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THE ECOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SUPERVISED RELEASEES
FROM THE D. C. CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM,
AS OF 10 FEBRUARY 1967

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vised release based upon administrative action of correction officials, 285; third, those who were paroled from a state prison or similar institution outside the District of Columbia and who were transferred, because of a change in residence, to the jurisdiction of the D. C. Board of Parole, 112. The total as of 10 February 1967, was 768.

The sex and race distribution of the group is described in Table 1. As is indicated, the largest group is composed of Negro males, 83.4 percent, although the parolees from other states do include a substantial number of White males, 23.3 percent.

The age distribution of the group is described in Table 2. Relatively, this is a mature group with a median age of 36.2 years.¹ This would compare, for example, with the age distribution of a group of 7992 persons arrested on suspicion of serious offenses in the District of Columbia between January 1963 and July 1965, who had a median age of 32.3 years. The parolees from D. C. with a median age of 27.5 years. As is noted in another section of the report, this group had a substantially shorter period of confinement than the D. C. group.

¹If any distribution of quantitative data is arranged in order from the smallest to the largest item, the middle item is the median.

exceeded only by Chicago.² For the remaining two categories of offenses on the Table--offenses involving narcotics and "other offenses"--the larger group was the 73, or 18.0 percent of the "good time" releasee offenses which involved narcotics. Most of those convicted of these offenses are not eligible for parole because of statutory provisions.

Time Under Supervision: The period of time served prior to release for each group and for all releasees is presented as Table 5. As the Table indicates, the median length of the period of confinement for the entire group is 67.8 months. As was noted above, the median period of confinement for those parolees from other states, 27.5 months, is substantially less than the period of the two groups released from the D. C. correctional units. For these two groups, the median lengths of the periods served--7.18 months for "good time" releasees and 67.8 months for parolees--are not substantially different, being more than five and one-half years for both groups.

The length of the period during which the releasees had been under supervision since release, as of 1 February 1967, is presented as Table 6. As is indicated, the longest median

²The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society: A Report of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1967) page 29.

and 59 Tracts in which there were five or more, including eight Tracts with nine releasees, and eight with 12 releasees. There were 28 in Tract 27, including six in Shaw House, a kind of half-way house for parolees. There were 12 releasees in Census Tract 96, including 11 who were patients in Saint Elizabeth's (mental) Hospital.

As was noted above, there were 768 releasees in the study group. Of these there were 697 who lived in the District of Columbia. Of the remainder there were 47 who lived in nearby Maryland, 17 who lived in Virginia, and one who lived in West Virginia. The current addresses of six could not be located.

As was noted above, the primary purpose of this study is to aid in the location of satellite supervisory centers for the D. C. Board of Parole. As a first step, the District has been divided into a number of sub-districts, and these alternative plans are considered below. Presumably one of the sub-centers would be located in each of these areas.

Plan A

The division designated as Plan A is indicated in Figure 2. As is evident on the Figure, this arrangement provides for a division of the releasees into three groups of almost equal size, a consideration of some relevance in the establishment of the satellite centers. However, these areas are not of

Plan D

The division designated as Plan D is indicated in Figure 5. As is evident in the Figure, this is also a division into four areas. This plan is patterned on that developed by the Department of Public Health of the District of Columbia for the planning and administration of programs in the field of public health, including mental health. The Department has prepared reports and analysis of social data based upon this general division of the District.³ However, this allocation is not considered suitable for the purpose at hand. As will be noted in the Figure, only 21 of the releasees are in Area A and 122 in Area D, with heavy concentration in Areas B and C, that is, in the central portion of the city.

