



A LETTER

EXCLUSIVE FaVE COLUMN!

FROM DAVID CASSIDY

Hi! I'm David Cassidy and each month here in FaVE, I'll be answering your questions. I want you to know that I'll try to read as many

letters as I can each month and then decide what you most want to know. Hope in the meantime you watch our show "The Partridge Family," every

Friday night on ABC-TV.

Send your questions to: Letter for David Cassidy, 1800 N. Highland Ave., Suite 600, Hollywood, Calif. 90028.

"Susan and Me"

So many of you have written asking questions about my relationship with Susan Dey that I thought I'd talk about us this month, and it's a pleasure, because Susan is one of my favorite people!

The first time I met Susan was when we were both being tested for our roles in the show. I thought she was a very attractive girl—bright, wholesome, sort of the cheerleader type. While I was looking at her thinking these things, she saw me watching her and she smiled at me. I knew right then that we could be friends!

We didn't have much chance to talk to each other that day. There were lots of people around, and we were all a little nervous about the testing. At least I know that I was! Although Susan had never done any acting before, she seemed very relaxed and calm about the whole thing.

It was when we got the roles and went into rehearsal that Susan and I got to know each other better. We are really very different people. Susan was a city girl, used to the fast pace of New York. She was very professional about work—her modeling had taught her that—but it took her a while to slow down to life in California the way I know it.

I did give her some advice about acting in the beginning. I mean, I'm no dramatic genius, but I've had more experience than her. I sort of explained what was going on, and she caught on fast. She's very serious about becoming a good actress, and she works very hard at it.

During the months we've worked together on the show, we've spent a lot of time together. We almost always eat lunch with each other. We talk about everything: work of course, each other, things that bug us, what we did over the weekend and so on.

Once in a while we see each other off the set too. Susan doesn't know too many people in town, and she's not interested in dating different guys constantly even though she could if she really wanted to. So occasionally we've had dinner or taken in a movie. There really hasn't been much time for other people in our lives since we began filming, though. Most nights both of us are just glad to get home and crash!

It's natural, I think, that we would be close to each other because there isn't too much difference in our ages and we share some of the same problems. There are times when Susan will offer me advice on girls, for instance. Like who I should go out with and who I shouldn't. And I've thrown in my two cents worth to her, too, but not very often. She listens very carefully, and then does what she feels is right. That's the way it should be.

Do we always get along perfectly? Of course not! We have our ups and downs just like everybody else does. I remember one day when it was so hot that I complained my back was burning up! Susan had a remedy—when I wasn't looking she put ice down the inside of my shirt! It was so freezing cold that it hurt, and I got so mad I did the same thing to her! I really blew my cool for a while, but now when we talk about it, it seems funny!

We argue about other things too—ridiculous things like agents and parking spaces. The serious things we disagree on don't end up in what I'd call arguments, though. I'd call them heavy conversations. Susan has a good head, and I respect her opinions.

I love to tease Susan, and she's a good sport about it. One thing I kid her about is being so thin, but she knows that I really think she's great looking so it doesn't upset her too much. She's tried teasing me back about things, but when she finds out that it really doesn't bother me, she finally gives up in disgust!

One other question that's come up a lot in your letters has been whether there's anything romantic between Susan and me. I'll be honest in answering that one. Maybe under different circumstances, there could have been. We really like each other, but our relationship is just not on that level. We're both glad, because working together day after day would make it very difficult.

I do know this: I would trust Susan completely with any secret I had. She's the type of girl who would never let you down when it really counted. She's honest, sincere, and one of the sweetest girls I've ever met in my whole life. I'm glad that she's my friend.

David