



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2008  
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TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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Justice Julia Sebutinde  
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Morris Anyah  
Ms Elizabeth Duby

1 Tuesday, 12 February 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:16:36 5 MS IRURA: The Special Court for Sierra Leone is sitting in  
6 an open session in the case of the Prosecutor v Charles Ghankay  
7 Taylor, Justice Teresa Doherty presiding.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I see some changes of  
9 appearance so I will take those first, please. Yes, Mr Werner?

09:29:46 10 MR WERNER: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning  
11 your Honours. For the Prosecution this morning Brenda J Hollis,  
12 Nicholas Koumjian, Alain Werner and Maja Dimitrova.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Werner.

14 Yes, Mr Munyard?

09:30:03 15 MR MUNYARD: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.  
16 For the Defence this morning there is myself, Terry Munyard,  
17 there is Courtenay Griffiths, Queen's Counsel, Morris Anyah and  
18 Elizabeth DUBY.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Munyard. I think I omitted  
09:30:22 20 to welcome Ms DUBY to the Court on a previous occasion and so I  
21 do so now. Apologies for that oversight.

22 MR MUNYARD: Thank you very much, Madam President.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before I remind the witness of his oath,  
24 I understand that there may be another interpreter to be  
09:30:36 25 sworn-in. Is that correct, Madam Court Attendant?

26 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: That is correct, your Honour.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: If the person - if the new interpreter  
28 could please be brought into the well of the Court. Could you  
29 please come into the well of the Court. Thank you. Perhaps for

1 the purposes of record - yes, please proceed to take the  
2 affirmation.

3 [Interpreter sworn]

09:32:01

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you very much. We are grateful for  
5 your assistance. I understand you have come to us from the ICTR  
6 and we are grateful both to them and to our own registry in  
7 arranging your temporary release.

8 I will allow the interpreter to get into the appropriate  
9 booth, remind the witness of his oath and we will then proceed.

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10 Mr Witness, I again remind you, as I have done on other mornings,  
11 that you have taken the oath to tell the truth, it is still  
12 binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you  
13 understand? Mr Witness, did you hear?

14 THE WITNESS: I heard you.

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15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, I will first - before  
16 inviting you to proceed with your cross-examination I will check  
17 that the interpreters are in place.

18 MR MUNYARD: Certainly, Madam President.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are the interpreters ready to proceed?

09:33:09

20 THE INTERPRETER: Just a moment, your Honour.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please tell us when you are ready. Thank  
22 you.

23 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, we are ready.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, the interpreters are ready.

09:33:30

25 Please proceed.

26 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honour.

27 WITNESS: TF1-548 [On former oath]

28 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR MUNYARD [Continued]:

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1 Q. Mr Camara, the very last thing I asked you yesterday was  
2 had you ever been - well, I put to you that you had never been  
3 involved in the coup attempt of Dr Manneh in 1981 and you agreed  
4 that you had not joined that coup attempt. When you resigned  
09:33:55 5 from the Gambian gendarmerie in 1986 you left home to look for  
6 greener pastures, as you put it, not because you had been  
7 involved with a group who had tried to overthrow the Gambian  
8 government. That is right, isn't it?

9 A. [No interpretation]

09:34:36 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I didn't hear an answer, although I think  
11 I heard the witness make a statement. Mr Interpreter, has there  
12 been an answer?

13 THE INTERPRETER: Can the witness repeat, please, what he  
14 said?

09:34:55 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr witness, please repeat your statement  
16 - your answer.

17 THE WITNESS: He never did that. He never said that.

18 MR MUNYARD: I am going to rephrase the question:

19 Q. You did not leave the Gambia after you resigned from the  
09:35:24 20 gendarmerie because you had been involved with a group who had  
21 tried to overthrow the Gambian government, did you?

22 A. I never did that. I never said that.

23 Q. All right. We know from your answers last week and  
24 yesterday that the reason you left the Gambia after resigning  
09:35:53 25 from the gendarmerie was in order to make yourself financially  
26 independent of your family and that is correct, isn't it?

27 A. Uh-huh, yes. That is the case, yes.

28 Q. Thank you. Now, we also know that at some point in 2006  
29 investigators from this Court came to see you and interviewed you

1 for the first of a number of occasions and they made notes, as  
2 you told us yesterday, of what you told them and they read those  
3 notes back to you. Before I take you to those notes, can I just  
4 ask you this. Was there anything in that first interview when  
09:36:53 5 they read it back to you that you did not agree with? Can you  
6 now remember was there anything in that first interview that you  
7 had to say to the investigators, "No, you have written that down  
8 wrong. That is not what I said"?

9 A. No, I don't think so. I did some rectification indeed, but  
09:37:33 10 I don't remember them exactly.

11 Q. Well, now, I am going to show you that and parts of the  
12 other interviews and I am going to distribute copies so that you  
13 can have it in front of you and everybody else in Court can have  
14 it in front of them. (Your Honour, if you will bear with me for  
09:37:56 15 just a moment? Your Honour, there should be the usual number of  
16 copies available for the Court, my learned friends opposite, the  
17 legal officers and the witness. For the sake of speed I have  
18 photocopied the entire contents, but I am certainly not intending  
19 to take the witness to more than a small fraction of the bundle.  
09:39:07 20 I think one is going to be taken to the interpreter, or has been  
21 taken to the interpreter.)

22 Now before we look at the first interview, I want to ask  
23 you very briefly a couple of questions about the coup that  
24 Dr Manneh was involved in. You were 17 at the time, that is  
09:39:37 25 right, isn't it, 1981? 17, or 18? In fact you would have been  
26 16 or 17, yes?

27 A. That is true. I have never told you that I participated in  
28 a coup d'état.

29 Q. No, I am not suggesting you have, Mr Camara. In 1986 there

1 was no coup attempt, was there?

2 A. I am not aware of a coup d'état in 1986 in Gambia. In 1981  
3 there was a coup d'état, but I am not aware of any coup d'état in  
4 1986.

09:40:25 5 Q. We are in agreement on that. And just to put the picture  
6 in full, in 1987 there were elections in the Gambia, weren't  
7 there, that were won by the then President Dawd Jawarra? (I will  
8 do spellings in a moment.)

9 A. I don't remember that.

09:40:53 10 Q. All right.

11 A. I don't remember that at all, because I was not there at  
12 that time.

13 MR MUNYARD: Dawd is spelt variously, but D-A-W-D, Jawarra  
14 J-A-W-A-R-R-A:

09:41:23 15 Q. Dawd Jawarra, who eventually became Sir Dawd Jawarra, was  
16 overthrown in a coup - a military coup - in 1994, wasn't he?

17 A. I was not there at that time.

18 Q. You weren't there, Mr Witness, but you have already told  
19 this Court many things that you didn't see but that other people  
09:41:49 20 told you. Did you become aware in 1994, or shortly after that,  
21 that Dawd Jawarra had been overthrown in a military coup by  
22 General - well he was not general then, but by a military Officer  
23 called Yayha Jammeh?

24 A. Yes, I heard that on the radio indeed.

09:42:17 25 MR MUNYARD: Yes, thank you. Yayha spelt I believe  
26 Y-A-Y-H-A, although there may be other versions, and Jammeh  
27 J-A-M-M-E-H:

28 Q. And indeed when you went back to the Gambia after you left  
29 Liberia in the mid-1990s, Yayha Jammeh was still the President,

1 wasn't he?

2 A. In 1996, when I went back to Gambia, Yayha Jammeh was  
3 indeed President.

4 Q. Thank you. And one final piece of the jigsaw, please.

09:43:08 5 After the 1981 coup, did Gambia join into a confederation with  
6 Senegal that was called Senegambia that lasted until 1989? Are  
7 you able to help us at all with that?

8 A. Yes, there was a confederation in 1981 between The Gambia  
9 and Senegal.

09:43:40 10 Q. And are you aware that it was dissolved in 1989?

11 A. I was not in Gambia at that time.

12 Q. No, we know that, but did anybody tell you?

13 A. Yes, I have heard of it.

14 Q. So, when you went back in the mid-1990s there was a new  
09:44:06 15 government in The Gambia. That is right, isn't it?

16 A. 1996, yes.

17 Q. And Senegal was no longer in partnership with the  
18 government of The Gambia in a confederation. That is correct,  
19 isn't it?

09:44:29 20 A. In 1996, when I left, it was Yayha Jammeh who was  
21 President. It is Jawarra who made the confederation with  
22 Senegal, not Jammeh.

23 Q. Yes, thank you. Right. Can you turn, please, to tab 1,  
24 and I am going to be referring you to the page numbers printed at  
09:44:57 25 the top right-hand side of the page that start with a number of  
26 zeros, but I am going to miss out the zeros when I quote a page  
27 number to you. It is the very first page of tab 1. Do you have  
28 that, Mr Camara?

29 A. Tab 1? I don't understand what you are saying, sir.

1 Q. I will help you. If you close the cover - close the cover,  
2 Mr Camara, the plastic cover, is there a number 1 on that plastic  
3 cover? I am not sure if you are looking at the cover, or the  
4 screen.

09:45:47 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, can you assist the  
6 witness, please.

7 MR MUNYARD:

8 Q. Can I just confirm that what has been given out does  
9 actually have a number on the top of each divider?

09:45:59 10 A. Yes, indeed.

11 Q. Thank you. When I say "tab" I am asking you to look at the  
12 pages behind the grey plastic divider with a number on it, do you  
13 follow? Now can we go, please, to the very first page of the  
14 very first interview. It is page number 23626, the date which is  
09:46:29 15 for some reason written backwards is 7 October 2006 and the time  
16 is 1530 hours, that is to say half-past-3 in the afternoon. You  
17 are being interviewed by John Berry and Abraham Haddad, both of  
18 whom you told us yesterday you understood when they spoke in  
19 English to you. Can you now remember how long that interview  
09:47:06 20 went on for? How many hours did it last? I am not asking you  
21 for a precise figure, but in rough terms how long did that first  
22 interview take that started at 3.30 in the afternoon?

23 A. No, I really can't tell you. I don't remember.

24 Q. All right. But this interview was definitely read back to  
09:47:33 25 you, wasn't it?

26 A. Yes, what is written in this document. What I see in this  
27 document.

28 Q. What is written is what you said to the investigators, is  
29 that what you are telling us?



1 A. No, that is not what I said. I was - I didn't participate  
2 in a coup d'état in Gambia.

3 Q. No, I haven't started asking you about what is written  
4 there, the detail. I just want to know first of all this was  
09:48:25 5 read back to you, you have confirmed that, and indeed if you turn  
6 over to the third page, number 23628 --

7 A. In 1986 - what I said in 1986 I was in service in the  
8 Gambian gendarmerie.

9 Q. Mr Camara, we will move a lot more quickly if you just  
09:48:59 10 listen to the questions and answer the questions, rather than  
11 tell us things you want to tell us. Now would you look, please,  
12 at the third page, 23628. Do you have that page?

13 A. Yes, I have the page.

14 Q. The third line from the top reads as follows, "That when  
09:49:30 15 you departed from Libya they were supplied with all of the  
16 AK47's, RPG, GMG and one barrel launchers". Do you see that?

17 A. I see the paper. I see the - yes, yes, of course I see the  
18 paper, but I can't answer your question.

19 Q. Well, I am going to ask you. The person who has written  
09:50:07 20 these notes has actually written the words, "That when you  
21 departed from Libya they were supplied with all of the  
22 [weapons]", I am calling them. That is the clearest possible  
23 indication that this was being read back to you, wasn't it?

24 A. I am telling you that I see the paper, but I cannot answer  
09:50:42 25 the question you are asking. I see the paper, but I do not agree  
26 with what is written.

27 Q. Are you saying you don't agree that it was read back to  
28 you?

29 A. They read the statements, but these things I was not asked

1 these questions at that time.

2 Q. I am sorry, you were not asked which questions at that  
3 time? You see, I haven't asked you anything about any of the  
4 questions that they have recorded thus far. All I have asked you  
09:51:41 5 about is were these notes read back to you, as the third line on  
6 the third page appears incontrovertibly to suggest? Can we stick  
7 with that question, please. Were these notes read back to you by  
8 John Berry, or Abraham Haddad, or both of them?

9 A. They have read the statements to me.

09:52:22 10 Q. Yes. And, as you told us yesterday, they read the  
11 statements to you so that you could confirm that what they had  
12 recorded you as saying was correct. That is right, isn't it?

13 A. The statement - I need to make some rectifications in the  
14 statements I have in front of me.

09:53:12 15 Q. I am just pausing a moment, Mr Camara, in order that the  
16 Court is ready for me to proceed with the next question.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: We were just checking the record,  
18 Mr Munyard. We have done that and it is being rectified.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Munyard, if I may I have noticed that  
09:53:30 20 on the record part of your question is - the first like three  
21 words are never recorded and I was wondering why. It is because  
22 somewhere in the interpretation booth the microphone is not  
23 switched off for yours to come through and so I have sent the  
24 Court Manager to go and check on that.

09:53:50 25 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honour. I will go back to  
26 basics and do it as simply as I can:

27 Q. You told us yesterday that at each of these interviews you  
28 were asked questions and at the end of the interview the  
29 interviewers read back to you their record of what you had said

1 so that you could either agree that it was a correct record, or  
2 amend or change it if it wasn't correct. That is what you told  
3 this Court yesterday, do you remember?

09:54:53 4 A. They have read the statements to me and there are typing  
5 errors and rectifications have to be made.

6 Q. And so did you point this out to them as they read it back  
7 to you? Did you point out the areas that needed rectification?

8 A. At that time, yes.

9 Q. And did they make the changes?

09:55:35 10 A. They have not made the rectifications, apparently. I  
11 wouldn't know if they have made them or not, in fact.

12 Q. Mr Camara, can you think what would be the point of the  
13 interviewers reading back their interview notes unless it was to  
14 make sure that you agreed that they had made an accurate record  
09:56:09 15 of what you had said?

16 A. You should ask that question to the investigators, maybe.

17 Q. Well, I am asking you. Can you think of what would be the  
18 purpose of reading back the interview to you except to make sure  
19 that they had made an accurate record of what you had just told  
09:56:40 20 them?

21 A. I am not the interviewer. I don't know the way they do  
22 their job. They have asked me questions and I answered, so I  
23 don't know how they put down my answers.

24 Q. You were a member of the gendarmerie in Gambia for five  
09:57:14 25 years, weren't you?

26 A. That is true.

27 Q. And by gendarmerie do we mean a kind of police force, or  
28 indeed the police force?

29 A. The gendarmerie they have police functions and they have

1 militia functions, both of them.

2 Q. Did you carry out police functions during your five years  
3 with the gendarmerie?

4 A. Gendarmerie they have both functions, police and military.

09:58:05 5 Q. We know that. Did you ever carry out police functions with  
6 the gendarmerie?

7 A. No, but military functions rather. Military Police  
8 functions rather.

9 Q. Military Police functions, is that what you are saying you  
09:58:29 10 were involved in?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And in the course of those functions, did you ever take  
13 statements from anybody about offences that had been committed?

14 A. Yes.

09:58:50 15 Q. And when you took a statement from a person, did you write  
16 it down? Did you write down what they were telling you?

17 A. Yes, indeed. If I take their statement, I write it down.

18 Q. And did you read it back to them to make sure that you had  
19 accurately recorded what they were telling you?

09:59:18 20 A. Yes, of course.

21 Q. And if the person you were taking the statement from ever  
22 said to you, "I didn't mean to say that", or, "You have written  
23 that down wrong", did you change it there and then?

24 A. Yes.

09:59:43 25 Q. It is standard police procedure, isn't it?

26 A. Yes, indeed.

27 Q. And that is what happened when you were interviewed by  
28 amongst others a Canadian Policeman called John Berry, isn't it?

29 A. They have read the statements. The problem is what is in

1 the statements themselves.

2 Q. That wasn't what I asked you. Can you go back to the  
3 question, please?

4 A. Yes, they have read the statements to me.

10:00:34 5 Q. In order for you to correct anything that they had written  
6 down inaccurately, yes?

7 A. They must be typographical errors.

8 Q. Well, let's just clear up what a typographical error is. A  
9 typographical error is when somebody spells something wrongly, or  
10:01:04 10 misses out a "not" when they are trying to write down a negative.  
11 That is what you mean by typographical error, isn't it?

12 A. Yes, I don't think so.

13 Q. Well, you seem to be both agreeing and disagreeing with me.  
14 What do you mean by a typographical error, Mr Camara?

10:01:36 15 A. I don't know. I don't know that, sir. I don't follow what  
16 you are saying.

17 Q. You have just told this Court there are typographical  
18 errors in the written notes of the interviews that you gave to  
19 the investigators. What do you mean by typographical errors?

10:01:59 20 A. What I see there are mistakes on the person who interviewed  
21 me.

22 Q. Yes, you have told us that these mistakes are typographical  
23 errors. Just tell the learned Judges what you mean by  
24 typographical errors?

10:02:24 25 A. I don't speak English. I don't understand English. I  
26 can't say exactly what --

27 Q. Well, Mr Camara, it was not my phrase. It was your phrase,  
28 "typographical errors". I don't characterise these as  
29 typographical errors.

1 A. It must be the mistakes made by the interviewers  
2 themselves, but what they wrote in there I haven't said that.

3 Q. I see. So they have got it completely wrong, have they?

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4 A. What they wrote in this document it is - no, it was not in  
5 1986 and so there is a mistake in fact in the year.

6 Q. Mr Camara, we haven't even got to any question about the  
7 contents of the document.

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8 A. I am telling you that they have read back to the document  
9 to me. You told me to look at the documents. I looked at the  
10 documents, but the date is not correct.

11 Q. Well, we will come to that in just a second. You were five  
12 years from the age of, what, 18, when you started in the  
13 gendarmerie until you left in your 24th year? You were [sic]  
14 five years' experience as a Military Policeman. That is what you

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15 have just told us. That is right, isn't it?

16 A. Five years, yes, from 1982 to 1987.

17 Q. Do you have any idea how many years experience Mr John  
18 Berry, the Canadian investigator, has as a police officer?

19 A. I didn't even know that John was a policeman.

10:04:52

20 Q. Well, you mentioned yesterday that - well, no, in fact you  
21 mentioned last week that you referred to someone who was between  
22 50 and 60 as being an old person. Was Mr Berry - I am sorry,  
23 does Mr Berry fall into that category? Is he an old person? I  
24 don't know, I have never met him.

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25 A. I don't remember saying that. I don't remember giving you  
26 Berry's age.

27 Q. You didn't. I am saying you talked of people between the  
28 age of 50 and 60 being old. I am trying to get from you an idea  
29 of how old Mr Berry is. Would you describe him as an old person?

1 A. I don't think Mr Berry is an old person.

2 Q. So, roughly how old do you think he is?

3 A. No, if I tell you what - how old he is I would be lying,  
4 but I don't think he is an old person. My age, more or less.

10:06:14 5 Q. What age bracket would you put him in?

6 A. Maybe 45/50.

7 Q. Right. 45 or 50 when he was interviewing you in 2006 and  
8 2007?

9 A. 35/37 at that time.

10:06:48 10 Q. Right, well he is reducing in age now. 2006 and 2007 was  
11 only a year and two years ago. Can we finish this by just - you  
12 just giving us a rough estimate of how old you think John Berry  
13 is now?

14 A. 35 to 45 I think, more or less. I don't know exactly how  
10:07:22 15 old he is.

16 Q. What about Mr Haddad?

17 A. I think Mr Haddad is older than what is the other's name?

18 Q. Mr Berry.

19 A. Mr Berry.

10:07:44 20 Q. And was Mr Haddad a former policeman, or a serving  
21 policeman?

22 A. I don't know him as a policeman. They haven't told me  
23 their functions, no.

24 Q. What about Mr Morris, who also interviewed you last year on  
10:08:06 25 a number of occasions. How old is he?

26 A. I don't know his age. Please don't ask me their ages. I  
27 don't know their ages.

28 Q. Nobody is asking you for a specific age, but roughly how  
29 old is he?

1 A. Maybe also 35 to 45.

2 Q. Right, thank you. Well, then let's have a look at what  
3 Mr Berry and Mr Haddad have recorded you saying in the first  
4 interview on 7 October 2006. The first page please - this is the  
10:08:48 5 page you have already looked at - 23626. They have recorded you  
6 saying:

7 "Camara advises around 1986 he was in exile from his home  
8 country in the Gambia as he had been involved with a group who  
9 tried to overthrow the Gambian government"?

10:09:23 10 A. I haven't said that. I said 1987. I left The Gambia in  
11 1987. In 1986 I was still in service.

12 Q. So, you didn't tell them 1986. Did you tell them that you  
13 were in exile from your home country?

14 A. Yes, I think I have told them that I was in exile, but the  
10:09:55 15 date is not correct. In 1986 I was still in the gendarmerie.

