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Jerome F. Tomhave, 42, an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Indian Tribe from Elbowoods, N. D., has been named Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern California Agency in River side, Calif., Louis R. Bruce, and Commissioner of the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, announced today. Tomhave replaces Stephen Lozar, who transferred from Riverside to the Colorado River Agency in Arizona.

Tomhave began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1951, serving as a clerk-stenographer at the Ft. Berthold, N. D., and Agency. He has held positions of increasing responsibility in Bureau installations in Ashland, Wisc.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Aberdeen, S. D.; and Hoopa, Calif. From 1966 until 1968 he served as Realty Officer in Hoopa, Calif. and was then appointed Superintendent at the Fort Totten, N. D., Agency the position he held when he was named to his present position.

Tomhave is a graduate of Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas. And served in the U. S. Army from 1951-53.

"Mr. Tomhave has demonstrated his ability to work effectively and harmoniously with Indian people, " Bruce said, "and I know he will continue this record in southern California."

Tomhave is married and the father of six children.

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