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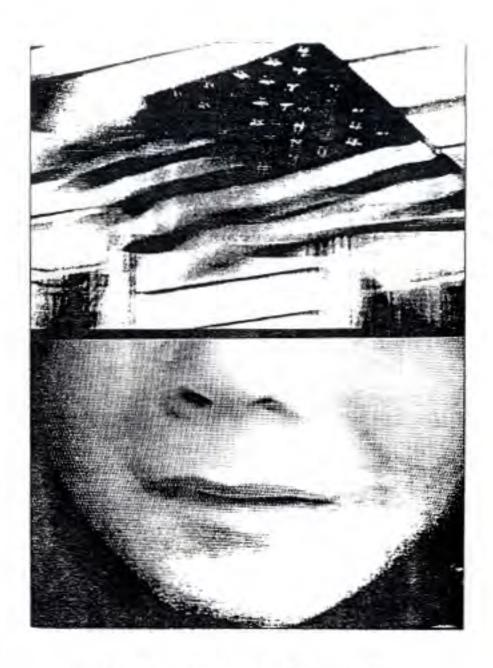


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# Working Women's Community

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#### Thesis Statement

Investigating geoder in architecture calls attention to issues of spatial segregation and stratification systems which contribute to human inequalities, such as the distribution of knowledge and power. Spaces are coded according to a male prerogative based on the principals of our pairiarchal society. These man-made spaces which are socially constructed reinforce the stratification of gender, race and class relations in our society. The principals of these man-made environments express a solipsistic architecture. Women's status in relation to these gendered spaces is often reduced to an object in space, rather than as a subject, projecting individuality. Experiences for women are limited by these male patterns which ultimatly fail in meeting womens' socio-economic needs. An exploration of gendered spaces through an investigation of male--oriented environments in relation to feminine spatial-socio language of difference that could inform architectural spaces which allow for multiplicity of experience which promotes knowledge and power.

Project

The vehicle for exploring these issues will be a community center which provides social services and communal living. The project will be developed through patterns of program and the multiplicity of spatial experiences.

#### Dichotic versus Holistic Thinking

A fundamental theory and philosophy specific to the position of women in society needs to be identified. Patriarchal society encompasses a dichotomy of principals rather than a holistic approach. Womens' senses makes her disposition more holistic than man's and allows for a synchronic thought process rather than a dichotic process. Dichotic versus holistic thinking represents a difference between men and women. The physical differences between men and women has been examined throughout history. According to Luce Irigaray, 'But woman has sex organs more or less everywhere. She finds pleasure almost anywhere. Even if we refrain from invoking the hysterization of her entire body.

the geography of her pleasure is far more diversified, more multiple in its differences, more complex, more subtle, than is commonly imagined-in an imaginary rather too narrowly focused on sameness. (Irigaray p.28)

Spaces devoid of dichotic structure would allow for a plurality of experiences. The motion of plurality of experience corresponds to women's inherent disposition and the multiplicity of female desire and language. Women can never be a central object as man can be due to this inherent quality. Women always must be responsible for themselves and those around them, as our need to beaware of our environment. However, the position in society due to one's sexuality does not allow for experiences which fulfill one's needs and personal goals. A theory of difference will inform patterns of interaction which create a plurality of experience in architectonic forms and thus, ultimately promoting knowledge and power.

#### Difference and Its Language

Difference pertains to identity and needs but it is exhibited in a language that comes from within.

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"We are unique, I mean the minority we exemplify. The female struggle, not in generalities, but our specific struggles. To me insurmountable to achieve an ultimate expression, requires the complete dedication seemingly only man can attain. A singleness of purpose no obstructions allowed seems a man's prerogative. His domain. A woman is sidetracked by all her feminine roles from menstrual periods to cleaning the house to remaining pretty and young and having babies... She's at the disadvantage at the start...she lacks the conviction that she has the right to achievement.... She lacks the belief that her achievements are worthy. Therefore she has not the steadfast to necessary to carry ideas to the full developments. There are handfuls that succeeded, but less when one separates the women from the women that assumed the masculine role." (Hesse, p.99)

Thus women tend to compromise their own identity and take on another to maintain a position in society which allows for survival. Phis identity is a second identity: the notion of plurality. A woman must assimilate in order to achieve, and at the same time sacrifice her own identify in maintaining the status quo of equality.

A critique of contemporary culture, John Berger begins his third chapter in "Ways of Seeing", by explaining man and his relation to an inherent promised power. His credibility is assumed because of his position as a man. He goes on to describe the conditions of women's presence, " in expressing her own attitude to herself, and defines what can and cannot be done to her. This presence is manifest in her gestures, voice, opinions, expressions, chosen surroundings all these characteristics contribute to her presence. Which all constitute a woman and thus she is perceived according to her intrinsic and it is seen as a physical emanation, an aura."

Thus women are continually perceived as an entire makeup all at once. She is presented different from man, her status as a body is seen first and then she is recognized for something else; whether it be for her intellect or other she is never identified independently from her body. This presence is of great value to women and something that must be looked upon with pride. Yet "to be born a woman had been to be born, within an allotted and confined space, into the keeping of men The social presence of woman has developed at cost of splitting her being into two, where she is constantly accompanied by her own image and that others perceive this image." (Berger p.46)

The body as language represents a multitude of fragments intertwined and overlapping in meaning. A system of signs produced in a historical context invokes repetitions and encoding which society gives meaning to consciously or unconsciously. Language serves to mask or to assimilate to uncomfortable truths of difference. This masking occurs in a society dependent on maintaining the status quo.

#### An Urban Perspective Urban Issues Redefined as Women's Issues

A new paradigm must be developed that promotes women's urban experiences. The American city in all its diversity is perceived by women through a masculine view finder rather than a "kaleidoscope of options". A feminist perspective on urban experiences would greatly alter the relationship between gendered spaces and women's status. This relationship grows through the study of economic, transportation and social services. Knowledge made available to women in a collective place would provide for the gaining of individual power independent of men.

### Architectural Issues

#### Urban Voyeurism:

Beatrix Colomina in her article "The Split Wall, Domestic Voyeurism" talks about a woman's physical position and voyeurism in the home. I feel that this condition of voyeurism is also a major problem in the urban setting. The sport of girl watching "such invasive male behavior violates a woman's self/other boundary, leaving her enraged, startled, humiliated, and unable to control her own privacy." (Weisman, p.68). Women lose their urban privilege of anonymity; as John Berger in Ways of Seeing explains "Men act, and women appear. Men look at women. Women watch themselves being looked at." (Weisman, p.69). Women in the urban condition live in fear.

Women must be constantly on the alert both consciously and unconsciously, in order to protect their vulnerable boundaries from male trespasses in public places. Researchers have demonstrated that women avoid eye contact, stiffen body posture, restrict movements, and move out of the way of pedestrian traffic more than men, a pattern of submissive behavior observed in animal societies. Irwin Altman, a psychologist, maintains that "this behavior requires an enormous amount of energy which places great stress on adrenal and cardiovascular systems, resulting in heightened psychological tension and anxiety [and] psychic damage." (Weisman, p.69).

Women must deal with their vulnerabilities as well as trying to make a living in a society constructed by a patriarchal system. These experiences are portrayed in individual traits of women, but it is a behavior that restricts a collective. An architecture based on the notion of difference would define spaces in which women would feel safe or have a sense of security.

This sense would happen in an urban interiority. A series of spaces which interact and expand and contract its' boundaries as needed, in response to the needs of the residents. Spaces defined as catalysts for interaction, for involvement in a condition of security, of comfort and balance. The notion of an urban interiority would contradict the system of the urban condition outside, not just contradict but be different. Its' space would provide the nessecary security and promote a daily pattern of experience and heightened emotions.

Emotive Architecture

A language created from emotion would inform an architecture in meeting the synchronic needs of women.

"Light and forms, specific intensities of light, successive spaces-these all act on our sensibility, producing physiological sensations that scholars have recorded, described, classified, and specified. This horizontal and this vertical, this harshly serrated line or this gentle undulation, the closed and centered form of a circle or a square-these all work strongly on us, characterize our creations, and determine our sensations. Rhythm, variety or monotony, coherence or incoherence, a surprise that may enchant or disappoint us, joy of light or chill of darkness, the serenity of a sunny room or the anguish of a room filled with dark corners, elation or depression, these are all consequences of the things I have been drawing and they act on our sensibility through a series of irresistible impressions. Simplicity, which results from judgments and choices, is sign of mastery. Legives, through a clearly perceptible play of forms, the meanings of expressing a state of mind, of revealing a spiritual system. It is like an affirmation, a path leading from confusion to clear geometric statements." Le Corbusier

#### Architectual Intention

Through analysis of male principals and patterns in achitecture, attempt to define a language which will inform an architecture that meets the needs of women. The feminist movement has influenced architecture in its repositioning of the American suburb, but I ask what about our cities. Not small cities, where the realm of the domesticated suburb still exists and is well within an escapable proxiemty, but mega scale cities? It is here in the dense, overpopulated that people get lost. American culture is in a grave state particularly in the tense environment of the city.

This environment becomes the backdrop for the daily urbanite. Children are growing up in this unsteady place and those who do not have good fortune suffer worse. I am not promoting that architecture can solve social issues but it can shape an experience, alter someones interaction with others and ultimately change daily life on a spatial level.

My intent from this point forward is to study the cultural postion of American women within the urban condition. Within the city defining spaces/places open to women and what readings occur when women no longer fit this image. The image of the woman in the city speaks about her interaction withothers and her availibility to resources. How is this image transformed to an architecture? Is this possible? In the end I am looking for a study which explores not just architecture in form but pieces which make a whole and define a meaning in a larger conatext that of the city.

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#### Defining Women's Space

in relation to one's self

in relation to one with a child; stroller notion of being "handicapped"

changing diapers

with other women

one showing personal space

one with woman as central to all her activities

pregnant and fetus

fetus as body in itself with all parts, placenta, cord, water

#### Women's Urban Identity

women's typical place in city variety of roles

women position tends to be low whereas men tend to be high

Urban spaces conditions the mind for space, no less than time is artfully reorganized in cities in boundary lines and silhouettes (women seen in urban context as a silhouette with only appearance of the body as significant), in the fixing of horizontal planes and vertical peaks in utilizing or denying the site, the city record the attitude of culture and an epoch to the fundamental facts of its experience.

In defining a female space what spaces are typically restricted to women?

#### Institutions

Church

Men's Clubs

Library

#### **Archetypal Spaces**

Lewis Mumford:

"not just different physical accommodations but essential different conceptions of man's destiny."

#### Culture of Cities

Difference between street and square promenade what position do women exist in relation to these places in the city context



have been battered by a partner. Wornen make up 75 percent of the Americans who live below the poverty line, earning less money for doing the same work as men. Up to 71 percent of working women have experienced sexual harassment at work, and while many struggle to balance jobs and family-caring for aged parents as well as childrenfew receive much support from spouses or society. "Any normal person would became depressed in response to such crimes," says Phyllis Chesler, author of Women and Madness (Avon). "It's a predictable reaction to being tortured, denigrated, and undervalued. Women live under war conditions: in terror of viclence and the loss of love."

In their report, the members of the task force did not completely discount the causal link between bodily functions and mental illness. They concurred that a woman's hormonal cycles could trigger mood and behavior changes, and that an individual's family history of depression could predispose her to it. But they focused more closely on socioeconomic factors. The conventional connection between depression and biology, members concluded, has shifted our gaze away from more controllable conditions—in particular, those conditions that society is unwilling to change. Says Dr. Gwendolyn Puryear Keita, one of the editors of the report: "Very few studies help women look at what was theirs and what was societal. We don't want to train women to be more accommodating to society's craziness."

or example, postpartum depression that lasts longer than a week or so is starting to look more like a product of social isolation than of hormonal change. Says Mary Field Belenky, co-author of Women's Ways of Knowing: The Development of Self, Voice, and Mind (Basic Books, Inc.): The way we organize families and household labor puts all the burden on women. Active, engaged women fall into extreme isolation with motherhood and get remarkably little social support. In the sub-

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#### How Architecture Accommodates Society

The American house is set up in plan form to provide an accommodating environment for all. In the quest for the white picket fence women took their place in the home, as cooks in the kitchen maids in the entire house, role in the bedroom, a multitude of responsibilities. Where men had leisure and more freedom in the house less responsibility of duties. But this mentality of society influenced this type of architecture. Thus is it a fault of architecture? However today roles have changed drastically and is architecture responding? Is there an experience that meets the needs of women? Although women provide nurturing because it is an inherent part of our make up, why should it not be reflected in built form? That spaces accommodate the type of social environment women need to position them selves in society.

Simultaneity is an important part of women's experience. A real expectation of architecture for everybody; comfort, security and a place of self-identification.

#### Voyeurism

eyes

women being looked at as an object montage creates positive images

- · How do mother's relate to one another?
- · Ritual of space

meeting apartments little communities within

#### · Public/Private

if one space is invaded by another not of that group a private space becomes public.

C.M. Deasy in his book Design for Human Affairs in Chapter three "How our Surroundings Affect our Actions" talks about basic experiential conditions and its relation to the spaces in which it happens. "Since the form of the spaces we use, both inside and outside of buildings, has direct bearing on our personal competence either supporting or inhibiting our effectiveness as human beings—this view is even more important to the general population than our commendable concern with the physical problem."(p.45) He establishes three principals that either help or hinder us:

they influence the stress we experience in accomplishing our group or personal goals.

They influence the form and nature of our social contacts.

They influence our feelings of identity and self-worth.

- · Use of scaling as mediator for contact among people:
- "Myriad informal settings were so much of everyday life occurs: parking lots, bus stops, elevator lobbles, laundry rooms. A better arrangement of these human settings might allow for greater ease in establishing friendships and ultimately in gaining greater happiness in everyday life. Poucault Heteratopias
- · Certain configurations allow for the possibility of getting to know someone more easily.

A fixed arrangement of seating allows for just that fixed interaction. Whereas an open and unrestricted space allows for freedom of meeting. Spaces that provided fixed positioning promote territorial claim an event not always beneficiary. In common spaces of a large scale the notion of complete freedom must be upheld. This openness allows for maximum interaction with territorial control to occur. Meaning groups form and dissipate according to who is present and who is coming and going in the space. A smaller space possible provided for an event with naturally revolve around those who use the space for this event and territorial use of the space will more likely to occur. For instance in a reading room a woman might need a bit more space than another thus she make claim a table for her own, signaling to another she wants to be left to complete her work. The arrangement of the table may infect inhibit another from approaching her. This arrangement tends to be a standard in everyday life, whereas a communal open space with moveable benches in an in-between zone allows for group gatherings as well as those transient within the space to pas freely by or engage in a conversation. Freedom to choose one's own configuration allows for a multiplicity of experience within one space, possible a synchronic experience.

Architecture must allow for informal and self generating configurations to occur but providing a healthy backdrop for this to occur should be promoted.

### Multiplicity of Events in Spaces

Functions and sub Functions of Spaces
 Small scale spatial metaphors like :

body

room is like a womb

dark

confined

restricted

organic

movement

expandable

different stage of uterus.

room is like the pieces of the womb fetus, placenta, uterus

a piece inside one another

a piece connected to another

a link

a seashell

organic

grows in layers

directional

multiple in every aspect

womb=uterus like a wall, placentas like a chord, stairs, ramp. fetus object in the space

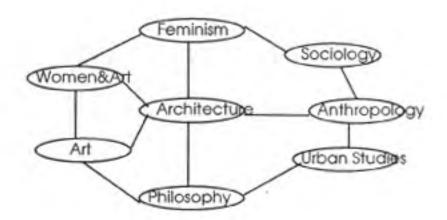
Space is like a film, continuous space, moving from one element to the next, in one frame many events possible, space speaks, people know their space speaks of importance

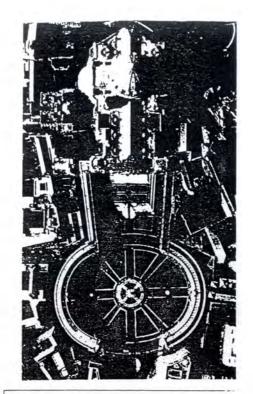
Cumulative interdependence suggests thinking in simultaneous

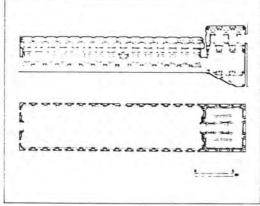
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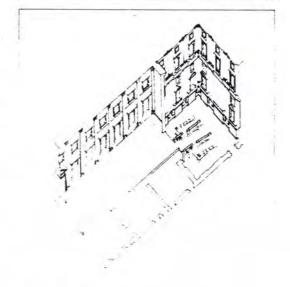
"We consciously locate our bodies inside a three dimensional boundary," The Power of the female body is as important as the power inherent to men, yet it is a different power. This power is affirmed in the presence of the body, the experience another has with the body and the relation of the body to its space.

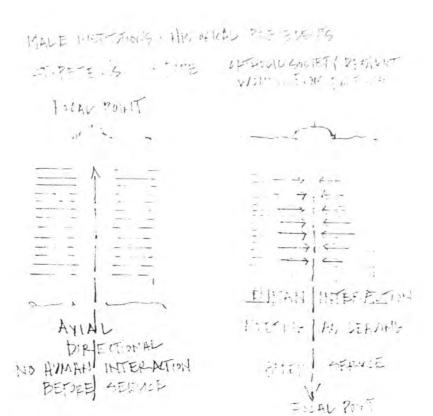
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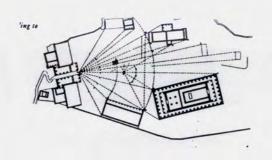


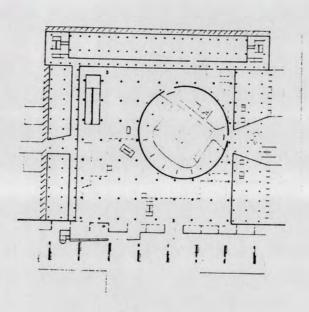


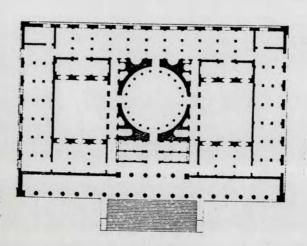




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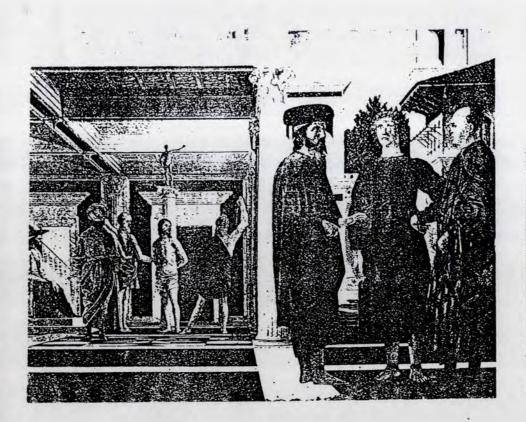
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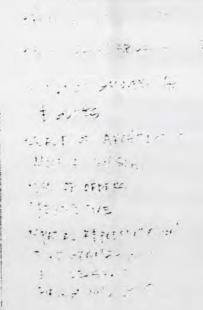
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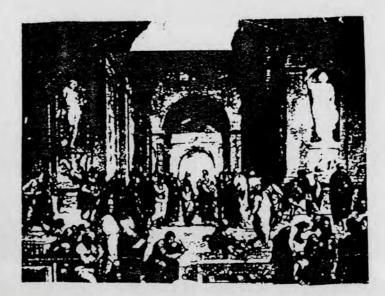
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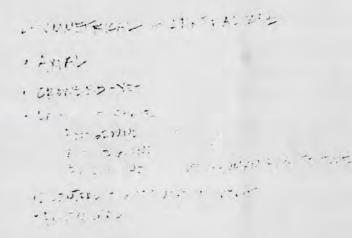
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The Phallic in Architecture

Monuments, Towers, and Skyscrapers

The recognition of male presence in architecture can be seen throughout history. It is important to first understand that the sense of phallic does not necessarily has to be a literal representation of the male gentials. However, strong presence is made in urban conditions. Piazza Navoua, a dynamic piazza in Rome, with its the Four Rivers Fountain by Bernini the monumental fountain allows space to rotate around it. The center of the piazza is not able to be occupied rather action occurs in the periphery. The Fountain with is rushing waters gives a sensuous quality to the space and the urban dweller is effected by this experience. The Piazza Del Populo also has the presence of an obelisk denoting an important space. Memory of these monuments links spaces of the city of Rome in a continuous moment. Space flows from one piazza to the next and the piazza characterized by these erect monuments allows for a dynamic experience of space in the periphery.

