



From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

My agency, part of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, needs your help. We are doing an important research study called the National Survey of Family Growth. The main part of this study asks questions about family life, marriage and divorce, having and raising children, health and health care. The information is used to help improve health services and health education programs.

To prepare for this study, we are asking a scientific sample of households to take part in a short interview. We have asked the University of Michigan to do these interviews for us. In a few days, an interviewer will visit your home to complete the interview. The visit will only take about 5 minutes, and any adult who lives in the home can answer. You may be asked to complete our main interview, which is described in more detail in the enclosed brochure.

Your help is voluntary but is key to the success of the study. By Federal law*, the answers you give are confidential and we will take all possible steps to protect your privacy. Your answers will be used for statistical research only.

We look forward to speaking with you soon.
I thank you for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Rothwell".

Charles J. Rothwell
Director, National Center for Health Statistics
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*One important law that protects your confidentiality is Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m(d)). The other two laws are the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 USC 3501 note) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242k) allows us to carry out this survey.