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The transfer of three Indian Agency superintendents in Arizona has been announced by Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Homer M. Gilliland, Superintendent at the Colorado River Reservation, has been named Superintendent at the Hopi Reservation. He replaces Clyde W. Pensoneau who is retiring from Federal service.

Succeeding Gilliland at Colorado River will be John H. Artichoker, Jr., now Superintendent of the Papago Reservation. Artichoker will be succeeded by Joseph M. Lucero, now an administrative manager and acting superintendent at the Hopi Agency.

Gilliland, 56, was born in Tremont, Miss., and was graduated from Mississippi State College. He joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1943 as principal of the Cherokee school in North Carolina.

Artichoker, 38, was born at Pine Ridge, S. D., and is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree from South Dakota State University. Artichoker was Director of Indian Education for South Dakota before joining the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1962 as a tribal operations officer at Billings, Mont.

Lucero, 51, was born in Koehler, N. M., and attended Albuquerque Business College. He entered Federal service as a clerk in the Forest Service in 1937. In 1962 he joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an administrative officer at the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona.

All three transfers are effective August 11.

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