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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today named three businessmen from outside the Government to make a survey of the operations and programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Walter Bimson, chairman of the board, Valley National bank of Phoenix, Arizona, was chosen as the chairman of the team. The other non-Government members are Robert D. Lutton, Santa Fe Railroad, Chicago, Illinois, and J.R. Johns, Sears Roebuck Company, Dallas, Texas.

Three officials of the Department will assist in the survey.

The analysis of Indian Affairs administration is part of a department-wide survey instituted by Secretary McKay to improve administrative methods, and to economize without imparity necessary governmental services.

Surveys are near completion in the National Park Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and recommendations for improving procedures in the Office of Territories will soon be announced.