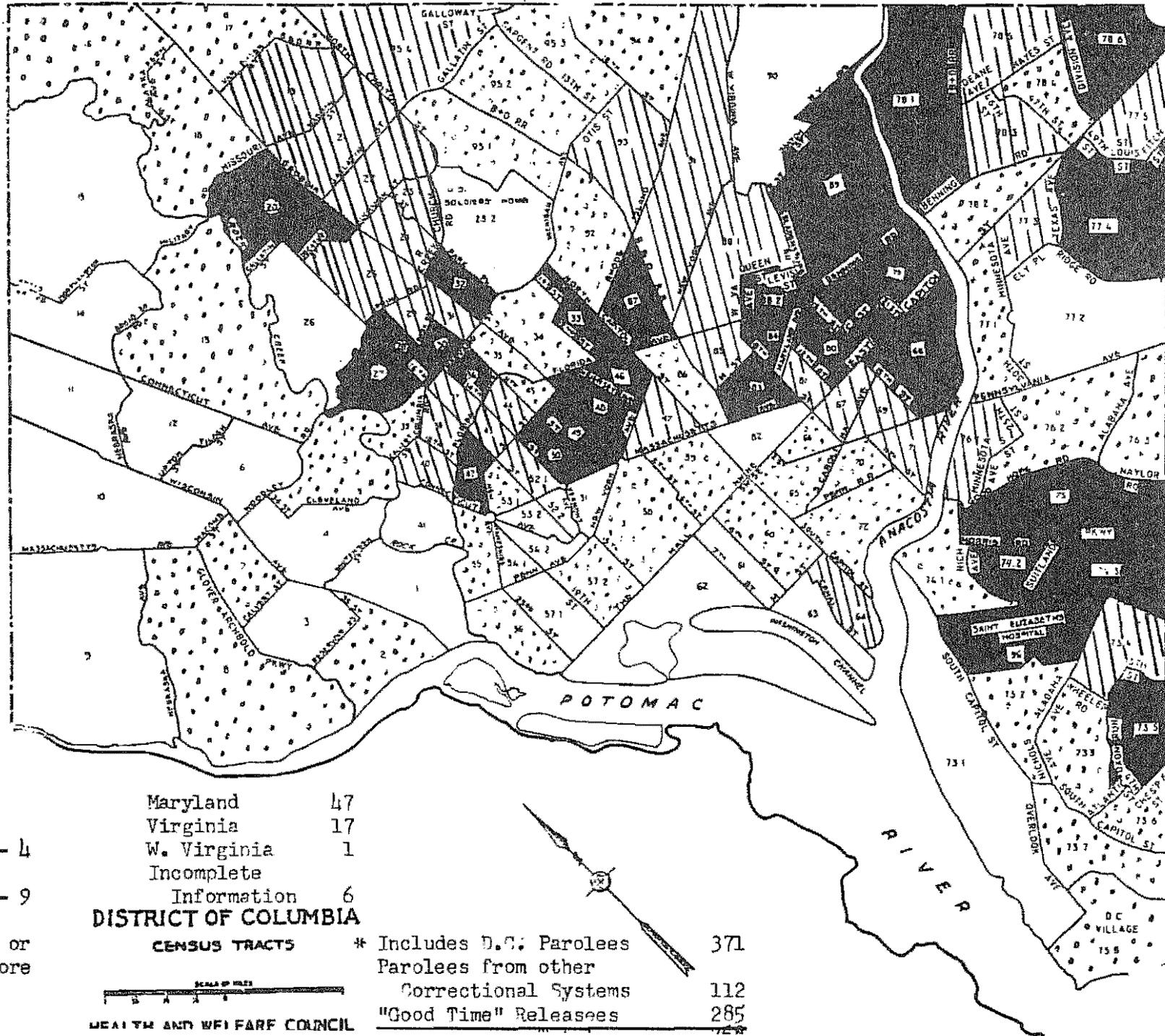
Releasee Guilty of Offenses Involving Narcotics: Of the total group of 768 releasees, there were 91 who had been guilty of offenses involving narcotics, including importation, possession and sale. Presumably a part of these, as well as others convicted of other offenses, were also narcotics users, but information on addiction was not gathered as part of this research.

Of the 91 releasees, there were 72 who were released on

³See, for example, Social and Economic Characteristics, District of Columbia Statistical Areas, April 1, 1960, a report prepared by the Population Analysis Unit, Biostatistics Division, District of Columbia Department of Public Health.

FIGURE 1: PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF ALL SUPERVISED RELEASEES, D.C. BOARD OF PAROLE, FEBRUARY 10, 1967*

(10)



