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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced organizational changes in the New Mexico offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs based on recommendations by the survey team which recently completed a study of the Bureau as well as information and advice received from the Indians, individuals and organizations of the communities affected.

Two New Mexico communities, Albuquerque and Gallup, are primarily concerned. The changes were planned to avoid disrupting the economy of these communities while achieving the broad purpose of improved field organization and economies in accordance with the survey team recommendations. While the changes will result in economies and less employees to accomplish the same work, the number of employees to be moved from Washington will result in each city continuing with the same number as are now stationed there.

In Albuquerque, the Bureau will establish a national headquarters for its buildings and utilities working serving the entire United States and Alaska. This will be in addition to the United Pueblos Agency which will remain in Albuquerque and continue to serve the 19 Indian Pueblos of New Mexico.

In Gallup the area office now operating in Window Rock and Gallup will be continued, and in addition to serving the Navajo Reservation and the Intermountain School, as at present, will serve the Indian agencies in New Mexico and Colorado. The Navajo Agency which is now operating in Window Rock and Gallup will continue in Window Rock with several subagencies established for the Navajo Reservation.