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MEMORANDUM

TO: Branches in areas affected by the Texas Primary decision
FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel
SUBJECT: Voting in Primary Elections

We have carefully gone over the decision in the Texas Primary case and are convinced that the decision authorizes the voting of Negroes in all primary elections both federal and state. There is no doubt that in some instances Negroes will be denied the right to vote despite this ruling by the United States Supreme Court. In all such instances we must handle all cases in such a manner as not to conflict with others.

Will you therefore see to it that qualified Negro electors present themselves to the polls for voting in the primary election and if refused, please have them make out affidavits as to the refusal and send them to this office. We will advise you as to further procedure in each instance.

Unless we correlate all of the activities along these lines, there is a possibility of one case injuring another. We solicit your cooperation in first clearing all cases with us in this office. Please follow the same procedure in any instances of refusal to register qualified Negro electors.

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