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January 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Governors and Key Assistants

FROM: Robert Witt  
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This is RGA Communications '76--the eighth installment of our internal information service, distributed to Governors and their key staff assistants.

The notebook contains a number of informational inserts, filed in the appropriate section. In the coming months, additional inserts will be mailed to you.

All materials will be printed on pre-holed paper, making it convenient for filing upon receipt--and, thus filed, ready for future reference. The letterhead and RGA signature will remain the same, with the exception of a key word (printed in blue) reflecting the subject matter.

I hope you will take a few moments to become familiar with Communications '76. If the past is prologue, this informational service should prove itself a valuable and handy reference in the coming year.



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### 1976 - 1977 ELECTION GUIDE

#### 1976 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

*In 1976 Fourteen States and Puerto Rico will elect Governors. This information, from Secretaries of State and State election boards, is accurate as of January, 1976.*

#### Arkansas

Filing dates: Noon, March 6, 1976 through Noon, April 6, 1976.  
Primary: May 25, 1976.  
Primary Runoff: June 8, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

#### Delaware

There is no provision for individual gubernatorial candidate filing in Delaware. The candidates are selected by party convention and/or party primaries.  
Primary: September 11, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

#### Illinois

Filing dates: December 8 - 15, 1975.  
Primary: March 16, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976

#### Indiana

Filing deadline: March 15, 1976.  
Primary: May 4, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

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Missouri

Filing deadline: April 27, 1976.  
Primary: August 3, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

Montana

Filing deadline: April 22, 1976.  
Primary: June 1, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

New Hampshire

Filing dates: July 1-15, 1976.  
Primary: September 14, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

North Carolina

Filing dates: May 12-28, 1976.  
Primary: August 17, 1976.  
Primary Runoff: September 14, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976

North Dakota

Filing dates: April 24 - July 23, 1976.  
Primary: September 7, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

Rhode Island

Filing dates: June 1-10, 1976.  
Primary: September 14, 1976.  
General Election: November 2, 1976.

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Utah

Filing dates: April 15 - May 10, 1976.

Primary: September 14, 1976.

General Election: November 2, 1976.

NOTE: In Utah, Party nominating conventions are set by the individual political parties, but must be held in June or July. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of delegate votes are then placed on the primary election ballot. Should a candidate receive more than 70% of the delegate votes in a nominating convention, that individual becomes the official candidate.

Vermont

Filing deadline: August 4, 1976.

Primary: September 14, 1976.

General Election: November 2, 1976.

Washington

Filing dates: July 26-30, 1976.

Primary: September 21, 1976.

General Election: November 2, 1976.

West Virginia

Filing dates: January 5 - February 7, 1976.

Primary: May 11, 1976.

General Election: November 2, 1976.

Puerto Rico

Dates for nominating candidates: April 30, 1976.

Primary election: July 11, 1976.

General Election: November 2, 1976.

NOTE: Candidates are chosen by the political parties in nominating conventions. If a single candidate is not chosen, the top contenders are placed on the Primary election ballot.

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1977 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

New Jersey

Filing deadline: April 28, 1977  
Primary: June 7, 1977  
General Election: November 8, 1977

Virginia

Filing deadline: April 11, 1977  
Primary: June 10, 1977  
General Election: November 1, 1977

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GOVERNMENT

*The U.S. Department of Commerce, in 1975, published the following statistics concerning Voter Participation in November, 1974. Statistics from previous election years are included for reference.*

*It should be noted that this reported estimate of 45% compares with 39% from the preliminary count of actual votes cast as published in Congressional Quarterly. Previous experience has shown that there is a tendency for persons to overreport voter participation in surveys.*

## Reported Registration Rates, by Region and Race: November 1966 to 1974

(Civilian noninstitutional population)

Region, race, and Spanish origin	Congressional elections			Presidential elections	
	1974	1970	1966	1972	1968
UNITED STATES					
Total, voting age.....	62.2	68.1	70.3	72.3	74.3
White.....	63.5	69.1	71.6	73.4	75.4
Negro.....	54.9	60.8	60.2	65.5	66.2
Spanish origin <sup>1</sup> .....	34.9	(NA)	(NA)	44.4	(NA)
NORTH AND WEST					
Total, voting age.....	63.3	70.0	73.8	73.9	76.5
White.....	64.6	70.8	74.5	74.9	77.2
Negro.....	54.2	64.5	68.8	67.0	71.8
SOUTH					
Total, voting age.....	59.8	63.8	62.2	68.7	69.2
White.....	61.0	65.1	64.3	69.8	70.8
Negro.....	55.5	57.5	52.9	64.0	61.6

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Of the 25 million persons who were registered, but did not vote, 7.7 million reported that they had been unable to go to the polls because of illness, disability, or inability to take time off from work. Another 7.7 million reported that they were not interested in the election, did not like the candidates, or did not think their vote would matter. Others were out of town or did not know of the election.

