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Dear John,

The Trotskyist leadership of the People's Democracy arranged a conference of Socialists in the Civil Rights Movement in Belfast on 3rd May at which it was agreed to establish a Socialist Alliance as a non-party Socialist Group, open also to Republicans, and to try to establish branches in rural areas parallel to the Civil Rights Movement.

The Socialists hoped to improve relationships with left-wing trade unions and labour organisations in Eire. A further meeting to discuss a Socialist organisation was held on 17th May, which People's Democracy, Labour Party and Republican supporters attended.

The Socialist Alliance was finally formed at a meeting at Queen's University, Belfast, on 2nd June, with the express aim of creating a united workers' and farmers' Republic in Ireland.

The Alliance intend to hold future meetings in Queen's University and the Snack Bar and the Minor Hall have already been used for this purpose.

The most prominent members of the S.A. are the Trotskyists, Michael Farrell, 8 Strandview Street, Belfast, Eamonn McCann, 10 Garton Square, Londonderry, and Cyril Toman, 43 Sandhurst Drive, Belfast.

The Chairman is Cyril Toman. The Secretary is Finula Flood, 17 Silverstream Avenue, Belfast. She has not previously come to notice in a political connection.

The rank and file membership is small, probably numbering no more than about one dozen at the present time. A copy of a document setting out the aims and suggested structure for the S.A. is attached.

Yours sincerely,
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