LEGEND

	0	Maryland	47
	1 - 4	Virginia	17
	5 - 9	W. Virginia	1
	10 or more	Incomplete Information	6

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CENSUS TRACTS

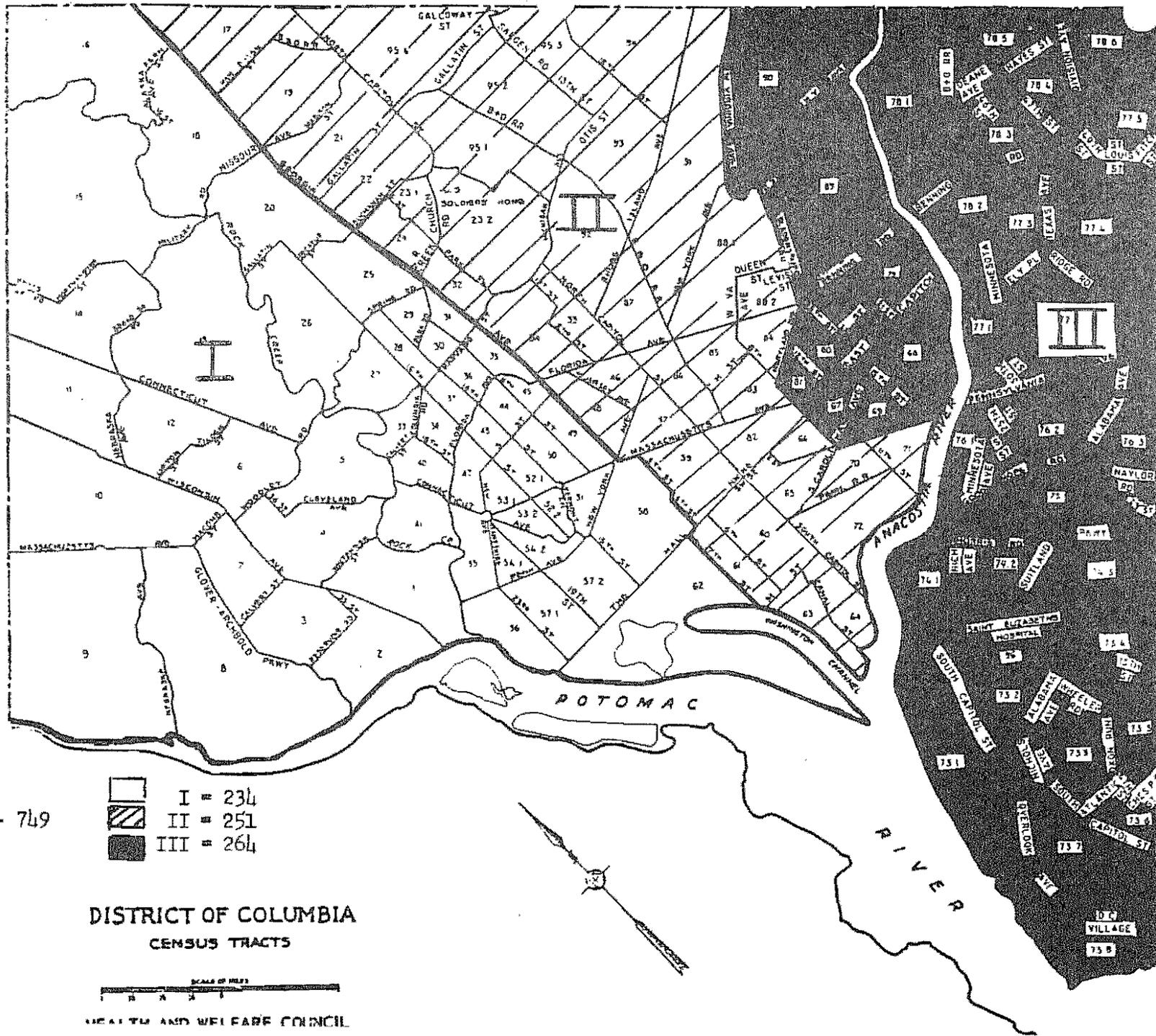
*	Includes D.C. Parolees	371
	Parolees from other	
	Correctional Systems	112
	"Good Time" Releases	285
		768

SCALE OF MILES
 HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

Maryland and Virginia -- 21

(II)

