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Appointment of Roderick H. Riley, former economic advisor to the U. S. Information Agency, as assistant and economic advisor to Commissioner of Indian Affairs Philleo Nash was reported today by the Department of the Interior.

A career civil servant and native of Antigo, Wisc., Riley entered Federal service in 1933 as research assistant to the late Senator Robert M. La Follette, In He has been with USIA for the past two years.

Riley's other Federal positions have included those of executive director of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress (1958-60), economic advisor to the small Defense Plants Administration (1952-53), special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce (1948-51), and director of research in the Office of Price Administration (1941-4'7).

In 1945 he served on the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey in Germany and in 1951-52 was an economist in the Bureau of German Affairs, Department of State. Riley's Federal career was interrupted for temporary appointments as assistant professor of economics at the University of Texas (1933-36) and the University of Cincinnati (1938-39), as well as by private practice as a consulting economist in Milwaukee from 1954 to 1958.

He was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wisconsin in 1930 where he subsequently received the M.A. and Ph. D. degrees. In 1930-31 he studied at the University of Muenster in Germany under an exchange fellowship.

His published work includes his doctoral dissertation, in the field of U. S. financial history, and two monographs written in collaboration with others: the official report on "The Effects of strategic Bombing on the German War Economy" (1945) and a Stanford Research Institute study of the economic feasibility of expanded defense budgets (1960).

Riley is a member of the American Economic Association, the Royal Economic Society, the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C., and the Wisconsin Union of Madison, Wise.

He currently makes his home in Bethesda, Md., is married and has three daughters.