempt, certainly Art, or what is currently taken for it, has been brought to its lowest stage of intimacy!

929. Yes... You are...
930. It's very interesting!

- It's my office.

931. Quite interesting...
932. No! What's more interesting... I have a friend... I won't tell you who he is... maybe one of these years... he's doing a PhD right now as well... but... one of his most infuriating phrases is... to tell you... when you've said something to him... 'Yes... but what's more interesting... Even more interesting! [laughs] The thing is... he doesn't even do it deliberately...
933. Naturally...
934. Bastard! But he is lovely... He's a very lovely lovely man... and he is a man... What was I supposed to write?

- I stick up for clarity.

935. What we need to do is...
[Close-up of his head. Figures pass by behind him. He is unaware. They are in an office with windows looking out onto a shared space.]
936. What we need to do! Do you like writing? I mean... Writing...
937. I like it for the very first word... but I can become bored... and it's a chore...

- Numbers and words.

938. But then... does it not become like drawing?

- What's the worst that can happen here?

939. No...? Because it's got to be read?

- Door

940. You're a slave... to this... this reader?

- Clear

941. I am... Do you think that's bad?
942. No... I think it's good... It's actually... considerate...!

- Recorded conversation.

943. I am in the world!
[Extreme close-up of her left eye. The reflection of the window behind him cuts a long narrow strip]
944. No... it's a... It's about love? And a consideration for... someone... and that what you're doing is..

- The sound recording device.

945. It's part of something...?
946. Yes... it's either a gift... or telling them what the hell they're doing wrong...No? Maybe not... What we need to do is... think about how it's going to form...

Forms! And where? That's a big question... for us...

- In Literary Notebooks, Schlegel remarks: 'All philosophy that is not systematical is rhapsodic'; in other words, it is an ensembl of unconnected pieces merely stitched together. On the other hand he continues, 'every system is a rhapsody of masses and a mass of rhapsodies.' Now the idea of the system is nothing less than the idea of totality. ('Totality is the systematic idea') Yet even the greatest system is merely a fragment.' (Literary Notebooks 1797-1801, fragments 921,922,925,927 and 930)

947. Forms? Do you mean outputs?
[She thinks with pencil]
948. Outputs?
[Her red cardigan]
949. And where... do you mean... Events...

- I wonder about how I look because the camera is on me.

950. Putouts... Event... Events...

- The seminar.

951. Publication?
952. I think there... there has to be
a manifestation... of... some.. thing... If it's a publication then... there is... discussion around it... Public!
953. So... maybe for the event... thing...

- Everything?

954. I feel like I'm in University..

- I believe in this process.

955. You are in University! Is there some kind of gallery... with an interest in... discursive things... ? That would host us?
956. I thought you said toast.. Ah host! Yes... is there a place in Glasgow?

- The cringing is a great part of the process.

957. I don't think Glasgow's the place for it... It's so obsessed with its own... cool..
958. Wow? Still? Alright... but is that not the very time...?

- Sadness, or is that today.

959. I mean somewhere like... Leeds?

- He's not sure, but remembers being allowed to remember... etc...

960. Leeds?
961. Yes...
962. Like a half-way house... town? I've never been to Leeds...

- $\quad$ Stage.

963. Good...
964. I've been on a train... going to Leeds... through Yorkshire...
965. I've lived in it... so...
966. Yes... that's where you met Eva and..

- Formula: construction out of facts. Construction within the complete elimination of theory. What only Goethe in his morphological writings attempted.

967. Eva and Luke...
968. But if we were going to have a gallery type event thing... what would it be?
969. I guess it'd be a conversation... Wouldn't it?
970. I was hoping... well... would there be drawings? There haven't been so far... You can do drawings can't you?

- Conversation/ system

71. [laughs] What do you want them to be of?
72. I would like drawings of... something complete... resolved... and... meaningful... which would communicate itself... directly... with whomever it is... that would read it... look at it...

- Is that meant to be something?

973. Like a map?
974. Yes? Or a landscape... well... landscape... You want place? Place I thought was a...
key?
975. Place is harder... than landscape...
976. Well... map? Drawing?

- I walked Eddy to the door in the basement, then I went to the bathroom on the same level.

977. Coherent... for everyone...

- and Eddy's beard

978. Coherent for everyone... that's a good... name... Coherent for everyone...
979. Of this process? Or something else?
980. I don't know... to me... as it's
getting... as it fragments... and gets... it is already...

