Pretty Pat

Frank Zappa

[Interviewer:] Who came up with the name "Mothers of Invention"
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[FZ:] I did.
[Interviewer:] Just . . .?
[FZ:] Well, it was sort of forced upon me because, uh, the grou
p was originally called "The Mothers" and, uh, our original con
tract was with Verve Records, a subsidiary of MGM, and they ref
used to sign a group called "The Mothers" because they felt tha
t the . . . that it was obscene. And so they wanted to change i
t to "The Mothers Auxiliary." So, out of necessity, we became "
The Mothers of Invention." Is that pretty pat?
[Interviewer:] That's it.
[FZ:] That's what happened