

Mary Jane Veno - 9/22/81

We went to lunch and talked about JG's presidency bid, her difficulty with Bill White, what I want to do re. AWACS.

Rich Arenberg - 9/22/81

We talked about Harrison Williams case, which he is reading.

Dan McKenna - 9/22/81

We talked about how Arlen was gradually stepping up the media and speaking out (in subcommittee on a miner's matter, he opposed Schmitt). But he stressed that Arlen was still pretty cautious and was feeling his way and getting comfortable. He said he thought Arlen was not yet "aligned" with anyone and that he was seen as serious, collegial and reasonable.

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I had ice tea with an intern from AS office. He described office as "serious". He thought about it a lot and kept coming back to serious. "It is a very serious office. It's very hierarchical. They get a lot of work done. But I hear that the morale is low. If the morale were better there might be better motivation. I have only seen the Senator once--when he walked through. It's as if all they come in to do everyday is work. It's a serious place. That's the best word I can find."

Well, that surely derives from Arlen.

When Sylvia told me I could go with Arlen this weekend, she said "Better you than me." The sense that Arlen is not the easiest person to get along with.