

Report to ABC's Nina McCall

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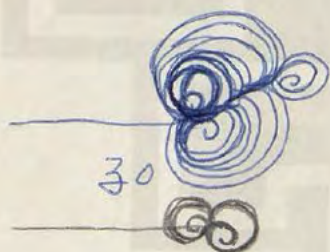
1) Alert leagues in spring or early summer that this will be coming.

2) Send proj. directors memo on state letterhead.

DIANA CLARK

6:00 ^{cp}

Letter - week or 10 days
practice ~~run~~ late Oct



Reason its diff

Nana Ryland
Comm. Education

DIANA CLARK

Bello - 9:30 Barrie

Sherman

Pat Phillips -

Judy Starr -

~~504-6479~~
593-6479

Nana Rylander - 892-6843 -]

2428 N Richetts

Sherman 75090

Mrs. Donald.
Bennie

Mauldin -

11-713-555
1612

- 496-9614 -

621 Rancho Bauer

~~Phantom~~ 77079

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1980 22 Leagues

Denton
Irving
Temple
Galveston } only 1 pct.

Temple - 4401. ✓

Tyler - 4429 ✓

San Antonio - 4402 ✓

4474 ✓

4403 ✓

4475 ✓

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4405 ✓

~~Houston~~ Baytown 4432 ✓
4430 ✓

4406 ✓

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~~Houston - 4432 ✓~~

4408 ✓

~~Pasadena
Baytown~~

4434 ✓

4409 ✓

4435 ✓

Brownsville - 4410 ✓

4436 ✓

4411 ✓

4437 ✓

4438 ✓

Harlingen - 4412 ✓

4439 ✓

4413 ✓

Montgomery Co. 4440 ✓
4441 ✓

4442 ✓

Dallas - 4414 ✓

4445 ✓

4415 ✓

4416 ✓

Pasadena (state unit) - 4443 ✓

4417 ✓

4444 ✓

4418 ✓

4433 ✓

4419 ✓

Marshall - 4446 ✓

4420 ✓

4447 ✓

4421 ✓

4422 ✓

Edinburg/McAllen - 4448 ✓

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4451 ✓

Irving - 4424 ✓

Lubbock - 4452 ✓

Denton - 4425 ✓

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4456 ✓

~~Pearland~~ 4428 ✓

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Bay Area 4426 ✓
4427 ✓

Waco - 4458 ✓
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4460 ✓
4461 ✓

Victoria - 4487 ✓
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4490 ✓

Midland - 4462 ✓
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4464 ✓
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4466 ✓

Paper
Krum
Waco - 4
Orange - 2 } 7 have 5

Corpus Christi - 4467 ✓
4468 ✓
4469 ✓
4470 ✓
4473 ✓

Orange - 4471 ✓
4472 ✓
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~~Tyler 4474 ✓~~
~~4475 ✓~~
~~4476 ✓~~

Electronic
Lubbock (6)
Abilene (4) ✓

Fort Worth - 4477 ✓
4478 ✓
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4480 ✓
4481 ✓
4482 ✓

Machines
73 - have 71

Abilene - 4483 ✓
4484 ✓
4485 ✓
4486 ✓

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September 9, 1980

Dear Local League Coordinator,

The League Of Women Voters of Texas again has been asked by ABC-TV to report the results of the president's race in the November election. Key precincts have been chosen across the state, and as coordinator, you will be responsible for selecting individual reporters for each key precinct assigned to your League. You may serve as a reporter if you wish.

Each reporter will be required to make one visit to the precinct judge prior to the election to introduce herself, explain the project, and to obtain the number of the closest telephone to the polling place along with permission to use it. This needs to be done well ahead of election night. If there is no phone available, the reporter must get permission from the person in charge of the building so that a special ABC telephone can be installed at her request.

Reporters will make one trial phone call to New York at a designated time on October . This phone call need not be made from the actual phone used on election night, but it is very important so that we can tell whether all systems are working properly. On November 4, each reporter will go to the assigned polling place, obtain the final count on the presidential race, and phone immediately to ABC in New York. In most cases, this will be within half an hour after the polls close. Since time is of such importance, it is necessary that the reporters be very dependable people. A reporter may want to select a team-mate to go with her on election night, especially if she has to drive very far from home.

The reporter's expenses will be paid by ABC. If the precinct is such a distance that it conflicts with the dinner hour, the reporter and her team-mate may eat out as part of the incurred expenses. An expense voucher will be sent in the reporter's handbook.

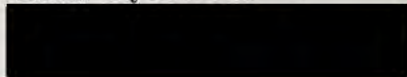
Attached is a copy of the selected key precincts for your League. Will you please, as soon as possible, send me the name, address and phone number of the League reporter for each precinct no later than October 1?

I will soon be sending you a publicity kit which you may find useful in getting recognition for your League's participation in the ABC Election Night Reporting.

If you have any questions, please call me collect at 214/868-1920.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this,

Nana Rylander
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September 9, 1980

Dear Local League President,

The Texas League will again be working with ABC-TV to report the November election returns. There are 90 key precincts across the state which local Leagues are asked to cover on election night.

Your League is requested to report on _____ precincts. You will need to select a coordinator who will in turn select a reporter for each precinct. (The coordinator may also serve as a reporter.) Please send the name, address, and telephone number of your coordinator to me by September 22. I will be acting as state coordinator.

The League members who have participated in this project in the past have found the work most interesting. It also gives the local Leagues an opportunity for some good publicity.

Enclosed is a letter and information for your local coordinator. If either of you have any problems or questions feel free to call me collect at 214/868-1920.

Thank you for giving this your immediate attention.

Yours truly,

Nana Rylander

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Name of League _____

Coordinator's Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

October 28, 1980

Dear Election Reporter,

Election day is drawing near! I'm contacting as many of you as I can by telephone, but since I'll probably miss some of you, I want to clarify our procedures in writing.

By now, you should have:

- (1) received (and read) your reporter's kit;
- (2) visited your precinct's polling place and located a telephone to use on election night;
- (3) returned the postcard (in your kit) telling me the number of the telephone you will use election night;
- (4) contacted the election judge at your precinct to make sure there will be no problems about your getting the results on election night;
- (5) called in your practise call October 29.

Now, here's a re-cap of the procedure for reporting on November 4:

Just as soon as you get the results, call the New York A.B.C. toll-free number (800-526-3947). Say, "This is Code #_____, and Check #_____." Then report the results for the Democratic, Republican, and any 3rd Party candidate - for president only.

If you get partial results and there is going to be any kind of a wait for the rest, go ahead and call those in, stating that you are giving partial results. Then call in the others as you get them. This is where a partner comes in handy.

Remember, minutes count with A.B.C. They immediately feed your figures into their computer which helps them predict the election.

The day after the election, you will need to fold and return the election handbook to me in the brown envelope provided. Also return the expense voucher listing any expenses. Don't hesitate to list any expenses you have had, including mileage. If the reporting requires you to be away from home at dinner time and you have to eat out, that is a legitimate expense. You may also take a partner with you and include his/her expenses on your voucher. Please return this promptly because we have to wait till we get them all in before anyone can be reimbursed.

A.B.C. is paying the state leagues for this service, so you deserve a big thank you in advance for helping earn these funds. I also want to thank you, because my job of getting 90 precincts covered in Texas would be a little scary, if I didn't know that I could depend on you! Have lots of fun on election night, and call me collect (██████████) if you need to.

