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MEMORANDUM FOR:

John H. Thompson Director U.S. Census Bureau

Carol N. Rice

FROM:

Carol N. Rice Assistant Inspector General for Economic and Statistical Program Assessment

SUBJECT:

Audit of the Census Bureau's Controls on the Use of Administrative Records and Third Party Data

We are initiating an audit of the Census Bureau's management of administrative records and third-party data. Our objective is to assess the Bureau's controls for obtaining, using, retaining, and disposing of administrative records and third-party data from governmental and nongovernmental sources as part of its planning for the 2020 decennial census.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for July 13, 2016, at which time we will discuss our audit objectives and scope in more detail. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Eleazar Velazquez, Supervisory Program Analyst, at (202) 482-0744.

We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during this audit.

cc: Nancy A. Potok, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Census Bureau Pamela Moulder, Senior Program Analyst, Economics and Statistics Administration Colleen Holzbach, Program Manager for Oversight Engagement, Census Bureau Corey Kane, Program Analyst, Census Bureau