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**The Honorable John Connor  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

To confirm our conversation of 24 June, I am pleased you have agreed that the Bureau of the Census will assume responsibility for the production of certain sociological units of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) heretofore produced by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This will insure the continuity of this vital portion of the interagency NIS Program.

The NIS units for which the Foreign Demographic Analysis Division of the Bureau of the Census will be responsible, beginning 1 July 1966, are Characteristics of the People; Welfare; and Religion, Education, and Public Information. The HEW staff which has been providing this production comprises 20 full-time employees, GS-4 to GS-15. The furniture, equipment and file safes of this staff, which were purchased with CIA funds, as well as the substantive files and a small reference library, will move to Census with the transferred personnel. An inventory has been provided to HEW and Census. HEW has agreed to provide space and administrative housekeeping on an ad hoc basis for the personnel involved for up to three months beyond 30 June 1966.

Until such time as a contract has been negotiated with the Bureau of the Census, the CIA will reimburse the Bureau for costs incurred, that sum to become part of the agreed funding arrangement for FY 1967.

I have designated James A. Brammell, Director of Basic Intelligence, to represent me in discussions with the Bureau of the Census to effect the transfer.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

cc: Secretary of HEW

Richard Helms

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