Towers are another literal form of a phallic architecture. At Kazuyo Sejima's Women's Dormitory in Japan an institution solely for women, is violated by the presence of the bell tower. The campus is composed of fragments, is brought together through the experiences of the users. The courtyard seems to be an intimate space yet the shadow caste by the tower, clearly can not be seen except as an image which violates an intended pure space. The tower functions like a monument in its presence as defining a point within a context. The women of this space live and function in the shadow of this intruder. Towers are important, but I question forms appropriate and representing a positive image.

The skyscraper stands as a structural innovation to the world of architecture. A presence of capitalist power and achievement. The skyline of a city, not many Americans say they don't feel moved, it's exciting and energized. The immense presence of these structures is overwhelming. They make up our mega scale cities and each one has it's own distinct profile. Yet it is this quest for power and domination of the patriarchal society that influences the images in our society and the interpretation of these images.

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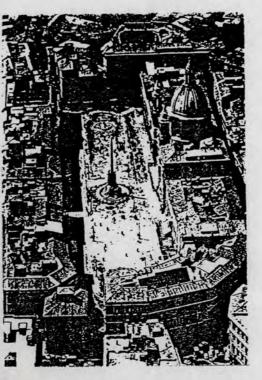


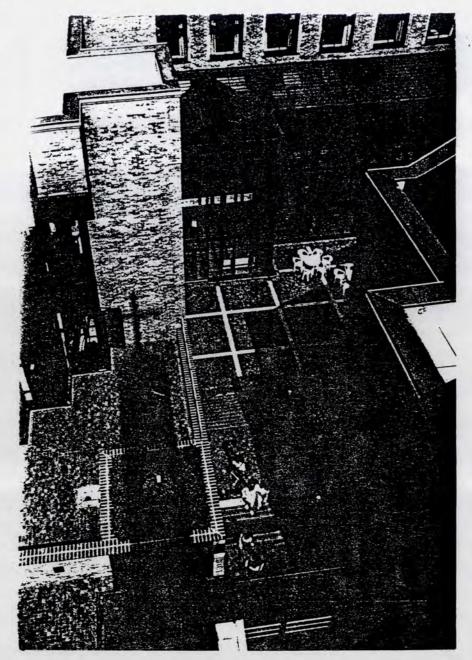
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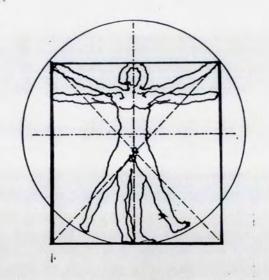
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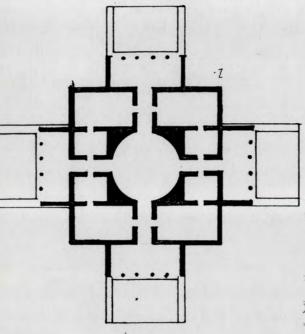
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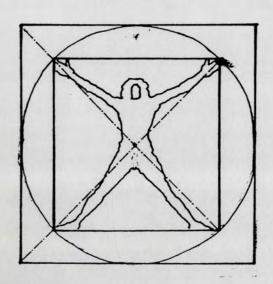
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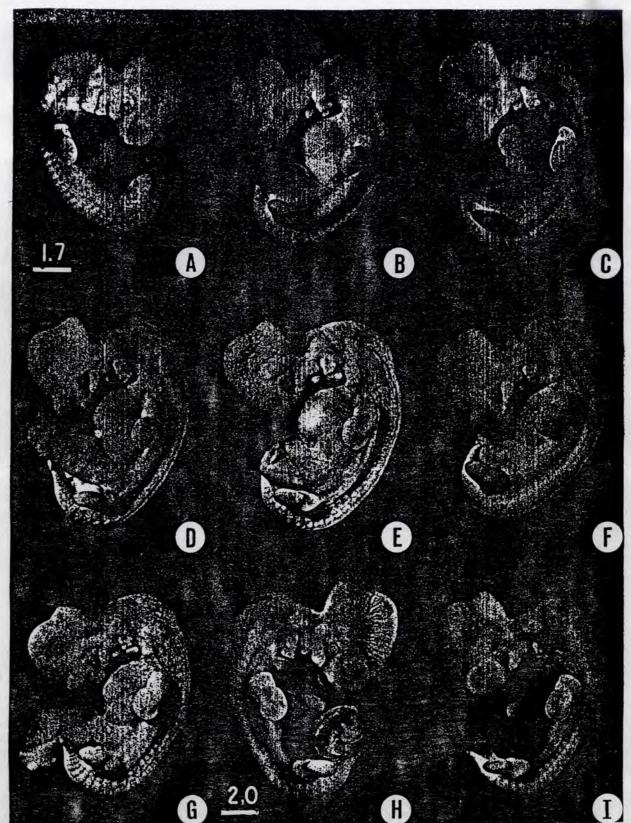
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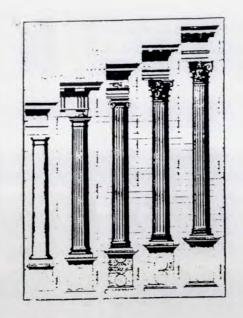
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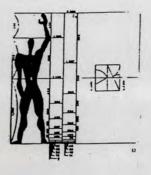
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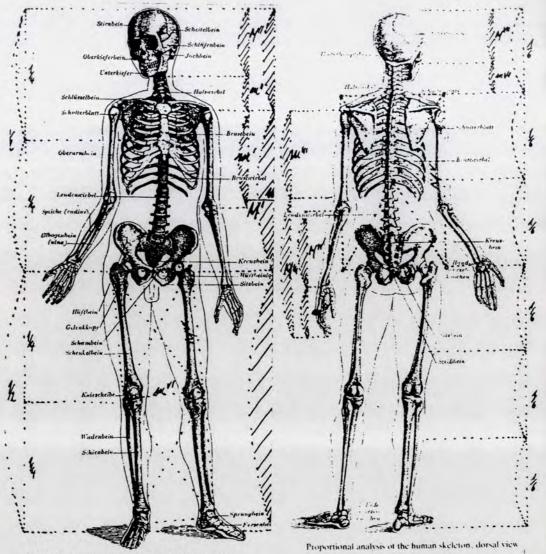
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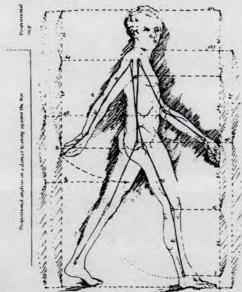
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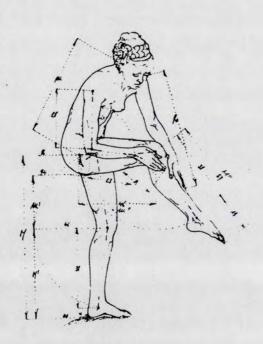
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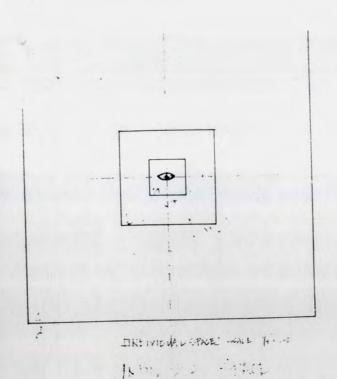
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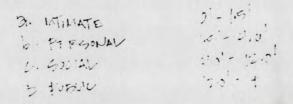


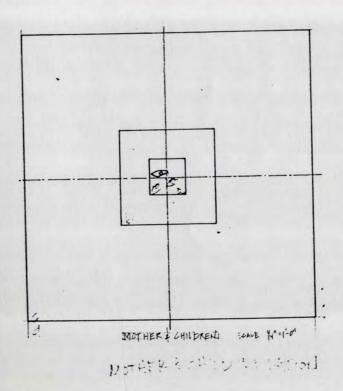
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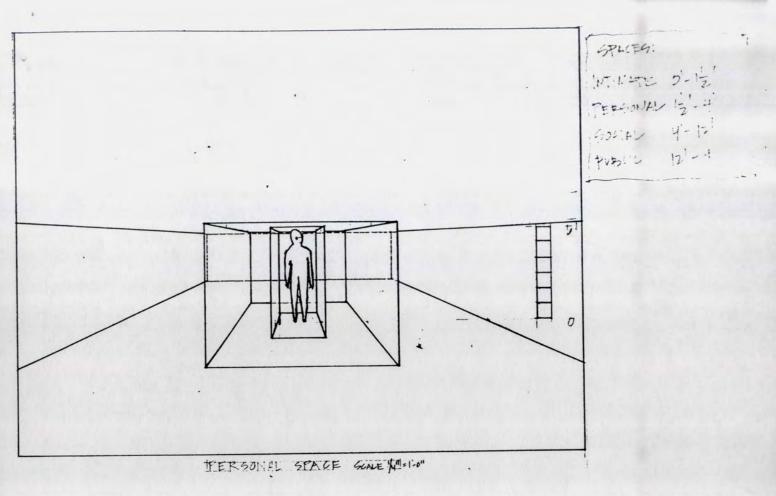
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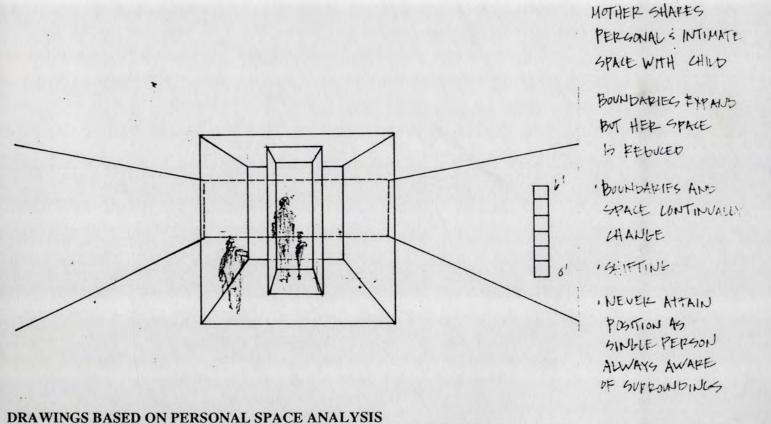
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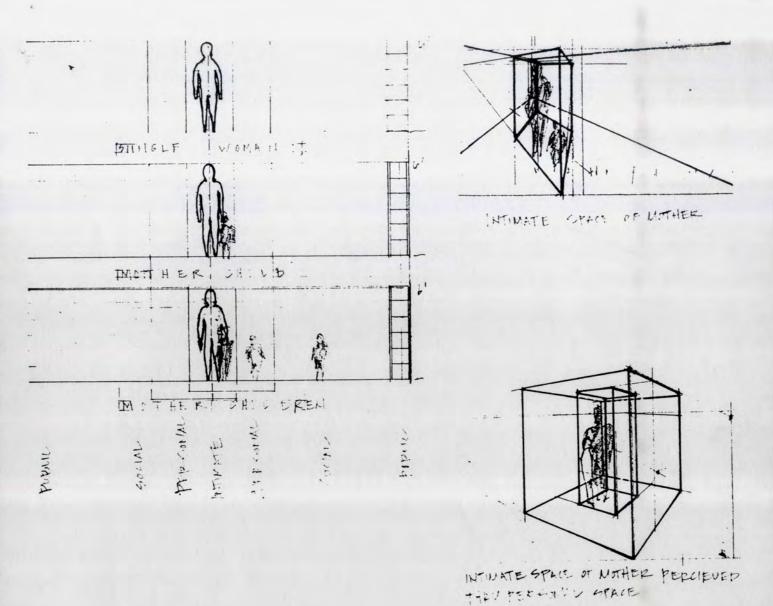
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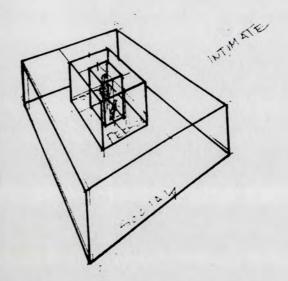
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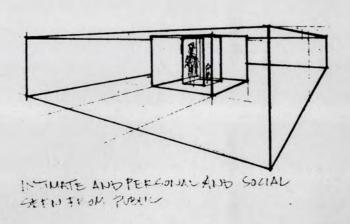
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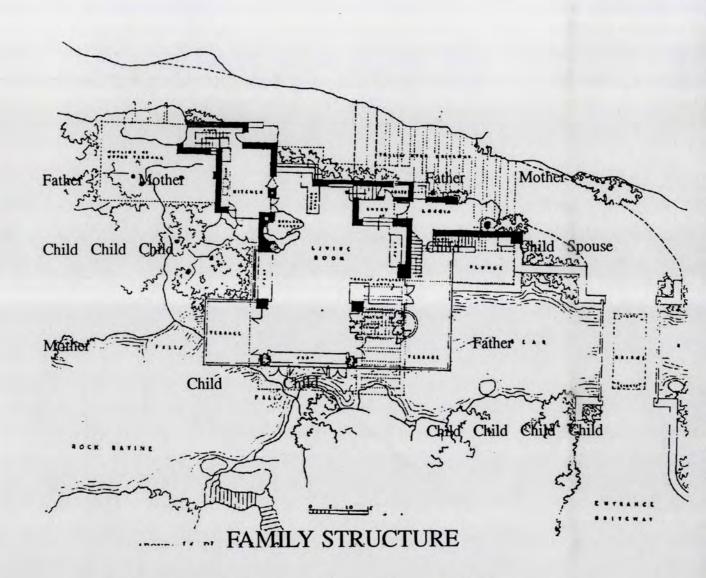
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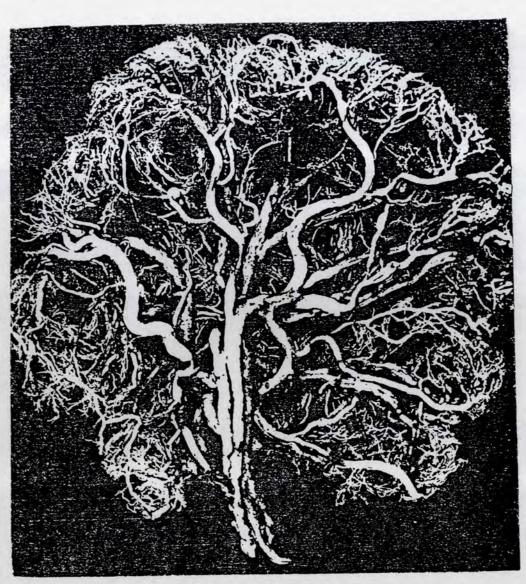
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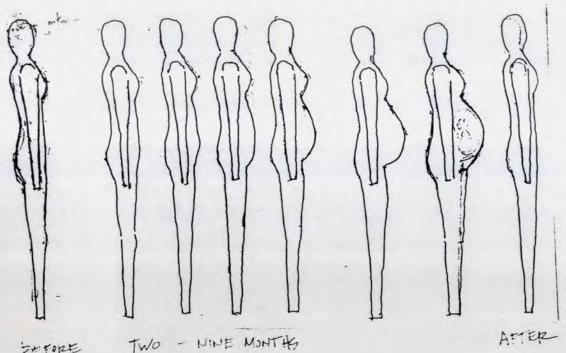
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b. Within 2 feet (within arm's distance). The TO HETE TRUE

c. More than 2 feet away.

2. Physical contact.

a. Kiss: Mother's lips touch child.

b. Hold: Mother supports child's weight-mother carries child, child sits on mother's lap, etc.

c. Active physical contact: Mother tickles child, bounces child on lap, throws child in air, etc.

3. Prohibitions: Mother interferes with or stops an act of the child's that has begun.

Verbal: negative command (e.g., "stop that" or "don't do that").

b. Physical: Mother stops child's motor activity or takes object from child.

c. Prohibition ratios: (i) To control for possible differences in infants' activity levels, which could result in some infants receiving more prohibitions than others, a ratio was computed in which the total number of maternal prohibitions was divided by the number of 5-second intervals in which the infant was either walking or crawling. (ii) Another possible bias was that infants moving around on the floor would have more opportunities to engage in behaviors that might be prohibited; thus, a second ratio was computed in which the total number of maternal prohibitions was divided by the amount of time that the infant was free to crawl or walk on the floor.

4. Maternal vocalization: Mother says words to child. This category was analyzed separately for each location in category 1.

Keeping infant busy: Mother provides activity for child.

