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'Secret Weapon' Martha

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The Republicans regard Martha Mitchell, wife of the Attorney General, as the "secret weapon" in their arsenal for the 1972 presidential campaign.

Bookings for Mrs. Mitchell to make campaign speeches are already piling up at the Republican National Committee and at the new Committee for the Reelection of the President.

So much so that the Committee for Reelection of the President has already assigned one of its most talented young women to act as Mrs. Mitchell's secretary.

Kristin Forsberg, of Greenwich, Conn., has been working part-time for Mrs. Mitchell since September. She made her first campaign trip this past

week when Mrs. Mitchell flew to California to attend a GOP fund-raising dinner in San Francisco.

Miss Forsberg, who is in her mid 20s, is a niece of Martha Rountree, a founder of the television public affairs quiz show, "Meet the Press."

She is on the payroll of the Committee for Reelection of the President which has its headquarters at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. But she spends most of her time at the Mitchell's Watergate apartment where the mail is piling higher and higher each day.

"Mrs. Mitchell has done so much for us," said a committee spokesman, "that it seemed only fair for us to lend her one of our top secretaries to help her with all her mail and the speeches she will be making for us."

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