This report provides advance statistics on voting and registration; more detailed tabulations and analysis will be presented in a forthcoming report. Statistics presented in this report are based on answers to a series of questions asked of a sample of persons of voting age two weeks

after the elections of November 5. The questions were designed to provide information on voting behavior and reasons for nonparticipation of the various segments of the population.

Since the data presented in this report are based on a sample of the population, they are, of course, subject to sampling errors. Confidence limits of 95 percent probability were applied to all statements of this report. This means that the chances are at least 19 in 20 that a difference identified in the text indicates a true difference in the population rather than the chance variations arising from the use of samples. Estimates of the size of the sampling errors will be included in the forthcoming detailed report.

**Table 1. Reported Voting and Registration of the Population of Voting Age, by Age and Sex:  
November 1974**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	All persons	Reported that they were registered			Reported not registered <sup>2</sup>
		Total	Voted	Did not vote <sup>1</sup>	
Both sexes.....	141,299	87,889	63,164	24,725	53,410
18 to 20 years.....	11,621	4,234	2,412	1,822	7,387
21 to 24 years.....	14,098	6,384	3,718	2,666	7,714
25 to 29 years.....	15,957	8,197	5,396	2,801	7,760
30 to 34 years.....	13,351	7,830	5,438	2,392	5,522
35 to 44 years.....	22,355	14,902	10,971	3,931	7,453
45 to 54 years.....	23,569	17,078	13,169	3,909	6,491
55 to 64 years.....	19,392	14,560	11,297	3,263	4,833
65 to 74 years.....	13,316	9,721	7,428	2,293	3,595
75 years and over.....	7,639	4,983	3,336	1,647	2,656
Male.....	66,393	41,704	30,675	11,029	24,689
18 to 20 years.....	5,540	2,019	1,184	835	3,521
21 to 24 years.....	6,000	3,144	1,852	1,293	3,656
25 to 29 years.....	7,726	3,857	2,550	1,307	3,869
30 to 34 years.....	6,453	3,725	2,621	1,104	2,728
35 to 44 years.....	10,741	7,100	5,286	1,814	3,641
45 to 54 years.....	11,337	8,262	6,500	1,762	3,075
55 to 64 years.....	9,133	7,032	5,598	1,434	2,101
65 to 74 years.....	5,779	4,456	3,573	884	1,322
75 years and over.....	2,884	2,107	1,511	596	776
Female.....	74,906	46,185	32,489	13,696	28,721
18 to 20 years.....	6,082	2,215	1,228	987	3,866
21 to 24 years.....	7,298	3,240	1,866	1,374	4,058
25 to 29 years.....	8,231	4,340	2,846	1,494	3,891
30 to 34 years.....	6,898	4,105	2,817	1,288	2,794
35 to 44 years.....	11,614	7,802	5,685	2,117	3,812
45 to 54 years.....	12,231	8,816	6,669	2,147	3,415
55 to 64 years.....	10,259	7,527	5,698	1,829	2,732
65 to 74 years.....	7,537	5,264	3,855	1,409	2,273
75 years and over.....	4,755	2,876	1,824	1,051	1,878
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION					
Both sexes.....	100.0	62.2	44.7	17.5	37.8
18 to 20 years.....	100.0	36.4	20.8	15.7	63.6
21 to 24 years.....	100.0	45.3	26.4	18.9	54.7
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	51.4	33.8	17.6	48.6
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	58.6	40.7	17.9	41.4
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	66.7	49.1	17.6	33.3
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	72.5	55.9	16.6	27.5
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	75.1	58.3	16.8	24.9
65 to 74 years.....	100.0	73.0	55.8	17.2	27.0
75 years and over.....	100.0	65.2	43.7	21.6	34.8
Male.....	100.0	62.8	46.2	16.6	37.2
18 to 20 years.....	100.0	36.4	21.4	15.1	63.6
21 to 24 years.....	100.0	46.2	27.2	19.0	53.8
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	49.9	33.0	16.9	50.1
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	57.7	40.6	17.1	42.3
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	66.1	49.2	16.9	33.9
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	72.9	57.3	15.5	27.1
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	77.0	61.3	15.7	23.0
65 to 74 years.....	100.0	77.1	61.8	15.3	22.9
75 years and over.....	100.0	73.1	52.4	20.7	26.9
Female.....	100.0	61.7	43.4	18.3	38.3
18 to 20 years.....	100.0	36.4	20.2	16.2	63.6
21 to 24 years.....	100.0	44.4	25.6	18.8	55.6
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	52.7	34.6	18.2	47.3
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	59.5	40.8	18.7	40.5
35 to 44 years.....	100.0	67.2	48.9	18.2	32.8
45 to 54 years.....	100.0	72.1	54.5	17.6	27.9
55 to 64 years.....	100.0	73.4	55.5	17.8	26.6
65 to 74 years.....	100.0	69.8	51.1	18.7	30.2
75 years and over.....	100.0	60.5	38.4	22.1	39.5