Maryland 19



PLAN A
TOTAL - 749

- I = 234
- II = 251
- III = 264

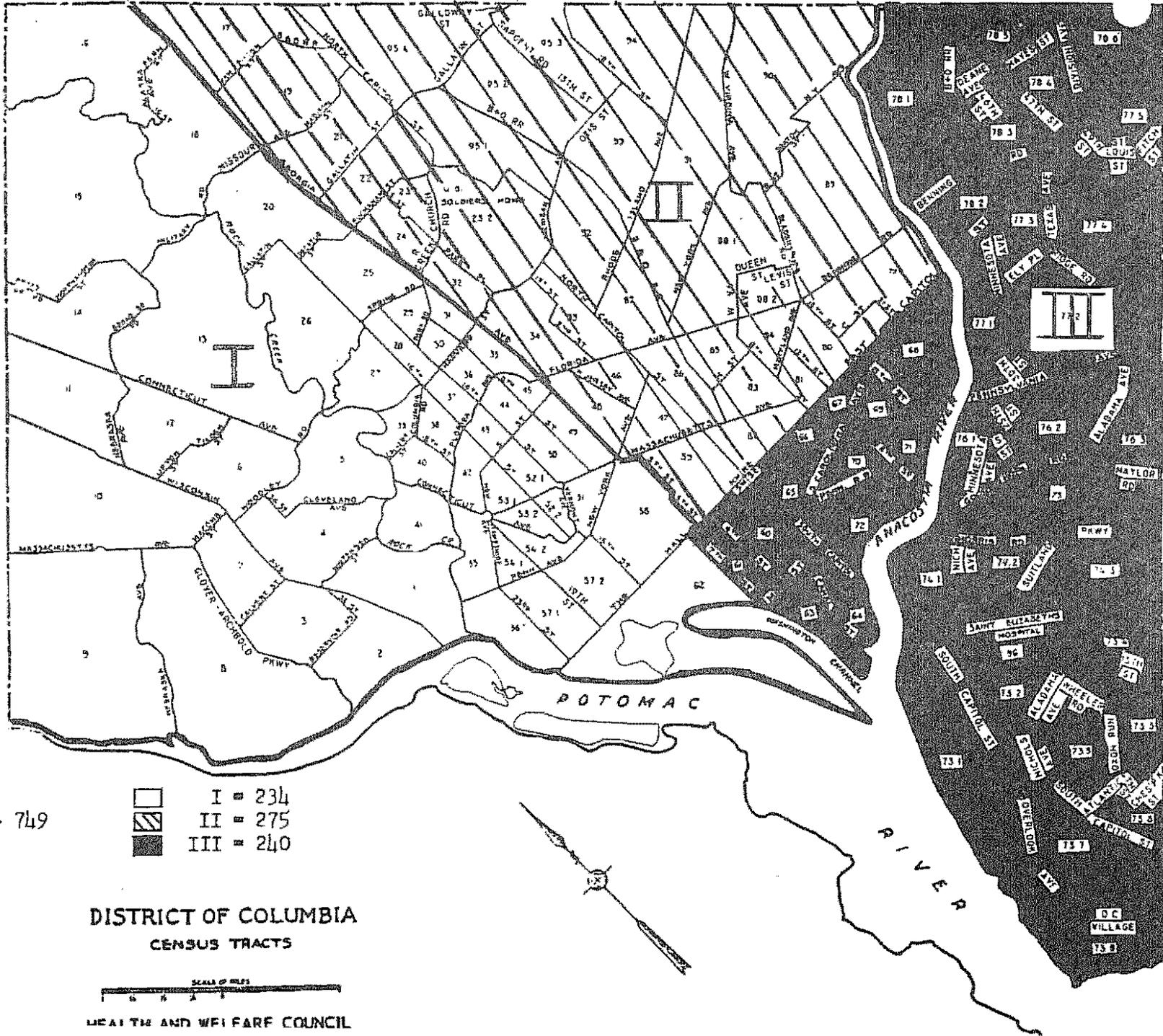
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SCALE OF FEET
0 100 200 300 400 500
HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

