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SIR:

I transmit herewith a report on the areas of the United States. The figures cover the total, land, and water areas of the States, counties, cities, and minor civil divisions, and represent the first basic remeasurement of the United States since the Tenth Decennial Census of 1880.

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