<sup>1</sup>Includes persons who were recorded as "do not know" and "not reported" on voting.

<sup>2</sup>Includes persons who were recorded as "do not know" and "not reported" on registration.



**Table 2. Reason for Not Voting or Registering by Race: November 1974**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Voter participation and reason for not voting and registering	Total	White	Negro	Spanish origin <sup>1</sup>	Percent distribution			
					Total	White	Negro	Spanish origin <sup>1</sup>
Total, 18 years old and over.....	141,299	125,132	14,175	6,095	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Voted.....	63,164	57,918	4,786	1,397	44.7	46.3	33.8	22.9
Did not vote.....	78,135	67,213	9,389	4,698	55.3	53.7	66.2	77.1
Registered.....	24,725	21,571	2,992	728	17.5	17.2	21.1	11.9
Reason for not voting:								
Illness, disability.....	4,328	3,704	596	128	3.1	3.0	4.2	2.1
Couldn't take time off from work.....	3,371	2,790	565	104	2.4	2.2	4.0	1.7
Machines not working, lines too long..	135	128	7	3	0.1	0.1	(Z)	(Z)
Out of town.....	3,285	3,064	200	59	2.3	2.4	1.4	1.0
Did not know about election.....	232	167	63	19	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3
Not interested, just didn't get around to it.....	4,577	3,985	556	141	3.2	3.2	3.9	2.3
Dislike politics in general.....	629	587	40	28	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
Did not prefer any of the candidates..	2,142	1,971	155	60	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.0
Vote wouldn't matter anyway.....	366	328	36	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	-
Other reason.....	3,411	3,029	359	87	2.4	2.4	2.5	1.6
Reason not reported.....	2,248	1,816	415	89	1.6	1.5	2.9	1.5
Not registered <sup>2</sup> .....	53,410	45,642	6,397	3,970	37.8	36.5	45.1	65.1
Reason for not registering:								
Not a citizen.....	4,005	3,143	180	1,582	2.8	2.5	1.3	28.0
Residence requirement not satisfied...	1,931	1,805	110	57	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.9
Recently moved, never got around to it.....	4,796	4,406	346	150	3.4	3.5	2.4	2.5
No transportation.....	454	334	115	6	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.1
Hours or place of registration inconvenient.....	1,357	1,209	132	66	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1
Did not know how or where to register..	1,982	1,670	273	257	1.4	1.3	1.9	4.2
Physical disability.....	1,643	1,322	307	55	1.2	1.1	2.2	0.9
Not interested, just didn't get around to it.....	16,839	14,448	2,170	754	11.9	11.5	15.3	12.4
Dislikes politics in general.....	2,166	1,993	151	129	1.5	1.6	1.1	2.1
Did not prefer any of the candidates..	1,224	1,121	89	30	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.5
Vote wouldn't matter anyway.....	654	568	69	20	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
Other reason.....	5,417	4,567	731	265	3.8	3.6	5.2	4.3
Reason not reported.....	2,558	2,036	497	179	1.8	1.6	3.5	2.9

- Represents zero.

Z Less than 0.05 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup>Includes 8,384 persons who did not report on registration, not shown separately.

**Table 3. Reported Voter Participation and Reason for not Voting, for Persons who Were Registered: November 1974 and 1972**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Whether voted and reason for not voting	1974		1972	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 18 years old and over.....	141,299	100.0	136,203	100.0
Voted.....	63,164	44.7	85,766	63.0
Did not vote.....	78,135	55.3	50,437	37.0
Registered.....	24,725	17.5	12,714	9.3
Reason for not voting:				
Unable to go to polls.....	7,698	5.4	4,419	3.2
Out of town.....	3,286	2.3	1,464	1.1
Machines not working.....	135	0.1	269	0.2
Not interested.....	4,577	3.2	1,898	1.4
Dislikes politics.....	3,138	2.2	1,511	1.1
Other reasons.....	3,643	2.6	1,567	1.2
Reason not reported.....	2,248	1.6	1,586	1.2

