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FYI. Will let you know what I hear.
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Subject: Request to Reinstate Citizenship Question On 2020 Census Questionnaire
Arthur,

Thank you for your letter dated 12/12/2017 regarding improving the quality of citizenship information for DOJ enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. Let me start by saying the Bureau is fully supportive of providing DOJ with the highest quality statistical information possible. To that end, I directed staff to review all possible ways to address the needs expressed in the letter. They have now briefed me and their findings suggest that the best way to provide PL94 block-level data with citizen voting population by race and ethnicity would be through utilizing a linked file of administrative and survey data the Census Bureau already possesses. This would result in higher quality data produced at lower cost.

I suggest we schedule a meeting of Census and DOJ technical experts to discuss the details of this proposal. We look forward to working with you on this important statistical matter.

Happy Holidays

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