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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today the appointment of Clarence Antioquia, 34, Assistant Area Director, Juneau Area Office and a Tlingit Indian of Alaska, to be Area Director at Juneau, Alaska. He has been acting in that capacity since September 1973.

“As matters connected with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska Pipeline come more to the foreground, the already considerable responsibilities of the Juneau post are magnified. I am pleased that the Bureau and the Alaska Natives have a man of Antioquia's caliber for this important post."

Antioquia was graduated from Sitka High School and attended Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka. He has completed a number of governmental executive training courses, including the Bureau's Executive Development Training program. He received outstanding performance ratings in 1965, 1967, and again in 1970.

He began his career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an Employment Assistance Technician following service in the U.S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey from May 1958 to February 1963. As an Employment Assistance Technician he served in Anchorage and Juneau and in Seattle, Washington.

In 1965, he became Employment Assistance Technician with the Nome Agency of the Bureau, where he later served as Acting Superintendent for some time. He moved from that position to one of Position Classification Specialist in the Juneau Area Office in 1967. In 1968 he was promoted to Personnel Management Specialist, also at Juneau.

He became Equal Employment Opportunity Representative with the Civil Service Commission in Seattle in 1970 and Assistant Area Director (Administration) in the Bureau's Juneau Area Office in 1972.

“The Juneau Area Office responsible for all BIA activities in Alaska, has 1,200 employees," Thompson indicated, and administers an annual budget in excess of $40 million. It serves approximately 65,000 Alaska Natives and 250 Native villages. Included under its jurisdiction are 52 day schools, two boarding schools, and five field offices. It also operates a 10-ton ship.

Antioquia is married to the former Patricia Myrick, also an Alaska Native, from Kake, Alaska. They have three children: Deanne, 11, Melanie, 8 and Todd, 5.