



ABOVE: David combats the blistering sun with a bit of lotion
BELOW: David at poolside, chatting with a couple of new friends



David's personal letter to you

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Hi there!

January has been an absolutely great month for me, and I sure hope it's been that way for you too. . . .

First off, I finally managed to say goodbye to Keith Partridge! Nothing personal against the guy, you understand. . . . Just that he'd been around for an awful long time. And now it's David Cassidy's turn.

Then, just to make sure I didn't miss Britain and all you wonderful British people too much, some of you came out to say 'Hi!' in person. You know, it's funny. . . . The word on the tip of my pen just then, when I was talking about Britain, was 'homesick'. But, as I said to myself, you can't feel homesick about a country you've never lived in.

YOUR COUNTRY

Or can you? Because that certainly is the nearest I can come to describing the way I feel about your country when I think about it this side of the ocean. I guess it's a feeling you give me of 'belonging'. So that somehow it always seems kind of a wrench to get aboard that plane when the time comes to go back to my real 'home'. And that's nice. It's worth feeling homesick for now and then!

I sure hope my British friends felt the same way about the States, and that they've taken back some wonderful memories of our land and our people. So, if you're reading this, I can tell you: it was great getting to know you all! And to meet up with my old friend, Dave Bridger, again. I never did work out if he was along as guide or chaperone. . . . But, either way, it was

nice to see you around the place again, Dave.

Anyhow, I hope to be seeing you all again real soon — this time in Britain. So this time you won't have to win a competition for us to get together! And that should mean I'll be able to meet a whole lot more of you. It's gotta be good!

Right now, I don't seem to be able to think about much else except my upcoming tour. I must say, I got kind of worried at one time because it seemed like this energy crisis through the world might jam the works up some. We've had our problems over here, too, but I guess not nearly so rough as you've had it lately. I think of you each time I hear of it in a news show—especially when I think how cold it can get in Britain through winter!

That's one of the great things about my schedule for this tour. . . . Looks like I'll be living in perpetual summer and fall, till I reach Europe—just in time for Spring! Now that's what I call planning!

WORLD TOUR

You see, I start off in New Zealand and work my way through Australia, Hong Kong and Japan by the end of March. Then I figure to give myself a short spell of vacation en route for Europe.

If you know anything about me at all, I guess I don't need to tell you where I'll be going and what I'll be doing. . . . Yeah . . . Italy and ski-ing! That's what I'd most like to see on my programme for early April.

By that time, too, I reckon I'll be due for a vacation. I had hoped to be 'away from it