

Every Californian Counts

Preparing for the 2020 Census
Joint Informational Hearing

May 22, 2018

My personal history with the Census Bureau

A USER: 1964 to 1972. Used Census Information for political campaigns.

A PUSHER: 1973 to 1976 and 1979 to 1981. Director of Census Bureau.

A USER: 1981 to 2010. Used information in the formulation of Business Strategies for large corporations.

2010 until now...**A USER** as a Commissioner of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Let's start with two questions that were asked...

- Historical context regarding the US Census
- Why is the Census important and what is it used for?

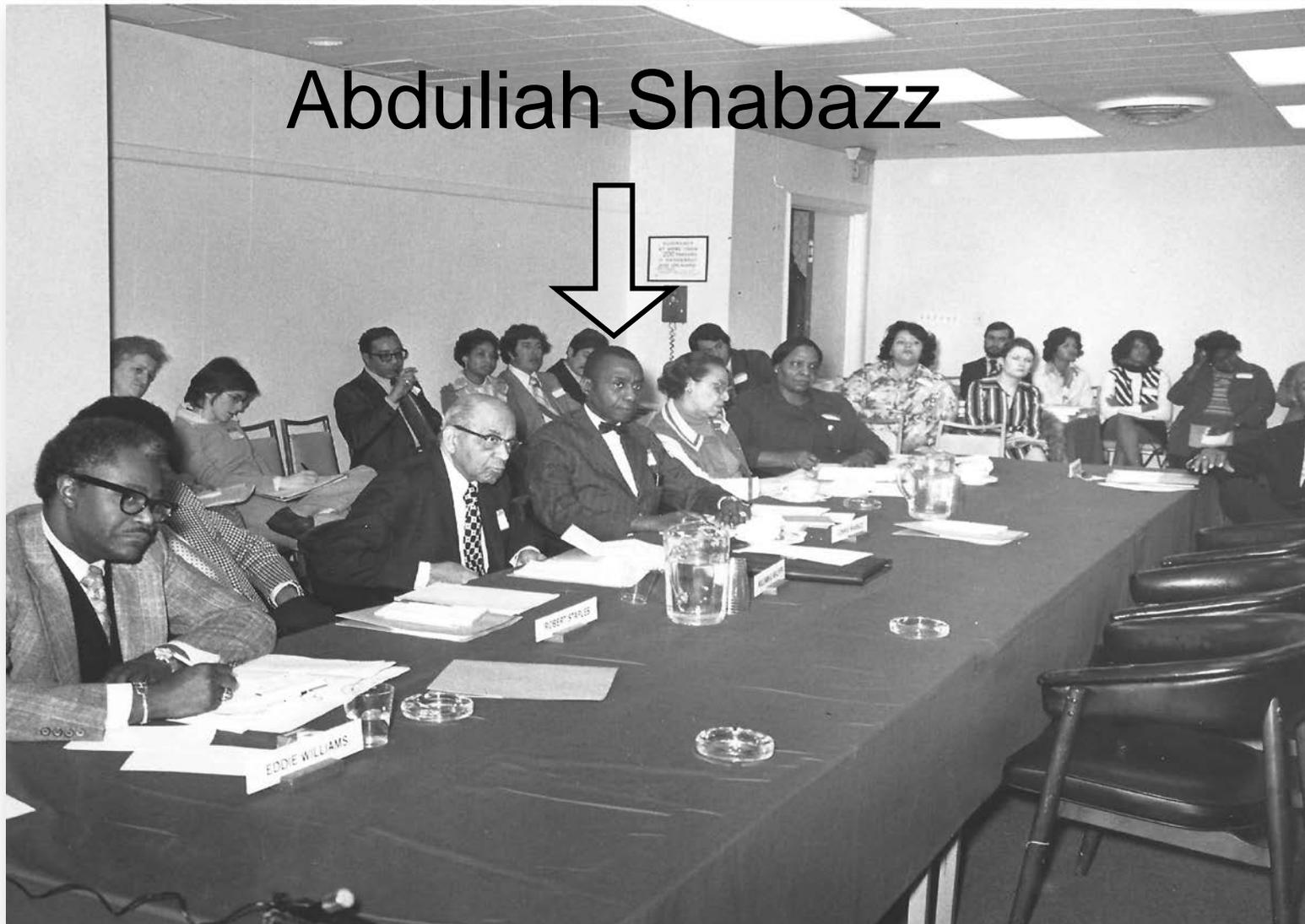
If there be any spare copies of the Census
of the Inhabitants of the States in the
Office of the Secretary of State, the Postmaster
General requests Mr. Jefferson to favour
him with one: it being proper to
attend to the population of the country
in forming an opinion upon appli-
cations for new post-roads.