- We talk about games.

981. It's not fragmenting... it's coming together...
982. Not for long...

- I stood on the other side of the room while I ate.

983. [laughs]
984. The relationship between the... particular and... the universal...

- Weave / textile

985. Is?
[Close-up. The light not falling on his face. His muddied features]
986. Is... is... that it's going to be then chopped up into little bits... and... sieved...
987. Maybe that's going to happen...
988. Mimmbes aye...
mimmbes naw...
989. Mimmbe aye! Mimmbe naw..
990. Well that's the thing isn't it? That's our... paradoxical... mimmbe aye/ mimmbe naw... Yes... both... so...
objects? Objects? Which could be books... I'm thinking in terms of the moving image?
[Light from the window
falls onto her. Daylight.
991. Yes... that'd be nice. .
[He looks up more, smiles]
992. Do you think it'd be nice?
993. I think it might be... different... I think if we were both editing... than if... just you were editing it..

- I interrogate, do I interrogate?

994. Absolutely... I have no intention... no desire to.. no... of... presenting... alright that's... no... whatever it would be... would... might be... a consideration... to... work... with... diptychs? Possibly? Maybe not? If not diptychs then... textiles? With footnotes?

- The blank computer screen.

995. Not a film?
996. Oh yes! All of them! All of the above! And below!

- (Note to self: Organize conference on dilettantism)

997. We don't want too

## much though...?

- Familiarity.

998. [laughs] Where did that rule come from? We don't want too much...?
999. Why don't we just want to make a film?
1000. Because there is all this... Fascinating material!

- Leaving.

1001. Well we can make a book out of that...
1002. There you go! A film... and a book!

- Speaking the words of a remembered conversation.

1003. That'd be quite nice...
[He pulls at eye]
1004. Yes... That's all I'm talking about...

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best serve the interests of the big bourgeoise, which is characterized by:
5. Exuberance about decay heading towards total decay.
[...]The core of this is bourgeois individualism, the festering 'ego', and complete opposition to anything healthy.
1005. And a textile...

- I was the guest of a French museum which had a particularly good Matisse. I had been given the use of an apartment in the museum and would often visit the painting 'after hours'. I was struck by the accomplishment between that Matisse and the 'new' Matisse-inspired pictures which filled the art magazines and galleries at the time - the latter were so much more successful. The Matisse itself was rather awkward, I had the impression of someone who did not quite know what they were doing, someone 'at the edge' of what was possible and acceptable. Precisely what defines an academy is that it knows a success when it sees one, the criteria are already in place success is then defined in terms of conformity to established criteria and proficiency in the execution of the exercise.

1006. Well the textiles is the ... the.. is the... well... ranges of editing!
1007. Ok...
1008. Intellectual knitting... and there is the drawing aspect... but that's... I would think the drawing is important to you..
1009. It hasn't been so far...
1010. It's important to me...
[His beard. Unkempt. The light from behind, highlights this.
It has been cut. But not well.]
1011. Then that's why we're doing that!

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3. Isolation from the
real, material world.
4. But I see the drawing in all of this..

- I am anxious.

1013. I would see the drawing in all of this... but I wouldn't see that I need to do extra drawing! 'Because drawings important to me'! Because that's what you just said!
1014. No... no... no... I wondered whether that would be... [laughs] an extra...
[He looks up, laughs]
1015. Homework?

- [You]The people have been harassed with Art in every guise - and vexed with many methods, as to its endurance - [You] have been told how [you] should love Art! and live with it -

1016. Like setting a... packed lunch..
1017. What I might do is take some footage... which could be incorporated into the film...

- 1. II. 2.12.12 Text Book (Incomplete). $250+\mathrm{pp}$ ? The Text Book (draft) comprises of the following sections. Title page (Title/ names)/ Contents/ Introduction/ Conversation (1-1207 parts) + X Fragments (randomly*) inserted into the conversation text. $X$ fragments account for $\mathrm{X} \%$ of the possible number (1207) Appendix 1. Conversation text arranged alphabetically. Appendix 2. Fragments text arranged alphabetically.

Appendix 3. *Random sequence
of numbers
Notes for parts 1-1207.
References, footnotes, material not inserted with the fragment but placed as part of an index.
1018. I see... interesting... you want to intercut your... intercut?
1019. Infiltrate! How do you feel about that?
1020. That sounds fantastic! I love it..

