

CARL FORD

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My interview with PD gets called off. "He's too preoccupied" says Angela. Also, Mayor of Alb. is waiting.

I stop by Juvenile Justice Subcommittee where Arlen--flanked by Boren and Nickles is investigating Oklahoma juvenile facilities--with all major networks in attendance.

Stopped by Foreign Relations and went to talk to Carl Ford.

Re impact of 1984 campaign. Discussing Israeli issue behind closed doors. Glenn says--acc. to Carl "He said, If any of the people I'm getting advice from are giving it to me because of 1984 politics then--and he doesn't swear very often--damn it count me out."

"I tell him that as far as the party is concerned, the important thing is for the Democrats on this committee to stick together. That will be most helpful to the people who are running in 1982."

"The only argument I make to him is that he has not been known for his votes on agriculture, or housing. If he starts concentrating on those issues, he gives up Meet the Press, Good Morning America and the Today Show. The only issues on which he has given the administration fits are foreign policy issues--AWACS and START. I'm getting messages back from my friends in the administration that they are worried to death about his position on SALT Two. He is pushing them to a position they know they will have to take when the talks start. They hate to be pushed; they want it to be their issue. But they hate most of all to be pushed by a Senator like Glenn."

The idea was that other staff members think he should go domestic--in the light of 1984. "Some staff members think 1984 is having an effect."

Carl's point is that John is not doing what he's doing because of 1984. He absented himself on purpose from the Israeli discussion on Tuesday--not because

he wouldn't vote with Dems., but because he's never been all that gung ho about getting into a pro Israel orgy.

Carl is circulating a amendment asking for 5B for aid to Israel for hospitals. Shows it to Paul Tsongas. "I gave serious consideration to offering something like that. Maybe we should take the whole amount and propose to give it all to Israel. These people who say 'I have never voted against aid to Israel' might have to vote against it. But they'd probably vote for it."

I sit in Foreign Relations for a while.