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November 17, 1930

The President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum from the Director of the Census enclosing a statement giving the whole number of persons in each State exclusive of Indians not taxed, as ascertained under the Fifteenth Decennial Census of Population, and the number of Representatives to which each State would be entitled under an apportionment of the existing number of Representatives, 435, by the method known as the method of major fractions, which was the method used in the last preceding apportionment made under the Act of Congress approved August 8, 1911, and also by the method known as the method of equal proportions. There is also enclosed a statement giving the apportionment computed by the method of major fractions, and by the method of equal proportions and the gain or loss in the membership of each State as determined by each of these methods.

You will recall that under the Census Act approved June 18, 1929, the President is required to transmit this information to Congress during the first week of the second regular session.

Very sincerely,

/s/ R. P. Lanont.

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**Memorandum for the Secretary:**

I respectfully submit herewith, for transmission by the President to the Congress, in compliance with the Act approved June 18, 1929, a statement giving the whole number of persons in each State exclusive of Indians not taxed, as ascertained under the Fifteenth Decennial Census of Population, and the number of Representatives to which each State would be entitled under an apportionment of the existing number of Representatives, 435, by the method known as the method of major fractions, which was the method used in the last preceding apportionment made under the Act of Congress approved August 8, 1911, and also by the method known as the method of equal proportions. It so happens that for a House of 435 members the two methods give exactly the same apportionment. However, for a larger or smaller size of the House the apportionment given by the two methods are frequently not the same.

I also attach a statement giving the apportionment computed by the method of major fractions, and by the method of equal proportions, and the gain or loss in the membership of each State as determined by each of these methods.

(Signed) W. M. Stuart

Director.

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Excluding the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, Panama Canal Zone, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and Indians not taxed, the population of the United States, as reported for the Fifteenth Decennial Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, was 122,093,456. This is the population used in the attached statement which shows the apportionment of the 435 Representatives in Congress among the several States.

Section 22 of the Act of Congress approved June 18, 1939, provides that no State shall receive less than one Member. The method used at the last preceding apportionment of Members, referred to in Part 1 of Section 22, was the major fraction method, referred to in Part 2. Therefore, one column is shown giving the apportionment according to the major fraction method and the second column gives the distribution of Members according to the method of equal proportions, referred to in Part 3 of Section 22.

APPORTIONMENT OF 435 REPRESENTATIVES BY THE METHOD OF MAJOR FRACTIONS, WHICH WAS USED IN THE LAST PRECEDING APPORTIONMENT; AND BY THE METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTIONS, WITH TOTAL POPULATION OF THE SEVERAL STATES, NUMBER OF INDIANS NOT TAXED, AND POPULATION BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT

State	Population as enumerated April 1, 1930	Indians not taxed	Population basis of apportionment	Apportionment of 435 Representatives by method of -	
				Major fractions used in last preceding apportionment	Equal proportions
Total .....	122,886,177	194,722	122,095,455	435	435
Alabama .....	2,646,242	6	2,646,242	9	9
Arizona .....	435,573	46,198	389,375	1	1
Arkansas .....	1,854,482	38	1,854,444	7	7
California .....	5,677,251	9,010	5,668,241	20	20
Colorado .....	1,038,791	942	1,034,849	4	4
Connecticut .....	1,606,908	6	1,606,897	6	6
Delaware .....	238,380	-	238,380	1	1
Florida .....	1,468,211	20	1,468,191	5	5
Georgia .....	2,908,806	60	2,908,446	10	10
Idaho .....	445,082	3,496	441,586	2	2
Illinois .....	7,630,654	266	7,630,388	27	27
Indiana .....	3,238,803	23	3,238,480	12	12
Iowa .....	2,470,939	519	2,470,420	9	9
Kansas .....	1,880,999	1,601	1,879,498	7	7
Kentucky .....	2,614,589	14	2,614,575	9	9
Louisiana .....	2,101,893	-	2,101,593	8	8
Maine .....	797,423	5	797,418	3	3
Maryland .....	1,631,526	4	1,631,522	6	6
Massachusetts .....	4,249,614	16	4,249,598	15	15
Michigan .....	4,842,325	273	4,842,052	17	17
Minnesota .....	2,563,953	12,370	2,551,583	9	9
Mississippi .....	2,009,821	1,667	2,008,154	7	7
Missouri .....	3,629,367	257	3,629,110	13	13
Montana .....	537,606	12,877	524,729	2	2
Nebraska .....	1,377,963	2,840	1,375,123	5	5
Nevada .....	91,058	4,668	86,390	1	1
New Hampshire .....	465,293	1	465,292	2	2
New Jersey .....	4,041,384	15	4,041,319	14	14
New Mexico .....	423,317	27,335	395,982	1	1
New York .....	12,568,066	99	12,567,967	45	45
North Carolina .....	3,170,276	3,002	3,167,274	11	11
North Dakota .....	680,845	7,505	673,340	2	2
Ohio .....	6,646,697	64	6,646,633	24	24
Oklahoma .....	2,396,040	15,618	2,382,222	9	9
Oregon .....	953,786	3,407	950,379	3	3
Pennsylvania .....	9,631,350	51	9,631,299	34	34
Rhode Island .....	687,497	-	687,497	2	2
South Carolina .....	1,738,765	5	1,738,760	6	6
South Dakota .....	692,843	19,844	673,005	2	2
Tennessee .....	2,616,566	59	2,616,497	9	9
Texas .....	5,824,715	114	5,824,601	21	21
Utah .....	507,847	2,106	505,741	2	2
Vermont .....	359,611	-	359,611	1	1
Virginia .....	2,421,851	22	2,421,829	9	9
Washington .....	1,563,396	10,973	1,552,423	6	6
West Virginia .....	1,729,205	6	1,729,199	6	6
Wisconsin .....	2,939,006	7,288	2,931,721	10	10
Wyoming .....	225,565	1,935	223,630	1	1

