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Assistant Secretary of the' Interior Richard S. Bodman announced today that Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters personnel are now all back at work. Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton vested authority for administrative control of all Indian operations in Bodman, Assistant secretary for Management
and Budget, on December 2.

Mr. Bodman said that the Offices of Planning, Engineering, Community, Services and Economic Development are located at Tempo 8, 3800 Newark Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Offices of Indian Water Rights, Communications, Legislative Development, Education Programs, Management Systems, Fiscal Plans and Management, Administrative Services and the Director of Southeast Agencies are located at 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

"We are moving aggressively to insure that services provided to Indian people by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are provided in a timely and effective fashion" Mr. Bodman said.

Among the steps taken by Bodman are: Assignment of duties to his deputies, Charles G. Emley, Richard R. Hite, and William L. Rogers to administer the operation of the day-to-day activities of the BIA; institution of a management reporting system which will furnish feedback on progress and problems of the headquarters and field supervisors of BIA on a weekly basis; assignment of increased responsibility to the 11 area directors in the field to reassign and transfer personnel previously requiring Washington headquarters approval.

"It is essential that we continue to provide the critical and life supporting services to Indians without interruption," Mr. Bodman said.