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TEXAS--VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING PATTERNS IN 30 LARGEST COUNTIES

Listed below is the following information: 1) In order of size, the 30 counties with the largest voting age populations in the state; 2) the 1968 registration figure; 3) the registration figure as of Jan. 31, 1972; 4) the estimated registration figure (based on county tax assessor estimates for the 1972 Presidential election; 5) whether a county voted victories for Kennedy, Humphrey, and Yarborough (over Bentsen in 1970)--marked by the sign of "+"; 6) whether a county voted against Kennedy, Humphrey, and Yarborough noted by the sign "-"; 7) whether Farenthold received over 40% of the vote in the run-off; 8) significant changes in voting population, in particular, who it was that registered (black, brown, youth, Republican, etc.).

<u>County</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>Jan. 31, 1972</u>	<u>Nov. 7, 1972</u>
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<u>Harris</u> (1,097,841)	583,721	578,339	820,000
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Harris gave a 61.2% majority to Farenthold. Much of increase in registration is black, brown, and youth; Republicans did not have big drive. Although Farenthold vote is not translatable into McGovern vote, it does indicate changing political complexion. Political groups working with us who did black-brown registration believe that with a well-financed get-out-the vote effort in the county, we will carry it.

<u>Dallas</u> (849,494)-	466,925	430,731	620,000
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Dallas county, notoriously conservative, had the best-organized voter drive in the state and registered at least 100,000 new black and brown voters; in addition, there are a lot of student votes in the area--which are in no way a moderate-liberal Democrat group--but which have evidenced growing interest in McGovern over the past two weeks. There will be a non-partisan get-out-the-vote effort based on the successful voter drive and concentrating on the hard-to-vote precincts. Their effort is a big plus for McGovern. Dallas gave 47% of its vote to Farenthold.

<u>Bexar</u> (516,449)	237,359	257,100	345,000
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Thousands of new Mex-Am voters have been registered who have to give McGovern big wins in their precincts to carry the county as big as we should to off-set other areas in the state. Farenthold received 44.2%.

<u>Tarrant</u> (462,876)-	242,693	225,468	310,000
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New black and brown voters. Farenthold-44.6%

<u>El Paso</u> (213,018)+	87,820	98,539	130,000
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El Paso, traditionally liberal (61.2% for Farenthold) has added thousands of Mex-Am voters who should vote a straight ticket; Raza may be a problem which necessitates voter education to secure McGovern vote

<u>Travis</u> (^{201,134} 150,561)+	102,264	128,052	160,000
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University of Texas registration figures are high. Blacks heavily registered; Mex-Am community less so, but picked up at least 3000 more in the last two months. Canvassing results thus far show Nixon and McGovern both at 36% with 28% undecided in the non-student anglo precincts. Farenthold-48.6%.