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## The Mercurial Guitarist

I had arranged to master an album for WEA International at The Townhouse Studios in Goldhawk Road, London. Arriving on time I could see through the plate glass doors that the previous clients were running over time. One of them had his back to me, was dressed in black and had long greying hair.

He turned around and seemed somehow vaguely familiar..?

Suddenly I realised who they were - Jimmy Page and Paul Rogers !  
They were putting the finishing touches to the debut single from The Firm album.

Later when Jimmy came out he apologised for keeping me waiting. I replied that he had caused me rather a lot of trouble recently ! That certainly got his attention. I explained that I'd had to record an album without bass player Tony Franklin after he'd accepted the gig with The Firm...

We talked for some time. He came across as very easy going and down to earth, as interested in what I was up to in Bangkok as I was in The Firm.

Certainly not the bad-tempered mercurial guitarist of rock legend...