

conclusion that we should establish a law such as was in force, I think, for about twelve or fifteen years before 1896, under which Federal officers were appointed for the purpose of preparing Federal lists; if we returned to that plan necessarily we would have to take up in connection with it the question you have submitted to me. Just how soon we will take that question up I really could not say to you this morning. It will require communication with and consideration by my colleagues and myself.

I am very happy for this means of information and suggestion, and when the question does come up I will have the document which you have been good enough to place in my hand, and if there is any further information or any further pamphlets which are being prepared and are being circulated by your society, I would take it as a great favor if you would send them and any communications with them, to me, as well as to my colleagues. Naturally it is a serious subject, and we would like to have all the information upon it which you would be in a position to collect.

I do not know that I could say anything more than that this morning. It would be obviously impossible for me to give you any assurance upon a question which the Government has not yet had an opportunity to take into consideration.