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The President today announced the appointment of fifteen persons as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. They are:

For a term of one year:

Joe Abeyta, of Espanola, New Mexico, Superintendent, Albuquerque Indian School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He succeeds Karma Torklep, who has resigned.

Will D. Antell, of Stillwater, Minnesota, Assistant Commissioner of Education, State Department of Education, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a reappointment.

Linda Belarde, of Zunie, New Mexico, Teacher, Zunie Alternative Learning Program. She succeeds Geraldine Simplicio, whose term has expired.

Donna Rhodes, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Director, Indian Women Consultant's Inc. She succeeds Amelia A. Coleman, who has resigned.

James G. Sappier, of Old Town, Maine, Tribal Coordinator, Office of Development, Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe, Perry, Maine. He succeeds L. Sue Lallmang, who has resigned.

For a term of two years:

Ellen A. Allen, of Horton, Kansas, Cultural Curricula Developer, Powhatan Unified School, District #510, Powhatan, Kansas. This is a reappointment.

Theodore D. George, of Poulsbo, Washington, Regional Program Director, Office of Native American Programs, Department of HEW, Seattle, Washington. This is a reappointment.

Calvin J. Isaac, of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Tribal Chief-Administrator, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. He succeeds Fred Smith, who has resigned.

Paul R. Platero, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Associate Director, Native American Materials Development Center. He succeeds Boyce D. Timmons, who has resigned.

David Risling, Jr., of Davis, California, Professor, University of California at Davis. This is a reappointment.

For a term of three years:

Wesley Bonito, of White River, Arizona, Tribal Education Director, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Education Department. He succeeds Daniel Peaches, who has resigned.

Patricia Ann McGee, of Prescott, Arizona, Tribe President, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe. This is a reappointment.

Earl H. Oxendine, of Raeford, North Carolina, Principal, Upchurch Jr. High School. He succeeds Clarence W. Skye, who has resigned.

Thomas Thompson, of Heart Butte, Montana, Federal Programs Coordinator, School District #9, Browning Montana. He succeeds Genieve Hooper, who has resigned.

Minerva C. White, of Hogansburg, New York, Director, Native American Special Services, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. She succeeds Jose Upicksoun, who has resigned.

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education was created by Public Law 92-318, the Education Amendments of 1972. The Council is to consist of 15 Indians and Alaskan natives, appointed by the President from lists nominated from time to time by Indian tribes and organizations. The Council will select its own Chairman.

The purposes of the Council are: To advise the Commissioner of Education on the administration of education programs from which Indian adults or children benefit, and to review and make recommendations concerning grant applications to provide technical assistance to local education agencies and Indian education agencies, institutions, and organizations to assist them in improving the education of Indian children.

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