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~~Jill Johnston~~ -- DANCE-LECTURE-EVENT #2 ~~STATEMENT~~

First of all of course I wondered if that was really me. Now I'm wondering how these three images (people) got together in the same photo. I assume this is supposed to be me in a happening I did at Judson Church in 1963, only because I know Henry Geldzahler wore a Babe Ruth uniform in it and I know this is Henry. However I don't recall wearing a hat and coat in that event. The stockings and cigarette look right. I did wear a coat at some point in Stockhausen's Originale in '64 at Carnegie Recital Hall, perhaps even a hat, but if I sat down at all it was next to Allen Ginsberg when he was reciting his poetry. As for Red Grooms I'm certain he was not in my '63 Judson happening at all. I know he wasn't. I saw him on Eighth Avenue last week for the first time since 1974 which is neither here nor there. But he is a lot heavier. Anyway, if this is Red in one of his own happenings, e.g., the Burning Building (which I never saw), what am I doing in the photograph, assuming this is me, and did Henry wear the same uniform in other happenings besides mine? Or is this a collage, or an informal grouping in some social setting of three people who did similar things at that time?

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