



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2008  
9.30 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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Before the Judges:

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Justice Julia Sebutinde  
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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For the accused Charles Ghankay  
Taylor:

Mr Terry Munyard  
Mr Morris Anyah

1 Thursday, 8 May 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:30:36 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I note some changes of  
6 appearance.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Good morning, your Honours. For the  
8 Prosecution is Julia Baly, myself Shyamala Alagendra, Christopher  
9 Santora and Maja Dimitrova.

09:30:52 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Alagendra. Mr Anyah?

11 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,  
12 your Honours. For the Defence we have Mr Terry Munyard and  
13 myself Morris Anyah.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. If there are no  
09:31:05 15 other matters I will remind the witness of her oath. No.

16 Good morning, Madam Witness, and I see you're looking a lot  
17 better this morning.

18 THE WITNESS: Good morning, sir.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I again remind you, as I did yesterday,  
09:31:16 20 that you have taken an oath to tell the truth, the oath is still  
21 binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you  
22 understand?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Fine. Please proceed, Mr Anyah.

09:31:32 25 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

26 WITNESS: TF1-028 [On former oath]

27 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR ANYAH: [Continued]

28 Q. Good morning, Madam Witness.

29 A. Good morning, sir.

1 Q. When we left off yesterday I had mentioned the name Tito  
2 and we were trying to ascertain in which group Tito came to join  
3 you and the group you were with at Colonel Eddie Town. Do you  
4 recall that, Madam Witness?

09:31:58 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. It would be fair to say, Madam Witness, that we established  
7 that you were at Colonel Eddie Town with one group of fighters  
8 when the group you referred to as the Red Lion group arrived,  
9 yes?

09:32:24 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. That group, the Red Lion group, was commanded by Mohamed  
12 Bajehjeh, true?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. The next group which arrived, or another group which  
09:32:44 15 arrived, was a group you said was commanded by Tito, yes?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. The group that was commanded by Tito, was it made up of  
18 SLAs or RUF?

19 A. They were SLA.

09:33:11 20 Q. Besides Tito's group you said another group arrived headed  
21 by or commanded by SAJ Musa, yes?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And was that group RUF or SLAs, Madam Witness?

24 A. SLA.

09:33:39 25 Q. That would bring in total four groups. Adding the group  
26 that you started out with from Karina through Mandaha all the way  
27 to Rosos and all the way to Colonel Eddie Town, it would make  
28 four groups at Colonel Eddie Town before you proceeded on to  
29 Freetown, yes?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. When we left off yesterday I asked you a question whether  
3 during your first interview with the Office of the Prosecutor you  
4 told them that Tito arrived in conjunction, or together with, SAJ  
09:34:22 5 Musa. Do you recall me asking you that?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Do you remember what you told the Prosecution when you  
8 spoke with them on 18 January 2003 regarding whether Tito came  
9 separately or together with SAJ Musa?

09:34:50 10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. Do you remember what you told another session of the  
12 Special Court in the RUF trial on 20 March 2006 about whether  
13 Tito arrived together with SAJ Musa or separately at Colonel  
14 Eddie Town?

09:35:15 15 A. Tito came with his own group, sir.

16 Q. Is that what you told the court back in March 2006?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. That is in fact the case, Madam Witness, and the  
19 transcripts bear that out, but you told the Prosecution, did you  
09:35:40 20 not, when you first met with them that Tito came together with  
21 SAJ Musa?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Madam Witness, I will read to you from the set of documents  
24 we handed out yesterday.

09:36:02 25 Your Honours, this is the set of documents handed out by  
26 the Defence yesterday and I'm just reading from the first tab and  
27 I believe it's page 3 on that tab. I'm sorry, it's page 6, if it  
28 please the Court.

29 Madam Witness, you have referred to Colonel Eddie Town by

1 another name before, yes?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And what is that name, Madam Witness?

4 A. Tufayim.

09:36:58 5 Q. Do you know when the name became Colonel Eddie Town, Madam  
6 Witness?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. When did that place Tufayim start being referred to as  
9 Colonel Eddie Town, Madam Witness?

09:37:16 10 A. At that time we were at Rosos and then they called the  
11 place Tufayim.

12 Q. So when you were at Rosos the place was known by the name  
13 Tufayim, yes?

14 A. Yes, sir.

09:37:32 15 Q. And from what time onwards did it start being referred to  
16 as Colonel Eddie Town?

17 A. It was the time we came to the town.

18 Q. Was it also at some point referred to as Major Eddie Town,  
19 Madam Witness?

09:37:54 20 A. Well, I knew it to be referred to as Eddie Town.

21 Q. Fair enough, Madam Witness. I will read from this  
22 statement I referred to and it's just a brief sentence on page 6.  
23 Madam Witness, the Prosecutor's Office has you as telling them  
24 this in January of 2003. The sentence reads, "SAJ Musa and his  
09:38:21 25 group of soldiers including one Tito (dead) met us at Tufayim."

26 Did you tell them, Madam Witness, that Tito was included in SAJ  
27 Musa's group?

28 A. No, sir.

29 Q. Did you mean to tell them - well, I withdraw that. Did you

1 tell them then that Tito and SAJ Musa arrived at Colonel Eddie  
2 Town, but separately?

3 A. Yes, sir.

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4 Q. Madam Witness, of these four groups which arrived at  
5 Colonel Eddie Town who was the overall commander?

6 A. SAJ Musa.

7 Q. The group headed by Med Bajehjeh, who you said was RUF,  
8 right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

09:39:37

10 Q. That group had you said about 70 fighters, yes?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You said the fighters were a mixed group - this is what you  
13 told us yesterday - and some of them were Liberians and some of  
14 them were Sierra Leoneans from the Mende tribe, yes?

09:40:05

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Of the 70 fighters, can you tell us how many were  
17 Liberians?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. How many, Madam Witness?

09:40:22

20 A. The 70 were Liberians. The 30, they had Mendes amongst  
21 them and the other civilians they captured.

22 Q. Madam Witness, are you saying that all of the Sierra  
23 Leoneans - the Mendes - were civilians?

24 A. No, sir.

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25 Q. Madam Witness, what I want to know is amongst the fighters  
26 in this group how many were Liberians and how many were Sierra  
27 Leoneans?

28 A. Well, the Sierra Leoneans I knew and the other civilians  
29 totalled up to 30. The 70 were all Liberians. According to the

1 way they spoke, they were Liberians.

2 Q. But that would bring the number to about 100, Madam  
3 Witness? That's the number of fighters removing civilians?

4 A. Yes, sir.

09:41:34 5 Q. But yesterday when we discussed this issue you told us that  
6 the total number in the group was about 100 of which about 70  
7 only were fighters. Do you recall telling us that yesterday in  
8 court?

9 A. Yes, sir.

09:41:54 10 Q. Do you see that there's a difference between what you're  
11 saying today and what you said yesterday, Madam Witness?

12 A. I will explain the difference.

13 Q. Yes, please do, Madam Witness.

14 A. The reason why I said it was up to 100, those who were  
09:42:20 15 Mende boys mixed with the civilians I did not know whether they  
16 were actually soldiers or not, but they all had guns. That was  
17 the reason why I said Liberians were 70 that outside - not  
18 inclusive of the Mende people. And for the Mende people I did  
19 not know actually the group they belonged to, whether they were  
09:42:42 20 soldiers, but they were with the RUF.

21 Q. You said some of the Mende people had guns, yes?

22 A. Yes, they had guns and they were with the RUF.

23 Q. Madam Witness, we still have to clarify this issue. Were  
24 the total number of fighters 100, or were they 70?

09:43:08 25 A. 70.

26 Q. And you know we are speaking now about the Red Lion group,  
27 yes?

28 A. Yes, sir. The reason why I said 70, it was because they  
29 asked me about the Liberians. That was why I said 70. The other

1 Mendes I did not count them, because they asked me about the  
2 Liberians. But if they had asked me about all the ones and the  
3 others who had guns, I would have said the total number.

09:43:48 4 Q. Madam Witness, we are referring to the total number of  
5 fighters that were commanded by Med Bajehjeh. Are you saying 70  
6 of those were Liberians?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. How many Sierra Leoneans were commanded by Med Bajehjeh  
9 that joined you and others at Colonel Eddie Town?

09:44:13 10 A. Out of the 30 the Mendes dominated, that is among the  
11 civilians who were captured, but I cannot actually put a  
12 distinction between the number because all the Mende boys had  
13 guns.

09:44:34 14 Q. Madam Witness, what is the total number of fighters that  
15 came to Colonel Eddie Town with Med Bajehjeh?

16 A. They were 100. The women and the boys, I calculated  
17 everything, they were up to 100.

18 Q. You include civilians amongst that number, yes?

09:45:05 19 A. Yes, because they asked me about the population that  
20 Bajehjeh brought. That was the total I spoke about.

21 Q. Madam Witness, this phrase "Red Lion group" or "Red Lion  
22 Battalion", do you recall ever mentioning it to the Prosecution  
23 when you first spoke to them in this case in January 2003?

24 A. No, sir, but I have reason why I did not talk about it.

09:45:37 25 Q. Yes, can you tell us what the reason is?

26 A. The main reason is that when somebody comes to you to ask  
27 you questions and you did not know the sort of person, you would  
28 be afraid to tell that person everything.

29 Q. But when you met with them the first time you told them of



1 several relatives of yours that were killed in brutal ways, yes?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. You told them essentially the events and experiences you  
4 went through from when your village was first invaded and you  
09:46:22 5 were captured by the SLAs all the way through when you left  
6 Freetown and escaped to Makeni, yes?

7 A. Yes, sir. If you also ask me about that I will clear the  
8 point, the reason why I said so.

9 Q. I'm focusing now, Madam Witness, on this issue of Red Lion  
09:46:50 10 Battalion and I'm trying to find out how it came to be that you  
11 spoke with the Prosecution and no mention of that group was made  
12 during your first interview. Can you explain that, Madam  
13 Witness?

14 A. Yes, sir. The time the people came to me I was - I had  
09:47:12 15 some fear in me, because I did not know the kind of people who  
16 came to ask me questions.

17 Q. The fear was from whom, Madam Witness?

18 A. I feared the RUF and I feared the soldiers. I was in my  
19 village and I saw different people approach me to ask me  
09:47:37 20 questions, so I was afraid to tell them everything.

21 Q. But the people who came to ask you the questions they were  
22 not soldiers or RUF, right?

23 A. But I did not know the difference at that time.

24 Q. In 2003, about four years after you escaped and at a time  
09:48:05 25 when there was peace in Sierra Leone, you did not know the  
26 difference between RUF soldiers, regular soldiers and people from  
27 the Office of the Prosecutor? Is that what you're telling us,  
28 Madam Witness?

29 A. I don't know them.

1 Q. But these people who interviewed you, you were comfortable  
2 enough to mention names such as Gullit, Five-Five, Eddie, Alabama  
3 and Woyoh to them, right?

4 A. Yes, sir.

09:48:42 5 Q. You also spoke to them about Superman and Superman's group  
6 that you thought were reinforcements when you arrived at Lunsar,  
7 yes?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. But when it comes to the Red Lion Battalion you suggest to  
09:49:01 10 us that you did not mention it because you were afraid. Do you  
11 stand by that, Madam Witness?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. When you testified in the RUF trial, March of 2006, and  
14 questions were asked about the Red Lion Battalion, did you  
09:49:26 15 mention that they were Liberians, Madam Witness?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Are you sure about that, that you said to the Court --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. May I finish my question? Are you sure that you said to  
09:49:44 20 the Court, Madam Witness, that they were Liberians?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Well I have read through your interview, or rather through  
23 your testimony to the Court on 20 March 2003 - and counsel  
24 opposite will correct me if I'm wrong - and there is no reference  
09:50:15 25 to you saying the Red Lion group were made up of Liberians. What  
26 do you say to that, Madam Witness?

27 A. I said it.

28 Q. And if it is not in the record of your testimony on 20  
29 March 2006 that record would be incomplete, yes?

1 A. Mine was complete, because it was something that I said.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Anyah, in line 24 you said the  
3 testimony in court was 20 March 2003 [sic]. Is that wrong?  
4 Should it be 2006?

09:51:01 5 MR ANYAH: No, it's 2006, Justice Sebutinde. I perhaps  
6 misspoke. Thank you for the correction:

7 Q. Madam Witness, you told us yesterday that once this group  
8 made its way into Freetown - and I'm now speaking of the  
9 collective group that you were a part of, that is all four  
10 groups, the group that brought you from Karina, SAJ Musa's group,  
11 Tito's group and the Red Lion Battalion. When you arrived in  
12 Freetown you in particular stopped at Kissy Ferry Junction, yes?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Counsel opposite asked you a question yesterday very  
09:52:00 15 specific. It asked you, or it said, "Do you know what the Red  
16 Lion group did when you were at Kissy Junction?", and you said,  
17 "No". Do you recollect giving that answer?

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I think the question was where  
19 they were, not what they did.

09:52:23 20 MR ANYAH: I think counsel is correct, but let me just read  
21 the transcript so that everyone is on the same page. I think I  
22 perhaps should have said where they were, but I'll read the  
23 transcript and the questions to the witness:

24 Q. Madam Witness, I will read to you from yesterday's  
09:52:57 25 transcript. The page in question is 9227, 7 May 2008, and you  
26 were asked this question starting at line 1:

27 "Q. Witness, when the group entered Freetown ..." --

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Madam Witness, just allow me a few seconds to finish

1 reading and then I'll ask you a question, okay? The questions  
2 were question 1 in line 1:

3 "Q. Witness, when the group entered Freetown on this day  
4 where did you go?

09:53:38 5 A. When we entered into Freetown I - we stopped at Ferry  
6 Junction and the other group went ahead.

7 Q. Who stopped at Ferry Junction?

8 A. I stopped at Ferry Junction.

9 Q. And when you say 'the other group went ahead' which  
09:53:56 10 group are you referring to?

11 A. The RUF group and the juntas. The group went ahead and  
12 some others stayed behind because they were all over the  
13 town."

14 And then there was a question posed:

09:54:13 15 "Q. At this point when you entered Freetown, did you know  
16 where the Red Lion group was?"

17 And then a few lines down the question is re-posed again at  
18 line 21:

19 "Q. Witness, do you know where Ferry Junction is?

09:54:29 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Where is it?

22 A. Freetown.

23 Q. At this point, witness, do you know where the Red Lion  
24 group was?

09:54:41 25 A. No, I did not know because they were all over the  
26 town."

27 Madam Witness, do you recall saying you did not know where  
28 the Red Lion group was because they were all over the town when  
29 you were at Ferry Junction?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. It would be fair to say, Madam Witness, that you did not  
3 know once you got to Ferry Junction what the Red Lion group did  
4 in Freetown in January of 1999, yes?

09:55:15 5 A. I wouldn't know, sir.

6 Q. Madam Witness, you told the RUF court in fact that as far  
7 back as Colonel Eddie Town - I withdraw that. You told the RUF  
8 court, Madam Witness, that once SAJ Musa died - and this is  
9 Benguema, as far back as Benguema - you no longer saw the

09:55:49 10 commander of the Red Lion group, Med Bajehjeh. Do you recall  
11 telling the Court that?

12 A. I did not say that, because I never knew the difference  
13 between the groups any longer because they were all mixed up.

14 Q. I want to be clear with the question. The question centres  
09:56:12 15 on whether or not you knew where Med Bajehjeh was once SAJ Musa  
16 died in Benguema. Did you tell the RUF court that you did not  
17 know where Med Bajehjeh was after Benguema?

18 A. I did not say that.

19 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, I would refer the Chamber and  
09:56:43 20 counsels opposite to the transcript from the RUF proceedings.  
21 It's in tab 6 of the Defence bundle of documents and the specific  
22 page in question is page 52:

23 Q. Madam Witness, this is a transcript from the RUF case. It  
24 records what you told the Court in open session and on page 52 on  
09:57:28 25 20 March 2006 they have you telling the Court this. The question  
26 was:

27 "Q. Then after SAJ Musa died CO Med then followed the  
28 strategy laid by Gullit?

29 A. After SAJ Musa I did not see CO Med again."

1 Do you recall telling the Court that in March 2006?

2 A. I did not say that.

3 Q. Then can you explain how it is that they have you saying  
4 exactly that in the transcript I've just read?

09:58:08 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Please explain for us, Madam Witness.

7 A. He asked me whether the time we came to Benguema if I saw  
8 Mohamed Bajehjeh, and I told him that at that time the whole  
9 population was mixed up and there was shooting all over and so I  
10 did not know the difference between people at that time, but we  
11 all went to Freetown.

12 Q. Madam Witness, to be fair to you I will read the preceding  
13 questions and answers you gave and I want you to focus on the  
14 answer you gave about Med Bajehjeh in the context of approaching  
09:58:37 15 Freetown and whether or not he was part of the strategy to invade  
16 Freetown, so just listen and I'll read the questions and answers  
17 again. From the same page I'll read from line 12. They asked  
18 you this question:

19 "Q. Was CO Med and the Red Lion Battalion part of the SAJ  
09:59:18 20 Musa group?

21 A. Well, I just saw them at the base. I did not know the  
22 difference between them.

23 Q. Well, when SAJ Musa ordered the troops to go to  
24 Freetown did CO Med follow that order?

09:59:39 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Did CO Med, as far as you are aware, fall into the  
27 strategy of the attack on Freetown as ordered by SAJ Musa?

28 A. Yes, sir."

29 And then the question:

1 "Q. Then after SAJ Musa died, CO Med then followed the  
2 strategy I laid by Gullit?

3 A. After SAJ Musa I did not see CO Med again."

4 Madam Witness, do you see that these questions were focused  
10:00:15 5 on whether or not CO Med was going to take part in the Freetown  
6 invasion?

7 A. Yes, sir, but at the time we were going down, at that  
8 moment SAJ Musa died I did not see CO Med amongst them.

9 Q. And it would be fair to say that from that point onwards  
10:00:38 10 you never saw CO Med again, yes?

11 A. The point where we were at that time I did not observe  
12 anybody. I was only thinking about my life.

13 Q. Madam Witness, I understand your response, but I'll repeat  
14 my question. From that point onwards, after SAJ Musa died, is it  
10:01:01 15 fair to say you did not see CO Med again throughout the January  
16 invasion of Freetown?

17 A. I did not see CO Med, but I still saw their symbols on  
18 their head, the rebel boys when they were passing around.

19 Q. You said "rebel boys", you saw the symbols on their head?

10:01:29 20 A. RUF.

21 Q. But you did not see the commander, CO Med, yes?

22 A. I did not see him.

23 Q. Madam Witness, the group that captured you from Karina had  
24 amongst its members or commanders Five-Five, Gullit and I believe  
10:02:02 25 you said Alabama, yes?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. There were others. There was Eddie, there was Woyoh, there  
28 was Fasulaku, yes?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Amongst all of those names, who was the overall commander  
2 of that group in Karina?

3 A. Five-Five.

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4 Q. And then would it be fair to say he stayed commander of  
5 that group through your movements from Karina to Mandaha to I  
6 believe Maki teh?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And he stayed commander of the group on to Rosos, yes?

9 A. Yes, sir.

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10 Q. And it was only at Colonel Eddie Town when SAJ Musa arrived  
11 that SAJ Musa took over the command and became higher or above  
12 Five-Five, yes?

13 A. Yes, sir.

10:03:29

14 Q. And after SAJ Musa died who took over command of this  
15 group?

16 A. Well, at that time I did not know the right leader because  
17 we were all trying to head for Freetown.

18 Q. But you've told the RUF Trial Chamber that both before and  
19 after SAJ Musa's death Five-Five was the commander of this group?

10:04:02

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Well, I'll read you your response to this issue to the RUF  
22 Trial Chamber. It's also in tab 6 that we've just visited and  
23 it's on pages 30 and 31. Madam Witness, you were asked this  
24 question in the RUF trial and you gave the following response.

