

# The Census Office and Coordination of Statistics



Reply of the Director of the Census  
to the Inquiries of the Interdepart-  
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MY DEAR SIR:

In response to the circular letter of the Interdepartmental Statistical Committee, covering seventeen questions to which answers are requested, I have the honor to submit a detailed report herewith.

In view of the fact that the Census Office is the chief statistical bureau of the Government, I have deemed it proper to make this report as complete as possible, so that the committee may be fully informed regarding the great advance in coordination, and in the standardization of the official statistics of the Federal Government and of the several states and the chief municipalities, which has been in progress since the establishment of the permanent Census Office in 1902.

I am profoundly in sympathy with the purposes the committee has in view under the Executive Order, and hold myself in readiness to respond to any call for further information.

Very respectfully,



Director.

HON. LAWRENCE O. MURRAY, *Chairman,*  
*Interdepartmental Statistical Committee.*