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"JG is not a traditional politician. And he ran a poorly conceived campaign. He doesn't reach out to other people and ask them for help. He won't get on the horn with labor leaders and say "I really need you. Can you help on this! He's uncomfortable making calls like that. He would draw crowds, but wouldn't follow up and go to the local people and ask for help. He seems to feel that 'I'm John Glenn. My record speaks to itself. I don't have to be a *skill* and sell myself like a traditional politician does.' He was misled by the ease of his general election victories. People forget John Glenn is not an invincible politician. He withdrew in 1964, but he would have been beaten had he run. He lost in 1970 and he won in 1974 only because Metzenbaum set him up with the comment that he had never held a job!"

"He enjoys the give and take in small groups."

"He's still complaining that we start campaigns too soon. They had to force him to start to run. He was trying to change the rules of the game in midstream." instead of accommodating to them. A kind of rigidity here in his reluctance to start early. "Everyone dumped on Bill White. But they had some of the biggest sleazes in the campaign organization. The people who came in were not committed to J.G. in any way. They were sleazy political hacks, interested in their own careers. The moment ^{he} showed weakness, they bailed out like rats on a sinking ship."

"Iowa was a complete disaster. You could see it coming. They didn't know what they were doing."

"He never surrounded himself with people who could challenge him."

"He wanted to be elected chairman of the delegation. But he didn't ask anyone. He could have had it if he had called Dick Celeste (Gov.) He just expected it to happen."

"There's no one to challenge him in Ohio. Labor is always talking about challenging John Glenn. The only way to beat him is in the primary. No Republican is strong enough to do it." (Later Bill Hershey told me that Bruce ~~F~~reed told him Oakar wouldnot challenge Glenn - would cost 3 M.)

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"John Glenn is a non-entity in the Ohio delegation. We've been asking ourselves 'What is he going to be doing at the convention?' The answer is 'nothing'. His press people say he's a leader, a unifier. Shit! John Glenn is a genial folk here. Dick Celeste (Governor) is the one on the move. When my editor was handing out assignments, I said 'We forgot John Glenn.' He said 'Oh, yes, he's going to be here, isn't he. Oh yeah.'"

Said John during this interview in an aside to me, showing me a letter hand delivered to him. "This shows you how dumb they are. After I withdrew, they called me to say how difficult it must have been. Since then I have not had one word from them. Then I got this letter last week addressed to "Dear Podium Participant" telling me when to appear for my makeup so I could deliver part of the platform. I told them no that I wasn't going to do that. They didn't ask me to speak. Then just now I got another message--it wasn't addressed to Podium Participant, but something just about like it (Platform reader or something like that.) I told my staff to shut that down. I'm not going to do it." Ohio newspapers carry that story on Sunday. I have clip. He was saying the same thing, in interviews the next day.

Ohio newsman - Re Glenn and Chairmanship. "Glenn said he was available to be the chairman if he was asked. The Hart people were mad because they won the primary and had fewer delegates. So they would not support a Mondale person as chair of the delegation. Glenn didn't want to get mixed up in that fight. They finally compromised on Jim Ruvalo, the State Chairman, who was uncommitted. That settled the Hart-Mondale dispute in the delegation. It's still simmering. But the visible signs are gone."

Brian Visher told me on Jan 16 that Glenn said he would take the chairmanship if offered to him, but he wouldn't campaign for it.

"I don't know why anyone would want it. All you do is hand it out."
~~(Glenn is a Visher? not clear)~~ Glenn, I think The reporter said it.