Dear Delegates and Alternates to the State Democratic Convention in San Antonio:

This letter is in reference to W.R. Andersons' (state committeeman for 20th Senatorial District) letter dated June 6, 1972, paragraph 3 lines # 9 & 10, here he charges that "I do not believe either challange has been properly made under the rules of the Democratic party of Texas.

After reviewing the State Democrate rules, Texas Election Code and minutes that were filed with the Secretary of State, of the Nueces County Convention May 6, 1972, it was discovered that no chairman had been appointed or elected for the Nueces County Delegates. We are therefore calling these facts to your attention: Mr. Anderson is a State Committeeman of the 20th Senatorial District-- but not the delegation chairman as he so stated in his correspondences.

Under Art.IV. Sec. 2, paragraph h, <u>COUNTY CONVENTIONS</u>, it states "The delegation so elected shall meet as soon as possible to elect their delegation chairman by vote of the majority of the delegation."

Under Art IV Sec. 2, paragraph 20,<u>COUNTY CONVENTIONS</u> states "the chairman of any delegation planning to hold a preconvention caucus which shall for all practical purposes have the effect of selecting delegates or party officiers to represent that delegation shall give ample advance notice of the time and place to each duly elected member of the delegation (which had not been done other than the meeting called June 2, 1972, by Charles Nichols.

The county convention of Nueces County was conducted on the evening of May 6, 1972. No attempt to call a caucus was made by the state committeeman, Mr. Anderson or Mr. Touflic Nicholas. Realizing that the quoted articles above stressed that the election of the chairman was to be done"as soon as possible", Mr. Charles Nichols as an authorized and concerned delegate, notified each Nueces County Delegate in writing, stating the purpose of said meeting on June 2, 1972. 26 days had elapsed since the May 6, 1972 County Convention and the June 2, 1972, meeting. Many delegates were concerned by their not having selected a delegation chairman to the state convention and they considered the 26 days which had elapsed, more than a reasonable length of time for the conducting of this business, which according to the rules Art. IV Sec. 2 states "as soon as possible".

Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of the meeting called for the purpose of electing a delegation chairman.

Monday, June 12, 1972, at 9:00 p.m. in the Espada Room of the La Mansion Hotel, a caucus of the entire delegation of the 20th Senatorial District will be held. The business of our Caucus shall be to nominate and elect:

- a. Four delegates and two alternate to the National Convention
- b. Elect one (1) member of the Permanent Committee on Credentials
- c. Elect one (1) member of the Committee on Rules
- d. Elect one (1) member of the Committee on Resolutions.
- e. Elect one (1) member of the Committee to Nominate at Large Delegates to the National Convention.
- f. The nomination and election of one man and one woman to the State Executive Committee for the 20th Senatorial District.
- g. To elect one Presidential Elector

Should you have any questions or desire any further information in regards to the convention please feel free to call me any time.

Jason Luby

Chairman of the Nueces County Delegation

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The meeting was officially called to order by Charles A. Nichols, Acting Chairman, at 8:12 P.M.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that the meeting was held under the Rules of the Democratic Party of Texas, Article IV, Section 2, paragraph h, as adopted by the State Executive Committee and signed by the Secretary of State for the State of Texas. Paragraph h states, "The delegation so elected shall meet as soon as possible to elect their Delegation Chairman by vote of a majority of the delegation". Acting Secretary H. C. "Chuck" Cazalas read the names of all delegates and alternates in order to determine who was in attendance. The attached Exhibit B shows signatures of delegates or alternates in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Nichols stated that he was only the Acting Temporary Chairman of the meeting and requested nominations from the floor for a permanent Chairman of the meeting who would conduct the business at hand for the meeting called under Article IV, Section **2**, paragraph h.

Mr. Jason Luby was nominated by Mr. Earl Shanley and the nomination was seconded by Mr. G. A. Glenn. Mr. Charles A. Nichols was nominated by Mr. Rick Nava and seconded by Mr. Dennis Eagan.

On a standing vote, Mr. Jason Luby was elected by a count of 15 to 14; several not voting.

Mr. Luby's first order of business was to ask for nominations for a permanent Secretary of the meeting. Mr. H. C. "Chuck" Cazalas was nominated by Mr. G. A. Glenn and seconded by Mrs. Diane Paxton. Since there were no other nominations from the floor and nominations closed. A standing vote was called for. All rose. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Cazalas be accepted by acclamation.

Mr. Luby's second order of business was to elect a permanent Chairman to represent the delegation from Nueces County to the State Democratic Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Jason Luby was nominated by Mr. Billy D. Deel and seconded by Mr. G. A. Glenn. Since there were no other nominations from the floor and nominations closed, a standing vote was called for. All rose. It was then moved and seconded that Mr. Jason Luby be elected by acclamation.

A question arose from the floor as to the reason for the At Large delegates being challenged. On a motion from the floor by Mr. Richey and seconded by Mr. Joe Tanner concerning the nature of the meeting, it was decided by a vote of 22 to 7 that the question would be answered after the meeting due to a time limit problem. MINUTES - Nueces County Delegation to Elect a Chairman

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A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. 8:49 P.M.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing minutes are true and accurate minutes as they occurred to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. C. Cazalas Secretary Nueces County Democratic Delegation

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