

SCUA
(Treasurer).

PRIME MINISTER

SCOTTISH PARTY TREASURER

You will recall that Michael Forsyth would like to replace Sir Matthew Goodwin as Party Treasurer by David Mitchell. Michael has spoken to Sir Matthew, who has agreed to stand down, and has consulted Malcolm Rifkind who is content with the appointment of David Mitchell. Michael has not been able to speak to Alistair McAlpine as he is in Australia.

Michael also hopes that David Mitchell will succeed Sir Matthew as SCUA Treasurer as well. Sir Matthew has told SCUA he intends to stand down from this post and David Mitchell has put his name forward for election. Michael believes that it would be very helpful to announce David Mitchell's appointment as Scottish Party Treasurer before the SCUA elections. He would therefore like to put out the attached press release tomorrow if you are content.

Content to announce David Mitchell's appointment tomorrow?

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Yes

JOHN WHITTINGDALE

15th January, 1990

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**PRIME MINISTER APPOINTS DAVID MITCHELL
AS TREASURER OF THE SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Mrs Thatcher FRS MP, today announced the appointment of Mr David W Mitchell CBE as Treasurer of the Scottish Conservative Party, following the retirement of Sir Matthew Goodwin CBE CA as Party Treasurer.

Mr Mitchell, a former President of the Scottish Conservative & Unionist Association, is a Director of a Grangemouth company, Hunter Timber Ltd., a member of the Executive of the Institute of Directors, Scotland and a member of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Council Development and Industry.

Thanking Sir Matthew, the Prime Minister said: "Sir Matthew has made a valuable contribution as Treasurer of the Scottish Conservative Party, and I am very grateful for all his hard work."

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