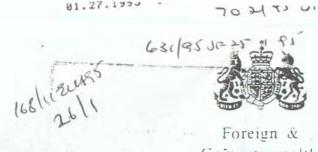
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VISIT TO LONDON BY SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL

Former Senator George Mitchell is planning to visit London on 14 February. He has asked to call on the Prime Minister.

Senator Mitchell retired from the post of US Senate Majority Leader at the recent mid-term elections. His appointment as the President's Special Adviser on Economic Initiatives for Ireland was announced in December, shortly before the International Investment Forum in Belfast. He took up his post on 10 January. His main task will be to help organise the Investment Conference which is now to take place in Washington in April/May. At the time of his appointment he assured Sir Robin Renwick that he had no intention of getting involved in the politics of the issue, and that his task was to support the process initiated by the Downing Street Declaration.

Senator Mitchell's main purpose in visiting London is to see the Prime Minister, if a meeting can be arranged. He also hopes to meet Sir Patrick Mayhew either in London or Belfast. His itinerary is likely to include the Republic of Ireland.

We and Sir Robin Renwick recommend that the Prime Minister should see him, if diary considerations permit. He arrives on the morning of 14 February and would be available for calls from noon until his departure for Belfast in the late afternoon. He has indicated that he would, if necessary, alter his travel plans to fit in with the Prime Minister's schedule.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Simon Rogers (NIO).

Yan ever Nichie

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