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Expenses of Reporters

4402 -	5.60	4453 -	10.00
4403 -	6.60	4454 -	6.00
4405 -	16.50	4455 -	11.67
4406 -	4.00	4456 -	17.42
4407 -	17.95	4457 -	5.18
4408 -	6.40	4461 -	20.53
4412 -	5.00	4462 -	2.00
4413 -	5.60	4465 -	1.20
4414 -	16.19	4467 -	23.48
4415 } 57.68		4468 -	16.75
4416 }		4472 -	3.20
4417	32.00	4473 -	8.00
4419	2.00	4477 -	7.38
4420	2.20	4479 -	16.00
4421	2.40	4480 -	2.00
4427	3.00	4481 -	4.80
4429	22.45	4487 -	8.60
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4435	5.60		
4437	5.00		
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4442	13.59		
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4450	11.64		
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<p>CODE: 4401 CHECK: 5598</p> <p><i>all M except 10, 11</i></p>	Bell	<p><i>Temple</i> (check new pres.) Temple</p>	West Country 19	Trinity Baptist Church 2305 Farm-to-Market Rd. Temple	
<p>4402 5597</p>	Bexar	Hollywood Park	350	Hollywood Park Fire Station 2 Mecca, Hollywood Park	
<p>4403 5596</p>	Bexar	Losoya	443	Buena Vista School 1927 So. Flores Rd., Losoya	
<p>4404 5595</p>	Bexar	Mac Dona	143	Southwest Independent High School Pearsall Rd., Mac Dona	
<p>4405 5594</p>	Bexar	Martinez	445	<p>Skloss Store St. Hedwig Rd., Martinez</p> <p><i>Bahr's Corner St. Hedwig Rd.</i></p>	

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CODE: 4406 CHECK: 5593	Bexar	San Antonio	105	Barclay Elem. School 1112 So. Zarzamora, San Antonio	
4407 5592	Bexar	San Antonio	127	Vestal Elem. School 1111 W. Vestal Pl., San Antonio	
4408 5591	Bexar	San Antonio	410	Smith Elem. School 823 So. Gevers St., San Antonio	
4409 5590	Bexar	Sayers	454	Oak Crest Jr. High School 9787 Sulphur Springs Rd., Sayers	
4410 5589	Cameron	Brownsville	12	Russell Elem. School 1800 Lakeside Blvd. Brownsville	

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CODE: 4411 CHECK: 5588	Cameron	B. < Brownsville	15	R.L. Martin School Stanford & Old Alice Rd. Brownsville	
4412 5587	Cameron	Harl. < Harlingen	39	Crockett School 1406 W. Jefferson St., Harlingen	
4413 5586	Cameron	San Benito	22	Cameron Co. Water Dist. #2 216 So. Sam Houston, San Benito	
4414 5585	Dallas	Dallas	121	Northwood Jr. High School 13630 Coit Rd., Dallas	
4415 5584	Dallas	Dallas	141	Stephen Foster Elem. School 3700 Clover Lane, Dallas	

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CODE: 4416 CHECK: 5583	Dallas	Dallas	152	Walnut Hill Library 9495 Marsh Lane, Dallas	
4417 5582	Dallas	Dallas	239	Fire Station #17 6045 Belmont, Dallas	
4418 5581	Dallas	Dallas	254	Mt. Auburn Elem. School 6012 E. Grand, Dallas	
4419 5580	Dallas	Dallas	355	Forrester Field House 8133 Military Pkwy., Dallas	
4420 5579	Dallas	Dallas	434	Sunset High School 2120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas	

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CODE: 4421 CHECK: 5578	Dallas	Dallas	470	Dallas Public Library 2210 W. Illinois, Dallas	
4422 5577	Dallas	Highland Park	349	John S. Armstrong Elem. School 3600 Cornell, Highland Park	
4423 5576	Dallas	Hutchins	365	Hutchins Elem. School 500 Palestine St., Hutchins	
4424 5575	Dallas	Irving ← Irving	158	Irving Fire Station #2 1306 No. Storey Rd., Irving	
4425 5574	Denton	Krum	4-C	Hattie Dyer Elem. School Krum	

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CODE: 4426 CHECK: 5573	Galveston	Dickinson	39	Dickinson Primary School 2218 Timber Dr., Dickinson	
4427 5572	Galveston	Friendswood	57	West Wood Elem. School 506 West Wood, Friendswood	
4428 5571	Galveston	Galveston	5	Harold Stuble Res.-Garage 119 Marlin, Galveston	— put envelope in mailbox - it disappeared?
4429 5570	Gregg	White Oak	12	White Oak Community Bldg. Old Hwy. 80, White Oak (6 mis. W. of Longview)	
4430 5569	Harris	Baytown	149	San Jacinto Elem. School 2602 Kentucky St., Baytown	

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CODE; 4431 CHECK; 5568	Harris	Bellaire	214	Presidential Ins. Bldg. 6033 So. Rice, Bellaire	
4432 5567	Harris — Baytown	Deer Park	420	Deer Park Comm. Center 610 E. San Augustine Deer Park	
4433 5566	Harris — Pasadena	Galena Park	81	Galena Park Recreation Center King & 12th St., Galena Park Keene	
4434 5565	Harris	Houston	25	Calvary Baptist Church 3019 Dennis & Brailsfort Houston	
4435 5564	Harris	Houston	64	Y.W.C.A. Bldg. 7300 Navigation Blvd., Houston	

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CODE: 4436 CHECK: 5563	Harris	Houston	73	Garden Oaks Elem. School 801 W. 41st St., Houston	
4437 5562	Harris	Houston	117	Ben Brook Elem. School 4026 Bolin, Houston	
4448 5561	Harris	Houston	154	Southmaud Elem. School 1800 Coral St., Houston	
4439 5560	Harris	Houston	203	Jerry Sharp Civic Center 3234 Chaffin St., Houston	
4440 5559	Harris	Houston	401	East Houston Elem. School 8115 E. Houston Rd., Houston	

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CODE: 4441 CHECK: 5558	Harris	Hufsmith	114	Dan Bog's Garage 24923 Hufsmith-Conroe Rd. Hufsmith (near Tomball) <i>— Montgomery Co. L.W.V. —</i>	
4442 5557	Harris	Jersey Village	74	E.S. Post Elem. School Ecuador & Jersey Dr. Jersey Village	
4443 5556	Harris	Pasadena	243	Fire Station #2 604 S. Witter & Texas, Pasadena	
4444 5555	Harris	Pasadena	246	So. ^{py} Richie Elem. School 700 So. Richie , Pasadena	
4445 5554	Harris	Spring	112	Klein Elementary School 7200 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring	

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CODE: 4446 CHECK: 5553	Harrison	Marshall	1.	Panola Harrison Elec. Corp. E. Houston St., Marshall	
4447 5552	Harrison	Marshall	3.	William B. Travis School Carolanna Lane, Marshall	
4448 5551	Hidalgo	McAllen	67	Fire Station, Main + Milan School Harvey 3800 No. Main, McAllen	
4449 5550	Hidalgo	San Manuel	19	St. Anne's Parish Hall Hwy. 281, No. of San Manuel	
4450 5549	Hidalgo	South Alamo	4	Community Building 9th & Austin, South Alamo	