16 Q. Well, don't worry about the date. I have moved on to being  
17 in exile. Being in exile means that you are not allowed to go  
18 back to your own country, doesn't it?

19 A. Yes.

10:10:14 20 Q. But you left The Gambia, you told this Court yesterday,  
21 simply in order to improve your financial position, not because  
22 you were unable to go back. That is correct, isn't it?

23 A. I went into exile to improve my situation.

24 Q. Did you tell them that you had gone into exile because you  
10:10:45 25 had been involved with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian  
26 government? When you left The Gambia you did so because you had  
27 been involved with a group who had tried to overthrow the Gambian  
28 government, is that what you told them?

29 A. I think I told them that I was in exile, but I do not agree



1 with the year mentioned in this document.

2 Q. Mr Camara, we have moved on from the year. Please  
3 concentrate on the second line of that page. Would you have a  
4 look at it, please. You were in exile because you "... had been  
10:11:41 5 involved with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian  
6 government". Did you tell them that, yes or no?

7 A. Yes, I think I have told them that.

8 Q. Right, but that wasn't true, was it?

9 A. After I have said that, indeed.

10:12:09 10 Q. No, what you said was not true, was it? You had not been  
11 involved with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian  
12 government? That was not the reason why you had gone into exile?

13 A. That was the reason, indeed.

14 Q. You told us this morning - in the first questions I asked  
10:12:38 15 you, you told us that you had not left The Gambia because you had  
16 been involved with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian  
17 government. I asked you in those very words that question and  
18 you -- [overlapping speakers]

19 A. I told you that I went to improve my situation, but in fact  
10:13:12 20 I was - I left also because of that tentative coup.

21 Q. Well then why did you tell the Judges this morning, when  
22 you first started giving evidence, that you had not left because  
23 you had been involved with a group who tried to overthrow the  
24 Gambian government.

10:13:37 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, I may be oversubtle, but does  
26 "but also because of the tentative coup" automatically mean that  
27 he was involved in the tentative coup?

28 MR MUNYARD: No, I am not asking that, Madam President.  
29 The words are "... he had been involved with a group who tried to

1 overthrow the Gambian government". It is not time specific.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I am referring to his answer. His  
3 answer was, "I said to improve my situation, but also because of  
4 the tentative coup". It does not follow from that answer that he  
10:14:14 5 was necessarily involved in it.

6 MR MUNYARD: No, I agree, but I was not pursuing that. If  
7 you want me to --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. No, I don't. I am not going  
9 to tell you how to cross-examine.

10:14:25 10 MR MUNYARD: No, no:

11 Q. I asked you a question this morning, Mr Camara, using those  
12 very words from the second line of your interview notes and you  
13 said, "No, I did not leave the Gambia because I had been involved  
14 with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian government". You  
10:14:47 15 answered "no" to that question when I put it to you this morning  
16 first thing. Now you are saying, yes, that is part of the reason  
17 why you left. So why did you tell us the answer, "No", when I  
18 first asked you about that this morning?

19 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours. I went back up to  
10:15:10 20 what was said this morning and to the question, "You did not  
21 leave the Gambia after you resigned from the gendarmerie because  
22 you had been involved with a group who had tried to overthrow the  
23 Gambian government, did you?", the answer is said, "I never said  
24 that. I never did that". I don't think it is that clear.

10:15:31 25 MR MUNYARD: Well, with respect it actually makes it more  
26 clear than I thought I had put it. "I never said it and never  
27 did it" could not make it any clearer.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: What exactly is your objection,  
29 Mr Werner?

1 MR WERNER: The question was not put as my learned friend  
2 just said he put it and the answer was, "I never did that. I  
3 never said that". I just want that to be clear. That is not the  
4 way my learned friend put it. If he wants to put it he can do it  
10:16:01 5 from the transcript, but that is not what he said.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard?

7 MR MUNYARD: I am willing to accept that I might have - I  
8 might have phrased it slightly differently, I don't know, my  
9 question has not been read out, but the answer could not be  
10:16:20 10 clearer:

11 Q. First thing this morning, Mr Camara, you were telling these  
12 Judges that you never said that and you never did that. In other  
13 words, you never said that you left the Gambia because you had  
14 been involved with a group who tried to overthrow the Gambian  
10:16:38 15 government, nor did you ever do that. You never left the Gambia  
16 because you had been involved with a group who tried to overthrow  
17 the Gambian government?

18 A. Sir, let me tell you something. I left with the intention  
19 to going to Amsterdam and if I have a problem on my way to  
10:17:08 20 Amsterdam there can be an accident for example. I didn't leave  
21 because of a coup d'état. I went to improve my financial  
22 situation and it coincided with the coup d'état.

23 Q. Well, I am afraid I am going to have to explore that. When  
24 you say it coincided with the coup d'état, what do you mean by the  
10:17:38 25 word "coincided"?

26 A. The coup d'état was in 1981. I was in Gambia.

27 Q. Mr Camara, what do you mean by the word "coincided"? I  
28 don't want to be unfair to you at all, English is not your mother  
29 tongue, but you just gave an answer to the Judges saying that -

1 Let me check it. "I did not leave because of the coup d'état. I  
2 went to improve my financial situation and it coincided with the  
3 coup d'état". What do you mean by that word "coincided"?

10:18:56

4 A. I said I left The Gambia for financial reasons in Libya. I  
5 happened [inaudible] in Gambia.

6 Q. I am sorry, I missed that. I don't think the  
7 interpretation --

8 A. In fact, I happened to join a group which intended to  
9 overthrow the government.

10:19:17

10 Q. Well we know that, but that was in late 1989, or depending  
11 on the version of evidence you gave yesterday in the middle of  
12 1989. It was not when you left The Gambia.

13 A. Exactly.

14 Q. That was years later.

10:19:35

15 A. I left Gambia in 1987, yes.

16 Q. Yes, nothing to do with the coup attempt in 1981, nor was  
17 your departure from Gambia anything to do with you being involved  
18 with a group who had tried to overthrow the Gambian government,  
19 was it? It was purely for financial reasons?

10:20:23

20 A. I was trying to improve my own situation.

21 Q. Yes, and your reason for leaving was nothing to do with the  
22 coup in 1981, nor was it because you were connected with a group  
23 who had tried to overthrow the Gambian government. That was not  
24 why you left the Gambia, was it?

10:20:58

25 A. I am not going to repeat myself again. I didn't leave  
26 Gambia in view of the coup. I left for other reasons.

27 Q. So can you explain to us why when this particular sentence  
28 was read back to you by the investigators in October 2006 you  
29 didn't say to them, "You have got that completely wrong. Not

1 just the date, but the reason why I left"?

2 A. It is your investigators - the investigators - who wrote  
3 this.

4 Q. So, are you saying that they are no good at their job?

10:21:54 5 A. Exactly.

6 Q. Now can you turn, please, to tab 2, which is the next  
7 divider, and the first page of that tab which is 25321. Again  
8 the date is backwards, but it is 3 November 2006, starting at  
9 1615 hours, or quarter-past-4 in the afternoon, and you are being

10:22:34 10 interviewed by the same two men, Mr Berry and Mr Haddad. This is  
11 called a clarification statement, although it is not actually a  
12 statement, "Clarification statement taken in reference to the  
13 previous statement provided on the 7th of October, 2006". And in  
14 the first paragraph if you count down four lines, can you go down

10:23:07 15 four lines, Mr Camara, do you see halfway or two-thirds of the  
16 way across the page there is a sentence that starts, "It was in  
17 1987 that he first left The Gambia after problems there ..."? Do  
18 you see that? I am just asking you about that part of that  
19 sentence at the moment. Do you see that, "It was in 1987 that he  
10:23:47 20 first left The Gambia after problems there ..."? Is that right  
21 that you left after problems in The Gambia?

22 A. What kind of problems?

23 Q. Well, you have asked the question I was going to ask next.  
24 Did you leave The Gambia after problems there?

10:24:19 25 A. Yes, I said that I left Gambia and I gave you the reasons.

26 Q. Right, financial reasons?

27 A. That is why I left The Gambia.

28 Q. And there in that sentence you go on to say, "... and  
29 arrived in Libya some time in [September/October] 1989 after

1 working in several African countries"?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. Is that what you told the investigators in November 2006  
4 that you arrived in Libya some time in September/October of 1989?

10:25:08 5 A. Yes, yes, I told them that. I arrived in Libya indeed  
6 around September/October 1989.

7 Q. So, why did you tell the Judges yesterday that you arrived  
8 in Libya earlier than that?

9 A. I didn't say that. I didn't say that. I said that I  
10:25:35 10 arrived there around end of the year, July, August, September. I  
11 didn't give a specific date. I said around the end of the year.

12 Q. I am sure Mr Werner will check to see the dates you gave  
13 when you were giving evidence yesterday, but can I start by  
14 asking you why do you describe July as being at the end of the  
10:25:58 15 year when for most of us it is bang in the middle of the year?

16 A. That was after the first six months anyhow, so it is in the  
17 last six months of the year. So it was obviously the end of the  
18 year, but I didn't give a specific where. I said around  
19 July/September. That is what I said.

10:26:32 20 Q. You said - you said there - according to what the  
21 investigators wrote down and no doubt read back to you, you said  
22 you arrived in Libya some time in September/October 1989. Have  
23 they recorded that correctly?

24 A. It is the investigators who have put "sometimes" [sic],  
10:27:00 25 because I didn't give a specific date. I said, "End of the  
26 year". They are the ones -- [overlapping speakers]

27 Q. What - I am sorry.

28 A. They are the ones who put "sometimes [sic] around that  
29 time", but I said, "At the end of the year".

1 Q. Right, so they just invented September/October, did they?

2 A. They said, "Probably around September/October?", and I  
3 said, "Yes", but I didn't - I didn't know exact - the exact  
4 words. I said months. I just said, "Around at the end of the  
5 year".

10:27:42

6 Q. You said, "Around the end of the year", they said, "Oh,  
7 what, is that September/October time?", and you said, "Yes"? Is  
8 that what you are telling us now?

9 A. They said "some time". They said "some time".

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10 Q. What time did they say?

11 A. They said "Sometimes [sic] in September/October" and that  
12 is not specific at all.

13 Q. Well it is specific to those two months, isn't it?

14 A. Yesterday you asked me and I said, "At the end of the year  
15 that happened, from July, August, September". Yesterday that is  
16 what I told you, "At the end of the year", but I didn't give you  
17 a specific month.

10:28:38

18 Q. You gave us specific months yesterday, including July as  
19 you are telling us today, and Mr Camara let me ask you for the  
20 last time -- [overlapping speakers]

10:29:00

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please let counsel finish  
22 asking his question.

23 THE WITNESS: I didn't say that.

24 MR MUNYARD:

10:29:11 25 Q. You told us yesterday that you had been in Libya for six  
26 months in Sabah before you went to Tripoli and met Dr Manneh.  
27 You also told us yesterday that you had been there in July. I  
28 will get the specific reference in a moment. I am going to ask  
29 you for the last time. July is not the end of the year by any

1 stretch of the imagination, is it?

2 A. I didn't give the specific date of July. I said, "July,  
3 August, September", and they said, "Sometimes [sic] in  
4 September/October". I didn't say specifically July, because I  
10:30:03 5 haven't written down the month.

6 Q. All right. So give us your final version, please. When  
7 did you arrive in the country of Libya?

8 A. At the end of the year. At the end of the year, but I  
9 don't know the specific month.

10:30:35 10 Q. By the end of the year, which period are you talking about?

11 A. I cannot specify the dates. I just can say that it was by  
12 the end of the year.

13 Q. So you arrive in Libya by the end of the year and you spend  
14 six months working at Sabah first of all, is that right?

10:31:11 15 A. They asked me how many months I stayed in Sabah. I said,  
16 "Four or five months". I cannot - because I didn't put the dates  
17 on record and so I cannot specify. I have spent three months at  
18 least in Sabah.

19 Q. Yes, you told this Court yesterday you had spent six months  
10:31:39 20 working in Sabah. Do you remember that?

21 A. Yes, I do remember.

22 Q. So if you arrived in the country of Libya at the end of the  
23 year and you spent the first six months working in Sabah, you  
24 can't have got to Tripoli until some time well into 1990, can  
10:32:01 25 you?

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the counsel be  
27 instructed to repeat his question?

28 MR MUNYARD: Certainly:

29 Q. If you arrived in the country of Libya at the end of the



1 year and you spent the first six months working in Sabah, you  
2 can't have got to Tripoli until some time well into 1990, can  
3 you?

4 A. That is what you were just saying.

10:33:12 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Munyard, I just noticed that  
6 everything you said is not recorded simply because I think of  
7 some technical hitch in the booth. The whole of the question you  
8 put is not recorded. Something else is recorded.

9 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honour. I have just looked  
10:33:31 10 now. When I asked it the first time it was recorded because I  
11 have just read it back word to word to the witness for the  
12 benefit of the interpreter, but you are quite right. The second  
13 time I read that it has not come up on the screen. Shall I have  
14 one last attempt?

10:33:46 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, I think so.

16 MR MUNYARD:

17 Q. Mr Camara, if you arrived in the country of Libya at the  
18 end of the year and you spent the first six months working in  
19 Sabah, you can't have got to Tripoli until some time well into  
10:34:03 20 1990, can you?

21 A. I didn't give any specific month. I just said, "By the end  
22 of the year". I said, "By the end of the year", and so you are  
23 the one making an estimation.

24 Q. Well, with great respect to you, I am using your evidence  
10:34:32 25 of yesterday and your evidence today to try to work out when you  
26 got to Tripoli. Your evidence today is that you arrived in Libya  
27 around the end of the year. That is what you are saying today,  
28 isn't it?

29 A. By the end of the year.

1 Q. Yes. So if you arrive there by the end of the year and you  
2 then spend six months working in Sabah, that means you can't have  
3 got to Tripoli until some time well into 1990, doesn't it?

10:35:27

4 A. I said, "By the end of the year I think it was some time  
5 maybe in December - end of November/December - I was in Tripoli.  
6 December - end of November/December I was in Tripoli. In fact, I  
7 was in Tripoli indeed at that time". I said, "By the end of the  
8 year".

10:35:56

9 Q. So, what happened to the six months in Sabah if you didn't  
10 even arrive in Libya until the end of the year?

11 A. The six months I spent them in Libya and even those six  
12 months I didn't specify. It was just an estimation.

10:36:39

13 Q. Right. Can you go back, please, to tab 1 to the first page  
14 again, page 23626, and if you count up five lines from the bottom  
15 of the page do you see the sentence that starts, "While in Libya  
16 ..."? Do you see that? Just answer "Yes" or "No", please,  
17 Mr Camara. Can you see that?

18 A. Yes, down?

10:37:08

19 Q. Five lines from the bottom, if you start at the bottom of  
20 the page and then work up five lines, there is a sentence that  
21 reads as follows, "While in Libya during 1988 and 89 he met  
22 Charles Taylor and Foday Sankoh". Do you see that? Just answer  
23 "Yes" or "No", do you see that?

24 A. Yes, I see that sentence.

10:37:38

25 Q. Did you tell the investigators that you were in Libya  
26 during 1988 and 1989?

27 A. I arrived in Libya in 1989.

28 Q. Mr Camara, please listen to the question. Did you tell the  
29 investigators that you arrived in Libya during 1988 and '89, yes

1 or no?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Why did you tell them that you had been in Libya during  
4 1988 and 1989?

10:38:22 5 A. I said I arrived in Libya in 1989.

6 Q. It may be me. Let me try and make it clear. I am not  
7 asking you when you arrived in Libya. I am asking you what you  
8 told the investigators when they were interviewing you for the  
9 first time in October 2006. Did you tell them that you were in

10:38:47 10 Libya during 1988 and '89, or is that something else that they  
11 have got wrong?

12 A. I arrived in Libya in 1989. I entered Libya in 1989.

13 Q. Last attempt. Did you tell the investigators that you  
14 arrived in - that you were in Libya during 1988 and '89? Did you  
10:39:19 15 tell them that?

16 A. No, I didn't tell them that. I said I entered Libya in  
17 1989.

18 Q. So they have got that wrong as well, have they?

19 A. '89 is correct, but '88, no.

10:39:41 20 Q. So when they read that back to you, why didn't you correct  
21 that?

22 A. I don't remember them reading back that statement to me.

23 Q. Well, we know they read back this interview to you partly  
24 because you told us yesterday that they did and partly because on  
10:40:06 25 page 3 it is perfectly plain that somebody is writing down what  
26 is being read back to you. So, is this --

27 A. I said I entered in 1989, that is correct.

28 Q. So, another mistake by the investigators writing down 1988?  
29 Is it another mistake by the investigators?

1 A. Yes, it is possible.

2 Q. Right. Did you tell them that while in Libya you met  
3 Charles Taylor and Foday Sankoh?

4 A. Yes, I said I met Charles Taylor in Libya.

10:41:05 5 Q. And that is not true, is it?

6 A. It is true.

7 Q. When did you meet him in Libya?

8 A. I met Charles Taylor in around - around end '89. 1989.

9 Q. Or was it 1990, as you told us yesterday?

10:41:51 10 A. I think so. It should be sometimes in 1990.

11 Q. When in 1990?

12 A. At the beginning, certainly.

13 Q. And when you say "the beginning", how long does the  
14 beginning of a year last for you? We know the end of the year  
10:42:18 15 lasts about seven months. How long does the beginning of the  
16 year last?

17 A. I said December to January.

18 Q. So if it is the beginning of 1990 it must be January 1990,  
19 agreed?

10:42:44 20 A. It is possible. According to my estimations, it is from  
21 December 1989 to January 1990. 1990, January 1990, according to  
22 my - according to my own estimations. Sometimes, yes, at that  
23 time.

24 Q. Because yesterday you told this Court, "I saw Charles  
10:43:14 25 Taylor for the first time at the beginning of 1990". (And for  
26 anyone who wants the page reference of the transcript - sorry,  
27 that was on Thursday last week. It is page 3430)

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Now, do you know what day of the year Christmas Eve is?

1 A. Christmas? You said Christmas?

2 Q. Do you know what day of the year Christmas is?

3 A. Yes, I do know that.

4 Q. Can you tell us?

10:44:07 5 A. It is December 25th.

6 Q. Thank you. And Christmas Eve is what?

7 A. If Christmas is on the 25th, Christmas Eve is the 24th.

8 Q. Thank you. And do you know what was happening in Liberia  
9 on Christmas Eve 1989? Not that you were there, but did you hear

10:44:41 10 from anybody?

11 A. Yes, I have heard what happened there.

12 Q. What happened there?

13 A. It was on Christmas Day that the rebels entered Liberia.

14 Q. And who was leading the rebels?

10:45:09 15 A. It is Charles Taylor who was leading the rebels.

16 Q. And he wasn't in Libya in 1989, was he?

17 A. That is not true.

18 Q. He wasn't in Libya from very early in 1989, and when I say  
19 "very early" I mean the first month of the year, January 1989 or  
10:45:45 20 thereabouts?

21 A. I am telling you we are on 1990.

22 Q. I am asking you about 1989, Mr Camara. [Overlapping  
23 speakers] Please restrict your answers at the moment to 1989.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Munyard, could you - just pause, Mr  
10:46:06 25 Witness. Could you avoid overlapping your voices, both of you.

26 MR MUNYARD: I will try, your Honour, but I am trying to  
27 get him to answer the question I ask rather than to give a speech  
28 about a different point.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: You can do that without overlapping,

1 Mr Munyard.

2 MR MUNYARD:

3 Q. Mr Camara, can you please restrict your answer to the  
4 question that I asked you which was that Mr Taylor was not in  
10:46:31 5 Libya in December 1989?

6 A. I said that Taylor, the one, the person you are defending,  
7 knows what I am saying. What I am saying, Taylor knows very well  
8 what I am saying. Taylor was at that time in Libya.

9 Q. He was in Libya --

10:47:03 10 A. In spite of the fight in Liberia, despite the fight in  
11 Liberia, Taylor - Taylor left Liberia and went to Libya. Burkina  
12 Faso also.

13 Q. I am talking about Libya. We will come on to Burkina Faso.

14 A. I said --

10:47:33 15 Q. You are saying, are you, that he was in Libya in December  
16 1989 leading into January 1990? Is that what you are telling  
17 this Court?

18 A. I didn't tell you that. You said - you were asking me if I  
19 have seen - when I saw Taylor in Libya. I told you it was  
10:47:57 20 between December to January 1990. That is what I told you. I  
21 didn't tell you that Taylor was there at that time, but I saw  
22 Taylor. I told you at what time I saw Taylor in Libya.

