

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1944

To the Director of the Census:

In conformity with the authority contained in Section 5 of the Act approved February 14, 1903 (32 Stat. 829), as amended, I hereby authorize and instruct you to collect, compile, and publish statistical and related information about State and local government organization, finances, employment, operations, facilities, elections, and documents; to plan and establish, in cooperation with appropriate State Government officials, and with uniform minimum standards, a nation-wide system for State collection of information on local governments; and to maintain a collection of current and basic documents of State and local governments and publications pertaining thereto needed for the proper preparation of publications on the subjects above and for replying to inquiries in this field from government agencies, business, industry and the general public.

/s/ Wayne C. Taylor

Acting Secretary of Commerce