

GEORGE BUSH & BILL CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT

I must have been born under a lucky star to have had the opportunity to interview the 'Godfather Of Funk' three times.

George Clinton is so brilliant, yet he is so down to earth. He is what the funk is. It's real. It's a combination of whatever it takes for you good to achieve to mess up, to party to make the most of your life, no matter what hand you've been dealt. The funk is also the best party music played live, especially when played by legendary musicians who are responsible for over two thousand of the samples that have become a mainstay in modern music.

George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars played the Circle K at the end of May. Ace photographic Karen and I headed to the show.

"Sound Kicks" (a funk album from Oakland) who has been responsible for many a helping hand when I've needed one to snag interviews over the past few years. The show was an usual funky good time and true to tradition. It went on for hours.

After the show Karen and I are escorted back stage by George's manager, Barry, and while we wait for George to do a TV interview and sign autographs, I catch up with various P-Funk Allstars who've gotten to know over the past few years. When it was time to leave, George, Karen and I head for Karen's car with a Malibu ship pinata, a gift to George from a fan, and try to reach George's hotel. We only missed it by two exits, but everything's cool. We got to the hotel and Karen and his friends were just a little more lusty than we were, but finally they make it too.

At last we get settled in and Kaos is playing George some of his mixes.

GEORGE CLINTON: There's 99 samples on the record I just put out. There's 2000 since they've started sampling songs. "Knee Deep," "Atomic Dog" and "Flashlight." There's got to be a hundred of those. You got to think that most of them you never hear, but there's a million that you do hear. Listen to this one... this one gets everybody... and Kaos you know what they are.

(Looking at a copy of A.M.P.). How do you like these guys. (House Of Pain)?

PRESS: Me, OK. I like them a lot. They're from South Central LA. DJ Lethal who co-produced it is 19 years old. George.

GC: That's a bad motherfucking album. Top of the morning to you... They're from LA? I thought they were from Boston.

P: I just saw them last month, also the band that went on before them, Rage Against The Machine, look for them. George, I think you'll like them. They just did some work with Run D.M.C.

GC: I like them with their bald heads.

OK: Turn that tape over on the other side I have Eddy Hazel on lead guitar and all the rest of it is samples. The funky shit you're going to hear is the brand new music.

P: So, you are receiving a lifetime achievement award from Black Radio Entertainment, such an honor!

GC: Yeah, two weeks from now in Washington DC, B.R.E., it's gonna be fun, all the hip hoppers are gonna be there. OK, check this song this is the epitome of looping.

We heard the epitome of looping and it was none other than that funky star action member.

GC: Lifetime Achievement, that means your shit is deep.

P: It does not, you are going to accept it, right?

GC: Hell, yeah (Looking down) I see you're recording all of this. Give it to Kaos, he'll sample it and have it on a loop.

P: I already gave him a copy of the first interview we did that three hour one.

GC: He has, he has already got that one.

KAOS: Yeah, but I haven't dropped it up yet. There's MTV shit.

Somehow we got on to the subject of the March 1991 Condolee Rice movie starring Frank Stallone, where he's programmed to assassinate the first lady.

cause the system is definitely using chaos as a tool to make people give up their rights. They bring the drugs in, they get it all out of wack. Everybody gets scared and everybody starts getting killed over the money, and all that shit and then it's "Oh, call the police, get those crack heads out of here, bla, bla, bla." They do the same things with violence, muggings and all that shit that's going on. I would rather know what is causing the people to do that as opposed to beat each one of them up that it happened to. I'm worried, cause it could happen to me, it could happen to you, it could happen to anybody. Cause people aren't born like that and usually you find out that just like cancer came from cigarettes, they know all those years, but they won't tell you 'cause it costs money, they won't tell you if it fucks up somebody's money. They say they shouldn't have done this or that, this one is crazy, but the mothers that are doing these things aren't necessarily crazy, some things is fucking with them and ingoing them, and a lot of it is known. Like the LA riots. It seemed like they were saying, aren't you mad at this shit? The news people were actually going around interviewing people like that, and like, what are you going to do about this shit? What are you going to do when the verdict is turned in? And they keep doing it, they keep doing it, you know what I'm saying. All of it was done to piss you off. Not necessarily to get the cops going, 'cause they don't give a shit about those cops either. The system does not care about those cops. It may look like they were trying to get them off, but they turn on them just as quick as they turn on us, just so they get somebody pissed off at this shit. They fuck them up just as quick, it's easy to trick the minorities up, that's the going thing, it's already gone. But, let it turn to where they can get a lot of people to go crazy, 'cause the cops have used mistreatment, they will just as soon fuck them up too. The system wants anarchy so bad... They want World War One and World War Two and Three, not necessarily the war itself, but the banks finance both sides of the wars.

