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**GERRY ADAMS & KEN MAGINNIS INTERVIEWED**

**LARRY KING, Host:** But we are beginning with a historic event, a first, captured by our cameras and shown around the world. Tonight we welcome Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army's political wing and Ken Maginnis of Northern Ireland's pro-British Ulster Unionist Party, who are being seen together for the first time. In the next 45 minutes they'll debate the future of Northern Ireland. Before they get started, the situation in Northern Ireland is very complex. So to frame the argument, we have asked CNN Correspondent Margaret Lowrie to prepare this background report.

**(FILM SHOWN)**

**MARGARET LOWRIE, CNN NEWS:** It started as a civil rights movement in the 1960's: Northern Ireland's minority Catholics demanding equality with the Protestants who ran the province. Equality in jobs, in housing, in government, in schools. But by August, 1969, peace marches turned to riots. Police and government, both predominantly Protestant, were not just overwhelmed but part of the problem. Britain deployed troops after an appeal for help.

**JAMES CALLAHAN, Home Secretary:** I cannot pretend to attempt to find a solution to it overnight.

**LOWRIE:** Not overnight, but Britain's then Home secretary James Callahan thought troops would be needed for only a few months at most. 25 years later, of course, they are still there. The fear, as security vacuum if troops are pulled out before a negotiated settlement. For years, the IRA has tried to force them out with bombs and bullets but at first, there was gratitude.

**BERNARD PURCELL, Irish Independent:** Within a very short time, the Catholic community found British troops, which they welcomed - with whom they met on the streets with cups of tea and greeted with hugs - they gradually considered them to be the oppressors.

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LOWRIE: Their very presence adding to the volatile mix quickly at odds with both sides. It was "Mission Impossible": stop the violence, protect the Catholics, maintain law and order. As violence escalated, hundreds were interned, held without trial in 1971 as suspected terrorists, including Gerry Adams who today heads Sinn Fein, regarded as the IRA's political wing. Released a year later to participate as a IRA delegate in secret talks with London, two years after that Gerry Adams was convicted and jailed on terrorism charges.

LOWRIE: "Bloody Sunday" of 1972 was a lethal turning point for Northern Ireland's Catholics. British troops shot dead 13 Catholic protestors. Few would ever again view soldiers as their protectors.

PURCELL: Many incidents like that throughout the late 1960's and early '70s gave rise to the grievances within the communities that led to public support for terrorist organizations.

LOWRIE: Support for the IRA, bolstered again by the 1980's hunger strikes, and support for the Protestant so-called Loyalist paramilitaries. Over the years both sides have reduced a political struggle to its ugliest common denominators: turf and tribalism. The "hog men", the men of violence, hijacking the political sentiments of those they claim to represent and killing and maiming in their name.

LOWRIE: But how much support do they actually have today? About 60% of Northern Ireland's 1.6 million population is Protestant, 40% Catholic. Most, Catholic and Protestant are moderates; they want peace not violence. Most Catholics are nationalists, favoring union with Ireland through democratic change. Most support the Social Democratic and Labor Party, the SDLP. More extreme and less popular, Republicans such as Sinn Fein and the IRA; many of them believe the end justifies violent means, but Sinn Fein only gets 10% of the vote.

GERRY ADAMS, Sinn Fein President: The (UN)INSTABLE (GIBBLE) We have a gerry-mandered, artificial majority who have permanently said no. Now they will continue to say no, that the British government will persist - as Mr. Major appears to do - to give them a special veto. No section of the Irish people should be given a veto.

LOWRIE: Two years ago, Gerry Adams, widely believed to be part of the IRA's military command, lost his elected seat representing West Belfast in the British Parliament. Some say the publicity he gets is out of proportion to his community support, others say Sinn Fein cannot be discounted.