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CODE: 4451 CHECK: 5548	Hidalgo	Weslaco	2	Civic Center Weslaco	
4452 5547	Lubbock	Abernathy	45	Joe Thompson Implement Co. 105 Ave. D., Abernathy	
4453 5546	Lubbock	Acuff	40	Acuff Coop. Gym Acuff	
4454 5545	Lubbock	Idalou	41	Idalou High School 7th & Walnut, Idalou	
4455 5544	Lubbock	Lubbock	20	Ella Iles Jr. High School Lubbock	

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CODE; 4456 CHECK; 5543	Lubbock	Slaton	36	Community Club House 750 W. Garza, Slaton	
4457 5542	Lubbock	Wolfforth	32	Friendship School Wolfforth	
4458 5541	McLennan	Bosqueville	28	Bosqueville School Rock Creek Rd., Bosqueville (1 mi. No. of Farm-to-Market Rd)	
4459 5540	McLennan	Waco	2	Sal Ross Rec. Center 15th & Waco Dr., Waco	
4460 5539	McLennan	Waco	7	Waco School Admin. Bldg. 3420 W. Waco Dr., Waco	

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CODE: 4461 CHECK: 5538	McLennan	Waco	8B	Tennyson Jr. High School 6100 Tennyson & 60th St., Waco	
4462 5537	Midland	Midland	6	W. Elem. - far W. - get address Midland High School 800 Block W. Illinois St. Midland	
4463 5536	Midland	Midland	8	Fannin Elementary School Laham & Frontier Sts., Midland	
4464 5535	Midland	Midland	14	Fire Station #15 Garfield & Golf Course Rds. Midland	
4465 5534	Midland	Midland	15	Robert E. Lee High School 3500 block Neely, Midland	

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CPDE: 4466 CHECK: 5533	Midland	Midland	23	San Jacinto High School Community Land & Garfield Rd. Midland	
4467 5532	Nueces	Aqua-Dulce	11	County Court House Main & 2nd St., Aqua-Dulce	
4468 5531	Nueces	Bishop	14	True Gin Office Hwy. 70, E. of Bishop	
4469 5530	Nueces	Corpus Christi	5	Hamlin Jr. High School 3900 block Hamlin & Broad Corpus Christi	
4470 5529	Nueces	Corpus Christi	67	Alphonse Le Maire Res.-Garage 518 Harrison St., Corpus Christi	

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4472 5527 P	Orange	Orange	10	Martin Thomen Comm. Center 20th & Burton, Orange	
4473 5526	San Patricio	Portland <i>Corpus C.</i>	19	City Hall <i>Fire Station</i> 900 Moore Ave. ✓ Portland <i>NEAR 5th</i>	<i>may be wrong</i>
4474 5525	Smith	Tyler	2	Douglas School 1508 W. Hognie, Tyler	
4475 5524	Smith	Tyler	20	Hogg Jr. High School 920 So. Broadway, Tyler	

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CODE: 4476 CHECK: 5523	Smith	Tyler	36	Birdwell School 1919 So. Kennedy St., Tyler	
4477 5522	Tarrant	Fort Worth	104	Bradley Center 2401 Timberline Dr., Fort Worth 2601	
4478 5521	Tarrant	Fort Worth	125	Sleepy Hollow Mobile Home Club House 1170 Sleepy Hollow (Meeker St. Ent.) Fort Worth	May change to Trinity Bapt. Ch. 620 Churchill
4479 5520	Tarrant	Fort Worth	127	Dunbar Jr. High School 5100 Willie St., Fort Worth	
4480 5519	Tarrant	Fort Worth	231	Diamond Hill-Jarvis Hts. H.S. 1411 Maydell St., Fort Worth	

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CODE: 4481 CHECK: 5518	Tarrant	Haltom City	42	Birdville Elem. School Solana St., Haltom City	
4482 5517	Tarrant	Mansfield	33	Mansfield City Hall 100 E. Broad St., & Main Mansfield	
4483 5516	Taylor	Abilene	5	Johnston School 3602 No. 12th St., Abilene	
4484 5515	Taylor	Abilene	7	Y.M.C.A. 3250 State St., Abilene	
4485 5514	Taylor	Abilene (outside)	20	Caps Baptist Church Rt. 3, outside Abilene	

Election Reporters 1980

Temple

4401 - Annabeth Hill

San Antonio

Coordinator - Martha Lankford

4402 - Sally Coughlin -

4403 - Rowena Rodgers -

4404 - Barbara Ivy

4405 - Suzanne Comarda,

4406 - Mary Roper

4407 - Laura Morales

4408 - Mozelle Gonzales - ~~STB~~

4409 - Mary Masty

Brownsville

4410 - Rachel Perelman (Pres.) - substituted

4411 - Ophelia Rios

didn't
report

Harlingen4412 - Alice Lykes - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4413 - Lorraine Simpson - [REDACTED]

(sent to Alice Lykes' address)

DallasCoordinator - Julie Lowenberg [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4414 - Stephanie Marcus [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4415 - Patti Crumley [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4416 - Carolyn Morgaard [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4417 - Donna Jordan [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4418 - Margaret Merriam [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4419 - Suzanne Wills [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4420 - Mary Fugger [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4421 - Kathleen Loch [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4422 - Donna Buja [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4423 - Richard Fields [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Drwing

4424 - Sally Wilson

Denton

4425 - Sue Smith

Bay Area

4426 - Terry Holmberg

coordinator also

4427 - Connie Nyquist

Galveston

4428 - Eileen Grant

Tyler

Coordinator - Lucy Roush

4429 - ↑

~~4473~~ 4474 - Doris Stanley

4475 - Jean Fuller -

4476 - Pauline Piles

Baytown

4430 - Phil Dignam

4432 - Cory Burnley

Houston (Pres. coordinated)4431 - Gretchen Anderson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4434 - Greta Peterman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4435 - Greta Peterman ↑

4436 - Maxine Carson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4437 - Greta Peterman ↑

4438 - Greta Peterman ↑

4439 - Marge Adams [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4440 - Sarah Johnson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4442 - Beth Brown - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4445 - Laura Keever [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]Montgomery Co.4441 - Karen Shaw [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]PasadenaCoordinators - Ruth Jones [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]4433 - Dorothea Kassel - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4443 - Ruth Jones ↑

4444 - Barbara Reebie [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Marshall

4446 - Diana Lawless

4447 - Carolyn Duma

Edinburg/McAllen

Coordinators - Susie Smith

4448 - Martha Stover

4449 - Susan Smith →

4450 - Betty Sisson

4451 - Penny McLeish

Lubbock

Coordinators - Pat Nickell

4452 - Evelyn Berry

4453 - Pat Nickell

4454 - Maria Roberts

4455 - Eve Samples

4456 - Mariann Hoover

4457 - Nancy Whisner

} send to Pat Nickell →

Waco

Coordinators - Jean Meier

(Waco)

4458 - Romi Wittstruck

4459 - Jean Meier (above)

4460 - Penny Long -

4461 - Patti McLaughlin

Midland (Pres. coordinated)

4462 - Beth Bourland

4463 - Jane Blanchard

4464 - Lois Carpenter

4465 - Jane Pritchett

4466 - Cookie Wetendorf

Corpus Christi

Coordinator - Rita Clark

4467 - Galen Westwick

4468 - Marge Morrill -

4469 - Neva Jones

4470 - Rita Clark (above)

(Corpus Christi)

