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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Due to numerous inquiries from the news media, government officials, officials of private organizations, and the general public, the Bureau of the Census is releasing the attached preliminary and a few final State population totals from the 1970 census for three categories--persons of Spanish language, persons of Spanish family name, and Puerto Ricans. The Bureau is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration (SESA).

The figures, except the Spanish language totals for Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Vermont, and Wyoming, are preliminary only and subject to possible later revision. Puerto Rican counts are for three States only--New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Totals for the remaining States include persons of Spanish language--those who reported in the census that Spanish was the language spoken in their childhood households as well as persons related to household heads (or their wives) who reported this. In addition, the totals for California, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado include counts of persons of Spanish family name but who did not qualify as persons of Spanish language.

California had the largest Spanish heritage population in the figures reported today--3,101,589 persons counted in the 1970 census either of Spanish language or of Spanish family name. This was 16 percent of the State's 1970 total of 20 million persons. In 1960, when the total was for the Spanish family name count only, the figure was 1,426,538.

The Texas total in 1970 was 2,059,671 persons of Spanish language or family name. In 1960, the Spanish family name total was 1,417,810. The 1970 Spanish count in Texas was 18 percent of the State's 11.2 million persons.

The preliminary totals for the three States for which Puerto Rican counts are available were: New York, 872,471 (five percent of the State total); New Jersey, 135,676 (two percent of the State total); and Pennsylvania, 44,535 (less than one percent of the State total).

A table on the reverse side shows the 1970 population of each State, the Spanish totals, and each State's Spanish proportion of the 1970 count.

2. TOTAL AND SPANISH LANGUAGE POPULATION, BY STATE: 1970 (PRELIMINARY)

State	Total population	Spanish language population	
		Number	Percent of total
Alabama	3,444,165	13,313	--
Alaska	300,382	6,279	2
Arizona	1,770,893	333,349	19
Arkansas	1,923,295	9,333	--
California	19,957,715	3,101,589	16
Colorado	2,207,259	286,467	13
Connecticut	3,031,709	73,357	2
Delaware	548,101	6,267	1
District of Columbia	756,510	15,671	2
Florida	6,789,412	451,382	7
Georgia	4,589,575	29,824	1
Hawaii	768,561	23,276	3
Idaho	712,567	18,476	3
Illinois	11,109,935	364,397	3
Indiana	5,193,669	67,188	1
Iowa	2,824,376	17,448	1
Kansas	2,246,578	46,706	2
Kentucky	3,218,706	11,112	--
Louisiana	3,640,490	69,678	2
Maine	993,663	3,730	--
Maryland	3,922,399	52,974	1
Massachusetts	5,689,170	64,860	1
Michigan	8,875,083	120,687	1
Minnesota	3,804,971	23,198	1
Mississippi	2,216,912	8,182	--
Missouri	4,676,501	40,640	1
Montana	694,409	7,771	1
Nebraska	1,482,412	21,067	1
Nevada	488,738	27,142	6
New Hampshire	737,681	2,681	--
New Mexico	1,016,000	407,286	40
North Carolina	5,082,059	22,611	--
North Dakota	617,761	2,007	--
Ohio	10,651,848	95,128	1
Oklahoma	2,559,229	36,007	1
Oregon	2,091,385	34,577	2
Rhode Island	948,845	6,961	1
South Carolina	2,590,516	10,999	--
South Dakota	665,507	2,954	--
Tennessee	3,923,780	13,873	--
Texas	11,195,431	2,059,671	18
Utah	1,059,273	43,550	4
Vermont	444,330	2,469	1
Virginia	4,648,494	48,742	1
Washington	3,409,169	70,734	2
West Virginia	1,744,237	6,261	--
Wisconsin	4,417,731	41,402	1
Wyoming	332,416	18,551	6
PUERTO RICAN TOTALS: 1970 (PRELIMINARY)			
New Jersey	7,168,164	135,676	2
New York	18,236,951	872,471	5
Pennsylvania	11,793,907	44,535	--

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