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Subject: 2020 Census Detailed Operational Plan for Count Review Operation

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This memorandum documents the various operational components covered in the Count Review Operation. The 2020 Census Count Review Operation enhances the accuracy of the 2020 Census through:

- Implementing an efficient and equitable process to identify and incorporate housing units that are missing from the Census Master Address File.
- Identifying and including or correcting large group quarters, such as college/university student housing, that are missing from the MAF or geographically misallocated.
- Positioning unresolved cases for a smooth transition to the Count Question Resolution operation.
- Evaluating census responses and subsequent data files at multiple levels of geography for reasonableness, and verifying that edits have been properly applied.

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