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MEMORANDUM FOR: John H. Thompson
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FROM: 
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Assessment

SUBJECT: Audit of the U.S. Census Bureau's Efforts to Continuously Update
the MAF-TIGER database and the LUCA Program in Preparation
for the 2020 Decennial Census

As part of our fiscal year 2015 audit plan, we are initiating an audit of the Census Bureau's efforts to continuously update address listings in an effort to reduce the cost of the 2020 decennial census.

Our objectives are to

- assess the methods and costs of continuously updating the Master Address File (MAF) Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding Reference System (TIGER) database (MTdb),
- determine how efforts, such as the 2015 Address Validation Test, support the accuracy of the MAF, and
- evaluate preparation of the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program for the 2020 decennial census.

An entrance conference is scheduled for April 29, 2015, 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 Carie Mellies, Senior Program Analyst and audit manager, at (202) 482-0486. We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during this audit.

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