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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ditas Katague
Chair
National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other
Populations (NAC)

From: John H. Thompson 
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Subject: Census Response to National Advisory Committee (NAC)
Recommendation on American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN)
Enrollment Question Moderator Guide from meeting on
October 13, 2015

In response to the NAC's recommendation below, submitted on November 25, 2015, which states:

The NAC recommends that Director Thompson establish a working group (ad hoc perhaps) to specifically address the enrollment question, forthcoming Native Hawaiian recognition issues, and any other urgent issues impacting domestic nations. This working group will be charged with a shortened time-frame given the time sensitive nature of the enrollment question research for 2017 national testing.

The Census Bureau is completing the first round of Tribal Enrollment and Tribal Enrollment Question Consultations and is engaging in robust discussions with the AIAN community. NAC members may attend and observe the consultations. Once we complete the Tribal Consultations and synthesize the input and information gathered, the Census Bureau will consult with the NAC to discuss and jointly determine whether the Census Bureau will establish a working group to specifically address the tribal enrollment question.