JOHN GLENN

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Clippings - Early articles speak of him as Presidential candidate.

July 23, 1975 - "Sky is Limit For Politician John Glenn: Could astronaut orbit into White House?" (I have copy of it.) Chicago Tribune.

"Could This Man Be the Ike of the Seventies?" People 1/75 Emphasis on the "disarming ear to ear grin" or "the good natured crinkling around the eyes, the boyish if slightly pugnacious grin that dispels all suspicion."

On question of why he ran for Senate. "That's where there's clout. Why should I negotiate at the county commissioner level."

"Glenn's awareness of his roots of his Boy Scout beginnings has never left him, and it may be high strongest political asset."

"But John Glenn's cowlick quality should not be confused with self-effacing shyness or any lack of confidence. He is accustomed to leading the pack and has been doing just that since his school days as class president..."

But he has had big disappointments - not chose for 1st flight; fell in bath tub, beaten by Metzenbaum; (lost VP).

Thinking of Senate - "The road is strewn with the carcasses of new boys who went there thinking they'd amount to something right away. I've had all the ego kicks that 49 lifetimes could supply."

Re fundraising - "It's the most degrading thing in politics. I'd sooner rassle an ape on the court house steps than ask anybody for a quarter."

About his anti-party fight in the 1974 primary - "Sometimes it got lonesome being right; but I'm not beholden to anybody."

"Glenn Flying in Political Orbit" July 6, 1975 Milwaukee Journal.

Happy but critical early on - "Why there isn't a third rate business in the country that would operate the way we do."
Article calls him "consummate vice presidential candidate" and Lou Harris runs a Kennedy-Glenn ticket vs. Ford Rockefeller and says K-G will win by 8 points.

He talked about his loss to Metzenbaum. "Rightly or wrongly there was an air of the space program about me. I had studied the issues and prepared what I thought were good positions but I'd walk into a meeting and the first question I'd hear would be 'Do astronauts really drink Tang?'"

Spent $1,000,000.

"As a political candidate, Glenn is almost too good to be true."

Five distinguished flying crosses, Boy Scout, sweetheart, Presbyterian elder.

Comments: earnest, hard working but indecisive.

"Mr. America in the Senate", Paul Healy, Saturday Evening Post.

He explains the low profile during early days. "I think there might have been a question in some people's minds, whether, because of my background, I might come here with one big eye in the middle of my forehead or pointed ears or something. I think I've established myself. I've just tried to work as hard as I can.. and I think I've been accepted by my colleagues."

When asked about interest in Presidency "Oh I don't claim or disclaim any interest in the presidency. I'm just doing the best job I know how to do, and if I'm ever tapped for anything else, it's going to be because I was doing a good enough job here that people noticed me and considered me for other things." (Well a self generated push would help.)

His orbit: September 20, 1962.

He decision to run - "I decided I would run for the Senate. I didn't want to do it as an ego trip— I had had enough of that to last me the rest of my life. The challenge is to make a better place for the people still
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to come." (Like the rich people who can say they don't do it for the money.)

Glenn on New Concord, Ohio - "a town right out of the Music Man, all American as you can get. It's the kind of place where Annie and I, along with everyone else, went on hay rides and to ice cream socials. And there were certain things that everyone was absolutely expected to do, like saluting the flag and showing up at the graveyard with flowers on Memorial Day."

LA Times 8/24/75 - when Glenn was asked about Pres. - "I am not foreclosing on anything. I am not running for--or from--anything." Same as later disclaimer.

Some early flap that he wasn't spending enough money on staff in the state.

"Look Out Folks John Glenn Has Landed" Cleveland Summer 1974 Edward Whalen (I copied this - good on campaign.)

"Sen. John Glenn: From Astronaut to Keynote Speaker" - Robert Walters - Washington Post 7/11/76 - when asked what his keynote speech would be about, be said it would be "along inspirational lines"!


subhead says "John Glenn's climb up the ladder of success from Maine combat pilot to astronaut to U.S. Senator is probably not over. Sooner or later observers feel, he'll carry the Democratic Party's flag into the race for President."

In 1970 - "Everytime I would open up for questions and answers after a discourse on something, within the first two or three questions somebody would ask about space and we never would get off it."