Maryland and Virginia -- 21

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Maryland 19



PLAN B
TOTAL - 749

- I = 234
- II = 275
- III = 240

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CENSUS TRACTS

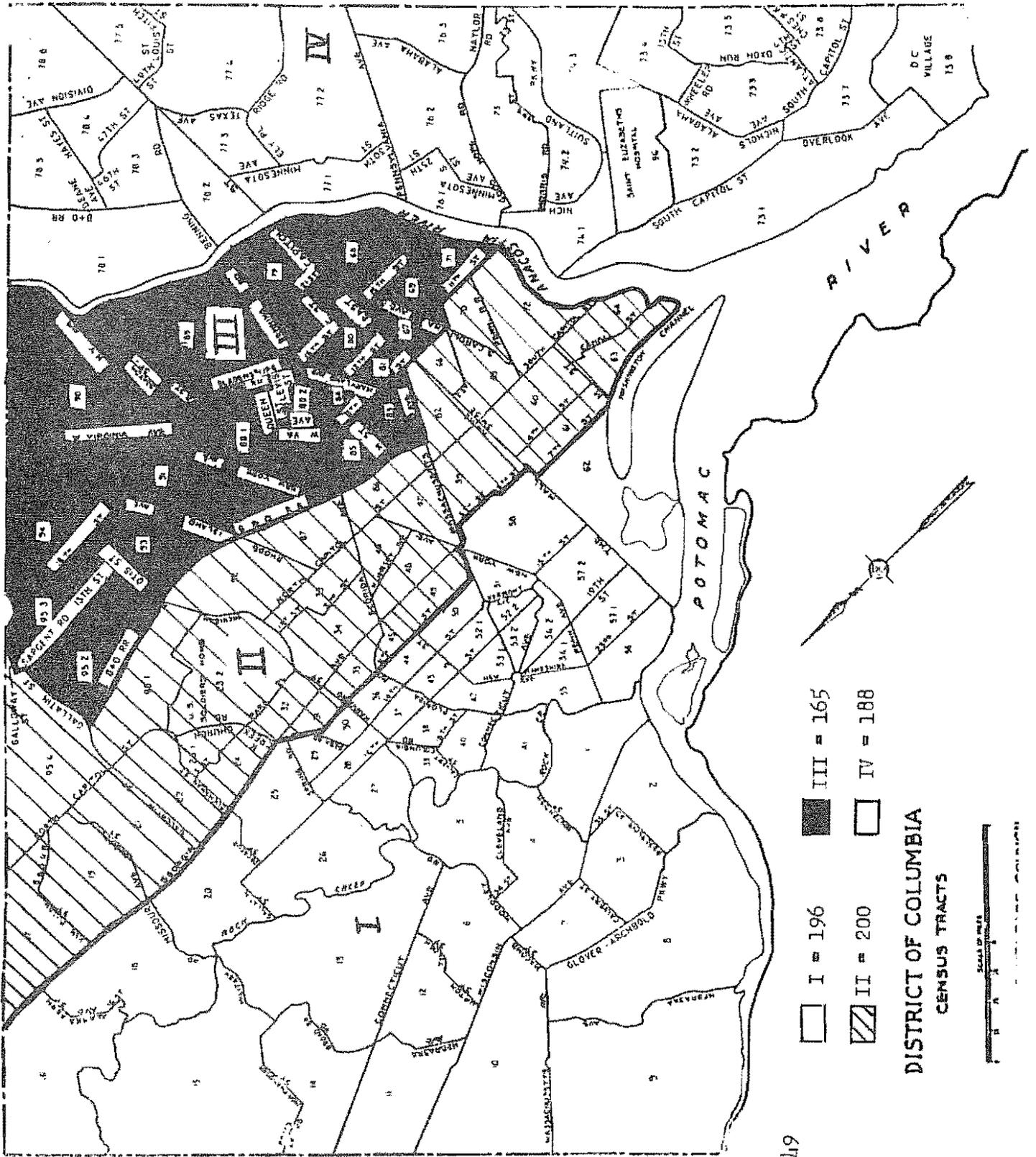
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HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

