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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that James N. Lowe will transfer December 1 from the Washington staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Sacramento, Calif., area office where he will take over the duties formerly performed by Assistant Area Director Henry Harris, Jr., who resigned from the Bureau on November 9.

Mr. Lowe came with the Bureau as a member of the program coordinating staff last September after a career of nearly 30 years in Government service with State and Federal agencies. His early service included 10 years as a county agricultural agent in Oklahoma and Kansas, and eight years as a regional agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service. During World War II he spent two years with the Board of Economic Warfare and successor agencies and in 1945 returned to the Department of Agriculture with the Production and Marketing Administration.

From 1947 to 1951 he was stationed in Mexico City working for the Bureau of Animal Industry on the foot-and-mouth disease eradication project. For three years before coming with the Indian Bureau he was an industrial specialist with the Production and Marketing Administration headquartered in Washington, D. C. He was born at Warren, Ark., in 1898 and is a graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Mr. Harris has been assistant area director for the Bureau at Sacramento since February 1951. His previous Government career included work with the War Relocation Authority, the Social Security Board, and the Works Progress Administration.