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Materia *or material has long defined Italian modern art. While Fra Dolcino and Medardo Rosso [illegible] Physical substance has played a paramount role in Perilli's work, beginning with his series of bronze sculptures of the early 1960s. Even more suggestive of human traces and fossilized remains, as well as the stratified layers of earth in Perilli—dissatisfied with many of the terms by which his work has been described—has preferred to call his art "archeological." The intersecting concerns of gesture and materiality in the work of Perilli and Burri [illegible] An understanding of the use of materia*

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