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RE: MEETING WITH SENATOR MITCHELL'S CHIEF ASSISTANT

1. I had lunoch today with Ms Martha Pope, the current Sergeant-at-Arms in the Senate who will take up duty with Senator Mitchell in his new capacity as Special Adviser on Economic Initiatives on Ireland on 10 January.
2. Ms Pope is greatly excited by her new job and appreciates that much of the running and organization particularly for the Philadelphia Conference will fall to her. She mentioned that the Senator proposes to visit Ireland around the 4th of February. I assured her that he would be very warmly received and that we would be happy to work on a programme as soon as she could confirm the Senator's intention. Mitchell also intends visiting Northern Ireland, London and possibly Brussels during his trip.
3. Ms Pope said that Senator Mitchell had asked her to accompany Secretary of Commerce Brown on his visit to Ireland next week. I also told her about the planned meeting of the Forum in Dublin on 16 December which is dedicated to "Social and Economic Reconstruction - the role of the United States". I said that she would be most welcome as an observer on this occasion. She seemed greatly enthusiastic about being able to remain over in Dublin for this occasion but said that she

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will need to discuss the matter with Senator Mitchell. (She was very clear that she would not envisage herself attending in any other capacity except as an observer - specifically, she will not be available to address the Forum).

4. If Ms Pope is able to remain in Dublin following Secretary Brown's departure, I said that we would also be happy to set up individual meetings for her on Thursday, 15 December. I will come back to this in the next few days in light of Ms Pope's plans.
5. By way of background, Pope has Irish American grandparents and while she has had no immediate involvement in the issues over the years, she is broadly familiar with the subject and has clearly been studying diligently in the last few days. Senator Mitchell met with Senator Kennedy last Friday in the course of which Kennedy marked Mitchell's cards in a helpful way.
6. Senator Mitchell will be getting married at the weekend but will be returning to Washington before Christmas at which stage a meeting with Ambassador Gallagher has been arranged.
7. Details of Ms Pope's bio are attached.

MARTHA POPE'S CV

**Pope, Martha S.**, Secretary of the Senate. Born March 26, 1945 in Newcastle, PA. **Education:** Univ. of Connecticut, 1963-67, B.A. **Career Record:** 1975-77, staff asst. to Sen. Gary Hart, CO; 1977-79, staff, Natl. Wildlife Fed.; 1979-81, prof. staff member, Subcom. on Resource Protection and 1981-86, prof. staff member, Subcom. on Environmental Pollution, Senate Com. on Environment and Public Works; 1986-87, legis. dir., 1988-89, admin. asst. then 1989-90, chief of staff to Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, ME; 1991-94, Senate Sergeant at Arms.