Bosnia is the same place that World War One and Two started, in that area. They could easily stop that shit, they don't care about those people. Like they ban cigarettes here, but they sell 80,000 cigarettes to Russia after they know God damn well that they give you cancer.

P: I just saw the report on TV that Russia is growing their own poppies now so they can start importing heroin to the US. It's their way to strike us down.

GC: They'll see us that, but you can bet your ass that the CIA is in on this shit.

P: Do you think they have the right climate to grow good poppies?

GC: I doubt if they do, just like we can't grow cocaine. If we could grow cocaine you know our government would be selling cocaine. The only reason they don't cut loose on that one is 'cause it don't grow anywhere and they make too much money keeping it illegal. Do you know how many subsidies are granted to fight drugs? I mean they have more halfway houses, more TV commercials, more banks wandering money, more cops on duty. They have, at least 20 to 30 cops at Detroit Airport everyday, and the most they grab is a train or two out of somebody's ass. Every once in a while they find a big load, but most of the time they get so bored that they got to get somebody, so they get some junk that they already got set up, and they bust him. Most people don't do that dumb shit. Only bullshit drugs come in through the airport in somebodies luggage. The majority of what they catch is in people's pockets, so the sheriffs wind up directing traffic at the airport, trying to justify their jobs. OK, I'm sure that there's some place else they could be used at.

P: Especially in cities like Detroit, anywhere.

GC: You know what I'm saying? What the system should do is send cops to college and teach them,

and pay them what those motherfuckers are supposed to be paid. Teachers too. They should be the highest paid in the world, and cops. They should be paid so much and they should be paid to do it more scientifically, just by talking. But they don't want any smart cops because it costs money, but they need to be paid money. They won't be threatened because they'll know your situation, they'll know what's troubling the motherfucker, you just lost your job, your wife, I have a gun do you want to lose you life too, it could work some thing like that.

P: My brother was a NYC cop, and when he had a sick day they would send a car from NYC to Suffolk County. (That's a three hour round trip), every day he was off just to make sure he was home.

GC: (With a truly shocked look) What? Why??

P: It's their policy, and if they couldn't drive there they would call him at least three times a day to make sure he was home.

GC: (Gasp) What did they do that for? What'd he wanted to go somewhere?

P: Then he can't be calling it sick. I have to laugh when you think how crime is running rampant in NYC and the police are policing the each other.

GC: (Regarding his composure) They drive them fucking crazy! They make sure that their family life is fucked up and when your family life is screwed up you can't think anyway, but they need the job, they need the promotion, and they go for all the shit they have to go for, they know you won't speak on the other one, there should be no fraternizing with things like that, they should pay them so much that they don't even have to consider all of that. You know what the morality is, right now? Them against the people, not protective. They tell you to respect the cops. It shouldn't be like that. The domestic should be demanding of respect.