10:04:36

25 The question was at line 28, your Honours, on that page, which is  
26 page 30, of the RUF trial:

27 "Q. Did anybody become leader of the group after SAJ Musa  
28 died?

29 A. Yes, sir."



1 Over to the next page:

2 "Q. Who did?

3 A. Five-Five."

4 And then the next question:

10:05:10 5 "Q. From Benguema, did you go anywhere?

6 A. Yes, sir."

7 Madam Witness, you told the Court in Freetown in March 2006  
8 that Five-Five became commander of the group after SAJ Musa's  
9 death, yes?

10:05:27 10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. Then why does the record say, or suggest, that that is what  
12 you told the Court?

13 A. What I know about is that at that time it was Five-Five and  
14 Gullit who used to do things in common, but at that time I did  
10:05:49 15 not know who was the right leader amongst the two because I only  
16 cared about my life. I don't know whether it was Five-Five or  
17 Gullit who led them, but the two of them were moving together.

18 Q. I can show you another portion of the RUF transcript where  
19 you confirm that before SAJ Musa Five-Five was clearly the  
10:06:10 20 commander of this group. Do you agree that that is what you've  
21 said both in and out of court before?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And now are you saying it is only in the context of  
24 Benguema and after the death of SAJ Musa that you are no longer  
10:06:33 25 sure who was the commander?

26 A. I did not know the right person who replaced him.

27 Q. So what I have just read to you is incorrect?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Madam Witness, what does "No" mean? Is it correct?

1 A. It's not correct.

2 Q. Madam Witness, when SAJ Musa arrived at Colonel Eddie Town  
3 there was a meeting held during which he spoke and Five-Five  
4 spoke, yes?

10:07:31 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And during that meeting SAJ Musa spoke about your approach  
7 to Freetown, yes?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Indeed he said to the group what the purpose of heading  
10:07:55 10 into Freetown was, yes?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And the primary purpose he said why this group was going to  
13 Freetown was because the army had been disbanded and they were  
14 going to reinstate the army, yes?

10:08:17 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Five-Five also spoke during this meeting. We have  
17 established that, yes?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And Five-Five also spoke about the purpose of going into  
10:08:33 20 Freetown and he also said it was because the army had been  
21 disbanded, yes?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Can I ask you this. From Karina all the way to Colonel  
24 Eddie Town, had you always been in the same group in which Gullit  
10:08:59 25 was?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. And that was the same group that Five-Five was with, yes?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. You stayed with that group the whole time from Karina all

1 the way into Freetown when you stopped at Kissy Ferry Junction,  
2 yes?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And you were with that group at Benguema when SAJ Musa

10:09:33 5 died, true?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Have you heard the name Bomb Blast before, Madam Witness?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Under what circumstances did you hear that name?

10:09:56 10 A. Bomb Blast, it was in - it was in Rosos that I heard that

11 name Bomb Blast and I saw him face to face.

12 Q. Was he a fighter, or was he a civilian?

13 A. He was a fighter because he carried a gun.

14 Q. Do you know to which group he belonged?

10:10:28 15 A. Five-Five.

16 Q. Was he a commander, or was he just a regular soldier?

17 A. Well, I used to see him in company with the commanders.

18 Q. Have you heard the name Papa Hassan Bangura before?

19 A. No.

10:10:55 20 Q. Have you heard the name Hassan Papa Bangura before?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you know a fight man by the fighting name of Ice T?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Do you know Ice T's real name?

10:11:25 25 A. No.

26 Q. When was the last time you saw Ice T?

27 A. Ice T, it was in Tufayim, Eddie Town.

28 Q. You last saw Ice T at Colonel Eddie Town, yes?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. When was the first time you saw Ice T?

2 A. It was at Eddie Town.

3 Q. You did not see Ice T at Rosos, is that what you're saying?

10:12:25

4 A. I saw him in Rosos and then I saw him in Tufayim, but from  
5 Tufayim I did not see him again.

6 Q. Have you heard the name Alimamy Bobson Sesay, before?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you see Ice T at all when you got to Kissy Ferry  
9 Junction in Freetown?

10:12:53

10 A. I did not see him.

11 Q. When you left Colonel Eddie Town and you made your way  
12 through Waterloo and into Benguema, did you see Ice T in any of  
13 those places?

14 A. I did not see him, sir.

10:13:12

15 Q. To which of the groups did Ice T belong, if you know,  
16 Madam Witness?

17 A. I saw him with Five-Five.

10:13:35

18 Q. Madam Witness, somebody who calls himself Ice T was before  
19 this Chamber for about a week-and-a-half, end of April, and they  
20 gave some evidence and I want to ask you a few questions about  
21 places and find out exactly where you moved from Rosos all the  
22 way into Freetown. You told us yesterday you were at Rosos for  
23 seven months. Do you recall saying that, Madam Witness?

24 A. Yes, sir.

10:13:59

25 Q. This fellow Ice T who came before this Chamber said that he  
26 was with Five-Five as well at Camp Rosos and he said he was there  
27 between July and September of 1998, about two-and-a-half months.  
28 Do you stand by your statement that you were at Rosos for seven  
29 months?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 MR ANYAH: And if the Chamber wants the citation to the  
3 prior evidence I can put it on the record?

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Was that several months, or seven months?

10:14:49 5 MR ANYAH: Seven months.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought it was six.

7 MR ANYAH:

8 Q. Madam Witness --

9 A. I did not get you.

10:15:09 10 MR ANYAH: I understand the dilemma. I know what happened.

11 The witness said "seven", in a question by counsel yesterday  
12 counsel said "six" and I said "six" in a question, but I can pull  
13 yesterday's transcript and give us the citation of the seven  
14 months. It's at yesterday's transcript on page 9192. Your

10:15:48 15 Honours, the question appears at line 26 on page 9192 of  
16 yesterday's transcript. The question was posed to the witness:

17 "Q. How long did you stay in Rosos, do you recall?

18 A. We spent seven months in Rosos":

19 Q. Madam Witness, that is what you told us yesterday, yes?

10:16:12 20 A. If you have said so then you are right, because we did not  
21 actually complete the seven months.

22 Q. When you say if I say so I am right, are you agreeing with  
23 this person Ice T who said he was at Rosos for only the months of  
24 July, August and September 1998?

10:16:37 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. You told us yesterday that from Camp Rosos you went to  
27 Colonel Eddie Town, yes?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Do you remember how long you spent, as in how much time you

1 spent, at Colonel Eddie Town?

2 A. I can't recall, sir. We were there for a long time.

3 Q. Madam Witness, from Colonel Eddie Town where did you go to?

4 A. We went to Port Loko Highway.

10:17:29 5 Q. Is there a place near Port Loko called Mange Bureh,  
6 Madam Witness?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And from Port Loko where did you go to, Madam Witness?

9 A. We came to Four Mile.

10:17:52 10 Q. Now, yesterday that was interpreted by counsels opposite to  
11 be Four Mile. Is it Four Mile like the number 4 and the word  
12 mile after it, Madam Witness?

13 A. Yes, it's a name of a village.

14 Q. Madam Witness, have you heard of a place called Mamusa?

10:18:25 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Is Mamusa in the vicinity of Lunsar?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Did you go to Mamusa after you left Colonel Eddie Town?

19 A. Yes, sir.

10:18:48 20 Q. After Mamusa where did you go to, Madam Witness?

21 A. We went to a village.

22 Q. Do you know the name of the village, Madam Witness?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Where is the next place you went to that you remember its  
10:19:10 25 name?

26 A. I can't recall the names, sir. We just passed through the  
27 villages, but we did not stay there.

28 Q. Madam Witness, is it fair to say that these events happened  
29 a long time ago and you cannot remember a lot about them?

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I object to that question.  
2 It's a bit unfair. She's only stated she cannot remember names  
3 of villages, not what happened.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't see anything - this is  
10:19:45 5 cross-examination, Ms Alagendra, and I don't see anything  
6 untoward in that question. I will allow it.

7 MR ANYAH:

8 Q. Madam Witness, is it fair to say that because quite a bit  
9 of time has passed since these events happened you do not  
10:20:01 10 remember a lot about them?

11 A. As I am sitting here this moment if they ask me to explain  
12 about the things that happened, because as I am sitting here I  
13 have recalled so many things that happened and the more I sit  
14 here the more I recall. So, I have not forgotten the things that  
10:20:24 15 I'm explaining.

16 Q. Well, Madam Witness, is it fair to say that with respect to  
17 events that happened to you personally, all the bad things that  
18 happened to you or that happened to all of your loved ones, you  
19 remember those better than you do some other events that happened  
10:20:39 20 during this period?

21 A. I recall about the things that happened to my families and  
22 I recall the other events that took place, because for anything  
23 that happened they have to stem from somewhere and the events  
24 that they stem from I have to recall them.

10:21:01 25 Q. But you do not remember where you went to after you left  
26 Mamusa, right?

27 A. I don't recall the name of the village because we did not  
28 spend much time there. We just slept there for a night and the  
29 next day we went.

1 Q. Do you know a place called Mile 38, Madam Witness?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Is it also known by another name, Madam Witness?

4 A. No, sir.

10:21:39 5 Q. Have you heard the name Magbuntoso before, Madam Witness?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Did you go to Mile 38 on your way to Freetown,  
8 Madam Witness?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10:22:01 10 Q. Do you know a place called Mamamah, Madam Witness?

11 A. Yes, sir, it was later that I knew the place. That was  
12 when we left Freetown.

13 Q. Did you go through Mamamah on your way to Freetown?

14 A. Yes, sir, because it is on the main road.

10:22:36 15 Q. Are there all these questions jogging your memory as to the  
16 places you went to on your way to Freetown, Madam Witness?

17 A. Yes, sir. The Mamamah that you have spoken about it was  
18 the time when we were leaving Freetown, we were coming, we were  
19 using the main road whilst we were walking on foot, then they  
10:23:02 20 showed me the village.

21 Q. My question was not when you were leaving Freetown after  
22 January. My question was on your way to Freetown did you stop at  
23 Mamamah? I'm referring to you and the group that you were with.

24 A. Yes, sir.

10:23:22 25 Q. Do you know where you went to after Mamamah, Madam Witness?

26 A. No, sir. I don't know the names, sir.

27 Q. Did you go to a place called Newton, Madam Witness?

28 A. I don't know the place, sir, because we walked through some  
29 villages. I can't recall the names of the places.



1 Q. Where did you go right before you reached Waterloo?

2 A. We passed through some villages and then we entered  
3 Waterloo.

4 Q. And after Waterloo is it fair to say you went to Benguema?

10:24:11 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Now, Madam Witness, we started tracing the different  
7 villages you went to after Colonel Eddie Town and will you  
8 confirm for us again that after Colonel Eddie Town you did not  
9 see this person called Ice T through all of these villages we've  
10 traced right up to Benguema?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Can I ask you this about this  
13 fellow Bomb Blast. Was this fellow Bomb Blast with you from  
14 Colonel Eddie Town through Benguema?

10:25:04 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Madam Witness, I want to ask you some questions about  
17 Mandaha. Mandaha is a place you were taken to shortly after you  
18 left Karina. You recall that, yes?

19 A. Yes, sir.

10:25:25 20 Q. Yesterday you told us that you spent six days in Mandaha,  
21 yes?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. It is also fair to say you told the RUF Trial Chamber you  
24 spent six days in Mandaha, yes?

10:25:47 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Now, when you first met with the Office of the Prosecutor  
27 you told them in January 2003 that you spent two days in Mandaha.  
28 Do you recall saying that?

29 A. No, sir.

1 Q. We will get to that and I will show you the document I'm  
2 referring to, but yesterday you told us about the death of your  
3 24 year old brother in Mandaha. Do you recall telling us that?

4 A. Yes, sir.

10:26:28 5 Q. You told us how they thought he was trying to escape when  
6 he went to fetch some water and how they brought him back, yes?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You told us about how he was pleading for his life and how  
9 he grabbed on to you and had to be pulled off of you, yes?

10:26:55 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And you told us that he was eventually killed, yes?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. How was your brother killed?

14 A. Junta group.

10:27:20 15 Q. I did not mean by whom he was killed, but that's helpful.  
16 I meant how did they kill him?

17 A. Well whilst they were taking him along they all had  
18 machetes, so as they were hacking him I heard him screaming.

19 Q. Was this a blood brother of yours?

10:27:45 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Same father, or same mother?

22 A. Same father.

23 Q. Madam Witness, you did not mention to the Office of the  
24 Prosecutor when you spoke about Mandaha for the first time  
10:28:10 25 anything about your brother being killed, would you agree?

26 A. I told them, sir.

27 Q. Well, let's look at your first statement to the Office of  
28 the Prosecutor about the time you spent at Mandaha. It's in tab  
29 1 and it's page 5. In the middle of that page, Madam Witness -

1 this is your interview of 18 January 2003 and in total it runs to  
2 about eight-and-a-half typed pages and on page 5 in the middle of  
3 the page they have you telling them this:

4 "On that night we entered Mandaha and spent two days there  
10:29:19 5 before it was attacked by an enemy faction which I do not know.  
6 There were no civilians at Mandaha when we got there."

7 Do you remember telling them that in January 2003 in  
8 respect of Mandaha, Madam Witness?

9 A. Yes, sir. I can explain that to you, sir.

10:29:43 10 Q. Please explain, Madam Witness.

11 A. At the time we entered Mandaha there were no civilians and  
12 the time they killed my brother - in fact we spent two days and  
13 on the third day they killed my brother. So if you are saying  
14 that I did not talk about those things, no. I spoke about all of  
10:30:08 15 those things starting from Karina up to Mandaha.

16 Q. Yes, we know you've spoken about it, but I'm trying to  
17 ascertain whether on this particular you were interviewed, 18  
18 January 2003, when you spoke of Mandaha, whether you said  
19 anything about your brother being killed. Did you tell the  
10:30:27 20 Prosecution anything about your 24 year old brother being killed  
21 in Mandaha when you first spoke with them?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. So to the extent that their notes from your interview do  
24 not contain this information there are omissions in their  
10:30:47 25 records, yes?

26 A. Well, I explained to them. I don't know whether they wrote  
27 it, but it was something I explained.

28 Q. When you testified on 20 March 2006 before the RUF Trial  
29 Chamber and you spoke of Mandaha, you were asked to explain what

1 happened there. Do you remember if you told them about the  
2 brutal killing of your brother while you were at Mandaha?

3 A. I will listen.

4 Q. Well, let me read you what you told the RUF Trial Chamber  
10:31:34 5 about Mandaha. Your Honours, it's in tab 6, page 19. At page  
6 19, this is on direct examination, Prosecutor Mohamed Bangura  
7 asking you the questions, starting at line 8:

8 "Q. Did you stay in Mandaha for long?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10:32:25 10 Q. How long were you there for?

11 A. We spent six days at Mandaha.

12 Q. Did anything happen at Mandaha?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. What happened there?

10:32:43 15 A. They fought at Mandaha.

16 Q. Who fought at Mandaha?

17 A. The combat men with another group."

18 Madam Witness, that's what you told the RUF Trial Chamber  
19 about Mandaha, no mention of your brother's brutal killing. Do  
10:33:02 20 you agree this is what you told the Chamber back in March 2006?

21 A. I don't agree.

22 Q. When you say you don't agree, Madam Witness, are you saying  
23 you did mention your brother being killed to the RUF Trial  
24 Chamber?

10:33:24 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. It would then be fair to say that this transcript fails to  
27 mention some of the things you told the RUF Trial Chamber, yes?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. You also told us yesterday about something else that

1 happened at Mandaha to a 12 year old, yes?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And what exactly happened to this 12 year old?

4 A. She was raped.

10:34:08 5 Q. Was that 12 year old related to you, Madam Witness?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. How was that 12 year old related to you?

8 A. She was my sister's daughter.

9 Q. Do you remember if you mentioned this, the rape of your  
10:34:34 10 sister's 12 year old daughter in Mandaha during the six days you  
11 were there, to the RUF Trial Chamber two years ago?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Madam Witness, this brother of  
14 yours who was killed in Mandaha, he was 24 years old, was he ever  
10:35:06 15 recruited to be a fighter by the troops who captured you?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. Did anybody ever attempt to train you in how to be a  
18 fighting woman?

19 A. No, sir.

10:35:30 20 Q. Were any of the civilians who were captured at Karina and  
21 taken all the way through Mandaha, Makiteh I believe it is,  
22 Rosos, Benguema, Waterloo, all the way to Freetown, were any of  
23 them trained to be fighters?

24 A. Yes, sir.

10:35:52 25 Q. Men, or women, or both?

26 A. One man.

27 Q. How old was this man?

28 A. He was 20 years old.

29 Q. And did he become a fighter?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Why not?

3 A. While the training was going on, the jet went and dropped a  
4 bomb there and there was where he died.

10:36:35 5 Q. Madam Witness, are you saying that of all the people taken  
6 from Karina all the way through to Freetown only one person was  
7 trained to be a fighter, this 20 year old man?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would like to request a brief  
10:37:05 10 closed session. There are a few matters I would like to raise in  
11 private.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra - well, perhaps without  
13 obviously revealing anything is there any - could you indicate  
14 the reasons for this?

10:37:18 15 MR ANYAH: I have covered all I need to cover in open  
16 session. These matters implicate the identity of the witness and  
17 the names of relatives and it wouldn't be long. I'm essentially  
18 concluding my examination.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me hear from counsel for the  
10:37:39 20 Prosecution.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, we have no objection to that.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, a practical question. In the  
23 light of the fact that there is already voice and image  
24 distortion and the witness cannot be seen, would a private  
10:38:24 25 session where the sound is cut off allay the concerns that you  
26 have?

27 MR ANYAH: It's not a concern as to preventing others from  
28 hearing. My concern is really what the record entails as  
29 vis-a-vis the transcript. Will this be shielded from the public

1 domain so that her identity is preserved? If that's the case,  
2 then a private session would be fine as well.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could we have some clarification from  
4 Court Management? If there is a private session and the voices  
10:39:08 5 or the record is not transmitted to the public, is it recorded in  
6 the transcript and available on the internet?

7 MS IRURA: Your Honour, in the case of a private session  
8 the effect is the same as that of a closed session for the  
9 transcript in that that part is not reflected in the transcript  
10:39:27 10 that is available for the public. It is treated confidentially.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: In the light of that answer, Mr Anyah, it  
12 would appear that a private session would serve the purposes -  
13 the security purposes - to which you have drawn our attention and  
14 in the circumstances that is the procedure we will adopt.

10:39:54 15 Ms Alagenda?

16 MS ALAGENDRA: We're happy with that, your Honour.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. I will explain to members of  
18 the public that are present in the public gallery that for the  
19 next I understand short session you will not hear the voice of  
10:40:07 20 the witness, or the questions asked. This is to do with purposes  
21 of security and identification of the witness. You will be able  
22 to see, but not hear. Please implement that, Madam Court  
23 Attendant.

24 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of  
10:40:44 25 the transcript, pages 9288 to 9303, was  
26 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as  
27 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

2 MS IRURA: Your Honour, we are in open session.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

4 RE-EXAMINATION BY MS ALAGENDRA:

11:15:10 5 Q. Madam Witness, I want to ask you about the group that you  
6 were with which moved from Major Eddie Town all the way to  
7 Benguema. Can you tell the Court the size of that group, please?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What was the size of the group?

11:15:45 10 A. It was over 1,500.

11 Q. Witness, yesterday when being asked questions about Mohamed  
12 Bajehjeh and the RUF you testified that he was an RUF and you  
13 were asked how is it you knew that he was an RUF and in your  
14 answer you said: "They wrote on their guns 'RUF' and the boys  
11:16:17 15 who were with them, they wrote on their chest 'RUF'." Do you  
16 remember saying that?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. When you say they wrote on the chests of the boys RUF, who  
19 is the "they" that wrote that?