23 Q. Well, I am not going to dwell on 1989 any longer. You say  
24 you saw him in January of 1990?

10:48:29 25 A. I said that I saw Taylor around from - around December to  
26 January, yes. I saw him with my own eyes.

27 Q. I have moved off December. We disagree, Mr Camara, that he  
28 was there in December. Let's try January now. Is what you are  
29 telling this Court that Mr Taylor launched an invasion into

1 Liberia on Christmas Eve 1989 and then popped back to Libya to  
2 meet with your leader and others just a matter of a few weeks  
3 later? Is that what you are telling this Court?

4 A. I am telling you I didn't say that Taylor came to Libya.

10:49:25 5 You asked me when, at what time, I saw Taylor. I told you that I  
6 told - I saw Taylor at Mahtaba and that is where I saw Taylor  
7 with Dr Manneh. I went to see Dr Manneh in Mahtaba and I saw  
8 Taylor. I met Taylor in Mahtaba.

9 Q. In January of 1989, just a few weeks after he started the  
10:49:57 10 invasion of Liberia?

11 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours.

12 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think you meant January 1990.

13 MR MUNYARD: I am so sorry, yes:

14 Q. In January of 1990, just a few weeks after he began the  
10:50:12 15 invasion of Liberia and then came to Libya to meet with your  
16 friend, Dr Manneh, and his band of a dozen or so Gambians. Is  
17 that what you are telling us?

18 A. I am telling you doctor came to - I don't know if Taylor  
19 came to see Dr Manneh, but I met him when I was in Libya. I saw  
10:50:46 20 him there in Libya. At that time, despite the fight in Liberia,  
21 Taylor went to Libya. If you don't know that, the one who is  
22 sitting next to you knows very well what I am saying. The fight  
23 in Liberia didn't prevent Taylor from going to Libya.

24 Q. And who was with Dr Manneh and Mr Taylor when you say you  
10:51:21 25 saw him in either December or January?

26 A. The moment the time I saw him I was - I went to see  
27 Dr Manneh. I saw him with Dr Manneh and the day he left  
28 Dr Manneh - it is Dr Manneh who told me that the person, this  
29 person, is Taylor. So, I don't know why he went to Libya.

1 Q. What were they doing when you saw the two of them together?

2 A. I saw them greeting one another. I don't know what they  
3 said. I told that already in my first statement.

4 Q. We will come back to your statement. You saw them greeting  
10:52:31 5 one another, what, and then the man you were told was Charles  
6 Taylor then left, did he? Is that what you witnessed?

7 A. Yes, I saw Taylor with Dr Manneh.

8 Q. For how long?

9 A. Not a very long time. Not a long time, because they just  
10:53:20 10 discussed certain things.

11 Q. Well, how long are we talking about? Two minutes, five  
12 minutes?

13 A. Maybe some time around five minutes, I think.

14 Q. Right. And what were you doing there while these two men  
10:53:40 15 were meeting?

16 A. I just came to discuss some matters with Dr Manneh. I am  
17 an intelligence officer. I was the intelligence officer of the  
18 group.

19 Q. So, you didn't actually meet Mr Taylor then. You just saw  
10:54:12 20 him with Dr Manneh for a few minutes, he left and Dr Manneh told  
21 you who he was. Is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 A. I don't know what they discussed and I don't know what he  
10:54:37 25 gave him.

26 Q. I just want to establish you didn't meet him that time.  
27 You told us yesterday that you saw Charles Taylor twice in Libya?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. How long after this first occasion was it that you saw him



1 the second time?

2 A. If I do remember, it was sometimes [sic] after that.

3 Q. Well that follows, but how long after that?

10:55:38

4 A. It was not a long time. I can't tell you exactly how many  
5 days, but I think it was in the same year.

6 Q. How long after the first time you saw Charles Taylor with  
7 Mr Manneh did you - was it before you saw him the second time in  
8 Libya? There is a big difference between days and some time in  
9 the year?

10:56:19

10 A. Not a long time. Not very long. Maybe some two or three  
11 days after that. Yes, I think so, if my memory serves me right.

12 Q. And what was Charles Taylor doing on this second occasion?

13 A. I saw Charles in Mahtaba and he was - he was with my  
14 leader, but I don't know what he was doing there in Libya.

10:57:07

15 Q. What was he doing with your leader on this second occasion?

16 A. I don't know what they discussed. I know that that is the  
17 day they met.

18 Q. Well, where in the Mahtaba did they meet on this second  
19 occasion?

10:57:43

20 A. The second time it was in Mahtaba. It was before I went to  
21 see Dr Manneh. He called me and asked me to come and it is  
22 Alhagi who told him. He knows - he usually calls me and knows at  
23 what time I am supposed to be there. So, both times I saw  
24 Charles in Mahtaba at the reception.

10:58:19

25 Q. At the reception in Mahtaba. That is the place that you  
26 saw him both times, is it?

27 A. Yes. At the reception, indeed.

28 Q. Does the Mahtaba have a reception desk with somebody to  
29 guide world revolutionaries to their particular location?

1 A. If you haven't forgot my statement I told you that Mahtaba  
2 is just like a hotel - a hotel - so whatever is you find in a  
3 hotel you can find it in Mahtaba. There is even a library.

4 Q. It has a reception desk, but I think in one of your  
10:59:08 5 statements you said it doesn't even have a sign outside saying  
6 what it is. Do you remember saying that to the investigators?

7 A. There is no sign board saying that "This is Mahtaba". It  
8 is just like an ordinary place, but if you - unless you get  
9 inside you wouldn't know that it is a hotel.

10:59:40 10 Q. But all I want to know is where you saw Charles Taylor, how  
11 long you saw him for and what it was he was doing on these two  
12 occasions when you say you saw him in Libya. We have dealt with  
13 the first one. The second one you are now telling us it was the  
14 same location, the reception desk of the Mahtaba, he was talking  
11:00:02 15 again to Dr Manneh and then presumably Charles Taylor went away  
16 and you didn't see him again. Is that right? That seems to be  
17 what you are telling us.

18 A. Yes, I cannot deny that he was there.

19 Q. Is what I put to you correct, Mr Camara, that you saw him  
11:00:32 20 on two occasions, both times at the reception desk, both times  
21 having a very brief conversation with your leader and then  
22 disappearing?

23 A. Yes, because when he leaves the reception he goes inside.  
24 I did not have access to the interior unless Dr Manneh himself  
11:00:59 25 takes me to his room, because in Mahtaba those who are resident  
26 to Mahtaba are the only ones who have access to the hall - to the  
27 interior, but if you are not resident there you cannot go inside.

28 Q. And you never did stay there, did you?

29 A. No, no, I don't stay. I didn't stay there. It is the

1 Leaders who --

2 Q. All right. Just let me be clear about one thing. Those  
3 were the only two occasions when you saw Charles Taylor in Libya.  
4 Is that right, yes or no?

11:01:48 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You never saw him giving anything to anybody?

7 A. No, in Libya I never saw him giving something to anybody.

8 Q. All right.

9 MS MUZIGO: Excuse me, your Honour. We have been advised  
11:02:22 10 by the technical booth that there is need for the co-counsel to  
11 pause after every question to allow the interpretation to be  
12 completed before the next question and that would ease the  
13 problem of overlapping microphones. Thank you.

14 MR MUNYARD: I will certainly do that, your Honours. I  
11:02:49 15 regret to say it is probably likely to mean that this  
16 cross-examination will be rather longer in time.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: But at least we will capture everything  
18 that you say, Mr Munyard.

19 MR MUNYARD: I seem to have emptied the public gallery by  
11:03:10 20 making that comment, but there we are. Probably not for the  
21 first time in my career:

22 Q. Right, next question. You didn't see him speaking to  
23 people apart from Dr Manneh at the reception desk when you were  
24 in Libya, did you? I am talking about Mr Taylor.

11:03:39 25 A. I saw Charles twice and he was with my leaders.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, that was not the question  
27 that counsel asked.

28 MR MUNYARD:

29 Q. Apart from seeing him speaking to Dr Manneh, you never saw

1 him speaking to anybody else in Libya, did you?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You are agreeing with me that you never saw him speak to  
4 anybody else, is that right? Are you agreeing with me?

11:04:22 5 A. I haven't seen him with anybody else.

6 Q. Thank you. So, when was it in Libya that you met Foday  
7 Sankoh?

8 A. I saw Foday at the same time.

9 Q. With Charles Taylor and Dr Manneh at the reception desk?

11:04:59 10 A. No.

11 Q. So, where did you see Foday Sankoh?

12 A. I saw him in Mahtaba.

13 Q. Where in Mahtaba?

14 A. I have access only to the reception in Mahtaba. It is  
11:05:29 15 mostly at the reception that you can see the people at Mahtaba.

16 Q. I would like you to look, please, at tab 4 at page 38045,  
17 which is the second page in this tab.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could you give us that number again,  
19 please, Mr Munyard?

11:06:28 20 MR MUNYARD: Page 38045.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: We don't have that under tab 4, or at  
22 least I don't.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think you mean tab 5, don't you?

24 MR MUNYARD: I am so sorry, I have mis-numbered mine, yes,  
11:06:44 25 or rather I have misread mine. 38045:

26 Q. And this is an interview - this is an interview in May  
27 2007, it is your fifth interview, and at the foot of page 38045  
28 you see the last paragraph there which says, "The witness ...",  
29 that is you, "... was housed and trained in a structure in

1 Tripoli referred to as 'Mahtaba' ". We are talking about when you  
2 first met Dr Manneh and do you see over the page it says,  
3 carrying on the last line on page 38045:

4 "The witness had previous military experience and so did  
11:07:43 5 not follow the same routine training as the others having already  
6 been trained. He stayed at Mahtaba whilst his refreshment  
7 training was conducted".

8 Do you see that?

9 A. I have seen the paper.

11:08:08 10 Q. Have the investigators correctly recorded what you told  
11 them in that interview that you stayed at and were housed at the  
12 Mahtaba?

13 A. I am telling you I said that I went to Mahtaba to see  
14 Dr Manneh - to meet Dr Manneh - and then to follow to have some  
11:08:40 15 certain weapon trainings at Mahtaba. I had that in Dr Manneh's  
16 room, because normally it is in Dr Manneh's room. I could have  
17 accessed Dr Manneh's room because he would sign me in and I had  
18 my training in his room - my arms training. That is what I told  
19 the investigators.

11:09:13 20 Q. Go back to page 38045, the last paragraph, "The witness was  
21 housed and trained in a structure referred to as 'Mahtaba' ", and  
22 over the page, "He stayed at Mahtaba while his refreshment  
23 training was conducted". Did you tell the investigators that you  
24 were housed and stayed at Mahtaba?

11:09:41 25 A. Up, up.

26 Q. I think it needs to be at the --

27 A. Up.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is there a problem, Mr Witness?

29 THE WITNESS: I said that I was not housed in Mahtaba. I

1 didn't stay in Mahtaba. I just went there for my weapon  
2 training.

3 MR MUNYARD:

11:10:19

4 Q. So, have the people who interviewed you got that wrong as  
5 well?

6 A. I just said that I went to Dr Manneh's room for my weapon  
7 training.

8 Q. Have they got that wrong as well?

11:10:56

9 A. I had no room of my own in Mahtaba. The witness - this  
10 statement I never meant this witness, "The witness was housed".  
11 I went to Mahtaba to a room in Mahtaba, but I was not housed in  
12 Mahtaba and I said that in my statement.

11:11:16

13 Q. Mr Camara, listen to the question, please, and answer the  
14 question. Have the people who interviewed you on that occasion  
15 got your answer wrong?

16 A. Yes, I think they have got me wrong.

17 Q. So they weren't doing their job properly, is that what you  
18 are saying?

19 A. I didn't say that.

11:11:41

20 Q. Well that is the effect of what you are saying, isn't it?

21 A. Everybody - everybody makes mistakes. You even made just a  
22 mistake a few minutes ago with the numbers of pages, so they can  
23 - they can - they must have made a mistake.

24 Q. When it was read back to me --

11:12:13

25 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, your Honours, the correct  
26 interpretation of that area is it is possible for each and every  
27 human being to make mistakes. Even you yourself, who is standing  
28 there, you called the number just now and you said "03405" and  
29 that was a mistake and then you said "Sorry". So, that is it.

1 It is possible for everybody to make mistakes.

2 MR MUNYARD:

3 Q. The mistake was the tab number, but when it was read back  
4 to me I agreed I had made a mistake. When this interview was  
11:12:40 5 read back to you, did you point out the mistake that the people  
6 interviewing you had made?

7 A. If they have made a mistake, I cannot say that they didn't  
8 do properly their job.

9 Q. Did you point it out to them when they read back to you,  
11:13:07 10 "The witness was housed" and "He stayed at Mahtaba"? Did you  
11 point out to them they had got that wrong and that you never said  
12 that?

13 A. I don't know what they said. What I said, I know what I  
14 said.

11:13:33 15 Q. Final attempt. Was this read back to you at the end of the  
16 interview?

17 A. It is possible that they have read it to me, but I don't  
18 remember. What I remember, I remember telling them that I had a  
19 training in Dr Manneh's room at Mahtaba.

11:14:01 20 Q. That is not what this says, is it?

21 A. I didn't say that I stayed - I was staying in Mahtaba.

22 Q. So, they have got that wrong. And if they read it back to  
23 you --

24 A. Yes, that is a mistake. Saying that I was housed in  
11:14:29 25 Mahtaba, that was a mistake. The rest is true.

26 Q. And if they read it back to you you would have corrected  
27 that mistake, wouldn't you?

28 A. Yes, I would have corrected it.

29 Q. Yes. And do you know who it was who got your account wrong

1 on that occasion in May of 2007?

2 A. What I told, the way I said it, he made a mistake in saying  
3 that I was housed at Mahtaba, so that statement was a mistake.  
4 It is the term "housed" which is a mistake, but the rest - all  
11:15:40 5 the rest - is true.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the counsel did not ask you  
7 about what was in the record. He said - he asked you who took  
8 the account?

9 THE WITNESS: If you see, look at the paper, I am sure you  
11:16:03 10 will see the person who took the statement, but I can't tell you.

11 MR MUNYARD:

12 Q. Yes, turn back, please, to page 38044, and the two people  
13 who were there when you were questioned on that occasion were  
14 Mr Morris, the investigator, and Mr Werner, the lawyer over there  
11:16:24 15 who took you through your evidence on Thursday, Friday and  
16 yesterday.

17 A. You should ask them to know who exactly took down the  
18 statement.

19 Q. I am going to move on from the Mahtaba in a moment, but can  
11:16:49 20 I just ask you who was trained at Mahtaba apart from your group  
21 of Gambians and Liberians and Sierra Leoneans?

22 A. I don't understand your question. Can you please repeat?  
23 Can you clarify it a bit?

24 Q. I will clarify it. At the Mahtaba in 1990 and 1991 and  
11:17:29 25 quite possibly 1989 also, were there people there from the ANC,  
26 the South African freedom fighters?

27 A. No.

28 Q. More likely 1989 than 1990?

29 A. No, no. Maybe, it is possible, but not to my knowledge.



1 Q. Were there any people there from SWAPO, the South West  
2 Africa People's Organisation?

3 A. I don't think I have seen them. It is possible, but I  
4 haven't met them.

11:18:22 5 Q. Were there any people there from Sumatra?

6 A. What is Sumatra?

7 Q. Well it, or at least part of it, is in Indonesia in the  
8 Pacific?

9 A. It is possible, but I don't know. I don't know anything  
11:18:49 10 about that.

11 Q. I am only asking you for the people that you remember  
12 seeing there. Do you remember seeing anybody there apart from  
13 Liberians, Gambians and Sierra Leoneans?

14 A. Yes, there were different types of revolutionaries. I  
11:19:11 15 don't know them but I have seen them, but we don't know - I don't  
16 know them in fact.

17 Q. Right. Can you go back, please, to tab 1, and I would like  
18 you to have a look, please, at page 23627, which is the second  
19 page of tab 1. Do you have that in front of you, Mr Camara?

11:20:09 20 A. Yes. I have it in front of me, yes. Do you hear me?

21 Q. Yes, thank you. We will start at the top. Here you say as  
22 follows:

23 "That Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Mane did not stay with their  
24 men in the barracks but stayed in a place called Mahtaba which  
11:20:34 25 was like a hotel that housed various terrorist and Mafia people  
26 and crooks".

27 Now pausing there for a moment, did you meet any Mafia  
28 people while you were at the Mahtaba?

29 A. At Mahtaba you could find any nationality in the world.

1 Q. Yes, Mafia is not a nationality. Did you meet any Mafia  
2 people?

3 A. I said that Mahtaba is the house of crooks, in fact.  
4 Mahtaba is a house of crooks. I cannot specify any more.

11:21:42 5 Q. I see.

6 A. There are all types of persons there. I have met all types  
7 of person in that place.

8 Q. Well I would like to know how, please, if you never got  
9 beyond the reception desk?

11:21:59 10 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours, I object. He said  
11 that he went to the house to the room of Dr Manneh.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

13 MR MUNYARD: My learned friend is quite correct:

14 Q. Was Dr Manneh's room full of Mafia people and crooks, or  
11:22:16 15 just you doing your training in his bedroom?

16 A. Dr Manneh was alone in his room.

17 Q. Except when you were there doing your training?

18 A. Dr Manneh is the only person in his room. He is staying  
19 all by himself in his room, unless he hires - he invites people.

11:22:57 20 Q. Did he invite any Mafia people or crooks into his bedroom  
21 when you were there?

22 A. Those who came there were Libyans. Those who found me  
23 there were Libyans.

24 Q. In Dr Manneh's bedroom?

11:23:21 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Right. Libyan freedom fighters?

27 A. I don't know if they were freedom fighters. I really don't  
28 know.

29 Q. Libyan weapons trainers?

1 A. Yes, [microphone not activated] arms and show it to people.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Interpreter, we didn't get your  
3 full answer.

4 THE INTERPRETER: Okay, arms to show it around.

11:24:02 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We still didn't get your answer.

6 THE INTERPRETER: They only brought arms and showed them to  
7 me.

8 MR MUNYARD:

9 Q. So, where did you see these Mafia people and crooks?

11:24:31 10 A. I have met Dr Manneh. I am an ex-officer, not a suspect.

11 I have seen all sorts of person in that place. I have asked him  
12 what those people were doing there. He told me that any people -  
13 all the people you - all the people you can think of, different  
14 type of people, you can find them in this place. There were some

11:25:19 15 people who were experts in explosives and that is at that  
16 occasion also that I have known really what Mahtaba was; what was  
17 happening in that place.

18 Q. So for the last time, please, can you help the Court with  
19 who the - how you know there were Mafia people and crooks staying  
11:25:56 20 in the Mahtaba? Was there a special queue for those people at  
21 the reception desk?

22 A. When you leave the reception, you go to Dr Manneh's room.  
23 His room is opposite the library, so you pass through all those  
24 places and when you enter you meet different people who know that  
11:26:42 25 you have seen them.

26 Q. Do they tell you who they are? "I am a member of the  
27 Mafia", or, "I am a crook", or something like that? Is that how  
28 you have learnt this?

29 A. I know because of what Dr Manneh told me. When you stay in

1 Mahtaba you become a revolutionary, or you are one of those  
2 terrorists, or something else, or experts in explosives, or -  
3 those are the type of people who used to stay in Mahtaba. You  
4 could even ask the person sitting next to you. Those are the  
11:27:47 5 types of people who stays at Mahtaba.

6 MR MUNYARD: I am going to move on to training, but I see  
7 the time, Madam President.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think that would be a convenient point  
9 to adjourn for the mid-morning break. Mr Witness, we are now  
11:28:02 10 going to take the mid-morning break. We will resume Court at 11  
11 - excuse me, 12 o'clock. Madam Court Attendant, please adjourn  
12 Court.

13 [Break taken at 11.29 a.m.]

14 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

11:59:19 15 MR WERNER: Madam President, your Honours, for Prosecution  
16 Brenda J Hollis, Nicholas Koumjian, Shyamala Alagendra, Alain  
17 Werner and Leigh Lawrie.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Werner. I think you're in  
19 the same position, Mr Munyard.

11:59:41 20 MR MUNYARD: As they say in general election reporting, no  
21 change.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed with your  
23 cross-examination.

24 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honour:

11:59:49 25 Q. Now, Mr Camara, I want to ask you about this training that  
26 you undertook. First of all tell us about the training that took  
27 place in Dr Manneh's bedroom?

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Actually, a very small point, he kept  
29 saying room. I couldn't work out whether it was a study, a

1 bedroom, a suite or what.

2 MR MUNYARD: I'll ask. In the light of what I know about  
3 the place I'll try and be more precise:

12:00:25

4 Q. Mr Camara, Dr Manneh had an ordinary sized room in the  
5 Mahtaba, didn't he?

6 A. In my statement I already told you that there are hotel  
7 rooms. It's in the hotel room that we used to have the training.