But, in 1974, "We'd go for maybe a week or ten days at a time without any question ever being asked about space."
"Glenn has earned a reputation here as one of the hardest working senators. He works long hours, passes up interviews or cozy sessions with delegations from home to attend committee meetings or participate in floor debates. Although he once entertained the thought of hiring a super media type for press secretary, such as those who scramble around here for an inch of type in the NYT or WP, Glenn settled on a press secretary from Ohio" (Avakian).

A growth type comment "As life goes on you get more experience in different fields. You are able to take things on a little different, a little bigger league than you were playing in before. There is no doubt that we are in the majors here."

He talks about the Royal Crown period - 'It wasn't something that I sat back and brooded over or anything like that, but perhaps I was being less productive than I wanted to be."

They ask him all the questions about running. Of the presidency - "it's everything." As he talked about Carter.

"I'm just going to be doing my job and if they get around to thinking about me, OK. I'm here and that's it."

"The Hero As Politician: John Glenn's Hard Road" Washington Post Magazine 1/12/75 Myra McPherson (I copied it.)

1976 - Glenn touted by some/favorite son candidate - declines to be one.

Throughout this 1975-76 period, Glenn's comment is that "I'm not running for anything nor am I running away from anything." Or "I'm just trying to be the best U.S. Senator Ohio has ever had." This is what they say when people ask him about VP or P.

Transcript of Herb Kamm Show out of Cleveland, I think - Participants
are Chairmans Gitlin, Sheldon Shecter and George Forbes. Steve Avakian sends it to Glenn - Re Glenn's Speech.

Kamm: "He was the favorite going in, and everyone thought he'd be the VP, yet he bombed out... He had no rolling phrases, his delivery was flat."

Forbes: I frankly think Barbara Jordan did John in... "He had alluded to the fact earlier in the day at the meeting with the caucus that there was no great pleasure to be on the platform with B.J. She has a tendency to use the English language very well and to capture an audience. And she did it that night." She was able to capture those people... He had spoken before that and he just couldn't do it...had John been able to do what she had done (that) he would have been the nominee..."

Shecter: "...Barbara Jordan just overwhelmed John. She was tremendous, and he knew it was coming. He's no fool, he knows his limitations and his powers of speaking and certainly knew her s. But I think it was good old fashioned politics that made the final decision for Jimmy Carter..." idea was that Carter was weak in liberal community.

Forbes disagrees. "I think what had the final say as to why he picked Mondale over Glenn was that Mondale had more time in the Senate."

From time to time, these guys speak of John as "a guy who's a hero image throughout this country." "If there's one guy that's clean in politics it's John Glenn." "enjoys enormous prestige in Ohio" "absolutely clean" "very capable" "boy scout image."

"Jimmy Carter's Choice""Joseph Kraft. Talks about V.P. possibilities. Re Glenn "Unfortunately, he has only the most superficial, Boy Scout-type understanding of national and international problems."

"Who's on Second?" VP article Cleveland Plain Dealer - 6/27/82 they list Glenn's weakness as: "The major minus on Glenn's sheet is his lack of
experience in national office...he is known as an earnest worker, but does not yet have (a) reputation as a heavy weight in the Senate establishment."

Would Glenn take VP? "If my name is in somebody's hat, I'm not going to take it out." Plain Dealer story by Gov. Rasanen.

Glenn holds press conference 5/9 Columbus Dispatch - says he's available.

Chicago Tribune - 7/15/76 - Marilynn Preston - re Glenn - She liked the substance and found it rather exciting—but admitted style was not great. "I find it old-fashioned and refreshing."

"A ho-hum speaker," "The media made television the message and that is unfortunate. Glenn is saying something interesting about choosing our future, and the pundits who choose to disregard the message as boring because the speaker is less than flashy are missing a subtle and important difference in the convention."

During the speculation about VP, the name of Steve Kovacik, his '74 campaign manager kept coming up. He's wealthy, wheeler dealer, said to give 80,000 to Glenn campaign.

"Columbus Dispatch 7/12 - George Embray - "Keynoter Glenn Busily Preparing National Address" - article covers his arrival in NY "was greeted like the superstar he has become in pre convention speculation about the vice presidency."