FIGURE 4: PLAN C
Maryland --- 6

Maryland --- 6

Maryland
and
Virginia ---
21

Maryland
19



PLAN C
TOTAL - 749

- I = 196
- II = 200
- III = 165
- IV = 188

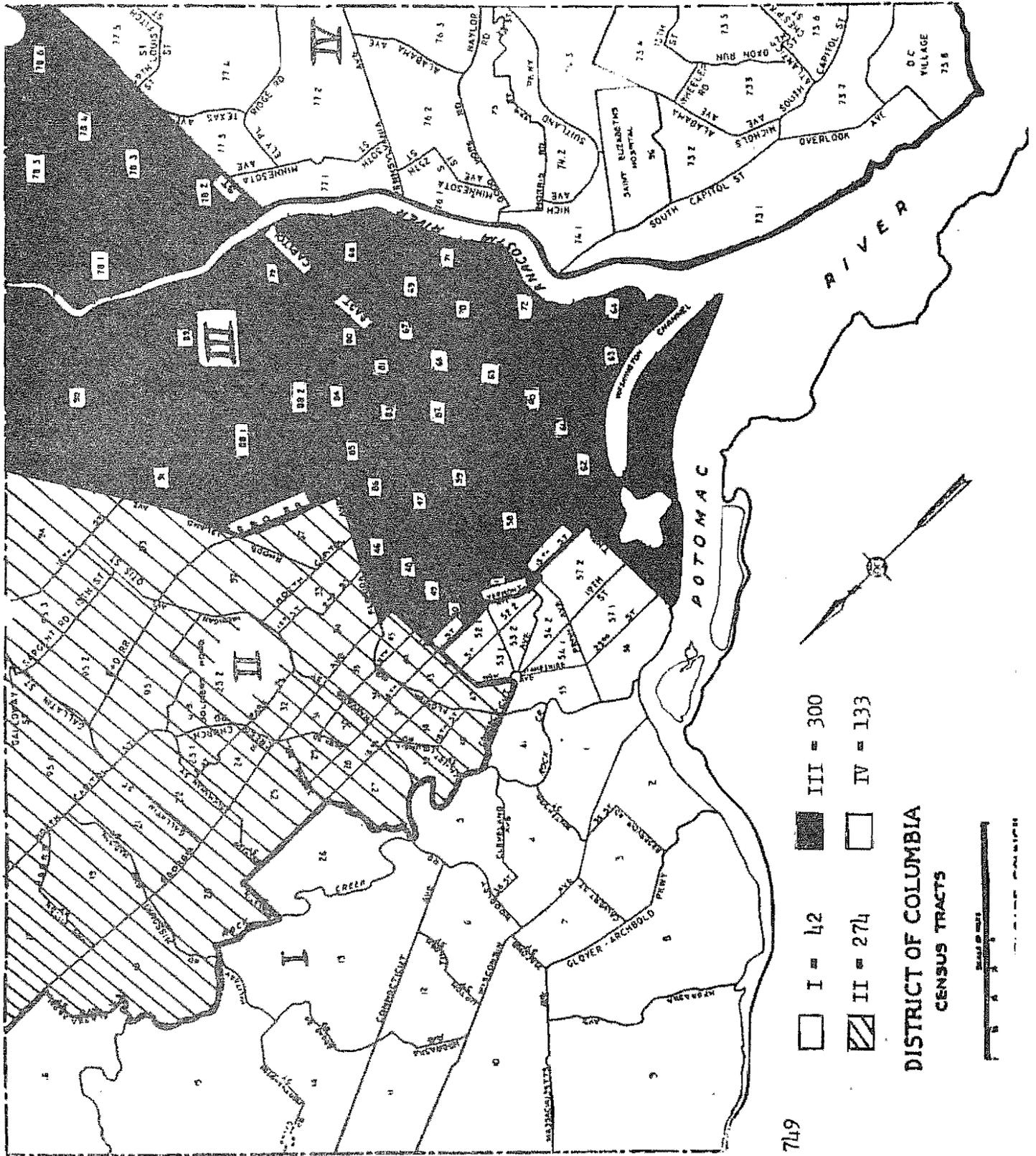
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Maryland -- 12

FIGURE 5: PLAN D

Maryland -- 8



PLAN D
TOTAL - 749

- I = 42
- II = 274
- III = 300
- IV = 133

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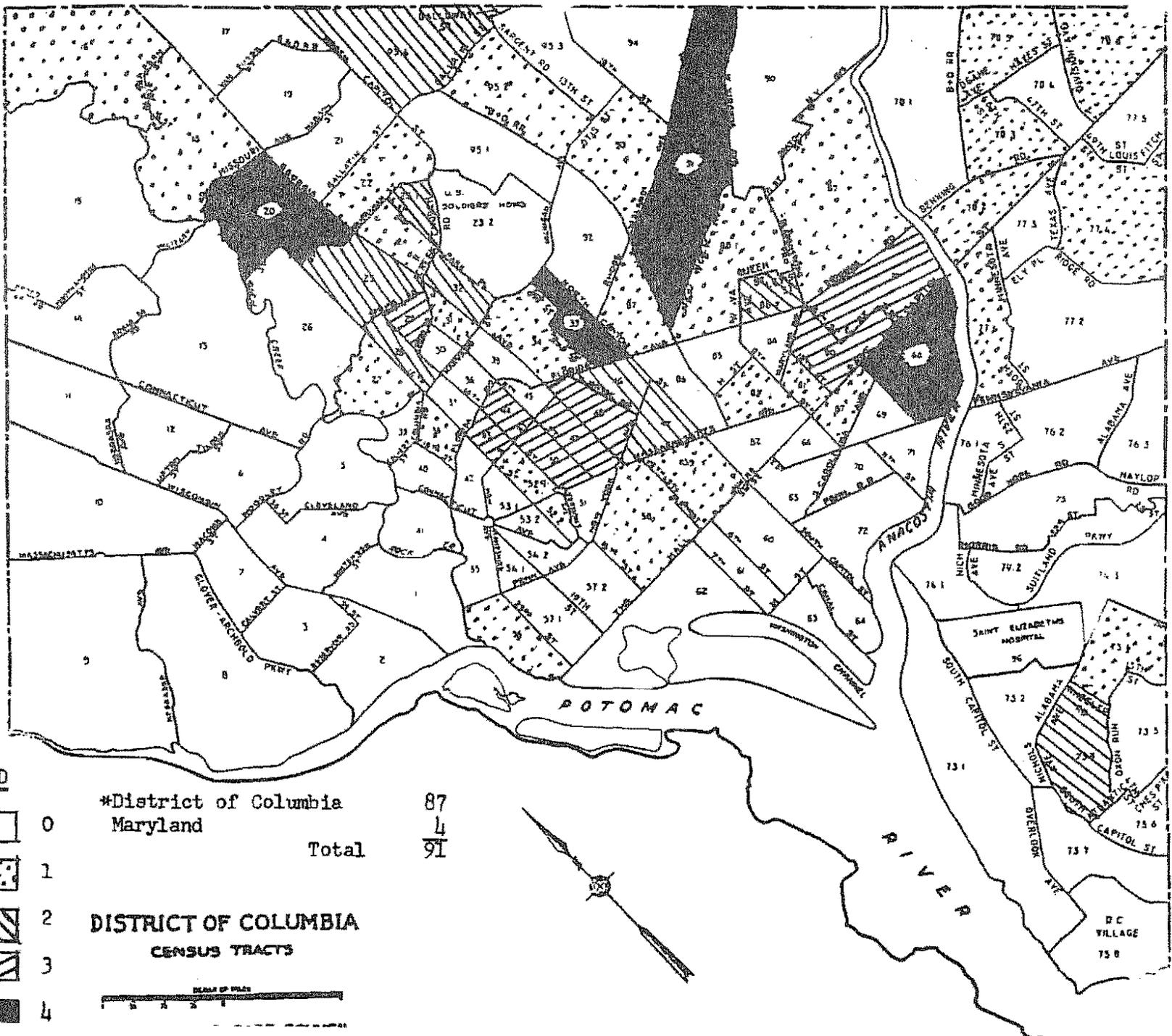


