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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of Elmer F. Compton, 53, Rosebud Sioux tribal member and former officer and economic development officer of the Rosebud Agency, Bureau of He has been acting in that Indian Affairs, to the post of Superintendent. He has been acting in that capacity since October 1972.

Compton studied political science for two years at the University of South Dakota and completed a third year at the University of Wyoming before going into military service. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946, and completed the Army Specialized Training Program, language and foreign area, which enable him to speak, write and read the Sioux language.

From 1946 to 1954 he held various posts in the town of St. Francis, South Dakota, such as town clerk and member of the board of trustees. He was secretary of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council and member of the council from 1950 to 1952.

In 1956 he became fiscal clerk, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Land Enterprise and the following year joined the Bureau as Real Property clerk.

He then became law clerk and real property assistant, next realty specialist and realty officer, in 1972, economic development officer.

Compton is a licensed real estate broker of the State of South Dakota and has been since 1963. He is also a member of the Central South Dakota Board of Realtors, South Dakota Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors; National Association of Real Estate Boards, and the South Dakota Chapter, National Institute of Farm and Land Brokers.

He is married to Vera, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe also, and they have five children.