He'll speak for 15 minutes and he says "Nobody rebuilt the world in 15 minutes."

He and family "were treated like the highly regarded prospective second family of the nation they have become. A crowd of reporters, photographers and several network television crews awaited the Glenn family arrival at LaGuardia airport. When the Glenn's stepped out of the closed ramp into the waiting area, lights flashed, cameras hummed and several hundred spectators
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crowded around. US Senator Barry Goldwater--came in on the same flight from Washington but few noticed."

Some issues where Glenn differed from lib Dems - he voted vs. situs picketing, for B1 vs. oil company divestiture - Some headlines as to his differences with Dem platform.

Also headlines that he once considered running as a Republican - apparently Bliss tried to talk him into running for Congress as a Repub. It is probably these stories that George Forbes referred to in Kamm show as people pulling the rug out from under Glenn. Stories came out on July 2nd, 3rd.

Glenn's drawbacks are seen as Washington experience, foreign affairs, inexperience quality of other candidates.

"Glenn Remains Calm: Will Carter tap him on shoulder? Ohio Senator unfazed by attention." Brad Tillson, Columbia's Daily News 7/11/76 - a story about Glenn "in eye of hurricane." After his 4 hour meeting with Carter - Does he want to be VP?" "If you thought you really could do more about the direction in which the country is headed in that spot than you could from here, you'd have to give it serious consideration." (his motive all the way along--for advancement re service, contribution, impact.)

What about the campaign for election if you got it? "There are plusses and minuses. My life hasn't exactly been my own for a long time, but if this occurred, I suppose I'd have less control over my life day in and day out. You weigh that against what you might be able to do. It's the same thing as going into politics. Nobody enjoys running for the Senate. You can't look forward to the fund raising and the hurly burly of a campaign month after grinding month, but you weight that against what you might be able to do once you get there."

Evans and Novak on Glenn's loss - "What doomed Glenn was not his dismal
keynote address, but a furious liberal campaign against him on the convention floor." labor and Jews were vs. him. "blackballed by the VAW" and "criticized for being insufficiently pro-Israel." They argue Carter was influenced by mood of convention.

Pre convention stuff says Carter not impressed by Glenn in these meetings—but there's an immense amount of speculation surrounding Glenn.

Re Glenn's early accomplishments in Senate—at time of VP story—He had 23 straight amendments adopted and had missed only 3 roll calls. Sounds a lot like PD's 1st campaign.

"What Made John Glenn Run" (How he made the decision to quit as an astronaut and enter politics) Saturday Evening Post, 2/22/64. Harold Martin and Don Oberdorfer.

Once described himself as "either a liberal Republican or a conservative Democrat." agreed with JFK and LBJ re space program.

Key point is that it was JFK assassination that triggered his decision. His "closest civilian friend and confident" Dr. Robert Voas, psychologist to astronauts said, "Up until the time of the President's death he had been drifting, weightless, in a sea of indecision. The death of the President was the catalyst, the precipitating agent, which crystallized his thinking. In the weeks following the President's funeral all his thoughts about his own future and the best way he could use his talents came into focus."

What happened afterflight? "The President had received him at the White House. The Vice President had escorted him to the Capitol to address both houses of a cheering Congress. Road, bridges, streets, schools and hundreds of babies had been named after him, and wherever he went thousands thronged to see him and hear him speak, heaping upon him an adulation few men have ever known."

Neither party knew what his views were, but both wooed him. He knew he
would be grounded as an astronaut and couldn't fly again. Yet, there is some sense, the authors say, that Glenn likes to venture into the unknown.

They point out that he had always had a citizen's interest in politics: he voted regularly (for Nixon in 1960), he wrote English themes on the US Senate as a kid, he visited Capitol Hill with family, watched debate on Selective Service from galleries.

Politics very different, though from space flight. Lots of preparation for space; no morality to it. "To Glenn, with his trained scientific mind, it seemed that as a politician he would be flying blind. The political people were asking him to launch himself with an undetermined orbit, strapped into a capsule bearing a party label, with no knowledge of how the controls would work, or of what heats and pressures he would be called upon to endure. Tentatively he reaffirmed his early judgment. Politics was not the answer. He would stay in the space agency."

