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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a very important national survey called the American Community Survey (ACS). In the next few weeks, one of our Census Bureau Field Representatives will call you to discuss the survey and to schedule an appointment to visit your facility.

There are two reasons for the Field Representative's visit:

- First, to collect basic information about your facility to update our address records. Our Field Representative will verify and update information, such as the contact name and type of facility, as well as answer any questions you might have about the ACS.
- Second, to ask for a list of the people who are currently staying at the facility. The Field Representative will use this list to select a random sample of residents to take part in the ACS. The Field Representative also may need your assistance in collecting these data from the sample of residents.

The ACS collects information about various topics, such as education, health status, and jobs. Information from this survey is used by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as by businesses and private non-profit organizations, to meet the needs of communities across America.

Local governments use these data for budgeting, evaluating programs, and planning for community development projects, such as those for the elderly, Scout programs, libraries, and hospitals. Other organizations use this information to provide services to the community and to plan or establish new facilities, buildings, and programs.

The enclosed brochure provides answers to frequently asked questions about the ACS. If you have access to the Internet and want to learn more about the ACS, please visit the Census Bureau's Web site at: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html>

If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Atlanta Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-424-6974.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon

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