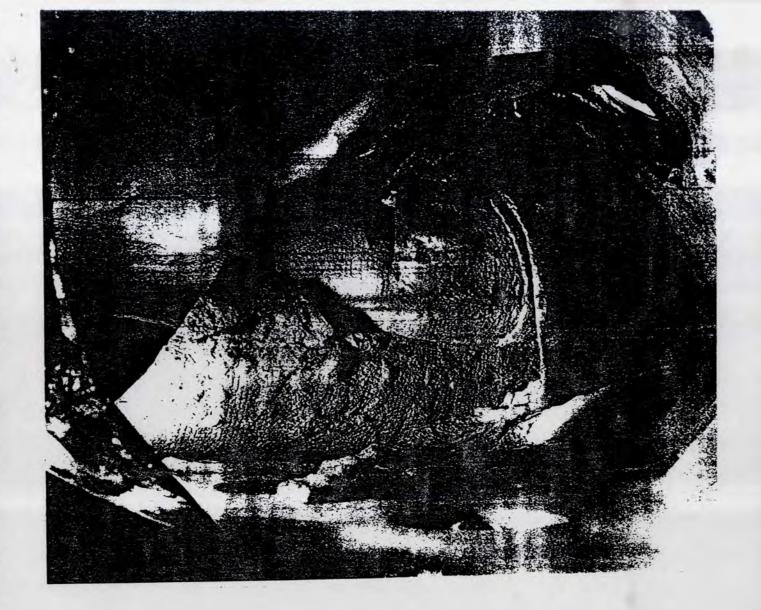
a. Entertain: Mother holds attention of child by nonverbal sounds, body movements such as peek-a-boo, or the use of a toy-such as shaking a rattle. If words were used with an entertainment behavior, category 4 was also scored.

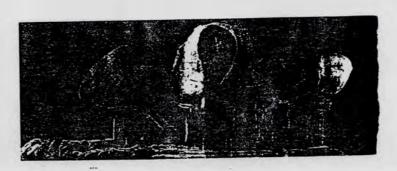
b. Give object: Mother gives child an object and makes no effort to hold child's attention.

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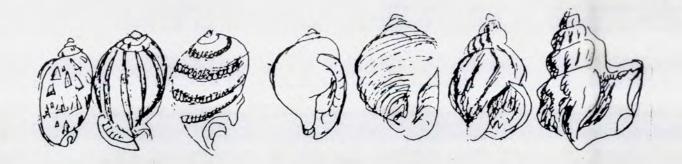
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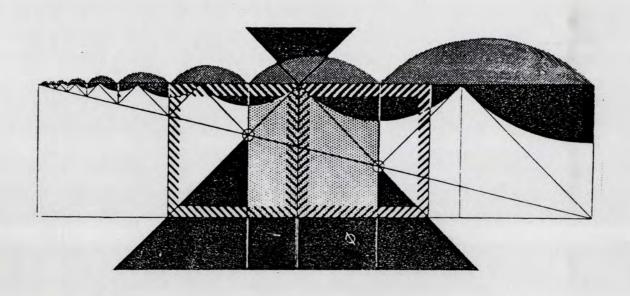
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The Body

"For Merlean-Ponty, the body is a structure of relationships and therefore not ever separable from the world. They are intertwined and thus the body can make sense long before "we" know it. World and body must affirm one another.

"For Foucault the body is the ultimate object/subject of power, since the modern form of power x10%; from knowledge and knowledge grows from power, power seeks knowledge.

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Signs and Symbols in modern society assign and reaffirm values. Sign and Symbols have the power for interpretation of meanings. Eighth Avenue in New YorkCity is flooded with signs for peek shows pornography, advertisements for viewing women, cheaply. The signs use photographs and texts, flashing lights, all attention getting devices, reinforcing the image of women, unfortunately it is a negative image, reducing all women who pass under the signs as potential subjects for these billboards. It is the power of the sign that projects an image for speculation and representation.

Other signs and symbols are more subtle or less open for interpretation, i.e. Metropolitan Museum of Art with its grand entry stair and Temple like facade, it appears closed to the public, its colorful banners wave the public in, it is a unique experience in the urban environment. The public library much the same presence as this museum. These building functions as signs. All strong and stardy they scream power and privilege. The shops on eight Ave, entice lure and want the public to penetrate the flashy facades. The stores along Fifth Avenue allure the public, primarily women, to enter, at almost no restriction, provided one has money, and to have money one must have knowledge bence power. Why is it some spaces are open to all and some are not? It is our urban culture. But what happens when it is every day culture that limits one from functioning or reinterprets one value? What signs influence our daily role in the city? What actions occur? How does space accommodate these actions? How does representation inform an architecture? Can it be possible? Architecture can not solve social problems, but it can shape a social experience.

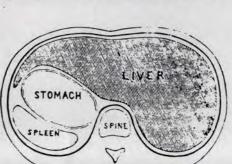
The body intertwined is like the make up of the city. Like a labyrinth woman's body is intertwined with that of a fetus. Its part all distinct yet all connected and intertwined. The female body allows for growth, does architecture allow for growth of the human spirit or experience? The fetus develops only because of nourishment from the mother, yet it develops indecently. It is an event within another event. A growth within a growth. Many functions at once. Two hearts beat, at different rates, different bloods, different people, much like society. This is experience all in one body. A building of growth, of new experience each day. An intertwine of masses of pieces. Each piece distinct and has its own function, placentas nourishes the fetus, it grows like a tree, a growth on the uterus wall, an extension to the fetus the umbilical cord and the mass at the end. Is there a hierarchy in this event? Each piece could not function or grow without the other. Simultaneously they function and grow, each have their own purpose and serve as means to an end.

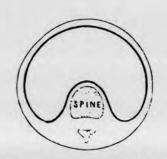


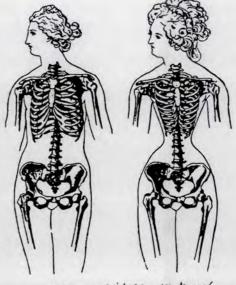
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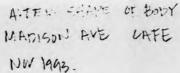
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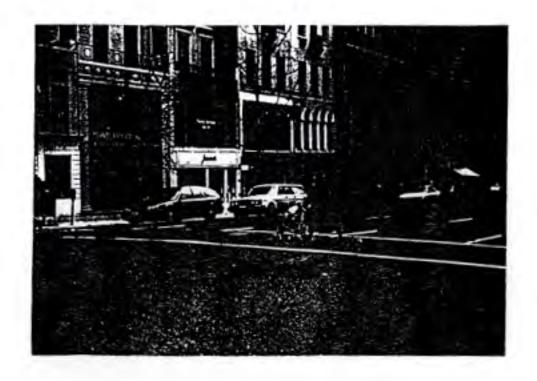


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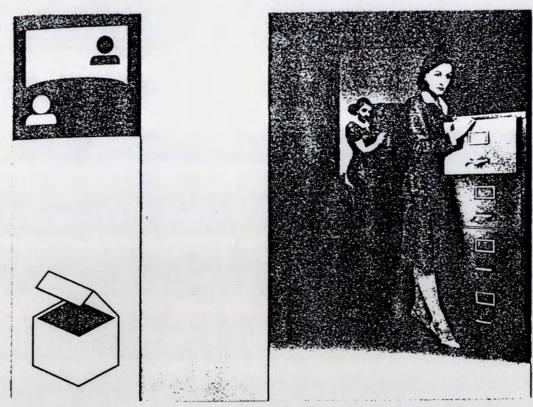


- If or Renaissance art theory. Hopper's painting would be both tableau and hidroglyph both the mise on scene of a moment of narrative crisis, and the cryptic inscription of a general truth. Psychoanalytic theory finds this same duality in the formation of the unconscious fantasy.
- Froud, in his 1911 essay. 'A child is being beaten, describes a sequence of fantasy identifications in, which spectator and participant, aggressor and aggressed, perpetually exchange places in a draina which, like an image, neither changes nor remains the same. A drama whose purpose is to stage the desire it would deny
- In Hopper's parrong, "secretary" and "boss" are at once the image of a perticular bureaucratic dyad, and an iconogram serving to represent all such relations of subordination in the irelation duction of wealth. The inscription of the power relation across the gender divide respects a patriarchal polarity.
- Constantly Threatening the productive order of the workplace is that erotic supplement to the biological reproduction of the workforce which cannot be contained within the family. A state of crisis ensues to which this painting, hieroglyph of patriarchy, offers a solution.
- Egyptian sages, observed Plotinus, in a passage translated in the Renaissance by Ficino.

  "\_\_\_ drew pictures and carved one picture for each thing\_\_ each picture was a kind of understanding, and wisdom and substance given all at once, and not discursive reasoning and deliberation."
- A body twisted, impossibly, so that both breasts and buttocks are turned lowards us. A body ostensibly clad in a modest dress, but a dress which clings and stretches like a costume of latex number. She is here for no other reason than to be seen. Her intelligence is not investigative, merely inquistive. The cabinet she opens is a Pandora's box.
- The elaborately constructed alib pivors on a disavowal of voyeurism: 'I imale spectator' know very well that I am looking at the body of the woman, but nevertheless I limaged man) am engiossed in my work,' If anything 'happens', it will not be his fault. The painting both offers itself in his defence, like a photograph in a court of law, and functions as the very allegory of instinct and Reason.
- Neurath's ambition for the isotype Enternational System Of Typographic Picture Education), 1936, was that it would become a universally unambiguous picture language. Heir to the dream of "pure vision", it expresses the desire to know in a simple act of socing.
- It happens that Neurath's search for the unambiguous image was taking place in Vienna at the same time as Fried's researches into the mesohable ambivalences of the psychic processes. With the onset of Nazism, both took refuge in England. For a while, both lived in the same London suburb, neither known to the other.
- Gall Levin writes that the office equipment and furnishings seen in Hopper's 1940 painting are derived from his catalogue disstrations of around 1910, albeit the dress worn by the woman in the picture clearly belongs to the same period as the painting. (Time, Freud remarked, does not exist in the unconscious).
- Hopper painted Office at Night in the same year I was conceived. As a small child I was given a book which contained a picture of a businessman in a suburtian street. No is unaware of the brutal and threatening Near-derthals who are shown crouched in a dech by the road wasting for night. I understood nothing of this image, and accepted it totally.
- The Isotype archive is currently housed at Reading University, which has a Department of Typography and Graphic Communication. One of the legacies of the isotype movement is a problem which successive generations of students have attempted to solve design a pictogram which says neither 'man' nor 'wowan' but simply person.

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Body Image and the Urban Condition

What Constitutes a Feminine Architecture? a running list of ideas from readings, implicit meaning sand polemic reaction

-choice-experience at one's own leisure

-options/ involvement architecture should provide for options of experience

participation do space allow for maximum involvement

selection choice or options in experience

modify choice in experience, alter one's space or boundary

order; rich and complex women's sense of multiple alludes to a structure of this type

balance between stimuli and calm hostile city and urban interior--redefining the urban realm

provide places for sublimation, contemplation, healing

emotions senses define experience and architecture enhances

experiential through emotion truely feel quality of the space

sense of place urban interiority

a relationship between gendered spaces and women's status, pattern of dailylife

multipurpose accomodate multiplicity of experience

plurality more than one, more than one center

transformable change, growth, choice

contextual growth, change form, not self referential or solipstic

·legible not masked

transparent voyeuristic

understandable not confused

symbolic all concave or convex and no right angles often literal for female bodies

relation not fixed but constantly changing women's sense of environment

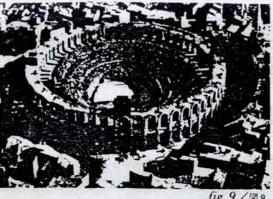
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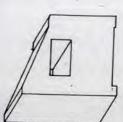
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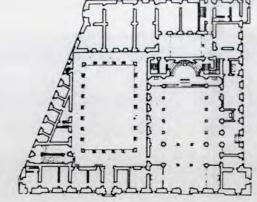
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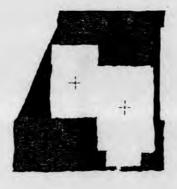








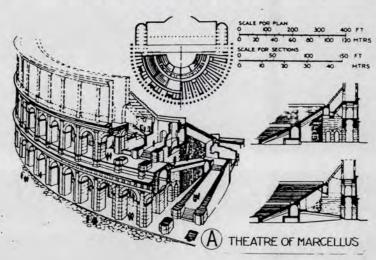




OVER TIME TAKE ON NEW FORM: GROW LINES



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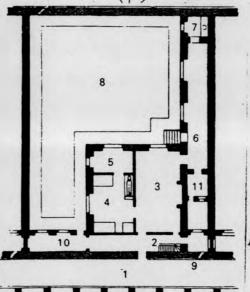
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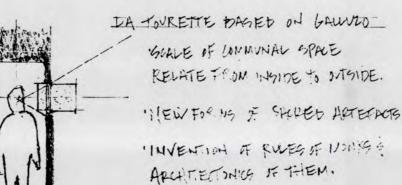
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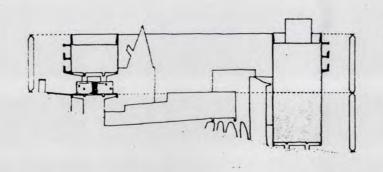
128 A typical Carthusian cell – a small self-contained house and garden

- 1 Cloister walk
- 2 Corridor, isolating the monk from the noise of the cloister
- 3 Ante-room
- 4 Main room
- 5 Second room
- 6 Corridor to latrine
- 7 Latrine
- 8 Garden
- Aperture in wall, through which food was passed
- 10 Door to garden
- 11 Larder



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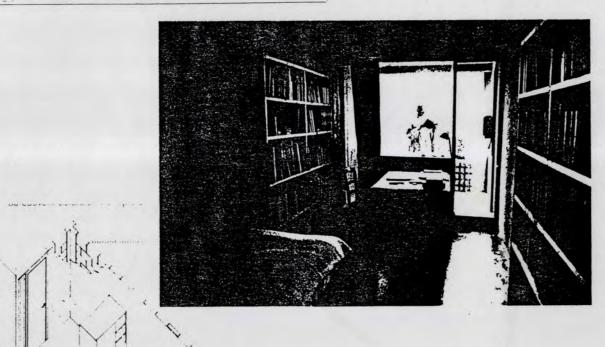
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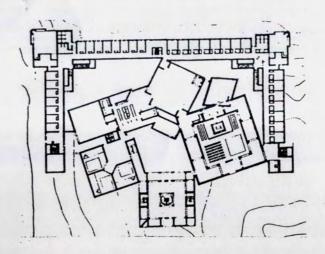
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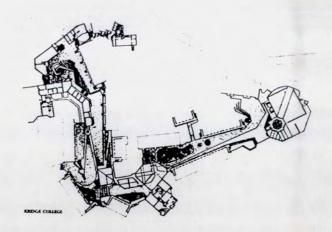


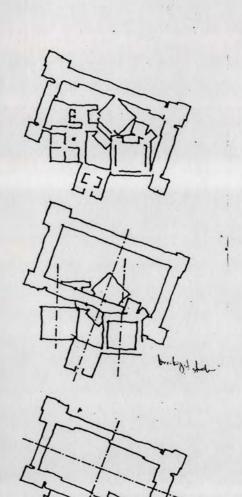
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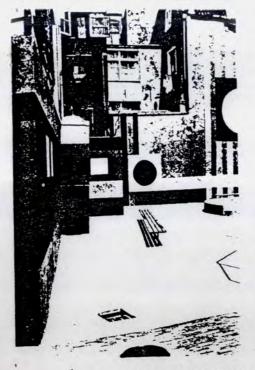
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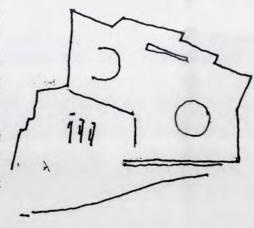


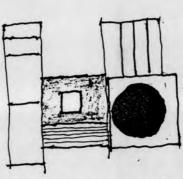
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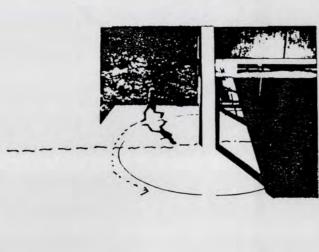






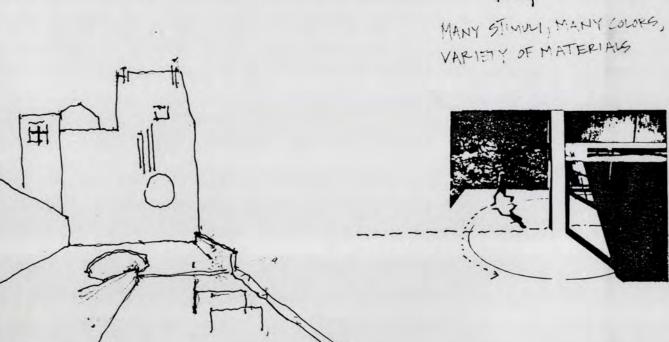


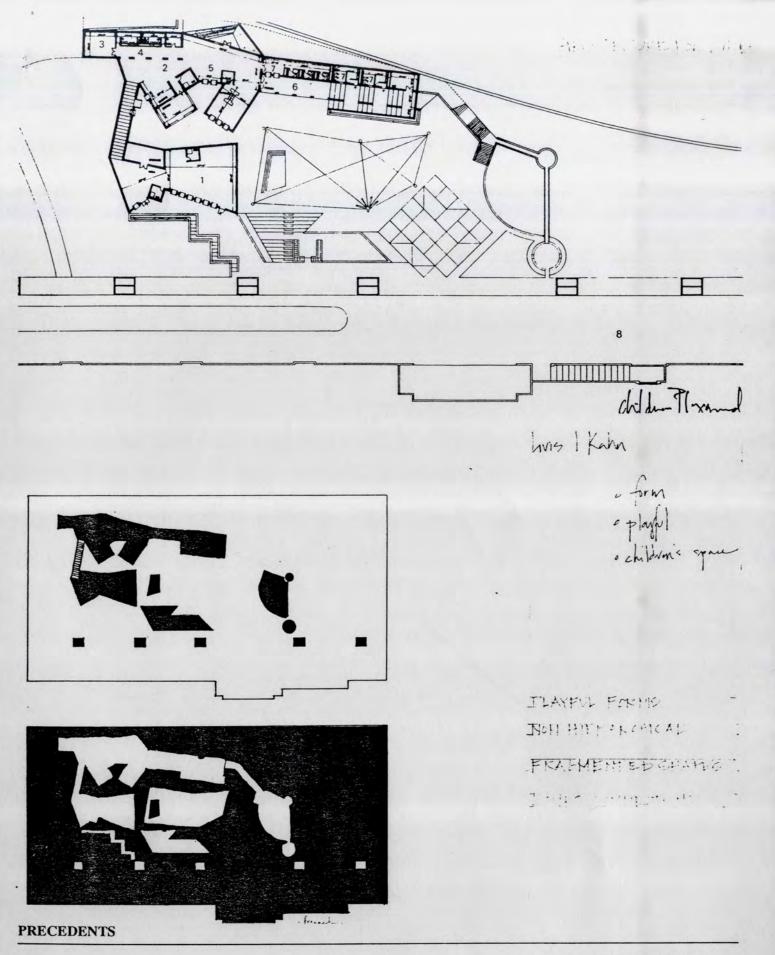




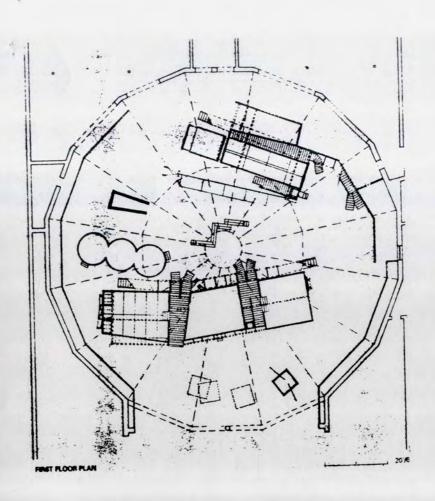


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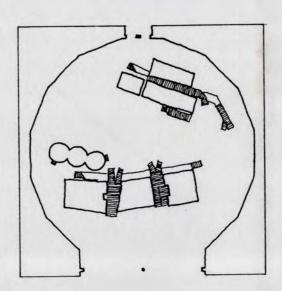


