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Senator Pat McCarran
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarran

I am very glad to have your letter of June 21st concerning the problem of studying reapportionment on the basis of the 1950 Census. I think it is rather unlikely that the Council will be in a position to set up a special committee on this subject, but I shall keep in touch with Dr. Walter Willcox and hope that some alternative means may be devised. Probably the most direct method is through the hearings of the Judiciary Committee itself. I gather that there are at least two schools of thought among the experts and it is unlikely that these differing viewpoints can be resolved by a committee of the Social Science Research Council.

If any really helpful leads turn up, I shall get in touch with you promptly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Pendleton Herring

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