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About the work.

I started working with video in 1975, using it as a subsidiary to performances and films. Eventually I made installations and tapes which were concerned with the material properties of video, with the medium dominating as content. Performances, films and other work continued separately with content more related to my position in relation to various media, the constraints they impose and what they allow you to say. When I got my hands on colour video and used multi channel playback, I was able to include aspects of all this work without the organisational restraints of multi media work or the 'one-off' constraint of performance.

Yet Another Triangle. Three screen installation. B&W. 30 min. 1975/80.
Three positions; two winners; one loser. All change. Three positions....

'... then there was the one about all the ideas I never made into works. The ones I didnt get round to doing because I couldnt work out why I wanted to do them in the first place, or I couldnt afford to make, or were too much like something else, or were just plain bad ideas. I thought I would go ahead and make them anyway, just go back through my old notebooks, find the ideas that never got any further than being written down, and then simply do them on video. Then I thought of making three different tapes, one giving information, one destroying it, and one of the pieces I never made. But, I never got round to it... after all, there's always the next piece....'

'DAVE IN AMERICA'

Single Channel Col Stereo 20 min
U.M. - 1981.

I'd never been to America, but I felt as though I know the place well - so I put down a few thoughts and impressions of ~~the place~~ it to see how the media ^{VERSION} matched up to the reality. When I came back I had another look at what I'd thought I thought, and put down some new thoughts about what I thought while I was there ©