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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert M. Groves  
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SUBJECT: Review of Address Canvassing Lister Travel Claims

We are preparing to review the travel claims submitted by address listers in support of the Census 2010 address canvassing operation.

We intend to evaluate the causes of budget variances for listers' time, mileage, and expenses incurred during address canvassing to help identify actions the bureau can take to better control costs during nonresponse follow-up. Our review will be conducted at Census Headquarters in Suitland, Maryland, and other locations as needed.

To initiate this work, we will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this review please feel free to call me at (202) 482-3052.

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