Hence his indecision—at time of assassination. He was chosen as the representative of the astronauts to go to funeral. He watched the crowds in the rotunda on TV and then decided to go over. First he went to Lincoln Memorial to read the speeches and then went on to the Capitol to file by the casket. Was moved by the experience—began to think more about politics—wooed by both parties. On January 15—to "OK Bob, It's Go." Made decision in office of Scott Carpenter—called wife and parents—run vs. Young in primary.

Why he came down as a Dem? Parents were Dems, his association with LBJ and JFK, the fact that Dems had a Senate seat to offer and Repubs had a Senate candidate. Dems afraid Young couldn't win.

They describe his formal announcement of candidacy in Columbus.
"Seldom in the history of American politics has a serious candidate begun a race for high office with so little organized support. Around him as he addressed the reporters was his entire political camp: Bob Voas, the psychologist, whose previous experience in politics had been as a poll watcher; Rep. Wayne Hays, a political figure of limited renown in Ohio; Donald R. Gosney, Democratic Chairman in a small and remote county; Clarence Graham, an old friend of Glenn's father; and Robert (Mic) McDaniel, a rotund, soft drink bottler from East Liverpool." (Jan. 19th)

party had already endorsed Steve Young, because they didn't know what Glenn was going to do. On Monday the Dem. convention was going to meet. Glenn's group went to hotel and all delegates came to see him. He wouldn't talk politics with them at all--he was in Marines, he said, and Hatch Act forbid it. He wouldn't go near the convention floor either because of Hatch Act. But he greeted them in his suite - Result was that convention made no endorsement. An early Glenn victory.

A story re his behavior while convention was on. "At a crucial moment, an ardent supporter came panting in. Would the colonel come down and stroll about the lobby, just to make his presence felt? No, Glenn said, he didn't think he ought to do that. OK, the supporter argued, how about just coming down and bringing a newspaper? There wasn't anything in the Hatch Act saying a man couldn't buy a newspaper in a hotel lobby, was there? No, the colonel said, he didn't suppose there was. But if he went down there to buy a newspaper, he'd know that wasn't his real purpose in being there. He'd know it was a maneuver designed to stampede the convention. And that wouldn't be right."

"It's that damned conscience of his, said Mic McDaniel... He backed off like we wanted him to go down and hold up a bank."
The next day a couple of pol. pros joined the group and a finance director, Fred Bohn. The latter said the campaign had 65.00 in the till. Bob Voas and Ford Eastman opened a headquarters.

But, to indicate how people felt, even then about Glenn, the authors end by quoting Voas. "I felt the first time he would go all the way--I feel this time he will go all the way. I know this guy. I've studied him. In politics, as in space, there's no limit to how far he can go." They add "Voas's confidence implies what many men suspect—that Glenn in his Senate race is making a test flight, getting the feel of the controls. But his eye is still on a moon shot—the longest political moon of them all."

Does fact that he's been dogged by this talk since the beginning have any effect. Does it make him accept it as a "given." Or will it wear him out as a fresh face.

*I think his failures are important, too. How a person reacts to losing is important, too. And that's a part of Glenn that's worth looking at.

Back to VP stuff. As to why he didn't get it, there are a lot of different answers—but the speech does not seem to have been considered the main reason.

Staff—A quote from article. "Senator Glenn's solid Image Could Thrust him Forward." Richard Starnes of Scripps Howard. "Glenn is ultra cautious. There probably isn't a mo-e protective staff on the Hill than his." True?

Re 1976 Election —"Democratic Chairman says Glenn was key to 'Sweep'"

Daily Sentinel Tribune, Bowling Green, 11/3/82.

Tipps—"We made a flat out sweep on Ohio... All of these people in these groups led by Sen. John Glenn who campaigned all over the state last week made the difference... He (Glenn) didn't miss one of those small towns. Look at the rural areas and compare how we did them compared to what we usually do. Glenn was the difference there."
About the speech, I think it had more of an effect on the press than delegates. Press in Ohio joined in:

Bill Randle of Sun Press in Cleveland Heights 7/29/76. "John Glenn blew the vice pres. nomination in New York recently by making what has to be the least inspired public speech of our political present."