- Windows

1021. Ok...
1022. But not too much! Yes... see... I think... how do you feel about devising... a... kind of system for writing? For editing? For... doing all this kind of stuff?

- Pure montage, without the addition of intentionality in its elements, does not derive intention merely from the principle itself. It seems illusory to claim that through the renunciation of all meaning, especially the cinematically inherent renunciation of psychology, meaning will emerge from the reproduced material itself It may be, however, that the entire issue is rendered obsolete by the insigh that the refusal to interpret, to add subjective ingredients, is in itself a subjective act and
as such a priori significant.
The individual subject who
remains silent speaks not
less but more through silence
than when speaking aloud.

1023. Fine.
[He crosses his legs.
Folds his arms. Trussed.]
1024. Yes... well that's good...

- The studio visit

1025. [laughs]
1026. See... for me... that's my introduction..

- Is there a wrong way to do the fragments?

1027. Alright... that'd be a really good introduction... We'd just have to set it out really clearly...

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

Thus, there will be three perpetually decentered centers: - movement as the demand for rupture (the original forces of rupture);

- the possibilities of rupture in the work space (worker-student relations);
- the international exigency
(relations with foreigners).
But everything belongs to
us, that is to say, we belong
to everything and nothing.

1028. Clearly is my middle name...
1029. So how do we devise this?

- We (They) don't discuss. Talk about what we (they) write with each other.

1030. Well... I don't know... how do we... I mean... [sighs] I don't mind potpourri? To a degree... Not too much... I don't mind... taking threads and... weaving them in...
1031. So do you want to use this textile analogy to talk about the... devising of this editing?

- The possible characteristics of [the] publication.

4. Similarly, such information collected as is, in its brute force and without commentary, sparsely of densely punctuating the discontinuous series
of texts will also belong to this same research.
5. We could..
6. Would you write that down? [laughs]

- The crump

1034. This is called... taking
dictation... no it's not... idiot.. Textile? Yes... absolutely... [sighs] well I asked you before... about the issues about... randomness... or... contriving systems for... shuffling order..
[She laughs out of shot]
1035. Write that down!
1036. I think I'm dyslexic... I hope I'm dyslexic...
1037. Me too..
1038. Put question marks after everything...
1039. [laughs] And dots...

- I understand.

1040. Oh, just the question marks here...
1041. So talk to me a little bit more... and write about this.. editing process... System...
1042. Ok... Everything.. Everything is numbered..
1043. Write that down!

- Our work (fragmented text?) will operate as the object for further conversation (action?). Principally: What is the place and function of this project as conceived and thus far
executed? This is the question opened to the public. We
propose to announce a series of events where part of our work (research?) will act as starting point for a conversation/ discussion in a free public space at a given time. Something akin to a reading group. Private and public. Closed study space. Studio. Public area. Open. Parrhesia (let's say free, purposeful speech? Free open questioning? In dialogue, polylogue) and this interior dialogue. Should we just forgo the term (fragments) and present an extensive series of footnotes that attempt to interrupt, clarify, explicate succinctly and rigorously index our original transcribed conversation/ text? See what happens?

1044. So... there's a palette...
1045. That's not a textiles analogy...
1046. Not necessarily... but...
1047. A yarn store?
1048. A yarn store... but you can still use a colour palette anyway... A colour analogy...

- We remember together.

1049. We didn't use a colour palette in textiles...

- 'The art of writing books has not yet been discovered, but it is about to be: fragments like these are literary seeds. '[Novalis] From this same perspective both Schlegel and Novalis will affirm that the
fragment, in monologue form, is a substitute for dialogical communication since ' $a$ dialogue is a chain or a garland of fragments.'(Schlegel) and, more profoundly, an anticipation of what one could call a plural writing; the possibility of a writing that is done in common.

1050. Ok then... Well this is like one of those... 'Out there' ones...

- The blank, dark
computer screen.

1051. Ok...
1052. A palette... or a... what did you call it?
[She seems pleased]
1053. A yarn store...

- We have views.

1054. A yarn store... of course it's a bloody yarn store... I don't like the word 'store'? Yes... yarn... what was the other one? Yarn... It's gone... and once we have a system... that can shuffle that numerical order... we'll be home and dry...
1055. Say that... Write that down! 'Once we have a system... that can shuffle that numerical order.. we'll be home and dry...'
1056. Well the tape's still running... Yes... for example...
1057. That's the bit I'm not sure about...
1058. You're not sure about whether you like... or want... or... understand...