4473 - Gerry Taylor

Orange

Coordinator - Anita Van Ouwertkerk

4471 - Jennie Mills

4472 - Laurie Cardella -

Fort Worth

Coordinator - Georgia Kidwell

4477 - Mary Strom

4478 - Jami Luebbehusen

4479 - Linda Hanratty

4480 - Christi Campbell

4481 - Teddi Brogan

4482 - Barbara Taylor -

Abilene

4483

4484

4485

4486

Shirley Glandon

Victoria

Coordinator - Linda Brothers

4487 - James Stewart

4488 - James Gleason -

4489 - Patricia King

4490 - Elizabeth Krebs -

Handbooks not received: 12/15/80:

4404 - San Antonio - was prepared for mailing, will check

4410 > Brownsville - o.k., "will send"

4411

4428 - Galveston - put in mail at office, got lost

4434 > Houston - will check on

4438 > Houston - didn't cover because afraid of neighbor-hood

4445 - Houston - will send

4446 - Marshall - could not reach

4447 - Marshall - mailed it day after election

4469 - Corpus Christi - lost handbook, but made call

4488 - Victoria - gave wife message - he called, said he would send it

By ~~Dec 24~~ ^{Nov. 24} I had not received handbooks from 12 reporters. On ~~Dec~~ ^{Nov. 24} I made telephone calls to them. Although many said they would send it, only one did so by the time I sent the report to A.B.C.

Field Organizer's Briefing

How the system works

What the sample is

National sample-4600 reporters in '82

Races covered

Computer input room - LWV members answer phones

LWV performance over the yearss

ABC's record over the years

ABC Policy re. exit polling

Coordinator's work schedule

Recruiting - start as soon as you receive the precinct list.

ABC phone installed by Sept. 1st - earlier if needed

Kits mailed to reporters in early October

First call to reporters - week after the kits are mailed

Second call to reporters - two weeks before the election
call reporters who have not returned the telephone
post card.

Mail reminder post cards to reporters

Test night is October 27th. You must be home that evening.

The week before the election, you and your asst. coordinator
must call all the reporters to make sure everything is in
place. Do not delegate to any local recruiters.

The following points should be made:

1. Get to the polls early on election night.
2. Make sure the phone you are planning to use is
working and not locked up
(as happens in schools)
3. Speed and accuracy are very important.

4. If an emergency arises and the reporter cannot fulfill her commitment, she is expected to get a substitute, call you, and give you the new reporters name and phone number.
5. ABC absolutely needs all the precincts -- regardless of whether the election has been called.
6. Remind reporter she can call you collect at any time a problem arises.
7. Remind reporter to call you about any vote collection delays on election night.
8. Return handbook, complete, along with expense voucher, immediately after the election - preferably on the way home from the polls!

Election Night - November 2nd

Be at home all evening. We will try to call you at some time during the night to report on missing keys or to tell you all keys are in.

Plan some strategy to recover votes on election night if a reporter should fail. Local or county officials, party headquarters, candidates headquarters, police or whatever.

Reporter's kits

Order a stamp made with your name, address, & ABC phone no. Add cost to expense account.

Buy 5 part mailing labels, add cost to expense account.

3 places in handbook require codes and checks filled in. Front page, test tally page, and talley page. Codes and checks columns add to 9.

Fill in polling place, location and reporters name on first page.

Add extra tally sheets to multi-precinct tab center handbooks.

[Add extra postage to 9+1/2 x 6+1/2 inch envelopes according to the number of extra tally pages added.

Attach the telephone post card to the front of the handbook with a paper clip.

Special problems

NES or pool reporting -- ABC first!

Special state problems such as access, ballot designations, may require an explanation sheet prepared by you for each kit. (Put xeroxing cost on expense account)

Polling place changes--how to handle. Important

Expenses and payments

State treasurer can advance expense money, if you wish.

Reporter may donate to LWV

Meals charges

Return pages 1 & 2 of expense vouchers to ABC.

Reporting check from ABC is sent the day after the election.

Payment for expenses is made after all books and vouchers are returned to ABC

Post-election mop-up

Allow 1 week for handbooks and expenses to be returned. Then call for missing ones.

Send a box with all handbooks, expenser vouchers and left-over supplies to ABC along with a copy of reporter's lists.

Prepare a report for the next coordinator re. trouble spots

Prepare a report for ABC

Let us know if the ABC phone has been removed by a month after the election

ON TEST NIGHT AND ELECTION NIGHT WE CAN BE REACHED AT THE COMPUTER CENTER
201-487-0433. We need to know when a reporter will be delayed or is
having problems.

ABC Election Night Reporting

League Members Expenses - Checks written January 27, 1981

DC -
for the
election
night files

#305	Connie Nyquist	\$ 3.00
306	Eva Samples	11.67
307	Sarah Johnson	11.68
308	Nancy Whisner	5.18
309	Penny McLeaish	12.45
310	Gerry Traylor	8.00
311	Betty Sisson	11.64
312	Alice Lykes	5.00
313	Paula Boudreaux	5.00
314	Janet Pritchett	1.20
315	Teddie Brogan	4.80
316	Karen Shaw	10.40
317	Donna Jordan	32.00
318	Beth Brown	13.59
319	Lucy Roush	22.45
320	Laura Morales	17.95
321	Mary Roper	4.00
322	Mozelle Gonzales	6.40
323	Rowena Rodgers	6.60
324	Stephanie Marcus	16.19
325	Margie Morrill	16.75
326	Mari Ann Hoover	17.42
327	Suzanne Wills	2.00
328	Pat Nickell	10.00
329	Gretchen Anderson	4.59
330	Patti McLaughlin	20.53
331	Laura Cardella	3.20
332	Maria Roberts	6.00
333	Galen Westwick	23.48
334	Laurie Simpson	5.60
335	Christie Campbell	2.00
336	Carolyn Norgaard	57.68
337	Mary Fugger	2.20
338	Mary Strom	7.38
339	Linda Hanratty	16.00
340	James Stewart	8.60
341	Beth Bourland	2.00
342	Suzanne Comarda	16.50
343	Dana Rounsavill	5.60
344	Kathleen Soch	2.40
345	Carol Hillhouse	5.60
346	Carol Dumas	10.00
347	Nana Rylander	129.67
Total Expenses		\$584.40

Covered by
Ch. # 563 814
from ABC
dated 1/12/81
\$584.40

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COORDINATOR

The Coordinator organizes and supervises the key precinct reporting system in each state. You will soon receive a list of the key precincts (election districts in some states) which have been selected in your state. This list gives the name or number and the address of each key precinct, and has space for the name, address and phone number of the reporter assigned to it.

Your first job is to recruit the reporters. This is usually done by contacting local League Presidents or Members-at-Large, to get the names of potential reporters. In states with many Leagues, recruiting may be delegated, but the complete list must be kept by the Coordinator.

In counties or cities with many key precincts, especially metropolitan areas, reporters must be supplied with the name of the official in charge of each key, because it is impractical for county boards or commissioners to give out this information to numerous individuals. The Coordinator should appoint a deputy to get the required names and phone numbers in a single visit, and to distribute them to the reporters either directly or through the state Coordinator. This eliminates much friction with public officials.