**Table 4. Reported Voter Participation and Reason for not Registering of Persons of Voting Age: November 1966 to 1974**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Whether voted and reason not registered	1974		1972		1970		1968		1966	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	141,299	100.0	136,203	100.0	120,701	100.0	116,535	100.0	112,800	100.0
Registered.....	87,889	62.2	98,480	72.3	82,181	68.1	86,574	74.3	79,295	70.3
Voted.....	63,164	44.7	85,766	63.0	65,888	54.6	78,964	67.8	62,518	55.4
Not registered.....	45,026	31.9	33,242	24.4	34,091	28.2	26,942	23.1	29,735	26.4
Reason not registered:										
Not a citizen.....	4,005	2.8	3,530	2.6	3,052	2.5	2,680	2.3	2,285	2.0
Residence requirement not satisfied.....	1,931	1.4	1,988	1.5	4,956	4.1	3,022	2.6	5,612	5.0
Unable to register.....	5,436	3.8	4,203	3.1	4,014	3.3	3,602	3.1		
Not interested.....	21,635	15.3	14,256	10.5	17,131	14.2	14,366	12.3	18,703	16.6
Dislikes politics.....	4,044	2.9	2,513	1.8						
Other reasons.....	5,417	3.8	4,977	3.7	3,699	3.1	2,564	2.2		
Reason not reported.....	2,558	1.8	1,775	1.3	1,239	1.0	707	0.6	3,134	2.8
Registration not reported....	8,384	5.9	4,481	3.3	4,430	3.7	3,019	2.6	3,770	3.3

Note: Includes persons 18 years old and over in Georgia and Kentucky, 19 year old and over in Alaska, 20 years old and over in Hawaii, and 21 years old and over in the remaining States in 1966, 1968, and 1970. Includes all persons 18 years old and over in 1972 and 1974.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, January 9, 1976

Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr. of West Virginia, Chairman of the Republican Governors' Association, today named Ralph Griffith, as Executive Director of the RGA. Griffith succeeds James Galbraith in the post.

Griffith, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, is a former political editor of the Knoxville Journal. He served as Press Secretary and Special Assistant to U. S. Senator Howard Baker and was Director of Information for former Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn.

Immediately prior to joining the Republican Governors' Association, Griffith served as Assistant to the Director for Congressional-Media Relations, Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President.

In making the appointment, Governor Moore said, "Ralph Griffith brings to the post not only his knowledge of the total political arena, but his intimate practical knowledge of the workings of State government. I believe he will be a major asset to the RGA as the Republican Governors work to add significantly to their numbers during the 1976 elections."

Governor Moore also paid high compliments to James Galbraith. "During his six years with the RGA, Jim has been a constructive force in the development of the Association into a very useful arm of the nation's Republican Governors. On behalf of those Governors, I extend our appreciation to Jim for his dedication, and extend our best wishes to him in his new post." Galbraith resigned as RGA Executive Director to accept a position as Director of Corporate Communications with the Ti Corporation in Los Angeles, California.

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*What is the RGA?*

Its membership consists of all Republican Governors and Republican Governors-elect of the United States.

*When was the RGA formed?*

The Association took roots in the summer of 1963 at the bipartisan National Governors Conference in Miami Beach. Its first chairman was then Governor Robert Smylie of Idaho. The Association acquired its first professional staff, based in Washington, D.C., in May, 1967.

*What are the RGA's objectives?*

The organization was designed "to enable the Republican Governors to take their proper position in expressing, developing and preserving the philosophy of the Republican Party in all the States of the Union." It assists in the election and re-election of Republican Governors and then offers the Governors an opportunity to consult and cooperate with each other as well as the Republican President, members of the Executive Branch and the Congress and Republican Party leaders.

*Does the Association hold regular meetings?*

Yes, the RGA holds two Conferences each year.

*Does the Association have any special committees to carry out its objectives?*

There are three committees. A Policy Committee has the job of developing suggestions for policy positions of the Association. It also conducts research for use of the members in the conduct of their political and governmental responsibilities. A Campaign Committee assists Republican Gubernatorial candidates. An Executive Committee deals with general RGA functions and consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and three Governors elected by the membership.

*How is the Association funded?*

Its operational expenses are funded through the Republican National Committee. Beginning in 1972, the RGA administered a campaign fund for Republican Gubernatorial campaigns. As the present time, the Association does not share in proceeds from the large Party fund-raising dinners as do other Republican Campaign organizations.







