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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Robert Groves
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Census Bureau's ability to safeguard
confidential electronic decennial respondent data

As part of our FY 2010 Census work and in conjunction with our annual work under the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, we plan to evaluate the bureau's ability to safeguard confidential decennial respondent data in electronic form.

Our objectives are to determine (1) which information systems include confidential decennial respondent data; (2) how the data are stored, processed, distributed, and protected; and (3) whether required security controls are effectively meeting the security requirements for the data.

As a first step in our evaluation, we will be contacting your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-1855.

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