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He said he did not believe office management skills should be an important requirement for the job.

"Victims want someone who knows what it's like to sit and cry at night over a lost son or brother or mother,"

And he said office management did not appear to be a requirement when Interim Victims Commissioner

"I don't know what experience Bertha McDougall had of office management, but I understand she had people to run her office. She was picked for the job because the DUP wanted her," McCord said.

'As far as I'm concerned the NIO and the Office of First and Deputy First Ministers have shown utter

The people who are shortlisted are going to be interviewed by Martin McGuinness and Ian Paisley. I"

"This is not about glory or money. This is something I believe in. I was invited to the White House on the

Bertha McDougall was appointed as a political favour to the DUP. It was later declared illegal, although the



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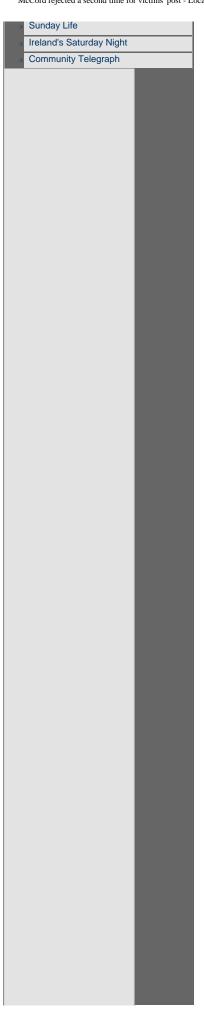
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