APPENDICES

The Biography of Warren G

Warren Griffin III was born in 1971 in Long Beach, California better known by his stage name Warren G, is an American West Coast rapper and hip hop producer. He is Dr. Dre's step brother. His biggest hit to date was the single "Regulate" with Nate Dogg released in 1994. The Grammy nominated song reached number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100.

In 1993, Warren G produced the track Indo Smoke featuring himself, Nate Dogg, and Mista Grimm. He also produced and rapped on Snoop Dogg's debut album Doggystyle.

Warren G's debut album *Regulate... G Funk Era* was released in 1994 on Def Jam, featured the hit song "Regulate" featuring Nate Dogg, which samples Michael McDonald's classic hit, "I Keep Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)." Also on that disc was "This D.J.," a popular track and hit video on MTV, and also a chart hit, peaking at #9 on the Billboard Hot 100.

He followed up with *Take a Look Over Your Shoulder (Reality)* in 1997, which took his mellow approach and brought it even further into the mainstream. Scoring a hit with a rap remake of "I Shot the Sheriff," the album was a commercial success.
Together with Sissel Kyrkjebø they had a #1 hit across Europe in 1998 with Prince Igor, on the concept album The Rapsody Overture which combined American rappers with European opera singers. Sissel sang an aria from Borodin's opera Prince Igor during the chorus, while Warren G rapped.

_I Want It All_, released in 1999, represented a substantive if not commercial comeback for Warren G. Widely regarded as his most consistent record, this offered a jazz-rock fusion style and a host of guests including Mack 10, Snoop Dogg, Kurupt, and Eve. The first single, "I Want It All," sampled the song "I Like It" performed by DeBarge, which had a hit video that entered into heavy rotation on MTV and VH1, which helped the song to its peak of #13 on the Hot 100. Warren G fully embraced his less-gangsta image at this time.

_The Return of the Regulator_ was released in 2001, but Universal did not promote the album and it flopped in sales. In 2003 Warren G, Snoop Dogg, and Nate Dogg reunited 213 and recorded the album _The Hard Way_ with the single "Groupie Luv." The album was released in 2004 and entered at #4 on the Billboard charts.

The week of August 1 to August 6, 2005, was dedicated as the "Warren G Week" by the Mayor of Long Beach.

Warren G released a new album on October 11, 2005, called _In the Mid-Nite Hour_ on an independent label. In December 2005, he signed with UniqueInc LTD (UK) for the UK & Ireland, Craze Productions of London is doing the digital distribution and sales on Mobile and online and Hawino
Records for the North America release. Warren G is also working on an album with a young producer by the alias of Classic. Warren G stated he will get into this album once he is finished with Celebrity Fit Club (U.S. TV series).

In 2006, Warren G produced the theme song for Ice Cube's TV show, Black. White. In March 22, Warren G has made a song called "Mr. President," addressing the 2008 presidential candidate race and encourages everyone to vote. He also appeared in Celebrity Rap Superstar as a mentor.

On June 7, 2008, Warren G was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to sell. The car he was riding in was pulled over on suspicion of running a red light near Hollywood Boulevard and Wilcox Avenue. He was released on $20,000 bail, all charges were dropped due to insufficient evidence.

Each of his albums since I Want It All has featured a track by 213: "Game Don't Wait" appeared on I Want It All, "Yo' Sassy Ways" on The Return of the Regulator, and "PYT" on In the Mid-Nite Hour. It is not known whether they will or have contribute (d) a track to The G Files, which has yet to be released.