

Gemini and Mercury from the Glenn Archives

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I had the pleasure of looking over the John Glenn Archive at Ohio State University. I didn't have a whole lot of time so I only looked at a few items. Fortunately there was a copying service so I was able to get copies of some of the more useful items.

Retro Times for all the recovery zone for Schirra's Sigma 7 mission (MA8)
www.ibiblio.org/mscorbit/orbiter_files/ma8_retro_times.pdf

Capsule 13 (FriendShip 7) Mission Profile (block diagram)

www.ibiblio.org/mscorbit/orbiter_files/capsule_13_mission_profile.jpg

Gemini Capsule Control Panel (preliminary)

www.ibiblio.org/mscorbit/orbiter_files/gemini_control_panel.jpg

John Glenn Archives (NASA Records)

library.osu.edu/sites/archives/glenn/collection/nonsenate/nonsenatepapers3.htm

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P.S. Apparently Deke Slayton really wanted foot pedals for controlling yaw in both Mercury and Gemini spacecraft. I read a couple memos for both mercury and gemini where he kept recommending that foot pedal be used. He felt that twisting the joystick would make it too easy to induce roll motion as well as yaw and vice versa.

Glenn didn't see any problem with twisting the Joystick for yaw provided the breakout forces (the amount of deflection before the joystick actuates) were set right.

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