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Peter Frank: More than a listing

Drawings, Guy Cointet, privately printed, available from Cirrus Editions, 708 North Manhattan Street, Los Angeles, California 90038, unpaginated, \$6.00. De Cointet is a French artist living in Los Angeles who falls squarely within the French "lettriste" that began tradition Mallarme. De Cointet's "drawings" consist entirely of printed red letters, some of which form themselves into words. The others, which also include numbers, form themselves into vaguely discernible patterns, perhaps codes, whose potential decipherability is made the more enticing by the recognizable phrases English surrounding them: "LONSPLOMEGHCSTE-BJANPUTGAJRXAMG, AFTER LOVE A SOLITUDE DEVELOPED