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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,  
*Washington, D. C., June 5, 1918.*

SIR:

I transmit herewith a report on the Negro population of the United States, prepared by Dr. John Cummings in the Division of Revision and Results, under the general supervision of Dr. Joseph A. Hill. This report is based upon publications, schedules, and manuscript tables of this bureau and covers a period of 125 years, from 1790 to 1915. I believe, therefore, that it is the most comprehensive statistical report ever published on the subject to which it relates, and I feel confident that it will prove to be a very valuable source of information regarding the progress of the Negro race in this country.

It is worthy of note that the tabulations for this report were made by a corps of Negro clerks working under the efficient direction of three men of their own race, namely, Robert A. Pelham, Charles E. Hall, and William Jennifer.

Respectfully,

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Hon. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD,  
*Secretary of Commerce.*