11:16:41 20 A. The RUF commander, because when we were together - even my  
21 own son, they wanted to write "RUF" on his chest, but I  
22 disagreed, I said no.

23 Q. Who wanted to write on your son's chest "RUF"?

24 A. It was Mohamed Bajehjeh's boys, the RUF boys.

11:17:09 25 Q. The boys --

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, what does the witness mean  
27 by "write"?

28 MS ALAGENDRA: I'll clarify that, your Honour:

29 Q. Witness, when you say they had "RUF" written on their



1 chest, what do you mean?

2 A. They would take a blade and carve on their chest "RUF".

3 Q. Witness, these boys who had "RUF" written on their chest,  
4 do you recall how old they were?

11:17:43 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. How old were they?

7 MR ANYAH: Madam President --

8 THE WITNESS: Some were 12 and some others were 14 years.

9 MR ANYAH: I am objecting as this line of question is  
11:17:58 10 beyond the scope of cross-examination. It's leading new evidence  
11 on re-examination and this issue of the writing on the chest came  
12 out in cross-examination in a particular context, in reference to  
13 Med Bajehjeh, and it was not aimed at leading new evidence  
14 vis-a-vis the writing on people's chests and new atrocities.

11:18:27 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we've been through this before,  
16 Ms Alagenda, but what is your reply?

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, we have, your Honour, but in this case  
18 I just wanted a clearer definition of what the witness meant when  
19 she said "boys" and I was not going to go into this matter any  
11:18:40 20 further than that, your Honour.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: In actual fact the question was answered  
22 before the objection was raised, but it is indeed to my mind a  
23 new area not directly arising from cross-examination, but if you  
24 are not pursuing it further then proceed to your next question.

11:19:07 25 MS ALAGENDRA:

26 Q. Witness, I'm going to refer to another answer you gave the  
27 Court yesterday. You were asked about how you knew that this  
28 group were the RUF and in one of your answers you said --

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did this arise in cross-exam?

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

2 MR ANYAH: Also if it please the Chamber and counsel  
3 opposite I would be grateful for the page reference because the  
4 question was that this group, and there have been four groups on  
11:19:43 5 record and I'm not sure which group we're talking about now.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will be reading the  
7 questions and the answers that were given and I'm referring to  
8 page 9243, lines 1 to 12:

9 Q. Madam Witness, just allow me to read through the questions  
11:19:58 10 first for you, okay.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. "Q. Thank you, Madam Witness, we are back to Colonel Eddie  
13 Town and the arrival of the 70 Red Lion group members. You  
14 said some of them were Liberians, yes?"

11:20:16 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And you determined that, you said, because of the way  
17 they spoke, true?

18 A. Yes, sir, and I have lived with Liberians.

19 Q. You also knew a little bit about this group from, you  
11:20:30 20 said, two women who were cooking or working for them, yes?

21 A. Yes, sir, and the day they came, the signs that they  
22 showed me, I knew that they were the RUF because they  
23 showed me all the signs."

24 Witness, can you clarify for the Court what did you mean by  
11:20:49 25 that answer, "I knew that they were the RUF because they showed  
26 me all the signs"?

27 A. Okay, sir. The first one, they had red headbands on. And  
28 the second one, it was written on the guns "RUF" with the red  
29 ink. And the third, the small boys who were together with the

1 women, they wrote on their chests "RUF". That is why I said it  
2 was the RUF group.

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I'm referring to page 9253,  
4 lines 10 to 13:

11:21:37 5 Q. Witness, I'm going to again read to you a question and an  
6 answer you gave and ask you to explain. The question was:

7 "Q. And in what context did you become familiar with that  
8 name?"

9 A. At the time they were burning houses and killing  
11:21:54 10 people, that was the time that the other soldiers were  
11 saying, 'SLA, NPFL, advance, advance.' That was where I  
12 heard that."

13 MR ANYAH: Well, with respect, and again it's being picky,  
14 but it's relevant. The transcript says, "SLA, NPFLA." That's  
11:22:14 15 what the official transcript says, not NPFL.

16 MS ALAGENDRA:

17 Q. I'll read your answer again, witness:

18 "At the time they were burning houses and killing people,  
19 that was the time the other soldiers were saying, 'SLA,  
11:22:34 20 NPFLA, advance, advance.' That was where I heard that."

21 A. Yes, sir. That was where I heard that.

22 Q. Did you know what the NPFLA was?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Witness, you were also asked a question - your Honours, I  
11:23:04 25 will provide a page number shortly, I just need to look for it.

26 The question was:

27 "Q. It will be fair to say, Madam Witness, that none of  
28 the men who captured you from Karina and took you all the  
29 way in the first instance to Colonel Eddie Town were

1           Liberians, yes?

2           A.    They were junta.

3           Q.    Did you hear any of them speak Liberian English?

4           A.    Yes, sir.

11:23:30 5           Q.    And they were part of the SLAs, right?

6           A.    They were in the SLA group, they were speaking  
7           Liberian, but that man was a real Liberian, the Killer."

8           What do you mean when you said, "That man was a real

9           Liberian, the Killer"?

11:23:49 10          A.    Because he was speaking a Liberian language and the way he  
11          acted, he had nothing to do with the SLA group, he only had  
12          business with the commanders. When you meet with him and you  
13          would say hello to him he would reply in a Liberian language.

14          Q.    Who is this man you are referring to?

11:24:18 15          A.    The Killer.

16          Q.    Witness, you were also asked yesterday - and, your Honours,  
17          I'm referring to page 9254 from line 6 onwards:

18                 "Q.    Besides that reference to STF in Karina when you were  
19                 captured did you ever hear any other reference to STF in  
11:24:42 20                 Karina when you were captured?

21                 "A.    No, since then I did not hear any other things about  
22                 STF."

23                 Then I learned counsel for the Defence referred you to one of  
24                 your previous testimonies before another court and he read to you  
11:24:59 25                 the following - in that court you were asked a question, "Because  
26                 I suggest to you that CO Med was an STF and not an RUF" and in  
27                 that court you answered, "Well, I don't know the name of STF. It  
28                 is about RUF that I know." Do you recall that?

29          A.    Yes, sir.

1 Q. Madam Witness, I'm going to refer you to a portion of your  
2 testimony in that other trial. Okay?

3 A. Okay, sir.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I'm referring to Defence  
11:25:39 5 bundle tab 6 and specifically to page 52 and I'll be reading from  
6 line 4, your Honours:

7 Q. Witness, in that trial you were asked this question, you  
8 said - I beg your pardon, you were asked:

9 "Q. And CO Med himself, previously a Sierra Leone Army  
11:26:12 10 officer?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. STF then, was he?

13 A. RUF."

14 Do you remember saying that to the other Trial Chamber?

11:26:19 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Witness, do you know what STF means?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you know what Special Task Force means?

19 A. No.

11:26:39 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, witness. Your Honours, I have no  
21 further questions.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Alagendra. Just pause.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: Madam Witness, just a few moments ago  
24 Ms Alagendra asked you this question: "When you say they wrote  
11:27:14 25 on the chests of the boys 'RUF' who is the 'they' that wrote  
26 that?"

27 Your answer was: "The RUF commander, because when we were  
28 together - even my own son, they wanted to write 'RUF' on his  
29 chest, but I disagreed, I said no."

1 Now my question is: Are you saying that all that needed to  
2 be done to stop the RUF writing on your son's chest was for you  
3 to say no?

11:28:05 4 THE WITNESS: I objected and the junta man with whom I was,  
5 when I came I reported to him, I told him that I didn't want them  
6 to write "RUF" on my son's chest, so he pleaded on my behalf.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Questions arising from the Bench's  
8 questions?

9 MR ANYAH: None from the Defence, Madam President.

11:28:25 10 MS ALAGENDRA: None from the Prosecution either, your  
11 Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Madam Witness, that is the  
13 end of your evidence. We thank you for coming to give your  
14 evidence here in the Court yesterday and today and we hope that  
11:28:36 15 you have a safe journey back.

16 We will now adjourn the Court until 12 o'clock and that  
17 would also allow the witness to leave the well of the Court.  
18 Please adjourn court.

19 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

11:57:36 20 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Baly, good morning.

22 MS BALY: Good morning, your Honour.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I notice we don't have a witness.

24 MS BALY: No, there is a short application to be made  
12:01:21 25 before the witness comes in. Your Honour, this witness has  
26 agreed to testify openly. He, however, already has been granted  
27 the use of a pseudonym and, your Honour, we make application for  
28 that to be rescinded.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: In other words, he - I gather it is a he?

1 MS BALY: It is a he.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: He will then use his own name, is that  
3 what --

4 MS BALY: Yes, he will.

12:01:53 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I understand. For purposes of  
6 record, the pseudonym of the witness is?

7 MS BALY: TF1-571.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, Mr Munyard, I am not sure who  
9 has carriage of the matter.

12:02:16 10 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, it is myself on this  
11 occasion. As the Court will no doubt expect, we have no  
12 objection to the application that is made.

13 [Trial Chamber conferred]

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: The application is granted.

12:02:41 15 MS BALY: Thank you, your Honour.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

17 MS BALY: Yes, I would ask that the witness be brought in  
18 now.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Baly, what language will the witness  
12:03:18 20 speak?

21 MS BALY: Krio.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are the Krio interpreters in position?

23 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honours.

24 WITNESS: KARMOH KANNEH [Sworn]

12:04:45 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Baly.

26 MS BALY: Thank you, your Honour.

27 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MS BALY:

28 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

29 A. Yes, good morning, my Lord.

1 Q. Can you state your name, please?

2 A. My name is Karmoh Kanneh.

3 Q. What is your date of birth?

4 A. I was born on 1 January 1968.

12:05:17 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have we got a spelling for the name of  
6 the witness, Ms Baly, please?

7 MS BALY: Karmoh K-A-R-M-O-H, Kanneh K-A-N-N-E-H:

8 Q. Mr Kanneh, are you known by any other name apart from  
9 Karmoh Kanneh?

12:05:38 10 A. Yes, I have a nickname that they used to call me by.

11 Q. What is the nickname that they used to call you by?

12 A. Eagle.

13 Q. Apart from Eagle, did you, or do you, have any other  
14 nicknames?

12:06:02 15 A. Yes, I had a nickname before the war, but this one I have  
16 spoken about is - it was given to me during the war, but they  
17 used to call me Owova.

18 Q. Can you repeat that, please, that nickname?

19 A. Owova.

12:06:40 20 MS BALY: I am attempting a spelling of that, O-W-O-V-A:

21 Q. Whereabouts were you born?

22 A. I was born at Gegbwema.

23 Q. What in what country?

24 A. Sierra Leone.

12:07:06 25 Q. In what district?

26 A. Kenema District.

27 Q. And in what chiefdom?

28 A. Tunkia Chiefdom.

29 MS BALY: Gegbwema, the spelling for that is



- 1 N-G-E-G-B-W-E-M-A:
- 2 Q. And what tribe are you from?
- 3 A. Mende.
- 4 Q. Sir, did you go to school?
- 12:07:39 5 A. Yes, I started schooling.
- 6 Q. What year did you complete your schooling?
- 7 A. I left school in 1980.
- 8 Q. And what year at school were you in when you left?
- 9 A. Class 6.
- 12:08:02 10 Q. What languages do you speak?
- 11 A. Well, I speak Mende and Krio.
- 12 Q. Do you speak any English?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Can you read any English?
- 12:08:20 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Can you read maps?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Sir, can I take you, please, to the months years of 1991.
- 19 What were you doing during those early months of 1991?
- 12:08:52 20 A. In 1991 I was doing mining, in early 1991.
- 21 Q. Whereabouts were you doing the mining?
- 22 A. I was doing it in Zimmi Makpele.
- 23 Q. And what were you mining for?
- 24 A. Diamonds.
- 12:09:13 25 Q. Who were you working for?
- 26 A. I was working for my father.
- 27 Q. Did there come a time when you stopped doing the mining?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. Why was that?

1 A. That was the time the war entered in Sierra Leone.

2 Q. What did you do when the war entered in Sierra Leone?

3 A. Well, where the war reached me, that was in Zimmi, I had to  
4 run away to my village.

12:09:54 5 Q. And did you run away to your village?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What village are you referring to?

8 A. Gegbwema.

9 Q. When you ran away to your village did you remain in your  
12:10:14 10 village?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did something happen to you when you were in your village  
13 at that time?

14 A. Yes.

12:10:28 15 Q. What happened to you?

16 A. That was where I was when the rebels attacked our village.

17 Q. Who were these people you have referred to as rebels?  
18 Where did they come from?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: There are two questions there, Ms Baly.  
12:10:56 20 Take them one at a time.

21 THE WITNESS: Liberia.

22 MS BALY:

23 Q. Did you know whether they went by any name?

24 A. Yes, some of them had names.

12:11:10 25 Q. Did they as a group - these people you have referred to as  
26 rebels, did they have a group name?

27 A. Well, their group name was the general name that we used to  
28 call them, rebels.

29 Q. You said they invaded. What exactly did they do?

1 A. Well, when they came and attacked the town, they started  
2 shooting all around. Most of our colleagues escaped, but some of  
3 us who were unable to escape, they captured us.

4 Q. When you say "us", how many of you were captured?

12:12:09 5 A. In all myself plus 16 others.

6 Q. What were the sexes of the 16 and yourself? We know your  
7 sex, but what were the sexes of the other 16 that were captured?  
8 Both sexes, or one?

9 A. No, all of us who were captured were men.

12:12:39 10 Q. What ages were you?

11 A. Well, there were two people amongst us who had about ten  
12 years of age and then the other - and the remaining others were  
13 above 23 years of age.

14 Q. When you say you were captured, describe what you mean by  
12:13:10 15 captured? What happened?

16 A. Well, when they captured the town those of us they met  
17 around, they assembled all of us and we were the men amongst the  
18 women who were captured, so they assembled all of us together and  
19 then they warned us asking that we join them and they said we  
12:13:36 20 should not attempt to escape all the. They said if anybody  
21 attempted to escape, if that person was caught he or she would be  
22 killed.

23 Q. When you say "they", do you know the person who was saying  
24 this to you? Did that person have a name?

12:14:04 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. What was the person's name?

27 A. One Man One.

28 Q. And what was that person's position, if you know?

29 A. Well, he was in control of all the rebels who entered on

1 the Pujehun front. He was the leader amongst them there.

2 Q. How did you know that he was the leader?

3 A. Well, he was later introduced to us as the leader. He was  
4 introduced to us as the leader.

12:14:42 5 Q. Where was he from, if you know?

6 A. Liberia. Liberia.

7 Q. What happened to you after you were captured?

8 A. Well, after some days they told us that they were going to  
9 take us to the base.

12:15:11 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Baly, I would like to know how this  
11 witness knows that this individual was from Liberia. It would  
12 help.

13 MS BALY: Your Honour, I will ask that:

14 Q. How do you know that the person One Man One was a Liberian?

12:15:26 15 A. Well, he was speaking in Liberian tongue and at the same  
16 time later after I had joined them I came to know.

17 Q. At that time, that is when you were captured, were you  
18 familiar with the Liberian tongue?

19 A. Yes, language is different and besides even when they speak  
12:15:59 20 the English - in fact the man was a Gio, he was speaking Gio, and  
21 in Sierra Leone we do not have Gio.

22 Q. Can I take you back to when you said, "After some days they  
23 told us that they were going to take us to the base." Did they  
24 say whereabouts the base was?

12:16:30 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Where?

27 A. Gisiwulo.

28 Q. Did you go to Gisiwulo?

29 A. Yes.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have we had that one spelt before, Ms  
2 Baly, do you know?

3 MS BALY: Yes, that has been spelt a number of times, your  
4 Honour.

12:16:48 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

6 MS BALY:

7 Q. You went to Gisiwulo. What about the other 16 that were  
8 captured at the time you were captured, did they also go to  
9 Gisiwulo?

12:17:03 10 A. We all travelled the same day.

11 Q. What was at Gisiwulo?

12 A. A training base. Those who entered through Pujehun, that  
13 was where they had their training base.

14 Q. Who do you mean by, "Those who entered through Pujehun"?

12:17:30 15 Who are you talking about?

16 A. Well, the rebels who came from Liberian, because the war  
17 entered through two fronts and that was one of the fronts through  
18 which the war entered.

19 Q. Okay. What did you do when you were at Gisiwulo?

12:18:02 20 A. Well, they started training us. They started training us.

21 Q. How many people were training you?

22 A. Well, the ones I can recall were five.

23 Q. Can you name those persons?

24 A. Yes.

12:18:29 25 Q. Please do so?

26 A. The first one was called PI. He was the leader of all of  
27 them. The second one was JR. The third one was called Bockarie  
28 Pepe. The other was called Chico Myers and the other was called  
29 Patrick Lamin. Those were the five that I can recall.

1 Q. I will just go through each of those, please. PI, do you  
2 know where he was from?

3 A. Yes, PI is a Liberian. He was the same tribe, Gio.

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What is the spelling of this name,  
12:19:19 5 please?

6 MS BALY: Capital P, capital I, PI:

7 Q. Do you know whether PI had any other name?

8 A. No, that was the name. That was his name that we knew on  
9 the base.

12:19:33 10 Q. And was he with any particular group?

11 A. A group like?

12 Q. Did he belong to any particular group within the rebels?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. What group?

12:19:58 15 A. He was an NPFL. An NPFL soldier.

16 Q. How did you know that?

17 A. Well, they themselves told us that on the base. They said  
18 they were NPFL. They only came to escort.

19 Q. What do you mean when you say, "They only came to escort"?

12:20:29 20 A. Well, they said it was Foday Sankoh who came with the war,  
21 but he did not have sufficient manpower, so he said they were  
22 ordered to come and escort for them to go and - to come and  
23 assist, so that after which they would be able to hand the war  
24 over to us.

12:20:54 25 Q. And who was it that told you this?

26 A. JR himself told me that, JR with whom he was working, and  
27 even PI told us that.

28 Q. This person, JR, did he go by any other name?

29 A. Yes, you know in Liberia somebody who is called Junior is

1 always referred to as JR. Most times also he was called Junior.  
2 That is his real name.

3 Q. Where was JR from?

4 A. He is also a Liberian. He is Mano.

12:21:44 5 Q. And again how did you know that?

6 A. They told us all of those on the base.

7 Q. You have mentioned another person by the name of Bockarie  
8 Pepe?

9 A. Yes, sir.

12:22:02 10 MS BALY: I will just spell that, B-O-C-K-A-R-I-E, new name  
11 Pepe:

12 Q. Where was Bockarie Pepe from?

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: How do you spell Pepe?

14 THE WITNESS: He was also a Liberian.

12:22:24 15 MS BALY: Sorry, Pepe, P-E-P-E:

16 Q. And again how did you know he was a Liberian?

17 A. Well, he hailed from Cape Mount. He told us that, because  
18 he was speaking the Vai language.

19 MR MUNYARD: Your Honours, I don't want to be too  
12:22:49 20 nitpicking but I have got a spelling of Pepe in the papers we  
21 have been supplied with with a double P in the middle. Whether  
22 that makes any difference or not I don't know, but that's how  
23 it's spelt in the documents supplied to us by the Prosecution.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: For purposes of consistency, Ms Baly, and  
12:23:09 25 to avoid any misunderstandings, which spelling are you adopting?

26 MS BALY: Your Honour, the spelling that I do have is with  
27 one P and that's the way Pepe has been spelt on the record so  
28 far. I appreciate that it could be spelt differently. I am  
29 sticking to one P at this stage.

1 MR MUNYARD: I am not making a big issue out of it, but for  
2 consistency's sake I thought it appropriate to mention it.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is. It will avoid questions later.

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And this language, speaking the what  
12:23:48 5 language, at line 10?

