

HWAPP # 5597-424

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9/30/76

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

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Furthermore, new white mail in general and new people coming into the system are at an all time low. Our figures when forecasted through the end of the calendar year show only 668,000 new persons being added as compared to 1,035,000 for last year and 885,000 for 1974.

I am preparing a comprehensive report on the ministry based on facts and data compiled for me from a variety of sources - a report that will be most revealing and a report that will necessitate action from you alone if there will be any change for the better in the future.

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