

Jack Flynt - telephone - November 18, 1974

- "What happened?" "I damn near got my ass beat off; that's what happened." *Quoted for his daughter "as he was in shock" (Mighten)*
- He tried to contest the election, but he and his lawyers didn't know how to go about it. It's too late now.
- Mary Lou noted several things:
  1. She did not see it coming nor did Jack, she thought.
  2. "We've got to ....." especially get better press relations and better press. Atlanta papers and WSB-TV supported Gingrich. "They gave him every possible advantage. They owe us three hours of free air time."
  3. Ronnie Thompson hurt us in Clayton and Douglas, i.e. Republicans came out to vote there.
  4. "The incumbent thing." JF didn't do as well in old counties "as he should have" and they attribute that to incumbent thing. "It hurt people who had been around the longest."
  5. We underestimated him to some extent.
  6. Republicans threw money at him in last month--he was broke and they gave him lots.
- She ended saying it was a special set of circumstances, but that Gingrich says he's going to run again and they aren't going to take anything for granted.

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