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**BRENDAN O'LEARY, London School of Economics:** Obviously, both British and Irish officials would be worried that there are things that can flow from an over lionization of Gerry Adams. Nevertheless, I think it's best to look at this as the incorporation of Sinn Fein into normal politics. And if the Sinn Fein movement gets its brief moment of glory as part and parcel of the consolidation of peace and eventual constitutional reconstruction, then so much the better.

**LOWRIE:** Most Protestants are Unionists, supporting union with Britain. Reverend Ian Paisley is the most vigorous symbol, but his party had little more support than Sinn Fein in the last general election. By contrast, the more moderate, mainstream Ulster Unionist Party to which Ken Maginnis belongs is the province's most popular party, mostly - not exclusively - Protestant.

**KEN MAGINNIS, Ulster Unionist Party:** Twenty years of work and negotiations has put in all these checks and balances. Has gotten a new sort of thinking amongst normal people, an acceptance that yes, the minority must be involved. We're glad that they want to be involved.

**LOWRIE:** Protestant Loyalists are far more extreme, but have less political cohesion and get less than 1% of the vote. However, Loyalist paramilitaries are increasingly adept at killing. Since 1990, Loyalist gunmen have killed more people than the IRA. To date, 3,389 people have died in the "troubles" in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and here in England, most killed by the IRA. So many explosions, place names are synonymous with tragedies that occurred there: Gilford, Louisavillen, Moniton, the City of London.

**LOWRIE:** The British and the Irish may have negotiated secretly with the IRA for years, but it was the very public British-Irish peace initiative, the Downing Street Declaration, that perhaps did more to pave the way for talks with all the parties than any other single development in the last twenty years. British Prime Minister John Major and Irish Premier Albert Reynolds pushed relentlessly to bring Sinn Fein into the process saying if the IRA renounced violence permanently, talks could begin within three months. The IRA mulled it over for more than eight months before announcing a ceasefire, August 1997. It did not use the word "permanent". The Irish are satisfied but the British are not taking more a "wait and see" approach before deciding whether to include Sinn Fein. But if Republicans are closer to joining the peace process, others still need convincing. Loyalist paramilitaries have not laid down their arms and there are others, Protestant and Catholic alike, who fear that their interests will not be represented in future negotiations. Larry?

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KING: If Arafat could do it with Rabin, why can't Ireland?

MAGINNIS: Arafat represented a nation, the Palestine people. So did Mandela in South Africa; he represented a majority. Gerry Adams represents 10% of the people in Northern Ireland, or his party does. He represents less than 5% of the people on the Island of Ireland, and yet he is exercising a veto and has done so for 25 years following the Mao Tse-Tung philosophy of power coming down the barrel of a gun.

KING: Can that change? Let's... Given that all of this is a fact, Arafat was a terrorist. Regardless of terrorists, forget the mission part. Is it possible that Gerry Adams comes in peace?

MAGINNIS: Oh, I think it's possible that anybody can change, but I haven't seen the tangible evidence. I've heard the words. I haven't seen the tangible evidence...

KING: What's tangible?

ADAMS: Well, Larry, first of all, if I'm all these things, why has this man traveled halfway around the world to meet me? And secondly...

MAGINNIS: The answer is very simple. I've traveled halfway around the world because the American public have the right to know that the Unionist community in Northern Ireland who want to retain their linkage with Britain represent, by vote, somewhere between 65 and 70 - perhaps more than 70 - percent. And Gerry Adams, who wants to force people through the barrel of a gun, represents 10% of the people.

KING: You're concerned that he's getting this much attention? You want to clear up the other side?

MAGINNIS: Absolutely, absolutely.

KING: Okay, that's his response.

ADAMS: I would like to do the same thing by telling him where I stand.

KING: Go ahead.

ADAMS: You see, if I wanted an excuse not to talk to Mr. Maginnis, I have plenty of excuses. He is a former Member of the UDR, an organization which was disbanded by

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the British Government because of its involvement in sectarian organizations and sectarian movements. I don't want an excuse not to talk to him. I want to live in peace with him. He lives a very short spot from where I live. Ireland is no bigger than Rhode Island. There are only five million people on the island. This man represents a considerable and significant national minority of people there. There's no difference between us except one of political allegiance. Now...

