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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today named superintendents to three Alaska Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies - those at Fairbanks, Nome, and Bethel. The appointments are effective August 1, September 1, and August 4, respectively.

Frederick P. Baker, 35, an enrolled member of the Mandan Hidatsa Tribes of Fort Berthold, N. Dak., is to be Superintendent at Fairbanks. Gary T. Longley, 42, an Eskimo, will undertake the Superintendent's post at Nome. Peter P. Three Stars, 47, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is to become Superintendent of the Bethel Agency. All three men have lived and worked in Alaska prior to these appointments.

Baker has a B.S. in education from Bemidji State College, Minnesota, and has also attended the University of Michigan and University of California, Los Angeles. He was an Employment Assistance Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Fairbanks in 1969, a post he held until 1971. He has also been a Community Living Guidance Specialist with the Bureau in the Los Angeles Field Employment Assistance Office from 1967 to 1969. He began his work life as a teacher-coach in a public school in Naytahwaush, Minn., and his Government career as an education specialist with the Indian Health Service at Standing Rock, N. Dak., Belcourt, N. Dak., and Pine Ridge, S. Dak.

He returns to the Bureau from a position as associate director, Division of State and Support Services, Mountain Plains Education and Economic Development Corp., National Institute of Education, Glasgow Air Force Base, Mont. He has served as chairman, Division of Special Academic Services, Mary College, Bismarck, N. Dak. and is now a member of its Indian Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Haskell Indian Junior College Board of Regents. Haskell is a Bureau of Indian Affairs school.

Gary Longley, a native of Nome where he will head the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency, has attended the University of Alaska. He served with the U. S. Air Force for four years, and with the Alaska National Guard for two.

He began his civilian Government career as a weather services specialist at Anchorage, Alaska. then became a health officer with the Alaska Native Health Service. He first came to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1972 as an enrollment coordinator at Anchorage. Most recently, he has been executive director with the Bering Straits Native Corporation -one of 12 regional corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act – in Nome. Regional corporations are formed as businesses for profit although their articles of incorporation and bylaws have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Peter Three Stars has a B.S. in education from the University of South Dakota at Springfield, S. Dak., and has taken Bureau of Indian Affairs management training courses.

He was a relocation officer with the Bureau at Juneau, Alaska, from 1958 to 1959 and an elementary teacher at Unalakleet, Alaska, from 1959 to 1963. In 1963, he became a tribal operations officer at the Juneau Area Office and moved to a similar post with the Bureau in Washington, D.C. in 1971.