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Paul McCartney Dead? New Documentary Claims That He Is

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For some of you old enough to remember (and that includes me,) the Autumn of '69 was a very tense time in y because of the ongoing Vietnam War and young night by the draft. It was around this same time that a rumor began circulating among college campuses that claimed Beatle **Paul McCartney** was dead.

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Is this really McCartney, circa "Let It Be" or an imposter posing as him?
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Initially reported by Drake University's college paper, [The Times Delphic](#) in mid September of that year, the story began to gain steam when radio deejays were informed that audio clues corroborating **McCartney's** death were masked inside Beatles songs and that visual clues were being discovered on the album art of **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band** and **Abbey Road**.

All these rumors eventually subsided when an interview appeared in [Life](#) magazine, purportedly given by **McCartney**, in which he said: "Perhaps the rumor started because I haven't been much in the press lately. I have done enough press for a lifetime, and I don't have anything to say these days. I am happy to be with my family and I will work when I work. I was switched on for ten years and I never switched off. Now I am switching off whenever I can. I would rather be a little less famous these days."

Fast-forward to 2010: documentary filmmaker [Joel Gilbert](#) produces [Paul McCartney Really Is Dead](#), a movie that claims among other things that those rumors from 1969 have finally been corroborated through the posthumous delivery of a confession by the late **George Harrison** to the director's offices in 2005 - and spins a tale that seems fantastical on one level, and yet provides a very interesting theory: that **Paul McCartney** stormed out of a heated recording session in 1966, sped off in his car, and died when his vehicle crashed.

If that was indeed the case, why wouldn't the surviving members of **The Beatles** come clean? According to the film's narrator (the alleged voice of **Harrison** on the tapes in Gilbert's possession,) **British Intelligence**, fearing the news of Paul's death would trigger mass suicides, forced the Beatles to use an imposter who allegedly won a **McCartney** look-alike contest, and even subjected the imposter to plastic surgery to avoid detection.

And if you think that's outrageous, consider this: the narrator posits that the assassination of **John Lennon** in

1980 was *not* the random act of a sociopath, but rather a "hit" placed on Lennon by British Intelligence after **Lennon** publicly threatened to reveal the truth of the McCartney hoax to the media. Subtitled, "The Last Testament of George Harrison", the documentary has not only revived the "Paul is dead" legend, but has many folks re-engaged in the debate over whether such a mass deception and government-sponsored conspiracy is hogwash, or the truth finally revealed.

[Highway 61 Entertainment](#), the official distributor of Gilbert's film has set up a website, which includes physical evidence, chapter overviews, reviews, and a movie trailer. I can tell you that when this rumor originally surfaced, my older sister (a die-hard fan who, like many young girls at the time, was infatuated with "the cute Beatle" Paul) was so despondent, she was nearly inconsolable - so maybe the prospect of thousands of teenage girls being so grieved that they would take their own lives wasn't so far-fetched after all.



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