Elyria Chronicle Telegram - "Glenn came off as too intense, too serious, too humorless--though obviously sincere... He should have said 'Thanks but no thanks to the speech invitation.'

Jimmy Breslin in the Plain Dealer - "We were left Monday night with one hell of a hero standing in Madison Square Garden without excitement in paper or voice. There was no way to help him. They brought him on like a fighter, out of the crowded floor, out of the Ohio delegation, and it was supposed to be thrilling... Nobody noticed when John Glenn got up to talk... If he had a good night outside the Garden, with people sitting at home. Then perhaps it might contribute to a better night later this week. The trouble was, he had a good night nowhere." etc. etc.

Laughingly he had said before "I'll just make the speech and then duck. And be thankful I didn't have to follow here."

National Journal, 9/24/76 - "displayed an amazing inability to inspire an audience."

National Journal - Glenn bombed completely with a string of leader cliches which he delivered rather listlessly."

I have copied some of better post mortems. But it died quickly.

The speculation was heavy; the aftermath brief.

A Cleveland Press article of March 15, 1975 says Glenn is making first post election visit there and has no office open and that there are "sour tastes around town about the new Senator's seeming neglect of the Cuyahoga County area."
In Cleveland Press - 6/26/76 - Glenn says "I think I voted for Kennedy"
also can't remember saying he was between lib Rep and cons Dem.

"Is John Glenn ready for vice presidency "Beacon Journal statement by
Steve Kovak "John is a loner. He doesn't care for organization politics. He's a fighter pilot who just wants a good ground crew in politics. But he's a savvy campaigner."

Other articles on Glenn in Senate. "Glenn finally making his mark in the Senate".

Cleveland Press 12/27/77 James Jerzog "a fiercely independent legislator who is in nobody's political camp" - quote to that effect.

by labor lobbyists etc. - can't tell how he'll vote etc.

On his indecision "I guess I'd say I have an inordinate desire to be certain when I make a decision... It's easy to run out and make a headline lancing somebody and maybe do a guy irreparable harm for the rest of his life while I go my merry way after having made my pitch to the press."

"You can frame your questions at those hearings so they're either inflammatory or headline grabbing, but usually that's not the fair way to handle the witness."

In the military, he says, "You don't make poppy cock decisions off the top of your head. Somebody may die because of your rashness."

"In the liberal-conservative thing, I am somewhere in the middle. I don't try to characterize myself too much."

He votes, therefore, on a "pragmatic, one issue at a time basis," authors words not Glenn's.

Glenn talked about his views emerging gradually - "All at once, we were being asked questions that I'd never dream people would ask... I determined way back even in those days I would answer them. I'd give my
opinion for whatever it was worth. (Then as candidate) "You go into more and more of telling what your views are. When you get here you refine your views even more." A notion of growth.

Idea of serving your country is just as strong notion with John and that comes through in all articles.

"Experts Liking Glenn" David Hess, Dayton Daily News, 8/10/78

"This absence of any strong philosophical moorings, of course, is both a bane and a boon. It is a bane in the sense that it provides no beacon for a voting constituency that might be yearning for a steady, reliable, identifiable pol. symbol. It is a boon in the sense that it gives Glenn innumerable policy options."

"John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum, Robert Tenenbaum, Columbus Monthly, good as two Senators - poor quality copy.

"The staffs reflect the Senator's personalities. Glenn's staff is generally more cautious, less aggressive. Most of them went through the 1974 campaign and felt all that animosity. It's still with them. Howard's staff is aggressive as hell, and they work twice as hard. There's an air of almost panic up there. Something is going on every single minute."

Glenn, "The media concentrates on the here and now. They're all caught up in things like 'It's snowing today.' But if I walked in here with a brilliant idea for long range weather forecasting and control. I couldn't get three lines back on the obit page... I worked two and a half years on the nuclear anti proliferation legislation. It's something not as important to the whole world. But only at the very end, when the bill finally came to the floor, did anyone write anything about it."