8 Q. Yes, and a hotel room is a bedroom, isn't it?

9 A. It's a bedroom. It's a bedroom.

12:01:09

10 Q. With enough space for a bed and a wardrobe and not a great  
11 deal more space, do you agree?

12 A. Yes, indeed. A bedroom, a wardrobe for the belongings.

13 Q. And what training were you doing in Dr Manneh's bedroom?

14 A. I had weapon training.

12:01:53

15 Q. What sort of weapons were you being trained in in this  
16 bedroom?

17 A. Yesterday or maybe Friday, was it Friday, I told you that  
18 we had - there were arms there, the AK-47s, GMG and RPGs.

12:02:43

19 Q. AK-47 is a rifle, GMG is a general machine gun, RPG is a  
20 rocket propelled grenade. Is that correct?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 Q. And for the benefit of anybody who doesn't know can you  
23 just describe, maybe by using your arms, how long an AK-47 is?

24 A. I cannot show you that with my hands.

12:03:24

25 Q. How many feet long is it?

26 A. Maybe - no, I really can't give you - I haven't measured  
27 the rifle to tell you how long really it is.

28 Q. Can you just look at me if I put my arms out tell me if  
29 I've got roughly the right measurement. I'm now holding my arms

1 about that wide [indicated]. Is that too big?

2 A. No, it's not so long.

3 Q. About that wide, that long, rather [indicated]. From the  
4 butt to the fire end of the barrel?

12:04:33 5 A. Reduce a little bit. Yes, maybe. Yes, maybe this length.

6 Q. Madam Court Attendant has a tape measure and she'll now  
7 come and measure this distance.

8 A. It's an estimation because I cannot tell you the exact  
9 length of the AK --

12:05:03 10 Q. We understand that, Mr Camara. Nobody's going to say it's  
11 exact. It's 77 centimetres, whatever that may be in inches.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: About 30 inches, I think.

13 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, Madam President.

14 THE WITNESS: Before we continue, please, there are two  
12:05:29 15 types of AK-47s. Some are the folding type. The others are not  
16 - are unfold, they are not folding. The unfolding one is  
17 approximately 77 centimetres.

18 MR MUNYARD:

19 Q. The unfolding one, right. And does it follow that the  
12:06:05 20 folding one is actually bigger when you open it out?

21 A. Yeah, even if the - it's the same size, it's more or less  
22 the same, it's only the presentation which is different,  
23 otherwise --

24 Q. General machine guns, can you help us with the size of a  
12:06:31 25 general machine gun?

26 A. They're longer than the AK-47.

27 Q. Right. How much longer?

28 A. I haven't measured those ones also to tell you the exact  
29 length or dimension.

1 Q. No one is asking you for exact measurements, Mr Camara, we  
2 appreciate you're just giving us a rough idea, but is it twice as  
3 long as an AK-47 or half as long again, just roughly?

12:07:30

4 A. The length, the size, it's bigger than the AK-47 and longer  
5 also.

6 Q. And is it something that you hold in your hand or do you  
7 have to mount it?

12:08:15

8 A. The GMG, the GMG, it's somebody who is really quite strong  
9 can hold it in his hands, can use it, and the person who is not  
10 very strong should put it - I mean it should be --

11 Q. It should be what, sorry?

12 A. Put on something - well, on the floor I think.

12:08:37

13 Q. Is it designed to be used either mounted on something or  
14 carried by someone who is strong enough to fire it just by  
15 carrying it himself?

16 A. As I told you, somebody who is strong enough can hold it  
17 and fire with it and somebody - somebody who is not very strong  
18 have to station it somewhere and fire it.

12:09:15

19 Q. Rocket propelled grenades, it's a form of rocket, isn't it,  
20 the weapon itself, and you put a grenade in it?

21 A. You - he knows - you should know the rocket propeller.

22 Q. I'm just asking you to describe what a rocket propelled  
23 grenade looks like, how big is it, the weapon, not just the  
24 grenade?

12:09:52

25 A. If we're talking about in terms of diameter it's bigger  
26 than the GMG, but the GMG is much heavier.

27 Q. The rocket itself, if you stood it upright on the floor how  
28 high would it reach from the floor?

29 A. The rockets, the bullets in the rocket is quite heavy.

1 Q. Yes, it's a grenade, isn't it?

2 A. It's a form of grenade because it explodes.

3 Q. So just go back to my earlier question. If you stand the  
4 weapon itself, I'm calling it the rocket, on the floor upright

12:10:55 5 how high would it be?

6 A. It can - you can measure it on my arm, the one I'm showing  
7 you [indicated]. If the - it doesn't - it's not longer than my  
8 arm, my forearm in fact.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: For purposes of record I will note that  
12:11:32 10 the witness has indicated by use from his extended hand to his  
11 elbow.

12 MR MUNYARD: Yes.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is this the perpendicular height, because  
14 that's what you asked and therefore is he indicating the height  
12:11:46 15 from the floor up to the tip of his fingers when he did that?

16 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honour, that's a point we'll  
17 need to clarify.

18 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, a clarification in that  
19 area. Your Honours, a clarification in that area. The witness  
12:12:02 20 said: If you fix the canister it is not as long as my forearm.

21 MR MUNYARD:

22 Q. Sorry, if you put the canister on it it's not as long as  
23 your forearm or if you take the canister off it it's not as long  
24 as your forearm?

12:12:38 25 A. Yes, when you fix the canister on it.

26 Q. When you fix the canister on it it is not as long as your  
27 forearm. Is that what you're saying?

28 A. It's as long as his - as my forearm with the canister.

29 Q. With the canister fixed to it, yes?



1 A. Yes, exactly.

2 Q. All right. Now did you have training in any of those  
3 weapons when you were in the Gambian gendarmerie?

4 A. [Inaudible] those arms.

12:13:43 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Interpreter, we didn't hear the  
6 answer.

7 THE WITNESS: I told you that I already had a training when  
8 I was in the gendarmerie, a training in those arms so I know them  
9 very well.

12:13:57 10 MR MUNYARD:

11 Q. Thank you. Why did you need more training on those weapons  
12 in Dr Manneh's bedroom in Libya?

13 A. No, I didn't tell you that. You thought that - they  
14 thought I didn't know those arms but I already had a training in  
12:14:33 15 those arms, so I just had a refresher course.

16 MR MUNYARD: We're waiting for that last bit to be  
17 translated.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is there some more part of the answer,  
19 Madam Interpreter?

12:14:59 20 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the interpretation is: I  
21 already knew those arms so I never had wanted to take to take  
22 training in them again.

23 MR MUNYARD:

24 Q. But you've told us you had refresher training in them in  
12:15:21 25 Dr Manneh's bed room in Libya, yes?

26 A. Yes.

27 MR MUNYARD: Is that yes?

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard yes.

29 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry, I'm not getting it at all on mine.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, could you please  
2 assist counsel.

3 MR MUNYARD: I'm on channel 1. I'm getting pretty well  
4 everything, but - I'm sorry, those last two answers were  
12:16:07 5 obviously interpreted and I just didn't get the last part of  
6 them:

7 Q. Now there are two aspects to weapon training, aren't there,  
8 Mr Camara. One is how to look after a weapon and one is how to  
9 fire a weapon. Would you agree with that?

12:16:29 10 A. I would.

11 Q. In Dr Manneh's bedroom how could you be trained in firing a  
12 rocket propelled grenade, for example, without causing serious  
13 damage to his bedroom and other residents of the Mahtaba?

14 A. It's - you just - you can teach the person without having  
12:17:05 15 to fire. The way the training in arms and the method of firing  
16 are different. The firing itself is another domain.

17 Q. Let's take the general machine gun. The general machine  
18 gun you have to be quite strong to fire yourself, don't you?

19 A. Yes, of course.

12:17:46 20 Q. So it's very important that you actually have training in  
21 firing it to see whether you're strong enough to fire it, would  
22 you agree?

23 A. I myself, I know I have the strength to hold a GMG and fire  
24 it.

12:18:10 25 Q. So why did you need training in it?

26 A. I already told you that I knew those arms. I knew. I  
27 knew. I told you I knew those arms.

28 Q. Tripoli had plenty of training bases in it, didn't it?

29 A. Tripoli is a training base.

1 Q. There are a number of training bases in Tripoli where you  
2 could have gone for refresher weapons training, aren't there?

3 A. I told you in my statement that I had gone to some camps,  
4 training camps, for my training, for my further courses.

12:19:14 5 Q. And I want to suggest to you that you never saw  
6 Charles Taylor at the Mahtaba at any time in 1989 or 1990?

7 A. You say 1989, that's what you were saying yourself. I  
8 never talked about 1989.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, that is not quite the answer  
12:19:45 10 to the question. The question was suggesting that you did not  
11 see Mr Taylor in 1989 or 1990.

12 THE WITNESS: What you're saying, but the one who is  
13 sitting next to you knows that I met - I saw him.

14 MR MUNYARD:

12:20:12 15 Q. All right, could you have a look please at tab 1, the  
16 second page, 23627. Now you told us this morning that you only  
17 ever saw him twice just for a few minutes at the reception desk  
18 at the Mahtaba. Do you agree with that? Just before you look at  
19 the page, Mr Camara, do you agree that's what you told this Court  
12:20:54 20 earlier this morning?

21 A. Yes, indeed, I've seen him.

22 Q. Well, I'd like you to look please four lines down on page  
23 23627. You said to the investigators in that first interview:

24 "That Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Manneh would attend the  
12:21:18 25 training and give encouragement to the men and see how things  
26 were going. When they did Taylor was always more vocal and got  
27 more involved in things than the rest. He was the big boss  
28 because he was more vocal."

29 You didn't see him attending training, did you?

1 A. No, I haven't seen him.

2 Q. So why did you tell the investigators that he would attend  
3 the training and was more vocal than the others if you didn't see  
4 that?

12:22:20 5 A. Maybe - they asked the question. They asked me if I had a  
6 training, I said yes. I've never said that he was more vocal.

7 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the interpreter is finding  
8 it very difficult to follow along with the witness. May the  
9 witness be advised to speak in bits so that the interpreter can  
10 follow.

12:22:55

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, all your answers are being  
12 interpreted. The interpreter needs to keep up with you, so can  
13 you pause between sentences and then continue. Thank you.

14 THE WITNESS: Those who interviewed me asked me questions I  
15 think on all those people, Sankoh, Taylor. They wanted my  
16 opinion and they asked me which one of them was more vocal.  
17 Charles Taylor was the most vocal of them. I said that because I  
18 knew. In my statements I said that Gambians who had training --

12:23:45

19 MR MUNYARD: I missed a bit of the interpretation there.

12:24:58

20 THE WITNESS: -- in my absence.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, please pause. Could  
22 something be done about the interpreters in the booth, because  
23 whatever is going on it is interrupting the flow of what the  
24 interpreter is saying and we're getting bits of what she is  
25 interpreting to us and this is not good, it's not accurate.

12:25:20

26 Sorry about that, Mr Witness, it's not your fault, but obviously  
27 there are more cooks than one.

28 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Munyard, I think where you missed some  
29 of the answer was in this place, the witness was saying, "In my

1 statements I said that" and then there was something blipped out  
2 and then it resumed again with Gambians who had training.

3 MR MUNYARD: Yes.

4 JUDGE LUSSICK: So the part in between is what you've  
12:26:04 5 missed.

6 MR MUNYARD: It is indeed, your Honour, thank you. I'll  
7 try and fill in the gap and I'll preface my question:

8 Q. Mr Camara, in the course of your seven interviews that we  
9 have copies of you have from time to time told the investigators  
12:26:21 10 that, "Somebody told me this" and then you've told them what was  
11 said to you. You've also told them things that you yourself saw  
12 and heard. Do you agree with that; that sometimes you've been  
13 telling the investigators what other people have told you and  
14 sometimes you're telling the investigators what yourself have  
12:26:48 15 seen and heard. Do you agree?

16 A. Yes. Yes, I do agree. Sometimes I tell them - I report  
17 what I have heard, sometimes I tell them what I know.

18 Q. And when you're telling them something that somebody else  
19 has told you they record that normally, don't they?

12:27:21 20 A. Yes, of course, they put it down.

21 Q. Go back to the lines that we were just looking at:

22 "That Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Manneh would attend the  
23 training and give encouragement to the men and see how things  
24 were going. When they did Taylor was always more vocal and got  
12:27:44 25 more involved in things than the rest."

26 You're telling them there something you are claiming to  
27 have seen and heard, aren't you?

28 A. I have already answered that question.

29 Q. I don't think you have, but even if you have please try

1 again?

2 A. Okay, I'll repeat my answer. The investigators wanted to  
3 know my opinion, they wanted to know my - to have my opinion  
4 about Taylor, Sankoh and Manneh. They wanted to know, according  
12:28:57 5 to me, the most vocal of the three and I've found Gambians in  
6 Libya who had had trainings with them and that's how I came to  
7 know and that they told me that Taylor was the most vocal of the  
8 three. So what did you expect me to say?

9 Q. I expected you to say, "Some Gambians I met in Libya told  
12:29:44 10 me that Taylor was the more vocal". Why didn't you say that to  
11 them?

12 A. I didn't say that because they just asked me my opinion.  
13 If they hadn't asked me my opinion I wouldn't have answered this  
14 way.

12:30:15 15 Q. Do you agree that the way that is recorded by the  
16 investigators looks as though it's something you're telling them  
17 you saw and heard?

18 A. Yeah, but when they started interviewing me they told me  
19 that whatever I know, whatever I've seen, whatever I've heard I  
12:30:51 20 should tell them.

21 Q. Did you ever tell the investigators that you knew Taylor  
22 was the boss just by watching the leaders as they came round to  
23 talk to you?

24 A. I knew and I have - people have told me.

12:31:30 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, please repeat your answer.  
26 The interpreter seems to have missed what you said.

27 THE WITNESS: I've been told and I've heard also and I know  
28 - I know also myself, I know that he was the leader.

29 MR MUNYARD:

1 Q. Right. I'll go back to my question now and try and answer  
2 that, please. Did you ever tell the investigators that you knew  
3 Taylor was the boss just by watching the leaders as they came  
4 round to talk to you?

12:32:25 5 A. Yes, I told them that Taylor was the boss because when they  
6 asked me who was the most vocal I told them it was Taylor.

7 Q. Mr Camara, are you deliberately trying to answer only half  
8 of the question or are you having difficulty understanding the  
9 question?

12:32:59 10 A. You asked me - you asked me a question and I have given you  
11 an answer.

12 Q. Did you ever see Mr Taylor with the other leaders as they  
13 came round to talk to you?

14 A. Yes, since I've arrived in Libya.

12:33:33 15 Q. So this is more than two occasions of seeing him at the  
16 reception in Mahtaba?

17 A. I've seen Taylor at Mahtaba. I haven't seen him anywhere  
18 else.

19 Q. Turn please to tab 2, page 25322. Do you have that?

12:34:45 20 A. Yes, I've seen tab 2.

21 Q. And you have page 25322. I'd like you to look please at  
22 the third paragraph going from the top. It starts with the words  
23 "Camara advises". Do you see it? "Camara advises that he", and  
24 here is a typographical error, "that he knew Taylor was the boss  
12:35:13 25 just by watching the leaders as they came around to talk to us."

26 Do you see that?

27 A. Yes, I see the sentence.

28 Q. You are clearly telling the investigators there that you  
29 watched Mr Taylor as he came around to talk to you, aren't you?

1 A. I told you I've seen the paper.

2 Q. What paper?

3 A. That you're showing me.

4 Q. Yes, now answer the question, please.

12:36:10 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, did you hear the question?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, I've read the sentence.

7 MR MUNYARD:

8 Q. You were clearly telling the investigators there that you  
9 knew Mr Taylor was the boss because you had watched him when he  
10 came round to talk to you, weren't you?

12:36:36

11 A. This statement is not my Libyan statement. This statement  
12 is the Burkina Faso statement.

13 Q. Right. Well, we'll go back to the beginning of this  
14 statement. Turn back one page, please?

12:37:34

15 A. Which page? This statement is not the Libya statement.

16 Q. Page 25321, please. This is on 3 November 2006, the same  
17 two investigators as before, Mr Berry and Mr Haddad, and it's a  
18 clarification statement taken in reference to the previous  
19 interview of 7 October 2006. The first paragraph on that page  
20 deals with you going to Libya, doesn't it? I don't want to take  
21 very long about it, Mr Camara. I don't think there's any doubt  
22 that the first paragraph deals with you going to Libya?

12:38:09

23 A. Yeah, yeah, I've seen that part.

24 Q. The second paragraph deals with the fact that training in  
25 Libya was done in groups and that you were part of the second  
26 group?

12:38:50

27 A. Yes, indeed, I was part of the Gambian group, the second  
28 group.

29 Q. Yes, and that the first group had left Libya for Burkina



1 Faso in late 1989 shortly after your arrival in Libya. Is that  
2 right? That's what that deals with, the second paragraph?

3 A. Yes, 1989, yes, indeed, the first group left Libya to go to  
4 Burkina Faso.

12:39:32 5 Q. Over the page, 25322, the first two lines deal with the  
6 date that the second group that you were in left for Burkina  
7 Faso, do you agree?

8 A. The second group left for Burkina Faso in 1990.

9 Q. The next paragraph says that you told them that the Sierra  
12:40:16 10 Leoneans you met in the training camps in Libya told you they  
11 were from Sierra Leone. In other words that's dealing with Libya  
12 again, isn't it?

13 A. Yes. Yes, I found some Sierra Leoneans in Libya, yeah.

14 Q. The next paragraph, the one I've been asking you about,  
12:40:41 15 doesn't say that it was in Burkina Faso, does it?

16 A. This paragraph - in this paragraph it's about normally  
17 Burkina Faso.

18 Q. Well, that's what you say. The next paragraph clarifies  
19 something that you said in the first interview about Small Boy  
12:41:17 20 Units and you make it clear that you were talking about the  
21 Liberian civil war period. Do you agree?

22 A. Yes. Yeah, exactly, it's about the SBU in Liberia.

23 Q. Just to put that in context if we go back to page 23627 in  
24 tab 1, do you have that? Have you got that, Mr Camara?

12:41:58 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. On that page at the top of the page you're dealing with the  
27 Mahtaba in the first three lines. Then we've got the lines that  
28 we were looking at a short while ago, you telling the  
29 interviewers that Mr Taylor, et cetera, would attend the training

1 and he was more vocal. The next paragraph says the training in  
2 Libya consisted of mainly infantry training and some heavy  
3 artillery training, so that's still in Libya, isn't it?

4 A. Yes, yeah.

12:42:42 5 Q. The next paragraph deals with advanced training and you  
6 mention RPGs, GMGs and other weapons?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The next paragraph says, "We were taught how to ambush,  
9 attack and retreat". Yes?

12:43:06 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. The next paragraph says, "The trainers were all Libyan"?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So we're still dealing with Libya?

14 A. Yes.

12:43:21 15 Q. The next paragraph says, "Part of the training dealt with  
16 the use of the Small Boy Units"?

17 A. Yes, indeed.

18 Q. And you're talking in the first half of that paragraph of  
19 the training you received in Libya, aren't you, or so it would  
20 seem?

12:43:46 21 A. Yes, yes, I'm talking about the training I had in Libya.

22 Q. Yes, training in Small Boy Units in Libya?

23 A. I didn't say that the Small Boy Units had a training in  
24 Libya. It was in my training schedule. Yeah, that's what I  
25 said.

12:44:10 26 Q. In your training schedule in Libya?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Thank you. And indeed if we go over the page, the second  
29 paragraph over the page on 2368 refers to when you departed from

1 Libya. Do you see that?

2 A. What did you say, please? That when I left Libya?

3 Q. If we go over the page we can see that you then move on to  
4 when you departed from Libya. Do you see --

12:44:57 5 A. Yes, yes.

6 Q. And if you go to six lines down you told the investigators:  
7 "Due to the political nature of the world at that time towards  
8 Gaddafi the groups were asked to leave Libya in 1989." Do you  
9 remember saying that?

12:45:24 10 THE INTERPRETER: Can the counsel repeat the last bit of  
11 the testimony?

12 MR MUNYARD:

13 Q. You're still dealing with Libya by this second page of the  
14 first interview and you end telling them about Libya by saying:

12:45:46 15 "Due to the political nature of the world at that time towards  
16 Gaddafi the groups were asked to leave Libya in 1989." That's  
17 what you told the interviewers in the first interview, isn't it?

18 A. Yes, I did say that.

19 Q. Right. So that is the sequence of the first part of the  
12:46:12 20 first interview. If we go back to the second - tab 2 which is a  
21 clarification account of the first interview the interviewers,  
22 who are the same two men, follow the same sequence as the first  
23 interview, don't they, and they ask you further questions and you  
24 give them further information about each of those paragraphs in  
12:46:49 25 the same order. Do you agree?