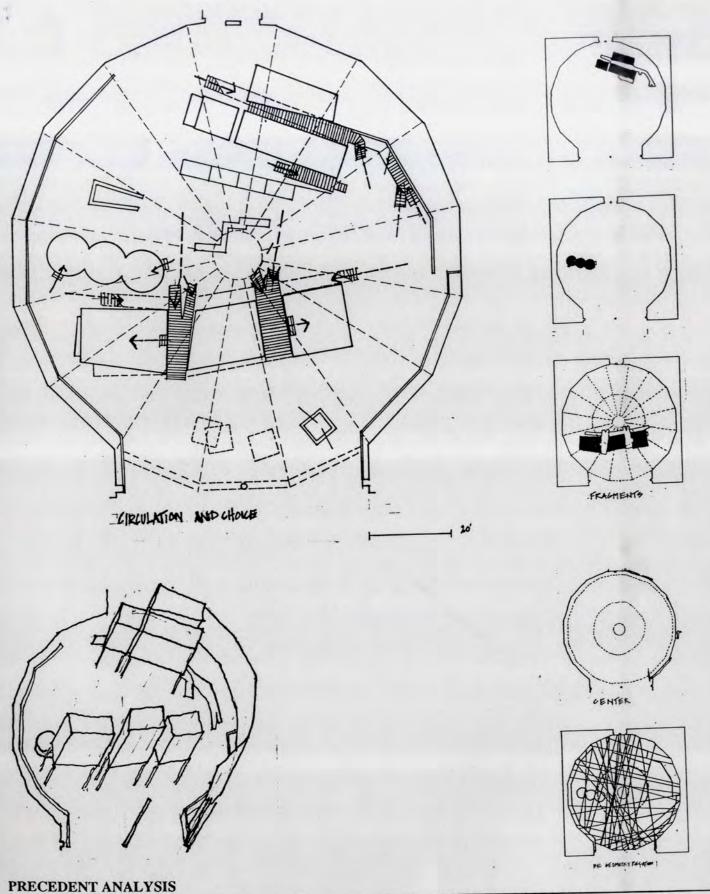


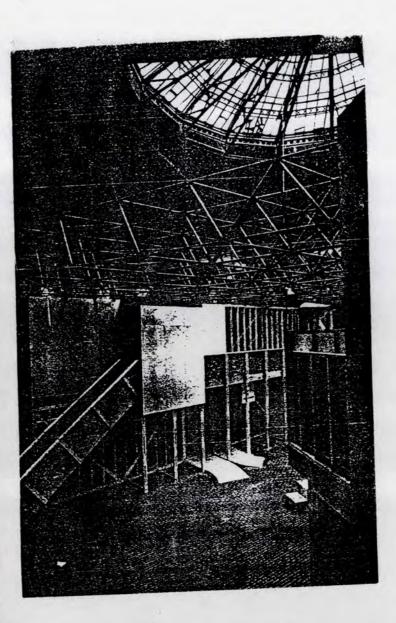
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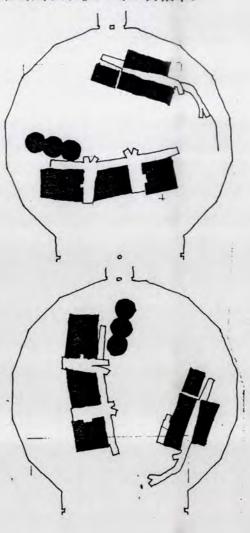


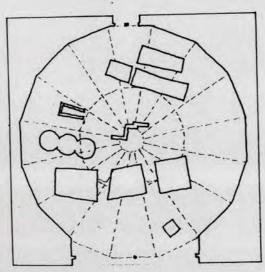


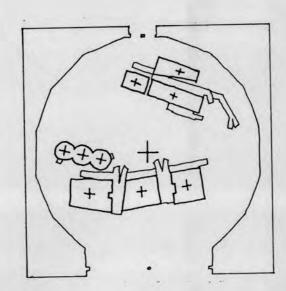




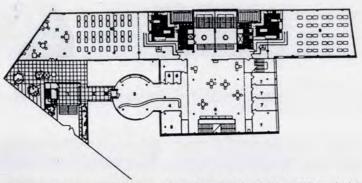
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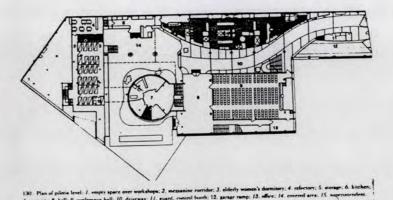


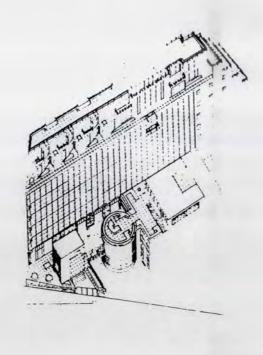


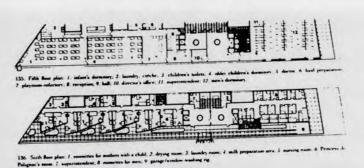


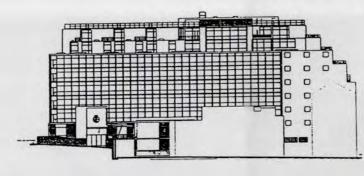
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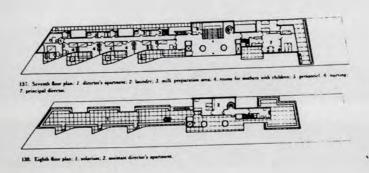


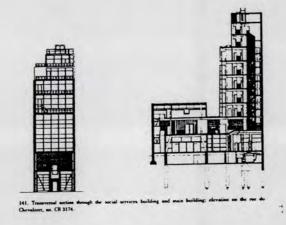




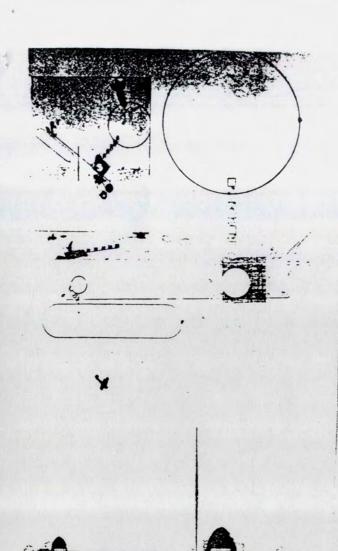






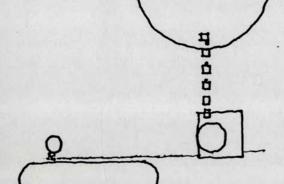


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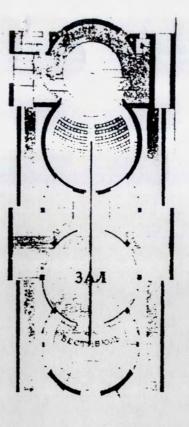


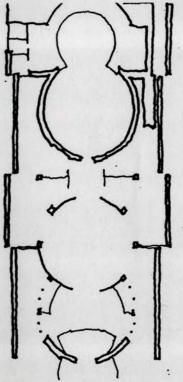
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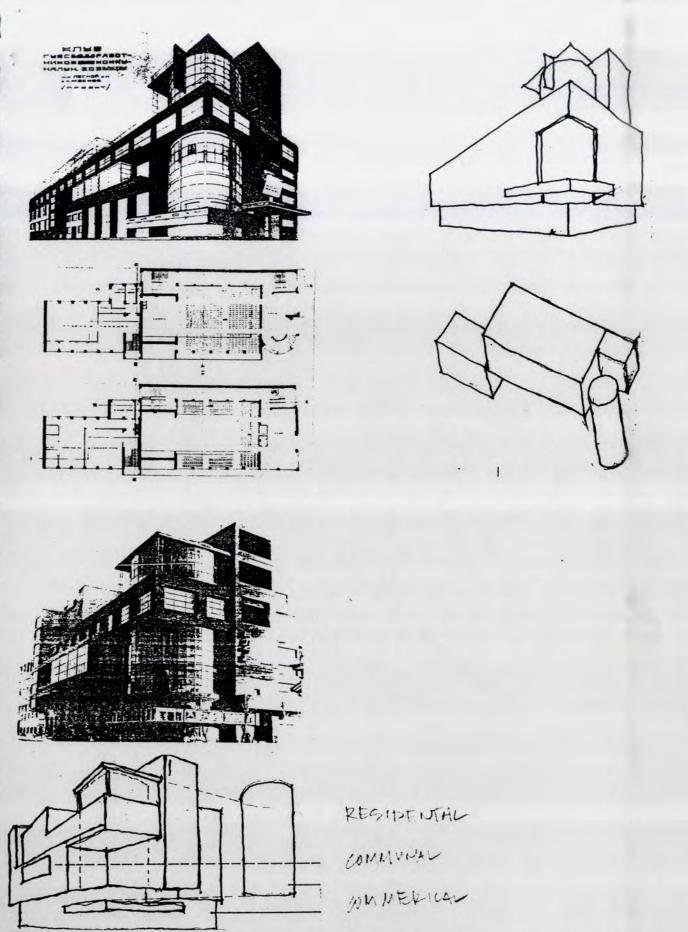
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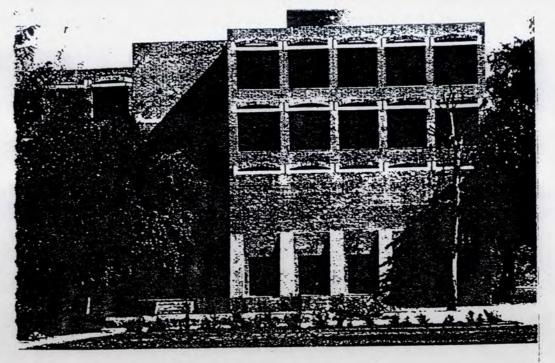
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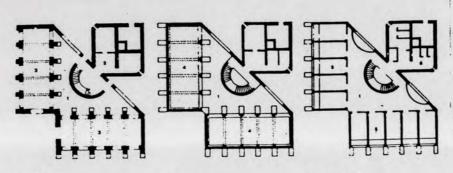


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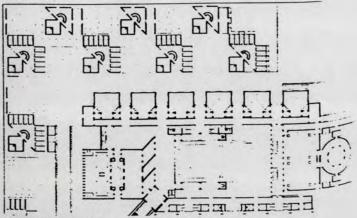
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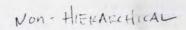
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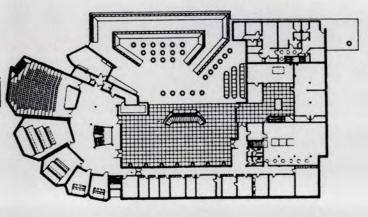


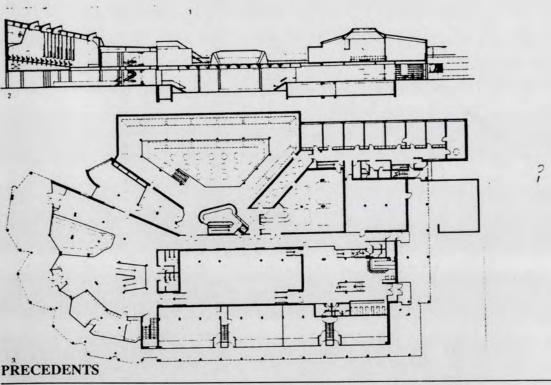
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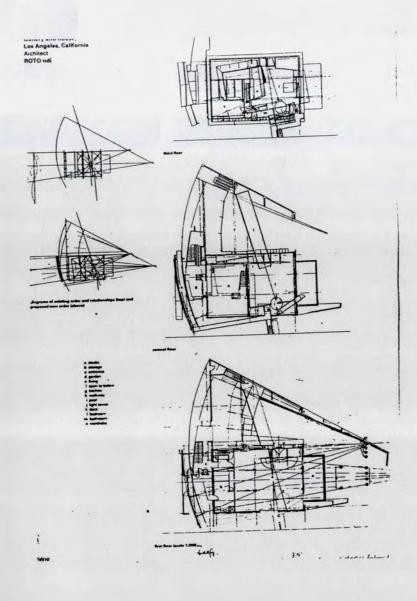


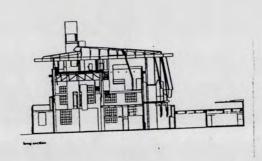












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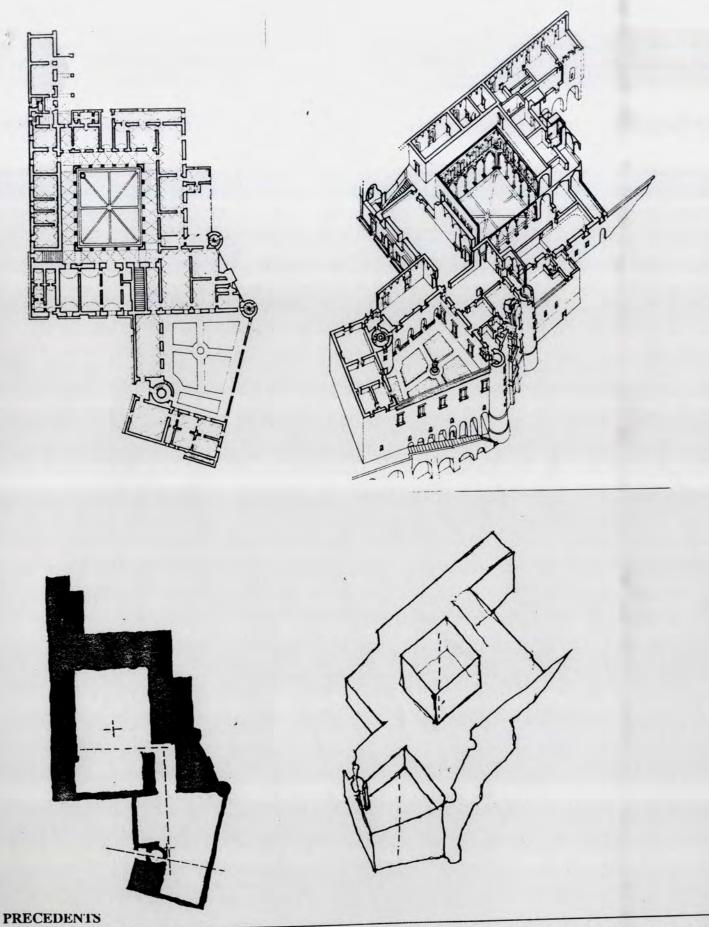
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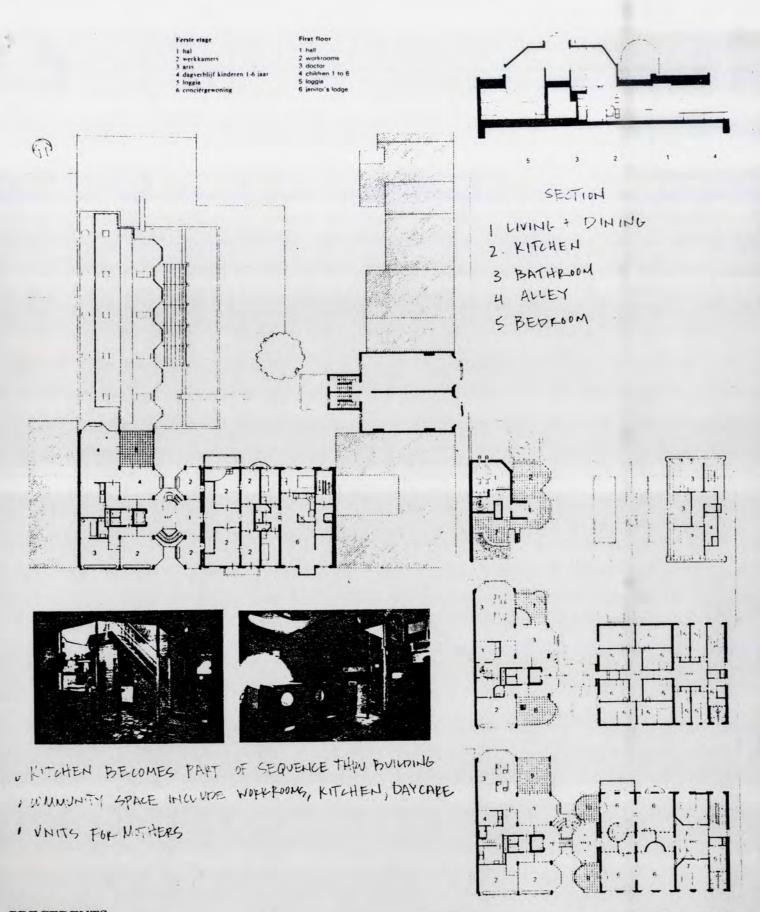
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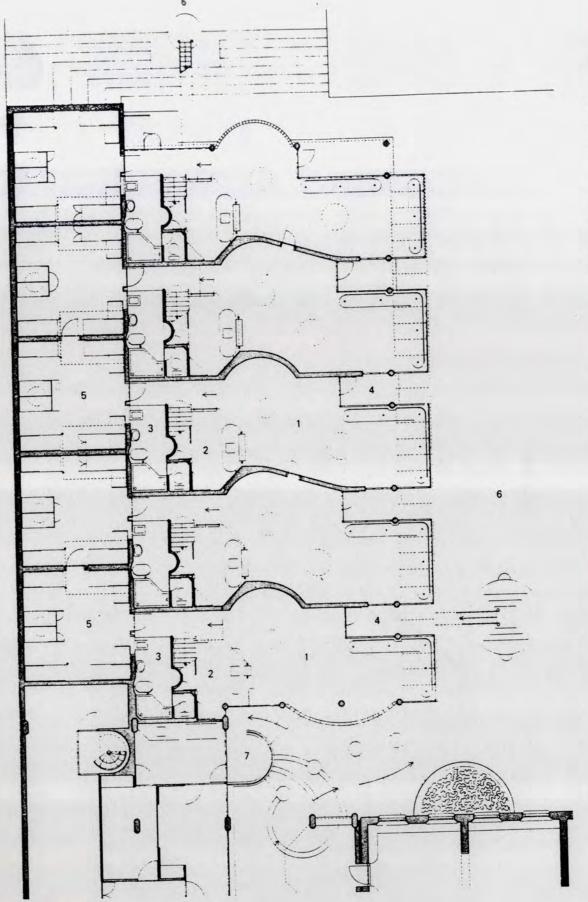
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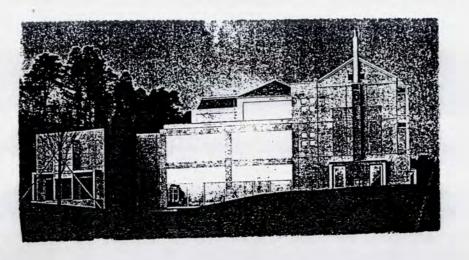


