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Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, announced today that two 26 inch by 36 inch maps of Indian country are now available to the public through the Superintendent of Documents. The maps are: "Indian Land Areas: General" and "Indian Land Areas: Industrial".

"We believe these maps will be invaluable to tourists that are interested in visiting Indian reservations and Indian communities, and to business people with an eye to enlarging their operations to encompass Indian reservations," said the Commissioner.

"Indian Land Areas: General" shows Federal Indian Reservations in chrome yellow. In addition it includes an outline of former Indian reservations in Oklahoma (the Indian tribal population has tended to remain within those general boundaries), existing and planned tourist complexes on Indian lands , interstate highways (they take a traveler to Indian lands and communities), National Forests (where a traveler might wish to camp) , National Parks and Monuments and National Wildlife Refuges (often of interest to a tourist to Indian lands and communities), State Indian reservations, Indian groups without trust land, and federally terminated tribes and groups. A comparable map published in 1965 shows merely Federal reservations.

"Indian Land Areas Industrial" also shows Federal Indian Reservations in chrome yellow and an outline of former Indian reservations in Oklahoma. In addition it indicates industrial parks, airstrips and airports, and interstate highways.

The "Indian Land Areas: General" can be combined with another Bureau of Indian Affairs publication soon to be available from the Superintendent of Documents for a comprehensive picture of Indian affairs as they are today. This second publication is entitled "American and Their Federal Relationship". It list all Indian tribes for which the Bureau of Indian Affairs services in recent years, those recognized only for claims purposes, and certain other categories.

The basic listing of the tribes is by State. Throughout the booklet a code number· follows the l1ame of each Indian group. This number indicates the status of each as of March 1972. A map code number precedes the names of some of the groups listed in this booklet and are keyed to "Indian Land Areas: General".

"Indian Land Areas" General!' and "Indian Land Areas: Industrial" can be ordered for 35 cents each from: Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. c. 20242. "American Indians and Their Federal Relationship" can be ordered for 30 cents from Superintendent of Documents.