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SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for publication the fifty-fifth annual issue of the Statistical Abstract of the United States. This annual volume is a convenient summary of authoritative statistics showing the trends in trade and industry as well as social progress and is extensively used by business men, economists, statisticians, and students.

The present volume has been prepared in the Division of Economic Research, under the general direction of Ernest A. Tupper, acting chief of the division, and the more immediate charge of Martha Hunter. The volume represents a digest of data collected by all statistical agencies of the National Government, as well as those of a considerable number of private agencies and several States. Many of these offices and agencies have been of great assistance in furnishing advance data and also in the actual preparation of the tables used in the Abstract. Special mention in this connection is due the following offices of the Federal Government: The Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Fisheries, and the Bureau of Mines of the Department of Commerce; the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Weather Bureau of the Department of Agriculture; the Bureau of Immigration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor; the Office of Education of the Department of the Interior; the Federal Board for Vocational Education; the Statistical Division of the Income Tax Unit of the Treasury Department; the Veterans' Administration; the Interstate Commerce Commission; the United States Shipping Board; and the Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board.

Respectfully,

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