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Sunday 12 August 2004

A Chara,

^{summits}
In the normal course of events and meetings such as Leeds Castle, a pattern emerges and this pattern is one of incremental change where one party proposes that if the other party does such-and-such then they undertake to do something in return.

It is guaranteed to fail on this occasion.

In fact, I know that you'd be the first to acknowledge that given the history of the last 10 years; almost everything ^{Sinn Fein puts} on the table at Leeds will be subject to yet another condition.

With these thoughts in mind, I would ask you to consider a very radical approach and that is to offer your final package to the British Government, to the Government of the Irish Republic and to the world media on Day One. ^{at the start of Day 2 Fri 17th}

The thinking is this. It's my opinion that the DUP are not ready to take the risks necessary for real change. The Ulster Unionist Party is in the most vulnerable position of all because of their past history. They can't be seen to come to an accord against the power of the DUP. The SDLP have lost their way and it is now incumbent upon you as the largest and strongest Nationalist party to carry the day and the initiative.

Since the first Republican ceasefire, the world has changed. The securicrats will reassure Tony Blair that if no agreement is reached in Leeds Castle, nothing much will change in Ireland, North or South. Tony Blair will be perfectly happy to pragmatically settle for a non-solution. Turning to the Republic of Ireland, Bertie Ahern can live with this status quo, even if his basic instinct would be for agreement.

The big winners would be the Unionist parties with all their fine rhetoric about wanting to get the Assembly up and running again. ^{Direct Rule is their preferred option and safest option.}
With the British general election on the cards, the dangers of going nowhere are obvious.

The other side of Tony Blair is this.

If Sinn Fein is seen to be, in the world media view, open, up front, showing real leadership and real change like Gerry Adams' statement on "Inside Politics" of Saturday 11th September 2004 when he publicly declared that Yes, the Republican Movement would be prepared to vote for Dr. Paisley as First Minister, then this is an exciting new approach to Irish politics.

Even when Leeds Castle fails, the Sinn Fein programme for change, fairness and equality will be up front and Tony Blair just might decide to run with it.

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With your election mandate and the historic faith of your supporters in your leadership, you can pull this off.

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Sunday 12 August 2004

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In the normal course of events ^{at} and summits such as Leeds Castle, a pattern emerges ~~and this~~
~~pattern is one~~ of incremental change where one party proposes that if the other party does
such-and-such then they undertake to do something in return.

It is guaranteed to fail on this occasion.

In fact, I know that you'd be the first to acknowledge that given the history of the last 10
years; almost everything Sinn Fein puts on the table at Leeds will be subject to yet another
condition.

With these thoughts in mind, I would ask you to consider a very radical approach and that is
to offer your final package to the British Government, to the Government of the Irish
Republic and to the world media at the start of Day Two, Friday 17th September 2004.

The thinking is this.

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if his basic instinct would be for agreement.

The big winners would be the Unionist parties with all their fine rhetoric about wanting to get
the Assembly up and running again. Direct Rule is their preferred and safest option.

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vote for Dr. Paisley as First Minister, then this is an exciting new ^{public} approach to Irish politics.

Even when Leeds Castle fails, the Sinn Fein programme for change, fairness and equality will
be up front and Tony Blair just might decide to run with it. ^{as his best option}

With your ^{oral} election mandate and the historic faith of your supporters in your leadership, ^{Sinn Fein} you
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A Chara, Martin,

In the normal course of events at summits such as Leeds Castle, a pattern emerges and this pattern is one of incremental change where one party proposes that if the other party does such-and-such then they undertake to do something in return. program is laid down

It is guaranteed to fail on this occasion. This is unlikely to happen at Leeds.

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~~In fact, I know that you'd be the first to acknowledge that given the history of the last 10 years; almost everything Sinn Fein puts on the table at Leeds will be subject to yet another condition.~~ demand.

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The big winners would be the Unionist parties with all their fine rhetoric about wanting to get the Assembly up and running again. Direct Rule is their preferred and safest option.

With the British general election on the cards, the dangers of going nowhere are obvious. but

The other side of Tony Blair is this. enticing

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Even when Leeds Castle fails, the Sinn Fein programme for change, fairness and equality will be up front and Tony Blair just might decide to run with it as his best option.

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Adh mor ort
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ort is singular
adh Clionagh.

Adh mor ort. P.T.O.

On the other hand, by stepping outside the Leeds Castle box before the end of the summit, and if what you put on the table brings B. Aherne + the SDLP on board, you have re-established the ~~core~~ Hume/Adams Irish national position which is the core of peace process + ultimately the only way forward.

"No-charge" union will be out
fleshed.

FINAL DRAFT.

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In the normal course of events at summits such as Leeds Castle, a pattern emerges and this pattern is one of incremental change where one party proposes that if the other party does such-and-such then they undertake to do something in return. Progress is made.

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With the British general election on the cards, the dangers of going nowhere are obvious but enticing.

On the other hand, by stepping outside the Leeds Castle box before the end of the summit, and if, what Sinn Fein puts on the table brings Bertie Ahern and the SDLP on board, you have re-established the Hume/Adams Irish Nationalist position, which is the core of the peace process and ultimately the only way forward.

With your electoral mandate and the historic faith of your supporters in your leadership, Sinn Fein can pull this off.

Adh Mór Ort

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