Early in September, you will receive a package containing the literature and forms for the reporters' kits. You will also receive dummy figures to be used in the computer systems test. The kit materials include:

1. Key Precinct Handbook
2. Letter to reporters explaining operation
3. Letter of introduction to local election official
4. Reporter badges (2 in each kit)
5. Telephone order form and mailing envelope
6. Stamped postcard to inform Coordinator of reporter's Election Night telephone number
7. Expense form
8. Stamped, addressed 9 1/2 x 6 1/2 envelopes for returning handbooks and expense forms to Coordinator.

The Key Precinct Handbook contains instructions on reporting procedures. Its cover provides spaces for the identity of each precinct, its address, code number, etc., plus spaces for the name, address and phone number of the reporter. These blanks are to be filled in by the Coordinator from the information on the key precinct list. Elsewhere in the handbook are Computer Test instructions, including spaces in which the dummy figures are to be entered by the Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COORDINATOR -- 2

ABC will provide each Coordinator with a telephone credit card number early in the project, to simplify record-keeping.

This is your card number for the current year: 212-787-4131-0741. It may be used from any phone, anywhere. Early in September, ABC will install a special telephone in the Coordinator's home, so that the family phone will not be tied up with election business, and also to eliminate operator-assisted calling.

We have learned that it is best for the Coordinator or a reliable deputy to personally telephone each reporter shortly after the kits have been mailed out. This will assure that the kits have been received and have been opened, and that the need for early preparation is understood. This is especially important for keys in which an ABC telephone is to be installed.

As the election approaches, the Coordinator must follow up on the telephone number postcards to see that they are all returned. Check those missing by phone. Then, during the last few days before the election, a final call should be made to each reporter. This will help smooth out last-minute kinks and assure reporter readiness.

Immediately after the election, the reporters will mail their handbooks and expense vouchers to you as Coordinator. If a reporter returns a handbook with important blanks unfilled, such as the final results, please telephone the reporter and get the missing information. Add up the expenses, and send ABC News a covering statement including your own expenses, along with two copies of the reporter vouchers, with receipts. ABC will send you a single check for all expenses.

Write a brief report about how the project went. Tell us about any problems you or your reporters encountered, and let us have your suggestions. The operation has become increasingly efficient over the years as a result of your reports and comments.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU DURING THE PRE-ELECTION WEEKS IF ANYTHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ABC NEWS CONSIDERS DIRECT TELEPHONE CONTACT AT EVERY LEVEL WELL WORTH THE COST. NOTHING IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN MISUNDERSTANDING.

Nina McCall

OUR NUMBER IS (212) 887-4322

Computer Room Emergency No.: 201-231-0330

November, 1982

thru

State

County

Tabulation Center Building

Location

Official in Charge

Reporter's Name

Phone Number

Reporter's Phone Number

Teammate's Name

Teammate's Phone Number

CALENDAR

- IMMEDIATELY:** Read through this book.
Check out the reporting location.
Check phone arrangements.
Send the phone postcard to coordinator.
- OCTOBER 27th:** Systems test night
- NOVEMBER 2nd:** Election Night
- POST-ELECTION:** Obtain the final returns (if not available on Election Night), fill our Post Election Report on the last page and return complete handbook and the expense form to coordinator.

COORDINATOR:

IMMEDIATELY

Contact the chief election official in your county.

Find out the following:

1. Location of the Tabulation Center.
2. Person in charge on election night.
3. If special credentials are necessary for building access.
4. How vote returns will be released to the media (PRINTOUT, SCREEN or COPY RELEASE).
 - A. IF PRINTOUT: Are they coded or easy to read?
 - B. IF SCREEN: How it will be operated?
 - C. IF COPY RELEASE: Will there be a copy for each reporter?

We recommend a pre-election visit for clarification.

5. If there is a phone available for your use: Explain you will be calling a toll-free number; there will be no cost to the county. Send your tabulation center phone number to your coordinator on the postcard provided in your kit.
6. If the county cannot provide a phone, ask for permission to install one. Fill out the telephone order form and mail to ABC-NY. All phone installations must originate in New York.

LINE UP A TEAMMATE — OR TWO

Tabulation Center reporting requires at least two reporters.

Your coordinator will advise you on this.

COMPUTER SYSTEM TEST

Wednesday, October 27th ABC will conduct a nationwide test of its entire communications and tabulation system. For this we need a call or calls from you as listed below. The test calls can be made from your home or wherever you happen to be at the time specified. If you are unable to make the test calls, have someone else do them. Because you will use a toll-free number, there will be no charge against the phone you used.

TEST NIGHT

October 27th at local time (or times) listed

Call: 800-526-0150

Give the code and check numbers and the dummy figures as listed below:

If you can't get through immediately, keep trying!

If you forget to call at the exact time, it is better to call late than not at all.

ABC CODE _____ PRECINCT _____

CHECK _____

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	TIME TO PHONE
SENATOR	_____	_____	_____ PM
GOVERNOR	_____	_____	_____ PM
U.S. HOUSE	_____	_____	_____ PM

FOR TABULATION CENTERS WITH MULTIPLE PRECINCTS, MORE TALLY SHEETS FOLLOW.

CHECKLIST

Be sure you are at your tabulation center well before poll closing time.

Introduce yourself to the person distributing the printouts.

Check out your telephone — make sure it is working!

As soon as a key precinct appears on a computer printout or screen, make a call to ABC headquarters. Precincts in states that do not pick up the ballots early can come in at any time. Some may be quite late.

If during the evening, you find you have called in some wrong figures, make another call. Give your code and check and say, "This is a correction."

Please remember to put down the time you made each phone call in space provided on the tally sheets.

If you are unable to get final returns on election night, get them the next day or as soon as possible and fill in the tally pages.



ELECTION NIGHT

1-800

Call ABC Election Headquarters: 800-526-0150

Give code and check numbers and election results in order below.

ABC CODE _____ PRECINCT _____

CHECK _____

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

TIME PHONED

SENATOR

_____ PM

_____ PM

GOVERNOR

_____ PM

_____ PM

U.S. HOUSE

_____ PM

_____ PM

ABC CODE _____

PRECINCT _____

CHECK _____

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

TIME PHONED

SENATOR

_____ PM

_____ PM

GOVERNOR

_____ PM

_____ PM

U.S. HOUSE

_____ PM

_____ PM

FOR TABULATION CENTERS WITH MULTIPLE PRECINCTS, MORE TALLY SHEETS FOLLOW.

POST ELECTION REPORT

1. Have you been a reporter before? _____ Will you again? _____
2. In the Tabulation Center, were you located close to where the ballots were tabulated? _____
3. Did you have difficulty obtaining a copy of the precinct printouts or vote totals on the computer screen? _____
4. Do you know if ballot boxes containing key precincts were expedited through the system? _____
5. Any unforeseen difficulties? _____

6. Any suggestions for next time? (Your input is carefully read and considered.) _____

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE MAIL THIS HANDBOOK, INTACT, ALONG WITH YOUR EXPENSE REPORT, TO YOUR STATE COORDINATOR, IN THE STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE PROVIDED IN YOUR KIT. DO NOT RETURN ANY OTHER MATERIALS.

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CODE: 4486 CHECK: <i>E</i> 5513	Taylor	Abilene	26	Fire Station 2239 So. 19th St., Abilene	
4487 5512	Victoria	Victoria	7	O'Connor School 3402 Bobolink, Victoria	
4488 5511	Victoria	Victoria (outside)	18	Aloe School Goliad Hwy., outside Victoria	
4489 5510	Victoria	Victoria	21	Vickers School 708 Glasgow, Victoria	
4490 5509	Victoria	Victoria	30	Parish Hall Our Savior's Lutheran Church 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria	

ABC
Election Night
Reporting

December 17, 1980

Dear Diana,

Enclosed is the report I sent to Nina McCall, a list of reporters who did not return their handbooks and why, and a copy of a letter I mailed to all reporters on October 28th (I believe I have sent you copies of the earlier mailings).

