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Hi there!

Well, despite this last month of almost solid bad news, I've got nothing but good news to start this year with! And of course, it all centres about David: for once I think I've been able to beat Pat to a story! As so many of you who listen to Radio Luxembourg already know, Tony Prince, one of their top D.J.'s, flew to California on the 18th of last month especially to see David. Those Disc Jockeys seem to get all the luck!

Tony was able to stay with David for three days, recording the messages that so many of you heard around Christmas. Yes, alright, and he also filmed the Christmas Special that you saw on Christmas Eve as well!

By now, I know some of you are saying "So what?" Well, here's what: Tony Prince will be writing a special feature for us on his visit to California, and especially his visit to David's house. As you know, Tony's trip put him in a unique situation: he was present at some of the last scenes David filmed on the Partridge Family sound stage. As David mentioned in his personal letter, he was having mixed feelings about his last appearance. Tony will be telling all of us exactly what those final moments were like, both for David and for the rest of the cast as well.

Of course, Mr. Prince (a bit formal, that!) had more on his agenda than a stint as a roving reporter. In fact, considering the load of presents that he carried for David, it's a wonder he had room for more than a toothbrush! Besides the normal run of Christmas goodies that come David's way, Tony had some really fantastic presents for Mr. Cassidy. He brought all the awards that David won in the last few months, and I can tell you that it was quite an armful! I rang Tony up just before he left, and the news was nothing but good.

To begin with, "Daydreamer" had sold more than half a million copies, so that was a gold single disc. And just before Tony was finalising the plans, it was announced that "Dreams Are Nuthin' More Than Wishes" had topped the 100,000 mark, which more than qualified this latest and greatest album for another gold record. Along with the other awards David has received from the music press and the record industry, David didn't have a White Christmas... But a Gold one!

Tony also told me that, just as David announced in his letter, he would be spending some time in Hawaii. According to Tony, the house is coming along fine, but I think I'd better let you wait until next month to find out exactly what went on during those fabulous few days. It's not that I'm trying to keep you in suspense or anything, but I do tend to get things a bit muddled up from time to time. And rather than confuse you, I think it's best to let the man himself tell you about it. It may mean waiting until next month, but I'm pretty sure it'll be worth it.

Susie