KING: But he doesn't trust you.

ADAMS: But that's fair enough. That's...

KING: How to build the trust?

ADAMS: Well, we have to talk. What is happening here tonight is important.

MAGINNIS: One is able to talk when one meets a democrat. Another democrat with opposing views. I can talk to John Hume, I've done so. I've talked to the Irish Government. I'm going to Dublin and talk to the Irish Government, not just my party. I've talked to the leader of the opposition in Dublin. All these people I've talked to both privately and formally. But I can't talk to terrorists and it's...

KING: If you keep saying this, we're never going to talk.

MAGINNIS: Yes, but you don't have to betray us.

ADAMS: (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

KING: Let me take a break and come back...

(COMMERCIALS)

KING: Is the ceasefire permanent, Gerry? And why not just reassure the British and Mr. Maginnis of that? Why not just say it here, it is...

ADAMS: Well, I want to say a permanent peace.

KING: Is it permanent?

ADAMS: Let me finish. There is not, in Ireland at this time, peace. Since the IRA



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announcement about which the British Government, I am sure, are quite clear - and I can say on the record that the British Government is quite clear - a number of Catholics have been killed since the IRA announcement. The British Army have continued military operations, plastic bullets have been fired, my offices have been bombed and a number of other bombs have been placed. So from the Republican point of view, the gun is out of Nationalist politics but the gun isn't out of Irish politics. I want to correct one of the points Ken made earlier on. Sinn Fein represents in the six counties, in the occupied area, 12.5% of the vote. In the last local government election in which (UNINTELLIGIBLE) local government seats, we brought in that vote. In the last two years, we have buried thirteen members of our party including women, including elected councilors. We have buried seven family members of Sinn Fein activists. Now if I want to behave, as Mr. Maginnis behave, I'd have plenty of excuses. I don't want to...

KING: But you have made a peace offering?

ADAMS: Enormous. An enormous, historically important step recognized by President Clinton, by Mr. Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, and in which the entire situation falls...I mean, if the people in that camp...

KING: Okay, you say the ceasefire is permanent...

ADAMS: I can say that I want a permanent peace. I can say we need to build on this...

KING: Is this semantics here or...?

ADAMS: Well, ask Mr. Maginnis. Ask Mr. Maginnis.

KING: Do you not believe that he...? Neither of you want to doubt it, right?

MAGINNIS: I think what...It's not a question of that. The Irish Republican Army has made many attempts to kill me. That's beside the point. The reality is that we haven't had a straight answer. You can ask me a straight question, Larry, and I can give you a straight answer.

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MAGINNIS: But if you ask Gerry Adams a straight question, he equivocates. Now, he will not tell you if it's permanent because he doesn't know whether it's permanent or not. It appears to be. He will not tell you whether he accepts the Downing Street Declaration or not. The Downing Street Declaration was brought about by the United Kingdom Government, the Government of the Irish Republic, and (Adams interrupts) Let me finish this one. It's also been accepted by my party, by John Hume's party. It was endorsed by the United States Government. Does Gerry Adams accept it, yes or no?

KING: I've asked Mr. Maginnis the question, do you accept that? It's a simple question.

ADAMS: Well, first of all... Yes, I will answer the question and Mr. Maginnis knows that we don't accept the right of the British Government to direct our affairs, but let me just make another point. Ken, I'm prepared to take a chance for peace. You are looking for excuses not to make peace. Then why are you here making excuses not to talk? I represent people.

MAGINNIS: It's very simple. I'm a democrat. I've been a democrat all my life. I abide by the ballot box. Gerry Adams, through his organization, depends on the veto through the barrel of a rifle and has done so. He will not tell us... He will not tell us that the peace is permanent. He will not tell us if he accepts the Downing Street Declaration which three governments...