6 MS BALY:

7 Q. This person was speaking, we are talking about Bockarie  
8 Pepe now, what language was he speaking?

9 A. He was speaking Vai. Vai.

12:24:11 10 MS BALY: Your Honour, V-A-I, I am told, the Via language:

11 Q. Now you mentioned also a person by the name of Patrick  
12 Lamin. Where was Patrick Lamin from?

13 A. Well, Patrick Lamin was a Sierra Leonean. He was a Sierra  
14 Leonean.

12:24:35 15 Q. Did he belong, as far as you were aware, to any particular  
16 group?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. What group?

19 A. RUF.

12:24:50 20 Q. Do you know where - I will withdraw that. You have said  
21 that the person who was in charge of training was PI, is that so?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. For how long were you trained at Gisiwulo?

24 A. Well, we spent two weeks at Gisiwulo. That is - six weeks.

12:25:21 25 That is one month two weeks. That was what I spent there.

26 Q. When you arrived there were there any other people there  
27 who were being trained apart from you and the 16 others?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Approximately how many others were there when you arrived?



1 A. Because they always captured people and brought them, but  
2 those of us who were there at that moment until our graduation  
3 were up to 500.

4 Q. And were you of both sexes, or one sex?

12:26:17 5 A. No, we were all mixed. There were men, there were women.

6 Q. What ages were you?

7 A. Well, there were all kinds of ages, starting from ten, 14,  
8 15, going up to 30. They were there.

9 Q. Are you able to say - and please say if you can't -  
12:26:49 10 approximately how many of the 500 were about ten, between ten and  
11 15?

12 A. Yes, between ten and 15 years, the estimated number we can  
13 put it at 50.

14 Q. Now you mentioned that there were two fronts of the war  
12:27:30 15 that came into Sierra Leone. Do you remember saying that?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. I just want to ask you again what were the two fronts?  
18 What was the first front?

19 A. Well, in the war the first front was the 1st Battalion that  
12:27:53 20 entered through Pujehun. That was the first front.

21 Q. Where did the second front enter?

22 A. Well, the second front entered through Kailahun. Kailahun  
23 District. That was the one we called 2nd Battalion.

24 Q. Now go back to the training, please. You said you trained  
12:28:18 25 for six weeks. What did your training consist of?

26 A. Well, the first time we entered there they taught us about  
27 arms because that was the current issue at hand.

28 Q. Did they teach you anything else apart from about arms?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What?

2 A. They told us about discipline. That was the second thing.

3 Q. And when you say that the current issue at hand was about  
4 arms, what do you mean?

12:29:18 5 A. Because it was a war and in the war situation when you go  
6 to the base, the first thing they will tell you was about arms.  
7 And even when we were at the training base things might go wrong  
8 and so that you will be able to defend yourself.

9 Q. The 50 or so people that were between ten and 15, did they  
12:29:45 10 receive the same or different training to what you received?

11 A. Well, repeat that. Let me get it clearly.

12 Q. You said earlier that there were 50 or so people there who  
13 were aged between ten and 15 years. My question is did those 50  
14 or so receive the same or a different type of training to the  
12:30:14 15 training that you received?

16 A. No, sir, they distributed everybody into platoons. There  
17 were women, young ones, adults. We all went through the same  
18 training.

19 Q. What did they teach you - did they teach you anything in  
12:30:40 20 particular about fighting?

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Again, Ms Baly, you have got two  
22 questions there. You said what did they teach you and then you  
23 asked something about a particularisation.

24 MS BALY:

12:30:59 25 Q. Did they teach you anything in particular about fighting?  
26 Any methods of fighting?

27 A. Yes, yes, yes.

28 Q. What did they teach you in particular?

29 A. They taught us how to lay an ambush, how to attack, how to

1 make an area fearful .

2 Q. What were you taught about making an area fearful ?

3 A. The first thing is sometimes when we might go and attack a  
4 place, we will meet civilians, we capture them, we remove them  
12:31:45 5 from the area and that is one way to make the area fearful ,  
6 because at that moment the area will be made free. That is one.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Perhaps the witness could explain to us  
8 what he means by "fearful"?

9 MS BALY: Yes, I was just about to ask, your Honour:

12:32:02 10 Q. What do you mean when you say make an area fearful? The  
11 word "fearful", what do you mean when you use that word?

12 A. Well, I am sure that if people were in a town then at the  
13 end of the day you will come, you will see that there is nobody  
14 living there again. Even you who is coming to see there at that  
12:32:27 15 moment you will know that the area has been made fearful and if  
16 you had left people there then later you come and you will not  
17 see anybody around there you will know that the area is fearful .

18 Q. When you were doing your training, was this term "make an  
19 area fearful" a term that was used in the training?

12:32:57 20 A. Yes, yes, they taught us all of those things.

21 Q. After you completed your training, what did you do?

22 A. Well, they graduated us and some of us were given arms on  
23 that very day. Then we were moved to Zimmi. That was the first  
24 target.

12:33:31 25 Q. You were moved to Zimmi, is that what you're saying?

26 A. Yes, yes, that was the first place. We were now on our way  
27 to Zimmi .

28 Q. What was the purpose of going to Zimmi ?

29 A. It was a road. That was normally where they picked up us -

1 picked us up in a vehicle and then we will move. That was the  
2 road, the direct road.

3 Q. Why did you go to Zimmi? Were you told why you were going  
4 there?

12:34:07 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Why?

7 A. Well, they said we should go there and board the vehicle.  
8 It's a front line, but Zimmi was on the main highway. Just we  
9 came there for us to get vehicle.

12:34:26 10 Q. And did you get vehicles in Zimmi?

11 A. That very day.

12 Q. Where did you go to after you got the vehicles?

13 A. Well, we went to Gbuwabu. That was where they took us to.

14 MS BALY: Your Honour, the spelling that I have for that is

12:34:49 15 G-B-U-W-A-B-U:

16 Q. What did you do when you got to Gbuwabu?

17 A. Well, we had a target which was Joru, the enemies were  
18 there. That was where we were supposed to go and attack.

19 Q. Did you go and attack Joru where the enemies were?

12:35:26 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who was the commander at Joru?

22 A. Well, we met one Commander Black. He was called Black.  
23 That was whom we met.

24 Q. And where was Black from, if you know?

12:35:48 25 A. He was a Liberian. He came from Liberia. He was also a  
26 Mano by tribe.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I suppose this is the commander of the  
28 witness's group and not the enemy group?

29 MS BALY: Yes, I will clarify that:

1 Q. Commander Black at Joru, what group was he commanding?

2 A. Well, the rebel group that entered. He was the commander  
3 in that area.

4 Q. Were you a part of that group?

12:36:22 5 A. Yes, that was where they took us to.

6 Q. What did you do when you went there?

7 A. Well, we were assembled and then we went and attacked Joru,  
8 just as I said now.

9 Q. Were you successful in attacking Joru?

12:36:54 10 A. No. That was our first attack. We did not make it.

11 Q. Why didn't you make it?

12 A. Well, at that time we had not yet been used to the sound of  
13 the gun, so the enemy force pushed us back. We did not make it  
14 to capture.

12:37:18 15 Q. Where were you pushed back to?

16 A. We came back to Gbuwabu.

17 Q. Did you remain at Gbuwabu?

18 A. Yes, we were there up to one month.

19 Q. And what were you doing when you were in Gbuwabu for that  
12:37:43 20 month?

21 A. Well, the commander told us to keep defensive, so we kept  
22 defensive against Joru.

23 Q. And who was the commander who told you that?

24 A. Commander Black.

12:38:02 25 Q. What did you do after the month was over? Where did you go  
26 to?

27 A. Well, the enemy came and pushed us out of Gbuwabu.

28 Q. Where were you pushed to?

29 A. We came to Gegbwema Tunkia.

1 Q. And when you say the enemy, who do you mean?

2 A. That is the soldiers against whom we were fighting.

3 MS BALY: Now the spelling - I am just getting the spelling  
4 for those two places:

12:38:50 5 Q. Can you name them again, please, witness. Where were you  
6 pushed to?

7 A. After Gbuwabu?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. We went to Gegbwema.

12:39:05 10 Q. And you mentioned another place as well?

11 A. When we left Gbuwabu we went to Gegbwema.

12 Q. What district is Gegbwema in?

13 A. It falls under Kenema District.

14 MS BALY: That has been spelt, but I will spell it again,

12:39:31 15 N-G-E-G-B-W-E-M-A:

16 Q. Did you remain --

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: He did say Tunkia or something like that,  
18 didn't you, Mr Witness?

19 THE WITNESS: That is the chiefdom. The chiefdom.

12:39:50 20 MS BALY:

21 Q. Tunkia?

22 A. Tunkia. Tunkia Chiefdom. That is where you can find that  
23 town.

24 Q. And did you remain there for any time?

12:40:04 25 A. We were there for up to two weeks.

26 Q. And what did you do during the two weeks?

27 A. We were keeping defensive around that area again.

28 Q. And what happened after the two weeks was over?

29 A. Well, we encountered another serious attack that was very

1 heavy.

2 Q. What happened as a result of the serious attack that was  
3 very heavy?

12:40:50

4 A. Well, the enemy force was too heavy so they pushed us  
5 backwards again.

6 Q. Where were you pushed to?

7 A. We came to Golahun.

8 Q. Did you say Golahun?

9 A. Yes, Golahun.

12:41:17

10 MS BALY: I will just come back to the spelling of that:

11 Q. Whereabouts is that place, Golahun? What district and what  
12 chiefdom?

13 A. It falls under Kenema District and Tunkia is the chiefdom  
14 headquarter.

12:41:43

15 Q. For how long did you remain at that particular place?

16 A. Well, we were not there for a long time again, because we  
17 were on the run, because at that time we were all afraid. We  
18 were just almost always waiting to run away, because the enemies  
19 were chasing us.

12:42:05

20 Q. Were you chased any further by the enemies?

21 A. Yes, after Gegbwema they came and attacked us again at  
22 Gegbwema and at that time now we were just on the run.

23 Q. Where did you run to?

12:42:38

24 A. Well, we all went to Zimmi and that was the headquarters,  
25 The main headquarters.

26 MS BALY: Just pause there for a moment. The spelling of  
27 Golahun is G-O-L-A-H-U-N:

28 Q. So you went to Zimmi, the main headquarters. What did you  
29 do when you were in Zimmi?

1 A. Well, that was where we went and met with most of the  
2 senior commanders and then they all decided that we should go  
3 back and keep defensive.

12:43:14 4 Q. When you say the senior commanders, the senior commanders  
5 for what? For what group?

6 A. For the rebel group that entered.

7 Q. What was the name of that group?

8 A. Well, they referred to it as RUF.

9 Q. Were you a part of that group?

12:43:35 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Thank you. Can you name any of the senior commanders who  
12 were at Zimmi at this time?

13 A. Yes, some of them, because the man who actually entered as  
14 a battle group commander who was Commander One Man One, he  
12:43:57 15 himself we met him there, because he was based there.

16 Q. All right. Was there anyone else apart from One Man One?

17 A. Yes, CO Monamie too was there. He was a Gambian.

18 Q. Can you mention his name again, please?

19 A. Monamie. CO Monamie.

12:44:26 20 MS BALY: M-O-N-A-M-I-E:

21 Q. This person One Man One, do you know whether he went by any  
22 other name?

23 A. No, that was the name that he came with.

24 Q. The person CO Monamie, where was he from?

12:44:53 25 A. He came from Gambia, but all of them came to Liberia. It  
26 was through Liberia that they all entered.

27 Q. When you saw him, he was at --

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Came to or came through? Came to Liberia  
29 or came through Liberia, Mr Interpreter?



1 THE INTERPRETER: He said initially that he came from  
2 Gambia and he came to Liberia and they entered through Liberia.  
3 That was what the witness said.

4 MS BALY:

12:45:30 5 Q. When you say he entered through Liberia, where did he  
6 enter?

7 A. Well, they came through Bo Waterside and they entered.

8 Q. Entered where?

9 A. Sierra Leone.

12:45:48 10 Q. And you saw him at Zimmi, is that so?

11 A. Yes, yes.

12 Q. Were there any other senior commanders at Zimmi at that  
13 time that you can recall?

14 A. Yes.

12:46:04 15 Q. Can you name them, please?

16 A. I saw Mike Lamin. Mike Lamin.

17 Q. Anybody else?

18 A. Those are the ones I can recall for now.

19 Q. For how long did you remain at Zimmi at that time?

12:46:29 20 A. Well, we spent another two weeks in Zimmi.

21 Q. Where did you go after the two weeks?

22 A. Well, finally we were pushed and we went to Bo Waterside.

23 Q. And what did you do when you went to Bo Waterside?

24 A. Well, we met with Foday Sankoh, because he was based there.

12:47:04 25 Q. What position did Foday Sankoh hold at that time?

26 A. Well, he had declared himself the leader of the RUF.

27 Q. When you say you met with him, what do you mean? Did you  
28 meet him personally?

29 A. No, he was based in that town and so when we all withdrew

1 it was not just a single person, we all met him there.

2 Q. And you have mentioned Bo Waterside. Just tell us what  
3 country Bo Waterside is in?

12:48:09

4 A. Well, the towns are there, but Gendema is on this one side,  
5 but normally we refer to it as Bo Waterside, but that is the  
6 Sierra Leone side.

7 Q. Right. So you were at the Sierra Leonean side of Bo  
8 Waterside. Is that what you're saying?

9 A. Yes, sir.

12:48:25

10 Q. What happened at this meeting with Foday Sankoh?

11 A. Well, he called for formation of all the soldiers and then  
12 he addressed us, explaining that the Liberians have disturbed his  
13 war. That was what he told us.

12:48:59

14 Q. Did he say what he meant when he said the Liberians had  
15 disturbed his war? Did he explain further what he meant by that?

16 A. Yes, sir, he explained some.

17 Q. What did he say?

12:49:26

18 A. Well, he said what he told them was not what they did.  
19 They were all going in for people's property and they did not go  
20 to the front to fight.

21 Q. When he was referring to "them" and "they", as "they were  
22 all going in for people's property" and "they did not go to the  
23 front to fight", who was he talking about?

24 A. The Liberians. The NPFL. Those who came.

12:49:53

25 Q. Did he say anything further about the Liberians, the NPFL?

26 A. Yes. Well, he told us that we should not mind much about  
27 them. He said if they were - they wanted to go they should go  
28 and he said we were here, we can stay and fight.

29 Q. And did he say where they wanted to go?

1 A. Whom?

2 Q. The NPFL, the Liberians he was referring to?

3 A. Yes, he meant Liberia, because all of them had loads. They  
4 had vehicles loaded and they were crossing over to the Liberian  
12:50:47 5 side. So I think he was referring to Liberia.

6 Q. And did he say anything more to you at this meeting about  
7 what you should do?

8 A. Yes, yes.

9 Q. What did he say?

12:51:08 10 A. He talked to us. He tried to encourage us. He asked us -  
11 he asked us to be patient and he said we will go on and it was  
12 during that formation that they in fact decided to distribute us  
13 to go to different, different areas. Different areas. Various  
14 areas. We all later went back.

12:51:33 15 Q. Went back where?

16 A. Well, like in the case of me, later --

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, that was not very clear to  
18 the interpreter.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please repeat your answer.

12:51:50 20 The interpreter did not fully understand it.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay, let the question be repeated.

22 MS BALY:

23 Q. You said that we all later went back and so I asked you  
24 went back where?

12:52:13 25 A. Well, I went to Wai. It was Wai that I was deployed.

26 MS BALY: That's W-A-I:

27 Q. Whereabouts is Wai?

28 A. Wai is in Pujehun district.

29 Q. Okay. What did you do when you went to Wai?

- 1 A. Well, we went there to keep defensive. Whilst he was  
2 living in Bo Waterside, we went to keep defensive at Wai.
- 3 Q. Who was living in Bo Waterside?
- 4 A. Foday Sankoh.
- 12:52:56 5 Q. Did you keep the defensive in Wai?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. For how long did you stay in Wai?
- 8 A. We were there for up to one month.
- 9 Q. Where did you go after the month?
- 12:53:16 10 A. Well, finally we were pushed and we were attacked from all  
11 fronts. They attacked us and they even captured Bo Waterside and  
12 all of us ran away into Liberia.
- 13 Q. Whereabouts in Liberia did you run to.
- 14 A. The first place we went to was Tiene.
- 12:53:40 15 Q. Did you stay in Tiene, T-E-N-I?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Where did you go to from Tiene?
- 18 A. Well, we went to Bomi Hills.
- 19 MS BALY: That's T-E-N-I for the record:
- 12:54:00 20 Q. Did you remain for any time in Bomi Hills?
- 21 A. Well, we were there for just a few days.
- 22 Q. What happened while you were there?
- 23 A. Well, that same commander, the battle group commander, One  
24 Man One, we met all of them there, because that was where all the  
12:54:27 25 senior commanders stopped, so we all went and stopped there.
- 26 Q. You said you were there for just a few days. What happened  
27 during those few days that you were there?
- 28 A. Well, we were there when we saw Foday Sankoh and at the  
29 same time we saw Mr Taylor. All of them came.

1 Q. How did Mr Taylor come? Do you know how he came there?  
2 What method he came there?

3 A. Well, we just saw him. He was in the vehicle. They came  
4 on board a vehicle. And where we were based they all came there,  
12:55:19 5 he and Foday Sankoh.

6 Q. Did he and Foday Sankoh come together?

7 A. No, Foday Sankoh first came.

8 Q. When you say Mr Taylor, who are you talking about? What's  
9 the full name of that person, if you know?

12:55:41 10 A. Well, that name, Charles Ghankay Taylor, that is what we  
11 normally called him by.

12 Q. Had you ever seen him before that time?

13 A. No, that was my first day - first day to see him.

14 Q. What did Charles Taylor do?

12:56:13 15 A. Well, they called us to a formation and then all of us were  
16 briefed. They gave us courageous words. They said we shouldn't  
17 fear. We will have to return. They said we shouldn't fear.

18 Q. When you say they gave you courageous words, who was  
19 speaking?

12:56:39 20 A. Well he himself, Charles Taylor, was the first person who  
21 spoke and then later he was buttressed by Foday Sankoh.

22 Q. What did Charles Taylor say exactly at that formation?

23 A. Well he said he had come with armament, materials and all  
24 other things and he said we were going to get ready and go back  
12:57:11 25 to Sierra Leone.

26 Q. Did he say anything else?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What did he say?

29 A. He said he was going to divide the group into two. He told

1 us that.

2 Q. You said that Foday Sankoh then spoke and he buttressed, I  
3 think you used the word "buttressed" - Foday Sankoh buttressed  
4 Charles Taylor. What do you mean by Foday Sankoh buttressed  
12:57:47 5 Charles Taylor?

6 A. Well, the words that Charles Taylor spoke were the same  
7 things that he said. He said we should have courage, we should  
8 be patient, we will have to go back. Just as he said were the  
9 same things that he said, or he polished what he said.

12:58:13 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: There are several "he"s there.

11 MS BALY: Yes:

12 Q. When you are referring to "he" and "he polished what he  
13 said", who is the "he" you are talking about?

14 A. Foday Sankoh.

12:58:25 15 Q. And what do you mean when you say "he polished what he  
16 said"?

17 A. For instance if I say something and then you repeat the  
18 same thing for there to be guarantee. Because there were two  
19 groups, there were NPFL and there were RUF, so when the man spoke  
12:58:47 20 he also spoke later and said the same thing.

21 Q. So, who polished what who said? Who was the person who  
22 polished?

23 A. It was Mr Ghankay first who spoke and Foday Sankoh spoke  
24 later, so it was Foday Sankoh.

12:59:11 25 Q. When you say it was Foday Sankoh, do you mean it was Foday  
26 Sankoh who polished what had been said by Charles Taylor?

27 A. Yes, sir.

28 Q. You also said previously that, "Charles Taylor said he was  
29 going to divide the group into two. He told us that". Did he -

1 did he divide the group into two?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How many were in the one group before it was divided?

