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The Congressional Apportionment Problem

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The first apportionment population census.

The Assignment

You are a citizen from the same state as the congressman you drew. You are visiting Philadelphia in December 1792. Your congressman is happy to hear of your visit because he has heard of your expertise. Your congressman has sent you an urgent message pleading to meet with you and advise him about apportionment. You agree. Together you create an apportionment proposal.
The Assignment

Your proposal should be consistent with constitutional guidelines and include the following:

- a short biography of your congressman;
- the apportionment for each state with an explanation of your method;
- the resulting House size. Please remember your House size for the next class.

Please submit your word processed report by class time on Tuesday, 1 November. If you prefer you may email your report by 4 p.m. Monday to Dr. Biles at nia@suddenlink.net.
Your Congressman

To find out about your congressman, consult a website such as

http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_United_States_Congress

These websites summarize the history of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Congress. The Wikipedia site has links to all congressmen for the second session of Congress.
Thank You