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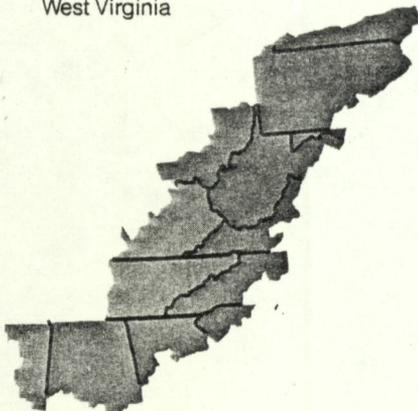
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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today the appointment of R. Keith Kelley as Executive Director of the Central Appalachia Development Project (Flood Recovery Consortium). Mr. Kelley will be responsible for developing the flood recovery program, and coordinating the project's activities during its proposed three year existence. An active participant in the affairs of Central Appalachia for many years, Mr. Kelley has served the area in various capacities: Commissioner for Community Development for Tennessee from 1973 until his present appointment; Chief of Technical Assistance Divisions for the Huntington, West Virginia and Denver, Colorado, Regional Offices of The Economic Development Administration, 1968-1973; and as Assistant Director for International Development Programs and Administrative and Program Leader, Office of International Programs, West Virginia University, 1965-1968. Assignments over 22 years of service at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, included Director of a 30-county Community and Resource Development program for Appalachian Kentucky.

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The Consortium will encompass the Appalachian areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The objective of the project is to prepare a program for the long-term economic recovery of the disaster area, to seek special funding from Congress to assist in implementing the program, to direct specific capital investments into the

area in conformance with the program and to help define the role and policy of ARC in future disaster occurrences. The Consortium will also analyze the total nature and extent of the present flood damage, and provide a mechanism for citizen and local participation in any recovery effort.

The Governors of the four participating states will serve on the Governors Policy Board of the Consortium with Governor Rockefeller of West Virginia serving as Chairman. ARC's Federal Cochairman Governor Robert Scott will also serve as a non-voting member.

Six staff positions will be available on the Flood Consortium Program. Attached are descriptions of these positions. Mr. Kelley requests that applications be mailed to the Personnel Office, Appalachian Regional Commission, 1666 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20235, before August 19, 1977.