12:59:52

4 A. Well we were many, but our group that we went with, that is  
5 the one I will be able to give an account about.

6 Q. Were you placed into a group?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How many were placed into the group that you were placed  
9 into?

13:00:08

10 A. Well in our own group that we moved with, initially when we  
11 moved to Bomi Hills, although some later added but we were  
12 initially 500.

13 Q. Mr Witness, after the group was divided into two groups, I  
14 think you said you were placed into a group?

13:00:34

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How many were there in the group that you were placed into?

17 A. Where we went, Mano River, the group that we moved with?

18 Q. The big group was divided into two, is that so?

19 A. Yes, yes.

13:00:54

20 Q. You were put into one of those new groups, is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How many in the group that you were put into?

23 A. 250.

24 Q. Did the group that you were placed into have a name?

13:01:15

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Who gave the group the name, if you know?

27 A. It was Mr Taylor.

28 Q. And what was the name of the group?

29 A. It was called Black Gadaffa.

1 MS BALY: Black and Gadaffa, G-A-D-D-A-F-A:

2 Q. When you were placed into that group, was there someone who  
3 was in charge of the group?

4 A. Yes, sir.

13:01:59 5 Q. Who was that person?

6 A. General Pepe.

7 Q. Is this the same person, or a different person, to the  
8 person you referred to before as Bockarie Pepe?

9 A. Bockarie Pepe was at the training base. This one is at the  
13:02:24 10 battle front. Now we were at the war - this is the wartime now.  
11 They are not the same people.

12 Q. Where was General Pepe from?

13 A. He was an NPFL general.

14 Q. Was there a person who was his - was reporting to him in  
13:02:52 15 the group?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Who was that?

18 A. General Devon.

19 Q. Where was General Devon from?

13:03:07 20 A. He was an NPFL general.

21 MS BALY: D-E-V-O-N, spelt correctly.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is General Pepe spelt as in the earlier  
23 Pepe?

24 MS BALY: Yes, your Honour, P-E-P-E.

13:03:24 25 MR MUNYARD: Not in the document that I have got from the  
26 Prosecution that gives these very names double P in the middle.  
27 It is page 47084 for the benefit of my learned friend.

28 MS BALY: Thank you:

29 Q. Mr Witness, do you know how Dry Pepe spelt the name Pepe?



1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Where did Dry Pepe come out of? I heard  
2 General Pepe.

3 MS BALY: General Pepe, I apologise:

4 Q. General Pepe, do you know how Pepe was spelt?

13:03:55 5 A. No.

6 MS BALY: I accept what Mr Munyard has said in the  
7 documents that there is two Ps in this Pepe. Thank you,  
8 Mr Munyard:

9 Q. Apart from yourself in the group called the Black Gadaffa,  
10 were there any other people from Sierra Leone?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Were there any that had a position as a commander within  
13 the group?

14 A. Yes, sir.

13:04:35 15 Q. Who?

16 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the  
17 name?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please repeat the name you  
19 have just said for the interpreter.

13:04:50 20 THE WITNESS: Stevor Sherri f. Stevor Sherri f.

21 MS BALY:

22 Q. Can you just repeat slowly the first name again? Just do  
23 it slowly.

24 A. You mean the last name?

13:05:08 25 Q. No, I mean the first name?

26 A. General Dry Pepe.

27 Q. No, the first name of this person Stevor Sherri f? The  
28 first name?

29 A. Stevor Sherri f. They used to call him just Sherri f. That

1 is his real name.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, you are also eating your  
3 words. What is the first name of Sherri f?

13:05:46

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has pronounced  
5 the name in two different ways. First he said Steelwatt [phon]  
6 and the second he says Stevor.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, we are not clear what this  
8 first name is. Say it again, please.

13:06:01

9 THE WITNESS: Stevor. Stevor Sherri f. His real name was  
10 just Sherri f, but Stevor was added to his name during the war.

11 MS BALY: Your Honours, I can only spell the first name  
12 phonetically as S-T-E-V-O-R, Stevor, and Sherri f is  
13 S-H-E-R-I-F-F:

13:06:30

14 Q. What position did this person Stevor Sherri f hold in the  
15 group Black Gadaffa?

16 A. He was between us and the NPFL. He was the commander.

17 Q. Commander of what?

18 A. For us who were divided when we went there, we the Sierra  
19 Leoneans.

13:06:59

20 Q. So when you use the words "for us", who do you mean?

21 A. The RUF soldiers.

22 Q. Who did he report to; that is Commander Stevor Sherri f?

23 A. He reported to Commander Pele Boy.

24 Q. Commander Pele Boy, is that what you said?

13:07:30

25 A. Yes.

26 MS BALY: That has been spelt before. If it hasn't, it is  
27 P-E-L-E and boy B-O-Y:

28 Q. The Sierra Leoneans who were in that group in the Black  
29 Gadaffa, were they known by any particular term?

1 A. We were junior commandos. They called us junior commandos.

2 Q. What did that mean, junior commandos? What did that mean  
3 to you?

13:08:21

4 A. That is all of us who were trained in Sierra Leone, the  
5 first group. That was the name they used to call us, junior  
6 commandos.

7 Q. Now, you said that it was Charles Taylor who gave the group  
8 the name Black Gadaffa. My question is how do you know that it  
9 was Charles Taylor who gave that name?

13:08:41

10 A. We were all in a formation. Even before Mr Taylor  
11 addressed us before we left we got that name from Bomi Hills,  
12 that Gadaffa name.

13 Q. How did you know that Charles Taylor had given that name?

13:09:10

14 A. We were all at the formation, it was not in secret, where  
15 soldiers were assembled before everyone moved.

16 Q. At the formation you told us before that Charles Taylor  
17 said he was going to divide the group into two. Did he name  
18 either of the new groups when he was at the formation?

13:09:37

19 A. No, it was only the other group that was going that other  
20 end. That was what was given that name.

21 Q. Sorry, can you explain what you mean by what you have just  
22 said? What you have just said in that answer, "No, it was the  
23 only other group that was going that other end. That was what  
24 was given that name", what do you mean by that?

13:09:57

25 A. The group that I was going with, the group that I was part  
26 of, that was given - that was the group that was given the name  
27 Gadaffa.

28 Q. I will ask you again. Who gave the group the name Gadaffa?

29 A. It was from the formation that it got the name from

1 Mr Taylor.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What formation, Mr Witness, are you  
3 referring to?

4 THE WITNESS: At Bomi Hills. The formation that was called  
13:10:39 5 that I spoke about just now.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Was Mr Taylor at Bomi Hills? Is that  
7 what the --

8 MS BALY: Yes.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Okay.

13:10:51 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, that was where he and Foday Sankoh met  
11 us. That is what I have just spoken about.

12 MS BALY:

13 Q. Now what was the purpose of this group that you became a  
14 member of, the Black Gadaffa group? Were you told what the  
13:11:08 15 purpose of your group was?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. What were you told?

18 A. They said we were to sabotage the movement of the enemy in  
19 Sierra Leone.

13:11:26 20 Q. Who is "they" when you said "they said"?

21 A. That was in Bomi Hills we were told this when they gave  
22 that name that when we go there that will be our mission. Pa  
23 Taylor and Foday Sankoh, both of them told us this.

24 Q. And what were you told that you were meant to do in order  
13:11:56 25 to sabotage the movement of the enemy?

26 A. They said one we should be setting up ambush constantly and  
27 --

28 Q. And you said something else? Setting up ambushes  
29 constantly?

1 A. Yes, yes, yes.

2 Q. What else?

3 A. Then we should make sure we make the area fearful and we  
4 will be able to run our missions so we will take all the

13:12:39 5 civilians from the villages.

6 Q. Who was it that said you were to make the area fearful?

7 A. All of these instructions we got from the base, Bomi Hills.  
8 Mr Taylor and Mr Sankoh told us this.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Baly, I also wish to understand who  
10 the enemy was.

13:13:04

11 MS BALY: Yes:

12 Q. At that stage, who was the enemy that you were facing?

13 A. It was the Sierra Leone soldiers and ULIMO.

14 Q. Did the Sierra Leonean soldiers go by any particular name?

13:13:32

15 A. Well, that was the name we knew for them. They were  
16 soldiers.

17 Q. Were you told anything else about what you were to do as a  
18 member of the group, Black Gadaffa?

19 A. That was the most important thing that they told us that we  
13:14:01 20 were to set ambushes and we were to attack all the villages and  
21 clear them.

22 Q. Clear them of what?

23 A. We were to capture all of the civilians. If they were  
24 soldiers, we should attack them. If there were no soldiers, we  
13:14:18 25 should take all the civilians from that area.

26 Q. After you had been placed into this group, the Black  
27 Gadaffa, what did you do?

28 A. We went to the base and we started the operations that we  
29 were told to do.

1 Q. Where was the base?

2 A. Mano River. They called the place Kongo.

3 Q. Did you start these operations that you were told to do?

4 A. Yes, just as we arrived.

13:15:08 5 Q. What operations did you do?

6 A. Well, we started each from setting up of ambushes.

7 Q. Where did you set up the ambushes?

8 A. We set it between Bo Waterside and Zimmi.

9 Q. And what happened after you set the ambushes?

13:15:41 10 A. The enemies who were advancing towards Bo Waterside had to  
11 fall into the ambush and they were seriously damaged.

12 Q. And what happened to them after they were seriously  
13 damaged?

14 A. We captured a lot of weapons, arms and ammunition, from  
13:16:02 15 them.

16 Q. After you captured the arms and ammunition, what did you  
17 do?

18 A. We withdrew and went to Mano River again.

19 Q. For how long did you remain at Mano River?

13:16:25 20 A. We were in Mano River for up to six months.

21 Q. So when you were at Mano River, what year was it?

22 A. It was from 1992, early.

23 Q. Until when?

24 A. We went there early 1992. It was in the same 1992 that we  
13:16:59 25 were there.

26 Q. And when did you leave Mano River?

27 A. We left there finally at the end of 1992.

28 Q. And when you say you left there, you have used the term "We  
29 left there", who are you talking about then?

1 A. All of us who had been there who were assigned to that  
2 place, all of us left there.

3 Q. You told us previously that there were about 250 people in  
4 this Black Gadaffa group. Did the whole group leave Mano River  
13:17:44 5 at the end of 1992?

6 A. No.

7 Q. How many of the group left?

8 A. I cannot give an estimate now, but it was the RUF group  
9 that crossed.

13:18:08 10 Q. Were you one of the people who left?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When you left did you remain a member of the Black Gadaffa  
13 group, or did you leave the group?

14 A. After that mission, after the six months when we left, we  
13:18:32 15 were not referring to ourselves as Black Gadaffa any more.

16 Q. Why?

17 A. Well the mission for which the name was given to us when we  
18 were in Liberia had been accomplished, so when we crossed over we  
19 were no longer Black Gadaffa.

13:18:54 20 Q. When you say the mission had been accomplished, what  
21 exactly had been accomplished?

22 A. Well we were trying to have a base in Sierra Leone and,  
23 thank God, during the operations we were able to get a base.

24 Q. Where did you get the base?

13:19:18 25 A. That was in a chiefdom called Sogbewema.

26 MS BALY: Just the spelling of that is S-O-G-B-E-W-E-M-A:

27 Q. Whereabouts in Sogbewema chiefdom did you set up this base?

28 A. It is in the Pujehun District. That is where the chiefdom  
29 is.

1 Q. Was the base in any particular part of Pujehun District?

2 A. Yes, that is the chiefdom. It is very close to Zimmi.

3 That is the name of the chiefdom that I have given to you and the  
4 name of the district too, which I have supplied as well.

13:20:16 5 Q. You have supplied the name of the district and the  
6 chiefdom. Was there any particular place or village that the  
7 base was set up in?

8 A. The base like?

9 Q. You said that you were able as a result of your mission to  
13:20:33 10 set up a base in Sierra Leone and you have said that it was in  
11 Pujehun District in Sogbewema chiefdom. My question is  
12 whereabouts? Was it in a particular village, this base?

13 A. No, it was not in a particular village. It was the entire  
14 chiefdom, including Bo Waterside and Sogbewema. All of those  
13:21:07 15 fall under this chiefdom. It is in the entire chiefdom, not just  
16 one town.

17 Q. What was the purpose of this base?

18 A. It was not a training base. Okay, let me make it simple  
19 for you. It was where we had had a place to base ourselves to  
13:21:26 20 settle. It was not a training base, but kind of we had a  
21 settlement.

22 Q. Did you go and settle at this base?

23 A. Yes, we settled in the Sogbewema chiefdom.

24 Q. For how long did you settle there? When did you - I think  
13:21:49 25 you said you left at the end of 1992. How long did you stay at  
26 this base?

27 A. We were in that area from '93/'94 - '92/'93 we were there.

28 Q. When you were there, were you any particular rank?

29 A. No.



1 Q. Whilst you were there, did you achieve any particular rank?

2 A. No.

3 Q. What were your duties when you were at this base?

4 A. Well, the groups were divided according to areas. We who  
13:22:37 5 were defending Zimmi area, we were on the highway so the enemy  
6 could not penetrate.

7 Q. And what were you - what would you do when you were making  
8 sure the enemy could not penetrate? What did you do?

9 A. Well, we will keep guard and at the same time we will set  
13:23:00 10 ambush on the main Zimmi Bo Waterside highway.

11 Q. You said you were in that area from '93 and '94. Where did  
12 you go when you left the base?

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought he corrected that to '92 to  
14 '93. I thought he corrected himself.

13:23:26 15 MS BALY: Yes, I will just clarify that. Thank you, your  
16 Honour:

17 Q. When was it that you left this base? What year?

18 A. Well, I left that base finally in January. The ending of  
19 December to January, that was when I left that base.

13:23:49 20 Q. What year?

21 A. 1994.

22 Q. Are you referring to January 1994, or December 1994?

23 A. December 1993 I left and finally I had to go to the other  
24 base in January. December 1993 was when I left. We had a call  
13:24:23 25 and then before in January 1994 I went to the other base.

26 Q. Where was the other base that you went to?

27 A. It was straight to Zogoda that I went.

28 Q. Now, what - well, who did you get this call from?

29 A. It was Foday Sankoh.

1 Q. When you say you got a call, what do you mean? How did you  
2 get this call and what sort of a call was it?

3 A. He was a leader. He sent people, because at that time we  
4 hadn't a communication set. He sent people to call me.

13:25:12 5 Q. And did you go to Zogoda?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What was your position when you went to Zogoda? What was  
8 your role and what were you to do there?

9 A. Well we went and met the leader who had called us, Pa Foday  
13:25:34 10 Sankoh.

11 Q. Did you - did Foday Sankoh speak to you?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did Foday Sankoh say?

14 A. He told us that he was the one who had invited us and that  
13:25:54 15 he had tried and got a base that was Zogoda and that we were to  
16 join hands with him and carry on with the operations.

17 Q. So, what did you do after you were told to carry on with  
18 the operations?

19 A. Well he gave me an assignment, a rank and assignment, on  
13:26:23 20 that same day.

21 Q. Firstly, what rank did you receive?

22 A. The first rank was lieutenant.

23 Q. And what assignment did you receive?

24 A. He made me the company commander.

13:26:42 25 Q. What company were you to command?

26 A. Company A.

27 Q. How many were in Company A?

28 A. We were over 200.

29 Q. And who did you report to as commander of Company A?

1 A. I was reporting directly to him.

2 Q. And by "him" who do you mean?

3 A. Foday Sankoh.

4 Q. And did you commence your assignment as company commander  
13:27:22 5 of Company A?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. What did you do?

8 A. I moved with the men who were given to me to the target  
9 area where I was to be.

13:27:39 10 Q. What was the target area?

11 A. He assigned me to Baoma Koya.

12 Q. And what were you assigned to do at Baoma Koya?

13 A. We were to clear right up to Gofor and keep defensive.

14 Q. I just need a spelling here. You said Baoma Koya, is that  
13:28:15 15 right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Is that the name of a village?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS BALY: I think B-A-O-M-A, Baoma, and Koya K-O-Y-A:

13:28:39 20 Q. What district is Baoma Koya in?

21 A. Kenema District.

22 Q. For how long did you stay?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was a second place, Ms Baly, which  
24 I am just trying to remember the phonetics. Gulber [phon], or  
13:28:58 25 some name like that.

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: They were to clear up to something.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Gulber or something.

28 MS BALY: Yes, I will just clarify that:

29 Q. You said that you were to clear right up to and then you

1 used the name of a place, Gulber or something?

2 A. Gofor. Gofor.

3 MS BALY: That is G - well Mr Santora is just getting the  
4 spelling for that place, if I could come back please to that  
13:29:30 5 particular spelling.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. I note the time and this is the  
7 normal time for the lunch adjournment. Has Mr Santora got the  
8 spelling, or shall we wait until after lunch now?

9 MS BALY: May we do it after lunch?

10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, we will adjourn now for the  
11 lunchtime adjournment. Mr Witness, we normally take a break now  
12 for lunch. We will start again at 2.30. Please adjourn court.

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

14 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

14:31:54 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Baly, I also note a change of  
16 appearance.

17 MS BALY: Yes, Ms Alagendra has left the Prosecution Bench.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Baly. Please proceed.

19 MS BALY: Yes, I have a spelling for Gofor.

14:32:07 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, good.

21 MS BALY: G-O-F-O-R:

22 Q. Now before we took the lunch break, Mr Kanneh, you told the  
23 judges that your assignment at Baoma Koya was to clear right up  
24 to Gofor and keep the defensive. What do you mean by clear?

14:32:40 25 A. Well it was a defensive area, but Gofor was occupied by  
26 enemies. It was at the junction to enter Baoma Koya, so he said  
27 when we went there we should clear there.

28 Q. Clear of what?

29 A. The enemy. The enemy. The soldiers. The soldiers who

1 were based there.

2 Q. Did you do that?

3 A. Later the order changed. They said we should disregard.

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness come closer  
14:33:09 5 to the mic and be asked to speak audibly a little?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, everything you say is being  
7 recorded and heard by the interpreters. The interpreters need  
8 you to get a bit closer to the microphone so that they can hear  
9 you clearly and that the recording can be made clearly.

14:33:26 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Ms Baly, proceed.

12 MS BALY:

13 Q. I will just go over that again. You said, "Later the order  
14 changed. They said we should disregard". What were you to  
14:33:37 15 disregard?

16 A. They said the mission should stop; that we should just keep  
17 defensive.

18 Q. And who said that?

19 A. Foday Sankoh.

14:33:48 20 Q. So, did you just keep defensive?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You said you went to Baoma Koya in January of 1994. For  
23 how long did you remain at Baoma Koya for?

24 A. Well, I was there up to a year.

14:34:10 25 Q. Where did you go when you left Baoma Koya?

26 A. I was assigned to Peyama.

27 Q. And did you receive a fresh assignment when you went to  
28 Peyama?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. What was the fresh assignment?

2 A. We joined our brothers to keep the defensive in Peyama.

3 Q. And who were your brothers?

4 A. Sam Bockarie was there, RUF.

14:34:52 5 Q. Sam Bockarie was where?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Where was Sam Bockarie?

8 A. Peyama. Peyama.

9 Q. What was Sam Bockarie's role at Peyama at that point?

14:35:14 10 A. He too was sent there, because after he was demoted that  
11 was where they sent him. So I too was sent there, so the two of  
12 us were there to keep the defensive.

13 Q. When he was there, did he have a particular position?

14 A. Well, yes, he was posted there as a battalion commander.

14:35:37 15 Q. And you said that he had been demoted?

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 Q. Do you know why he was demoted?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Why?

14:35:55 20 A. He killed a soldier without investigation.

21 Q. And what had he been demoted from, or what position had he  
22 been demoted from?

23 A. He was the battle group commander.

24 Q. And he was demoted to what position from the battle group  
14:36:15 25 commander?

26 A. He was battle group and a colonel and they took the  
27 position from him and they made him a sergeant at Zogoda.

28 Q. When you met him he was at Peyama, correct?

29 A. Yes, he went ahead in Peyama. He went there ahead of me,

1 but it was during the same month that the two of us went there.