P: They should be professional. **GC:** They should be professional, but they can't be if they're not respect paid. If the standards were



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The War is history. **GC:** Yeah, and it's not so far away, look at the games.

on welfare or that they are taking all the jobs for so long. You can tell the blacks. Oh, all the white people hold you, bla bla bla, you pull those strings, you know, jerk them off. Then you get anti-abortion versus pro-choice, and you can yank those chords and make them get at each other. You can get gay and straight and yank their chords. Each one of them will take up TV time and throw you off. But after a while... this is a close knit world now. That shit is getting old. Those farmers from Kansas that lost their farms, they believe it's a cause of the blacks, the immigrants, but you can only run that for so many times. If they work at first caused they're pissed, they lost the farm, they join the Aryan nation. Pretty soon it's wait a minute, those people are broke, how can they be the ones with all the money, how can they have all the dough and be on welfare - I don't get it you think about it. Dope is a three billion dollar business, and the only people you see doing it is crack heads, so they should be some rich motherfuckers. We are talking billions of dollars, and the motherfucker they show you is a mother with an Adidas shirt on and a mother with a tiny Mercedes, but mostly they have Ford's. Pretty soon people are going to say hey, wait a minute, it's not the blacks, it's not the gays, it's not the pro-choicers. One broke motherfucker has no business having another broke motherfucker. They try to make you think that's a race. These problems have nothing to do with race. I mean they had a newsman on top of a building (during the riots) with a Korean with a gun in his hand saying, 'what are you going to do up here?'. The media has a right to say all this, they really have that right, but could you imagine a black man up on his own building with a gun in his hand. They'd shoot a patriot missile up his ass. Even if it's his own building, he's not able to be protecting shit. That was designed to make black people mad, to make the gangs react. But those gangs are not political, they're not the Panthers. The gangs didn't even notice that the newsman was up with the Korean that was protecting his building. If it was the Panthers they would have taken notice, they would have been pissed. If it would have been political they could have gotten them at each other like that. These kids aren't going out at their own neighborhood to shoot their cousins and friends over money. You never hear of money related killings, they're drug related, they shoot each other running, they're not political, they're not even about fighting, they just got hyped up in some shit where somebody else yanked their string. The store owner is pissed at them and they're pissed at the store owner for coming over here and setting up in their neighborhood. Everybody's pissed, so they got the chance to loot, there are no color lines, but this system will draw some other conclusion. Whatever the conclusion you hear on TV, you have to really pay attention, it's really everybody's responsibility. You can't stop them from saying it, so you have to sit down and think who is saying this and why. Every little incident that comes on the news, you have to sit and listen to it, you have to be able to compare it, talk with somebody, if you are lapadassical enough to take their word for it one way or another, if you don't believe them that's dangerous, if you do believe them that's dangerous. You have to pay attention to the media!"

P: I'm really happy I'm an alternative music writer!
GC: They've had those gangs at each other in LA for so long, and they have cops running around in red fucking with the mothers in blue, and not only that, they have certain guys, black or white or whatever their colors are, facing 20 years or some fucked up charge, and it's, you better go over there and do this or you are going to jail. Remember Marion Barry the mayor of DC. They got that girl to set him up.
P: I remember the Marion Barry sting operation, what drama!
GC: The girl who got him, she was facing time. They spent millions and millions of dollars to get him on a misdemeanor. All that was, it wasn't so much him, they just needed that high profile drugs thing. They tramped over everybody's rights and everyone went crazy over crack... and how many mothers do you know who is dead over crack? Everybody is dead because crack is illegal and there's all this money around it. If there wasn't all this money around it, all those people wouldn't be dead, because most of them die for the money. They steal somebody's dope, nge, cause they want dope, cause they can sell it, or they steal it cause somebody's making them do it. It would be interesting for people to really find out how much money is made on dope. Think about it, the news, for three or four years that's a story every night was crack.

P: I know. They had now graphics, everything, like little album covers behind the anchor person, papers, skit and credit cards, bloody knives and smoking guns, some of the graphics were more like ads.
GC: It's the main story it's got to worth money. Then you start to think, who makes all that money off of dope?
P: Betty Ford
GC: No.
P: The clinic
GC: Oh! The clinics they sure make it cause the state department makes sure that the insurance starts paying for it. I mean how do you get insurance companies to pay for some crack like that? (We laugh). They tell them, you better pay for it because we need the high profile, you can winch off here or there, or do something else, but we need it to look like this.

