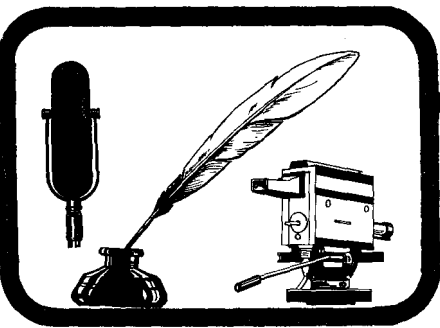


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Statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., Republican Leader, U.S. House of Reps.

I commend Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans for ordering changes in 1970 census procedures.

These changes partially meet objections raised by some members of the House on the ground that the census taker is a snooper. In that connection, I would cite Secretary Stans' assurance that questions regarding bathroom and kitchen facilities have been rephrased to eliminate objectionable implications.

I also find it commendable that the number of householders asked to respond to long lists of questions has been sharply reduced and that the confidentiality of all replies will be emphasized.

There is no question that the collecting of valid census data is highly important both to government and business. The steps being taken by Secretary Stans with regard to 1970 census taking remove some of the objectionable features of this decennial exercise.

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