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## WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON BETWEEN DECENNIAL CENSUSES?

**SPEAKERS:** Philip Hauser, Chairman, Department of Sociology,  
University of Chicago

John H. Vinyard, Jr., Chief Biostatistics Division,  
D.C. Department of Public Health

Lenore Siegelman, Research Director, Community  
Renewal Program, D.C. Office of Urban Renewal

**DISCUSSANT:** Conrad Taeuber, Assistant Director for Demographic  
Fields, Bureau of the Census

A December meeting in January is unconventional. But the assemblage of excellent participants warrants the delay. The Federal Government spends huge sums yearly in grants-in-aid to State and locally administered programs. For example in fiscal year 1961 it spent nearly \$7 billion on such programs. Several Federal Departments, for example H.E.W. and Agriculture, are heavily involved in these programs. Many programs depend on statistical analyses of what is happening in small areas - census tracts, neighborhoods, cities. The critical need for small area data has resulted in a lively controversy over a mid-decade census that has consumed hundreds of pages of Congressional testimony. The discussion will focus on intercensal small area statistical needs, as seen by university statistical researchers and by local and State government statistical researchers directly on the firing line. This is the third and last of the Society's current meetings on statistics in urban affairs.

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 9, 8:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Room 319 Corcoran Hall, George Washington University  
725 - 21st Street, N. W.