KING: Wait a minute. What can you say definitively?

ADAMS: Well, what I can say definitively is this. What I have to say is that it's been over a month since the IRA ceased completely its military operation and not period. Those who you support have continued military operations throughout the occupied areas. And yet you do not call upon them to stop when we get together. I represent people. I'm not here on an ego trip, Ken. I am here to advance the peace process. I'm prepared to go back to Dungannon to have this conversation. I have been shot, I've been wounded and you say that there's been attempted killings...

MAGINNIS: And he was saved by my old regiment, the Ulster Defense Regiment

KING: Look at the two of you, intelligent Irishmen, who love your country...

ADAMS: Mr. Maginnis may have some difficulty with your description, but I'm preyed upon at home.

MAGINNIS: Of course. I am. Of course. I'm Irish. I'm also against..

KING: Why can't two intelligent Irishmen who don't want to see their children die, come together? I'm asking as an American onlooker.

ADAMS: Well, Larry, I'm prepared to go and condone...

KING: Are you prepared to apologize for past actions?

ADAMS: I'm prepared to apologize to all those who have been hurt, who have been killed...

MAGINNIS: I repudiate totally any violence by Loyalists. So does my party. Totally repudiate.

ADAMS: Do you repudiate violence by the British Army?

MAGINNIS: I repudiate any violence...

KING: Any at all? By the British Army on Bloody Sunday? Any at all?

MAGINNIS: I would repudiate any violence that is not necessary to protect...

KING: Anything that isn't defensive?

MAGINNIS: Yes.

ADAMS: Well, I think that's a legitimate point of view...

KING: We'll take a break. When we come back we'll take your phone call.

(COMMERCIALS)

KING: (Reintroduces guests...) Can a terrorist change?

MAGINNIS: I believe a terrorist can. We've seen...

KING: Can once a terrorist become a democrat?

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MAGINNIS: Look, I offer anybody the option, either to be outside the democratic process as a terrorist, or repudiate terrorism and all that attaches thereto, and enter the democratic process.

KING: Can we...?

MAGINNIS: I have no cry in that.

KING: Can we, Gerry, tonight on all sides, repudiate terrorism?

ADAMS: I want to see the complete end. And I repudiate any terrorism in my country. I have no problems whatsoever. And let me...Let me keep coming back to this point, Larry. You see, I represent a political party. I represent 12.5% of the people in the same area that Ken comes from. I also have a bit of confidence in the people that Ken represents. See, I think...and he represents a historic constituency that once had Bobby Sands as its M.P. I think that he and I and others can govern our country without the British. Why does this man need the British to help him? Why does this man need a British minister to look after his affairs? Can you not do it yourself? Can you not join with us in building a better Ireland?

MAGINNIS: Of course. I'm quite happy being British, to take responsibility to govern my country. But, as someone who is British, who wants to remain within the United Kingdom...

KING: He has that right.

MAGINNIS: ...which is the best place for Northern Ireland.

ADAMS: Well, what about all the people in his constituency who don't want to be part of that and who have been forced...Who have been forced (UNINTELLIGIBLE)? No vetoed Ken.

MAGINNIS: Now here's where we come to the crucial point. 70% of the people in Northern Ireland want to remain British. Gerry Adams says 30% want to cut the link. Now those are two diametric opposites. What we can do is what we've tried to do in talks with the Irish Government, our own government, with John Hume's party. We can bring forward a means to govern Northern Ireland through a committee system with every element.

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KING: I want to get a call in before this break

MAGINNIS: But I would like to...I would like to...

KING: Hold it. I'm running out of time. You want to respond?

ADAMS: Well, first of all, Mr. Maginnis won't talk to the Irish Government, won't talk to the SDLP, won't talk to Sinn Fein. And there's a need to stop looking back. Let's look forward.

MAGINNIS: For two years - Mr. Adams is lying because he knows that for two years...

KING: Let me get a quick call in.

