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LET LOVE COME BETWEEN US:

This is an email from Greg Haynes....he's the cat that's writin' the book "Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music that will come with the twin CD Ripete Records compilation that will feature 40 songs from the mostly white bands in The 60's that played R&B and Soul Music like our band The RUBBER BAND did...

He wants to know the story of how Papa Don Schroeder came to cut my song LET LOVE COME BETWEEN US on James and Bobby Purify...which came out about 2 or 3 songs after "I'M YOUR PUPPET".

I do not have a clue how this came about except for the fact that The RUBBERS had a BIG regional hit on our Columbia 45 and it was so popular that I guess Papa Don figured it would be easy enough to sell it to a worldwide audience with a major/minor label and well known artists doin' it....makes perfect sense...

Dan Penn, Spooner or Rick Hall or some of the folks that were around those Papa Don sessions would know more...maybe our new member Biggie can ask around down at FAME.

I do know that Papa Don tried to pull a fast one on me....he sent me a letter in 1967 sayin' that he was interested in recording my song on The Purifys IF I would sign over half writers credit to him.....this did not happen that much...but it did happen back in those days...

I needed \$ bad and I knew that if the record got released... whether it was a hit or not... I would still be able to get a \$500 advance from BMI...that was back when BMI was worth somethang to a struggling songwriter..

I absolutely did not want to give Papa Don a piece of a song that he did not write...Hell I had never even met him...but I agonized for several months about his offer...and then I finally decided HELL NO...NO WAY !

My first wife Hilton and I were livin' out on Shoals Creek at Bailey Springs and we did not have a telephone so I cranked up that red 67' fast back vette and drove the beautiful long and winding roads that lead from the cabins on the creek back to Florence and The Quad City Area...

I was so glad to have finally made up my mind about this issue and I could not wait to get Papa Don on the phone and tell him that it wasn't worth it to me to sell out in order to get one of my songs released on record.....and Hilton and I were cruising along listenin' to the car radio....and out of the blue we heard a new song on the radio....but it was also my song !

While I was about to lose my mind all those months tryin' to decide what to do about Papa Don's offer...he had recorded the song anyway and now he it was playin' on my car radio....that's one of those times when you have to yell HALLUCINATION VERIFICATION ! Is this really happening ! And when you realize that it is and it's real...you also realize how magic life can be ! Believe in your dreams !