



# "THE CHANGE IN ME!"

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AS TOLD TO FAVE

Have you ever had something very strange or "eerie" happen to you—something that was just too coincidental or unusual to be considered normal? Something like that happened to me recently. It may not have been strange enough for "The Twilight Zone," but it sure did set me thinking!

I had a thirty minute shooting break. I thought I'd take advantage of it by doing some writing in my dressing room. I was anxious to get started and was walking very fast. My mind must have been completely on those letters on the table when I ran right into that sack of mail on the floor. The next thing I knew I was on the floor, lying flat on my face, with my legs hanging over the sack.

"You dummy!" I angrily said to myself. (I'm not usually that mean to myself, but then I don't usually trip over sacks of mail!)

## THE HIDDEN LETTER!

While I was lying on the floor thinking about how clumsy I was, I happened to notice what appeared to be a letter caught behind the leg of my dressing table. I reached over and grabbed it. It was a letter post-marked August 18, 1970. That was exactly a year ago, when we just began filming "The Partridge Family." It hadn't even been on the air yet!

I was getting a bit uncomfortable, so I sat up on the floor and opened the letter for the first time. It read:

Dear David,

I know you are busy getting ready for "The Partridge Family," but I hope you will take the time to read this. I want to wish you the best of luck with your first series. I'm sure it will be a success.

David, your *whole life* is going to change now.

You will have many, many more fans who will love you as I do. You will be very busy. There will be rehearsals for your own show, concerts, parades, pictures, mail, autographs and interviews.

I'm worried about you. I hope you'll be able to meet the demands of your new fans and career. I know you can't answer this now—but think. How will you feel and be a year from now? Are you going to *change*, David?

A Loving Fan

The letter had a strange effect on me. It started me thinking back to the first day I came on the set of "The Partridge Family." I was a 20 year-old kid, about to do his first series. I was so nervous that I tripped in my dressing room, just as I did now. I recalled sitting on the floor asking myself these questions: Will I do a good job in my role as Keith? Will the show be a success? Will my fans be pleased with my performance? What will my TV family be like to work with? Will I be happy with what I'm doing? I sat there for some time just dreaming about the future.

## HAD THE ANSWERS NOW!

Now, one year later, I was again sitting on the floor of my dressing room, with the same thoughts in my mind. Only this time I knew the answers to the questions. "The Partridge Family" was a success, my TV