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PROBLEMS IN LANDSCAPE PAINTING
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| <u>Title</u> | <u>Medium</u> | <u>Dimensions in Inches</u> |
| 1 March #1 | Oil on Canvas | 20 x 20 |
| 2 March #2 | Oil on Canvas | 40 x 48 |
| 3 April #1 | Oil on Canvas | 32 x 36 |
| 4 April #2 | Oil on Canvas | 39 x 45 |
| 5 April #3 | Oil on Canvas | 34 x 36 |
| 6 April #4 | Oil on Canvas | 24 x 24 |
| 7 April #5 | Oil on Canvas | 24 x 24 |
| 8 April #6 | Oil on Canvas | 15 x 17 |
| 9 April #7 | Oil on Canvas | 14 x 15 |
| 10 April #8 | Oil on Canvas | 34 x 36 |

The group of paintings which comprises this thesis is typical of the kind of investigation I have been undertaking in landscape problems during the last two years. All the paintings were executed "at the scene", usually in one or two sessions of a few hours each.

For the purposes of this statement I have separated into four categories the things I have tried to accomplish in these paintings.

First, I have tried to set up a color system in paint which is analogous to what I see as a color system in reality. This involves establishing a contrast and, hopefully, tension between groups of warm tones and groups of cool tones.

Second, I have tried to establish by observed color and by placement of elements a space as fully readable, natural and coherent as possible.

Third, by the manipulation of interval, rhythm and direction of force I have tried to bring the elements in space into formal relationships.

Fourth, I have tried to express in paint and, by expressing, to make more fully realized within myself the high level of excitement and energy I feel in the midst of the natural world. Landscape forms and especially landscape spaces are intensely charged for me in a way the human figure, architectural spaces or still life situations are not. It is this excitement in the presence of landscapes which has led me to work almost exclusively with them during the last year.