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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED FOR SILETZ INDIANS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has appointed Bernard W. Topash as the field representative for the Siletz Indian Tribe, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced today.

The position is a newly created office to serve the Oregon Indians who were accorded federally-recognized tribal status by legislation passed November 18, 1977.

Topash, a Snohomish and Potawatomi Indian, has been Administrative Manager of the BIA's Fort Hall Agency in Idaho.

A 41-year-old veteran of the Marine Corps, Topash began his career with the Bureau in 1962. He has held increasingly responsible jobs in Montana, Washington, Minnesota and Idaho.

He is an alumnus of the University of Portland, where ne studied Business Administration.

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