2 Q. And what was he doing when he was in Peyama?

3 A. Well, he was deployed as a battalion commander. We all  
4 went there and we were keeping defensive.

14:37:02 5 Q. For how long were you in Peyama?

6 A. I was there for up to a month.

7 Q. And when you left Peyama, where did you go to?

8 A. Well, I went to Kailahun in Giema. I was with Sam Bockarie  
9 again.

14:37:24 10 Q. And are you able to tell us in what year you arrived in  
11 Giema in Kailahun?

12 A. Well, that was in '95. 1995.

13 MS BALY: And Giema is spelt with an N. It's N-G-I-E-M-A:

14 Q. So you arrived in Giema in 1995, is that so?

14:37:58 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you know when? What month in 1995?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And you said you went with Sam Bockarie, is that right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

14:38:11 20 Q. Was the first time you ever met Sam Bockarie in Peyama?

21 A. Repeat that.

22 Q. You told us earlier that you had met Sam Bockarie when you  
23 were in Peyama. Was that the first time that you had met him?

24 A. No.

14:38:36 25 Q. When was the first time you had met Sam Bockarie?

26 A. Well, after phase two I met Sam Bockarie. That was in  
27 Zogoda. Then he left and came back. The two of us were detained  
28 in the same jail when he committed that crime.

29 Q. What do you mean by phase two?

1 A. Well, from 1991 up to '93 that was phase one. The war was  
2 in another phase starting from 1994.

3 Q. And how was it that these phases - what separated these two  
4 phases?

14:39:28 5 A. Well that first phase, when the Liberians came and went,  
6 that was the first phase when we were left alone. That was the  
7 other phase, because the war intensified. After it moved with -  
8 he called it - that was what the leader called it. He said that  
9 was phase two.

14:39:55 10 Q. I'm not going to ask you too many questions about this  
11 area, but you said you were detained in the same jail when he,  
12 that is Sam Bockarie, committed that crime. What crime do you  
13 refer to?

14 A. The soldier who he killed in Sierra Rutile. That was why  
14:40:16 15 he was jailed.

16 Q. And why were you there? Why were you in the jail?

17 A. Well, I was charged with time factor. The leader called me  
18 and the time that I was supposed to have arrived I did not arrive  
19 at that time, so he changed me with time factor.

14:40:36 20 Q. How long did you spend in the jail?

21 A. I spent up to three days.

22 Q. Can I take you back, please, to when you went to --

23 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry to interrupt and it may be my lack  
24 of knowledge of terminology, but before we move off that could  
14:40:55 25 the witness explain what the offence of time factor is? I think,  
26 Madam President, from the look on your face it is my lack of  
27 understanding.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, we will have it properly recorded.  
29 What exactly do you mean by - you said you were supposed to



1 arrive and you did not arrive. Make that a bit clearer,  
2 Mr Witness.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, when you are called and they say you  
4 should arrive today, when they say today and you arrive tomorrow  
14:41:27 5 after 12 that means it's the other day and you will be  
6 disciplined for that.

7 MR MUNYARD: Thank you very much.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Baly.

9 MS BALY:

14:41:35 10 Q. Back at Giema you went there and you said Sam Bockarie was  
11 there as well, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What was your position at that point, that is when you were  
14 in Giema?

14:41:52 15 A. Well, I went to Giema as a crack force commander when I  
16 left Peyama.

17 Q. What was a crack force commander?

18 A. Well crack force, those were people wherever an enemy  
19 wanted to infiltrate you were the people who would go there and  
14:42:23 20 join with the others so that you would be able to put the  
21 situation under control. You hadn't any permanent assignment.

22 Q. What was Sam Bockarie's role when he was in Giema with you?

23 A. He went there and he joined me, because there was a problem  
24 there at that time. The enemies had advanced and so the leader  
14:42:48 25 said we should join together to put the situation under control.  
26 We were there as senior officers.

27 Q. Who was the commander in the Giema area at that time?

28 A. Issa Sesay.

29 Q. For how long did you remain at Giema?

1 A. Well, I was in Giema up to the overthrow.

2 Q. And when you say "the overthrow", what do you mean?

3 A. When the AFRC overthrew the President of Sierra Leone.

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4 Q. When you were in Giema, did you have occasion to meet with  
5 Foday Sankoh?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what was the nature of this meeting you had with Foday  
8 Sankoh?

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9 A. Well, Foday Sankoh went to Abidjan to sign the peace accord  
10 on our behalf. On his return, that was the time that I met with  
11 him.

12 Q. Were you the only person who met with him, or were there  
13 others who met with him at that time?

14 A. There were other people there. I was not alone.

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15 Q. How many of you met with Foday Sankoh at that time?

16 A. Well, when he came at first he called for a formation. The  
17 soldiers with whom we were, officers and soldiers, we all  
18 assembled at the grounds for the formation.

19 Q. And what occurred at this formation?

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20 A. Well he addressed us, told us about the peace that he had  
21 signed and he said he had done it in the interests of the  
22 movement, for all of us. That was what he told us at the  
23 formation.

24 Q. Did he tell you anything else about the peace that he had  
25 signed?

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26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. What did he tell you?

28 A. He said he has signed the peace on our behalf, but that  
29 does not mean the war has ended. He said during times of peace,

1 those are times that we should prepare for war. He said we  
2 should not forget.

3 Q. And did he tell you what you were not to forget?

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4 A. Yes, because by then the Kamajors were behind us and they  
5 had dislodged us from some of our areas - Zogoda and some other  
6 areas - and so I believe that that was the reason why he said  
7 that.

8 Q. Did he say anything else at the formation?

14:46:08

9 A. Yes, I was given a new promotion as a captain. He also  
10 promoted General Bockarie. He gave him - he gave him back his  
11 rank, because at that time he was not a general.

12 Q. So, what rank did he give him?

13 A. Colonel.

14 Q. For how long did the formation last?

14:46:29

15 A. That formation, it did not last long. We did not take long  
16 there. It was - it lasted for some minutes, or hours.

17 Q. What happened after the formation?

14:46:55

18 A. Well he informed the senior officers that they should tell  
19 all of us, the officers who were present, for us to assemble at  
20 his place where he was staying so that we would have an officers  
21 meeting.

22 Q. And who was it that informed you to assemble at his place?

23 A. It was General Issa Sesay, because he was the commander on  
24 the ground. He informed us that we should meet.

14:47:19

25 Q. So, what did you do?

26 A. All of us met there.

27 Q. Where did you meet?

28 A. At the ground --

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he repeat the answer?

1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter requires you  
2 to repeat the answer. Please pick up from where you said - the  
3 question was, "Where did you meet?" "At the ground." Continue  
4 from there, please.

14:47:47 5           THE WITNESS: Where he was staying, the EMG ground, where  
6 he always stays. Where he always stays, that was where we met.

7           MS BALY:

8 Q. Do you know what EMG stands for?

9 A. No, that was where the leader stayed. That was what we  
14:48:06 10 always called it.

11 Q. And when you say "he stayed there", who are you talking  
12 about?

13 A. Foday Sankoh.

14 Q. When you assembled there, was Foday Sankoh present?

14:48:25 15 A. Yes, yes, that was his ground. That was where we met him.  
16 We came to him.

17 Q. And you said that it was the senior commanders. Can you  
18 tell us who was present at that meeting, apart from yourself and  
19 Foday Sankoh?

14:48:43 20 A. Well Mr Bockarie was there, Colonel Bockarie, that is  
21 Mosquito; Issa was there; Jungle was there; AB was there; FOC was  
22 there; Jackson Swaray was there; AB was there and other  
23 commanders; and I myself was also there.

24 Q. Now, you've referred to a person by the name of Jungle.

14:49:20 25 Did you know that person by any other name?

26 A. Well, that was his name. That was the name we knew. That  
27 was what we called him, Jungle.

28 Q. You've also referred to a person AB. Did you know what his  
29 full name was?

1 A. Well, it was Abubakarr. His name is AB.

2 Q. Abubakarr?

3 A. Yes, yes, yes.

4 MS BALY: A-B-U-B-A-K-A-R [sic]:

14:50:03 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think it's double R.

6 MS BALY: Thank you, your Honour, double R:

7 Q. And you've referred to a person FOC. Do you know what that  
8 person's full name was?

9 A. No, that was the name that I knew.

14:50:25 10 Q. Now this person, Jungle, had you ever seen Jungle before  
11 this meeting?

12 A. Yes, I had been seeing Jungle.

13 Q. Where you had been seeing Jungle?

14 A. Jungle, I saw him in Liberia since that time we were  
14:50:49 15 pushed.

16 Q. Did you know where he was from?

17 A. In Liberia.

18 Q. And the person AB, what was his position?

19 A. Well, there was a security branch called IO. They reported  
14:51:13 20 to the leader. He was heading that group.

21 Q. And the person FOC, what was his position?

22 A. He was the leader's bodyguard. He was one of his  
23 bodyguards.

24 Q. When you say "the leader", which leader? Who are you  
14:51:34 25 talking about?

26 A. Foday Sankoh.

27 Q. And Jackson Swaray, what was his position?

28 A. He was a bodyguard commander. He was leading all of the  
29 securities.

1 Q. Now, at the meeting who spoke?

2 A. Well, Foday Sankoh spoke.

3 Q. What did he say?

4 A. Well in the first place we saw him hand over his satellite  
14:52:14 5 to Mr Bockarie, Sam Bockarie.

6 Q. When you say "satellite", what is a satellite?

7 A. Satellite phone. Satellite phone.

8 Q. Did he say anything when he handed the phone - the  
9 satellite phone - to Sam Bockarie?

14:52:33 10 A. Well, in the first place he told us that we should take all  
11 orders from Sam Bockarie and at the same time he was going on a  
12 political tour. He said he was going to Libya and other areas.  
13 He said we should all take instructions from Bockarie while  
14 Bockarie should be taking instructions from Mr Ghankay. That was  
14:52:57 15 why he gave him that satellite so that we would be having links.

16 Q. When you say, "He said we should all take instructions from  
17 Bockarie while Bockarie should be taking instructions from  
18 Mr Ghankay", who are you referring to? Who is Mr Ghankay?

19 A. That is the NPFL leader, Charles Ghankay Taylor.

14:53:23 20 Q. Did he say anything else when he was at the meeting?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What did he say?

23 A. Well, he introduced Jungle to us as Mr Taylor's  
24 representative for us there.

14:53:42 25 Q. Did he refer to Jungle in any particular way?

26 A. Well, he said he was the Pa's representative. They had  
27 been discussing that and so he was trying to introduce him to us.  
28 He said he was Charles Ghankay Taylor's representative, Jungle.

29 Q. Did Jungle say anything at the meeting?

1 A. Yes, he too buttressed what the Pa had said. He supported  
2 and he told us that he will do his level best to his ability.

3 Q. Was there anything else discussed at the meeting?

4 A. I think that is the most important thing that we discussed.

14:54:47 5 Q. Did Foday Sankoh say where he was going to go?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Where?

8 A. He said he was going to Libya.

9 Q. After the meeting, what did you do?

14:55:11 10 A. Well, all of us went to our various areas.

11 Q. Now, you said that you were in Giema until after the  
12 overthrow. What happened after the overthrow? Where did you go  
13 to?

14 A. After the overthrow we got an instruction from the same  
14:55:40 15 Foday Sankoh, so I moved along with Sam Bockarie.

16 Q. And where did you move to?

17 A. At first I went to Pendembu.

18 Q. Where did you go after Pendembu?

19 A. I went to Daru.

14:55:57 20 Q. Where did you go after Daru?

21 A. We came to Benguema.

22 Q. And did you go anywhere after Benguema, or did you stay at  
23 Benguema?

24 A. That was where we were based. In the mornings we will go  
14:56:20 25 with Mr Sam Bockarie to Freetown, we will spend the rest of the  
26 day there and we will return in the evening. That was what we  
27 were doing.

28 Q. Why did you go there? What was the purpose?

29 A. Where?

1 Q. Why did you go to Benguema? Why did you go to Benguema?

2 A. Well those who called us, that was where they told us  
3 about. That was where they lodged Sam Bockarie, because I was  
4 moving with him. That was where we were based. In the mornings  
14:57:00 5 we would go to Freetown and in the evening we would return. It  
6 was our first base.

7 Q. And who were those who called you?

8 A. It was the AFRC.

9 Q. You would go to Freetown in the morning and what would you  
14:57:17 10 do when you went to Freetown?

11 A. Well, we went there and sometimes we will go to the  
12 military headquarters at Cockerill. Sam Bockarie holds meetings  
13 with the senior men most times.

14 Q. What senior men?

14:57:39 15 A. Well those who made the coup, like Johnny Paul, SAJ Musa,  
16 Gborie and others.

17 Q. Did you yourself attend the meetings that Sam Bockarie went  
18 to?

19 A. No, it was just for the senior officers. The council  
14:58:00 20 members.

21 Q. Whilst you were at Benguema, did you receive a different  
22 assignment?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. What was the different assignment that you received?

14:58:15 25 A. I was assigned to Bintumani Hotel.

26 MS BALY: B-I-N-T-U-M-A-N-I"

27 Q. What were you assigned to do at Bintumani Hotel?

28 A. Well, that was an important area. It was a hotel. So  
29 Gborie requested me from Sam Bockarie, so I was handed over to



1 him to keep security there.

2 Q. Who was the person Gborie you've referred to?

3 A. Well, those were the men who overthrew. He was the first  
4 man who went over the air after the overthrow.

14:59:12 5 Q. What do you mean by he went over the air?

6 A. He spoke on the BBC Worldwide.

7 Q. Did you hear him speak on the BBC?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What did you hear him say?

14:59:33 10 A. Well, he said they have overthrown. He said they have  
11 overthrown. He said they have overthrown the regime. That is  
12 the SLPP.

13 Q. Did you take up your position at Bintumani Hotel?

14 A. Yes.

14:59:50 15 Q. For how long were you there?

16 A. I was there for a month.

17 Q. And then what happened after the month?

18 A. Well Mr Bockarie, that is Mosquito, he was given a mission.  
19 He requested me from Gborie and Gborie handed me over to him.

15:00:20 20 Q. What was the mission that you were requested for?

21 A. Well, he said the road - Johnny Paul said the road should  
22 be cleared up from Bo to Kenema, because at that time that road  
23 was blockaded by the Kamajors. He said I should join him for us  
24 to run that mission.

15:00:47 25 Q. And who were you supposed to be joining?

26 A. Sam Bockarie.

27 Q. And what were you to do?

28 A. Well, I was to join him as one of the officers to be with  
29 the men that we were to move with.

1 Q. And did you commence that particular mission?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did you do?

4 A. Well, we went. We travelled from Freetown to go along with

15:01:20 5 Mr Bockarie.

6 Q. Where did you go to?

7 A. When we got to Bo?

8 Q. Where did you go to when you left Freetown?

9 A. Well, we went to Bo Town. That was the first stop.

15:01:44 10 Q. What did you do on your way to Bo Town? Did you do

11 anything?

12 A. There was no targets on the way, so we drove and went.

13 Q. And did you remain in Bo Town?

14 A. No.

15:02:06 15 Q. What did you do when you left Bo Town?

16 A. In the morning we went to a town where Sam Hinga Norman had  
17 hailed. They called there Telugbongor.

18 MS BALY: Just a moment. Telugbongor is

19 T-E-L-U-G-B-O-N-G-O-R:

15:02:37 20 Q. You said that was where Sam Hinga Norman had hailed. What

21 were you doing going there? What was the purpose?

22 A. Well, we were trying to find Norman. We heard that that  
23 was where he was, so Sam Bockarie put us together for us to go  
24 there.

15:03:07 25 Q. What were you going to do in relation to - no, I will

26 withdraw that. Did you find Norman?

27 A. No, when we captured the place we did not see him.

28 Q. After you didn't see him, what did you do?

29 A. We returned to Bo Town in the evening.

1 Q. Now on this particular mission, that is trying to find  
2 Norman, who were the people who were trying to find him apart  
3 from yourself?

4 A. Apart from Mr Norman?

15:03:46 5 Q. No. Apart from you, who was trying to find Norman?

6 A. Well, Mr Bockarie himself who went with us. We were all on  
7 this mission. All of us went.

8 Q. When you say "all of us", what groups went?

9 A. The RUF.

15:04:07 10 Q. Any other groups on that mission?

11 A. Yes, a few AFRCs were among us when we moved.

12 Q. So after you returned to Bo Town in the evening, did you  
13 remain in Bo Town?

14 A. We spent the night there.

15:04:37 15 Q. What did you do the following day?

16 A. The next day he told us to go and attack Koribundu.

17 Q. Who told you to go and attack Koribundu?

18 A. Sam Bockarie.

19 MS BALY: That is spelt correctly on the record:

15:04:54 20 Q. Did you do that?

21 A. Yes, yes, yes, we did that.

22 Q. What was the purpose of doing that?

23 A. Well, we were trying to divert the enemy's attention that  
24 was in the Bo-Kenema Highway so that they would think that we  
15:05:15 25 were going somewhere else. So, we were diverting their attention  
26 to some other place.

27 Q. What did you do when you attacked Koribundu?

28 A. Well, we attacked Koribundu and captured there and we  
29 returned to Bo in the evening.

1 Q. Well, who or what did you capture?

2 A. Well, we captured some civilians and some Kamajors.

3 Q. What did you do with the civilians you captured?

4 A. We spoke to them, because we were not able to move them

15:05:59 5 from where they were. The Kamajors, we had to kill them.

6 Q. What did you do, if anything, to the civilians?

7 A. Well except during the firing, but we did not kill anyone.

8 We spoke to them only that we were able to get some property from

9 them.

15:06:28 10 Q. What do you mean by "only that we were able to get some  
11 property from them"?

12 A. Well we had rice, clothing and things like that. It was a

13 battlefield. When you captured a place, whatever that was there

14 was yours.

15:06:47 15 Q. How long did you remain at Kori bundu?

16 A. In the evening we returned to Bo Town.

17 Q. And did you remain at Bo Town?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Where did you go?

15:07:04 20 A. We went for the mission itself that we were given.

21 Q. This is the clearing mission to which you earlier referred,  
22 is that right?

23 A. Yes, to clear Bo. The Bo-Kenema Highway.

24 Q. And did you clear the Bo-Kenema Highway?

15:07:29 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. What did you clear it of?

27 A. Well the Kamajors who were there, we cleared them up. We  
28 attacked them.

29 Q. Where did you end up after you'd cleared this road?

1 A. Well, finally in the evening we entered Kenema.

2 Q. What rank were you at this time?

3 A. That same rank that Foday Sankoh had given to me, captain,  
4 that was the same rank I was carrying.

15:08:10 5 Q. Did you remain in Kenema for any length of time?

6 A. Yes, we were there for some time.

7 Q. How long?

8 A. We spent up to two weeks in Kenema.

9 Q. What happened after the two weeks?

15:08:30 10 A. Well at that time we were waiting for ammunition, when the  
11 ammunition arrived, because our mission was to go all the way to  
12 Bo Waterside.

13 Q. And what happened when the ammunition arrived?

14 A. Well, Johnny Paul sent through a helicopter and we received  
15:08:58 15 it in Kenema.

16 Q. What did you do when you got the ammunition?

17 A. We started moving for the mission, that is towards Zimmi.

18 Q. Are you referring to the same clearing mission, or are you  
19 referring to a different mission?

15:09:18 20 A. Well we've done the first mission, that is Bo, Kenema -  
21 Freetown and Kenema, that was the other mission. It was the same  
22 mission that was given to us before we departed, but it was the  
23 short lack of ammunition that caused us to stay a little in  
24 Kenema.

15:09:37 25 Q. So, what did you do in relation to this mission?

