FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  

As part of Census 2000, the Census Bureau is collecting information on how people finance their homes. The information you provide will be very important in the development of both private and government programs concerned with residential financing.

To collect the information most effectively and with the least inconvenience, we select a small sample of properties to represent all similar properties in the United States. This property is part of the scientifically selected sample for this survey. **It is extremely important that we receive a response for each property selected.**

If you are the owner of the property shown on the address label in the enclosed questionnaire, we would appreciate your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire as completely and accurately as you can. If you cannot provide exact figures for some questions, estimates will be satisfactory. Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed addressed envelope.

If you are not the owner of the property, please answer Questions 1 and 2 on the front page and return this questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.

**Title 13, United States Code, requires your response to this inquiry.** Under this law, your individual report is confidential and only will be used to produce statistical summaries. We cannot publish or otherwise release information identifying any individual property or person to any other government agency (federal, state, or local) or to any private organization.

We estimate that, for the average household, this form will take about 15 to 45 minutes to complete. Comments about this estimate should be directed to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0872, Room 3104, Federal Building 3, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and has been given approval number 0607-0872, which appears on the questionnaire. Without this number, we could not conduct the survey.

**Please complete and return this questionnaire within 7 days.** If your reply is not received, a census representative will contact you to complete the questionnaire.

If you would like additional information about this survey, please refer to the Residential Finance Survey on the Internet at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/rfs.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

William G. Barron, Jr.

Enclosures