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MEMORANDUM FOR: Steve H. Murdock  
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

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SUBJECT: OIG Reviews of Decennial Census in Response to  
Secretarial Request

As you know, we received a memo from Secretary Gutierrez dated April 23, 2008, requesting that the Office of Inspector General (1) analyze FDCA problems, (2) review plans and budgets to determine 2010 decennial high-risk areas, and (3) examine decennial decision documents and expenditures.

To initiate our work in these three areas, we have scheduled an entrance conference for Thursday, June 19, 2008, with key members of your staff. A separate OIG team will conduct each review and report its findings individually. Our objectives are as follows:

- **FDCA.** We will seek to determine (1) why cost estimates have increased while the scope of the contract has been reduced; (2) why funds were not available for the contract to proceed as planned; and (3) what went wrong with processes for defining requirements and developing and testing systems.
- **High-risk decennial activities.** Our review will concentrate on cost, schedule, and performance/quality issues, with the goal of providing timely analysis and recommendations for decision makers.
- **Decision documents and expenditures.** We will identify the decision documentation and other information used to support allocations and spending for the 2010 Census and determine whether they are consistent with planned activities and budget requests.

If you have any questions about these reviews, please contact me at (202) 482-5643.

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