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The Bureau of Indian Affairs will celebrate its 175th Anniversary tomorrow, Friday, September 8, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) at the U.S. Department of the Interior headquarters, 1849 'C' Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., in the Sydney R. Yates Auditorium with the theme "Reconciling the Past, Trusting the Future: A Renewed Commitment to Indian Tribes for the 21st Century." The program will include a discussion on the BIA's past, present, and future.

Ojibwe artist Sam English will be on hand to autograph commemorative posters featuring artwork he created specifically for the 175th Anniversary. At 1:30 p.m. the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs' corridor in the Department's main building will be dedicated as the "Hall of Tribal Nations" where tribal flags will be put on permanent display.

Note to Editors: *The morning portion of the program will be broadcasted at the following coordinates:*

Date: Friday, September 8, 2000

Uplink Times: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (EDT)

Satellite: Galaxy 4 (C Band) Transponder: 22 (99 degrees west)

Downlink Frequency: 4140 Vertical

Audio Frequencies: 6.2 – 6.9

Program agenda and significant participants:

10:00 a.m.: Welcome - Sharon Blackwell, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

-- Address - Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
-- Remarks - Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
-- Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

-- Panel Discussion: Past, Present, and Future of the BIA

- Kevin Gover, Moderator
- Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, 1993-97
- Dr. Eddie F. Brown, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, 1989-93
- Ross O. Swimmer, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, 1985-89
- Thomas W. Fredericks, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, 1981
- Poster signing - Sam English, artist

1:30 p.m: "Hall of Tribal Nations" dedication ceremony (4100 Corridor, main Interior building)

Credentials: Please bring your sanctioned media credentials and if possible, wear on your shirt collar or

around your neck for easy viewing. This will assist our staff. Media are advised to be in place by 9:30 a.m. on September 8. Press seating will be provided. The program will not begin until 10:00 a.m.

The program is open to the public and can be easily accessed via the department's 'C' Street (South) entrance.
