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MEMO TO PRESIDENT CORPUS:

Florida, now the nation's ninth most populous state, is rapidly moving into eighth place, Governor Farris Bryant predicted today.

Governor Bryant based his prediction on Florida Development Commission projections of the 14.2 per cent population gain in the state has shown since 1960, making Florida the fastest-growing major state.

As of July 1, Florida's population was estimated to be 5,652,000 by the U. S. Bureau of Census. This is a 701,000 increase in the past three years.

"Only the sparsely settled states of Nevada, with 29 per cent and Arizona, with 19.7 per cent gains, exceeded the explosive growth of the Sunshine State," Bryant declared.