## - The faded floor.

1059. I like mixing things up... I understand it in the editing process...
1060. Less so in that one?
1061. I don't know how it works with...reading?
1062. Yes... Yes...

- Eddy's beard.

1063. It's not pictures...

- Thoughts drifting, focusing

1064. Well the problem is... that... that it gives fixity to the process... and then you end up with an immovable... modular... piece of writing... which... which I'm not... really...
interested... not that interested in... continuous... I think I did say to someone... that I was... continuous editing... which... maybe I am? I don't know..
1065. I just think pictures are different..

- Transcription. The pencil. Writing, listening. Pace. His voice. Her voice. The gesture of the pencil. Here in the Library. A public library. This book.

1066. Yes... Yes... Yes... No... No...

No... Two things... with this one... it's about... the technology... the apparatus...
1067. Actually it's...

- Grass.

1068. Pardon?
1069. You finding my baked crisps distracting?
1070. No... I was just waiting for the next word...
1071. They're not numbered...
[He looks away, unsure]
1072. Yes... it's an entirely different thing...
1073. I thought we were looking for a process that...

- Faith

1074. Binds all of them? No... each to their... own constituent... piece... part... but still... because this...that's... really immediate... that is... about looking... searching...
1075. How about we take the numbers off the conversation? Mmm...?
1076. De-number... Not numbered...
[Her thought arrives]
1077. Does that upset you?
1078. No... It... doesn't... What'll you put in place its place then?

- [Dilettantism.] ...affirmatively occupying the gap between theory and practice, by moving away from academicisms of either field and towards confident and self-reflexive dilettantism. [...] One might justifiably query whether the academy, of all places, is the right place to practice dilettantism. [...] An institution [...] might respond to such a situation by renouncing precisely [the] function of control, and instead position itself as node within a network of public schools, reading groups, biohackers and similar non-aligned temporary associations. Such an institution
would not do so in away that craves acceptance and strives for street credibility, but would make resources available and offer equal partners the possibility of exchange. By necessity, it would be a matter of rescinding the dichotomy of inside and outside within the institutional power structure, and viewing dilettantism and professionalism as two poles within a continuous an fluid process.

1079. Mmm...?
1080. Ok... Absolutely... Not numbered fragments...
1081. Or... we think about.. whether they're actually working... in the way we that we want them to work...

- My books.

1082. We haven't... they're not... this is just... How they are...
1083. 
1084. Yes... well... 1-100...

- 113. The artist who doesn't reveal himself completely is a contemptible slave.

1085. No... the fragments... are fine to number... because that's what they're about...
1086. Fine... Ok... Odd.. Even... Yes...

- However, in those unhappy days I enjoyed the pangs of sorrow. I always looked for things to wring my heart and the more tears an actor caused me to shed by his performance on the stage, even though he was portraying the imaginary distress of others, the more delightful and attractive I found it...Hence my love of things which made me sad.

1087. What about making the conversation more like a stage.. set... or something? A play?
1088. Yes... definitely...

- What is captured and what is lost. That compels her. A bit. Being allowed to remember. Being asked to document.

1089. Write that down!
1090. Well... what about... Alright... I mean this... is like the structure of the novel... or the... well... this is what the novel does... the novel takes all these different... styles? ... and then integrates... and that's why the novel... is so good...
It allows... conversation... and non-conversation... to be... together... you're going faster now...
1091. It's not just novels
1092. Yes...

- Carpet

1093. Natural History... does that...

- I write and draw-document.

1094. But... not without the... anxiety ... of right...

- My hands, always my hands.

1095. Self-conscious..
[She laughs]
1096. Yes... ok... Natural History... any... kind of story...
1097. Subjectivity...
1098. So... it may incorporate...
1099. The anxiety...
1100. Heteroglossia... or whatever you call it...
1101. _
1102. And there you have your theory of the novel'... If you're wanting a theory...?
1103. Mmm...!

- Why did you want to see everything in Hiroshima?

It interested me. I have a view about it. For example, looking carefully at things can be learned...
1104. Conversation...
1105. What should we read for 'theories of the novel'?

- I tidied, we observe.

1106. Please Sir do we must?

- This story is addressed to the intelligence of the reader which stages things itself.

