Senator Yarborough issued the following statement today:
On April 21, San Jacinto Day, I went to Washington, went to the Justice Department, and requested that the F.B.I. be assigned to investigate the story of the $\$ 50,000$ lie. I was referred to Assistant Attorney General Herbert Miller, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office, and made my request to him. I was advised that they would study the matter and received no answer that day, but some days later was advised that the F.B.I. had decided to re-open the matter and investigate this new angle.

Today (May l) I phoned Assistant Attorney General Herbert Miller and asked him what progress was being made. He reported to me that Billy Sol Estes had refused to be interviewed by the F.B.I. but that one of the two witnesses who appeared on T. V. with Gordon McLendon and swore that he saw me receive $\$ 50,000$ admitted to the $F$. B. I, that the statement was false; that he never saw Billy Sol Estes give me $\$ 50,000$ and that his statement was a lie. This was a confession to the F.B.I. of perjury.

This is all the information $I$ have at this point, but if the press wants information, I refer them to Mr. Herbert Miller in Washington, D. C.

I want Gordon McLendon to explain this perjury in his marathon telecast Saturday, and I demand that he withdraw from the race because of having based it on perjury and character assassination. I will discuss this further on my state-wide telecast at 9:30 P. M. tonight.


The above statement was dictated over long distance telephone to a recording machine in the office of Sheridan C. Lewis, Co-Chairman of the Nueces County Committee for the Re-Election of United States Senator Ralph Yarborough, and is certified to as having been so received, by the Co-Chairmen, Sheridan C. Lewis and Mrs. William R. Edwards.


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