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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,

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SIR:

I have the honor to submit Bulletin 8 of the Bureau of the Census entitled "Negroes in the United States."

Requests for information upon the subject of this bulletin are frequently received by the Bureau. It is impossible to supply each inquirer with the seven quarto volumes of the Twelfth Census, through which tables on this subject are scattered. The summary tables in the Abstract of the Twelfth Census are not extended enough to meet the want, and as published, without any explanation or interpretation, might in some cases be meaningless or misleading to persons unfamiliar with census methods or inexpert with figures. To meet the call thus made upon it the Bureau of the Census has brought together with substantial completeness in the present bulletin, the information it has gathered regarding the American negro, and has prepared an introductory analysis pointing out what the figures are thought by the Bureau to mean and not to mean. Certain tables containing statistics of minor importance have not been reproduced, because their inclusion would have increased the size of the bulletin so much as to impair its value as a convenient source of reference.

In the introductory analysis, figures for the whites in the entire country or in the Southern states have been included whenever the comparison thus made possible seemed to bring out more clearly the meaning of the statistics regarding the present conditions or the recent changes of the negro population. But in the general tables extended information about the whites could not be introduced without omitting more relevant matter to make a place for it. In analyzing the figures on occupations much use has been made of the Special Report on Occupations. No analysis for small areas like individual states or cities could be undertaken within the limit of such a publication and no effort has been made to carry the interpretation into smaller geographic divisions than continental United States or the Southern states as a whole.

The primary tables presented in this bulletin were prepared under the supervision of Mr. W. C. Hunt, chief statistician. They comprise Tables 1 to 33, relating to population, and Tables 60 to 70, relating to agriculture. These tables are for the most part reproductions or adaptations of tables published at the Twelfth Census. Tables 34 to 59, which are now published for the first time, are supplementary and derived tables prepared under the supervision of Professor W. F. Willcox, of Cornell University, special agent of the Census Bureau. Professor Willcox has also written the introductory analysis upon population and vital statistics. The section on the negro farmer was prepared by W. E. B. Du Bois, Ph. D., professor of economics and history in Atlanta University.

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