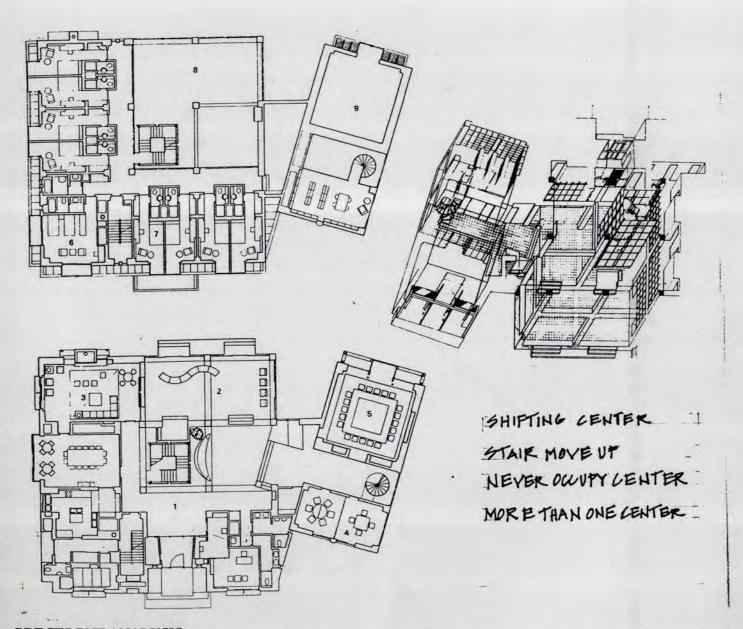
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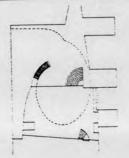
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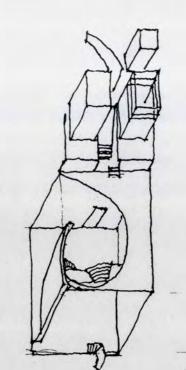
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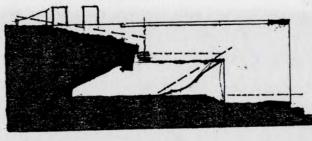
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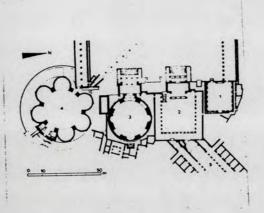
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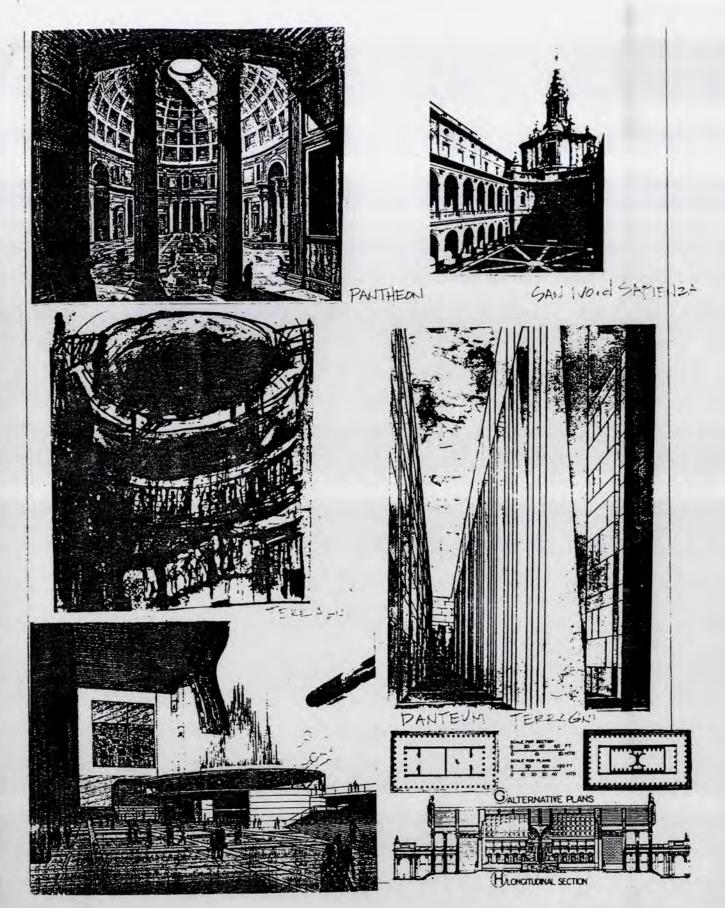
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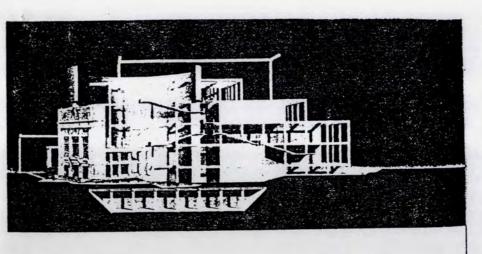
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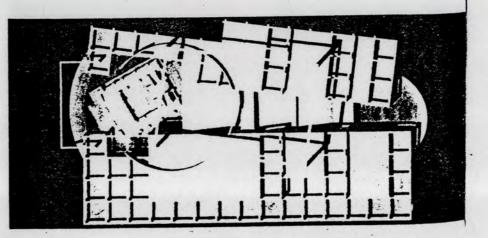
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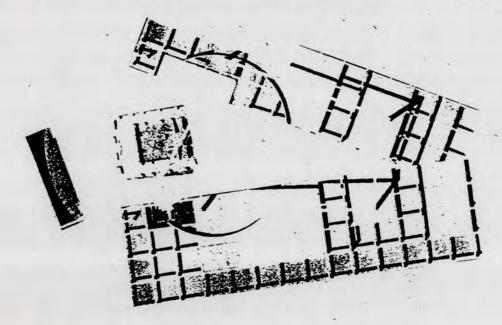


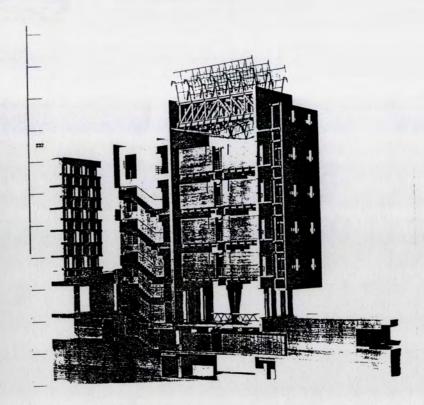
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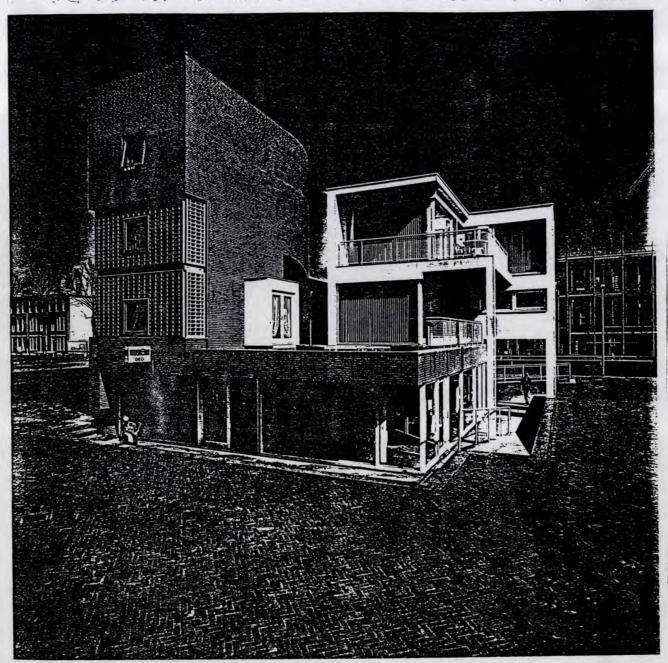
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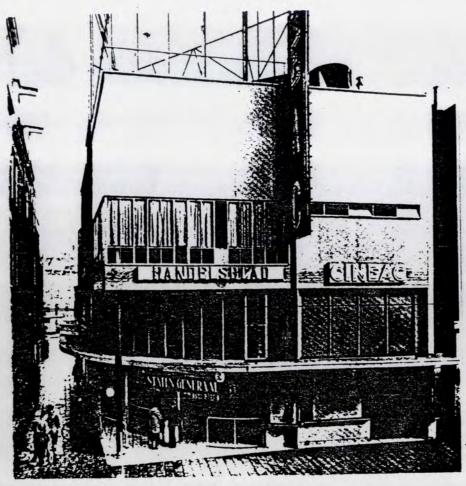
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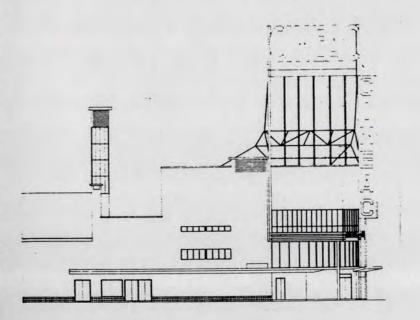
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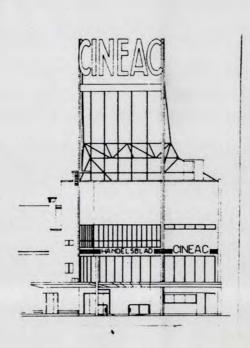


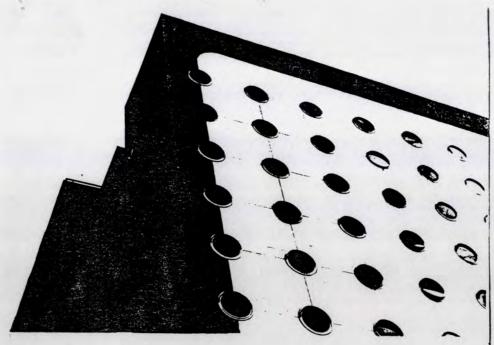


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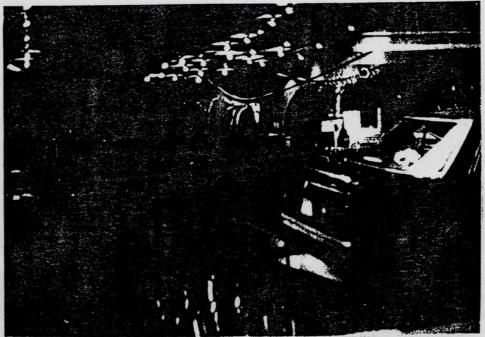
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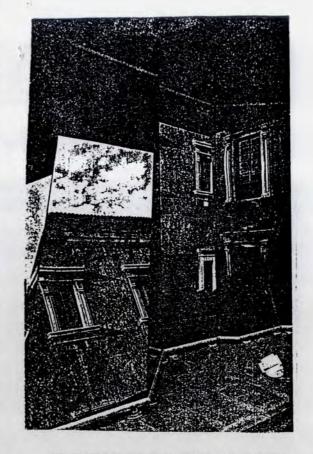


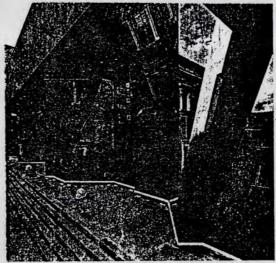


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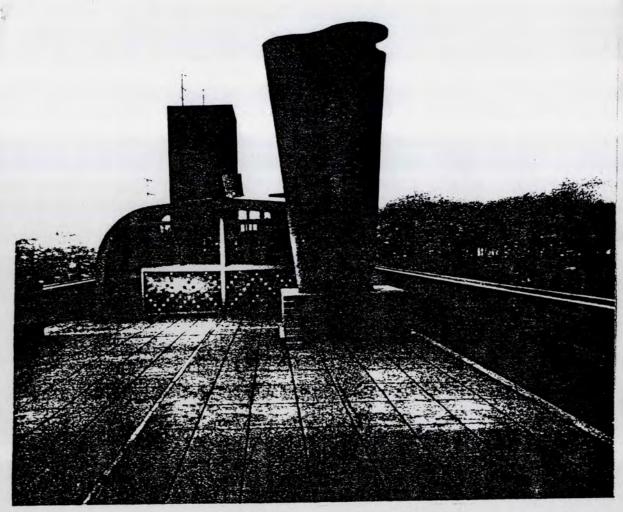
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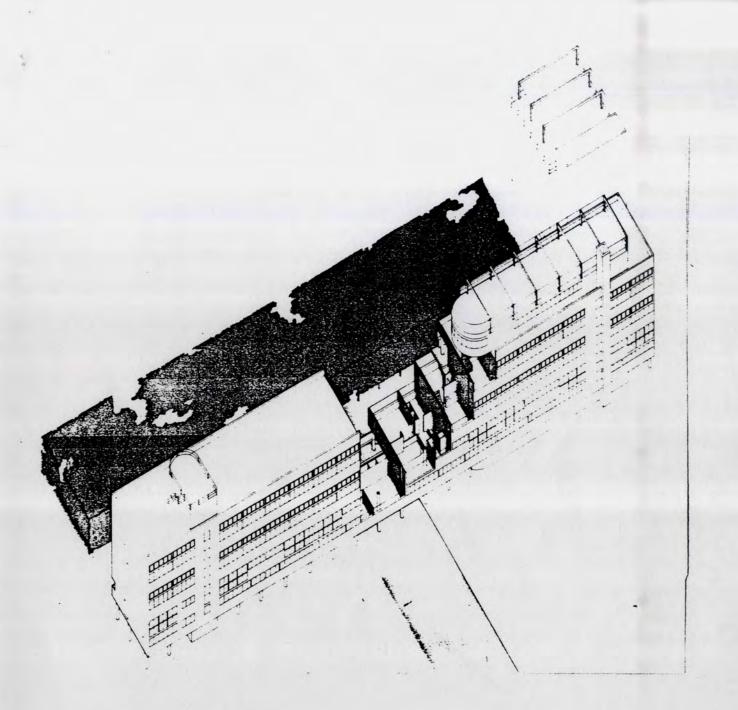
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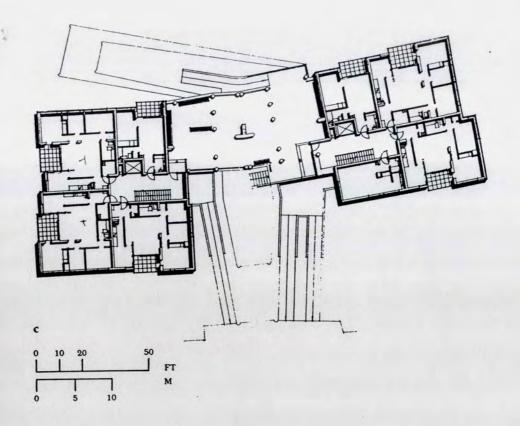
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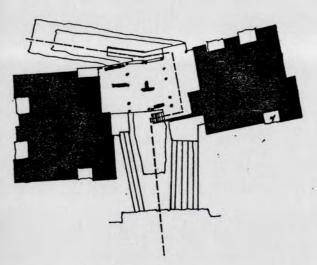
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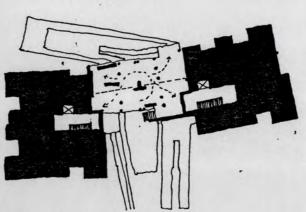
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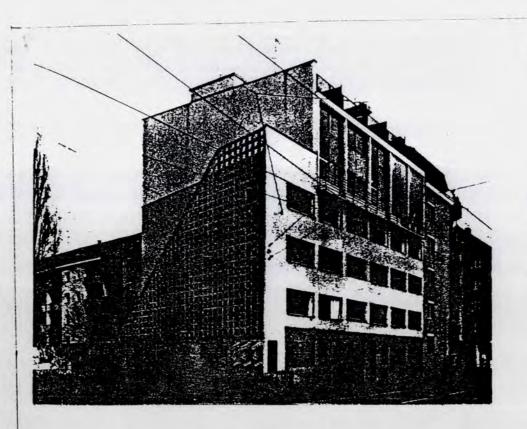
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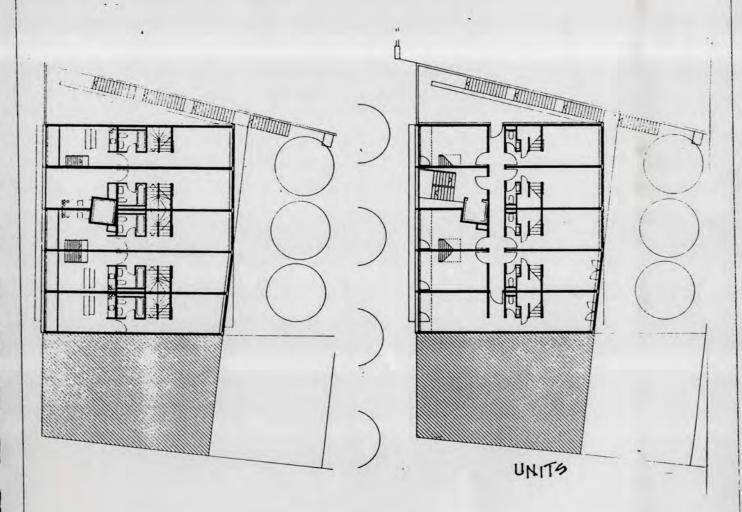
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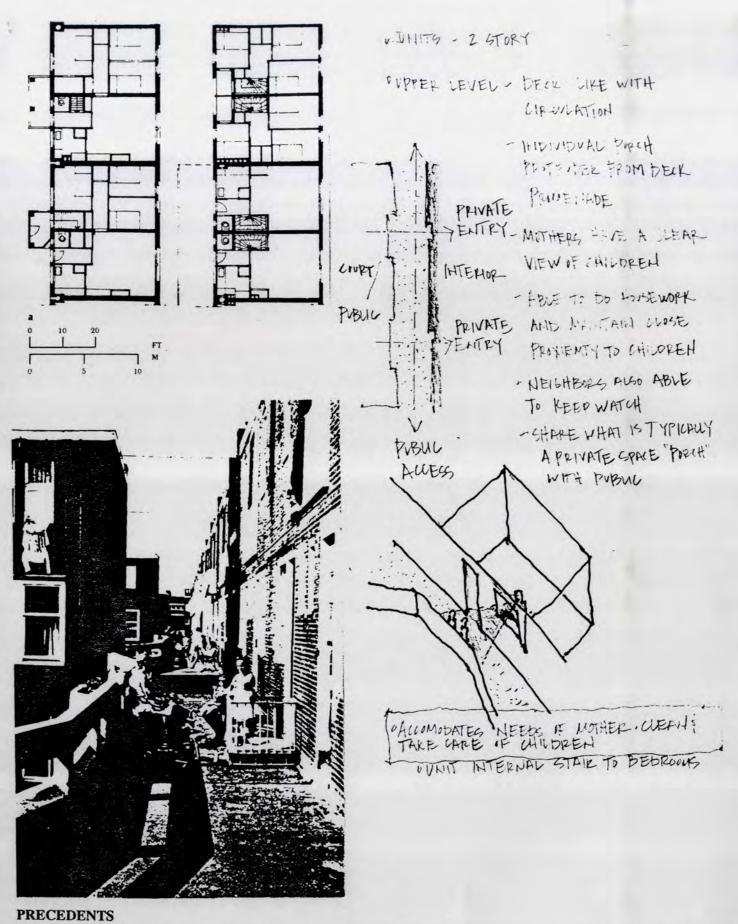


