leads over either Republicans or Independents were handed a card listing the names of 12 Republicans who have figured prominently in speculation for 1968. This question was then asked: 

“Here are the names of a number of leaders in the Republican party. Which of these men do you think would make the best candidate for the Republican party in 1968?”

Based on interviews with nearly 4,500 persons across the nation in September and October, the Gallup Poll found that 25 per cent who said they were “Republicans,” 49 per cent who said they were “Democrats,” and 26 per cent who did not choose either major party, describing themselves as “Independents.”

As these results clearly show, the Republican party is the minority party. In order for the GOP to win a presidential election, its candidate obviously must make a strong appeal to Independent voters.

Following are the latest choices of Independents, compared with the results of the previous survey in October. Little change is found in the standing of Nixon, Lodge, Goldwater or Romney. However, Lindsay’s relative popularity has received a boost since October.