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Michael .A. Fairbanks, a member of' the Red lake Band of' Chippewa Indians, has been appointed the first Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs new Michigan Agency at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

Fairbanks, 39, has been the Tribal Operations Officer at the Western Nevada Agency. He had previously held that position in the Great Lakes Agency from which the Michigan Agency was created.

Fairbanks is a graduate of St. John's High School at Collegeville, Minnesota. He also completed about three years of' college work in Social Sciences at the Brainerd Junior College and Bemidji State in Minnesota and at North Dakota State.

He began working with the BIA in 1969 as a Criminal Investigator at the Red Lake Agency, Minnesota.