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MEMORANDUM FOR: John H. Thompson
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: 
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Assistant Inspector General for Economic
and Statistical Program Assessment

SUBJECT: Audit of 2020 Census Background Check Preparedness

We are initiating an audit of the Census Bureau's revised background check policies and procedures, as well as its plan for accommodating the background check and hiring needs of the 2020 Census. Our objectives are to (1) assess the Bureau's internal policies and procedures for conducting background checks on temporary employees; and (2) determine whether the Bureau has a plan in place to conduct background checks for temporary employees who will be hired during the 2020 Census tests and decennial field operations that will occur as part of the actual decennial enumeration.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for February 2, 2017, 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 Terry Storms, Supervisory Auditor, at (202) 482-0055.

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