"I can't think of anyone I'd really call a crony." (But Metz lists a bunch)
A comment that Glenn didn't do much casework till Metzenbaum came in, and then Glenn picked up.

Lorain Journal - 4/27/75 - "A Look at John Glenn's 100 Days as a Senator."
"I guess the biggest regret is that I'm not more people and I can't have a bigger staff." Great staff reliance, I think.

"John Glenn Duty and Plain Old Work". David Hess, Akron Beacon Journal. "There are a couple of things to keep in mind about John Glenn: He has implied faith in the power and goodness of technology. And he is a dogged achiever." (I think I copied this. check it - if not, I should. Has "dis in headline."

Coffee with Glenn staff - Doherty, Fertig and Buftland 1/15/82

When I mentioned John's failures as one possible counterpoint theme, they talked about his determination and aggressiveness in getting what he wants. He was assigned early in WWII to fly freighters or something and he applied to be a fighter pilot and got it. Then when he started as a fighter pilot he was assigned to some support role and he asked to be a fighter pilot to get it.

His wing commander, they say, a man named--Miller is a close friend of his--a man JC says is best pilot he's ever known.

Ed says "There's a lot in his Senate operation that comes from his experience as a pilot. He wants all the information he can get. He loves information. A pilot wants all the information there is before he goes up."

Dan said "But he wants to make the decision himself. Every pilot wants to make his own decisions."

They went on to talk about how he likes "the facts" and what a great memory he has. "

Ed: "He has a better memory than anyone ought to have. It's like a computer. You'll tell him something and a couple of years later, he'll come out with it and ask you 'wasn't that it?' And I'll have forgotten it."
Dole: "You get so used to talking to him and having him tap his pipe, fish in the drawer, straighten his papers--and then all of a sudden he'll look at you and ask a question. He's been listening."

They talked, interestingly about how Mike gave him some figures in a meeting and JG said "Mike's got some good facts there." And, as soon as he said that, Mike began to hedge and explain that his "facts" were not absolutely hard and fast etc.--qualifying them. The point I made was that Mike, who comes from HUD was used to having his memos filter up through levels of the bureaucracy and here he was faced with a situation where his memo was accepted by the Senator, who would take them to Ohio and use them. He got a little scared.

Ed said "Accountability is very direct here. When you tell him something, he assumes it's true."

They say Brian Usher and Doug Loewenstien are 2 best Ohio newsmen - Nat'l people who know him are Reston and Lauden Wainwright—who wrote something in Life Magazine last month and who—at one time anyway—was closer to Glenn and understood him better than anyone else.

The three of them tried to think of an issue for Glenn to pick up out of air crash—i.e. restrict nat'l airport, but use helicopter to get to Dulles. Then they started in on drunk driving. "a no-lose issue" says Dole. But Pell and Mike Barnes have a bill in "Pell has a bill in. But he doesn't do anything about it. Barnes does all the work." (Dan) and they search for a different angle.

Glenn's 1979 income $721,000.

"Workhorse Label Fits Glenn, Observers Say." 7/4/76 David Hess - Akron Beacon Journal. "His diligence and attention to detail have paid off in one respect: He has sponsored 25 amendments to various bills and won Senate
approval of everyone... It is true that some of these amendments were not particularly controversial... it is also true that on some of them he had potent allies... Even so, the string of victories is an astonishing feat considering that Glenn is a freshman senator who isn't supposed to have mastered the intrigues and intricacies of getting laws passed." (the one market (see PD) phenomenon)

"If Glenn has any faults as a legislator, they are related to his inability at times to make up his mind and to his lack of abiding interest in the problems of the poor."

"Glenn Follows American Way to Top" David Hess - Beacon Journal, 8/17/75.
"You set certain goals and you hope certain things will happen and you work in that direction. But it's still a lot of luck. That doesn't mean that when you have an opportunity, you don't work very hard at it. And, there, your ability and willingness to work very hard puts you ahead. And maybe as a result of that, you're then considered for other things. That's been the case with me—in the Marine Corps, in a combat situation that led to my being a test pilot, that led into the space program, and then to becoming well enough known to make it possible to enter public life."