26 A. Well, we assembled men and moved on the mission.

27 Q. After you assembled the men and you had the ammunition,  
28 where did you go?

29 A. At first we went to Joru.

- 1 Q. Did you remain in Joru?
- 2 A. No, we went back to Zimmi.
- 3 Q. Did you stay in Zimmi?
- 4 A. No.
- 15:10:18 5 Q. Where did you go to from Zimmi?
- 6 A. We continued and went to Bo Waterside, where we were to
- 7 stop.
- 8 Q. Did you stop in Bo Waterside?
- 9 A. Yes, that was where we stopped.
- 15:10:34 10 Q. Did you receive a new assignment in Bo Waterside?
- 11 A. Yes, we left some men there and then we went on a patrol
- 12 with Mr Bockarie to Wai and those villages which are motorable
- 13 and after three days we returned to Kenema and I returned with
- 14 him.
- 15:11:04 15 Q. I'm going to ask you to say what you said again, please,
- 16 because it hasn't come out on the transcript. You said you left
- 17 with some men there, then we went on a patrol with Mr Bockarie to
- 18 Wai and those villages which ... " Can you just continue what you
- 19 were saying from "which"?
- 15:11:25 20 A. Yes, we continued to Wai, we went on a patrol there and
- 21 returned.
- 22 Q. Returned where?
- 23 A. We returned to Bo Waterside.
- 24 Q. What did you do after you returned? Did you stay in Bo
- 15:11:48 25 Waterside?
- 26 A. No, I went with Mr Bockarie again.
- 27 Q. Where to?
- 28 A. To Kenema.
- 29 Q. Whereabouts in Kenema?

1 A. In Kenema he was based at NIC. That was where he was  
2 based.

3 Q. What was at NIC?

4 A. Well, it's close to the Bank of Sierra Leone. That was  
15:12:19 5 what I saw them calling it, so we called it that too.

6 Q. When you say "we called it that too", what do you mean by  
7 that?

8 A. Well those of us like I and Mosquito and others, that was  
9 what all of us called it. Even the people we met there, that was  
15:12:44 10 what they were calling it.

11 Q. Did it have another name?

12 A. Well, that was the only name I knew.

13 Q. What did you do when you were at this place, NIC?

14 A. Well, we did not do any other thing at that moment. We  
15:13:09 15 were there waiting for another mission.

16 Q. Did you get another mission?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was the mission?

19 A. We had a mission to go and clear Tongo.

15:13:26 20 Q. What do you mean by "go and clear Tongo"? What do you mean  
21 by the word "clear"?

22 A. That is wherever your opponents were, your enemies, when  
23 you dislodged them from there that means you are clearing that  
24 place.

15:13:43 25 Q. And the full name of this place Tongo, is that it's full  
26 name?

27 A. Yes, that is it's name. Tongo. Tongo Field.

28 Q. What district is Tongo Field in?

29 A. Kenema District.

1 Q. What was your particular role to be in the mission of  
2 clearing Tongo Field?

3 A. Well, I was appointed as a commander to head that mission.

4 Q. Did you accomplish that mission?

15:14:30 5 A. Yes, the mission went through.

6 Q. When you went to Tongo Field, did you remain at Tongo Field  
7 for any period of time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. For how long?

15:14:50 10 A. I was there for a month.

11 Q. What did you do during that month?

12 A. Well, we were there and we were defending the area and at  
13 the same time we put some mining activities in place. We were  
14 mining.

15:15:09 15 Q. What were you mining for?

16 A. Diamonds.

17 Q. Who was doing the mining?

18 A. Well, it was the civilians who were doing it whilst we were  
19 securing and defending them.

15:15:25 20 Q. What do you mean by "the civilians were doing it whilst  
21 [you] were securing and defending them"? What were you doing?

22 A. Because there were enemies there. Wherever you dislodged  
23 the enemies and the civilians were there, you have to set up  
24 defences. So, we had to do that.

15:15:55 25 Q. And what were you doing in relation to securing the  
26 civilians? How did you secure them?

27 A. We kept defences to ensure that no gunshot was there at the  
28 time that I was there. I was there to ensure that there was no  
29 shooting there and, since that time that I was there, there was



1 no shooting from the enemy.

2 Q. Now, you said the civilians were doing mining. Were they  
3 doing it voluntarily?

4 A. Well, they wouldn't be willing. They wouldn't be willing.

15:16:48 5 Q. They wouldn't be willing, you said, and so how is it that  
6 they came to be doing the mining if they were not willing?

7 A. Well during war as long as you have a gun a civilian has no  
8 choice, because whatever you told that civilian, because you are  
9 the boss you had a right, the civilian would do it. So, they  
15:17:12 10 would always dance to our tunes.

11 Q. After you captured the place Tongo Field and you were the  
12 commander of that mission, did you speak to anyone about the fact  
13 that you had accomplished the mission?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15:17:41 15 Q. Who did you speak to?

16 A. Mr Bockarie.

17 Q. And what was said?

18 A. When I spoke - well, all of us went on the mission. He  
19 thanked us a lot.

15:18:04 20 Q. Were you thanked by anybody else, apart from Sam Bockarie?

21 A. Well, that was later. Later we received praises and  
22 thanks. That was at the time that we were based there, when we  
23 told Mr Taylor that we have captured so and so.

24 Q. What do you mean by "so and so"?

15:18:34 25 A. When we captured, after we had based we informed - first we  
26 informed Johnny Paul and he thanked us and later he informed  
27 Mr Taylor.

28 Q. How do you know that later Johnny Paul Koroma informed  
29 Mr Taylor? How do you know that?

1 A. No, it was not Johnny Paul who informed Mr Taylor. It was  
2 Sam Bockarie. Sam Bockarie. The first information went to  
3 Johnny Paul that we have accomplished the mission. It was later  
4 that Sam Bockarie did this.

15:19:11 5 Q. How do you know that he did that?

6 A. Well, it was through a satellite phone for them to have  
7 links. That was why Foday Sankoh had come with that satellite  
8 phone.

9 Q. So when you say "it was through a satellite phone", what  
15:19:33 10 happened with the satellite phone in relation to the  
11 accomplishment of the mission?

12 A. Well, they communicated. They communicated. Because a  
13 satellite phone, they did not talk - he did not talk with Johnny  
14 Paul through the satellite phone. The satellite phone was just  
15:19:54 15 between himself and Mr Taylor.

16 Q. Who is the "himself" that you refer to?

17 A. Sam Bockarie. Sam Bockarie.

18 Q. And did you hear Sam Bockarie talking on that satellite  
19 phone to Mr Taylor?

15:20:14 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What did Sam Bockarie say?

22 A. Well he said that we have captured the mining area, which  
23 is Tongo Field, and so the Pa too - we were close to him - he  
24 thanked him a lot.

15:20:35 25 Q. Who thanked who?

26 A. Pa Taylor.

27 Q. When you say "we were close to him", what do you mean by  
28 that?

29 A. We were in a room, that was Sam Bockarie's room, where this

1 communication was going on.

2 Q. And you said he was thanked. Could you hear the voice on  
3 the other end of the phone?

4 A. Yes, sir.

15:21:11 5 Q. How were you able to hear that voice?

6 A. Well it was not the voice that mattered, because at that  
7 time we were all doing things in common and so they were not  
8 hiding most of the things from me. So they told me - he told me  
9 that he had been talking to Mr Taylor and Jungle too was there.

15:21:32 10 Q. Who told you that he had been talking to Mr Taylor?

11 A. Sam Bockarie.

12 Q. You said that "Jungle too was there". What was Jungle --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was Jungle doing?

15:21:52 15 A. Where? In Tongo, or in the communication room?

16 Q. In the communication room when this communication between  
17 Sam Bockarie and Charles Taylor took place?

18 A. Well, always Jungle was by the commanders. As long -  
19 because he was introduced to us as the Pa's representative, he  
15:22:14 20 was always with the top commanders from one commander to the  
21 other.

22 Q. Did Jungle say or do anything when he was in this room?

23 A. No, that very day he did not say anything. He did not  
24 speak.

15:22:36 25 Q. Now, you said that the civilians were doing the mining and  
26 that they were not doing it voluntarily. Did you ever see a  
27 civilian who did not wish to do mining?

28 A. Yes, it used to happen.

29 Q. What would happen when a civilian said they did not wish to

1 do mining?

2 A. Well, at the time that I was there it happened twice. They  
3 had to flog them. They were beaten up and forced them to go and  
4 do the work.

15:23:18 5 Q. You said it happened twice?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you see it happen?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. How many times did you see it happen?

15:23:33 10 A. Twice. Twice.

11 Q. The first time you saw it happen, describe what you saw?

12 A. Well when they went and did the work - when they went to do  
13 the work they would come to the town to watch the securities to  
14 find out which able civilian did not go to work, so if they saw  
15:24:00 15 you they will arrest you.

16 Q. Who is "they"? Who would arrest you?

17 A. The securities in the town, the soldiers.

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Baly, this is very confusing. Please  
19 go over that area. Who went to town? Who was doing the work.

15:24:23 20 MS BALY: Yes:

21 Q. You said this in an answer:

22 "Well when they went and did the work - when they went to  
23 do the work they would come to the town to watch the securities."

24 Who would come - who would do the work, firstly?

15:24:40 25 A. The civilians, they did the work. The soldiers secured  
26 them. That was what I said.

27 Q. The civilians did the work and the soldiers secured them.  
28 How did they secure them?

29 A. Well when you were with the civilian and you were keeping

1 security, you would ensure that he did - you would ensure that he  
2 did the work. That means you are securing him.

3 Q. And what would you do to him?

4 A. The civilians?

15:25:12 5 Q. Yes.

6 A. The work that they were doing we arranged it in such a way  
7 every week they would do two days for the government, that is the  
8 RUF and the AFRC.

9 Q. Two days of what?

15:25:28 10 A. Two days of diamond work for the government.

11 Q. What about the --

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Baly, I'm just wondering.

13 Mr Interpreter, is there a difference between the word secure -  
14 or rather guard and protect when you say "secure"?

15:25:48 15 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, I'm being very careful here.  
16 That's the word he's continually using, secure.

17 THE WITNESS: Who the statement refers to?

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I'm talking to Mr Interpreter. When you  
19 keep using the word "secure" do you mean that civilians were  
15:26:04 20 being guarded, or they were being protected?

21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, I don't want to read the  
22 mind of the witness. I am interpreting. I'm only saying what  
23 he's saying.

24 THE WITNESS: They protect them and at the same time keep  
15:26:17 25 guard over them, because it was an enemy zone. It had been  
26 captured, the enemies were there and so you guard and also  
27 protect the person.

28 MS BALY:

29 Q. I'm just going to go back to where you said that the

1 civilians if they did not want to do the mining would be flogged.

2 Do you remember when you gave that evidence?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You said you saw it happen twice, that's right?

15:26:45 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. The first time you saw it happen, what did you see?

7 A. Well, they came to town and they checked --

8 Q. Who came to town?

9 A. The soldiers. The soldiers whom we sent.

15:27:05 10 Q. They came to town. What happened after that?

11 A. I saw them arrest a civilian.

12 Q. Why was the civilian arrested?

13 A. He refused to go to work.

14 Q. Refused to go to do what? What work?

15:27:28 15 A. Diamond work.

16 Q. What happened to him after he was arrested?

17 A. Well, they beat him up.

18 Q. How did they beat him up?

19 A. They used a cane to beat him up.

15:27:47 20 Q. How many of them beat him?

21 A. Well, one person.

22 Q. Where did they beat him? Where on his body?

23 A. They were beating him on his back up to his buttocks.

24 Q. What happened to him after he was beaten?

15:28:11 25 A. Later they took him to go and work.

26 Q. And did he work?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. You said you saw a second occasion when a civilian was

29 flogged. What happened on the second occasion you saw?

1 A. Well he too, it was for the same crime. The day that they  
2 were going to work, he refused. He hid and he was later  
3 discovered.

4 Q. Who discovered him?

15:28:49 5 A. The security whom we normally sent to the town to check.

6 Q. Who was that?

7 A. Well, it was not only one person. I cannot give a  
8 particular name. That was not done by only one person.

9 Q. And what happened to this civilian?

15:29:08 10 A. He too faced the same penalty. He was beaten up.

11 Q. Did you see that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What was he beaten with?

14 A. The same cane.

15:29:23 15 Q. Where on his body was he beaten?

16 A. He was laid and he was beaten from his back up to his  
17 buttocks.

18 Q. Where was he laid?

19 A. On the ground. He was laid on the ground.

15:29:41 20 Q. And what happened to him after he was beaten?

21 A. He too was taken to go and work.

22 Q. You've described the mining and you said that the civilians  
23 would mine for the government for two days. Is that what you  
24 said?

15:30:07 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Who do you mean by the government, or what do you mean by  
27 the government?

28 A. Well at that time the AFRC and the RUF, they were the ones  
29 we were referring to as the government.

1 Q. Who was the commander in charge of Tongo Field at that  
2 time?

3 A. Well, it was Sam Bockarie who was the senior commander who  
4 was taking care.

15:30:37 5 Q. Was there any commander who was in charge of the mining?

6 A. Well, the mining we handed it over to one man called  
7 Mopleh.

8 MS BALY: That's M-O-P-L-E-H:

9 Q. This person Mopleh, what group did he belong to?

15:31:15 10 A. Well, they were in between us and the civilians who were  
11 controlling the mining. He did not belong to a particular group  
12 to say that he was in this group, or that group.

13 Q. You said that the mining for the government would be for  
14 two days. What would happen for the remainder of the days?

15:31:43 15 A. Well for the rest of the days it was free for all, soldiers  
16 and civilians. Whoever could mine for the other four days, you  
17 were free to do so.

18 Q. Are you referring to days of the week?

19 A. Yes, yes.

15:32:05 20 Q. So there were two days mining for the government and four  
21 days free mining, is that what you're saying?

22 A. Yes, yes.

23 Q. And what about the seventh day? What would happen on the  
24 seventh day?

15:32:23 25 A. There would be no work. That is a day that is reserved.  
26 Nobody goes to work.

27 Q. During the two days that civilians were mining for the  
28 government, what would happen to any diamonds that were found?

29 A. Well if they found any diamonds they would just see it, but



1 it was not meant for them. Even we ourselves, it was not meant  
2 for us.

3 Q. What do you mean by "if they found any diamonds they would  
4 just see it, but it was not meant for them"? What do you mean by  
15:33:04 5 that?

6 A. Well it was a government, the committee which we sent.  
7 When they saw - when they found the diamonds they would give them  
8 to the committee and they would bring it, then wherever they  
9 wanted to take it we can take the diamonds to.

15:33:21 10 Q. And on the days of free mining, what would happen to any  
11 diamonds found on those days?

12 A. Well, there are diamonds which you found. If it was big  
13 and we got the information, we would take it from you.

14 Q. Did you yourself ever see any diamonds that were found at  
15:33:54 15 Tongo Fields at that time?

16 A. That was found?

17 Q. Yes, did you ever see diamonds that had been found at Tongo  
18 Fields?

19 A. No.

15:34:16 20 Q. Did you yourself ever have any involvement with diamonds  
21 while you were at Tongo Field? Apart from the fact that you were  
22 there, did you ever do anything in relation to diamonds?

23 A. Yes, I was mining for myself.

24 Q. What happened to - did you ever find any diamonds?

15:34:46 25 A. Yes, I used to see - get in bits, but I was not fortunate  
26 to get a big one.

27 Q. What did you do with the bits that you found?

28 A. I'll sell them.

29 Q. When the diamonds were taken from the civilians who found

1 them, where were they taken to?

2 A. It was meant for the government. It was a government  
3 diamond.

4 Q. And where would the diamond go?

15:35:27 5 A. Well because at that time the AFRC were the bosses, so  
6 whatever diamonds we took from the civilians we would give to the  
7 AFRC.

8 Q. You're referring to "diamonds that we took from the  
9 civilians we would give to the AFRC". What would happen to those  
10 diamonds that were given to the AFRC?

11 A. Well, we had somebody who kept the diamonds when it's  
12 accumulated.

13 Q. When do you mean by "when it's accumulated"?

14 A. Yes, it was not just a day that they did it. It was not a  
15:36:24 15 day that somebody takes there - somebody who keeps their own  
16 diamonds.

17 Q. When the diamonds were taken, were they taken to any  
18 particular place at Tongo Fields?

19 A. Well, at first they would show them to me and I would see  
15:36:46 20 them. The ones that were meant for the AFRC I'll give to that  
21 person who was to take care of them, and I would take them to  
22 Mr Bockarie and the person who was meant to keep them will keep  
23 them.

24 Q. When you say, "The ones that were meant for the AFRC I'll  
15:37:03 25 give to that person", who was that person?

26 A. There was a man whom we called Mopleh.

27 Q. And then you said "... and I would take them to Mr Bockarie  
28 and the person who was meant to keep them will keep them". What  
29 do you mean by that?

1 A. This was a military work that we were on. When they sent  
2 it to me, I had my own boss. It's not that they will just  
3 abandon it in my hands. We will all go to the person, he too  
4 will see it and we will give it to the person that we were to  
15:37:46 5 give it to.

6 Q. And who was that person that you were to give it to?

7 A. He was called Mopleh. He was heading the mining.

8 Q. And what would Mopleh do with the diamonds?

9 A. Well, we kept the diamonds. It got to over a thousand  
15:38:11 10 pieces. At the end of the day, the man escaped with all the  
11 diamonds.

12 Q. Who was the man who escaped with all the diamonds?

13 A. Mopleh. Mopleh.

14 Q. Do you know where Mopleh went with all of the diamonds?

15:38:30 15 A. No.

16 Q. When you say that he escaped with all of the diamonds, how  
17 many diamonds did he escape with?

18 A. It was over a thousand pieces.

19 Q. When you say "escaped", did he leave Tongo Fields?

15:38:57 20 A. Yes, he left. We looked for him all over the place in  
21 Sierra Leone and we were not able to find him. It was not just  
22 Tongo.

23 Q. Now, were there any other diamonds found at that time apart  
24 from the ones that Mopleh escaped with?

15:39:17 25 A. Well I said it at the initial stage when I said there were  
26 two groups, they were mining for RUF. I have been talking about  
27 AFRC diamonds.

28 Q. Can I ask you about mining for RUF. What happened to  
29 diamonds that had been mined for RUF?

1 A. Well every week there were two days for the government,  
2 they would excavate gravel for the government as the AFRC, so  
3 when they had the diamonds we will take it and bring those  
4 diamonds to Mr Bockarie.

15:40:00 5 Q. Are you referring here to RUF diamonds?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. What did you do, if anything, with the diamonds?

8 A. Like the first diamond that we had, we took that diamond  
9 and brought it to Mr Bockarie. That is Sam Bockarie, Mosquito.

15:40:28 10 Q. What did Sam Bockarie do with the diamond?

11 A. Well, he called me, Jungle, JR and Lion. We all assembled  
12 at his place.

13 Q. What was his place?

14 A. He was in a two-storeyed building in Tongo.

15:40:54 15 Q. This person JR, did you know what his full name was?

16 A. Yes, his name was Junior Vandj.

17 Q. And what position did he have, if any?

18 A. Well, he was a leader. He was Pa Sankoh's bodyguard and he  
19 attached him to Sam Bockarie.

15:41:22 20 Q. And the person Lion, did you know this person Lion by any  
21 other name?

22 A. No, that was the name I knew for him.

23 Q. And what happened when you went to this two-storey place,  
24 two-storey building, in Tongo? What happened to the diamond?

15:41:57 25 A. Well, we showed the diamond to Sam Bockarie. All of us  
26 were present and he thanked us a lot. That was the diamond. We  
27 counted those diamonds, parceled them and the diamonds were taken  
28 to Liberia.

29 Q. How did you parcel the diamonds?

1 A. Well, we put them - we checked them, put them in a paper,  
2 cello taped it and we wrote the total on the envelope - on the  
3 paper, sorry.