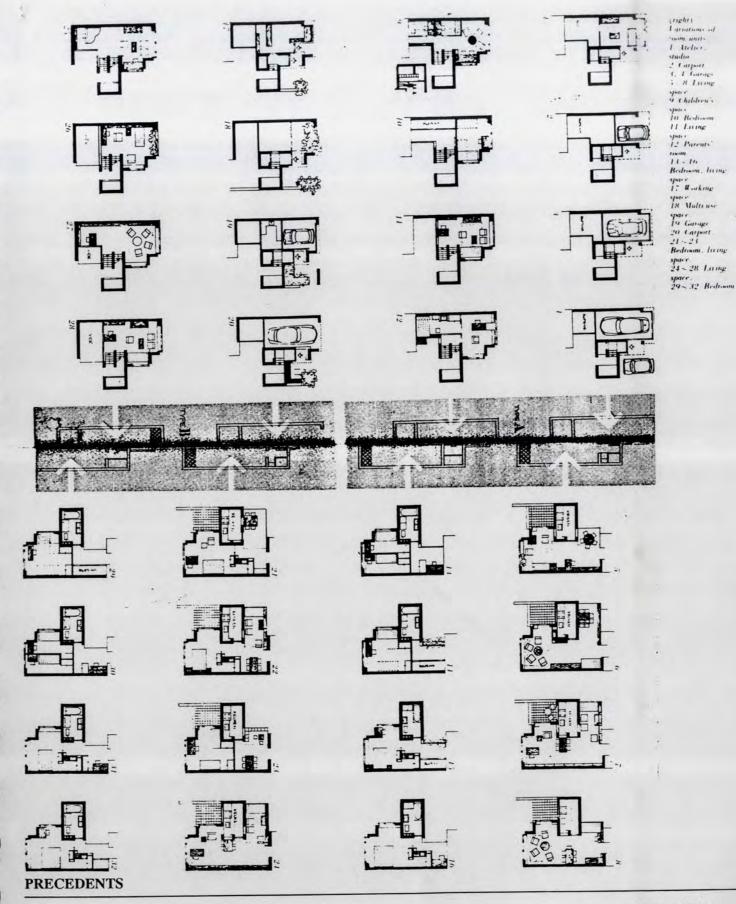
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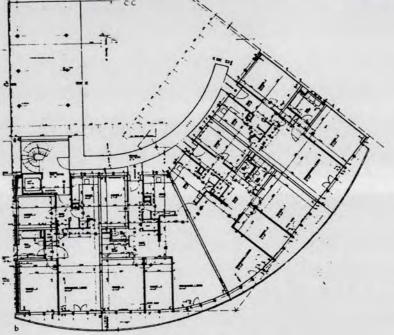
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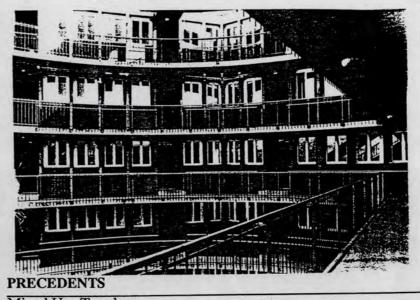












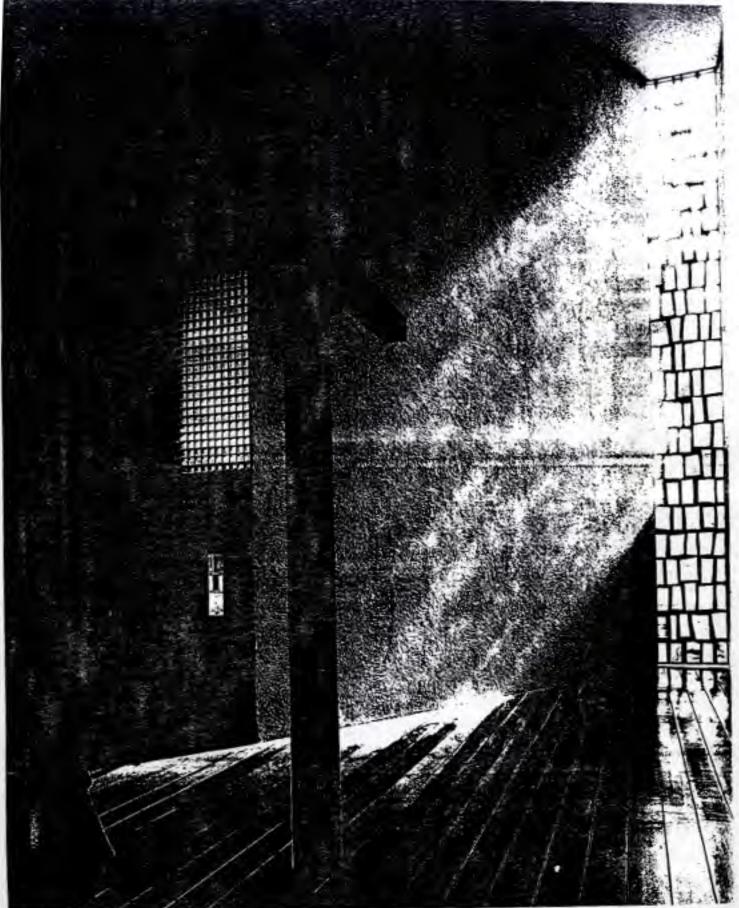
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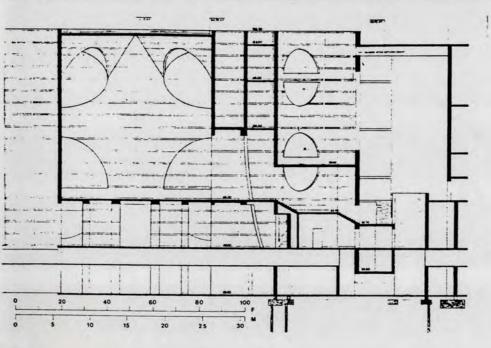
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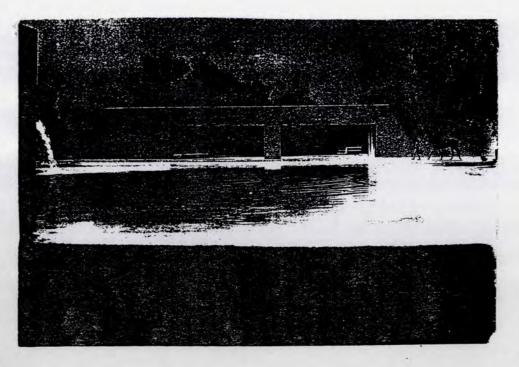


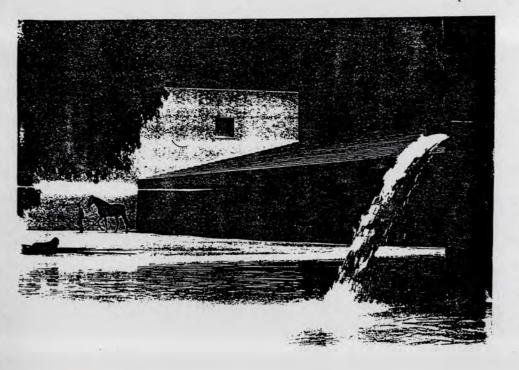
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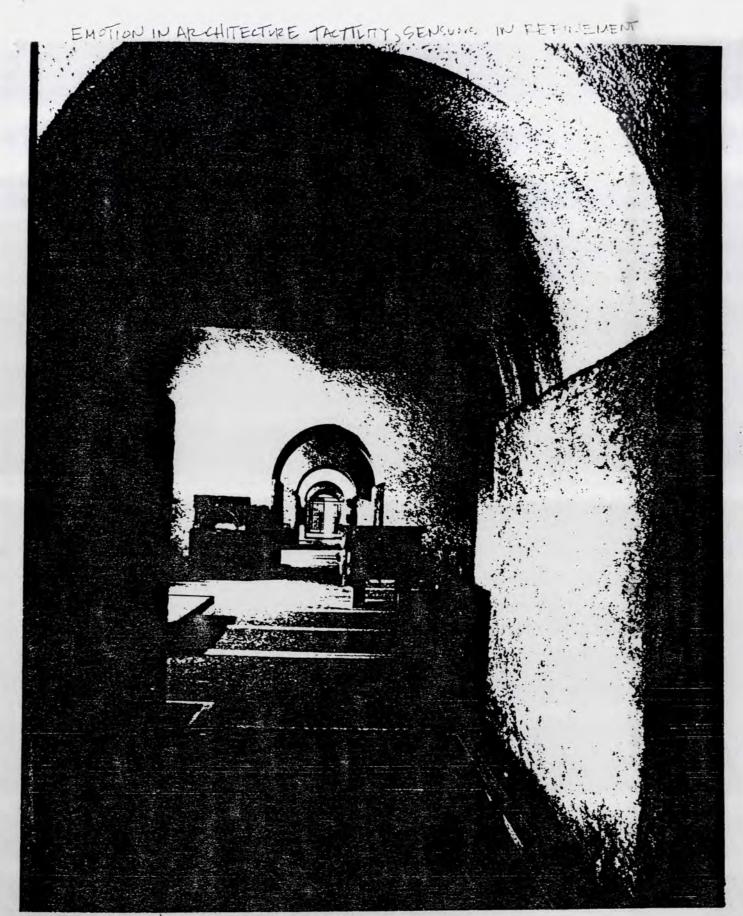
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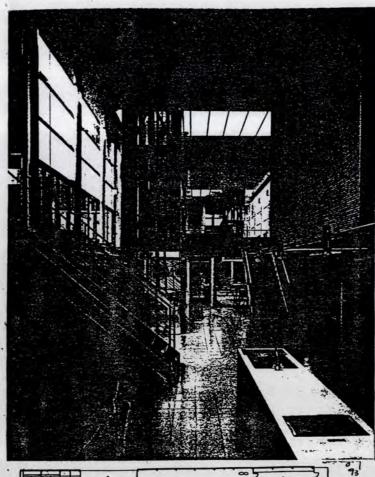
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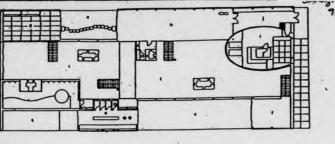
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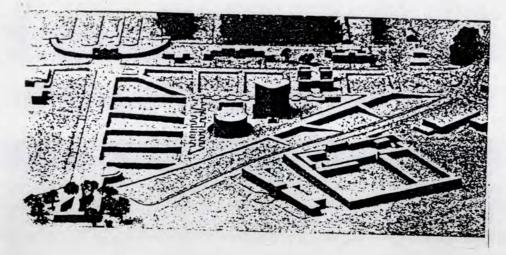
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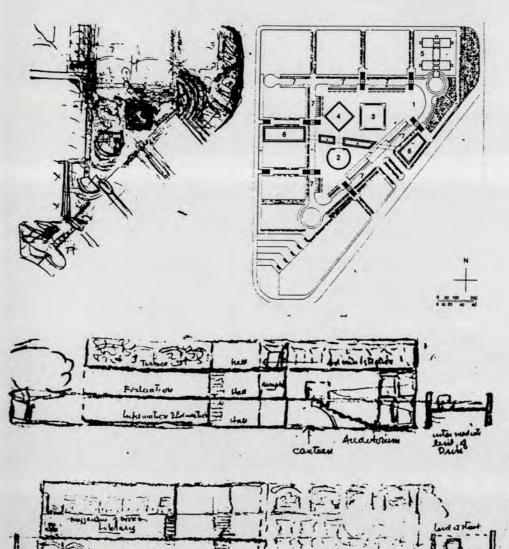








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### Statement of Expectation

Through the study of patterns of experience in architecture leads to a language which responds to the needs of women and creates experiential spaces. Creating spaces which function in accord with womens' multiple needs and experiences. An emotive quality of space results in a heighten and different experiences than in the urban context. These experiences invoke a stimuli against the hostile environment, by experience, that is responsive to its residents and visitors. An architecture, based on spatial boundaries, which acts as buffer to the hostile environment, which speaks metaphorically about the body and its sensitivites.

what constitutes hostile environment.

### Methodologies for Design

I plan to study several topics through methods that will allow for a multiplicity of experience in my process, and yet remain coherent and clear to my thesis statement.

Studying of principals between male oriented experiental patterns and female patterns of spatial interaction

Analysis of buildings in drawings, plan, axon, section--comparison drawings

- What constitutes a feminine architecture, differentiating types that are feminine in principal drawings--plans, sections, axon diagrams
- ★ ·Use of collage in expressing women's position in space, movement, scale
  - ·Study of emotion in space

Three dimensional models at the same scale to show an architectonic form and perspectives

·Study of voyeuristic elements in buildings

Perspectives

materials

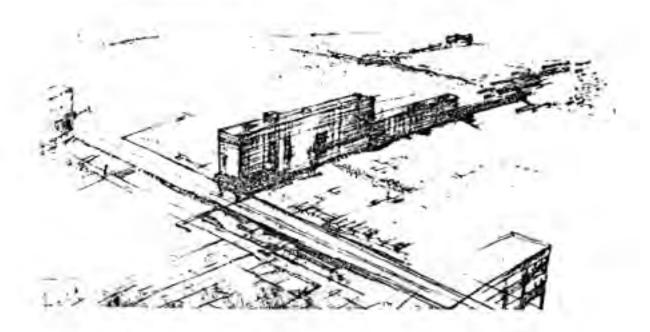
·Figure ground relationships, diagrams, collage

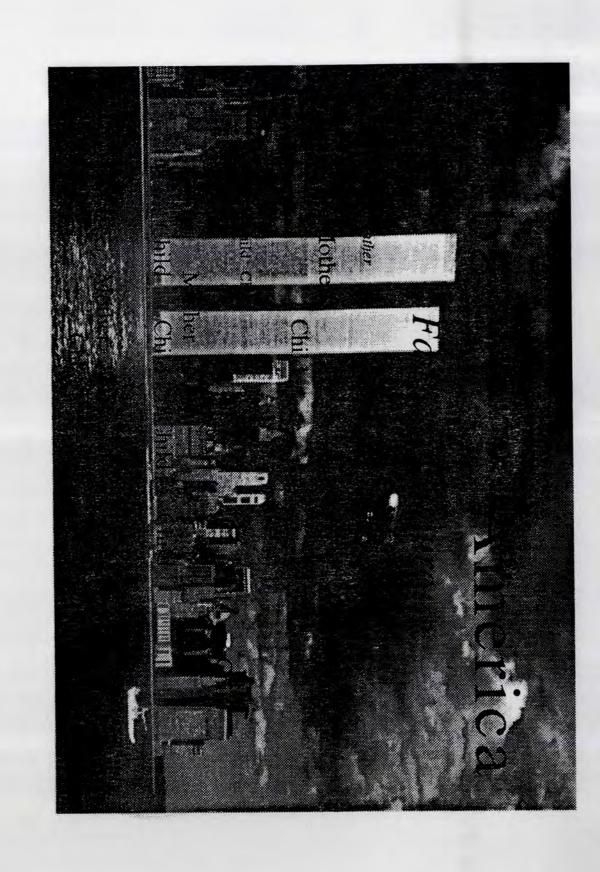
Just be our mental process needs fixed points (fixed in the sense that they are changing over a relatively long period) to enable it to classify and value transient information and thus remain clear and sane, so the city needs fixes—identifying points which have a long cycle of change by means of which things changing on a shorter cycle can be valued and identified. With a few fixed and clear things, the transient—housing, drug stores, advertising, sky signs, shops and at shortest cycle of all, of course, people and their extensions, clothes, cars and so on—are no longer a menace to sanity and sense of structure, but can uninhibitedly reflect short-term mood and need. If this distinction between the changing and the fixed were observed there would be less need for elaborate control over things for which no good case can be made for controlling, and legislative energy could be concentrated on the long-term structure. At the present time the road system seems an obviously fixed

At the present time the road system seems an obviously fixed thing, changing on a long-term cycle of up to seventy-five years (even in Loa Angeles the cycle is fairly long). The road system deserves therefore to be treated as a fix. But it is a fix that connects, and this makes its implications quite different to those of historical fixes.

The non-building environment is increasingly transient: posters change on a monthly cycle, sky signs on a half-yearly and shop windows, clething, magazines, and so on, on varying regular and irregular cycles often related obscurely to each other.

The establishment of an aesthetic of change (or transience) is in fact almost as important to the feeling for the structure as the maintenance of the inviolability of the road system.





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#### List of Issues

#### Program

Continually changing spaces allow for the multiplicity and synchronous events to take place.

#### Public/Private

Notion of Community .What are the boundaries that define the communal from the non communal. What spaces become independent from community and what spaces reinforce the community environment. The metaphor for an urban interiority as a city of secure environment. The individual and one's own unit

#### **Notion of Security**

Providing a sense of security, not a fortress, not a concealor, but a place of sensing security and still a part of the urban environment. Identity with the city and within the city.

#### **Urban Context**

Difference of needs than what is provided for in the urban environment. Difference of Identity. Difference of position with respect to power and available resources. Difference in spatial existence and movement. Times when this spatial boundary is violated.

