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Joseph E. Kahklen, a member of the Tlingit Indian Tribe, has been appointed Assistant Area Director (Administration), in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Juneau, Alaska, office. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced the appointment would be effective March 16, 1975.

Kahklen's previous position was Area Personnel Officer, but he has been Acting Assistant Director since his predecessor, Clarence Antioquia, was named Area Director.

The Juneau office serves approximately 61,000 Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts in Alaska.

Kahklen, who is the son of a long-time BIA educator, lived as a boy in six communities in Alaska and several locations in the Southwest United States. His high school education was split between Sheldon Jackson in Sitka, Alaska, and Snohomish in Snohomish, Wash. He did his college work at the University of Washington and the Northern Arizona University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962.

Kahklen came to the Juneau office in 1970 as a personnel management specialist. He had held similar positions in the Navajo and Albuquerque Area offices.

Kahklen, 38, is married and has three children. He is active in volunteer work with Native organizations in Juneau.