I have sorted out, and organized the material from this year and previous ones that I believe will help the next state coordinator. I'm mailing this to the state office.

I presume things went all right on election night, but I haven't received a final report from Nina yet. A.B.C had computer problems on election night. They lost some information and had to feed it in again, so they were very disappointed. But I think most of our reporters called in promptly because I noticed that they predicted Texas' results 33 minutes after the polls closed.

There are still 11 reporters who have not returned their handbooks, 6 of whom told me on the phone they would mail it. (See list for details.)

I really appreciate the great majority of reporters who did a good efficient job. Some went to lots of trouble to get their information in, and half of them didn't even charge expenses. There were 2-3, however, who really must have had a fine dinner on A.B.C., from the looks of their bill!

I would have enjoyed this endeavor more - and probably have done a better job - if I hadn't been working full time. I think that the next coordinator should not be employed. It will be easier for her, and easier for the reporters to contact her by phone.

On election night I began to question the League's role in this task. When the results in many states are announced before polls are closed in many others, I think that it has a definite effect on those who haven't voted - even when it isn't a landslide. I don't think the LWV would want to have a part in influencing the outcome of an election. If the polls closed at the same time everywhere, that would be a different story. I think the state board should discuss this.

I have just two suggestions, if we do this again:

1. We should let the local league presidents know about the project loud and clear as soon as we know that we'll be involved in it.

2. Maybe we could pay the reporters a little, as it is getting more difficult to recruit volunteers, and this might make them make more of a commitment. Also, some leagues were doing reporting for other groups who do pay them.

By the way, I kept a fairly accurate time sheet on this project, and the pay came to about \$10 per hour, which I feel is adequate reimbursement.

I guess that's about it. I'm glad we made a little money for the League, and I do appreciate your help, Diana.

Yours truly,
Nana Rylander

October 28, 1980

Dear Election Reporter,

Election day is drawing near! I'm contacting as many of you as I can by telephone, but since I'll probably miss some of you, I want to clarify our procedures in writing.

By now, you should have:

- (1) received (and read) your reporter's kit;
- (2) visited your precinct's polling place and located a telephone to use on election night;
- (3) returned the postcard (in your kit) telling me the number of the telephone you will use election night;
- (4) contacted the election judge at your precinct to make sure there will be no problems about your getting the results on election night;
- (5) called in your practise call October 29.

Now, here's a re-cap of the procedure for reporting on November 4:

Just as soon as you get the results, call the New York A.B.C. toll-free number (800-526-3947). Say, "This is Code #_____, and Check #_____." Then report the results for the Democratic, Republican, and any 3rd Party candidate - for president only.

If you get partial results and there is going to be any kind of a wait for the rest, go ahead and call those in, stating that you are giving partial results. Then call in the others as you get them. This is where a partner comes in handy.

Remember, minutes count with A.B.C. They immediately feed your figures into their computer which helps them predict the election.

The day after the election, you will need to fold and return the election handbook to me in the brown envelope provided. Also return the expense voucher listing any expenses. Don't hesitate to list any expenses you have had, including mileage. If the reporting requires you to be away from home at dinner time and you have to eat out, that is a legitimate expense. You may also take a partner with you and include his/her expenses on your voucher. Please return this promptly because we have to wait till we get them all in before anyone can be reimbursed.

A.B.C. is paying the state leagues for this service, so you deserve a big thank you in advance for helping earn these funds. I also want to thank you, because my job of getting 90 precincts covered in Texas would be a little scary, if I didn't know that I could depend on you! Have lots of fun on election night, and call me collect (214/868-1920) if you need to.

Yours truly,

Nana Rylander

Lillian Scott - X Press,
Virginia Sletner

Texas

ABC News 7 West 66 Street New York, New York 10023 Telephone 212 LT1-7777

Dear Nana,

We have had to change to another precinct in Lubbock County.
Note key code number 4453, the new precincts should be

Roosevelt 39

Roosevelt 39

I am still negotiating with Frank Guess, County Clerk in Lubbock trying to get him to do an in-precinct count of all the Lubbock precincts. If he agrees, it means we will need reporters for all precincts. If he doesn't, it means all precincts will be counted in the central tabulation center and we will need only two reporters. I guess the thing to do is get 6 reporters for Lubbock with the understanding some may not have to work.

In Abilene, when I was there, they promised to put Precinct Ballot Counters in ^{3 or 4} our precincts. So we will need four reporters, three going to the precincts and one at the county tab center. Will let you know more about this. In the meantime hold on to the kits for those two counties until we talk.

punch cards

I will have to call you after Oct. 1st, Frank's deadline. Actually, I was trying to reach you and then remembered I had to call at night. But anyway, here it is in writing.

Best,
Nina

call

[Redacted]

November 6, 1980

Kiana
Dear State Coordinator,

I am not writing a personal message today because I want to get the enclosed check in the mail.

We had serious computer problems Election night and as a result are unable at this time to tell you exactly how the reporting in your state fared. We do know that you were on the job, that you and the reporters did very well, and that we are grateful for your wonderful hard work, cooperation and dedication to excellence.

We will get back to each of you in due time with a run-down of your state and an analysis of the project. Until then, thank you most sincerely for being a coordinator which gave me the opportunity and pleasure of meeting and working with you.

Kiana
K.

TX
S-P
65-4
2-E
72

INVENTORY

MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO COORDINATOR ONLY

1. List of Key Precincts, including ABC codes, identities and addresses to be inserted in Handbooks by Coordinator *Delivered*
- ✓ 2. Stamped postcards with reminder to reporters about Computer Test before the election, to be addressed and mailed by Coordinator
3. Computer Test Data to be inserted in Handbooks *Later*
- ✓ 4. Rubber stamp with Coordinator's name and address, plus pad
- ✓ 5. Large white envelopes for mailing Reporter kits, to be addressed and stamped by Coordinator
- ✓ 6. "Responsibilities of the State Coordinator"

MATERIALS IN KEY PRECINCT REPORTER KITS (TO BE ASSEMBLED BY COORDINATOR)

- (12) 1. ABC News Key Precinct Handbook *- Lubbock - 6 Keys
Abilene - 4 Keys*
- (13) ✓ 2. Letter to Reporters explaining operation
- (8) ✓ 3. Letter of introduction to local election official
- (13) ✓ 4. Reporter badges (2 in each kit)
- (10) ✓ 5. Telephone Order Form
- (12) ✓ 6. Telephone Order Form envelopes addressed to Political Unit, ABC News
- ✓ 7. Stamped postcard to inform Coordinator of Reporter's Election Night Telephone Number
- (13) ✓ 8. Expense forms for reporters
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ABC NEWS

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TO ELECTION REPORTER

REMINDER

Please make the test call on

_____ at _____
date time

per instructions in handbook.

