D-5 Office of THE DIRECTOR U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Form 16-31 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (7-31-59)WASHINGTON 25, D. C. July 1959 Dear Friend: One of the important statistical series issued by the Census Bureau is a monthly report on "starts" in residential construction. In counties and cities that issue building permits the necessary information can be readily obtained from the building permit records. In places that do not issue building permits, however, an on-the-spot survey must be made. We conduct this survey in a sample of counties and cities in order to produce timely results with a minimum of expense. Since you live in one of these places, and are well-informed about construction activities in the area, we should like to get your help. Once a month we should like to have our enumerator ask you about the location of any new residential construction in your area which you know about. No other information will be expected of you. We would sincerely appreciate your cooperation with our census enumerator who will call on you. By sharing your knowledge about construction activities in your locality you will make a substantial contribution to your government. The census enumerator who will visit you is MRS. WILMA L. TAULBER MALONE, KENTUCKY who lives at Sincerely yours, Robert W. Burgess Director Bureau of the Census Further information Regarted - John m. Hall on can be obtained from: REGIONAL SUPERVISOR BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 1010 FOURTH HATL. BK. BLDG. 18 EAST FOUNTH STREET CINCINNATI 2. OESO