January 3, 2020

Mr. Brian J. Wagner  
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Dear Brian:

This letter is a follow-up to the enclosed October 28, 2019, notification regarding the Postal Service partnering with the Census Bureau in preparation for the 2020 Census to conduct in-person identity proofing and the biometric capture of fingerprints for new hire applicants of the Census.

The subject initiative has been placed on hold pending the outcome of further discussions with the Census Bureau. If it is decided to move forward with this initiative, notice will be provided as appropriate.

If there are any questions, please contact Shannon Richardson at extension 5842.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
October 28, 2019

Mr. Brian J. Wagner  
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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service is partnering with the Census Bureau in preparation for the 2020 Census to conduct in-person identity proofing and the biometric capture of fingerprints for new hire applicants of the Census. In 2015, the Postal Service conducted a test of this concept in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Between January 10, 2020 and May 30, 2020, the referenced service will be offered in approximately 50 Post Offices nationwide. The in-person identity proofing and fingerprinting process will be performed by Clerk Craft employees in the selected locations. The process is anticipated to take approximately 5-7 minutes. The Census will provide a kit containing all the equipment necessary to perform the Identity proofing and biometric capture of fingerprints.

Census new hire applicants will use a web-based scheduler to make appointments at participating Postal Service locations. However, applicants may receive the service without an appointment.

Prior to being authorized to conduct the process, clerks are required to hold a National Agency Check with Inquiries (NACI) security clearance. Employees at the selected locations will be provided training regarding access to the scheduler, setting up the equipment, and usage.

Additionally, the Postal Service will be allowing Census employees to provide traditional (manual/"wet") fingerprinting services in approximately 150 retail units. Biometric capture of fingerprints and manual fingerprinting will not be conducted in the same location. Census employees will use public floor space in those locations where the manual fingerprinting service will be offered.

The list of participating Post Offices has not been finalized. Once the locations are confirmed, the list will be provided.

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