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Fred Kabotie, the well-known Hopi Indian artist, will join the staff of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board this week, the Department of the Interior announced today. His headquarters will be at Oraibi, Arizona, and his territory the Hopi Indian Reservation.

In keeping with the purpose of the Board, Hr. Kabotie will promote the economic welfare of the Hopi people through the development of their arts and crafts.

Mr. Kabotie has long been associated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a teacher and as the advisor of the Hopi Silvercraft Guild. His own paintings have been shown at the New Mexico Art Gallery, the Museum of Northern Arizona, Philbrook Art Center, Dallas Art Museum, and the Museum of Modern Art. Of equal importance have been his Hopi arts and crafts shows in the leading exhibitions of the southwest.

Because of his great contribution to Indian art and service to his people, Mr. Kabotie has been the recipient of many honors. Chief among them are: The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, New York, 1945; Indian Achievement Award, Chicago, 1949; Scholarship to Alfred University, Rochester, New York, 1949; Award, medal and certificate from Republique Francaise Ministere del ‘Education Nationale, Paris, France, 1956; and Certificate of Appreciation by Indian Arts and Crafts Board, 1959.

From December 1, 1959, to February 19, 1960, Mr. Kabotie and his wife served as delegates and technicians in American Indian arts and crafts at the International Trade Fair, New Delhi, India, under the sponsorship of the United States departments of Commerce and Agriculture.