

ORDER NO. 3150

SIGNATURE DATE: May 11, 1992

Subject: Delegation of Authority To The Commissioner of Indian Affairs and to the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs

Section 1 **Purpose.** This Order provides for an orderly interim administration of the Bureau of Indian Affairs by delegating authority through the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and to the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs. This Order also rescinds authorities of the Deputies to the Assistant Secretary and Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Directors that previously were published in Part 230 of the Departmental Manual. These actions are being taken in accordance with the authority provided by Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262).

Section 2 **Authority of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.** The Commissioner of Indian Affairs may exercise all the non-education program authorities vested in the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, subject to limitations of delegation listed in the 200 Series of the Departmental Manual and to limitations in Section 7 of this Secretary's Order.

Section 3 **Authority of Director, Office of Indian Education Programs.** The Director, Office of Indian Education Programs may exercise all the education program authorities vested in the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, subject to limitations of delegation listed in the 200 Series of the Departmental Manual and to limitations in Section 7 of this Secretary's Order.

Section 4 **Authority of Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.** In the absence of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs may exercise all non-education program authorities of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Section 5 **Authority of Deputy Director, Office of Indian Education Programs.** In the absence of the Director of Indian Education Programs, the Deputy Director, Office of Indian Education Programs may exercise all education program authorities of the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs.

Section 6 **Authority of the Chief, Division of Law Enforcement and the Chief, Branch of Criminal Investigations.** The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has the authority to direct the activities of the Division of Law Enforcement and the Branch of Criminal Investigations, as established by Public Law 101-379, and to redelegate these authorities to the Chief, Division of Law Enforcement Services and to the Chief, Branch of Criminal Investigations.

Section 7 **Limitations.** The following authorities are reserved to

the officials named and shall not be delegated.

a. The authority to sign Federal Register documents issuing proposed and final rules and the supporting documentation for materials published in the Code of Federal Regulations is reserved to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs.

b. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs may sign regulations and Federal Register notices necessary to fix operation and maintenance assessment rates at irrigation projects and electric power rates at electric power projects.

e. Area Directors may sign only those Federal Register notices not involving rulemaking. These notices shall be subject to central office review and coordination of their publication in the Federal Register.

d. The authority to sign and issue the Bureau of Indian Affairs Manual and its Bulletins is reserved to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

e. Area Addenda to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Manual are not covered in this limitation and may continue to be issued by Area Directors.

Section 8 **Redelegation of Authority.** Except where redelegation is specifically prohibited by statute, Executive Order, this Order, or other competent authority, or regulations from Federal oversight agencies, the above-named Bureau of Indian Affairs officials to whom authority is delegated in this Order may redelegate that authority to other Bureau of Indian Affairs officials. Any redelegations of authority shall be published in Part 10 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Manual.

Section 9 **Changes to 230 DM.** Chapters 1 through 4 of Part 230 of the Departmental Manual are hereby rescinded.

Section 10 **Effective Date.** This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until April 30, 1993, at which time this Order will expire.

/s/ Manuel Lujan
Secretary of the Interior

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