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Bumped into Lou in Dirksen cafeteria as I walked through. Did he miss DC?

"There are certain nuances that depend on positioning. Out where I am, I miss those nuances" of power and information, I guess. He said more but I missed it. It ended that he was happy and family was especially so.

I asked re election. "I know what the outcome will be. And that's probably dangerous. But the important thing is that we max out in this election. We don't just need to win, we need to win big. If we do, Domenici will be in the clear. He will be able to do anything he wants. It would cut the last chord that ties him down. When you open the book where people write about these things, it says that he only got 53% last time. So, they say, he isn't the horse he's supposed to be. The people who can kill that are not the ones who write the book, but the people back home. I knew last time that the ethnic factor would be very important in the election. But the official strategy was--hit 'em hard in Albuquerque, hit 'em hard in the South and the hell with the rest. Anything north of Interstate 40 didn't count. The strategy was to go with your strength and forget the rest. But what is Interstate 40 except an artificial line? It doesn't mean anything. Don't you think there are hispanics in Berlin? That's south of Route 40. Actually the hispanic strength is in Albuquerque; and they care very much about what happens up north. The networks in the hispanic community run all over the state. People in Albuquerque go visit their parents and grandparents up north. They may be conservative while they are in Albuquerque, but when they are up north they become liberal."

Campaign will be "more relaxed, more methodical." Pete = "at least ~~primary~~ ^{enthusiastic} inter pares" Chmn of the Board and Bond is CEO. Several "VPs-- Lee, Bell, Lou. Opponent - Franklin - "alienated Labor" - so they won't be