CALLER, San Francisco: Good evening, my name is (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

KING: I don't need your name. Go ahead.

CALLER: I'm from Belfast, Northern Ireland and I've been watching Gerry Adams and his visit to the States with great interest. I can hardly recognize the man that I have seen in my homeland for many years. And my question to him is - and I certainly do not trust him nor what he stands for...

KING: What's the question?

CALLER: The question is, he says that the IRA has a ceasefire. I have an article in front of me that my da sent to me yesterday, it's from a Belfast paper. And apparently the ceasefire does not extend to his own people. There's a lot of violence going on in the Nationalist areas. Granted, there's no guns, they're using iron bars. And I'd like to know, how can we trust them? These are the people who... (Maginnis holds up newspaper...)

KING: I've only got a minute till the break. How do you respond, Gerry, to the picture that's in the Belfast paper?

ADAMS: Well, I've got to take a look at it. (Takes newspaper...)

KING: What is the IRA doing now?

ADAMS: Well, what I can say is this, is that the IRA has a ceased firing and the IRA has ceased all military operations so how has this stroke, this cheap, proved to this, perhaps, despondent woman? (Maginnis laughs...) How can he come here to argue the case. And what I'm saying is this, that we need to have an opportunity to move this situation forward and to stop looking back and making cheap propaganda. But I can bring you photographs of my office, carried by people who are very, very close to you and who bring you all sorts of stories of British Army treatment. And this here (points to article...), of course the IRA is involved in (word?) and beatings. It's wrong, but the community also has the right to defend itself. So let's stop looking back. Let's move forward

KING: We'll be back...(TEASERS)

(COMMERCIALS)

KING: We're back. (Reintroduces guests...) Dundalk, Ireland, hello.

CALLER, Dundalk, Ireland: Hello. I'd just like to ask Ken Maginnis a question, Larry. If he's so adamant about the IRA giving up their arms, handing in their arms, then what is he and his party doing about getting the UDS to get them to give up their arms? They have killed more people with their arms than the IRA has since 1990.

MAGINNIS: Yes, can I answer the question and also give you another statistic? Because we can play about with statistics. And what my party is doing is trying to ensure that the message goes out to the UDR and the UDA that we don't want them to kill our Catholic neighbors. That they're not helping the situation by doing so and it's morally wrong. And it's one of the reasons...

KING: Why? Have you talked to them?

MAGINNIS: And it's one of the reasons why you have more Loyalist murderers in prison, many more Loyalist murderers in prison, than you have Republican murderers. Yet the Republicans have killed 1,969 people as against 944 the Loyalists have killed.

CALLER, Tulsa GA: Good evening, I'm Irish. I have a short statement and a question, Larry. Gerry Adams is the Yasser Arafat of Northern Ireland. If he had his way, he would make Ireland the Cuba of Europe and force the Northern Ireland...

KING: All right, just ask a question of Gerry, okay?

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CALLER: All right, sir. My question, Larry, is: Mr. Adams, do you not think that the nonviolent principles of Martin Luther King would have achieved more in the last 25 years than your campaign of murder and bombings?

ADAMS: Well, it's hard to know when the struggle is finished and when we have peace built. When this great opportunity has been brought before us. Perhaps you may be seen to be right. But when I went out in the civil rights struggle almost 25 years ago for the right to vote, I was an active member of the civil rights association. It was an apartheid state which has changed little since those days. Which was a permanent and remains a permanent state of emergency. Which treats one section of its citizens as sub-human. And of course, it would have been better if the state had responded positively and warmly to that demand. And indeed, it would have been better if all the citizens of that state were treated equally. But here, we have an example that Mr. Maginnis - who I wish to join this peace process - refuses even to speak to me. Refuses even to speak to the people that I represent: comes halfway around the world not to talk. And I have to appeal to your notion of democracy.

KING: I think he's talking...I think he just wants to feel more trust in you. I guess. That's my guess.

ADAMS: Well, Larry, you see, the problem with that is this. Why is it I who has to take the risk?

