FAQ

if there is a way to somehow test the vcd without having to burn a full cd.

Not yet, but maybe soon, I hope.   I do strongly suggest you set up what you think you want in MMG, generate the xml, then open the xml file with TextEdit.   After a while you will begin to be able to read and understand the structure and playback control.   Soon you be editing and fine tuning the PBC.   Note: you must save as Plain Text.

however, i have not yet understood how i tell missingmenugen where and how many buttons i have on my menu ?

A item designated as a menu (segment) will have linking to all items designated as normal (sequence).
by way of a number, in the order you add them.

lets say i only want a "play" button which actives when i hit "enter" or just activates itself after 15 seconds of no input.

The sample image was from a music video disk with an opening "intro" track (short clip as normal), on timeout it slips into the menu screen, waits for 10 seconds, then times out to the intro again. During the intro, the user may press the Next, or Return button to jump to the menu.   In the menu, the Number buttons will jump to that track.   At the end (timeout) of each video, the control returns to the menu.   This is the kind of creative thinking you must do.

I have found the corresponding options in missingmenugen, but i did not find anything that defined where there is a button or if there is a button of any kind.

This is not DVD, you will not get selectable graphics on your TV screen.
Only the remote control and front panel number buttons are supported.
The standard does allow mouse clickable hotspots when played on a
computer, However, until there is a player for Mac, I will not add this feature.

oh - and one more thing: missingmpegtools usually creates 3 .img files from one .mpg file (movie_01.img, movie02.img, movie_pregap_02.img, movie.toc) -

Do not use the .toc and any _pregap files, only burn xxx_01.img ... xxx_0x.img