In its statewide New Jersey Poll the Eagleton Institute asked a sample of 1214 adults how good a job they think the Governor is doing: "excellent", "good", "only fair," or "poor." Poll results show that Cahill's combined "excellent" and "good" rating has declined two points to 34% in the current N.J. Poll, down from 36% in the March 1973 poll. The current poll was conducted May 11-22, before the primary campaigns heated up, and it was administered by telephone to a statewide random sample. A sample of this size, according to Stephen Salmore, Eagleton's expert on surveying, is accurate to within approximately 3 points of the true figure.

Cahill's performance was rated "excellent" by 2% of the sample, "good" by 32%, "only fair" by 43% and "poor" by 15%, with the remaining 8% undecided.

Cahill's performance was rated "poor" by 15% of the current sample compared to 14% giving the same response in both the January and March 1973 polls. His "only fair" rating, 43% of the current poll, compares to the 44% giving the same rating in March.

The Governor's combined "excellent" and "good" rating was highest in October 1971 when 44% gave that response. After a dip to 39% in May 1972, his rating was up to 42% by October 1972 then dropped three points to 39% in January 1973 and three more points to 36% in March 1973.

Public rating of the performance of the legislature also has dropped by 2 points since the March poll. The current poll shows 1% of the sample rating the
legislature "excellent" and 24% rating it "good." This compares to the March
ratings of 1% "excellent" and 25% "good." "Only fair" was the rating given by
43% of the current poll and 44% of the March poll. In both polls 9% gave the legislature
a "poor" rating while 19% had no opinion on the March poll and 23% had no opinion
in the current poll. In the January 1973 poll 28% of the sample rated the legislature
as "excellent" or "good" with 40% saying "only fair," 9% "poor" and 23% giving no
opinion.

Both the Governor and the legislature get their highest marks from
Republicans in the sample. Republican's combined "excellent" and "good" scores
for the Governor stood at 40% compared to 29% of the Democrats giving the same
response. On the legislature 31% of the Republicans gave an "excellent" or "good"
evaluation compared to 23% of the Democrats.

The results of the Seventh New Jersey Poll were tabulated by the
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TO: POLITICAL REPORTERS

FROM: JOHN C. BLYDENBURGH

RE: THE SEVENTH NEW JERSEY POLL, RELEASE #3, MONDAY MORNING
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The questions on which this analysis is based are as follow.

"Overall, how good a job do you think the Governor of New Jersey is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?"

"How good a job do you think the present New Jersey State Legislature is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?"