#### **Family Structure in America**

How the suburbian structure dissappears in the urban context and a new one has formed. A contemporary structure of family living. The nessecity of women sharing responsibilities in establishing themselves and as mothers who must simultaneously raise their children, become interdependent on each other for support and friendship. This structure develops a new organizing system for living arrangements. Ultimately a new composition for meeting the needs of modern women.

#### Interaction of Community in the Urban Context

What are the boundaries between inside and outside

#### Non Hierarchical versus Hierarchical Spaces

Spaces that function at a larger scale due to program requirements not for importance

#### Voyeurism in the city context

At what point does a gaze become an instance of fear for the subject. How does architecture act in regards to promoting voyeurisms with in the city context. What materials used can alter an image

#### Multiple events in one space

Plurality of experiences

### Urban Issues vs. Building Issues

# Urban Issues:

#### \*Primary

Explore the condition of the urban context in relation to the position of the building

### Secondary

Defining an edge of the street and keeping within the planar surface of the city block Metaphor of Masking

Direct context with neighbors

### **Building Issues**

#### ·Primary

Making an urban interiority, events of experience unlike those of the hostile city Non Hierarchical

Program

### Secondary

Boundaries inside/ outside

Voyeurism

Materiality

Circulation as link metaphor for body

#### **PROGRAM**

Women come to cities in search of a better quality of life. Women make up a large part of the consumers in society. Women as consumers must have an advanced model or type which answers the demands and finds suitable production for their position in society. Yet, in a large urban context it is difficult to experience a sense of place and participate as a consumer. I propose a place for a community of women that would offer young women and single young mothers of any race a place to stay while they establish their career in an expensive and unsafe city.

Class is a delicate issue in regards to who might live here, it would require that one is not dependent on the social system for a means of economic support. In return a woman would be able to come to this center and live at an affordable price based on her earned income, if her income increases then so will her rent, but it is thought that this center will be only a temporary living arrangement, probably with a maximum allotted living time of two years. Special arrangements would be made in the event of job loss.

This communal institution is to promote awareness of culture and knowledge in the urban context. It is to provide social services for promoting ease of urban living, educational activities and special needs of women, such as child care. The individual experience occurs within the specific dwelling units which would consist of semi-private to private areas for single women and single mothers and their children. This center would provide a place of mutual support between women and yet also provide for an autonomous living condition in smaller units. A flexible interior plan is needed. Shared child care and emotional support can give women a greater independence from the average apartment complex.

The thesis is generated by spatial interaction pattern language. This language informs programmatic elements and the program becomes a vehicle for generating the final form. The programmatic experience is not a linear one as is typified in male oriented architecture (a physical linear procession of spaces rather than a visual synchronic ) but of a synchronic arrangement of spaces which allows for experiences which meet women's needs. The notion of equal access and synchronic experience of these spaces becomes the issue.

User Activity Chart

Primary: single women and single mothers

Secondary: returning residents and other visitors

Tertiary: staff

**Programmatic Elements** 

lobby/information hall

administration directors office, assistant. director personnel principal director

bookstore

library/ media room/resource room

classrooms

lecture room

Communal spaces

Dining

kitchen

gathering hall

living/gathering spaces

daycare, playroom,

roof garden children's playground

clinic

dwelling units

laundry

storage

# Working Women's Community

#### **PROGRAM**

Users: Single Women, Single Mothers and their children, Visitors, and Workers.

Total Number of Residents: 200

Experiences in architecture investigated through a program allows for multiplicity and synchronous events to occur. A program that can accommodate many functions and provide for interaction at simultaneous times. The women's' needs can be meet through a variety of experience and the freedom of choice. In a male architecture, we see the trace of history of the body, primarily as center, a central position, a central focus, one point being the end or final arriving point. The notion that there is a climax to a sequence or pattern of movement through space. We see this climax in the Western Church, in Palladian Villas, the enfilade allows space to flow yet the space remains organized around a central position. In Maki's work we see a shifting of center, in plan a clear may be visible but it is in the three dimensional realm that we see a shift of center, by going up he changes the focus of the center thus allowing for a multiplicity of experience. This work is important for its community space, its non hierarchical space and freedom of choice.

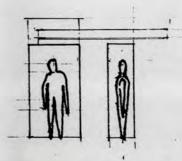
Entry to the building

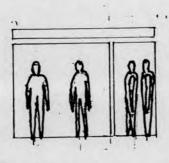
Women in a similar space would be entering the building at this point. Entering the building is typically done through a door, a door based on human proportions, male proportions. This is the point of penetration. A highly explicit event. What is ones experience? What is the condition of moving off of the hostile street and entering into this environment? Into a place of security? Yet it is still part of the city. Like the nolli plan in Rome, the spaces flow in engaging the public zones of the building to the street condition. It is true that today sexuality is more open, hence shouldn't there be more of freedom of space, meaning that women are part of the city, part of the street in a new sense than the street walker. It becomes part of the city the place is part of the city it has an identity with the city. The building makes a presence on the street. The entrance should be large to allow for people to enter and leave at the same time. To scale of community.

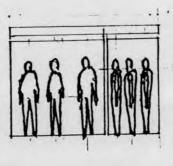
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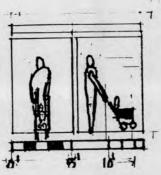
Door size:

one person 2'x2"x6' two people 4'x2'x6' three people 6'x2'x6' Mother and stroller 2'x5'x6'









•How do the doors open? Provide ease for the mothers.

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# Working Women's Community

# User Activity

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- •Total Number of Residents: 200
- -day=7 am-5 pm;. nite=5 pm-9pm; all=24 hours

# Single Women

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft./Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Meeting friend		10		Gathering Hall	all
	Waiting	10		Lobby	all
Getting Mail		5		mail room	day
Eating		10-12		Dining room	day
	Drinking	10		Bar	day
Sleeping		10		Units	day
	reading	10			
Relaxing		15		Garden	day
Working		10			all
Exercising		15		Exercise Room	day
Researching		10		Library	day
4	light reading	8		Media room	day
Art		10		Studio	day
Watching T.V.		8		Common Rm	day
	siting	8		Common Rm	day
Attend Lecture		10		Lecture Hall	day

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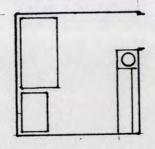
# Diagram of Units and Elements

# Single Women Living Senario

Single rooms

Single Woman

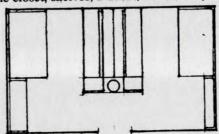
elements: closet, sink, shelving for items, bed, desk, chair, lamp.



Double room

2 Single Women

elements: 2 bed, double closet, shelves, 2 desks, chairs, lamps.



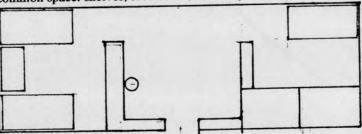
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Suites

3 Single Women with a small common space

elements: 3 beds, 3 closets, desks, shelves, mirrors

common space: shelves, sofa and chairs, lamps, closet, sink.



Complex Suite

4 Single Women

elements: unit: bed, closet, shelves, desk, chair, mirror

common space shelves, closet, sofa chairs, small table, small refrigerator, and sink and toilet.

•All women must use the communal bathrooms for showering, which provide shelving for bathroom items

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# Single Mothers:

Activity	Sub Activity	#of Sq.Ft/Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Meeting friend		10		Lobby/	day
	Waiting	10		Gathering Hall	day
	Getting Mail	5		Mail Room	day
Eating	- X 10 2 - D	10		Dining Room	day
	Drinking	8		Bar	day
Sleeping				Units	day
locking Med.		10		Clinic	day
	Waiting	8		Lounge	day
	Examined	10		Doctor's Off	day
Counseling				Clinic	day
	Waiting	8		founge	day
	Talking	8		counsel room	day
Relaxing		15		Garden	day
exercising		15		Exercise Room	
	Cleaning up	8			
Vorking	of the same	10		Library	day
Researching		10		Library/Media	day
	Light reading	5		Media Room	day
reating		10		Studio/Worksp	day
Watching T.V.		8		Common Rms	day
Attend Lecture		10		Lecture Hall	day
				Class Rooms	day
Watch Child		10		Playground	day
				Garden	
				Playrooms	
				Common Spac	

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# Children

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft./Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Playing inside		10		Daycare	day
	sleeping	10		Daycare	day
	drawing	8		Studio, Daycar	day
	building	15		Daycar, Studio	day
	running	20		Daycare, Plgrd	day
Playing out		20		Garden	day
				Playground	day
				Roof garden	day
Sleeping		10		Units	day/nite
	napping	10		Units	day
Eating		10-12		Dining Hall	day
		10-12		Classroom	day
Learning		10-12		Education Gall	day/nite
		0			
	reading	8		Library	day
	studying	5		Reading Room	day
	research	8		Library	day
	use computer	5		Media Room	day/nite
	writing	5		Library	day/nite
	xerox	8		Media Room	day/nite
Meeting friend		10-15		Gathering Hall	day
	waiting	10 `		Lobby	day

# UNITS AND ELEMENTS

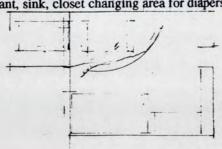
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# Single Mother's Living Senarios

Singles

Mother and 1 enfant Mother and 1 child

> elements: bed for mother, small bed for child with pull up rails for infant, sink, closet changing area for diapers, desk, chair, lamp.



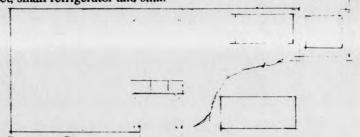
2 Bedroom Suite

Mother and 2 children

Mother and 3 children

Mother with teenage children

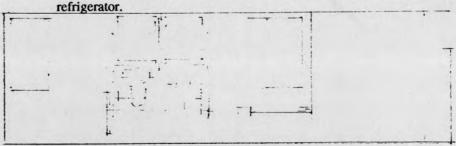
elements: 2 beds for mother, smaller space for child, space allows room for a bed for a teenager or small bed with pull up rails for child, desk, closet, and shelves. Common space small table, sofa, closet, small refrigerator and sink.



Double Suite with Small Common Space

Mother/child and Mother/child

elements: 2 beds for mother, smaller side space for child, lamp, desk, closet, shelves. Common space: small sofa, 2 chairs, small table, shelves, closet, changing table for infant, sink, toilet, small



Double Suite with 2 SideRooms for infants and Common Space

Mother/ child/infant and Mother/ child

elements: 2 beds for mother,1 small bed for infant in mother's room, 2 beds for child, closets, shelves, desks, chairs, lamps. Common space: small bath with toilet, sink and small tub, closets, shelving, small refrigerator.

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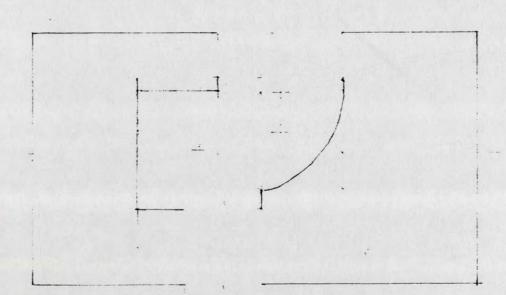
### UNITS AND ELEMENTS

Users: Single Women and Single Mothers, infants, children, and teenagers

Complex Suite 4 bed Room Suite with Side Rooms and Common Space

Mother/ child/infant and Mother/child/infant Mother/ child/infant and Mother/child/child Mother/ child/ child and Mother/child/child

elements: 4 beds, a cove or niche for infant, desks, closets, shelves, lamps. Common space: sofa, chairs, table, refrigerator, sink, small bathroom, closet, shelving, sitting area. Larger than 2 Bedroom Suites.



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## Workers:

Administration, Health Care, Cleaning Staff, Kitchen Staff, Security, Doorman, Teachers, Daycare personel,

### Cook:

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft/Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Cooking				Kitchen	day/nite
1000	Serving food	10		Dining/Cafet.	day
	preparing food	5		Prep room	day
	cleaning up	5		Dishwasher	day
	storing			Storage	day
	refrigerate			refrigerators	day

# Kitchen Staff

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft./Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Prep				kitchen	day
	wash dishes			Kitchen	day
	service			wait station	day

# Housecleaning Staff

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft./Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
Cleaning		10			day
Do Laundry	Washing	8		Laundry Room	day
	Drying	8		Laundry Room	day
	Dry Cleaning	10		Laundry Room	day
	Storage				day

Activity	Sub Activitiy	#of Sq.Ft./Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day	
Door perso	n:					

Security

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Entrance

all

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### Visitors:

Guests of Residents, Relatives, Prospective Residents, Out of Town Guests, and Alumni

Activity	Sub Activitiy	of Sq.Ft/Person	# of People	Space/Place	Time of Day
	A STATE OF THE STA			The state of the s	
Arriving					
	register	5		desk	all
	waiting	10		lobby	all
	getting info.	5		info. board	all
	meet friends	10		lobby	day/nite
				gathering hall	all
Leave Child				Daycare	day/nite
Research				A STATE OF THE STA	
	using resource	5		library	day
	viewing media	5		media room	day/nite
Dining					
	Drinking	8		Bar	nite
	Eating	8		Cafeteria	day/nite
Lectures		10		Lecture room	all
Gallery events		10		Large gallery	all
Ganery events				small gallery	all
Relaxing		10		Garden	day/nite
Staying over		8		Dormitories	day/nite
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Visiting book		6		Bookstore	day
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	paying for book	5		register	
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# **PROGRAM**

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FUNCTIONS	SPACES	No. of Spaces	No. of People	Sq. Ft p/ rm	Total Sq. F
ENTRY					
	Lobby	1		2500	
	Reception desk	1	200	200	
	Telephone	4	200	50	
	Mail	1		50	
	Security station			30	
					2800
ADMINISTRATION					
	Directors office	1		150	
	Assis. Dir. office	1		100	
	Office Manager	i		100	
	Principal	i		100	
	Secretary	1		100	
	Act. Coord Off.			150	
	Secretary			150	
	Sociolary			150	850
CULTURAL AND COM	MMUNITY EVENTS		-		
Bookstore		1	25	1000	
	Manager Office			150	
	Storage			100	
Exhibition Gallery				500	
Dimondon Chartry	Prep Room			200	
	Storage			100	
0 11 0 11				200	
Small Gallery	St			300 100	
T	Storage			1000	
Lecture	Decidation room			50	
Seminar Room	Projection room			300	4250
EDUCATION AND TR	AINING			300	4230
Information Hall		1	40	600	
mormadon Hall	Media Room		40	400	
	Computer Room			200	
	Video Room			100	
	Media Storage			150	
	Library Stacks			3000	
	Reading Room			2500	
	Librarian's Office			200	
	Reproducing/Viewing			100	7350
				100	7550

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FUNCTIONS TRAINING CENTER	SPACES	No. of Spaces	No. of People	Sq. Ft p/ rm	Total Sq. F
Tenining Contos				500	
Training Center	Tenining I ounge			200	
	Training Lounge			300	
	Study Rooms	2	10		
	Employment office	2 5	10	500	
	Information board	3	35	100	
	Classrooms		15	1000	
	Offices		15	200	
	Lounge			100	
	Restrooms A.R.			100	2900
RECREATION	Resultation A.R.				2500
RECIGITION					-
Studio				2000	
	Office			100	
	Storage			75	
Workshop	otorage			1600	
Workshop	Office			100	
	Storage		•	150	4125
PHYSICAL RECREATI				150	4123
Swimming Pool	<u></u>			3000	
Exercise Facility				500	
Excicise Facility	Office			100	
	Lockers			300	
	A.R. Restrooms			300	
Outdoor Garden	A.R. Resubolis			2000	
Roof Garden				1000	
Root Garden				1000	6900
CHILD CARE					
Playground				5000	
Daycare		1	45	6000	
	Storage			100	
	Playrooms	3	8	600	11700
HEALTH SERVICES			-		
Clinic					
	Nurses Station	1	2	100	
	Waiting room	1	5	100	
	Examining room	2	2	100	
	Doctor's office	2	5	100	
	Counseling room	1	2	100	700 .
	Restroom A.R.				
FOOOD SERVICES					
Bar				300	
Cafeteria				2000	
Dining Hall	2 story space	1	100	1000	

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Total Number of Res	n, Single Mothers and their sidents: 200	children, Visitors, and	Workers.		
FUNCTIONS	SPACES	No. of Spaces	No. of People	Sq. Ft p/	Total Sq.
Food Preparation					
	Kitchen			500	
	Storage Trash			200	
	Frasa			150	4150
CLEANING					4130
Housekeeping				850	
	Laundry			400	
	Dry Cleaning Storage			300	
	Housekeeping Off			1000	
	Locker Space			200	
	Lost and Found			50	
	A.R. Restrooms		100		
UNITS					2900
FUNCTIONS	SPACES	No. of Spaces	No. of People	Sq. Ft p/	Total Sq.
Dormitories			20	450	Pt. 450
SINGLE WOMEN		1		1721	777
	Single	- 30	4	100	
	Double	15	2	150	
	Suite	12	3	400	
	A.R. Bathrooms				

Dormitories	SPACES	No. of Spaces	No. of People 20	Sq. Ft p/ rm 450	Ft. 450
SINGLE WOMEN		1		1221	7
	Single	- 30	1	100	
	Double	15	2	150	
	Suite A.R. Bathrooms	12	3	400	
SINGLE MOTHERS					10050
	Singles	16	2	150	
	2 Bedroom	10	3-4	300	
	Suite	104	5	400	
	Complex Suite		6	500	
	Communal room A.R. Bathrooms			300	
TOTAL SQUARE POO					17900 66,865
MECHANICAL	15%				
CIRCULATION	25%				
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE					86,800

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# SITE SELECTION

### Selection of the City

The selection of New York City as site for this project was based on its contemporary urban conditions and its multitude of dwellers. The Women's Community would provide a center for social services and communal living for women in an urban context. As women's issues have been greatly explored in the domestic realm it is important to evaluate their position in our cities. New York's large and diverse population would allow for a number of women, who would need these services in order to survive. The program offers services and living to young single women and single mothers in an environment that is hostile and unsafe. New York's cultural diversity and historical background was also another consideration.

