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Senator Mitchell's brother, Robert E. Mitchell, died on Saturday night in their hometown of Waterville, Maine. Senator Mitchell will leave Belfast today to travel to the United States for the funeral.

The recent press speculation about the Senator "quitting" the talks is totally false and without any foundation whatsoever. Senator Mitchell will return and resume the Chairmanship as soon as possible. He is determined to do all he can to make progress in the talks.

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