Not much press effort up to now. "One person's efforts tend to get lost in a maze unless you make a real big press effort, which I haven't done. (Sometimes) I've been over on the floor and gotten an amendment passed and I'm really elated. I get my kicks out of it, but I've come back and not remembered to tell...my press secretary."

Article by Joe Rice in Plain Dealer after 1980 election notes that Time & Newsweek listed likely contenders for 1984. "One name was conspicuously absent from both lists—Sen. John Glenn of Ohio." A typical failure of Washington
media—which grabs onto new faces in such situations.

Fund Raising for 1980 - 63,000 in 1978; 87,000 by June 30, 1979.

Talk in papers about Woody Hayes - Art Modell running vs. J.G.

Glenn says "a name a week" is being offered vs. him.

"Glenn Poll: Carter may drag the ticket." John Greeman, Warren Tribune Chronicle 4/8/79. Steve Avakian quoted "The underlying rub (between these) is that Glenn feels he was treated shabbily in the (1976) vice presidential selection process."

In the 1980 news clips, it is clear that Glenn is a very strong candidate and that he has discouraged any strong opponent by this time. Some examples:

Steve Wilson in Columbus Dispatch - "...running vs. John Glenn (is) like running into brick walls. It could be just one step short of suicide...other article (copied) talk of lambs to slaughter."

Morning Telegraph Madison Ohio - 11/23/79. Tim Miller "Remark Compares Betts Campaign to 'Titanic'".

Betts gets into race Jan. 3, 1980.

"Betts Draws Varied Support To Declare Campaign Effort" - Duane St. Clair, Columbus Dispatch. "Many observers believe...that the Republican candidate might end up being nothing more than a sacrificial lamb in a race against the popular Glenn and that Betts will be the only one willing to run."

Glenn Staff (Ed) 35 people - 6 admin. people - White - alter ego - has own secretary. Sen. has pers. sec'y and 3 others scheduling secretaries (1 in town; 2 out of town), 2 press secretaries, speech writer, leg. staff 6 - 2 constit. services, mail services.

If you can tell something about a person from what opposition says - JG's primary opponent charged that he had done nothing for Ohio, that 95% of staff
were non Ohioans and "many of them don't even know where the state is." JC "is a sweet person, but he doesn't have any constituency in Ohio." "He has been a Senator 5 years now and he hasn't done anything." "The thing that everyone asks me is 'What has John Glenn done?'" He's more concerned with China and Russians, 9/1/79 Columbus Dispatch.

Ashbrook - Lorain Journal, Richard Thomas 7/11/79 - "John Glenn has been a little docile. I wouldn't say he's been asleep, but he's been a little docile..." called him "a Rip Van Winkle who's been sleeping for 5 years and then wakes up and gets energetic a year before he's up for reelection."

"I've been around the state and what I hear is that whatever faults Howard Metzenbaum may have, at least you know he's been around the state and what I hear is that whatever faults Howard Metzenbaum may have, at least you know he's been around. But I don't get quite the same temperature reading on John Glenn."

Ashbrook re Metzenbaum "Howard can find a camera just about as fast as anyone."

Betts has 2 criticisms of Glenn (1) in favor of big government, i.e., too liberal for Ohio. (2) "The neglect and passive observation of the incumbent while Ohio lost jobs and federal funds..."

"Betts Joining Senate contest but Glenn is formidable" - Cleveland Plain Dealer, Thomas Diemer, 1/3/80. Reaction to Betts announcement. "Betts-- has stepped into a breach left by the reluctance of bigger name Republicans to challenge Glenn, regarded as a formidable incumbent. "I've been anxious for somebody to get on this race for a long time", said GOP State Chairman Earl T. Barnes.

"Gilligan may have made his biggest intra party mistake by taking on former astronaut John Glenn, who wanted to be a U.S. Senator. "Gilligan offered Glenn Lieutenant Governor slot in 1974. But "In September of 1973, Glenn went public with the backstage maneuvering by standing up in a state party meeting and Blasting Gilligan for 'bossism, blackmail' and for 'attempting to stomp me into the political mud.' It was a harbinger of things to come in 1974 when Glenn adopted a feisty campaign style to dump Metzenbaum..." [Columbus Dispatch - "Devine Reagan to Do Battle: Leadership Role Not Taken Lightly," George Embrey. Says Devine has "gradually shifted his outlook in Washington" since he became Conference Chairman. "Too often in the past, promotion to leadership posts have cost other congressmen deeply back home mainly because of a lack of attention to strictly 'local district issues.' That's no problem with me said Devine. 'I go home every weekend and I hear about everybody's problems with Washington.'"