1107. Yes I must!
[Camera pulls out from mid close-up. Out of focus. His hand momentarily stops in front of his face.]
1108. Well you start... You're...
1109. I don't know 'theories of the novel'... I know of the theory... but... the beginning of the modern idea of... self-conscious...

- If there is, among all words, one that is inauthentic, then surely it is the word 'authentic.'

1110. Literary Theory? You can go through all the.. Kristeva... Bakhtin...

- Past. Rain falls heavily through the morning and into the afternoon. The balcony partially floods. The light alternately failing.

1111. Alright... [sighs]
1112. Eagleton... Marxist...

- As for the face itself, we will not say that the close-up deals with [traite] it or subjects it to some kind of treatment: there is no close-up of the face, the face is in itself close-up, the close-up is by itself face and both are affect, affection image.

1113. Ok...

- Sunshine?

1114. I haven't read them in a long time... but yes... of... yes...
1115. Yes... of... Yes... !? Ok!
1116. Yes... of... yes... of...
1117. So...
1118. But anyway... it's just taking this... and putting it into another form... for example it could all be done as... as a...

- Image fades up.

1119. Novel...

- All I have to do is walk towards someone.

1120. As a novel...
1121. Maybe quite nice... Or a play?

- The Latin word textum means 'web'. No one's text is more tightly woven than Marcel Proust's; to him nothing was tight or durable enough. From his publisher Gallimard we know that Proust's proofreading habits were the despair of the typesetters. The galleys always went back covered with marginal notes, but not a single misprint had been corrected; all available space had been used for fresh text.

1122. Film... Not that film...
1123. What about play? You seem to be not sure about the play?

- Joe seen from front sitting on edge of bed, relaxed, eyes closed. Hold, then dolly slowly in to close-up of face. First word of text stops this movement. Camera moves 1-9 Between first and final close-up of face, camera has nine slight moves in towards face, say four inches each time. Each move is stopped by voice resuming, never camera move and voice together.

So what goes into a play?
1125. Could you write _?
1126. This is what we said... a long time ago... Where we got very excited about the... gray suits...

- The studio is not a light box. Only the first room is light box. The second room allows the view of the activities of the first room. The projected image of the first room onto the screen window of the second. In the second room the artist observes the fall of light. For the artist who traces this image there are a number of issues. The painting cannot but obscure and impede the image. Even the gentlest of washes interrupts profoundly the reading of the image on the screen window. Every subsequent brush mark contributes to the barrier. The painter is encouraged to work quickly and directly to position tonally the elements in the room as they play upon the screen. Dissolving touch. Almost anonymous. Scorning petty precision. The question of placing ones self in the image cannot arise. A double is employed. The stage is set up. At the point of description the artist is hidden. Literally the camera obscura is a hide

1128. Ok... but that's... A play... well what have I got? I've got something... My new book... Is that the number you were thinking of? [laughs] I don't know what that says... it's too...
1129. I think it should be a play then... language... for a play...

- My bad side.

1130. [sighs]

- ...in one respect [he] remained indebted to Friedrich Schlegel and Novalis throughout his lifein his conception of the fragment as a philosophical form which, precisely by being fragmented and incomplete, retains something of the force of the universal, a force that evaporates in any comprehensive scheme.

1131. And that's how we interject the fragments... Isn't it? That's how we deal with the fragments... we deal with them in time... rather than space...
1132. Yes... No... Yes... definitely...
[He gesticulating]
1133. Which I think'll work better...
1134. Yes... So do we keep the order of the fragments... that we... or do we... do you...
1135. Or we read them
continuously... or we break them up... in some way...

- As rocks of the Miocene or Eocene in places bear the imprint of monstrous creature from those ages, so today arcades dot the metropolitan landscape like caves containing the fossil remains of a vanished monster: the consumer of the pre-imperial era of capitalism, the last dinosaur of Europe.

1136. Is there another thread of narration that can be placed into the... stage?
1137. Well there's your fragments... my fragments... and then the conversation... so it's three as far as I can see...
1138. Yes...
1139. You want another one?

- Image/ Imagine.

1140. [laughs] Yes... just one for the road... no we don't really... because... actually no... let's not... because that would be too difficult... for you... No it would be too difficult for you... it would be too difficult for me..
1141. My tiny brain!
1142. I was just thinking... when you're reading the... if we
were doing a... stage... a... Do
we have characters names...?
Are these characters?
1143. Can we just do a written
play? Directions? That
could be performed?
[She opens mouth, shuts eyes]
1144. Right... for... for characters?
[His silhouetted head.]
1145. Yes...
[She laughs as though crying]
1146. And do the characters
have names?
1147. Eddy... do you mean?

