

**35TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF GUITAR ARMY FROM AUTHOR
AND FORMER WHITE PANTHER JOHN SINCLAIR
TO BE RELEASED ON MAY DAY**

*Process Media Title Features Bonus CD Featuring Rare Music Recordings of
MC5 and Original White Panther Party Meetings as well as 40 Previously
Unpublished Period Photographs, a New Introduction and Recent Writings
from the Author*

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LOS ANGELES, CA (March 12, 2007) - The 35th anniversary edition of GUITAR ARMY from author and 1960s activist John Sinclair, who spearheaded the cultural revolutionary vanguard White Panther Party and managed the Detroit rock band MC5, will be released on May Day, 2007.

This new expanded and updated Process Media edition of GUITAR ARMY (publication date May 1, 2007) is packed with 40 previously unreleased period photos, an introduction by Michael Simmons, and a bonus CD with rare music recordings. Tracks include music from the MC5 and other Detroit-area bands as well as Black Panther Chairman Bobby Seale on the White Panthers and previously unreleased White Panther Party meetings.

“The rock & roll revolution posed a threat for a few years there,” said John Sinclair from his base in Amsterdam. “But they bought it off, covered up their tracks and pretend it never happened. They won’t even let the MC5 into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame! But you can see and feel it happening in the pages of this 35th anniversary edition of Guitar Army—that’s why I wrote it. The excitement and thrills of a real rock & roll revolution in progress are still in there.”

Published in 1972 following Sinclair’s release from prison after serving 29 months of a 9 and a half to 10 year sentence for possession of two joints, GUITAR ARMY raised the White `Panther battle flag inscribed Rock & Roll, Dope & Fucking in the Streets and proclaimed “Rock and Roll Is a Weapon of Cultural Revolution”. John Sinclair had led that revolt from the ferment of the Detroit riots in 1967 to the Chicago Democratic Convention of 1968, where the band played just minutes before police clubbed demonstrators. The John Sinclair Freedom Rally of December 1971 that starred John Lennon & Yoko Ono, Allen Ginsberg, Stevie Wonder, Phil Ochs and a host of others led to Sinclair’s release from prison just three days later. The recently released documentary film THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON documents this event.

In 1967, when the Trans-Love commune organized by John Sinclair hosted a "Love-In" on Detroit's Belle Isle, the *Detroit News* proclaimed him the "High Priest of the Detroit hippies." In July 1969, just a month before Woodstock when he was sentenced to 10 years in prison for giving an undercover officer two marijuana joints, Sinclair became the most celebrated political prisoner of the original war on drugs. In October of 1970, the FBI referred to the White Panthers as "potentially the largest and most dangerous of revolutionary organizations in the United States."

GUITAR ARMY chronicles these years of revolution through Sinclair's "street writings" and prison writings, with artwork and images from the time. Author John Sinclair is now an internationally recognized poet, journalist, broadcaster and record producer steeped in the blues & jazz idioms. GUITAR ARMY is the still-charging embodiment of a dazzlingly optimistic time in which change felt necessary and possible Sinclair is scheduled to return to the U.S. in April and May 2007 to promote the new release of GUITAR ARMY with appearances, interviews and live performances in Los Angeles, New York and Detroit.

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