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The appointment of Dr. Gordon Macgregor as Special Assistant was announced today by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has been assigned to the office of the Assistant Commissioner for Economic Development. He will coordinate programs for the social and economic growth of imp0¥erished Indian communities.

An anthropologist and specialist in community development, Dr. Macgregor will help coordinate long-range social and economic improvement plans for Indian reservations and will serve as liaison with the Office of Economic Opportunity in helping to chart Indian community action projects under the anti-poverty program.

Dr. Macgregor returns to the Bureau after a 15 year absence. He first entered the Indian service in 1936 as a specialist for tribal organization and served later in the division of Indian education and as superintendent of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. During the 1950's he served for two years with Interior's Office of Territories and with the Agency for International Development, both assignments focusing on economic and social planning. For the past seven years he has been engaged in research and development of community health services for the Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A graduate of Yale in 1925, Dr. Macgregor holds a Ph. D. from Harvard. He is the author of several monographs and studies, including Warriors Without Weapons, a study of the Pine Ridge Sioux of South Dakota. He was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and is now a resident of Falls Church, Virginia.