General Post Office
Dec. 26. 1793.

Reaching out and communicating with hard to count communities and individuals.



Abduliah Shabazz



Robert K. Merton

“When things are perceived as real, they are real in their consequences.”

TITLE 13 CENSUS

Enacted Aug. 31, 1954

Two examples of how it actually protects individual information:

- The FBI
- New York City

Census Bureau Defies U.S. Court Order, Refuses to Give Data to N.Y. Officials

By **BRYCE NELSON**

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—In an unprecedented move, Census Bureau Director Vincent P. Barabba Friday defied a federal court order directing his agency to turn over to New York officials its 1980 census address lists.

In an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Barabba told Judge Henry F. Werker that providing such information would violate federal law and undermine the public's confidence in the bureau's reputation for confidentiality.

Census Bureau officials said the decision to defy Werker's order was made after several days of discussion and with the knowledge that refusal to comply could put them in contempt of court.

Census officials said the refusal was the first in the bureau's history.

Won't Violate Public's Trust

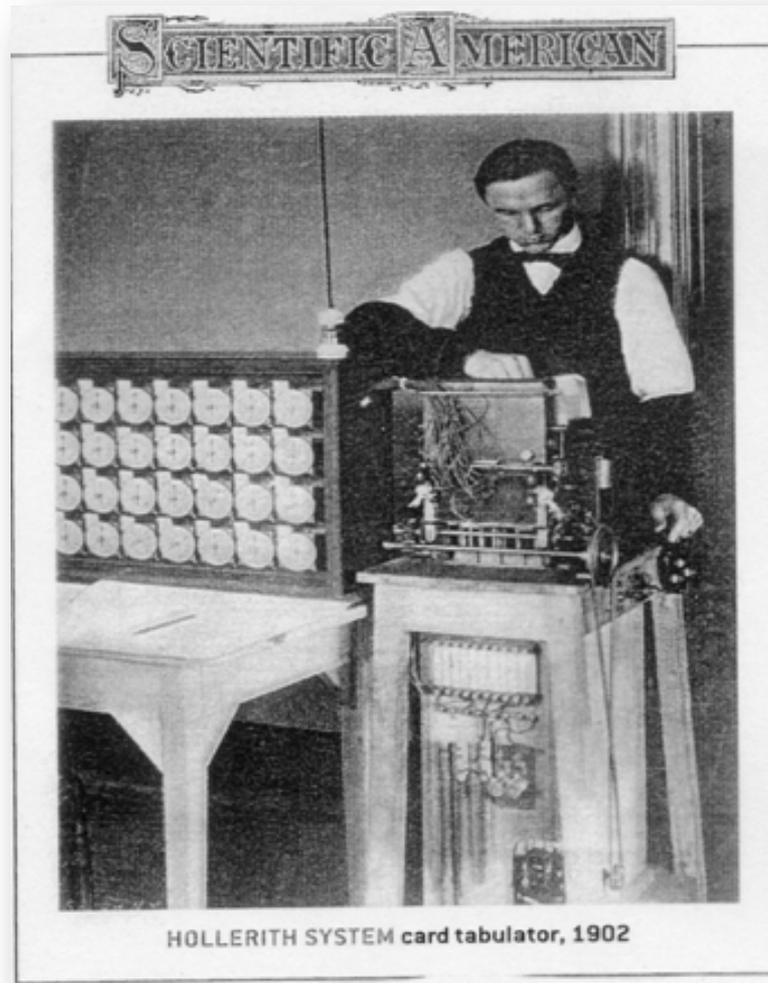
Bureau officials cited also a resolution adopted Tuesday by its Advisory Committee on Black Population, headed by Superior Judge Donald P. McCullum of Alameda County, Calif. The committee recommended that the Bureau "resist legally any efforts to interfere with the confidentiality of census records by releasing information about them."

In an interview Friday, McCullum said that the federal court order to divulge address files could "seriously infringe on the credibility of the census process.

"Releasing the information would be a breach of trust with the American people when we have told people in the black community throughout the country to cooperate with the census on the grounds that the information provided, under protection of federal law, was private and privileged," he said.

The role of new technologies that have improved the way the Census is conducted and how the information is released has been the Census Bureau's approach for a long time.

Hollerith Electric Tabulation System



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Robert Hagan

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Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Univac One with inventors Mauchly and Eckert in 1976.

Welcome to the Internet and the Online Census Form



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