The Line



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All of the words can be preceded by one of either "over" or "under". Taking the first letter of the first word on each line forms the message "Over is dash". Putting a dash for each word preceded by over and a dot for each word preceded by under, we get the following:

dot dash dash dash dash dash dash dot dash dash dot

dot

dot dot dot dot dash dash dot dot dot dash dot dash dash dash

Decoding the morse code, we get "JOAN E SPERO". A quick search for Joan E Spero reveals that she was the Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Agricultural Affairs (later renamed Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs). Under Secretary fits with the theme of the puzzle, and indeed the answer is UNDERSECRETARY.

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