

LOU GALLEGOS

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Lou is very different from Tom. He never pontificates. He was upset with Martha today. "She's not going to be an independent office by herself out there..."

I don't want a loose cannon out there, picking and choosing what she wants to do and doesn't want to do... If she has objectives I wish she'd tell me directly and not hit me from the back by calling the Senator... She was put on 2/3 pay, but not 2/3 time... The more I thought about what she did, the madder I got."

Lou is trying to maintain order in a situation where Martha is, apparently, trying to cut herself off from her old, press identification and, in so doing, is refusing to do certain things. "We only talked for an hour about this before she left, but apparently it didn't sink in." (to Fran on the phone) and some to me and Gretchen.

Gretchen says both Pete and Lou are too easygoing and softhearted. Lou said to Gretchen "If you are effective around here you won't be liked... That's Gallegos' first law." But Gretchen said that she thought that comment a curious one coming from a soft-heart like Lou. She said that the information flow in the office was not sufficient, that Vicki was restless, that Helen and Dennis used to fight.

Lou and Gretchen were starting to plan a staff meeting for Jan. 6th and were discussing topics - New Mexico, legislation press, scheduling of key trips, etc.

Lou said "We'd better go over all the things we've promised to do and haven't yet done. We'd better decide whether we're going to do them and,

if we aren't, how to tell people we can't. We've got to let people know if this can't be done. They are all ticking bombs for 1984. The year to do them or get off the hook is 1982." "A cyclical view re visits and projects.

The other day I bumped into Lou and he told me he had just been back to NM checking on the impact of unemployment and federal cutbacks. He found people depressed. I asked if his trip would affect Pete. "Yes, when he goes back, he'll talk about different things than he might have, unemployment, jobs."