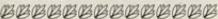




NO- ENTRY BAR TO BRITAIN

— OR HOW DAVID NEARLY
MANAGED TO COME TO BRITAIN
TO RECORD HIS NEXT ALBUM!



As you must know by now, David had to change his plans this fall.

When he returned to the States after his European trip in the summer, he was all set to record his next album right here in Britain.

Well, as you read this, he'll just about be tying up the threads of that latest album — in Hollywood. So why the switch-over, resulting in disappointment for so many thousands of fans this side of the Atlantic?

There has, of course, been the usual rash of rumours supposedly accounting for the altered schedule. But, as always, they vary so widely that it's obvious to the naked ear that they can't all be right.

DISAPPOINTED

Some folk simply put it all down to David's 'whim'. But they're at a bit of a loss to account for the fact that David was really disappointed himself when the plans had to fall through.

You see, he'd looked over the Rockfield recording studio complex while he was

over and he'd got it firmly set in his mind that that was where he'd hold his next recording sessions. The quiet, peaceful atmosphere appealed to him, along with the fact that Rockfield is so completely self-contained.

No more fraught trips from hotel or apartment to the studios — or, even worse, trips back in the early hours of the morning after an all-night recording session. David would have been able to live, eat and sleep within the Rockfield boundaries. And not only that... He could also have gone horse-riding, or swimming, or maybe had a game of billiards. In fact, you name it — Rockfield would have it right there for the asking.

It seemed like David's 'dream studio' came true. And all in the middle of beautiful, unspoiled countryside. The promise of absolute seclusion delighted him, because it meant that he could shut himself up in there along with his fellow musicians and concentrate wholly on his music. For a while he'd be able to cut himself off from the journalists and fans and all the other pressures from the outside, news-hungry world.

RUMOUR

Which brings me around to another rumour currently flitting up and down the grape-vine. It has been suggested that David cancelled this trip 'cos so many fans found out where he was heading for, when he planned to arrive etc.

Now this is an example of the 'dangerous' sort of rumour... the kind that's partly true. Yes, David's fans knew most of the details about the trip. But they always do get to know these things before anyone else. And David, for one, recognised this long ago.

Sure, he was hoping for some peace and privacy at Rockfield; but he wasn't figuring

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