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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has approved an order extending until January 1, 1969, the period of trust on Indian lands, both tribal and individually owned, in cases where the trusteeship or restrictions would otherwise expire in the years from 1964 through 1968.

The order applies to Indian allotments or homesteads on the public domain, Indian lands in Oklahoma, and the lands of tribes and bands which voted to exclude themselves from the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. In the case of tribes which voted to accept the 1934 law, the trust period for their lands continues in force until otherwise provided by Congress.

In recent years the Department has been issuing an order toward the end of each calendar year extending for five years the trust periods that would otherwise expire in the following 12 months. The effect of Secretary Udall's new order is to eliminate the need for these annual orders for the next five years.