# New York City and Its History of Women

Women have long since had a position in the city as workers in factories and nurses and teachers. In 1879 A Working Women's community was built to provide needed and social services, a communal kitchen. city like New York City coded by culture and history provides a framework for development of a variety of experiences. The dense scale of this city provides the number and broad realm of women who are in need of a center for living of this type. New York City's history represents women as a fragmented group within its man-made context. New York City has a variety of coded neighborhoods, according to ethnic/class/use/stratification. City is seen as potentially a hostile environment towards women and this community provides refuge. does save of Tir apply Site Criteria:

- within a close proximity to public transportation, subway and bus
- within an area of social convinces, grocery, shops, specialized doctors, hospitals, etc.
- · within an area of cultural events, museums, lectures, libraries, and theaters
- · within an area of employment

- sense of a neighborhood, as being a part of the city, a sub-culture cities That allows for the t • a location that is not directly on a large Avenue of high density and commercialism which allows for a balance of stimuli
  - small scale, scale of neighborhood

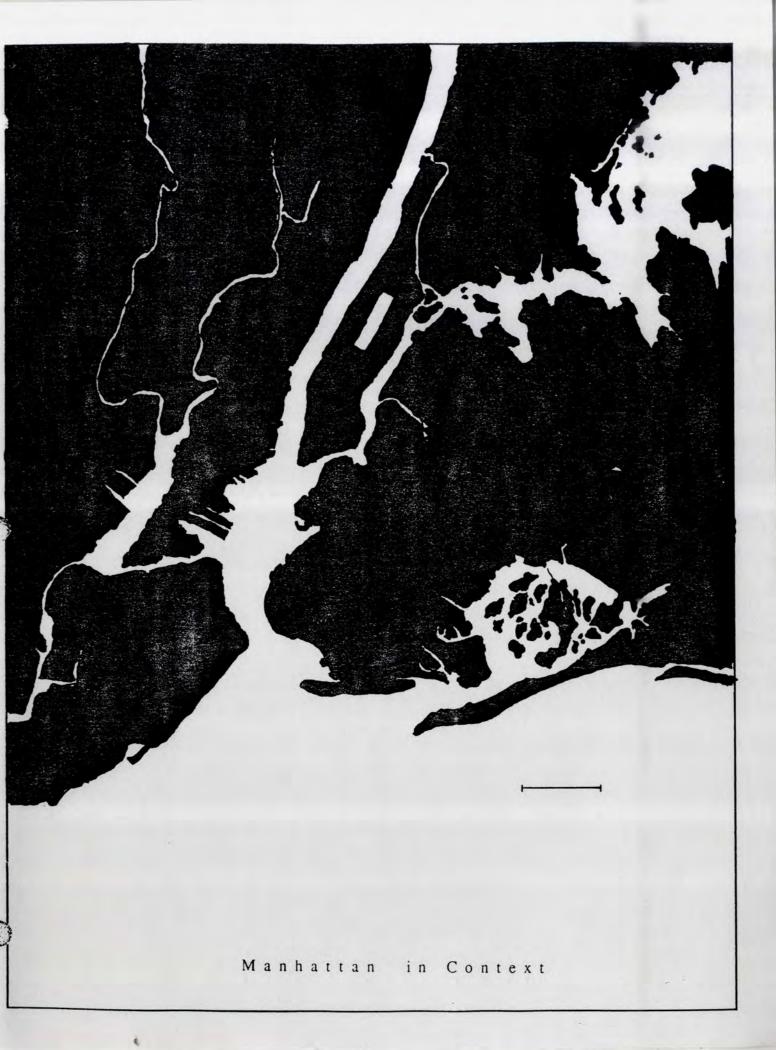
A location accessible to employment, transportation, and cultural events is fundamental in women gaining knowledge.

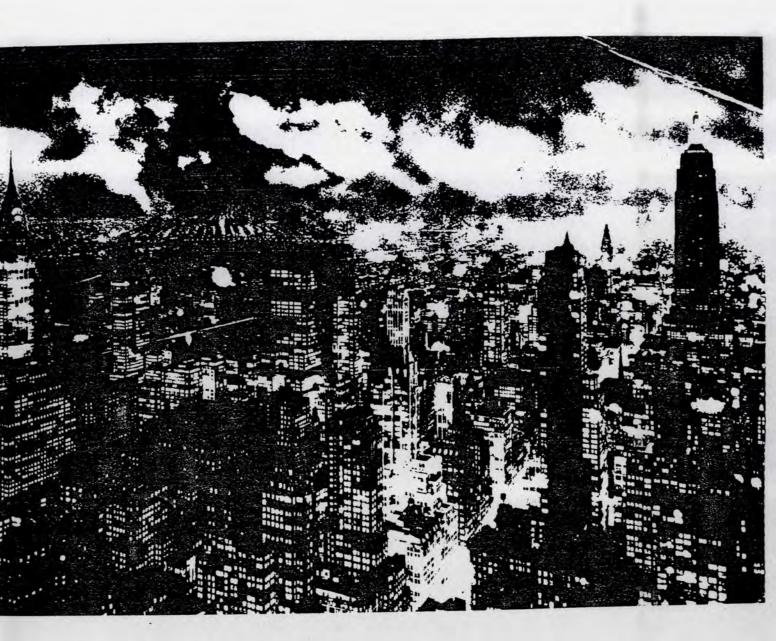
"An architectural vernacular develops out of a regional set of factors including living customs, available technologies in a broad sense and natural conditions and industrial vernacular. Resulting in an overlapping construction of the city in shifting between the historical past and the sense of the future." (Maki).

#### Proposed sites:

36 Bond St. located one block east on Lafayette St. and off of Bowery. This site is currently a parking lot for rental trucks. Bond street high of an aesthetically typical New York Street. This area is refereed to as Soho. A current history of this site refers to the transformation of the manufacturing area into private residents, a phenomenon of type -lofts. due to the economic conditions and modern technology the systems of manufacturing have changed greatly and factories do not need as much labor socio economic relations motivate the built form. Some of these factories close or go out of business leaving large building unoccupied. This occurrence has brought about anew speculation in land use. Properties have been sold and converted in to living space, within this still functioning manufacturing district. See Lofts and Manufacturing Map. The lofts are typically owned by affluent or artist who are just scrapping a living together. It is a neighbor hood of a combination, between moderate wealth and contemporary culture. Yet the proposition o the these lofts responses to the needs of the affluent and not the needy. I am proposing the introduction of a place that would take an active or participate in the cultural community and respond to the socio-economic conditions of a larger part of the population. This neighborhoods have become "hierarchically differentiated, dominated by the demands of profit, ghettoized, and exclusionary and composed of pseudo public places, pseudo communities, and pseudo historic districts."(Wallis, p63.) The growth of these lofts increased the land property value and Mayor Ed Koch stated that if you can't afford to live here than move? Those people who were ultimately evicted, they have a greater chance of joining the men on the Bowery or becoming a residents of Tompkins Square park.. The poor and excluded from New York. The physical location and nature of the street are reciprocated. The street is off of the bower where nearly 5000 homeless men live. In the vicinity of Tompkins Square park and Washington Square park both areas that are unsafe after dark. The nature of the manufacturing area are desolate at night. Bond street is located in between New York University and just south of the cooper Union. Its resources are quite abundant.

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# SITE

## **VOLUMETRIC STUDIES**

SITE A: 36 Bond St.

Dimensions:

136.2' wide x 100.00' long

Square Footage: Volume:

13620 Sq. Ft.

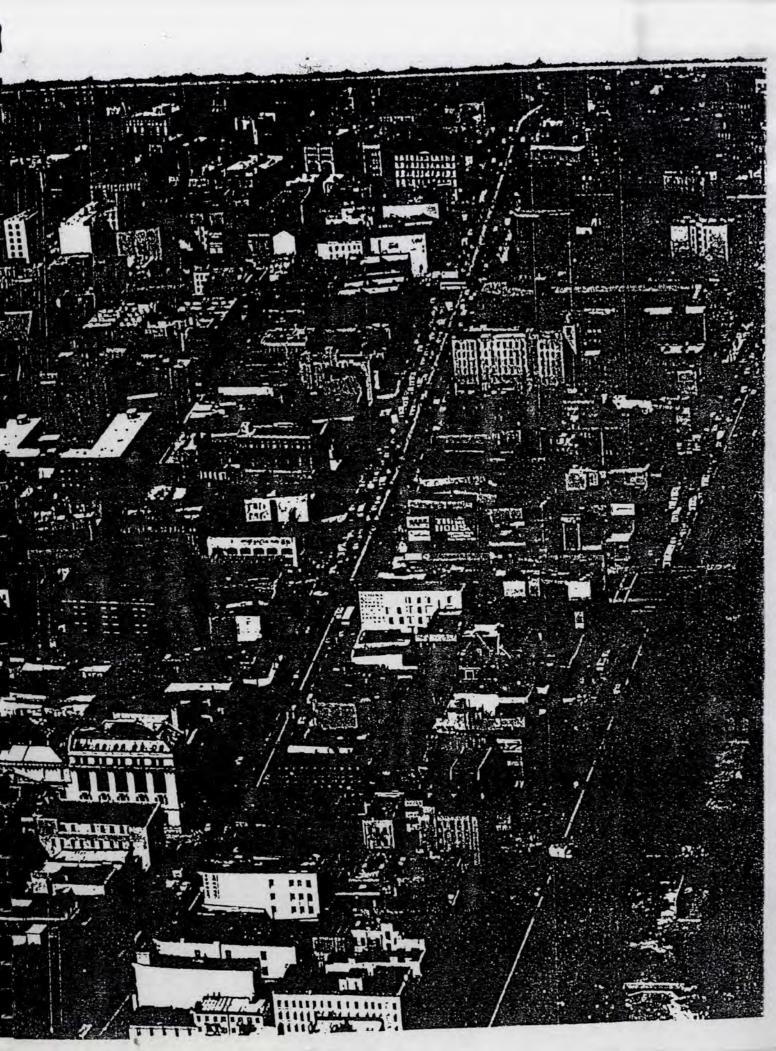
SITE B: W. 12th St. & W. 13th St. between Hudson and Nineth Avenue

Dimensions:

128'x 94'x179'x71.6'

Square Footage: Volume:

18440 Sq. Ft.



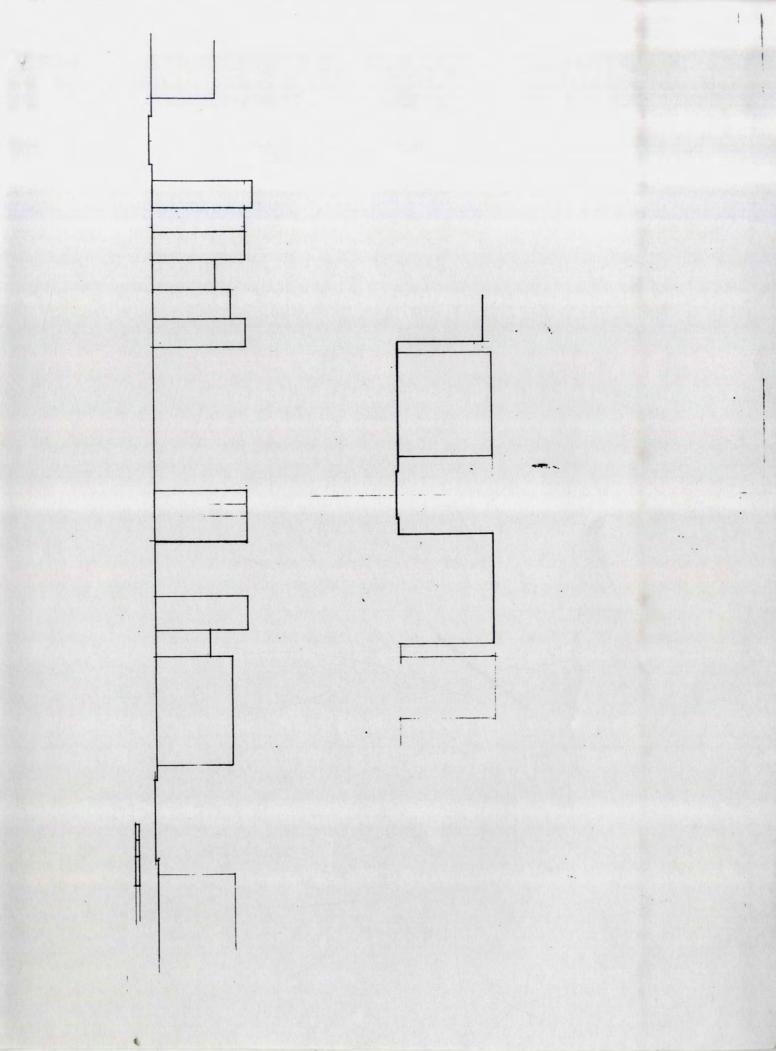


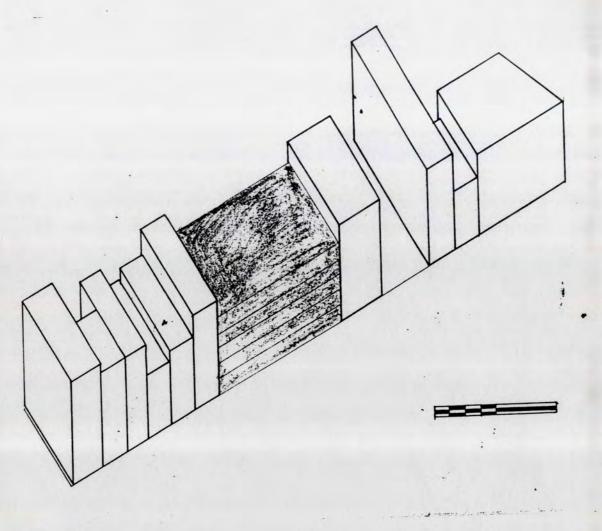


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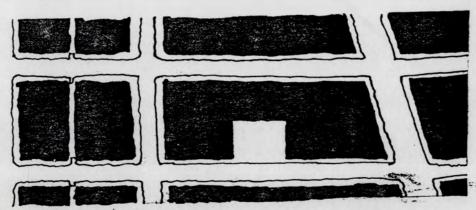
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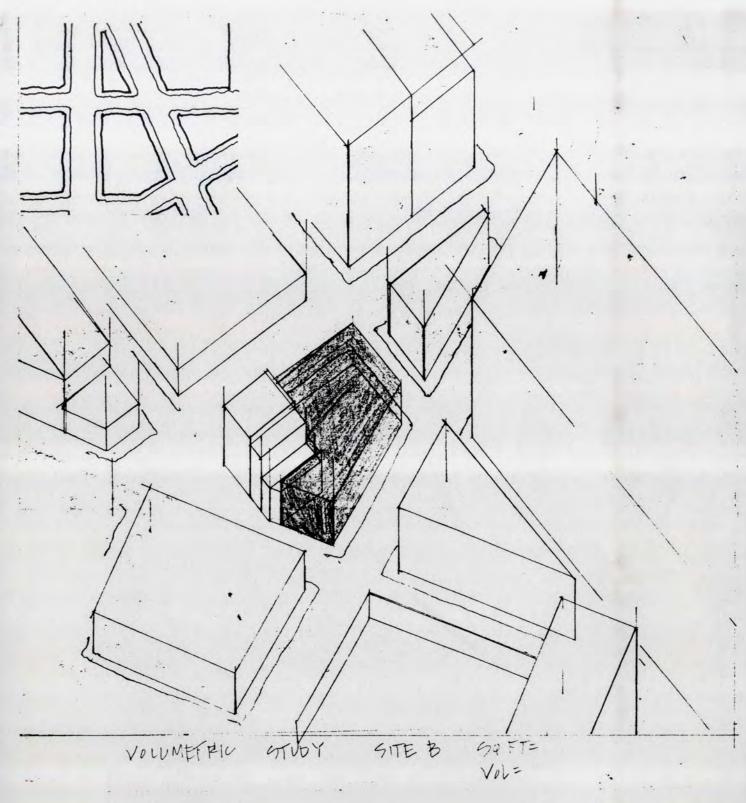
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## Site Documentation

Site A: 36 Bond Street New York City

Site B: W. 12th St. and W. 13th St. between Hudson Street and Ninth Avenue

Transportation

Subway

Buses

**Employment** 

Social Services

Landuse Issues:

Commerical

Manufacturing

**Parking** 

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Community Facilities

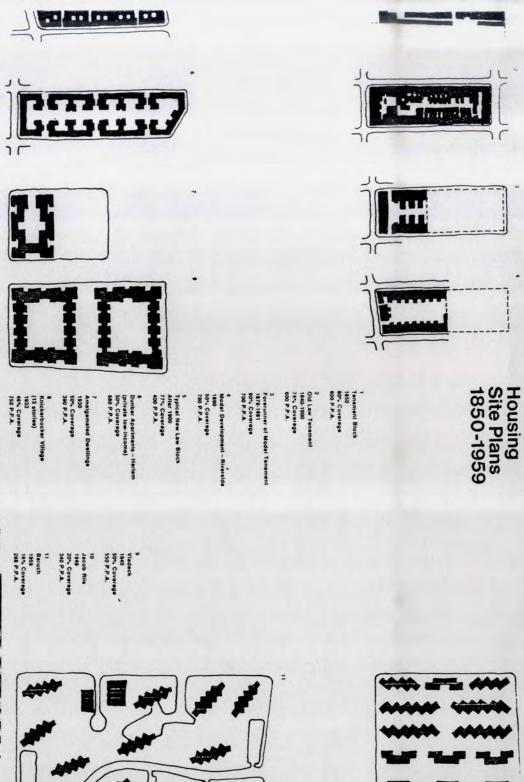
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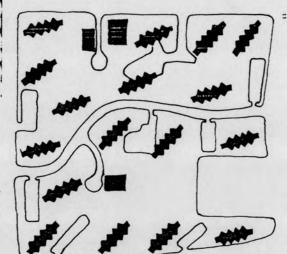
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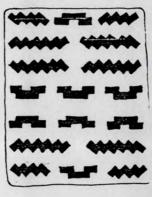
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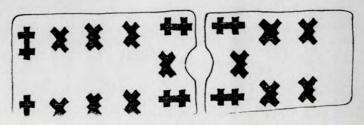
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Sun and Shadow









#### Working Women's Community

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Le Corbusier Golden Section

Raphel School of Athens

Piero Francesca The Flagellation, Urbino

An Image from "Mechanical Brides" Cooper-Hewitt Museum NYC

"How can one point to this constant tangle of household chores errands, and fragments of a relationship as a It is hard to ...

Leonardo's Vitruivian Man

Villa Rotunda Palladio Vincenza 1565

Uomo ad Circulum Cesario, 1611

Artesmia Gentilleschi

Hannah Wilke "So Help Me Hannah Series"

Le Corbusier sketch of changing forms of seashells

Janet Vicario "Blind History" 1989

Barbara Kruegar "Keep Us at a Distance"

Working Woman

Study of Human Development

G. Terrangni Casa del Fascio, Como Italy

Le Corbusier Assembly Building 1961

Schinkel Altas Museum

Louis I. Kahn Children's Playground

J. Duier Cineac

Fumihiko Maki Spiral Wacoal Media Center Minato Aoyama Tokyo 1982-85

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Melnikov Competition for Zuev Club, Moscow, 1927

Ilya Golosov Competition for Zuev Club, Moscow, 1928

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