26 A. I don't understand. I haven't understood your question.  
27 Can you please clarify.

28 Q. In the first interview you gave the interviewers an account  
29 of how you came to be in Libya, what you did in Libya, what your

1 training was in Libya, why you had to leave Libya and then you go  
2 on to deal after that with Burkina Faso, et cetera, in the first  
3 interview. Do you agree?

4 A. Yes, I do.

12:47:35 5 Q. In the second interview the investigators ask you further  
6 questions in the same order as the issues that you dealt with in  
7 the first interview. Do you agree?

8 A. I don't remember that, because I don't remember if they've  
9 asked me in the same sequence as the first interview. I really  
12:48:09 10 don't remember.

11 Q. I appreciate that due to the passage of time so let me try  
12 and help you as briefly as possible. The first part of the first  
13 interview you're telling them how you came to leave Gambia and  
14 meet Dr Manneh. Yes?

12:48:32 15 A. Yes, that's what - yes, exactly.

16 Q. If you look at the first paragraph of the clarification  
17 interview that deals with how you came to leave The Gambia and  
18 meet Dr Manneh, do you agree, on page 25321?

19 A. Yes, exactly, I do remember.

12:48:59 20 Q. In the first interview after talking about how you came to  
21 get to Libya you then mention meeting Charles Taylor and Foday  
22 Sankoh and their men. Do you agree?

23 A. Yes, I told them that I have met those people in Libya.  
24 The Gambians also I have met some of them in - I found some of  
12:49:37 25 them in Libya. It's when I left - the way I left Libya.

26 Q. In the clarification interview the second thing you're  
27 asked about or the second thing you talk about is Sankoh and  
28 Taylor already being there when you got to Libya. So it's a  
29 clarification of the same subject from the first interview. Do

1 you agree?

2 A. Yes, I do agree.

3 Q. The next thing you're asked about in the first interview is  
4 training and the next thing that you're asked about in the  
12:50:42 5 clarification interview is training in Libya. Do you agree?

6 A. Yes. Yeah, I talked about my training in Libya.

7 Q. In other words the clarification interview is following the  
8 same sequence as the first interview and when you're being asked  
9 these questions and giving the answers you gave at this stage of  
12:51:15 10 the second interview you're dealing with Libya, not Burkina Faso.  
11 Do you follow?

12 A. Which statement are you talking about? At which page?

13 Q. Now pages 23627 in tab 1 and page 25322 in tab 2?

14 A. Let me look at those pages.

12:51:51 15 MR WERNER: Sorry to intervene, but to be fair with the  
16 witness I think if this line of questioning will be pursued then  
17 the witness has to be able to at least read the entire statement  
18 because in page 25322 Libya is mentioned, but if you look at the  
19 last paragraph then we are in Liberia, Cobra Base Gbatala. Then  
12:52:15 20 if you look over at 25323, second paragraph we are in Libya and  
21 then the next page, 25324, we are back in Burkina Faso.

22 So in fairness to the witness if the chronology is going to  
23 be put to the witness then the witness has to be able to read the  
24 entire statement because it's back and forth with the locations.

12:52:37 25 MR MUNYARD: I completely accept that the witness must be  
26 able to look at the statements. However, what I am dealing with  
27 is sequence of questions. I accept that these interviews go  
28 backwards and forwards and all over the place and are indeed at  
29 times very hard to follow for that reason. But I'm not dealing

1 with a chronology, I'm dealing with a sequence and the sequence  
2 that the investigators asked in the first interview on the face  
3 of it is being followed in the clarification interview.

4 But if the witness wants more time to look at the  
12:53:17 5 statements then - sorry, they're not statements, they're somebody  
6 else's notes of an interview. If he wants more time to look at  
7 those then of course he must be given that time. All I'm trying  
8 to do is deal with this point as briefly as I can and I  
9 appreciate it's not brief at all.

12:53:37 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I think counsel for Defence is  
11 actually putting a sequence, sort of blocks, but I agree if the  
12 witness does need time to read it to fully assess what's being  
13 asked then he should be given that time.

14 MR MUNYARD: Can we ask the witness if he'd like time to  
12:53:59 15 read it. It may be that he does, it may be that he doesn't.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, do you first of all  
17 understand the way the questions are being put?

18 THE WITNESS: What's my opinion is he put the questions to  
19 me, but taking me from one statement to the other statement is  
12:54:29 20 really a bit difficult. If he wants to ask questions let him ask  
21 questions. If he tells me directly the amount of page and then  
22 he puts his question to me and from there he can take me to  
23 somewhere else, I think that would be easier for me. But taking  
24 me back and forth is a bit difficult. He should put direct  
12:54:52 25 questions to me and then I answer.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, we'll allow the witness some  
27 time to read these particular excerpts and let us see if this  
28 will assist both him and yourself.

29 MR MUNYARD: Certainly, your Honour. I'm in the hands of

1 the Court.

2 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, perhaps if you're going to refer to  
3 both statements you can ask your question and then pause while he  
4 reads the particular part of each statement.

12:55:20 5 MR MUNYARD: Very well. Yes.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, exactly. If he wants to put questions  
7 to me let him ask questions on one statement, but if he mixes up  
8 things are going from Burkina to Libya and back to Burkina. Let  
9 him put questions directly to me on specific points.

12:55:47 10 MR MUNYARD:

11 Q. I think we'd already got through the first three sections  
12 of the first interview and seen how they'd been picked up in the  
13 clarification interview so I am going to move to the fourth line  
14 down on page 2367. Mr Camara, this is the first interview. You  
12:56:18 15 were telling the interviewers about the training in Mahtaba and  
16 in - sorry, about Dr Manneh, Mr Taylor and Mr Sankoh not staying  
17 with the men in their barracks but staying in Mahtaba and then  
18 you went on to deal with the training there in Libya and this is  
19 what you said, and would you like to follow it, it's four lines  
12:56:45 20 down on page 2367:

21 "That Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Manneh would attend the  
22 training and give encouragement to the men and see how things  
23 were going. When they did Taylor was always more vocal and got  
24 more involved in things than the rest. He was the big boss  
12:57:04 25 because he was more vocal and better financially set than the  
26 rest, having better connections than the rest."

27 Then you go on to say that the training in Libya consisted  
28 mainly of infantry training and some heavy artillery training and  
29 we've looked a few minutes ago at the rest of that half of that

1 page talking about your training in Libya ending up at the  
2 beginning of the final paragraph on that page with the training  
3 that you had in Libya in relation to Small Boy Units.

4 Now that is the portion of the first interview that I  
12:57:51 5 suggest you were being asked to clarify on page 25322 of the  
6 second interview and I'm just going to take you to the relevant  
7 paragraphs. The second paragraph which you've seen talks about  
8 you meeting Sierra Leoneans in the training camps in Libya. The  
9 third paragraph is the one that we're concentrating on at the  
12:58:31 10 moment:

11 "Camara advises that he knew Taylor was the boss just by  
12 watching the leaders as they came round to talk to us. It was  
13 Taylor who would dash them (give them small money) and who was  
14 supporting us even then."

12:58:52 15 Then there's something that Dr Manneh told you. The next  
16 paragraph deals with the Small Boy Units and you say in that  
17 paragraph that when you spoke earlier about Small Boy Units and  
18 their formation you were speaking about the Liberian civil war  
19 period. So that is the order in which you were being asked to  
12:59:19 20 clarify what you had been talking about in the first interview.  
21 Do you follow what I'm saying?

22 A. What you've said right now, I want you to put me questions.  
23 If you ask me questions I will answer.

24 Q. All right. I'll ask you a question. Do you agree that in  
12:59:53 25 the second interview you are being asked to clarify the matters  
26 that you talk about in the first interview in the order in which  
27 you were asked about them in the first interview?

28 A. Yeah, I know that I answered the interview, but I don't  
29 know if it's the first one or the second one.



1 Q. Would you like time to look at the passages in the first  
2 interview that I've referred you to before we look at the  
3 sequence in which you clarified your first interview answers when  
4 you were seen the second time?

13:00:50 5 A. I would beg of you to make things easier for me, please.  
6 Please tell me exactly what you would like to know. Show me the  
7 paragraphs or the parts on which you would like to ask your  
8 questions. If you have questions just put them to me. It would  
9 make things easier.

13:01:11 10 Q. I'm trying to make things easier, I promise you. In the  
11 third paragraph on page 25322 when you tell the interviewers that  
12 you had seen Mr Taylor when he came around to talk to you and  
13 that it was him who would give you small money you were talking  
14 about Libya there, weren't you?

13:01:42 15 A. That's Burkina Faso. I'm talking about Burkina Faso. Our  
16 people who went to Burkina. Our people were with the Liberians  
17 there in Burkina.

18 Q. One last time, go back to page 23627, please, in tab 1. I  
19 think you're going in the - are you going in the right direction  
13:02:19 20 there? Mr Camara, is it easier for you to read it on the screen  
21 or to read it from the document in front of you? Just tell us  
22 which is easier for you because the Court Manager will --

23 A. I can - I'd rather read it on the computer because if it's  
24 on the document I need my glasses.

13:02:48 25 Q. All right. Well, I suspected that. Madam Court Attendant  
26 will put the relevant parts on the screen for you now. It's page  
27 23627 and what you are dealing with in the first part of that  
28 page is the training in Libya, in particular Dr Manneh, Mr Sankoh  
29 and Mr Taylor coming round to see the men, that's to say

1 attending the training and giving encouragement to the men, and  
2 then after training you go on - immediately after discussing  
3 training on that page you go on to discuss Small Boy Units. Do  
4 you agree?

13:03:48 5 A. This statement, I'm the one who made this statement. If  
6 you put questions to me then I will answer.

7 Q. Do you agree that on the page we're looking at that you  
8 deal with training in Libya, Mr Taylor and the other leaders  
9 coming around to see the men and then you go on to deal with  
10 Small Boy Units?

11 A. Yes, I see what you're talking about. These are my words.  
12 Please ask your questions, I will answer.

13 Q. Go back then to page 25322 which will be put on the screen  
14 now for you where you are being asked to clarify matters that you  
13:04:43 15 told the investigators about in that first interview that we've  
16 just looked at. Do you have page 25322 on the screen in front of  
17 you? There in the second paragraph you're talking about people  
18 you met in the training camps in Libya and in the third paragraph  
19 you deal again with the question of Mr Taylor and the leaders  
13:05:28 20 coming around to talk to the men and encouraging them or  
21 supporting them, don't you?

22 A. Yes, I see that part but you haven't put your question yet  
23 to me.

24 Q. The question is: That follows the same order of the  
13:06:00 25 questions that you were asked in the first interview, doesn't it?

26 A. I don't know if this is the first interview or the second  
27 interview. I really don't know. I haven't identified it.

28 Q. This is the second interview. If I've got that wrong you  
29 can be sure I'll be corrected.

1 A. Okay, I understand.

2 Q. And my final point is: After dealing with seeing Mr Taylor  
3 when the leaders came round to talk to you you then go on to  
4 clarify what you said about Small Boy Units. Do you see that  
13:06:51 5 further down the page on 25322?

6 A. Yes, indeed, I see that part.

7 Q. So the questions that you were being asked in the second  
8 interview certainly up to that point follow the sequence of the  
9 questions that you were being asked in the first interview, don't  
13:07:24 10 they?

11 A. You are the one telling me that this is the second  
12 interview. I don't know if it is the second interview.

13 Q. Mr Camara, please rest assured that if I've got anything  
14 wrong here there is the whole battery of people in this room who  
13:07:46 15 can stand up and point out my error. Will you take it from me  
16 that unless somebody objects and says that I've met yet another  
17 mistake that I am correct?

18 A. Okay, okay, I believe you.

19 Q. Thank you. So you weren't talking about Burkina Faso when  
13:08:13 20 you were talking about watching Mr Taylor with the other leaders.  
21 You're talking about Libya there, aren't you?

22 A. The statement I have given, I didn't say that Taylor came  
23 to me. I just said - you asked a question about the sequence,  
24 you asked that question and I answered.

13:08:52 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the question is not answered.  
26 Counsel is asking this piece about Mr Taylor coming and talking  
27 to you relates to incidents in Burkina Faso - sorry, excuse me,  
28 in Libya, not in Burkina Faso. Is that correct or not correct?

29 THE WITNESS: Taylor - when I had my training Taylor was

1 not in Libya. The people of Taylor - Taylor's people moved, I  
2 did the training with his - with the first group. We're talking  
3 here about the first group. That's why I'm telling you to put  
4 precise questions to me. The first group which had a training is  
13:09:52 5 different from the second group, because we left Libya in two  
6 different groups, but when I came the others are already finished  
7 their training.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you're still not answering  
9 the question. These incidents that you have described, did they  
13:10:14 10 occur in Libya or did they occur somewhere else?

11 THE WITNESS: Some parts happened in Libya, some other  
12 parts happened in Burkina Faso. But when he says that Taylor  
13 went to meet people, that was in Libya. And the other part about  
14 the SBUs is in Burkina.

13:10:54 15 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just a minute. I didn't understand that  
16 answer.

17 THE INTERPRETER: The SBU. Talking about the SBU. That  
18 part.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, are you clear on that answer  
13:11:16 20 now?

21 MR MUNYARD: No, your Honour, but I'm not proposing to  
22 plough this furrow any further. I don't know if his Honour Judge  
23 Lussick has had an answer to his question yet.

24 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think the interpreter explained it. The  
13:11:38 25 words I didn't hear were obviously SBU.

26 MR MUNYARD: Thank you. I'm going to move on now if I may:  
27 Q. Mr Camara, you have completely invented seeing Mr Taylor in  
28 Libya, I suggest to you. What do you say about that?

29 A. I'm going to repeat myself. I've seen Taylor twice in

1 Libya, in Mahtaba.

2 Q. When you were first interviewed by the investigators did  
3 they ask you to tell them everything - all the dealings that  
4 you'd had with Charles Taylor?

13:12:29 5 A. I haven't had any dealings with Charles Taylor.

6 Q. Let me put it more specifically in detail. These  
7 investigators were asking - they were investigating the  
8 activities of Charles Taylor and they wanted you to tell them  
9 what you had seen and heard him do. Is that correct?

13:12:56 10 A. Yes, yes, that's correct. What I have heard, what I have  
11 seen, what I have done, they wanted me to tell them all that.

12 Q. Yes, they wanted you to tell them every time you'd seen  
13 Charles Taylor, didn't they?

14 A. Yes, yes, they've asked me and I told them that I have seen  
13:13:25 15 him twice.

16 Q. You told them that you'd seen him twice --

17 A. Yes, yes, I told them that I have seen him twice.

18 Q. They wanted to know all the times you had seen him, didn't  
19 they, not just in Libya but anywhere else?

13:13:53 20 A. Yes, we went - we talked about Burkina and Liberia.

21 Q. Yes, and did you tell them in that first interview of all  
22 the occasions on which you had seen Charles Taylor?

23 A. I don't remember the second interview. I don't know what  
24 you're talking about when you're talking about first interview  
13:14:25 25 and second interview.

26 Q. No, I'm talking to you about the first interview now. When  
27 you were first interviewed did you tell the investigators of all  
28 the occasions on which you had seen Charles Taylor?

29 A. Yes, I told them.

1 Q. And you particularly told them that you had met him, as  
2 we've seen, in Libya?

3 A. Yes, indeed, I told them that I have seen him in Libya.

4 Q. I'd like you please to turn up tab 5 and, Madam Court  
13:15:30 5 Attendant, we'll need you because it needs to be on the screen.  
6 Now this is the fifth occasion on which you were seen and we can  
7 see from page 38044 that you were seen on 23, 24 and 28 May 2007,  
8 that's less than a year ago. You were seen on a Wednesday, a  
9 Thursday and then again on the following Monday and I think that  
13:16:23 10 in the course of that interview you were asked questions in a  
11 chronological order, that's to say following from one year on to  
12 the next and from one event on to the next as they happened in  
13 time.

14 On page 38046 which we've already looked at a little bit of  
13:17:01 15 you say at the top of that page when you're dealing with your  
16 time in Libya - you say at the top of that page that you stayed  
17 in Mahtaba while your refreshment training was conducted. This  
18 went on into 1990. I'm looking at the second paragraph now.  
19 That you were aware that trainees in Libya were rotated through  
13:17:35 20 different bases around the country of Libya and then in the third  
21 paragraph you say this:

22 "The witness was told that before he joined SOFA there had  
23 been a first training group in Libya consisting of Liberians,  
24 Sierra Leoneans and Gambians. The witness was told that the  
13:18:00 25 group included Charles Taylor, Foday Sankoh, Dr Manneh, Ali  
26 Kabbah, Mustapha Jallow, Musa N'jie, General Jackson, General  
27 Domingo, Landing Jammeh, Jack the Rebel and others."

28 Who was it who told you about this first training group in  
29 Libya consisting of Liberians, Sierra Leoneans and Gambians?

1 A. I told you that I found some Gambians in Libya who knew  
2 these people. I heard it from them. They are the ones who told  
3 me. Even Ali Kabbah you're talking about, I haven't seen him  
4 myself but I know that he was the RUF leader, Sierra Leone RUF  
13:19:13 5 leader. I've heard it.

6 Q. Let's read on from where I left off:

7 "Taylor was the head of the Liberian troops, Manneh was the  
8 head of the Gambian troops and Ali Kabbah was the head of the  
9 Sierra Leonean troops. His deputy was Foday Sankoh."

13:19:42 10 This is what somebody told you, is that right?

11 A. Yes, that's right.

12 Q. And then it reads as follows:

13 "One of the witness's previous statements indicated that he  
14 had met with and had conversation with members of this group in  
13:20:03 15 Libya but that is not correct. This group had already completed  
16 their training and left for Burkina Faso before the witness  
17 joined SOFA."

18 A. Yes, exactly. I found that the first group had already  
19 left.

13:20:32 20 Q. And it is not correct to say in one of your previous  
21 statements that you had met any of this first group in Libya, is  
22 it?

23 A. The first group who had already their training or you're  
24 talking about the first group who the training or the ones who  
13:21:04 25 went to Burkina, which one?

26 Q. I'm trying to find out from you what this means that one of  
27 your previous indicated you'd met with and had conversations with  
28 members of this group in Libya but that is not correct, this  
29 group had already completed their training and left for Burkina.

1 You include in this group Charles Taylor, Foday Sankoh, Dr Manneh  
2 and Ali Kabbah. Do you agree, Mr Camara, that, the way that  
3 reads, Charles Taylor in the first group had already left Libya  
4 before you got there and that you had not met him?

13:21:56 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Munyard, really to be fair to the  
6 witness when you read that paragraph the beginning of the  
7 paragraph says, "The witness was told that before he joined SOFA  
8 there had been a first training group in Libya consisting of  
9 Liberians, Sierra Leoneans and Gambians" and the group included,  
13:22:19 10 in my understanding was not confined to, the names above and then  
11 he names. Then it continues that in one of the witness's  
12 previous statements it's indicated that he met with members of  
13 this first group. The first group, in my understanding,  
14 consisting of Liberians, Sierra Leoneans and Gambians.

13:22:43 15 MR MUNYARD: Yes, your Honour, I agree.

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: That is the full context in which this  
17 statement appears.

18 MR MUNYARD: Yes, and that first group included  
19 Charles Taylor.

13:22:54 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: But was not limited to.

21 MR MUNYARD: No.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: So maybe you can put your question more  
23 accurately to the witness than you just did.

24 MR MUNYARD:

13:23:08 25 Q. You have told us in that statement, rather you've told the  
26 investigators, that there was a first training group in Libya  
27 consisting of Liberians, Sierra Leoneans and Gambians including  
28 Charles Taylor. Do you agree?

29 A. Yes, exactly, the first group had already finished their



1 training.

2 Q. And that first group who had finished their training  
3 included Charles Taylor?

4 A. Charles Taylor was the leader in fact of the group. Today  
13:23:53 5 Sankoh also was a leader. Dr Manneh was a leader. Ali Kabbah  
6 was a leader.

7 Q. I'm only interested at the moment in Charles Taylor?

8 A. Yes, Charles Taylor was there at that time.

9 Q. Would you agree that he was in - is it your case, rather,  
13:24:21 10 that he was in the first group that you were told about?

11 A. Yes, exactly.

12 Q. And that that first group including him had left Libya  
13 before you got there?

14 A. The first group, some of them have already left. It's not  
13:24:51 15 that all of them have left together. It was by sequence. Not  
16 everybody left together.

17 Q. Well, look at the sentence that follows the last one I read  
18 and I'll read both of them together:

19 "One of the witness's previous statements indicated that he  
13:25:10 20 had met with and had conversation with members of this group in  
21 Libya but that is not correct. This group had already completed  
22 their training and left for Burkina Faso before the witness  
23 joined SOFA."

