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Ran into Rose and Ernestine who dragged me to the office and saw Murphy and MJ.

MJ is still obsessed with her own situation, psyche, relation to John, etc. She's made up with John and Annie and is close to them again; has her resume out; wants a "coordinator" role in the campaign; is trying to get John geared up; is having the usual difficulties.

A typical Glenn story. He has finally gotten a Chairman of his Steering Committee. "We put together a list of people we thought should be on the steering committee and decided who we thought should be the chairman. John and I went to his office to ask him to do it. He agreed. Then, after he had agreed, he said "I work better without a committee. Let's wait on the committee. John and I walked out with our mouths open. It took me months to get him that far; and it turned out we didn't know anything about this guy. So we still have no steering committee. Do you know how many times John has spoken to his chairman since then (from February to April)--just once, for ten seconds! We have no organization. We haven't had one since 1974, because we haven't had to. We haven't done any fundraising. We have 100,000 in the bank for the campaign. We have no one to run our fund raising. With the Marvin Warner business, everyone is fair game. I think John is still strong personally. But if I were a Republican I'd be looking very seriously at the possibility of a race. Several of them are, from what we hear, Kindness, Wylie, McEvan. And Kucinich will run against us in the primary. The local politicians will support us; they will endorse us. But they will not work for us until and unless we show them something. Their attitude is that they've done

a lot and they aren't going to do anything else until John Glenn starts moving. And he won't start moving seriously until he changes his attitude about his profession. He still doesn't like politics."

This is in nice contrast to Murphy who says that the Armed Services Committee has been great for him. He loves it, works hard early morning to late at night, is recognized for expertise, asked by House members for help on MX Missile, etc. etc. She saw it as his salvation. It's perfect picture of John being thrilled and deeply involved in military detail and uninvolved and aloof from politics. The same old John Glenn.