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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
Washington, D. C., August 10, 1907.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report on prisoners and on juvenile delinquents in special institutions for this class. The report is issued in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the act of Congress of March 6, 1902.

The investigation was planned by Dr. Roland P. Falkner, formerly expert special agent, who is responsible for the methods pursued and the scope of the inquiry. Upon his resignation from the service the work was carried on under the direction of Mr. John Koren, expert special agent, who is responsible for the treatment of the statistical material, as well as for the text analysis of the results.

The report falls into four parts: (1) The population of all prisons and reformatories for adults in the United States on June 30, 1904; (2) the commitments to all such prisons and reformatories during 1904; (3) the population of all special institutions for juvenile delinquents in the United States on June 30, 1904; and (4) the commitments to all such special institutions for juvenile delinquents during 1904. For the first time in these reports the commitments of prisoners and juvenile delinquents have been measured for the space of one year and studied in the light of personal statistics.

The work of collecting and compiling the statistics was performed by the regular clerical force of the Bureau, under the supervision of the late William A. King, chief statistician for vital statistics.

Very respectfully,



Director.

Hon. OSCAR S. STRAUS,
Secretary of Commerce and Labor.