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Dear Friend,

As one of Sinn Féin's most loyal supporters, I wanted you to be the first to know of a really important new development in relation to our party.

You yourself know the price we all paid to bring our struggle to this historic juncture in our history. The amazing achievements of this past six months were only gained by the amazing achievements of the past 25 years, from the rent and rate strike, to the burning of Long Kesh, through the prison struggle in the H-Blocks and Armagh, when we carried our hunger strike dead on our shoulders with so much pain in our hearts. But all of us kept struggling.


So it was the dignity of our hunger strikers which carried us through the years of the loyalist terror. Armed by the British, informed by the British, helped by the British to infiltrate our communities, the loyalists visited a great storm of hatred on our people. But I am proud to say that with your discipline and your unwillingness to play a sectarian card, you and your friends carried freedom's banner high.

Today we stand unbroken, our commitment to freedom as strong as it ever was. Today more than ever, it is crucial that all our supporters and friends, in this next phase of our struggle are organised and are kept up-to-date in every crucial decision we are making.

The Ard Chomhairle at its very first meeting after this our 89th Ard Fheis will be setting up a new supporters network. The name we have decided to give this network is Cairde (Friends) Sinn Féin.

The purpose of Cairde Sinn Féin is to bring together our broad network of friends and supporters so that all may play a more positive role in our struggle for freedom and independence, particularly in the crucial period we are now entering. By joining Cairde Sinn Féin you will be strengthening our party's endeavours. For our part we commit ourselves to give each and every one of our supporters up to date information on the full range of our party's activities plus our current political thinking.





In this period of change, where events move quickly on a day-to-day basis, one of my top priorities as Sinn Féin president is to ensure that our party membership is kept fully informed of all political developments. However, up until now such information has only been available to our Sinn Féin members and a limited circulation beyond this. But it is thought important that in future this information be disseminated more widely among our sympathisers and supporters, for very little of the real information is getting through today at any level, and communication is vital.

There is a way, in spite of the black propaganda of the British government, to keep yourself abreast of our current political thinking and at the same time read of the activities of all who continue to struggle against the evil of British rule in Ireland. It is through reading our new special newsletter that we will be producing for Cairde Sinn Féin.

As a supporter and friend of our party you now have an opportunity to become a subscriber to the Cairde Sinn Féin newsletter. In its pages you will find invaluable topical information, highlighted from time to time by sensitive items of news — information that we are only able to tell our most trusted supporters.

The newsletter is being made available to our friends by way of a regular subscription (see form enclosed). Your subscription payment will not only help to finance the gathering, production and circulation of this newsletter but will also figure as a donation of help and support for Sinn Féin in all its efforts.

Remember it is vital for you yourself to know what is happening so that you can pass on the knowledge to others.

There is now a chance to gain this knowledge, through Cairde Sinn Féin newsletter. Take the step today of joining Cairde Sinn Féin by sending £10.00 or any extra donation you may be able to afford to Tom Hartley, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. I thank you for your support.

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Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Féin.

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