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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

VIA: DEAN BURCH *1973*
FROM: FRED SLIGHT *90X*
SUBJECT: Elections Summary

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Attached is a preliminary and tentative summary of Tuesday's elections. According to wire service projections, the Democrats are expected to achieve a net gain of five to six Governors, four Senators and forty-four Congressmen.

In the eight mid-term elections held in this century when unemployment was rising, the party in the White House had an average loss of 46 seats in the House and 5 seats in the Senate. Tuesday's election results are not far off this mark.

The possibility of recounts is anticipated in Alaska (Hammond v. Egan), Ohio (Rhodes v. Gilligan), New Hampshire (Wyman v. Durkin), Oklahoma (Bellmon v. Edmonson), North Dakota (Young v. Guy), Nevada (Laxalt v. Reid), Nebraska (Republican Smith leading Ziebarth by 800 votes in the 3rd District), and Louisiana (Republican Moore leading non-incumbent LaCaze by 14 votes out of 120,000 cast in the 6th District).

Attachments