Maryland
and
Virginia --
21

Maryland
11

FIGURE 6: RESIDENCE OF SUPERVISED RELEASEES CONFINED FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING NARCOTICS*

(15)



LEGEND

-  0
-  1
-  2
-  3
-  4

*District of Columbia 87
 Maryland 4
 Total 91

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 CENSUS TRACTS**

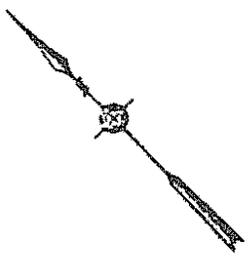


TABLE 1

Race and Sex Distribution, All Releasees Under Supervision, D. C. Parolees, Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 10 February 1967

Race and Sex	All Releasees		D.C. Parolees		Parolees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total	746	100.0	371	100.0	90	100.0	285	100.0
Negro-Male	622	83.4	310	83.6	58	64.4	254	89.1
Negro-Female	44	5.9	27	7.3	6	6.7	11	3.8
White-Male	72	9.6	32	8.6	21	23.3	19	6.7
White-Female	8	1.1	2	.5	5	5.6	1	.4

TABLE 2

Age Distribution, All Releasees Under Supervision, D. C. Parolees,
Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 10 February 1967

Age	All Releasees		D.C. Parolees		Parolees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total	757	100.0	371	100.0	101	100.0	285	100.0
Under 20	11	1.4	3	.8	8	7.9	---	-----
20 - 24	70	9.2	7	7.3	32	31.9	11	3.9
25 - 29	136	18.2	71	19.1	20	18.9	45	15.5
30 - 34	133	18.0	68	18.3	7	6.9	58	20.7
35 - 39	113	15.0	57	15.3	8	7.9	48	16.8
40 - 44	116	15.1	56	15.0	9	8.9	51	17.9
45 - 49	71	9.3	34	9.2	9	8.9	28	9.8
50 - 54	44	5.8	22	6.0	4	3.9	18	6.3
55 - 59	29	3.6	17	4.6	2	1.9	10	3.5
60 - 64	20	2.6	10	2.7	2	1.9	8	2.8
65 and over	14	1.8	6	1.6	-	---	8	2.8
MEDIAN AGE (in years)	36.2 yrs.		32.5 yrs.		27.5 yrs.		37.9 yrs.	