KING: Because you're the representative here that's talking for your people.

ADAMS: Yes, but we both have to move forward.

MAGINNIS: And he's a spokesman for the IRA.

KING: But he seems to be coming forward.

ADAMS: And we do need to move forward, Ken.

MAGINNIS: Okay.

ADAMS: No, we do need to move forward, Ken. You can't keep backing back. Move forward. I'm the president of Sinn Fein which is a legal political party, which has been democratically represented for some long time.

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MAGINNIS: I have a question or two which I want to put to Gerry Adams.

KING: Sure.

MAGINNIS: The first thing is, when did he stop being a member of the IRA and become only a member of provisional Sinn Fein, if that's what he's telling me?

KING: is that true?

ADAMS: Well, Mr. Maginnis knows that I've never been a member of the IRA And Mr. Maginnis knows that..

MAGINNIS: Commander of (name?) In 1971. Commander of the Belfast Brigade in 1972. Taken, as an IRA leader to the torch with William Whitlow along with Martin McGuinness (sp?). IRA leaders went to those..

ADAMS: Well, see, part of this difficulty is that Mr. Maginnis seems to be very well misinformed about the situation. He has problems, I think, with jaundiced(?) thinking. This is a man who was a major in the UDR. And let's forget about all this nonsense about keeping...Let's look forward, Ken. Look forward to the future.

MAGINNIS: Okay, can I look forward, then, and say, if we're going to move forward with provisional Sinn Fein..

ADAMS: Sinn Fein, please.

MAGINNIS: Sinn Fein, or provisional Sinn Fein. Whatever...Let's call it Sinn Fein. If we're going to move forward with Sinn Fein, does that include the publicity office for Sinn Fein, Donny Morrison who, while a member of that organization, served a prison sentence for kidnapping? Are we going to move forward with people like Martin McHaughey who served as a Sinn Fein councillor on my council - and tried to kill me and who was himself shot trying to kill a policeman? Are we going...?

ADAMS: No. But Larry, you see, this man earlier on spoke about Nelson Mandela. Now what was Nelson Mandela once but a convicted terrorist? And I've been a member of the anti-apartheid movement all of my life. Martin McHaughey was shot to death by the British Army. It's bad to dance on the graves of the dead, but to start throwing them.

MAGINNIS: When do you use arms in trying to kill newsmen?



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KING: Let me get in another phone call.

CALLER, Vienna VA: Yes, I'm originally from Ireland. And I'd like to ask a question. How can the Protestants in Northern Ireland fear being part of the Republic of Ireland since there's no discrimination of Protestants, Jews, or Muslims, and the Republic has had two Protestant Presidents in Ireland?

KING: You understand the question?

ADAMS: Yes. And I would like to say that Irish Republicanism was founded by Protestants. Irish Republicanism is a secular philosophy which recognizes the contribution of the Protestant section of our people. And Ken Maginnis is one of my people. So he needs to join with us in all of this.

MAGINNIS: I'm certainly not one of Gerry Adams' people. Let me assure you of that. But I can say that one of the rights of any group of people is the right of choice. And then, the responsibility is to abide by the choice that people make. Now in Northern Ireland, the people have chosen to remain part of the United Kingdom. We brought forward proposals during the talks that we had with the Irish Government and John Hume's party to have very special pro-RATA (sp?) committees, pro-RATA chairmanships, a bill of rights, loaded majorities where there were controversial issues.

ADAMS: Did it work?

MAGINNIS: And those proposals are a declaration of our intention to make things work.

KING: We have a few minutes left. We'll get in a few more calls.

(COMMERCIALS)

KING: We're back. John Hume nominated for a Nobel Prize, does he deserve it?

MAGINNIS: I'd like to think that if there is peace, that the Nobel Peace Prize goes to the person who played the biggest part in achieving that.

KING: And he did?

MAGINNIS: But maybe... Well, during the war, the (name?) crossed the island.

