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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

TED SMYTH, Press and Information Officer, Embassy of
Ireland in the United States

Ted Smyth was born and educated in the Republic of Ireland and graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1972, with an honors degree in history and political science.

He subsequently entered the Department of Foreign Affairs as a diplomatic officer and has concentrated largely on political affairs in Ireland and Europe. He was a frequent attender at "European Political Cooperation" meetings in the Common Market which were designed to coordinate foreign policy objectives of the nine member states. In this capacity he also assisted at the historic conference of the nine Heads of Government in Dublin in March 1975 when the British renegotiation terms for continued membership of the European Community were successfully negotiated.

Mr. Smyth was also a delegate on the Irish team to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) which met in Helsinki and Geneva and which worked out principles on security and cooperation between 33 European countries and the United States and Canada. When the CSCE concluded in July 1975, he was posted as First Secretary in the Irish Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, and was able to have a first-hand insight into the revolution which is taking place in that country. In September 1976, he came to the United States to assume his present position.

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TED SMYTH

Press and Information Officer with the Irish Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Ted Smyth arrived in the United States in September 1976, since when he has worked with the U.S. media on many issues ranging from the continued troubles in Northern Ireland to the Irish economy, membership of the European Economic Communities, Irish culture and writing and the recently opened Exhibition of Early Irish Treasures in New York. During the past year he has travelled widely throughout the United States and spoken and lectured at most of the major cities.

Ted Smyth entered the Irish Foreign Service in 1972 and has subsequently served in Geneva (as a delegate to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) and Lisbon (First Secretary, political affairs). He also worked for some time in the framework of "European Political Cooperation", machinery designed to hasten the political union of the nine EEC countries. He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin with a BA degree in History and Political Science.

