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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of Karen R. Ducheneaux, enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, South Dakota, to be his Special Assistant. She will prepare Bureau position papers and help present the Bureau's policies, goals, and objectives to the public.

"Miss Ducheneaux has wide experience in a variety of private Indian and Federal Indian organizations and in researching Indian problems connected with Government, both tribal and Federal," Commissioner Thompson said. "She has also had experience as a working journalist. I am pleased that she has accepted this opportunity to serve Indian people and the Federal Government."

Miss Ducheneaux was graduated from the University of South Dakota with a B.A. in government and minors in history and philosophy.

She comes to the Bureau from the American Indian Press Association, a Washington, D.C., news service organization.

Miss Ducheneaux helped establish the Institute for the Development of Indian Law, Washington, D.C., and worked for the organization as a writer, researcher, and administrative assistant.

She has done extensive work, both volunteer and as a staff legislative assistant, for the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and largest national Indian organization.

Miss Ducheneaux has also been executive assistant to the National Council on Indian Opportunity, headed by the Vice President, and has been a research: assistant for the Labor and Public Welfare's Special Subcommittee on Indian Education of the United States Senate.