SEP 25 1972 Results of McGovern's Own Poll

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Aides to Senator George McGovern released what they said yesterday were results of a private national poll showing that McGovern has somewhat reduced Mr. Nixon's lead.

The McGovern poll shows Nixon 22 percentage points ahead of McGovern, rather than 34 as in polls taken a few weeks ago.

McGovern campaign director Frank Mankiewicz said the poll was based on telephone conversations with roughly 1500 persons nationwide, all of whom had been interviewed in depth earlier.

He said he believed the spread would be even narrower in the large states with sizable electoral votes that McGovern is contesting most heavily.

Mankiewicz also said that McGovern pollsters feel the undecided are leaning for McGovern over Mr. Nixon by a ratio of 2 to 1.

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