TELEPHONE POSTCARD

URGENT

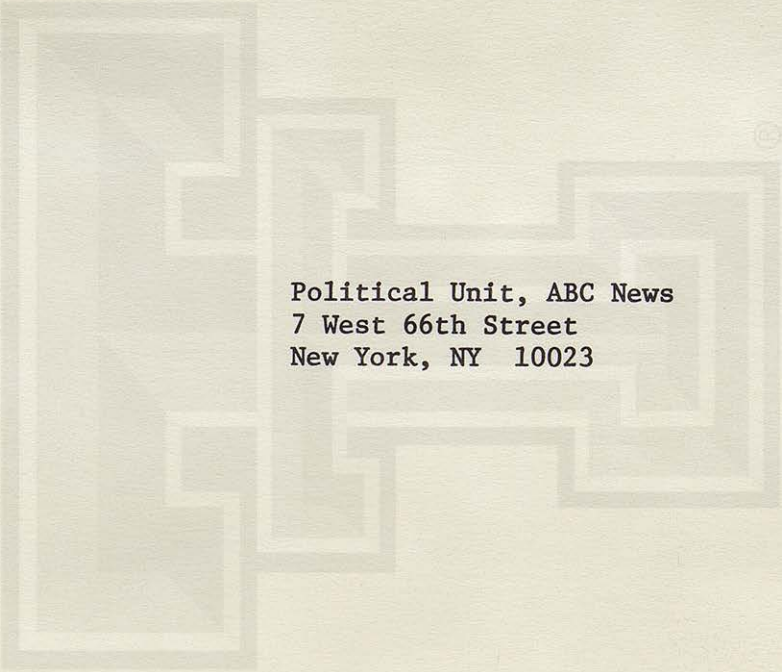
Please mail this as soon as possible so we will be able to reach you on election night if necessary.

Phone number where you can be reached at your reporting station:

Area Code _____ Number _____ Ext. _____

Number after you have left: _____

Your Name: _____ ABC Code _____



Political Unit, ABC News
7 West 66th Street
New York, NY 10023

TELEPHONE ORDER

To the Election Official:

Your voting place has been selected as a key precinct. It has been chosen demographically to aid us in projecting and analyzing major races.

The member of the League of Women Voters who is presenting this letter will act as our reporter in your precinct on election night.

We appreciate your help in expediting the vote totals of the specified races so that our reporter can call them to us in our computer center. The sooner we receive your vote count, the sooner ABC can release the information to the American voter.

We believe this is a valuable service which helps to promote public interest in the electoral process.

Reporter's name

Telephone



ABC NEWS TELEPHONE ORDER FORM

ABC CODE _ _ _ _

Reporter's name _____

Reporter's address _____

City, State _____

Reporter's telephone number _____

Where should the ABC News telephone be installed?

Type of building (or name of building; e.g. Washington High School, First Methodist Church)

Address _____

City _____

Where in building (e.g., specific room. Be sure use of phone will not interfere with vote counting.)

Any specific location within room (e.g., northeast corner)? Note if wall phone is needed.

Person in building who gave permission for ABC Election phone to be installed.

His (her) phone number _____
(Very important)

(to be filled in by ABC)

ABC phone number _____

To our Election Reporter:

To clarify voting patterns for our news analysts on the air and our political scientists out of camera range, ABC selects "key precincts" in every state.*

Each key precinct is part of a statewide sample which is a miniature of the state in terms of major factors which yield voting patterns. Among these factors are geography, urbanization, ethnic background, religion, economic levels and, of course, past voting history.

On election night, all the demographic data about each key precinct are stored in a computer memory. When you, as an election reporter, telephone the voting returns from your key precinct, your information is entered into the computer, which compares the new returns with the stored data. This enables us to detect the trend of the voting well in advance of the final outcome.

The information we broadcast to our election night audience of millions depends upon fast key precinct reports. Every few minutes -- sometimes every few seconds -- fresh reports are summoned from the computer for the political scientists working with us. They are among the leading experts in the nation in the field of voting behavior.

ABC News tries to maintain the quality of the key precinct reports in two ways. First, by care in selecting key precincts. Second, by choosing intelligent, dependable reporters. This is why ABC originally sought out Leagues of Women Voters across the nation as working partners in telling this vital news to our democracy; reporting the decisions of the people to the people.

Experience has shown that no other organization can match the League in election reporting. In state after state, 100% of our sample is reported. If there are 50 key precincts in a state, 50 reporters will telephone, often in spite of considerable local difficulty. And they will call promptly, so that the sample takes meaningful shape quickly.

In return, ABC News contributes a fixed sum to each State League for each key precinct covered, plus a state organizing fee. Of course ABC pays all expenses in addition. In election years, League treasuries are enlarged by a total of more than \$100,000, above expenses. This is a reliable and continuing source of revenue.

If you have been an election reporter before, we are glad to have you with us again. If this is your first election, welcome to the team!

*In some states "election districts."

ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name _____ ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION; If none, state "none." Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED			

Allow 20 cents a mile for your car. Cost of meals may be claimed only when they are taken in the course of travel away from your home town. Please submit receipts for restaurant meals and hotels. Attach receipts to top copy and mail the first three copies, along with your handbook, intact, to your coordinator, in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. The fourth copy is for your records. Please do this promptly, so that all reporters can be reimbursed as soon as possible.



Election
Reporter's
Handbook

Lever
Machine
Voting

ABC Code 4401

Texas 80
State & Date

Bell
County

Check 5598

Temple
City or Town

Ward or District

West Country 19
Precinct, E.D. or Box

LOCATION OF
POLLING PLACE
(If polling place address
is incorrect, notify your
Coordinator immediately.)

Trinity Baptist Church
Building Identification

2305 Farm-to-Market Road Temple
Street Address/Community

Name of Official in Charge of
Polling Place

Reporter's Name

Official's Phone Number

Reporter's Phone Number

State Coordinator's
Name, Address and
Telephone Number:

THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MUST BE ACTED UPON
LONG BEFORE THE ELECTION

**SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE ABC-LWV ELECTION OPERATION DEPENDS
ON FAST, RELIABLE REPORTING. SPEED IS THE WATCHWORD!**

1. **POLLING PLACE ACCESS.** All states have rules governing who may be present in polling places, and when. In many states, special credentials must be obtained in advance for admission to the polls. Such materials are usually supplied to the reporters through the Coordinators, but if you are in doubt, call your Coordinator.
2. **THE POLLING PLACE OFFICIAL.** In most counties* you can get the name of the person in charge of the polling place from the chief election official of the county. In counties (or cities) with many key precincts, the state or city Coordinator will obtain a list of the names of polling place officials, and distribute them to the reporters. When you have learned the official's name, make contact by phone or in person, and explain your assignment.
3. **RESULTS.** Learn whether the results will be announced in coded form rather than by candidate name, which is often the case.
4. **PARTIAL RETURNS.** Many precincts with Lever Voting Machines have more than one machine. The results from each machine represent "partials," or sub-totals of the vote. It is very helpful if the official in charge will give you the results from each machine as it is opened, and this should be arranged in advance. When the first machine is opened, have your teammate phone in that result to ABC while the next machine is being opened, and so on. Of course, nothing is to be given out until after the polls close. The ABC computer will add each new partial to the last, so you must not total the results.
5. **"TOP OF THE TICKET."** If you can arrange with officials to give you the "top of the ticket" first, much time will be saved. This means that the official reads off the results of the main statewide offices (President, Senator, Governor) from each machine as it is opened, instead of going through the results of all the other contests on the ballot. The main results may then be phoned in while the rest are counted.
6. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** If the absentees are counted at the polling place, you must know how and when. If you can get the absentee votes within 30 minutes of the time you phone your last report to ABC, phone them in at once. If they are delayed longer than that, ignore them.
7. **LINE UP A TEAMMATE.** Enlist a member of your family or a neighbor. It takes two people to do the ABC tallying and reporting fast. And teammates also act as backups in case of emergency.

