

MEMORANDUM FOR The Honorable William Daley
 Secretary of Commerce

Through: Robert Shapiro
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From: Kenneth Prewitt
 Director

Subject: *Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation: Statement on the Feasibility
 of Using Statistical Methods to Improve the Accuracy of Census
 2000*

Attached is my statement on the feasibility of using modern statistical methods to correct Census 2000 counts as stipulated by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Department of Commerce v. United States House of Representatives (January 1999). This statement was prepared after extensive discussions with the U.S. Census Bureau's senior staff and review of all relevant documents.

The Census Bureau is committed to making its data as accurate as possible for all uses. This document sets forth the rationale for the Census Bureau's preliminary determination that (1) statistically corrected census data can be produced within the time frame required by law and (2) that statistically corrected data will be more accurate.