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Sidney L. Mills, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, has been named Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson, it was announced today.

Mills, who has been Assistant Director for Management Services in the BIA's Office of Administration, succeeds Ronald L. Esguerra who was recently appointed Director of the BIA's Albuquerque Area.

In his new position, Mills' responsibilities will include coordination
df activities of the Commissioner's immediate staff, supervision of the Commissioner's appointment schedule and liaison with other agencies and offices.

A Navy veteran, Mills, 50, entered Federal service in 1973 in the
Aberdeen, South Dakota Area Office. He was the Supply and Contract Officer and, for almost a year, the Acting Deputy Area Director before transferring to Washington, D.C. in August 1975.

Mills had been Purchasing Manager for the Great Western Sugar Company; Merchandise Control Manager, Creative Merchandising Inc.; and Purchasing Manager for Sundstrand Aviation, all in Denver, Colo.

A native of Porcupine, South Dakota, Mills attended the Santa Fe
Indian High School and completed numerous courses in management, marketing and other subjects at Colorado, Arizona, Stanford, Denver and Harvard universities.