

TO: JJM
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RE: CENSUS MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1990

At a meeting held in the Gardner Auditorium from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Tuesday November 20, 1990 several officials of the United States census met to brief the public concerning the 1990 census.

Arthur Dukakis, Regional Director of the Census, Marshall Turner, Head of the redistricting section of the Census from Washington and two individuals representing computer firms interested in the census and an attorney from The National Republican Committee were present.

The census count is complete in the state of Massachusetts. The final census count for Massachusetts will be higher than the preliminary figure due to review and recounting of several areas.

Based on preliminary figures the state of Massachusetts will lose one congressional seat. This seat is lost by approximately 30,000 less people than would be needed to keep all 11 congressional seats.

Considering the fact that Arthur Dukakis has said that the final figure will be higher, the chance does exist that Massachusetts would not lose a seat. At present, based on preliminary figures the 11th seat (not district) would rank 438th based on population.

Several tasks done by the census on a national-wide based it would seem that Massachusetts will probably lose the 11th seat.

The census has added people by doing the following:

They added 7.6% to the number of household^s based on further review by doing a vacancy check.

They added 250,000 people nation-wide by checking recent prison parolees and checking people on probation.

A program was run to have people who felt they were missed by the census when the original counts were done. 400,000 people wrote to the census, 300,000 of these people have been processed with a resulting 100,000 new people being added to the count nation-wide.

The Republican National Committee has been working with the NAACP and several Mexican-American groups to draw up redistricting plans.

Maureen Garde from The Democratic State Committee who sat with me at this meeting reports that the Republican State Committee wants the City of Boston to be one Congressional District.

It appears that the first district to be redistricted will be ours due to the large number of minorities.

Fred and I have been working on drawing up the new 9th Congressional district and should have this finished this week. We are using community profiles and studying the 1986, 1988 and 1990 congressional elections results in all the new towns we are considering adding to our district.

Louis Alessia from the Boston NAACP was in attendance at this meeting.