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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced appointment of George W. Hubley, Jr., Director of the Maryland Department of Economic Development, to the post of Assistant Commissioner for Economic Development in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Hubley, 56, has 25 years' experience in public and private resource development and planning programs in Maryland, Kentucky, New Mexico, Georgia, and Ohio. He developed Maryland's first State-wide program of economic development and in his previous post of Kentucky Commissioner of Economic Development worked extensively with programs to reduce economic distress in the Appalachian areas of that State.

Udall said that Hubley's "overall experience, and particularly his work in the Appalachian area, will enable him to continue the programs the Bureau has in operation and to initiate more realistic, progressive, venturesome, and farsighted projects so urgently needed by our Indian people."

The BIA Division Hubley will direct is responsible for development and use of Indian resources; the promotion of locations in Indian areas for industrial plants, commercial endeavors and tourist enterprises; the encouragement of Indian-owned and operated economic ventures; mobilization of credit and financing for these activities; and improved management of Indian lands and resources.

Hubley is a director and past president of both the National and Southern Associations of State Planning and Development Agencies, a member of the National Council of the National Planning Association, the American Industrial Development Council and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

A native of Louisville, Ky., he has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Louisville and has done graduate work in the same subject at the University of Chicago. Hubley succeeds E. Reesman Fryer, who retired recently after 34 years of Government service.