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Richard T. Christman has been appointed superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Papago Agency at Sells, Ariz., Commissioner
of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

Christman, 39, replaces Joe Lucero, who retired as agency superintendent earlier this year.

For the past six years Christman served as Education Program Administrator at the Papago Agency. He has been employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1963.

Christman is a graduate of California State Teachers College at California, Pa., and earned a Masters Degree in Indian Education at
Arizona State University at Tempe, Ariz.

Following his undergraduate schooling, he taught school in Pennsylvania for three years and joined the Bureau as an elementary school teacher and coach at the Cheyenne River Agency at Eagle Butte, S.D. He also served as an instructor and Title I Director at the Phoenix Indian School and completed a Bureau field management training program in the Phoenix Area Office before going to Papago.