

MEMO TO: John McLaughlin
FROM: Freddy Snakeskin
DATE: November 13, 1991
RE: James Brown

This is to advise you that your personal vendetta against the song "James Brown Is Dead" is wearing very thin, and your increasingly frequent tirades against what is by far our most requested song -- apparently based on nothing more than your personal opinion of it -- have long ceased to be amusing or even tolerable.

I particularly resent your going to Frank Minero, promotions assistant, and directing him to do an "edit" of this song, with no consultation with me whatsoever. I would appreciate it if you would please stop undermining my programming efforts by going behind my back to members of the staff and complaining about this song.

Just as I don't sneak around behind your back and try to adjust internal policies of the sales department to suit my own personal likes and dislikes, I would appreciate -- and expect -- the same professional consideration from you.

If you would like to discuss this further, I would be happy to; however, the song "James Brown Is Dead" is no longer open for discussion. Our audience obviously likes it, and we will continue to play it for as long as this is true. Period.