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Kirk's comments re issue areas - taken from Glenn speeches and CR statements.

Soc. Sec. - "Senator Glenn has said little about this topic...never does he outline his own proposed solutions...does not outline any thoughts about the Medicare system which senior citizens rely upon..."

"has not been involved with issues that affect federal employees."

"the Senator has not made crime a priority."

"no mention ...of busing...prayer in schools...and tuition tax credits."

"Sen. Glenn obviously has not played a leadership role on issues affecting the elderly even though he sits on the Special Senate Committee on Ageing. For example, I found no speeches to senior citizens groups since January, 1981."

"Sen. Glenn did not develop any comprehensive thoughts on the environment... I imagine environmentalists would squirm to read this packet on Sen. Glenn's activities and comments on the subject dear to their hearts. On acid rain, he sides with the companies. The same on beverage containers. The same with the Clean Air Act... Sen. Glenn is extremely weak in this area based on the material I read."

Women's Issues "Sen. Glenn has said very very little about this topic!" In 3 speeches he mentions ERA but no argument or passion.

"Sen. Glenn obviously has played a low key role regarding health issues. I found no comments, not one, about national health insurance, catastrophic coverage or hospital cost containment legislation... This entire field is one that has not received significant attention from the Senator. He spoke to no groups in the health field."

Housing. "Sen. Glenn does not voice an opinion on the key housing

question--what should the Federal Government do to promote housing starts...

In general, Sen. Glenn has not played a leadership role in the area of housing...

"Sen. Glenn has consistently supported the 'black position' on key legislation before Congress, but he has not established himself as a leader in this field."

"Sen. Glenn did not discuss agricultural issues in any comprehensive way. I found no speeches, news releases or Congressional Record statements that focussed on these concerns in any detail."

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Furtek says, in his memo that JG is "very weak" in areas of "health and crime" and wants him to do more there.

I suppose one problem painted up here is simply that Senators don't normally cover all the areas that a Presidential candidate needs to cover. But it also points up a flaw in John Glenn's candidacy. He has no interest in a lot of the screw-economic issues that traditional Democrats tend to. The compassion side of things does not come through. "There is, I think, a fairly important lesson to be learned in the fact that Mike Hatfield was not 'turned on' and nurtured and utilized and, indeed, recruited by John Glenn. His area was housing. Glenn sees no need to do anything in this area and he sees no need. The lesson may be, however, that all this proves how little JG ever focussed on Presidential race. If he had been really serious, he'd have been a lot more attentive to such policies.