

ORDER NO. 3178, Amendment No. 3 *Amended material italicized*

SIGNATURE DATE: December 30, 1996

Subject: Establishment of an Internal Affairs Branch within the Division of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Section 1 **Purpose.** This Order creates a new branch in the Division of Law Enforcement for the purpose of maintaining professional conduct in law enforcement programs throughout Indian country. By having an internal affairs function within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there will be the capability to respond in a timely manner to allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance by employees thereby instilling public confidence, and protecting employees from false allegations.

Section 2 **Authority.** This action is being taken in accordance with the authority provided by Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262).

Section 3 **Organization and Functions.** The Internal Affairs Branch is hereby established within the Division of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, reporting directly to the Division Chief. The Branch will be responsible for ensuring the administration of justice by an internal system for impartial investigation and review of allegations of misconduct in law enforcement programs.

Section 4 **Limitations.** The scope of investigations and activities of this Internal Affairs Branch shall be closely coordinated with the provisions of 355 DM and the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 31, 1986, between the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Section 5 **Effective Date.** This Order is effective immediately. Its provisions will remain in effect until they are converted to the Departmental Manual, or until the Order is amended, revoked, or superseded, whichever occurs first. However, in the absence of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on *January 31, 1999*.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior

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