TABLE 3

State of Imprisonment of Parolees from Other States Supervised by the D. C. Parole Board, 10 February 1967

State	Number	Percent
Total	112	100.0
Maryland	44	39.3
New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio	29	25.9
North Carolina, West Virginia	14	12.5
Florida and California	8	7.1
All other and not indicated	17	15.2

TABLE 4

Offenses, All Releasees Under Supervision, D. C. Parolees, Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 10 February 1967

Offense	All Releasees		D.C. Parolees		Parolees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total ¹	1044	100.0	505	100.0	133	100.0	406	100.0
Robbery ²	264	25.5	151	29.9	25	18.8	88	21.1
All Other Offenses Against the Person	318	30.4	176	35.0	51	38.2	91	22.1
All Other Offenses Against Property	267	25.4	108	21.3	48	36.1	111	28.2
Offenses Involving Narcotics	101	9.7	25	4.9	3	2.3	73	18.0
Other Offenses	94	9.0	45	8.9	6	4.6	43	10.6

¹The number of offenses is greater than the number of offenders because some offenders were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, more than one offense.

²Includes robbery, attempted robbery, and "assault-with-intent-to-commit-robbery."

TABLE 5

Period of Time Served Prior to Release, All Releasees, D. C. Parolees, Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 10 February 1967

Period of Time Served (in Months)	All Releasees		D. C. Parolees		Releasees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total	748	100.0	371	100.0	92	100.0	285	100.0
0 - 11	42	5.6	18	4.9	22	24.0	2	.7
12 - 23	45	6.0	22	5.9	21	22.8	2	.7
24 - 35	59	7.9	34	9.2	8	8.7	17	5.9
36 - 47	95	12.5	50	13.5	13	14.1	32	11.2
48 - 59	69	9.2	32	8.6	5	5.4	32	11.2
60 - 71	93	12.3	40	10.8	4	4.3	49	17.3
72 - 83	71	9.5	30	8.1	2	2.1	39	13.6
84 - 95	41	5.4	10	2.7	3	3.3	28	9.8
96 - 107	31	4.1	11	3.0	1	1.1	19	6.6
108 - 119	34	4.2	14	3.8	3	3.3	17	5.9
120 and over	168	23.3	109	29.4	10	10.9	49	17.3
Median Time Served	67.8 months		68.7 months		27.5 months		71.8 months	

TABLE 6

Current Period of Supervision, All Releasees, D. C. Parolees, Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 1 February 1967

Period of Time Under Supervision (in months)	All Releasees		D.C. Parolees ¹		Parolees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total	752	100.0	371	100.0	96	100.0	285	100.0
0 - 11	309	41.3	115	29.9	49	51.0	145	50.7
12 - 23	181	24.0	85	22.9	20	20.8	76	26.6
24 - 35	98	13.0	56	15.1	8	8.4	34	11.9
36 - 47	49	6.6	24	6.5	9	9.3	16	5.6
48 - 59	26	3.4	15	4.0	5	5.2	6	2.1
60 - 71	16	2.1	12	3.5	2	2.1	2	.7
72 - 83	22	2.9	19	5.5	--	----	3	1.1
84 - 95	15	2.0	13	3.7	1	1.1	1	.4
96 - 107	4	.5	3	.8	--	----	1	.4
108 - 119	11	1.4	9	2.4	1	1.1	1	.4
120 and over	21	2.8	20	5.7	1	1.1	--	---
Median length of Period	15.7 months		22.1 months		11.8 months		11.8 months	

¹Designates period since transfer to supervision of Board of Parole.

TABLE 7

Remaining Period of Supervision, All Releasees, D. C. Parolees, Parolees from Other States, and "Good Time" Releasees, 1 February 1967

Remaining Period of Time Under Super- vision (in months)	All Releasees		D.C. Parolees ¹		Parolees from Other States		"Good Time" Releasees	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total	752	100.0	371	100.0	96	100.0	285	100.0
0 - 11	213	28.3	63	16.9	25	26.0	125	43.7
12 - 23	158	21.5	68	18.5	26	27.4	64	22.6
24 - 35	100	13.3	46	12.4	12	12.5	42	14.9
36 - 47	88	11.7	53	14.3	7	7.2	28	9.8
48 - 59	41	5.4	27	7.3	1	1.0	13	4.5
60 - 71	24	3.2	15	4.0	5	5.2	4	1.4
72 - 83	12	1.4	10	2.9	--	----	2	.7
84 - 95	14	1.5	12	3.2	1	1.0	1	.3
96 - 107	6	.8	5	1.3	1	1.0	--	----
108 - 119	10	1.3	6	1.6	--	----	4	1.4
120 and over ²	86	11.5	66	17.7	18	18.7	2	.7
Median Length of Period	24.6 months		37.8 months		21.0 months		15.3 months	

¹Includes parolees on "inactive" supervision status.

²Supervision for life is classified as 120 months or over.