24 Now this group included Charles Taylor, according to you,  
13:25:37 25 didn't it?

26 A. What I see in the statement, I didn't speak about  
27 Charles Taylor. I'm talking about a group of Liberian and Sierra  
28 Leoneans that I found in Liberia.

29 Q. So let me see if I can summarise what you're saying in all

1 of these statements about Mr Taylor and indeed in your evidence  
2 about Mr Taylor over the last few days. You've told us that you  
3 met him in 1990 in your evidence to Mr Werner. You've told us  
4 that you only saw him on two occasions, both times in the  
13:26:34 5 reception area of the Mahtaba within a few days of each other.  
6 You've told us, or rather your interview notes suggest - I would  
7 suggest your interview notes imply that you had actually seen and  
8 heard him encouraging the trainees and your interview notes in  
9 the second interview also indicate that you had seen him  
13:27:20 10 addressing the trainees and giving them money whilst they were in  
11 Libya. Do you agree that is what your interview notes suggest?  
12 We know you disagree with that, but do you agree that that is  
13 what they suggest?

14 A. I said that the fact that Charles Taylor gave us money, if  
13:28:00 15 you put me - if you ask me I will answer directly, but you're  
16 just reading a statement, you haven't put a question to me. You  
17 haven't put any question to me. You're just reading the  
18 statement. You're talking about the statement.

19 Q. And finally, because time's running out, finally the two  
13:28:25 20 occasions on which you did see Mr Taylor were just weeks after he  
21 had launched his invasion of Liberia. I think you agree with  
22 that, don't you?

23 A. Yes. What did you say? What did you say, please?

24 Mr MUNYARD: Madam President, I see the time.

13:28:42 25 THE WITNESS: What did you say, please?

26 MR MUNYARD: I don't know if this is being recorded.

27 Q. You agreed that the two occasions on which you saw him in  
28 January of 1990 were within weeks of his invasion of Liberia on  
29 Christmas Eve when you say you saw him in the reception area of

1 the Mahtaba in Tripoli. That's your evidence, isn't it?

2 A. No, no, no, I didn't say that.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was the answer and if there's some  
4 follow-up questions, Mr Munyard, possibly after the lunchtime  
13:29:41 5 adjournment.

6 MR MUNYARD: Not following up that answer, but other  
7 questions yes.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Mr Witness, and members of  
9 counsel, this is now the lunchtime adjournment. We will adjourn  
13:29:52 10 and resume at 2.30.

11 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

12 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, please proceed.

14 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, your Honours:

14:29:14 15 Q. Mr Camara, I want to turn now, please, to Foday Sankoh and  
16 to ask you a little more about your seeing Foday Sankoh. When  
17 you go to Libya you tell us that you see Foday Sankoh just once  
18 in the Mahtaba, is that right?

19 A. Yes, it is right.

14:29:50 20 Q. You saw him there when?

21 A. If my memory serves me right --

22 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, the interpreter doesn't hear very  
23 well the witness.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, can you speak louder so the  
14:30:21 25 interpreter can hear you.

26 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have met Foday, but not for a long  
27 time.

28 MR MUNYARD:

29 Q. For how long?

1 A. I have seen him in Mahtaba, met him in Mahtaba.

2 Q. Where in the Mahtaba?

3 A. If you have not forgotten, I already told you that I met  
4 him at the reception desk.

14:31:05 5 Q. And for how long?

6 A. Just - not a long time.

7 Q. How long is not a long time? Are we talking a few minutes,  
8 as you said in relation to Mr Taylor?

9 A. I saw him. He was with Manneh and then he left, maybe less  
14:31:45 10 than - it was less than 10 minutes.

11 Q. And when was this?

12 A. I think I cannot say exactly when, but maybe some time in  
13 1998.

14 Q. Do you want to think about that answer?

14:32:32 15 A. I don't need to think about it. I think it was the end of  
16 1998 and - yes, by end 1998 to my --

17 Q. I don't want to be unfair to you. I am going to give you a  
18 final opportunity to think about the date that you have given us.  
19 Do you stick by 1998, or do you want to change that?

14:33:12 20 A. If I think, it must be end of 1998 to be more precise.

21 Q. And he was with Dr Manneh in the reception at the Mahtaba.  
22 You were presumably there on your way to another training session  
23 in Dr Manneh's bedroom, is that right?

24 A. No, no, no. They didn't go there to assist to the training  
14:33:45 25 in Dr Manneh's room.

26 Q. No, you were there at the Mahtaba, were you, for training?

27 A. They didn't go there for training. They went for a  
28 different --

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, counsel is asking about

1 yourself. Were you going for training?

2 THE WITNESS: No, I, myself, I didn't go for a training.  
3 I went for a different reason, for something else.

4 MR MUNYARD:

14:34:24 5 Q. Are you going to tell us what it was?

6 A. No. It has nothing to do with the matter discussed here.

7 Q. So you were at the Mahtaba, even though you didn't live  
8 there, you weren't going there for training, so why else would  
9 you be at the Mahtaba?

14:34:55 10 A. I told you I went there for my own business, issues  
11 concerning my group. It had nothing to do with the training.  
12 I could go to the Mahtaba even if it was not for training  
13 purposes.

14 Q. Right, back to Foday Sankoh. According to your first  
14:35:21 15 statement - that is in tab 1 and I would like you to be shown  
16 that on the screen, please. On the first page of it, 23626, four  
17 lines up from the bottom you say, "While in Libya during 1998  
18 [sic] and 1989," you met Charles Taylor and Foday Sankoh, "Taylor  
19 had about 200-300 men with him and Sankoh about 100." These were  
14:36:09 20 only estimations of the numbers.

21 Over the page, first line of the next page you say,  
22 "Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Manneh didn't stay with their men in the  
23 barracks but stayed at the Mahtaba." Then two lines below that,  
24 "Taylor, Sankoh and Dr Manneh would attend the training." We  
14:36:32 25 have looked at these passages already. You were making it plain  
26 in that first interview that Foday Sankoh was the leader of the  
27 Sierra Leoneans when you were in Libya, weren't you?

28 A. Yes, that is what I said.

29 Q. But you knew, in fact, that he was not the leader of the

1 Sierra Leoneans at that time, didn't you?

2 A. The time - the moment I saw Sankoh he was - I told you that  
3 Ali Kabbah was not in Libya. Sankoh was in Libya acting as the  
4 Sierra Leonean leader. That is what I told you, but Ali Kabbah  
14:37:35 5 was not there. Ali Kabbah, I have not met Ali Kabbah.

6 Q. I am not suggesting you have met him, but you were giving  
7 the impression in that first interview that Sankoh was the leader  
8 of the Sierra Leoneans, weren't you?

9 A. Yes, exactly.

14:37:59 10 Q. But he was not the leader of the Sierra Leoneans at that  
11 time, was he?

12 A. I know him as the leader. He is the one I found there and  
13 I am explaining you what I have been told also.

14 Q. Can we go, please, to tab 5. It is a paragraph we were  
14:38:49 15 looking at before we broke off for lunch, the third paragraph  
16 down. It starts with the words, "The witness was told that  
17 before he joined SOFA". I want you to go halfway down that  
18 paragraph, please, "Taylor was head of the Liberian troops,  
19 Manneh was head of the Gambian troops and Ali Kabbah was head of  
14:39:14 20 the Sierra Leonean troops."

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, you said tab 5, is that  
22 right? I seem a bit lost here.

23 MR MUNYARD: It should be, your Honour. Page 38046.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Now I have found it, thank you.

14:39:41 25 THE WITNESS: Please, please, can you carry on. Can you  
26 put the page up, please? Can you put it up?

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] I think he was  
28 speaking to the Court Attendant.

29 MR MUNYARD: I was just about to say I don't think it is me

1 who the witness is addressing:

2 Q. Have you got the page in front of you there, Mr Camara?

3 A. Yes, I have the page.

4 Q. Why didn't you tell them in the first interview, the second  
14:40:08 5 interview, the third interview, or the fourth interview, that Ali  
6 Kabbah was actually the leader of the Sierra Leoneans who were in  
7 Libya when you got there?

8 A. I told them.

9 Q. Not in the first four interviews. You were making it plain  
14:40:40 10 to the investigators that Foday Sankoh was always the leader of  
11 the Sierra Leoneans, weren't you?

12 A. He asked me a question and I replied in the same way.  
13 I answered exactly the - in the way they put the question to me.

14 Q. What was their question?

14:41:14 15 A. I don't know, but I answered the way they put the question  
16 to me.

17 Q. Well, did they ask you who was the leader of the Sierra  
18 Leoneans when you arrived in Tripoli?

19 A. I think they asked me who was the leader of the Sierra  
14:41:50 20 Leoneans and I answered.

21 Q. You gave them the wrong answer if you gave the name of  
22 Foday Sankoh, didn't you?

23 A. I don't know. I know that Foday Sankoh was the leader.

24 Q. When was he the leader?

14:42:14 25 A. Since Ali Kabbah left because I don't know Ali Kabbah.  
26 When I arrived in Libya, at that time already it is Foday Sankoh  
27 who was the leader of the Sierra Leoneans and then it is  
28 afterwards, later that I learned it was Ali Kabbah who was the  
29 leader in the first place.

1 Q. You didn't learn that Foday Sankoh was the leader of the  
2 Sierra Leoneans until you were in Burkina Faso, did you?

3 A. It was at that time he was just acting. He started being  
4 the leader, real leader, in Burkina Faso. That is what my leader  
14:43:29 5 himself told me.

6 Q. When was he just acting? When and where?

7 A. I don't - I don't know. I am telling you what my leader  
8 told me, the way he told me. I am just repeating what he said,  
9 he told me.

14:43:54 10 Q. Isn't it the truth that you didn't see Foday Sankoh in  
11 Libya any more than you saw Charles Taylor in Libya? Isn't that  
12 the truth?

13 A. I have seen Foday.

14 Q. And in telling the investigators that you were telling them  
14:44:15 15 what you thought they wanted to hear. That is what I suggest,  
16 Mr Camara. What do you say to that?

17 A. Ali Kabbah was the first leader.

18 Q. I am talking about [overlapping speakers]. I am sorry,  
19 Madam Interpreter, you were still translating.

14:44:49 20 A. I was just saying that I heard - I had been told that Ali  
21 Kabbah was the first leader.

22 Q. I would like you to look, please, at tab 5 again,  
23 page 38047, and before we get to the passage I want to direct you  
24 to in detail I just want to take you through part of that page.

14:45:21 25 The second paragraph says that in approximately April or May of  
26 1991 you left Libya for Burkina Faso, is that right?

27 A. Yes, that is right. Yes, I left at that time. It was some  
28 time in 1991.

29 Q. Thank you. That was in the third group who left Libya, is



1 that correct?

2 A. No, it was the recruiters. They went in group and then  
3 that is how we went to Libya - we left Libya.

4 Q. Were you in the third group to leave Libya, yes or no?

14:46:24 5 A. Where? To go where?

6 Q. To go to, in this instance, Burkina Faso?

7 A. Yes, yes, I went together with them to Burkina Faso.

8 Q. Can I say I have just noticed on the screen that my  
9 clarification of my question hasn't appeared and it says

14:46:49 10 "microphone not activated". In fact, my microphone is on, but it  
11 doesn't seem to be always picking up.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Munyard, this is exactly what we were  
13 trying to rectify before and we got instructions from the booth  
14 requesting you to pause a little after the witness has answered  
14:47:10 15 to give them time to switch back to you. If you jump in  
16 immediately after his answer this is exactly what happens: We  
17 lose your answer, or your question. We lose your question if you  
18 don't give it that split second pause between his answer and your  
19 next question.

14:47:30 20 MR MUNYARD: Your Honour, I now follow. Of course what it  
21 does mean is there is almost no flow to any of the  
22 cross-examination, but I am afraid we are reduced to that if the  
23 technology can't cope with a question that follows an answer.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What I don't know, and I did ask in the  
14:47:49 25 break, is whether in fact your voice is captured on the audio in  
26 any event, but just doesn't show on the LiveNote and I am not  
27 sure what happens. It may or it may not be captured.

28 MR MUNYARD: I will try to be as slow as is necessary, with  
29 regret:

1 Q. Can I just go back to that question, please, Mr Camara.  
2 Did you leave Libya for Burkina Faso in the third group, or not?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Thank you. Go down to the next paragraph on that page,  
14:48:35 5 "Dr Manneh met them the next day after their arrival in Burkina  
6 Faso." Is that what it says?

7 A. Yes, that is it.

8 Q. And you were surprised that there were no other Gambians  
9 there, is that right?

14:48:59 10 A. If I said that Gambians, there were no Gambians there, but  
11 there were not many of them but I found a few of them there.

12 Q. Well, don't worry about the numbers. I am just confirming  
13 the sequence of events as set out on this page. When Dr Manneh  
14 met you in Burkina Faso did he explain - I am now looking at the  
14:49:27 15 next paragraph - that you and the 16 Gambians would be going for  
16 communications training?

17 A. Yes, that is what he told us.

18 Q. As part of your quest to overthrow the Gambian government.  
19 I just want you to confirm --

14:49:53 20 A. Yes, indeed.

21 Q. -- that that is what is on the page. Then the final  
22 paragraph on that page reads as follows, "Dr Manneh, subsequent  
23 to the above meeting," that is the meeting in Burkina Faso, then  
24 in brackets it says, "(Still in Ouagadougou)", the capital of  
14:50:22 25 Burkina Faso where you were, is that right, Ouagadougou?

26 A. No, the meeting you are talking about I was not present at  
27 that meeting.

28 Q. Well, I am going to finish the page before we go back and  
29 dissect it as we now have to do. Let me read the whole of that

1 Last paragraph to you:

2 "Dr Manneh, subsequent to the above meeting (still in  
3 Ouagadougou), told the witness that there had been a meeting  
4 between himself, Charles Taylor and Foday Sankoh while in Burkina  
14:51:05 5 Faso. Foday Sankoh was now the acting commander of the RUF as  
6 Ali Kabbah had absconded with a large sum of money that he had  
7 been given in Libya."

8 A. Yes, it is Dr Manneh who told me that he met with those  
9 people in Burkina Faso.

14:51:37 10 Q. We are going to have to go back and look at the meeting  
11 that is being referred to on page 38047. Go back to the middle  
12 of the page, please, the paragraph that reads, "Dr Manneh met  
13 them the next day after their arrival in Burkina Faso." Do you  
14 see that?

14:51:58 15 A. Which paragraph are you talking about?

16 Q. Right in the middle of the page.

17 A. Yes, okay, yes. Yes, I see the paragraph.

18 Q. Thank you. It is describing what happened after you  
19 arrived in Burkina Faso with your 16 Gambian colleagues, isn't  
14:52:35 20 it?

21 A. Yes, exactly.

22 Q. Dr Manneh met you, in other words he had a meeting with  
23 you, yes?

24 A. Yes, that is true.

14:52:55 25 Q. And in that meeting he told you that the other Gambians  
26 from the first group had already left Burkina Faso. Do you  
27 agree?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. He told you that the Gambians in the SOFA movement were not

1 yet ready to overthrow their government. Do you agree that that  
2 is what he said?

3 A. No, no, no. It is not exactly that. He said that we  
4 didn't have enough manpower and enough means for the time being.

14:53:47 5 Q. Therefore, you were not ready yet to overthrow the Gambian  
6 government, the 16 or 21 of you, however many there were. Was  
7 that right?

8 A. No, no, no. We were not 16. There were not 16. The ones  
9 that you are talking about were still in Liberia. We are not  
14:54:14 10 yet - we didn't total 16.

11 Q. We will not worry about the numbers. I am talking about  
12 the meeting that Dr Manneh held with you the day after you  
13 arrived in Burkina Faso. I am not too worried about the detail  
14 of it, but I think you do agree that he did have a meeting with  
14:54:39 15 you and discussed what you were going to be doing next, is that  
16 right?

17 A. Yes, yes. We had a meeting with Dr Manneh.

18 Q. Go to the next paragraph down, please. In this meeting he  
19 further explained that you and the 16 other Gambians would be  
14:55:04 20 going for communications training.

21 A. That is what he told me.

22 Q. Then you would be joined by your, "Gambian brothers in  
23 Liberia as well as other foreign troops," in your quest to  
24 overthrow the Gambian government, yes?

14:55:29 25 A. Yes, that is true.

26 Q. Then the next paragraph reads, "Dr Manneh, subsequent to  
27 the above meeting (still Ouagadougou)," told you about a meeting  
28 he had had while he was in Burkina Faso with Charles Taylor and  
29 Foday Sankoh. Do you agree that is what it says?

1 A. Yes, yes, that is what he told me.

2 Q. It goes on to say this, "Foday Sankoh was now the acting  
3 commander of the RUF as Ali Kabbah had absconded with a large sum  
4 of money."

14:56:20 5 A. Yes, that is what he said.

6 Q. So he is telling you, following meeting you the day after  
7 you arrived in Burkina Faso in 1991, that Foday Sankoh is now the  
8 acting commander of the RUF, isn't he?

9 A. Yes, yes, he told me that Foday Sankoh was the commander of  
14:56:55 10 the RUF.

11 Q. "Now the acting commander of the RUF."

12 A. At that time he was the commander of the RUF, acting  
13 commander of the RUF.

14 Q. Yes, acting commander, so it wasn't until 1991, when you  
14:57:30 15 were in Burkina Faso, that you are told by your leader that Foday  
16 Sankoh has now taken over as acting leader of the RUF. That is  
17 what you told the investigators in May of last year, isn't it?

18 A. What do you mean? For you what does "acting" mean exactly?  
19 He was - I think he was the commander. I don't know, how do you  
14:58:10 20 understand "acting"?

21 Q. Mr Camara, the word "acting commander", "acting" is your  
22 word as recorded by the investigators who were interviewing you  
23 over three days in May, including Mr Werner who is sitting across  
24 the courtroom from you. It is not for me to explain what  
14:58:36 25 "acting" means. It was your own word. You explain to us,  
26 please?

27 A. I don't speak English. I have not learnt English and my  
28 English is not so good, so I told them in English.

29 Q. What did you tell them in English?

1 A. I told them that at that time it was Sankoh who was acting  
2 as commander of RUF, so that means that Foday Sankoh was the  
3 leader of the RUF. That is what I said.

4 Q. Can you think of any reason why the investigators have  
14:59:47 5 written down "acting leader" and, when it was read back to you,  
6 you didn't tell them to change the expression from "acting  
7 leader" to "leader"?

8 A. The way I understand it, the way I understand it is if the  
9 first leader run away, the one who is acting commander is in  
15:00:28 10 fact - he is, indeed, acting as the commander because the first  
11 one was not present, he had run away, so the one who was  
12 immediate commander was Sankoh. That is what I said, so maybe  
13 the way I tell them in English, they must have written it that  
14 way and that is why you have "acting".

15:00:57 15 Q. Yes, you said - whatever words you used to convey that  
16 meaning, you said that Dr Manneh told you that Foday Sankoh was  
17 "now the acting commander of the RUF", meaning now in April or  
18 May of 1991?

19 A. I would like to say that - what do you want to say exactly?  
15:01:39 20 If I said that Foday Sankoh was acting as commander, how do you  
21 want me to explain that? He was acting as the commander. How do  
22 you understand it?

23 Q. When do you say he became the official leader of the RUF?

24 A. It is in Burkina that he became the actual leader.

15:02:13 25 Q. And when did you learn that?

26 A. It is my leader, Dr Manneh, who told me that it was Foday  
27 Sankoh who was the leader.

28 Q. Not the acting leader but the official, actual leader.

29 A. I have told you, that is what happened in Burkina Faso.

1 Q. Where were you when that happened?

2 A. The meeting took place before I arrived in Burkina.

3 Q. Where were you when Dr Manneh told you that Sankoh was now  
4 the official leader of the RUF?

15:03:28 5 A. At that time I was in Burkina.

6 MR MUNYARD: Would you turn, please, Madam Court Attendant,  
7 to page 38051, still in tab 5:

8 Q. Do you have that, Mr Camara? Is it on the screen in front  
9 of you?

15:04:14 10 A. Yes, yes, I have it.

11 Q. This is dealing with the time when you arrived in Liberia  
12 and I think you came to Liberia from La Cote D'Ivoire, did you  
13 not?

14 A. Yes, I arrived in Liberia from Cote d'Ivoire.

15:04:43 15 Q. When do you say you arrived in Liberia from Cote d'Ivoire?

16 A. I think - I don't know the exact month. It was in the end  
17 of 1991.

18 Q. End of 1991, very close to the beginning of 1992. Would  
19 you agree with that?

15:05:19 20 A. Yes, it must be some time around 1992, or maybe October,  
21 November, September, October, some time around that period. By  
22 end of 1991 anyhow.