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Maybe the people of Northern Ireland, the 90% who reject violence, deserve the Nobel Peace Prize.

KING: Do you both agree that John Hume should get it?

ADAMS: Well, I certainly agree. But I want...I want to make...

KING: This will be historic. Do you both agree John Hume...?

MAGINNIS: I don't, because I don't believe we should be talking about prizes.

KING: You think he does?

CALLER, El Cerrito, CA: Yes, gentlemen, I guess probably none of us ever thought we would see the Berlin Wall come down. We never thought we would see Nelson Mandela walk out of prison alive. We never thought we'd see the fall of the Soviet Union. You have a chance to catch lightning in a bottle. You have a place in history to do something positive. What I'm hearing is that you're concentrating on the last 25 years. Are you willing to move forward to do what it takes to bring some peace in this corner of the world?

KING: A very good question to both of you, watched by an observer in California. Ken, are you willing?

MAGINNIS: Of course I'm willing. Of course. I've been striving for that for 25 years.

KING: And you are willing, right, Gerry? And you are willing?

ADAMS: Well, first of all...

KING: Are you willing?

ADAMS: Yes. And not only am I willing, but we have moved forward. And I also think that Ken, by coming here, has moved forward also. I think this is a good development. It's a welcome development. And I want to...

MAGINNIS: Give up the 100,000 guns that you have?

ADAMS: And I want to do it back at home. I want to do it in Dugganum (sp?)

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or Belfast. And Mr. Maginnis likes...

KING: If you throw down your guns...

ADAMS: We have already brought about the situation where the IRA has totally ceased... Now this man, Mr. Maginnis. Have you a gun at home?

MAGINNIS: Of course. Of course.

ADAMS: Yes, he has a gun at home.

MAGINNIS: But his organization has tried to kill me on nine occasions.

ADAMS: Well, Sinn Fein hasn't tried to kill anyone. But let's move forward.

KING: You do not hate Mr. Maginnis?

ADAMS: Not at all. I think, for all his faults, he's a decent...

KING: Is hate too strong a word?

MAGINNIS: I'm not in the business of hate. I'm in the business of reality.

KING: Isn't there a chance here. Isn't there a spark to go on? The caller said - forget countries for a minute. Look at Russia. Look at...

ADAMS: Larry, there's more than a spark.

KING: South Africa. Isn't there a chance?

ADAMS: There is a great historic opportunity to build a lasting peace in our country, a lasting peace between Mr. Maginnis and others and myself.

MAGINNIS: I believe in real peace. I don't believe...

ADAMS: Start talking about it.

MAGINNIS: Talking, unfortunately, is not what is required when somebody secretly is pointing 100 tons of weapons at your head.

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KING: If they took the weapons away--

MAGINNIS: Oh yes, if they took the...

KING: Is the debate, gentlemen, going to continue back home?

MAGINNIS: Take the weapons away and we can start the talking.

ADAMS: There's my hand, Ken, and I'll see you in Dungannon.

MAGINNIS: I hope.

ADAMS: Come on...

MAGINNIS: I'm not going to be involved in gimmicks.

ADAMS: This is not a gimmick. I'll shake hands with you off camera. I'll talk about it with you.

MAGINNIS: That is a gimmick for the American public.

ADAMS: No, not at all.

MAGINNIS: And what the American public have got to realize is quite simply this. That Gerry Adams controls an organization which has 100 tons of guns. He's come here for a political ploy.

ADAMS: I represent an organization which has contributed to developing this process.

MAGINNIS: You haven't answered the question.

ADAMS: And I want Mr. Maginnis to join it. And I think he has made a small step forward in doing it. And I welcome that.

KING: Would you both come back here as we go along in this process?

ADAMS: Of course, yes.

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KING: Ken, will you come back?

MAGINNIS: Oh, of course. I'll be delighted to come back, Larry. And thank you very much for having me.

KING: Thank you, Ken. Thank you, Gerry.

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