

ORDER NO. 3231

SIGNATURE DATE: July 10, 2001

Subject: Establishment of the Office of Historical Trust Accounting

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** This Order creates the Office of Historical Trust Accounting to plan, organize, direct, and execute the historical accounting of Individual Indian Money Trust (IIM) accounts. This task will be accomplished with the direct participation and full cooperation of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the Minerals Management Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Office of Hearings and Appeals and any other bureau and office of the Department that has responsibility for maintaining records that evidence the historical administrative management of Indian trust assets.

Sec. 2 **Authority.** This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended (64 Stat. 1262), 5 U.S.C. App.

Sec. 3 **Establishment.** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting is hereby established within the Office of the Secretary. The Office of Historical Trust Accounting shall be headed by an Executive Director and may include staff representatives of the bureaus and offices of the Department that have responsibility for maintaining records that evidence the historical administrative management of Indian trust assets. The Executive Director is authorized to plan, conduct, direct, and execute the historical accounting of IIM accounts.

Sec. 4 **Delegation.** The Executive Director is delegated all the authority necessary to carry out the responsibilities described herein. The authority of the Executive Director may be further delegated within the Office of Historical Trust Accounting.

Sec. 5 **Implementation.**

a. The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, in consultation with the Executive Director, shall be responsible for completing the administrative arrangements necessary to implement this Order, including provision of the necessary fiscal and human resources.

b. Within 60 days, the Executive Director will prepare a comprehensive description and timetable for completion of all steps that are needed to staff and develop a comprehensive plan for a historical accounting that meets the Department's fiduciary obligations to IIM beneficiaries.

c. Within 120 days, the Executive Director will identify the preliminary work that can be done immediately. Once that work is identified, detailed plans should be developed so that the affected bureaus and offices can begin the work.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Department Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, this Order shall terminate and become obsolete on July 1, 2002.

/s/ Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

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