23 Q. The first paragraph on that page deals with a meeting that  
24 was held in Gbarnga that was attended by you and other Gambians  
15:05:56 25 in Liberia. Do you agree that is what the first paragraph deals  
26 with?

27 A. No, I didn't say that Liberians were there. I said it was  
28 the meeting of - it was Gambians meeting there.

29 Q. Don't worry. I don't think either of us said there were

1 Liberians there, but we can move on. The next paragraph is also  
2 dealing with what happened at that meeting, do you agree?

3 A. Yes, that is what I said.

4 Q. The third paragraph, I want to ask you about the second  
15:06:51 5 sentence of the third paragraph, which is in the middle of the  
6 third line, "The witness learned of the invasion into Sierra  
7 Leone in this meeting." So it was not until late 1991, close to  
8 the beginning of 1992, that you heard of the invasion into Sierra  
9 Leone, is that correct?

15:07:25 10 A. 199 - can you please repeat what you said?

11 Q. Certainly. I will read out what has been written as your  
12 account, "The witness learned of the invasion into Sierra Leone  
13 in this meeting as Ibrahim Bah and Landing Jammeh had just  
14 arrived from Sierra Leone where they had fought alongside the  
15:07:57 15 RUF." So is it right that it wasn't until very late in 1991 that  
16 you learned of the invasion into Sierra Leone by the RUF?

17 A. I said before I arrived in Liberia the invasion had already  
18 taken place into Sierra Leone.

19 Q. So are you saying that the investigators have got yet  
15:08:30 20 another thing wrong in the account that you have given them?

21 A. This - I have said - this is the statement I gave them.

22 Q. Mr Camara, will you just read that sentence to yourself  
23 again and let me know when you have finished reading it.

24 A. Which sentence, please?

15:09:20 25 Q. All right, I will read it out, "The witness learned of the  
26 invasion into Sierra Leone in this meeting as Ibrahim Bah and  
27 Landing Jammeh had just arrived from Sierra Leone where they  
28 fought alongside the RUF."

29 A. That meeting you are talking about, I said that that



1 meeting with Ibrahim Bah and Landing Jammeh, they came from  
2 Sierra Leone and attended the meeting.

15:10:24 3 Q. Did you or didn't you tell the investigators that you  
4 learned of the invasion into Sierra Leone in this meeting in late  
5 1991 or early 1992, in Gbarnga?

6 A. Before I left for Liberia I knew that the invasion had  
7 already taken place in Sierra Leone because I don't know exactly  
8 when I went there, but at that time the war had already started  
9 at the time I was going to Liberia.

15:11:06 10 Q. So why did you tell the investigators that you learned of  
11 the investigation [sic] into Sierra Leone in this meeting in late  
12 1991?

13 A. I have not seen that in this document and I have not said  
14 that to them.

15:11:33 15 Q. So they have got that wrong, yes or no?

16 A. What I said is - what I said is that Landing Jammeh,  
17 Ibrahim Bah, when they left Sierra Leone it is at that moment  
18 that the invasion took place in Sierra Leone and they came to  
19 attend this meeting.

15:12:13 20 Q. So the investigators have got wrong what you were telling  
21 them, yes or no?

22 A. I have not seen that in this statement.

23 Q. Would you answer my question, please, Mr Camara?

24 A. I said I didn't say that. I said that Landing Jammeh -  
15:12:47 25 when Landing Jammeh and Ibrahim Bah came the invasion had already  
26 taken place in Sierra Leone.

27 Q. So the investigators have got it wrong, have they, yes or  
28 no, last time?

29 A. Yes, if it is the statement they didn't write down what

1 I said.

2 Q. So when they read it back to you why didn't you protest and  
3 say, "I didn't say that to you. You have got that wrong, I want  
4 to correct it"?

15:13:33 5 A. I don't remember at that time. Maybe I missed it at that  
6 time.

7 Q. The truth is that in 1991 you had spent some time in  
8 Burkina Faso and some time in the Gambia trying to recruit more  
9 people to your revolutionary group, hadn't you?

15:14:09 10 A. Yes, exact, I have spent that time in Burkina. I spent  
11 most of the time in 1991 in Burkina.

12 Q. You spent several months in the Gambia, didn't you?

13 A. Yes, I spent some time in Gambia.

14 Q. You were not really aware of what was happening in Sierra  
15 Leone at that stage, were you?

16 A. Yes, the time I went to Gambia - no, no, I didn't know what  
17 was happening in Sierra Leone. It is when I arrived there that  
18 I heard that a fight was going on in Sierra Leone.

19 Q. When you arrived in Libya - sorry, in Liberia?

15:15:07 20 A. No, since when I was in Burkina already.

21 Q. Right, final paragraph, please, on that page. Tell us if  
22 the investigators have got this right or wrong:

23 "The witness learned that Sankoh was now the official  
24 leader of the RUF and observed that there was a close  
15:15:36 25 collaboration between the NPFL and the RUF."

26 Have the investigators recorded that correctly, or is that  
27 another of their many mistakes?

28 A. Yes, that is what I said.

29 Q. So you learned in Gbarnga in Liberia, in late 1991, that

1 Sankoh was now the actual, or official leader of the RUF?

2 A. That is what I heard.

3 Q. And you didn't know that until Gbarnga at the end of 1991?

4 A. Yes, it was at that time indeed.

15:16:53 5 Q. And the time that you were in Libya, whatever years you  
6 claim to have been in Libya, you only knew Ali Kabbah as the RUF  
7 leader, didn't you?

8 A. I told you that I have not met Ali Kabbah personally.

9 I have not seen Ali Kabbah at that moment.

15:17:39 10 Q. Can you just help us with this: I want to know how long  
11 you say you were in Burkina Faso and how long you were in Gambia  
12 during 1991?

13 A. I cannot tell you the number of months I spent in Burkina,  
14 but in Gambia I stayed there, well, some two months and a few

15:18:11 15 days. Two months, according to my estimations, but the number of  
16 months I spent in Burkina I just can't tell you the exact number.

17 Q. When do you think you went back to Burkina from the Gambia?

18 A. Maybe in end of 1991 because I went to Liberia not long -  
19 no, sometimes soon after that. I would say around November, but  
15:19:08 20 I cannot give you an exact estimation. It was around end 1991.

21 Q. When you go to Liberia for the first time you go straight  
22 to Gbarnga, is that right?

23 A. Yes, yes. Since we left Burkina and the airport, from  
24 [indiscernible] airport we went directly to Gbarnga. Yes, the  
15:19:53 25 time we spent in - on our journey.

26 Q. And then you go to the logging company, ATCO, for two weeks  
27 on your first TDY, is that correct?

28 A. Yes, that is correct.

29 Q. If you would have a look, please, at tab 6, page 41698,

1 which is the first page in tab 6. Do you have that page on the  
2 screen, Mr Camara?

3 A. Yes, yes, I have the page.

4 Q. This is another interview with you on 25 July last year.

15:21:23 5 The investigator was Chris Morris, who you already knew. Also  
6 present was Alain Werner, who you already knew, and Ms Hollis,  
7 Brenda Hollis, who is one of the lawyers sitting at the back of  
8 the Court who you no doubt recognise now, is that right?

9 A. Yes.

15:21:49 10 Q. This is called a "Clarification and Proofing Interview".

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In other words, you were asked to make clear some of the  
13 things you had said in the five previous interviews and then a  
14 process of proofing, whatever that amounts to, took place. If

15:22:23 15 you look at the first paragraph, have the investigators correctly  
16 recorded this, "The witness stated that his first two weeks at  
17 ATCO were after New Year's just after he arrived in Liberia."

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. First of all, is that recorded as I have read out?

15:23:00 20 A. Yes, it is written there.

21 Q. Is that what you said to the investigators?

22 A. Yes, that is what I said.

23 Q. So we know that you arrived in Liberia around New Year  
24 1991/1992, correct?

15:23:34 25 A. What I said, it was after New Year that I went there,  
26 around by New Year. It was by end of the year, by the end of the  
27 year that I arrived in Liberia because it is after New Year that  
28 I went with Mustapha on an assignment. I remember that because  
29 that was up to New Year's, two weeks after New Year's, because

1 New Year we were in Liberia.

2 Q. This was your first TDY?

3 A. First TDY when I entered Liberia.

4 Q. Yes. All Mustapha Jallow was doing in those days was  
15:24:33 5 providing security for the workers at the logging company. That  
6 is right, isn't it?

7 A. Yes, that is right.

8 Q. Is it right that you went back for a second TDY later on in  
9 1992 for about two months, back again to join Mustapha Jallow at  
15:25:06 10 the logging companies?

11 A. Yes, indeed. I went there for a second TDY.

12 Q. And, again, all Mustapha Jallow was doing during 1992 was  
13 providing security for the loggers?

14 A. Yes, correct.

15:25:34 15 Q. Whereabouts do you say this was in Lofa County where these  
16 logging companies were?

17 THE INTERPRETER: Could the witness repeat, please, the  
18 answer?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter asks if you  
15:26:02 20 would please repeat your answer.

21 THE WITNESS: The logging company is - it is called Zorzor.

22 MR MUNYARD:

23 Q. So is this both of these logging companies? There is ATCO  
24 and FATCO as I understand it. I will repeat that. Sorry, Mr  
15:26:34 25 Camara, I have to repeat it for the tape. Is this both of the  
26 logging companies, ATCO and FATCO? Are they both in Zorzor?

27 A. Yes, they are both at the same place.

28 Q. Thank you. By that do you mean that they are physically  
29 very close to one another?

1 A. No, no, no, not very close.

2 Q. How far apart?

3 A. They are both places together. The residence are at the  
4 same place. It is only those two companies that are in that  
15:27:29 5 area.

6 Q. On both of those TDYs, the two week TDY and the two month  
7 TDY, all you were involved in doing was helping Mustapha Jallow  
8 provide security to the logging companies?

9 A. Yes, yes, to ensure the security in the logging companies.

15:28:02 10 Q. Can you help us with this: That you only did three TDYs  
11 al together?

12 A. Yes, three TDYs at Lofa.

13 Q. Three TDYs al together in the whole of your time in Liberia?

14 A. I had three TDYs in Lofa.

15:28:30 15 Q. And no other TDYs anywhere else in Liberia, is that  
16 correct?

17 A. I had another TDY at Dabba [sic] as an Executive Mansion  
18 Guard.

19 MR WERNER: Sorry to interrupt, your Honours. Can we have  
15:28:59 20 the name, the location of the other TDY, because it is Dabba on  
21 the screen and I doubt it will be Dabba. Can we have just the  
22 name, please?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, are you aware of the correct  
24 spelling of this name, or shall I ask the witness to spell it?

15:29:16 25 MR MUNYARD: I would like the witness to spell it, please.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you mentioned a place  
27 pronounced Dabba. Can you spell it if you know how to spell the  
28 name?

29 THE WITNESS: No, I didn't say Dabba. Gbarnga, Gbarnga.

1 It is Gbarnga. It is Gbarnga, I said Gbarnga.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Witness.

3 MR MUNYARD:

15:30:06

4 Q. When was the second TDY that you went on in Lofa to assist  
5 Mustapha Jallow providing security to the logging companies?

6 A. That was in 1992.

7 Q. Yes, when in 1992?

15:30:50

8 A. I left Lofa after - two weeks after New Year's. I came to  
9 Gbatala at Cobra Base. I had the first training then back to  
10 Lofa. According to my estimations it was - leaving Lofa and  
11 getting back, coming back, let us say three weeks.

12 Q. Is that three weeks between the two TDYs?

13 A. Almost three months.

14 Q. So during those TDYs in Lofa you saw no fighting?

15:31:40

15 A. No, there was no fighting in Lofa at that time.

16 Q. When do you say that ULIMO captured Zorzor?

17 A. It might be by end of 1992.

18 Q. But you were back from your second TDY by then.

19 A. Yes, I was at Cobra at that time.

15:32:28

20 Q. Now, I want to ask you a little about Cobra Base.

21 Cobra Base was an advanced commando training base, wasn't it?

22 A. Advanced commando base training, indeed.

23 Q. And there were no SBUs being trained at Cobra?

24 A. In my statement I said that they were not trained there.

15:33:05

25 Q. So you agree that there were no SBUs at Cobra Base?

26 A. No, that is where - in fact, that is where they were  
27 trained.

28 Q. Well, were they or weren't they? You have now given us two  
29 completely contradictory answers in relation to SBUs and

1 Cobra Base, which one is the Court to accept as accurate, if  
2 either?

3 A. No, no, no, I didn't say that.

4 Q. Mr Camara, you have said there were no SBUs trained at  
15:33:57 5 Cobra Base and then you have gone on to say yes, they were  
6 trained at Cobra Base; which one of those two propositions is  
7 accurate?

8 A. They were trained in Cobra Base. Advanced training, it was  
9 in Cobra Base.

15:34:24 10 Q. We know that is what Cobra Base was for, but I am  
11 suggesting that there were no SBUs trained there, something you  
12 agreed with a couple of minutes ago. Do you agree now, 25 to 4?

13 A. I said - you are asking me questions about Libya. I told  
14 you SBUs were not trained in Libya. Cobra Base - the questions  
15:35:00 15 about Cobra Base was put to me, I think, on Friday. I myself  
16 was - the SBUs - were trained SBUs in Cobra Base. I was there  
17 myself.

18 Q. Mr Camara, I have not said anything to you just now about  
19 Libya. Where do you get Libya from?

15:35:41 20 A. You are referring to statements made saying that the SBUs  
21 were trained in Libya, that it is part of the curriculum.  
22 I don't know if you are referring to a previous statement, but  
23 I never said that the SBUs were not trained at Cobra Base in  
24 Liberia.

15:36:29 25 Q. You did say that very thing about five minutes ago.

26 A. No, no, I have not told you that and I have not read it  
27 anywhere.

28 JUDGE LUSSICK: Perhaps I can repeat - if this will help,  
29 I can repeat what the witness said. Going back to page 116, it



1 is from line 20. The question was:

2 "Q. Now, I want to ask you a little about Cobra Base.

3 Cobra Base was an advanced commando training base, wasn't  
4 it?

15:37:18 5 A. Advanced commando base training, indeed.

6 Q. And there were no SBUs being trained at Cobra?

7 A. In my statement I said that they were not trained  
8 there."

9 That is the evidence that is on record.

15:37:39 10 MR WERNER: Sorry, your Honour, to interrupt here. I just  
11 want to make clear that we do not know what translation was made  
12 on that question to the witness. We do not know. We have had  
13 interpretation problems before.

14 JUDGE LUSSICK: I can't assume that the record is wrong.

15:37:59 15 MR WERNER: I agree with you, your Honour, but I just want  
16 to make that clear: That we do not know what interpretation was  
17 made to the witness. That is just what I wanted to say.

18 MR MUNYARD: On the basis of that objection none of this  
19 evidence is reliable whatsoever. I am afraid that the logic of  
15:38:15 20 Mr Werner's objection at that point, if it be an objection, is  
21 that as we don't know what the translation is none of the  
22 transcript is of any real value and so I am not going to dwell on  
23 this point, but I think the Court has the point:

24 Q. In fact, I am going to move off that for now, Mr Camara,  
15:38:49 25 and I am going to ask you about something else. You were  
26 initially at Gbarnga. We know that you then have two TDYs with a  
27 man who you told us last week was your nephew, Mustapha Jallow.  
28 Is that right, is he your nephew?

29 A. Yes, exactly. It is our tradition. He is my nephew.

1 Q. Then when you come back you go to Cobra Base and where is  
2 the next place that you go to after Cobra Base?

3 A. I had three TDYs in Lofa. The first one for two weeks, the  
4 second one almost two to three months and the third one in Lofa,  
15:40:00 5 that was the LDF operation. Since that Gbarnga fell. I had a  
6 fourth TDY somewhere else in --

7 THE INTERPRETER: Can he repeat the name?

8 THE WITNESS: That were the four TDYs I had.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, would you please repeat the  
10 name of the third TDY? Fourth, sorry, fourth.

11 THE WITNESS: At EMG, Executive Mansion Ground. After  
12 Gbarnga had fallen, after Gbarnga had fallen I left the place.

13 MR MUNYARD:

14 Q. I am going to ask you a little more detail about your work  
15:41:10 15 in these various places. When you first went to Cobra Base,  
16 which I think is after the first TDY at ATCO and FATCO, were you  
17 given a rank?

18 A. I already had - I had the rank of captain when I went to  
19 Cobra.

15:41:37 20 Q. And what organisation were you a member of in which you had  
21 the rank of captain?

22 A. The - Charles Taylor's NPFL.

23 Q. So you were appointed a captain in the NPFL in 1992, is  
24 that what you are telling the Court?

15:42:10 25 A. Yes, yes. I was captain at that time.

26 Q. Are you aware that no members of the NPFL were given any  
27 ranks until 1994?

28 A. When the fight started people had rank. The one sitting  
29 next to you knows that very well.

1 Q. We are not interested in the one sitting next to me, or  
2 even the one sitting behind me. We want to know the answers from  
3 you, please, Mr Camara. It is right, is it not, that no ranks  
4 were given out in the NPFL until 1994?

15:43:11 5 A. At that time Charles Taylor had his own administration at  
6 that time. He had ministers, he had generals, he had his own  
7 administration, so the way he had that he had also - there were  
8 also ranks between the troops.

9 Q. You say he had his own ministers, at what time are we  
15:43:43 10 talking?

11 A. Since 1991 at that time, at that time already he had them.

12 Q. Who was the Defence Minister at that time?

13 A. At that time it was Daniel --

14 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, I didn't get the name. Daniel  
15:44:14 15 Teah?

16 MR MUNYARD:

17 Q. You say it was Daniel?

18 A. Daniel Teah.

19 MR MUNYARD: Would your Honours give me just a moment?

15:44:49 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, before we move on to the next  
21 question can we have the spelling please?

22 MR MUNYARD: Certainly:

23 Q. Would you like to spell the last name of the man you say  
24 was Defence Minister in 1991?

15:45:09 25 A. Daniel, D-A-N-I-E-L, Daniel. Teah, T-E-A-H.

26 Q. Thank you. Who was the Minister of the Interior at that  
27 time?

28 A. At that time I was interested mostly in the Defence  
29 Minister, but I had nothing to do with the Minister of the

1 Interior. I know that he had ministers, but I had no business  
2 with the others.

3 Q. So are you saying you don't know the name of the Minister  
4 of the Interior at that time?

15:46:11 5 A. I don't know the name of the Minister of Interior at that  
6 time.

7 Q. Do you know the name of the commander of the presidential  
8 guard at that time?

9 A. At that time it was Cassius Jacobs, Chief of Staff, mansion  
15:46:47 10 bodyguard.

11 Q. The commander of the presidential guard was what I asked  
12 you. Do you know who the commander of the presidential guard was  
13 then?

14 A. I know the Chief of Staff. He is the commander, the Chief  
15:47:07 15 of Staff.

16 Q. That is the name that you have just given us, is it?

17 A. That is Cassius Jacobs.

18 Q. Who was the aide-de-camp at that time?

19 A. It was Eddie - no, in fact, it was General Jackson and  
15:47:38 20 Musang Yai. Those were the personal aide-de-camp. There were  
21 other aide-de-camps, but those were his personal aide-de-camps.

22 Q. Who was the Minister of State at that time?

23 A. I don't know their names. I have forgotten the names, but  
24 the names I have given you, I know those ones, but I have  
15:48:14 25 forgotten the others.

26 Q. Do you know the name of the police commander at that time?

27 A. There was a police commander, but I don't know his name.

28 It was somebody from Congo. He belonged to the Congo tribe, the  
29 Congo tribe, but I don't remember his name.

1 Q. So it was a man, not a woman?

2 A. Yes, it was a man.

3 Q. Do you know who was the commander of the Lofa region at  
4 that time?

15:48:57 5 A. I think the highest command ranking officer in Lofa, when  
6 I arrived in Lofa, was Mustapha Jallow. He was also commander of  
7 the special forces throughout Lofa.

8 Q. What, Mustapha Jallow was? Is that what you are telling  
9 us?

15:49:31 10 A. At that time he was the highest ranking officer in Lofa.

11 Q. This is the man who had previously been involved in  
12 guarding two logging companies with you as his part-time  
13 assistant. Is that what you are telling us?

14 A. Yes, yes, he is the one.

15:49:57 15 Q. Do you know who the military police commander was at that  
16 time?

17 A. The military commander was at Gbarnga. I think it was  
18 Michael Peager.

19 Q. Finally, are you able to tell us who the Chief of Staff at  
15:50:28 20 Mansion Ground was at that time?

21 A. At that time it was Cassius Jacobs who was Chief of Staff  
22 at Mansion Ground to my knowledge.

23 Q. Mr Camara, I suggest to you that you have got none of those  
24 names correct. You are wrong in the case of every single one.

