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EDITORS' FORWARD

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION of 1968 has once again brought to the forefront discussion of the Electoral College. The Villanova Law Review in its Winter, 1968 issue (13 Vill. L. Rev. 303) presented a Symposium on the Electoral College centering on an article by Mr. John Banzhaf entitled One Man, 3.312 Votes: A Mathematical Analysis of the Electoral College. In the Editors' Forward to that Symposium an invitation was extended to members of the legal profession and other disciplines to provide additional commentary on our present system of electing a President and Vice President, and on Mr. Banzhaf's mathematical analysis of this system. The Comments which follow, by Mr. Albert J. Rosenthal, Professor of Law at Columbia University, and Mr. Robert J. Sickels, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, were submitted in response to that invitation.