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*Washington, D. C., August 5, 1942.*

SIR: I transmit herewith volume III of the Sixteenth Census reports on the Census of Business. This volume presents critical data on four major types of business: Service establishments; places of amusement; hotels; and tourist courts and tourist camps. Statistics on service establishments are organized into two sections, the first, United States Summaries, and the second, States, Counties, and Cities. Following these two sections, detailed statistics for four kinds of service businesses (power laundries, cleaning and dyeing plants, hand laundries, and rug cleaning establishments) are presented in a separate section.

Service establishments, places of amusement, and tourist courts and tourist camps were first included in the scope of the Census of American Business for 1933, and were also covered by the Census of Business for 1935. Hotels were first included in the scope of the Census of Distribution for 1929, limited, however, to those having 25 guest rooms or more. Hotels (without size limitations) were included in the Census of American Business for 1933 and the Census of Business for 1935.

The Census of Business, taken in 1940 in conformity with the Act providing for the Sixteenth Decennial Census, approved June 18, 1929, covers operations during the calendar year 1939. The facts were collected in 1940 by a complete field canvass of all business establishments in the continental United States.

Statistics for this report were prepared under the supervision of Fred A. Gosnell, Chief Statistician for Business, and William A. Ruff, Assistant Chief Statistician, by Ralph C. Janoschka, in charge of the Service Census, with the technical assistance of Katrina C. Morse.

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