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I rode to St. Louis with Randy--on my way to Little Rock. We talked politics. He said a couple of things about Paul's state of mind.

"He wants to get on the Banking Committee." (Wasn't he on that committee?) "Yes" (He's pretty restless, isn't he?) "He sure is. He says Banking is where the action is going to be now. He's not interested in energy anymore. And the Democrats have a route that you can't be on FR and AS at the same time. Glenn has been trying to do that for year."

"We're working on a bif white paper on the USA and Japan and how we can confront or learn from the Japanese."

"We are going to incorporate our labor paper into the larger one--here's what labor can do, what business can do and so forth."

"Kennedy has been talking with people at Harvard about the Japanese thing. Last week he went there and had dinner at one guy's house. Paul had been trying to get to talk with that same guy for months. When he heard Kennedy was there he was upset... It was the same day Kennedy scooped him on the nuclear freeze. Was he down... We are going to go with an op-ed piece to show we are out in front on the issue." The competition idea is strong.

Randy calls Paul "a thinker"--which is why he gets scooped.

"He's been riding ^win hard these days. He says 'Why do I have to come up with all the ideas? Why don't you come up with some.' If you do, you can run with it. That's the exciting part."

Very early on, he said "Kennedy coopted us on the nuclear freeze. We had been working on a resolution for some time. Then Kennedy came out with a different one--with Cranston and Weicker. He was very upset, 'They did their home work' he said."

We talked about Kennedy blanketing Paul politically--as we talked about a Glenn-Tsongas ticket. Randy agreed that it was true. "It must frustrate Paul."

He must wish he were born in another state. He never says anything. He says it doesn't bother him. But it must."

He said again that he might leave and we talked about why people stay on staffs. "Paul will never fire anyone. He gets so involved with the personal lives of his staff. With many Senators, it's 'OK if you leave, you leave and I'll replace you with someone better.' When Paul Barbera left us, he took it personally. He was down in the dumps about it... Dennis stays because he sees a wider picture. He sees Paul running for President... I was so surprised when I went to work and people called him Paul. I couldn't get used to it. With Kennedy (for whom he worked on the campaign) it was always "The Senator."