

BIA Area Dir. Makes Statement On Fairbanks Agency Problems

Statement of Clarence Antioquia, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Fred Baker, Fairbanks Agency Superintendent regarding problem areas experienced at the Fairbanks Agency. For release April 29, 1975.

requested that Fairbanks be designated as a location where the Bureau may provide government housing for its employees, (2) the

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"The Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with the U.S. Civil Service Commission and appropriate Interior Department officials, is currently working to resolve three problem areas which have threatened to disrupt our activities at the Fairbanks Agency.

"These concerns are: (1) the critical housing situation in the Fairbanks area, (2) increased living costs, and (3) internal government problems within the Bureau affecting the relationship between the Area Office and the Fairbanks agency.

"The Area Director and Fairbanks Superintendent have been moving as rapidly as possible to address these problems, keeping in mind at all times that our overall objective is to continue to provide services to Native people.

"We met with representatives of the Civil Service Commission in Seattle and appropriate Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs administrators in Washington.

"We have developed the following responses to the three problem areas: (1) I have

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Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission will travel to Fairbanks in the immediate future to determine what action the Commission may take to assist our employees in meeting increased living costs, and (3) the Area Director is meeting today with all Area Superintendents and Assistant Area Directors to resolve our internal management problems.

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