- 'Iphigenists of the world, unite!'

1148. Eddy and Amy... ok...

- I love this.

1149. You hate that...
1150. No... No I don't... I love Eddy... Eddy is a... laugh...
Eddy's... [sighs] His sock's are drying on the radiator... Eddy talks... He is... not anxious...
1151. That's the thing...
1152. No... hang on a second..
1153. We are already characters in this...?
1154. Yes... yes... yes... I've written here... Would that take... That doesn't make sense... Would that take this sufficiently out of the realms... question mark... Or remove aspects of... direct... actual... Could these not be more generic? Or is it possible...
1155. Why!?
1156. Lying?
1157. Why!?
1158. Take it into the realms of fiction?

- I have a sense of weight.

1159. Ok... So like... Samantha and John?
1160. Samantha?
1161. Is that what you mean?
1162. I think it is... actually... [laughs]

- I feel like I can question, legitimately.

1163. That's fine... [laughs] It's Samantha and John!
1164. [laugh]

- Some words that are said or appear (in no particular order)

1165. I always wanted to be...
1166. Anyway... you... are always... you use... it's Eddy this... and Eddy that... but I don't do...

- Why did he say that? Why? He'd never said it before. He always tried to evade. And here he was, caught in the act of thinking one thing and not speaking wholly of it. Was that it?

1167. You're John...
1168. Me, Jeremy and Eddy... watching Nastra...
Nostradamus...
1169. Or something...
1170. Nosferatu... Is this History? Is this... like a... key... event in...

- Faule Existenz. God governs the world, the actual working of his government - the carrying out of his plan - is the History of the World. This plan philosophy strives to comprehend; for only that which has been developed as the result of it, possesses bona fide reality. That which does not accord with it, is negative, worthless existence.

1171. It was a key event for me..
[He looks disconsolate]
1172. But... this is like a..
the signing of..
1173. Something... Important!
1174. This is the event... This is an event... This is about event...

- Happiness

1175. It's not..

- I stand on the other side of the room to eat.

1176. And these are key historical figures..

- Who am I talking about?

1177. Like Napoleon...

- I wonder what Eddy thinks. He likes to see people.

1178. Yes...
1179. [sighs] I think its more a series of events... It's not really... we didn't come together to... sign anything... we just came to have a conversation... which could be an historical event...?

- Discomfort.

1180. Well it is now..
1181. We could talk about it like that? That'd be interesting? Write that down!
1182. Bossy boots..
1183. Well someone has to make sure that things are done in the right order...
1184. They're not in an order... What do I have to write down?
[She stares upwards to the side]
1185. Something about historic-ness..
1186. And what about this recording right now?

- Words to avoid because of their excessive theoretical freight: 'signifier,' 'symbolic,' text,' 'textual,' and then 'being,' and then finally all words, and this would still not suffice[...]

187. Layer upon layer...

- Precipitate. Solution. Suspension. Supernate.
Precipitate. Suspended. Pigment. An evaporated conversation over time captured failed to capture wished to lose all that... everything I touched... touch... turns to evidence... of document. Work. History Communicated. Intimacy. Incarnated in the reader.

1188. It could be just two episodes?

- Pause.

1189. [laughs] Write that down!
1190. Yes... alright... So I think we need to stop soon..
1191. Yes... [laughs]
1192. What two acts?
1193. Two acts...
[He looks at camera, grins]
1194. Then and Now... Should we do the same for this one? Revisit? Fragments... Remove ourselves?

- I tried to clear up.

1195. It would take you about a year...
[His lopsided grin]
1196. We don't have a year... So a deadline... No that's no reason not to do it...
1197. Is there a reason to do it?
1198. Symmetry?
1199. So for the two acts of the play... you'd have... the conversation... and the fragments...?
1200. And the same again for now...
1201. Ok...

- 'The big cheese of science is coming! What's old Adorno to
us? Why should we care about a theory that disgusts us because it does not say how we can best set fire to this shitty university and a few America Houses with it.'

1202. Should we stop?
1203. Now?

- Kilquhanity

1204. Stop...

- I am insistent.

1205. Tape?
1206. Yes..
1207. Yes... ok..
[She stares into upper distance]

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