*In some states, the cities and towns

YOU'LL NEED A TELEPHONE

Visit the place you will be reporting from and find a phone which you can be sure will be accessible to you on Election Night. Ask the person responsible for the phone for permission to use it Election Night, explaining that you will be calling a toll-free number, so there will be no charge against the phone.

When you have learned the number of the phone you will use, fill out the stamped "Telephone Postcard" and mail it to your State Coordinator. The Coordinator must be able to reach you on Election Night if any problems arise or if, later, you are no longer needed.

If no phone is available, ABC will install a special one for you. Fill out the Telephone Order Form in your reporter's kit and mail it to ABC in the envelope provided. This must be done as early as possible, to allow time for the installation. If you do order a special phone, ABC will inform your Coordinator of the number. So you simply return the Telephone Postcard marked "ABC Phone." (All phones must be ordered through ABC New York; do not order any installation locally.)

**IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF A TELEPHONE,
ORDER A SPECIAL ONE THROUGH ABC
DON'T LET FALSE ECONOMY SLOW YOU DOWN**

There are different methods of making long-distance calls in different parts of the country. You must find out in advance from the local telephone company how it is done in the area from which you will report.

THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS TEST

A few days before the election, ABC News conducts a nationwide test of its entire communication and tabulation system. For this we need a brief phone call from each reporter, as described below.

Make the call from your home, or wherever you happen to be at the time specified. Don't try to call from your election night station; it is not necessary and most likely impossible. If you can't make the call, have someone else do it, because it is our only pre-election chance to check out the whole operation, and it takes only a minute. **Because you will use a toll-free number, there will be no charge against whatever phone you use.**

TEST PROCEDURE: On Wednesday, October 29, at _____ P.M., local time, call ABC Election Headquarters at 800-526-3947. (This call, like those on Election Night, will be received by a League member in ABC's Computer Center.) Give your Code and Check numbers, and read off the dummy figures on the Test Tally below. If you can't get through after several attempts, call the emergency-only number COLLECT: 201-231-0330.

"THIS IS CODE _____ CHECK _____"

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	
PRESIDENT			
SENATOR			
GOVERNOR			

Wait for the receiving operator to read back the figures for accuracy.

**FOR TABULATION CENTERS WITH MULTIPLE KEYS TO REPORT,
MORE TALLY SHEETS FOLLOW**

(If you forget to call at the exact time, it is better to call later than not at all.)

CHECKLIST

1. Be at your reporting station before poll-closing time and introduce yourself.
2. See that the telephone you will use is available and working. Carry dimes to reach the operator if you use a pay phone.
3. Check the exact method by which you will receive the results. Find out the letter or number assigned to each candidate, if a coding system is used.
4. If you find that your report is likely to be seriously delayed, inform your Coordinator.
5. In some cities voters from two or more precincts vote in the same polling place. Report only the results from the precinct you are assigned to. If there is doubt about the location, go with the precinct number, not the address.
6. Make your calls to ABC using the ABC Election Headquarters number given on the tally sheet. If the line is busy, try again in 30 seconds. If you can't get through, use the emergency number. If you still can't get through, call your Coordinator.

HOW TO CORRECT AN ERROR

If you find that you have transmitted wrong figures in any telephone report, make a new call. Then say:

"This is a correction."

That phrase will assure that your call is given to a special operator. When she comes on the line, give your code and check numbers and explain the error to her.

TALLY SHEET

ABC ELECTION HEADQUARTERS: 800-526-3947. Special Emergency Number: COLLECT 201-231-0330

When the ABC receiving operator answers, give your code and check number and read off the results you have tallied for each party in each election, in the order set forth below. Then wait for the operator to read back your figures for accuracy.

CODE _____ CHECK _____ (Please identify yourself by code and check numbers only)

REPORT ONLY THE RESULTS FOR THE OFFICES AND PARTIES LISTED ON THIS TALLY

PRESIDENT	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	THIRD	TIME YOU PHONED
Report #1	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
Report #2	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
Report #3	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
Report #4	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
Report #5	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
SENATOR				
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Report #2	_____	_____	_____	_____ PM
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POST-ELECTION REPORT AND SUGGESTION FORM

(Items 1 and 2 do not apply to Tabulation Center Reporting.)

1. Time poll actually closed _____

2. If there was any delay in the closing of the poll, what was the cause? _____

3. Were the officials cooperative? _____

4. If you encountered any difficulty in obtaining returns, such as telephone access problems, please describe it.

5. How many times have you been a reporter? _____ Would you do it again? _____

6. Have you any suggestions? (Your comments are very important to our evaluation.)

THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, PLEASE MAIL THIS HANDBOOK, INTACT, ALONG WITH YOUR EXPENSE REPORT, TO YOUR STATE COORDINATOR, IN THE STAMPED, ADDRESSED BROWN ENVELOPE PROVIDED IN YOUR KIT. DO NOT RETURN ANY OTHER MATERIALS.

DC

June 4, 1980

Mr. John H. Thompson
Manager, Political Unit
ABC News
7 West 66 Street
New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to let you know that we have appointed as state coordinator
for Election Night reporting:

Mrs. Nana Rylander
2428 North Ricketts
Sherman, Texas 75090
(214) 892-6843

We are delighted that Nana was available. She has lots of league
experience and she is looking forward to the project.

Could you give us some idea of when the key precincts will be chosen
so we can begin our planning?

I enjoyed meeting you and your staff in Washington. I appreciated the
lunch too.

Sincerely,

Diana Clark
President

c: Nana Rylander

®

November, 1980

To: Nana Rylander

From: Diana Clark and the state board

Attached is a check for your stipend as project director for ABC Election Night reporting. We very much appreciate your willingness to take on this effort. The state league realized over \$2000 which helps out on the budget considerably.

When you have time, we would appreciate a brief report from you on how

\$625 ✓

SEP 29 1980

September 9, 1980

Dear Local League President,

The Texas League will again be working with ABC-TV to report the November election returns. There are 90 key precincts across the state which local Leagues are asked to cover on election night.

Your League is requested to report on _____ precincts. You will need to select a coordinator who will in turn select a reporter for each precinct. (The coordinator may also serve as a reporter.) Please send the name, address, and telephone number of your coordinator to me by September 22. I will be acting as state coordinator.

The League members who have participated in this project in the past have found the work most interesting. It also gives the local Leagues an opportunity for some good publicity.

Enclosed is a letter and information for your local coordinator. If either of you have any problems or questions feel free to call me collect at 214/868-1920.

Thank you for giving this your immediate attention.

Yours truly,

Nana Rylander

Nana Rylander
2428 N. Ricketts
Sherman, Tx. 75090

Name of League _____

Coordinator's Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

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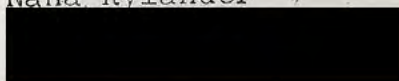
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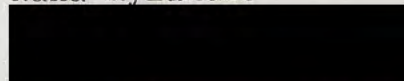
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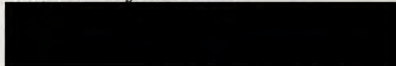
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