15:51:02 25 A. What I know - I am just telling you what I know. The names  
26 I have given you, ask the man who is sitting next to you if it is  
27 true or not.

28 Q. Mr Camara, hold on a moment, please. We have had enough of  
29 your references to the man sitting next to me, by which I think

1 you mean the man sitting behind me. Would you please restrict  
2 yourself to answering the questions and not making comments about  
3 anybody sitting anywhere near me. Do you understand?

15:51:59

4 A. He was my commander in chief, so if I have to say something  
5 I refer to him.

6 Q. He is no longer your commander in chief. I am asking you  
7 the questions, please just reply to the questions I am asking  
8 you.

15:52:19

9 Now, do you think that your memory might be at fault in  
10 listing the names that you have just given us as office holders  
11 under Mr Taylor at the time you are first at Gbarnga and, indeed,  
12 at Cobra Base? Do you think you might have got some of them  
13 wrong, in other words?

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14 A. You asked me the names at that time. I answered, I gave  
15 you the names of the person I knew who filled those positions.  
16 I have not forgotten what I said.

17 Q. Do you think you might have got some of them wrong?

18 A. That is what you think. I don't think so.

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19 Q. You told us yesterday I think it was, maybe the day before,  
20 Friday, that Jack the Rebel was Chief of Staff of the marines.  
21 Do you remember saying that?

22 A. Yes, that is what I said.

23 Q. I want to suggest that you are wrong on that, that he was  
24 never Chief of Staff of the marines?

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25 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours. Can we have a date,  
26 because he gave several Chief of Staff of Strike Force Marine  
27 Division and so can we just have a date for that commander?

28 MR MUNYARD: Yes, the date is never, as in the question:

29 A. Jack the Rebel, he was not the first Chief of Staff. He

1 didn't - the first Chief of Staff was Nixon Gaye. Nixon Gaye was  
2 killed by Charles Taylor. It is at that time that Jack the Rebel  
3 became Chief of Staff.

15:54:39 4 Q. Well I am suggesting you are wrong on that and I am going  
5 to put to you a name of the person who I say was Chief of Staff  
6 after Nixon Gaye, but first of all I am just going to check the  
7 spelling of it.

8 A. When Nixon Gaye left it was Jack the Rebel who became  
9 second Chief of Staff. Staff Strike Force Marine.

15:55:21 10 Q. Yes, the person who took over was Melvyn Sogbandi,  
11 SOGBANDI. What do you say about that?

12 A. No, no. It is when Jack the Rebel left that Sogbandi  
13 became Chief of Staff.

14 Q. Have you ever heard of Melvyn Sogbandi?

15:56:00 15 A. Yes, I know Sogbandi. Yes.

16 Q. And he is the person who took over, I suggest, after Nixon  
17 Gaye?

18 A. No, it is [indiscernible]. No.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What was that, Madam Interpreter? It is  
15:56:28 20 what?

21 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, it is no. It is Mandinka hani.  
22 Sorry, it is no.

23 MR MUNYARD: Did I understand Madam Interpreter correctly?  
24 Is it a person called Mandinka Hani, or is the Mandinka word for  
15:56:42 25 no hani?

26 THE INTERPRETER: It is the Mandinka word for no. It is  
27 no.

28 MR MUNYARD: Right, thank you. I am going to move off  
29 names to try and simplify matters:

1 Q. Let us move on to ULIMO, please, Mr Camara. ULIMO had  
2 complete control of the whole of the western side of Liberia from  
3 the end of 1992 right through to 1996, do you agree?

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4 A. Yes, I do. Sorry, it is the northern part you are talking  
5 about? Is it Lofa you are talking about?

6 Q. Let me explain. The western side of Liberia - hang on.  
7 Lofa County, Grand - it is getting towards the end of the day and  
8 I am afraid I am running out of county names. (I am very  
9 grateful. I was going to ask him to be shown a map. Could the  
10 witness be shown exhibit D1, please. Thank you. If you can  
11 bring that - Madam Court Attendant, could you bring it down a  
12 little? Thank you. Then are you able to magnify the part that  
13 is surrounded in pink? Thank you.) Lofa County, do you see that  
14 Mr Camara? We have got the whole of Lofa County.

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15 A. Yes, I have seen it.

16 Q. Bopulo, Bomi and Grand Cape Mount. Now, all of that was  
17 controlled by ULIMO between the end of 1992 all the way through  
18 to 1996 when ULIMO merged with the NPFL. Do you agree?

19 A. No, I do not agree.

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20 Q. You don't agree. Do you know someone called Varmuyan  
21 Sherri f?

22 A. No, I don't know that person.

23 Q. He is the man who drew the pink line on this map.

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24 A. I don't know if he is the one who made it. In fact,  
25 I was - the man called Yayha from Gambia. That guy was killed in  
26 Zorzor. That is the person I know.

27 Q. Don't worry too much about who you knew from this time.  
28 I want you to tell us what do you disagree with about that  
29 boundary. That boundary, I suggest, is the area that was



1 controlled by ULIMO from 1992 to 1996?

2 A. Our operation in 1993, we controlled some parts of Lofa at  
3 that time. The boundaries, how can Lofa then be in this place?

4 We controlled part of that area, from Zorzor to Lofa from --

16:01:34 5 Q. From Zorzor to where?

6 A. To Lofa.

7 Q. Show us Lofa on the map.

8 A. You see where I have my pen?

9 Q. Just below Gorlu?

16:02:06 10 A. Yes, yes. Our CP was in Gorlu.

11 Q. What is a CP?

12 A. Command post.

13 Q. Right. And when do you say you had a command post there?

14 A. Our operational defence force, the ones headed by

16:02:34 15 Charles Taylor.

16 Q. Well the Lofa Defence Force was set up by local Lofa  
17 citizens, wasn't it? That is right, isn't it, Mr Camara?

18 A. Yes, yes, that is what you say.

19 Q. Thank you.

16:03:06 20 A. It is Charles Taylor according to me who created the LDF,  
21 the Lofa Defence Force. It was not the Lofa citizens.

22 Q. So, you disagree that ULIMO had control of this area in  
23 1993?

24 A. We had a fight with ULIMO until 1994.

16:03:43 25 Q. But for the most part ULIMO were winning and controlling  
26 the area, weren't they?

27 A. No, if you say that the whole Lofa was in the hands of the  
28 ULIMO I disagree with you, because at that time when you left

29 Gbarnga to come up to the Phoebe Hospital, Charles Taylor himself

1 knows the place, up to Belle Yella, from Bong County to Belle  
2 Yella, at that time the commander was Mon Ami and we were in the  
3 area of Zorzor.

4 MR WERNER: I am sorry to interrupt again.

16:04:52 5 THE WITNESS: Sorry, Belle Yella. We were there in the  
6 area of Belle Yella.

7 MR WERNER: Can we have the name in the third line, which  
8 is Bankma [phon] and I think it was not translated correctly.  
9 Can we have that name again, please?

16:05:12 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sorry, Mr Werner. I am just looking  
11 for it.

12 MR WERNER: Yes, when he said when you left Bankma [phon]  
13 to go to Phoebe Hospital.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Madam Interpreter, can you give  
16:05:24 15 us that name again, please.

16 THE INTERPRETER: It was Gbarnga. Yes, G-B-A-R-N-G-A.

17 MR MUNYARD:

18 Q. Right. Yesterday you told us that it was possible to drive  
19 from Gbarnga to Belle Yella, but after that there were only bush  
16:06:05 20 paths through the forest to Sierra Leone. Do you remember  
21 telling us that?

22 A. Yes, yes, I told you that on the road from Gbarnga to Belle  
23 Yella.

24 MR MUNYARD: Madam Court Attendant, could you magnify  
16:06:32 25 please. Can you increase the magnification a little bit more and  
26 I will tell you when to stop. Right, if you stop there please:

27 Q. Now, Mr Witness, Mr Camara rather, we know where Gbarnga  
28 is. Can you see Gbarnga?

29 A. Yes, I see Gbarnga.

1 Q. Can you see Belle Yella?

2 A. Yes, I see Belle Yella.

3 Q. What is Belle Yella?

4 A. Belle Yella is in Belle Forest.

16:07:11 5 Q. Yes, but what is Belle Yella? What is this name? What  
6 does it signify?

7 A. Belle Yella, the way according to me, it is the town of the  
8 Belle tribes. They are from prison campus.

9 Q. Have you ever been to this place?

16:07:59 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I am sorry, we just didn't catch that,  
11 Madam Interpreter. They are from where?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, the names, the names I don't catch  
13 them very well too. If he can speak more slowly, because the  
14 names are very difficult to catch.

16:08:12 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, can you give us the names  
16 again. Belle Yella and another one that sounded something  
17 campus.

18 THE WITNESS: Belle Yella. It is a village where the Belle  
19 tribes were living.

16:08:40 20 MR MUNYARD:

21 Q. We still haven't got this campus word.

22 A. And when we came from Liberia, in the normal days it was a  
23 kind of pressing [sic] campus.

24 Q. Prison campus.

16:09:13 25 A. It is a prison.

26 Q. Yes. That is what Belle Yella is, isn't it? It is a big  
27 old prison? Do you agree?

28 A. Yes, that is true. That was not during Charles Taylor's  
29 time.

1 Q. Why wasn't it during Charles Taylor's time?

2 A. Because that was a command camp. The commander who was  
3 there was my friend - sorry, bon ami.

4 Q. Mr Camara, the fact that your friend was there does not  
16:10:04 5 strike me as an explanation as to why it was not a prison.

6 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours, but that is a  
7 misstatement of the evidence. He gave the name of the commander  
8 which is a French name and the name is Mon Ami. He didn't say  
9 anything about his friend.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think I understand what has happened.  
11 Madam Interpreter, did you interpret the word "mon ami"?

12 THE INTERPRETER: I heard, yes, "bon ami". I thought he  
13 said my friend also. At the time he said "My friend". Okay, it  
14 is Mon Ami. The name is Mon Ami then.

15 MR MUNYARD:

16 Q. Is Mon Ami also by chance your friend?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Thank you. Now just explain to us, please, how you say the  
19 fact that Mon Ami was the commander there means that it was not a  
16:11:05 20 prison during Charles Taylor's time? That was the answer that  
21 you gave me when I asked you why wasn't it a prison during  
22 Charles Taylor's time? Flicking through your statement, your  
23 interview notes, will not assist you.

24 A. I said that at that - Belle was a combat camp. When I left  
16:11:50 25 in 1996, Charles Taylor had another prison. He had no prison  
26 camp, in fact.

27 Q. So Belle Yella was just a camp, that is all? That is  
28 right, isn't it?

29 A. During the war, Belle Yella was a combat camp.

1 Q. Can you give us the names of any of the towns in the Belle  
2 Yella Forest?

3 A. I was not assigned in Belle Forest and so I don't know.  
4 I can't tell you.

16:12:55 5 Q. Did you ever go to Belle Forest?

6 A. Yes, I went there once. When I left Gorlu, I walked to  
7 Belle Yella. I went to Belle Yella and met Mon Ami and I used  
8 the forest road. It took me two days.

9 Q. To get from Gorlu to Belle Yella it took you two days. Are  
16:13:30 10 you talking about the whole distance on foot? Are you saying it  
11 only took you two days to walk from Gorlu to Belle Yella?

12 A. Yes, yes, we walked.

13 Q. Now, you told us yesterday that you can actually drive from  
14 Gbarnga to Belle Yella. Do you remember saying that?

16:14:04 15 A. No, I didn't tell you that. I told you that cars could go  
16 from Gorlu to Belle Yella.

17 Q. Cars could go from Gorlu to Belle Yella. Is that what you  
18 told us?

19 A. No, no, no, not cars. I mean, it is by foot in fact.

16:14:31 20 Q. Well, yesterday you said that the vehicles could get as far  
21 as Belle Yella and after that the route to Sierra Leone was on  
22 bush paths through the forest. Do you recall saying that?

23 A. No, no, I didn't tell you that. I told you that from  
24 Gbarnga people would come up to Phoebe to the hospital. There is  
16:14:59 25 a hospital there. At that junction you can take a car up to  
26 Belle Yella, but I didn't tell you that you could take a car from  
27 Gorlu to Belle Yella.

28 Q. All right. So you can go by car, on your account, from  
29 Phoebe to Belle Yella? Is that what you are telling us now?

1 A. Mon Ami himself had a car, so I left with him from Belle  
2 Yella to Gbarnga.

3 Q. No, forget about Mon Ami for the moment. Are you saying  
4 that you can drive from Phoebe to Belle Yella, yes or no?

16:15:48 5 A. Yes, yes, you can drive from Phoebe to Belle Yella.

6 Q. And have you done that yourself?

7 A. No.

8 Q. So how do you know that it is possible to drive from Phoebe  
9 to Belle Yella, Mr Camara? Is this something Mon Ami told you,  
16:16:18 10 or Dr Manneh?

11 A. I said that Mon Ami has a car and you can get from Belle  
12 Yella to Gbarnga. He has a pickup.

13 Q. I am talking about your evidence that you could get from  
14 Phoebe to Belle Yella in a car. Who told you you can get from  
16:16:47 15 Phoebe to Belle Yella in a car?

16 A. I have seen it myself. He left from Belle Yella to Gbarnga  
17 by car. Mon Ami uses his car from Belle Yella to Gbarnga.  
18 I have seen it myself. Nobody told me that. I have seen it  
19 myself.

16:17:09 20 Q. You have just told us you were not with him, or were you  
21 with him?

22 A. I said I didn't take a car. I didn't use a car on that  
23 road.

24 Q. Right, looking at the map we can see where Gorlu is. Where  
16:17:35 25 is Phoebe?

26 A. Phoebe is near Gbarnga. When you go towards Gbatala,  
27 Phoebe is almost ten or - ten kilometres from Gbarnga. It is a  
28 road from there from Phoebe to Belle Yella.

29 Q. Yes, now where your pen --

1 A. It goes straight to Belle Yella.

2 Q. Yes. Now, you stopped your pen on the pink line. Would  
3 you just take your pen back to where the pink line is where you  
4 were a moment ago. The pink line on the map. Put your pen on  
16:18:25 5 the pink - just there, yes, thank you. Now, between Phoebe and  
6 that pink line is there another town?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what is the name of the other town, or towns?

9 A. I don't remember the name of all those towns.

16:18:49 10 Q. Do you know a town called Sanoyea, spelt S-A-N-O-Y-E-A?

11 A. Yes, I have heard the name Sanoyea.

12 Q. Do you know where it is?

13 A. The Sanoyea I have heard about I know --

14 Q. Can you help us -- [overlapping speakers]

16:19:25 15 A. It is between Gbatala and Totota. Do you see Gbatala on  
16 the map? Gbatala?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. Yes. When you leave Gbatala towards Totota, do you see  
19 Totota? South, going south, do you see Totota?

16:19:44 20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Okay, Sanoyea is between Gbatala and Totota. They call it  
22 Salaye, if my memory serves me right. There is a road going to  
23 Salaye.

24 Q. I asked you about a town called Sanoyea, S-A-N-O-Y-E-A?

16:20:24 25 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has used the  
26 name satay [phon] and that in Mandinka means village.

27 THE WITNESS: It is called Salaye instead. It is between  
28 Gbatala and Totota. You leave from Gbatala to go to Sanoyea.  
29 That is the Sanoyea I know.

1 MR MUNYARD:

2 Q. Well, I suggest to you --

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could the witness perhaps using the  
4 projector point to where he says Sanoyea is, rather than to his  
16:21:12 5 computer please.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes, I am listening. Let me show you.  
7 If you leave, when you leave Gbatala to go to Totota you have  
8 Satay [phon] in the mid-way. It is called Salaye. That Salaye,  
9 from that Salaye in the middle, there is a road to another city  
16:22:02 10 called Sanoyea. That is the Sanoyea I know. That is the road  
11 I know which leads to Sanoyea, but I don't think there is another  
12 city between - I don't think there is another one called Sanoyea.

13 MR MUNYARD:

14 Q. Right, Mr Camara, we are agreed on that. I think the  
16:22:36 15 confusion arose because you first started talking about a  
16 completely different village called Salaye, although I had asked  
17 you about a village called Sanoyea and you have now identified  
18 for us where Sanoyea is. Sanoyea is near to the St Paul River,  
19 isn't it?

16:23:04 20 A. I haven't been to Sanoyea. I have not been to Sanoyea, but  
21 somebody was assigned - residing in that place. I know somebody  
22 who was residing there and whenever he used to go there I know he  
23 went through Salaye.

24 Q. Right. Is this the person who drove from Phoebe to Belle  
16:23:37 25 Yella? You were telling us that you knew you could drive from  
26 Phoebe to Belle Yella?

27 A. No, the one who leaves from Phoebe to Belle Yella is called  
28 Mon Ami. It is not the same. This one is residing in Sanoyea.  
29 He is called a Sayfanoma [phon].



1 Q. If you drive from Phoebe to Belle Yella, do you agree that  
2 you would go through Sanoyea?

3 A. When you are driving from where?

4 Q. From Phoebe to Belle Yella.

16:24:35 5 A. You go through which town you said?

6 Q. Sanoyea. The town that you have never been to, but you  
7 agree is nearer to the St Paul River than Salaye.

8 A. It is possible, I don't know because I have not been to  
9 Sanoyea.

16:25:03 10 Q. Now talking of things that are possible, can you help the  
11 Court with this. When you are driving from Phoebe to Belle  
12 Yella, how is it possible to drive your car through the St Paul  
13 River and get across to the other side without drowning?

14 A. The St Paul River, I haven't - St Paul River is - there are  
16:25:44 15 parts where you can - you can cross the river at some areas.

16 Q. With a car?

17 MR WERNER: I am sorry, your Honours, to interrupt again,  
18 but the witness said more than what was translated. Sorry, your  
19 Honour.

16:26:10 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Interpreter, did we get the entire  
21 answer?

22 THE INTERPRETER: No, I don't get all the names. That is  
23 the problem.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will ask the witness to repeat his  
16:26:22 25 answer. Mr Witness, could you please repeat your answer as the  
26 interpreter did not get all the names.

27 THE WITNESS: Yes, let me explain it to you. When you go  
28 to Belle Yella there is a bridge, a crossing on St Paul River,  
29 but it is not near - it is a bridge in fact. There are bridges

1 where the cars can cross the river.

2 MR MUNYARD:

3 Q. We have got a minute or two left. Would you like to  
4 indicate on the map if you come over here and show us where these  
16:27:14 5 bridges are, Mr Camara?

6 THE INTERPRETER: I am sorry, can he repeat please?

7 THE WITNESS: When you leave Gbarnga, you go to Gorlu.  
8 There is a bridge over there.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, could you go over to the map,  
16:27:35 10 please, and show us on the map.

11 THE WITNESS: When you leave Gbarnga you arrive at this  
12 point. [Indicated] There is a bridge at this level. You cross  
13 that bridge. It is a cement bridge. You cross it and you go to  
14 Gorlu. Gorlu.

16:28:06 15 MR MUNYARD:

16 Q. You are talking about the St Paul River bridge, aren't you?

17 A. Yes, that is what I am talking about.

18 Q. Right up by the border with Guinea?

19 A. Yes, exactly. That is the one.

16:28:21 20 Q. But you can't drive directly from Phoebe to Belle Yella  
21 without going all the way up to the Guinean border, can you?

22 A. Yes, it is not very far from the border indeed. The  
23 Guinean border.

24 Q. Where are these other bridges that you were telling us  
16:28:48 25 about a moment ago?

26 A. There is another bridge, a wooden bridge, from Phoebe to  
27 Belle Yella. It is a wooden bridge.

28 Q. That takes vehicles?

29 A. Yes, yes, that is what I told you. I told you that Mon Ami

1 himself has a car.

2 Q. Yes, have you ever been over this wooden bridge?

3 A. I told you that I have never been there.

4 Q. Thank you. You have never seen this wooden bridge?

16:29:30 5 A. No, no, I have not seen it, but I have been told that there  
6 is a wooden bridge.

7 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: Your Honour, I am afraid we are almost  
8 going off record.

9 MR MUNYARD: I was about to say I think that is it.

16:29:47 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think this is an appropriate place to  
11 adjourn. Mr Witness, I will again remind you, as I have reminded  
12 you on other afternoons, that you are still under oath and  
13 between now and the time all your evidence is finished you must  
14 not discuss it with any other person. Do you understand?

16:30:10 15 THE WITNESS: I understand.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. We will adjourn Court until  
17 tomorrow at 9.30, please.

18 [Whereupon the Court adjourned at 4.30 p.m. to  
19 be reconvened at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 13  
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