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Dear Steina & Woody Vasulka,

I am a Norwegian video maker, and I write you of interest in your work and use of the Rutt-Etra processor. My background in video comes out of residency work at the TV-center in Owego, and during the years I have managed to build a small image processing studio of my own here in Norway, based on TV center modules like the frame buffer, colorizer, voltage controlled keyers, sequencer, and audio oscillator banks.

However, I have always been interested in your work on the Rutt-Etra, and I wonder if there is any possibilities of getting access to the machine, or if it is possible to have one built.

The reason for wanting to work with these forms of transformation comes out of my work with the audio/image relation. My tapes in one way deals with perception through different devices and also with perception of the live and frozen image and what happens when this is grasped simultaneously.

This started out from bringing a musician to Owego and do work through MIDI to video through a simple Roland Midi-control voltage converter.

Later I have worked together with the French bass player Joelle Leandre. For this work Serge made me an amplitude follower which we used to connect the acoustic bass-sound and the frame buffer, which gave very clean control.

I have also done work with oscillators direct to video.

What I have on mind is the possibility to use the Rutt Etra, or if you have developed a similar digital device, to work towards a reading of spacial relations/image change connected to the audio source.

If you have any information I would be very pleased to hear from you.

I will do a residency in Owego from March 30th. to April 5th. and I will be in NY from the 20th. to April 12th where my address will be Kjell Bjørgeengen, c/o: Jan Groth, 21 E. 22 St. NYC 10010 phone 212-473 8295 fax: 212 533 7101.

Best regards

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I enclose a sample tape, but I only have it in PAL.