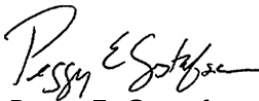




October 23, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Steven Dillingham
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: 
Peggy E. Gustafson
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Request for Information Pursuant to the Inspector General Act
of 1978, as Amended

It is my understanding, based in part on our regular meetings, that U.S. Census Bureau staff routinely brief the Secretary of Commerce or his staff on matters pertaining to the decennial census. In order to assist the Office of Inspector General (OIG) with its ongoing oversight of the decennial census, please transmit to my office any and all materials used to brief the Secretary or his staff during these meetings. I am requesting that you provide these briefing materials on a standing basis, simultaneous with the briefing of the Secretary or his staff. Please include materials used in such briefings given after Monday, October 12, 2020.

In addition, you may also produce any additional documentation or information deemed relevant to this request.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, provides the OIG with “timely access to all records” available to the Bureau.¹ Further, you are obligated to cooperate with this request per Department policy. Department Organization Order 10-13, § 4.01 states that “[t]he officers and employees of the Department shall cooperate fully with the officials and employees of the OIG and shall provide such information, assistance, and support without delay as is needed for the OIG to properly carry out the provisions of the [Inspector General] Act [of 1978].”

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (202) 482-4661.

¹ See 5 U.S.C. App. § 6(a)(1)(A).