Another article re Betts. "Glenn's Challenges", Dick Kimmins, Cleveland Press, 1/26/80. "We have to separate John Glenn the astronaut from John Glenn the senator. As the Senator, he has been a disappointment to the people of this state." Betts.

"Betts's strategy will center around one theme: John Glenn admittedly is a hero to his country. But what has he done for Ohio during his six-year stint in the U.S. Senate?"

"The odds that Betts or any other Republican might upset Glenn this year are long—long enough to keep former Senators Bill Saxbe and Robert Taft and several GOP Congressmen out of the fray. They are waiting until 1982 and Howard Metzenbaum." Ashbrook, Brown.
Fundraising - As of December 31, 1979 he had raised 324,000 - mostly from 9 fund raisers held " 2 years in Ohio and Washington."

When asked why he should be elected to the Senate, he emphasizes what he has done for Ohio--exclusively in some interviews.

Appropos of the frantic season for someone to run against Glenn there was a move to get Neil Armstrong to run. I copied article - Then Woody Hayes, then Art Modell.

He eventually got two weak candidates.

"Sen. Glenn's Fund raising goal set somewhere near 1.4 million" - Jim Macek, Warren Tribune, 2/10/80. "Glenn has enough going for him that he could stretch out on a hammock and sip tomato juice during the rest of the campaign--rising only for another victory speech."

Opponents running for the publicity.

"John Glenn's hero image is still alive" Rick Zarbaugh, Lorain Journal. JG "I think of John Gilligan teaching a couple of classes at Notre Dame and I am in the United States Senate." Savoring that victory still.

After his victory JG talked a lot about trust. "I consider tonight's results a sign of big trust." (UPI) "The people of Ohio have reaffirmed their trust in me and that's a trust I treasure."
File gets active in mid to late September. On Sept. 23, he holds press conference and says he's against AWACS sale unless modified - after a talk with Allen.

On Oct. 2 after Haig's testimony, he's still opposed. "Because he is one of a handful of Senators who fully understand the highly advanced AWACS technology, Glenn has become a pivotal figure in the outcome of the AWACS debate. His continued opposition to the deal, it is believed, could influence several wavering senators. Ever since Glenn announced a week ago that he opposed the unrestricted sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia, the White House has been looking for a way to win his support."

"Cincinnati Enquirer" 9/23/81 - "I don't want to take the chance of this being a diplomatic Dunkirk, in stark terms and I don't think it's necessary if we can negotiate some kind of joint crewing or joint command of some kind."

In early going Glenn thought to be pivotal - Springfield Sun. "Glenn Spars with Haig over AWACS Sale." - Lars-Erik Nelson (Knight Ridder).

"Sen. J.G. the ex-astronaut whose expert objections helped to kill the SALT II Treaty, ran up a potentially decisive 'No Sale' Thursday on the Reagan administration plan to sell AWACS plans to Saudi Arabia.... Glenn's objections were particularly damaging because he made them on practical military grounds rather than out of a desire to please the Israeli lobby. He charged that the 'down links', or air to ground communication, from the AWACS would be dangerously vulnerable to energy jamming." That's because admin will sell a downgraded plane to Saudis.

Mary McGrory article "Sale of AWACS to Saudis Tearing Congress Apart" Re the Glenn vs. Haig confrontation. "The severest threat to the secretary's
equanimity...comes from Sen. John Glenn whose understanding of military
gadgetry matched Haig's own."

"Glenn Flies AWACS Plan" - Rick Thomas, Cleveland Press, Oct. 8, 1981
(have copy). "AWACS has put Glenn more at the center of attention than at any
time in his Senate career since he was a finalist to become Jimmy Carter's
running mate."

Articles I've copied note as he did in our talk that his influence
came early. "I think my impact has probably diminished since last summer."