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OF MAJOR FRACTIONS AND ALSO BY THE METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTIONS.  
 POPULATION BASIS OF APPOINTMENT 1930 (April 1).

State	Present House	Method of Major Fractions			Method of Equal Proportions		
		Next House	Gains	Losses	Next House	Gains	Losses
United States	435	435	27	27	435	27	27
Alabama .....	10	9		1	9		1
Arizona .....	1	1			1		
Arkansas .....	7	7			7		
California .....	11	20	9		20	9	
Colorado .....	4	4			4		
Connecticut .....	5	6	1		6	1	
Delaware .....	1	1			1		
Florida .....	4	5	1		5	1	
Georgia .....	12	10		2	10		2
Idaho .....	2	2			2		
Illinois .....	27	27			27		
Indiana .....	15	12		1	12		1
Iowa .....	11	9		2	9		2
Kansas .....	8	7		1	7		1
Kentucky .....	11	9		2	9		2
Louisiana .....	8	8			8		
Maine .....	4	3		1	3		1
Maryland .....	6	6			6		
Massachusetts ..	16	15		1	15		1
Michigan .....	15	17	4		17	4	
Minnesota .....	10	9		1	9		1
Mississippi .....	8	7		1	7		1
Missouri .....	16	15		3	15		3
Montana .....	2	2			2		
Nebraska .....	6	5		1	5		1
Nevada .....	1	1			1		
New Hampshire ..	2	2			2		
New Jersey .....	12	14	2		14	2	
New Mexico .....	1	1			1		
New York .....	45	45	2		45	2	
North Carolina ..	10	11	1		11	1	
North Dakota ...	3	2		1	2		1
Ohio .....	22	24	2		24	2	
Oklahoma .....	8	9	1		9	1	
Oregon .....	3	3			3		
Pennsylvania ...	36	34		2	34		2
Rhode Island ...	3	2		1	2		1
South Carolina ..	7	6		1	6		1
South Dakota ...	3	2		1	2		1
Tennessee .....	10	9		1	9		1
Texas .....	18	21	3		21	3	
Utah .....	2	2			2		
Vermont .....	2	1		1	1		1
Virginia .....	10	9		1	9		1
Washington .....	5	6	1		6	1	
West Virginia ..	6	6			6		
Wisconsin .....	11	10		1	10		1
Wyoming .....	1	1			1		

**Apportionment of representatives by the method of major fractions and the method of equal proportions as described by Professors Willcox and Huntington, respectively.**

**METHOD OF MAJOR FRACTIONS AS DESCRIBED BY PROFESSOR WILCOX**

The method of major fractions in Federal apportionment is a method whereby the representative population of each state is divided by a common divisor assumed to be the average population of a Congressional district and one representative assigned for each unit and each fractional remainder larger than one half in the series of quotients, but with the proviso that each state must receive at least one representative.

**METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTIONS AS DESCRIBED BY PROFESSOR HUNTINGTON**

The method of equal proportions is the method which makes (1) the ratio of population to representatives and (2) the ratio of representatives to population as nearly uniform as possible among the several states.