P: Insurance companies make you take a drug test to see if you qualify for insurance. If you fail the test, no insurance. If you already have the insurance then they pay for the clinic. So richer people can go to clinics for their drug problems, but poor people can't get help.
GC: Yeah, so they sneak people to the chalets and things. Most big businesses have their own in house rollabs now.
P: He labs! But forget about child care.
GC: You can't get anything trusted in labs anymore because they are all tied up with poe. They got piss from the baseball teams, the football teams, they

and we will get the pee for you.
I know this is a venenous matter, but I laughed so hard I was almost crying.
GC: (Now laughing) I swear to God in Heaven, it's about money. They got a friend of mines pee, and they say to him, if this is your pee, you're pregnant. They got a woman's pee for the motherfucker. They make so much money. You make ten times more, pretending you're lighting the shit. They got a twenty ton bust in LA with a \$6 lock on the door and one Mexican quaranting it, and the other ten people they caught was one Mexican in Las Vegas, and one somewhere else in LA. Man, twenty tons of dope, a \$6 lock and some dude just happened to see something suspicious. LA got two billion dollars to fight drugs after that.
P: Remember that story, one person led the entire DEA.

GC: And once they got over there, Gates runs over and jumps in the picture while they're posing. The DEA probably set it up so they could get their money, Gates runs over there jumps in the picture, takes the center of attention, starts talking. 'I told you all the dope was coming into the LA area. We need money to fight it', two billion dollars they got. 'Ok, do you think they're not going to give you good advertising to help you say you need money to fight this kind of shit, and they are able to prove it because they have all those little crack heads doing whatever they want them to do. All you would have to do is send the shit in a hospital, no commercials, no competition, low prices. If you just like getting high, go down there and have it in the psychiatric ward, so when you go get high you know what playground you are in. You walk right past all those mothers that you might be visiting

but the ones who are doing this to them, there are so few of them, they couldn't carry this what color you are, they're going by green and they're a secret society that's been together for a couple of thousand years. They design what we know, how we're taught, it's our banking system, it's our reserve system, the justice system, cause they're mainly influenced by the high echelon of the order. The secret orders, and most cops in the world belong to these orders. Bush's Skut and Bone, are you hip to that one? He was initiated in Yale. On the very top of that they use the church. The church has always been used. So police are being used, rich people because they get these tax shelters and stuff, they're set up in a spot that when the people go crazy, they are going to be some of the ones who's heads roll. Nobody's safe, because they think they are, because they get little benefits. The Republicans, the Democrats, they have no power either because these societies run both of them. They're pulling all the strings. I'm not mad at some poor-ass farmer because he's white, he's not mad at me because I'm black. Not one thing has to do with the other. But they put your strings to make you argue with each other over some bullshit, gay or straight, or the anti-abortionist who will burn down a hospital trying to save a life. And they don't realize that they will start selling fetuses for parts any day now. So unless you can educate yourself to be able to do things with a moral conscience that you can live with, it's going to be a real problem. It's going to happen anyway, so it should happen with you having the strongest moral character that you can have.

P: How about the educational system?
GC: The educational system don't belong to us, the federal reserve system, that don't belong to us.

Our school system is totally designed with what you are taught in mind. A lot of if you didn't realize was that had until you realized that somebody taught you it for a specific reason. I can remember, 'Over his, over date, we will hit the dusty trail, ha, ha, ha!' In school they teach you those kind of songs, get you patriotic, and then if we are like 'I don't agree with America', will we have to go on trial for that shit? Can our army and government do that to people. They did it in Germany. You can just have a regular police job or something and they convince you that they're right, then you find yourself saying, 'Hey, we just bullied these people, we just did this, and that they're doing this in our name and we don't know it! And by the time planes and things are blowing up, you're mad at the people blowing them up. You better pay attention earlier when someone is pulling a chip on your shoulder and then telling someone to knock it off. Some government agencies go to other countries and really fuck with them, and things happen to Americans overseas and you don't know why.

