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

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**FROM:** Carol N. Rice  
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and Statistical Program Assessment

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of the 2016 Census Test in Harris County, Texas,  
and Los Angeles County, California

As part of our FY 2016 audit plan, we are initiating an evaluation of the 2016 Census Test. Our objectives are to evaluate (a) the effectiveness of the Enhanced Operational Control System to support operations and (b) the new management structure.

An entrance conference is scheduled for May 10, 2016, at which time we will discuss our evaluation objectives and scope in more detail. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Reza Sepehri, Auditor and Evaluation Manager, at (202) 482-6068.

We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during this evaluation.

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