"When I saw Glenn in the campaign, he didn't seem to come into focus. He didn't seem to know what issue he wanted to emphasize—whether to be in front of the confederate memorial or what. When I saw him in the Senate, he seemed to know just what he was doing. He made a perfunctory speech on affirmative action and then went over to the Senate floor and really took Reagan to task on nuclear non-proliferation—something he really has his heart in. He was very sure of himself. The staff emphasized the first speech, the wrong one—as they usually do... He's still a loner.... And another thing he hasn't changed is his reluctance to take credit. Some Youngstown people got caught in Saudia Arabia without their passports and Glenn called the Saudi Ambassador, who is a friend of his, and got them released. But he didn't take any credit for it. When the NASA agency in Cleveland got some extra money recently, he did that, but he didn't take credit. They were his friends over there and he called them and got it. Mary Rose Oakar raised hell, and he thought it might be counterproductive. I thought she was helpful—like the bad reporter, good reporter routine."

He thinks John has made a good reentry. "He's such a hard working person, he wouldn't let it bother him."

He commented on how John had done something "very unusual" in defending Metzenbaum vs. an attack in Washington Times—in light of their feuding.