P: Forget overseas, they just blow up the World Trade Center.
GC: I'm so afraid that we had something to do with that. I have a book that says that they were going to perpetrate all those kind of actions in our country, a secret government within our government. North and the boys, the thing is to get people used to the idea that the terrorists are here, and get us so scared, like they did with crack addicts and drug dealers. One day they might say that there are terrorists in town with an atomic bomb to blow up our city. Do you know how many freedoms you will give up while they search for that motherfucker, and you would let them cause they got a bomb. And the plane that blew up over Scotland, there were five CIA guys in it. Nobody mentioned those five CIA guys.

At this point, George showed me some books that he was reading. I promised not mention the titles, these books are not unpopular and are available in many book stores. Knowledge can be a scary thing, in case you're wondering George Clinton had a lot of printed, published facts that gave him some of the statistics and the basis for all the heavy talk you've just read.
GC: Being told no it one of the biggest turn ons in the world, that's why the 'Just Say No' campaign was such a bullshit. No wonder drug use jumped a hundred fold, more drugs were used during the Reagan/Bush administration. Now that has got to count for something. No is the biggest turnon that there is, just like the new one, Dysfunctional Family, we got all these people specializing in it, and the word hasn't been around long enough to have specialists on it. And the Waco Texas thing. They say they were abusing the children. When you hear something like that, sexual abuse is going to come to mind. They wait it out, I'm suspicious of the word cut when it's used more than twice. I'm like, wait a minute, I'm not supposed to like this guy, cause you called it a cut. I would like to make up my own mind. And that Texas thing ended just the way it started, you don't know what happened, start to end.

P: You have a cut following.
GC: We always said we have the biggest cut following that there is, and we were sure to keep it, cause they attack with us. Cut isn't a negative thing, it's just been worked to death.
P: Well, we are out of tape, and I can't believe it's morning. George Clinton you are something else. To see you when the mothership arrives.
GC: You will, so remember, pay attention, and peace and love.

by GINA HALL



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It would turn most mothers off, it ain't no joy, cause it ain't no hype, cause there's no big money in it. You might get some old heads say 'hey, come on let's go down and hang with the nuts', but you're sure not going to get any new ones.
P: That's for sure, or at least you hope rite?
GC: Don't worry about it, it'll be too cheap and there won't be no money in it.
P: Not to mention no glamour!
GC: There's no glamour in it, like with coke and then you wish you hadn't done it, then you know you're high, that's the least glamorous. If you just go to the hospital, a nice cheap way, a safe environment. The same thing with alcohol. Take all the advertising out of alcohol, you won't get alcoholics, you'll get some, but alcohol and cigarettes got their head start in the '50s, every fucking thing you picked up had an ad. I wouldn't be surprised if those little wrappers they used to give for your school books, I bet they found some way, not necessarily the alcohol stuff, but I bet you they found some way to supply you with the cigarette message. I bet you they did. They always had a way.

P: I remember those sample packs of cigarettes that used to be handed out.
GC: Oh yeah, they gave them to you everywhere, even in high school. Now when they have war, what do they try to do to help people, they send them cigarettes. You go to a rehab for coke, they let you take a break and smoke cigarettes. As far as the senators and congressmen who rise up against cigarettes, as soon as start getting really high, they get compromised in some sort of way, either they get caught cheating, or their drinking or they're sex perverts or they're junkies themselves. If they can't get them doing any of that, what they let them do is they let them see something really top secret, then they say, 'Ok, you want to see all we got, we are killing you national security, so now we're telling you. Do you want a look?' Now you know about national security, and everything is under one roof, so you can't talk about nothing you saw here.

P: It's all confidential.
GC: Right, it's all confidential. Now, if you get someone who catches on and says, 'Fuck you all, you just misused the whole shit, to block things you know it's illegal, they would probably kill them. Cause a few senators do get killed when they get close to the truth. They have things so rigged.
P: Computer.
GC: And when Middle America starts to realize what's going on, they're are the ones who are going to start to tear things up. It's not the race thing.
P: It's we the people!
GC: It's we the people! When they figure