4 JUDGE LUSSICK: I note, Ms Baly, this singular diamond has  
15:42:39 5 now mushroomed into diamonds plural.

6 MS BALY: Yes, your Honour:

7 Q. Can you tell us was it a diamond, or was it more than one  
8 diamond?

9 A. It was not one diamond.

15:42:50 10 Q. You said that you checked the diamonds. What do you mean  
11 by you checked them? What did you do?

12 A. Well, that's what I explained. I said we parceled them and  
13 we wrote the total on the paper.

14 Q. Can you remember what the total was?

15:43:13 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What was it?

17 A. The first one was 43 pieces of diamonds.

18 Q. After you parceled - packaged them and counted these 43  
19 pieces, what happened to the package?

15:43:34 20 A. Well Mr Bockarie called Mr Taylor and informed him about  
21 the work that we have done, he told him about the total and he  
22 too told him that we should hand them over to Jungle who would in  
23 turn travel with them.

24 Q. And how did he talk to Mr Taylor?

15:44:11 25 A. Well, he sent a satellite. They spoke through a satellite.  
26 A satellite phone.

27 Q. Could you hear Mr Taylor's voice?

28 A. Yes, because a satellite phone is not like the other  
29 communication. When people are conversing you will know, and he

1 told us that he had contacted him so the two of them were  
2 talking.

3 Q. Did you hear what Mr Taylor said?

4 A. Yes, he thanked him a lot and he told him to hand over the  
15:44:50 5 diamond to Jungle who would be able to travel with it.

6 Q. Did he hand over the diamond to Jungle?

7 A. Yes, when we handed the diamond over to Jungle they gave  
8 the mic - they handed over the mic to Jungle and Jungle confirmed  
9 the total to him.

15:45:14 10 Q. Jungle confirmed the total to who?

11 A. To Mr Taylor.

12 Q. What did he do after he confirmed the total?

13 A. Well, he told him that he should move with it.

14 Q. Move where?

15:45:37 15 A. Liberia, because Foya was always the station.

16 Q. The station for what?

17 A. That was where the helicopter would pick him up to  
18 Monrovia.

19 Q. Do you know whether Jungle left Tongo Fields?

15:46:01 20 A. Yes, Jungle left with an escort. Mr Bockarie gave  
21 somebody, that is CO Lion, who escorted him up to Foya.

22 Q. Do you know where he went after Foya?

23 A. Well, Lion stopped there. I was there when a helicopter  
24 picked him up and Lion returned and met us in Tongo.

15:46:28 25 Q. So, you also went to Foya?

26 A. At that time, no, I was in Tongo.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Does the witness say the helicopter  
28 picked up Lion in Foya - in Tongo Field?

29 MS BALY: I'm just going to clarify that:

1 Q. You said, "Well, Lion stopped there." Where did Lion stop?

2 A. Lion escorted Jungle up to Foya, where the helicopter  
3 picked up Jungle to Monrovia.

4 Q. And where did Lion go?

15:47:11 5 A. Lion returned. He returned to Tongo. That was where he  
6 met us.

7 Q. Was there ever another occasion when RUF diamonds were  
8 handed over to Sam Bockarie?

9 A. Yes, during that month that I was there it happened twice  
15:47:38 10 when we brought diamonds to Sam Bockarie.

11 Q. You've told us about one time. I want to ask you to tell  
12 us about the second time it happened. This time how many  
13 diamonds were involved?

14 A. Well, the second one we met - by the time Jungle came back  
15:48:07 15 we had got 18 pieces. Among them we had a big one, which was not  
16 among the 43 that was first taken.

17 Q. So you had 18 pieces, including a big diamond. What did  
18 you do with the 18 pieces?

19 A. Well, it was the same procedure. When Jungle came the  
15:48:32 20 diamonds were shown to him at Mr Bockarie's place, because he too  
21 wherever - when he was doing it he would have a witness and they  
22 will be around when he does the handing over.

23 Q. Who would have a witness?

24 A. He, Bockarie. He did not do it alone.

15:48:52 25 Q. Did you do anything to those 18 diamonds?

26 A. Yes, we parceled it just like we did the first one, we  
27 wrote the total on it and we followed the same procedure as the  
28 first one.

29 Q. Were there any calls made on this occasion?

1 A. Yes, it's the same way. Mr Bockarie informed Mr Taylor and  
2 he told him the total and Jungle too confirmed the total  
3 [i ndi scerni bl e].

4 Q. Could you hear this particular conversation?

15:49:48 5 A. Yes, sir, all five of us were in the same place. He told  
6 us that he was calling Mr Taylor and they were conversing. They  
7 were talking.

8 Q. When you say all five of you, who was there? Who were the  
9 five?

15:50:06 10 A. I was there, Mosquito was there, Jungle was there, Lion and  
11 Junior Vandi, who was Sankoh's bodyguard attached to Mosquito.

12 Q. What happened after the calls to Charles Taylor?

13 A. Well, they explained the same thing to him that they have  
14 got so and so amount and that we've parceled it. Then he said  
15:50:37 15 they should give the parcel to Jungle, so they thanked the man a  
16 lot that he should keep it up.

17 Q. Who thanked the man?

18 A. Mr Taylor.

19 Q. And which man did he thank?

15:50:54 20 A. Sam Bockarie.

21 Q. And was the parcel given to Jungle?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. What did Jungle do with the parcel?

24 A. He was given the same escort to the border.

15:51:14 25 Q. Did Jungle return after he left Tongo Fields on that  
26 occasi on?

27 A. Well Jungle came, but he did not meet us in Tongo. By the  
28 time he came back my assignment had been changed.

29 Q. What did your assignment change to? What was your new



1 assignment?

2 A. Well, we came to Kenema. I and Mr Bockarie were now in  
3 Kenema. That was where we were based.

4 Q. When you say Kenema, whereabouts? Are you talking about  
15:52:00 5 Kenema - whereabouts in Kenema?

6 A. Well, he was based at the brigade. That is the military  
7 headquarters. That was where he was based.

8 Q. And when you say "he was based there", who are you  
9 referring to?

15:52:13 10 A. Sam Bockarie.

11 Q. And where were you based?

12 A. Well, I was not based there at first. I was in Simbech.  
13 He made an appointment for me in Simbech and it was in the same  
14 town, but we were not in the same place.

15:52:40 15 Q. Can you just say that name again, that Simbech name?

16 A. Simbech. Simbech. It's a section in Kenema, Kenema Town.

17 Q. What was your assignment at Simbech?

18 A. Well, we were there keeping defence in Kenema. Sometimes  
19 if he wanted military operations, he would contact me.

15:53:16 20 MS BALY: Simbech is S-I-M-B-E-C-H:

21 Q. And when you say sometimes if he wanted military operations  
22 he would contact you, who would contact you?

23 A. Sam Bockarie.

24 Q. What rank did you hold at that time?

15:53:44 25 A. I was still a captain.

26 Q. Were there any occasions when you were contacted for  
27 military operations?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. What operations or what assignments did you receive? What

1 operations were you contacted for?

2 A. When we were in Kenema, at one time Kamajors came to Blama.  
3 He called me up, we assembled men and we went there and put that  
4 situation under control.

15:54:22 5 Q. What do you mean by "put that situation under control"?

6 A. Wherever your enemy was and you go there and capture that  
7 place, the mission had been accomplished. That means you've put  
8 the situation under control.

9 MS BALY: And Blama is the spelling that I have, B-L-A-M-A.

15:54:45 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Who is the "he" he referred to?

11 MS BALY: Yes:

12 Q. Who was the "he" that you've referred to?

13 A. Repeat that.

14 Q. When you were contacted for this military operation, who  
15:55:01 15 contacted you?

16 A. Sam Bockarie.

17 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry to interrupt and it may just be me,  
18 but I'm slightly losing track of the time that we're in now. Are  
19 we still in the AFRC period, or have we gone beyond that? Could  
15:55:30 20 that be clarified?

21 MS BALY: Yes, I'll do that:

22 Q. Mr Witness, you told us that you were in Tongo Fields for  
23 about a month. Do you remember saying that?

24 A. Yes, yes.

15:55:39 25 Q. What year was it when you left Tongo Fields?

26 A. It was 1997.

27 Q. Are you able to say when in 1997 you left Tongo Fields?

28 A. I cannot tell now. I can't tell now. I'm unable to tell  
29 now.

1 Q. And you had gone to Freetown after the coup? That's so,  
2 isn't it?

3 A. Yes.

15:56:35

4 Q. And after that you had found yourself in Tongo Fields,  
5 correct?

6 A. Yes, yes.

7 Q. So it was some time after the coup and after you left Tongo  
8 Fields that you found yourself in Kenema Town, is that so?

9 A. Repeat that.

15:56:52

10 Q. Your evidence so far in relation to the timing is that you  
11 went to Freetown after the coup?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You were in Freetown for some short time, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15:57:10

15 Q. And then you had your mission of clearing the road,  
16 correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And then you were in Tongo Fields for about a month, you  
19 said, after that?

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20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it was after you left Tongo Fields that you were based  
22 in Kenema Town, correct?

23 A. Yes, yes, that was in the raining season.

24 Q. Were you in Kenema Town when the ECOMOG intervention took  
25 place?

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26 A. Yes, yes, I was at that time in Kenema when intervention  
27 took place.

28 Q. And for how long, just approximately, had you been in  
29 Kenema Town when the intervention took place?

1 A. Well, I was in Kenema for up to three to four months before  
2 the intervention took place.

3 MS BALY: I hope that assists:

15:58:27

4 Q. And you were telling us about one mission that you  
5 accomplished when you were based in Kenema Town. Did you receive  
6 any other assignments, or missions, whilst you were based there?

7 A. No, that was where we were until the intervention.

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8 Q. You've told us that Sam Bockarie was at Kenema Town as  
9 well. Were there any other commanders based at Kenema Town when  
10 you were there?

11 A. Yes, commanders were there.

12 Q. Who were they?

13 A. Well like the resident minister, he was there. He was a  
14 soldier, Eddie Kanneh.

15:59:17

15 Q. What do you mean by "the resident minister"?

16 A. Well after the overthrow, anybody who was sent to a region  
17 to take control over that area was referred to as a resident  
18 minister.

19 Q. What group was Eddie Kanneh with?

15:59:42

20 A. AFRC.

21 Q. Were there any other commanders at Kenema Town?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who?

24 A. Captain Demo Musa was there as the OC secretariat.

16:00:02

25 Q. What was the OC secretariat?

26 A. Well, that was a place established after the overthrow  
27 where the problems of the soldiers and civilians were looked  
28 into.

29 Q. And what - this person, Captain Demo Musa, what group was

1 he with?

2 A. AFRC.

3 Q. And were there any other commanders based at Kenema Town?

4 A. Well, the brigade commander himself was there.

16:00:51 5 Q. Who was that?

6 A. Colonel Fallah Sewa.

7 MS BALY: Just pause for a moment. I just need to get a  
8 spelling of that. First name F-A-L-L-A-H and S-E-W-A second  
9 name:

16:01:36 10 Q. What group was Fallah Sewa with?

11 A. Well, he was a soldier who belonged to that same brigade  
12 even before the overthrow.

13 Q. A soldier with what group?

14 A. Well, he was a Sierra Leone soldier. He was one of the  
16:02:00 15 people who did not favour the coup, so I cannot say he belonged  
16 to any political group.

17 Q. And so for how long did you remain at Kenema Town?

18 A. Well, I was in Kenema until the intervention.

19 Q. Apart from the mission that you've told us about, did you  
16:02:26 20 undertake any other activities when you were in Kenema Town?

21 A. Well I did not do any other thing personally, but some  
22 other things happened. Other things happened.

23 Q. You yourself at this stage were still a captain, is that  
24 so?

16:02:51 25 A. Yes, yes.

26 Q. And you told us this morning about how initially you had  
27 been trained for a six week period at Gisiwulo. Do you remember  
28 giving that evidence?

29 A. Yes, yes, yes.

1 Q. As a captain, did you ever yourself do any training?

2 A. No, no, I was not involved in any training.

3 Q. Why did you leave Kenema Town?

16:03:35

4 A. Well, that was during the intervention that took place in  
5 Freetown. That was the reason why we left, because ECOMOG were  
6 advancing from the Bo Waterside end coming towards Kenema.

7 Q. And where did you go when you left Kenema Town?

8 A. Well, when I left Kenema we went to Daru.

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9 Q. When you say "we", what did Sam Bockarie do? Was he with  
10 you, or did he stay in Kenema Town?

11 A. All of us moved together. We all withdrew together.

12 Q. Did you remain at Daru?

13 A. No, we were there for some time and then later we moved.

14 Q. Where did you move to?

16:04:34

15 A. We moved to Baima. That is seven miles away from Daru.

16 Q. Baima 7 miles from Daru, is that so? Is that correct?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And did you remain at Baima?

19 A. Yes.

16:05:10

20 Q. What was your position at Baima?

21 A. Well, at Baima I had an assignment there as battalion  
22 commander and promoted to a lieutenant colonel.

23 Q. Who gave you that promotion?

24 A. Mr Sam Bockarie, the acting leader.

16:05:45

25 Q. Acting leader of what?

26 A. RUF.

27 Q. Why was he an acting leader?

28 A. Well the leader was not present and, since he was not  
29 present, he was acting. He was working as the acting.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could I just clarify what is this RUFF?

2 Mr Interpreter, did the witness say "RUFF"?

3 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honours.

4 MS BALY:

16:06:20 5 Q. What was RUFF, please?

6 A. Well, I am sorry about the P. It should be removed from  
7 there. RUF, that is the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra  
8 Leone. The P later came, but at that time it was RUF.

9 Q. And you said that the leader was not present. Firstly, who  
16:06:48 10 are you referring to when you say the leader was not present?

11 A. Foday Sankoh.

12 Q. And where was Foday Sankoh at that time, to your knowledge?

13 A. Foday Sankoh was in detention.

14 Q. How long did you stay in Baima for?

16:07:11 15 A. Well, I was in Baima just after the intervention and I was  
16 there up to 1999. The end of 1999.

17 Q. Where was Sam Bockarie based whilst you were based in  
18 Baima?

19 A. Well, Sam Bockarie was based in Buedu.

16:07:42 20 Q. And how far was Baima from Buedu?

21 A. Well, from Baima to Buedu is over 40 miles.

22 Q. At the time that you were based in Baima and Sam Bockarie  
23 was based in Buedu, did you have any occasion to visit him at  
24 Buedu?

16:08:16 25 A. Many times.

26 Q. Did you ever meet with him?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Where did you meet with him?

29 A. I met with him in Buedu Town itself.

1 Q. Was there ever an occasion when you met with him and there  
2 were also others present at a meeting with you, Sam Bockarie and  
3 others?

4 A. Yes, yes.

16:08:56 5 Q. Where did this take place?

6 A. Well the first time I met with him, you mean the first  
7 meeting we held, or the time I met with him? Please go back to  
8 that.

9 Q. You've referred to a first meeting that was held. When was  
16:09:23 10 that first meeting held?

11 A. Well the first meeting we held, or when I met with him?  
12 Let's make it clear so that you will understand. The first time  
13 I met with Mr Bockarie, or the first meeting we held? I want you  
14 to clarify that area before ever --

16:09:55 15 Q. I'm going to ask you about the first meeting that you held.  
16 Are you clear on that?

17 A. Yes, yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: With Bockarie?

19 MS BALY: I'm just coming to that:

16:10:13 20 Q. This is at the first meeting you held. Who was the meeting  
21 between? Who was at the meeting?

22 A. Well, the first meeting we held was between Waterworks and  
23 Buedu.

24 Q. You've told us about a place where this meeting was held  
16:10:38 25 between Waterworks and Buedu?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. What kind of an area is that, or was that I should say?

28 A. Well, it's on the Foya Road. That is the road going  
29 towards Foya. That is between Waterworks and Buedu.



1 Q. What is the Waterworks that you've referred to?

2 A. Well, it's a place which was a kind of dam that they had  
3 that pumped water to the town. That was the dam.

16:11:24

4 Q. And why was this meeting held at this particular place,  
5 that is between this Waterworks and Buedu?

6 A. Well at that time there was serious fighting between us and  
7 ECOMOG and we were afraid of the air raids, so we decided to look  
8 out for a thick forest where we would hold the meeting. So, that  
9 was why we went there.

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10 Q. Who was it that called this meeting?

11 A. Mr Bockarie.

12 Q. Are you able to say when this meeting took place?

13 A. Well, this meeting took place after the intervention. That  
14 was in 1998.

16:12:19

15 Q. How long after the intervention, just approximately, did  
16 this meeting take place?

17 A. Well if my memory serves me well, because when we left  
18 February, we went to Daru March, it was April, May, around June,  
19 or even before the death of Abacha. We held that meeting before  
20 Abacha died.

16:12:49

21 Q. And when you say you held the meeting before Abacha died,  
22 who are you talking about? Who is Abacha?

23 A. Abacha was the President. He was the one who sent the  
24 Nigerians here. He was the President of Nigeria at that time.

16:13:17

25 Q. What was the purpose of the meeting?

26 A. Well, Mr Bockarie called this meeting and it had so many  
27 reasons for which we held the meeting.

28 Q. I'm going to ask you who was at the meeting and then I'll  
29 come to the reasons for the meeting. How many people were at

1 that meeting?

2 A. Well we were many in the meeting, because it was a general  
3 meeting. Commanders, including soldiers, came from all over who  
4 came present in that meeting.

16:13:54 5 Q. Approximately how many were there?

6 A. Well, we were over 600 because the population was many.

7 Q. And were there - of the commanders, how many commanders  
8 were there?

9 A. Commanders were many.

16:14:27 10 Q. When you say "many", what do you mean?

11 A. That means they were many. We were plenty that were  
12 present.

13 Q. What happened at the meeting?

14 A. Well at that time Mr Bockarie was just from Monrovia in the  
16:14:53 15 first place and he told us about his new promotion that he had,  
16 and secondly he told us about the command structure between us  
17 and the AFRC and at that time Johnny Paul himself was present in  
18 the meeting. He also told us the role of Jungle and he explained  
19 that to Johnny Paul and his men, he told us about the Fitti-Fatta  
16:15:24 20 operation that was supposed to take place in Kono and he told us  
21 about his travel to Burkina Faso together with General Ibrahim  
22 and that General Ibrahim was supposed to move with him. He  
23 discussed so many other things, but I think those were the major  
24 things that we discussed. He also told us about the diamonds  
16:15:49 25 that Issa took along with him that he said got missing. That was  
26 in Monrovia.

27 Q. Just pause there. I'm going to ask you about each of those  
28 things you have mentioned. The first thing you said was he told  
29 you about his new promotion that he had. What did he say about

1 his new promotion?

2 A. Well, he left us in Sierra Leone and went to Monrovia and  
3 we were - we used to call him Colonel Bockarie and then he came  
4 with two promotions and those were high promotions. He was  
16:16:35 5 called general now, he and Issa Sesay, and he said it was  
6 President Taylor, Pa Taylor, who gave them that promotion.

7 Q. What did he tell you about the second thing he told you,  
8 the command structure between you said "us and the AFRC"?

9 A. Well, he made it clear to all the AFRC men who were present  
16:17:11 10 that AFRC was no longer in power and that where we had now come  
11 it was called the jungle and that everybody was supposed to be  
12 under the RUF command and that the RUF - anywhere the RUF was  
13 serving as a commander the AFRC should serve as deputy.

14 Q. Was that something that was accepted at the meeting?

16:17:56 15 A. Yes, everyone accepted. Up to the leader, the leader for  
16 the AFRC, all of them accepted, all of us, and those of us who  
17 were there, besides SAJ Musa.

18 Q. Was SAJ Musa at that meeting?

19 A. No, no, no, he was not there, but after the meeting they  
16:18:24 20 made it possible to send it as a message to all the front lines.

21 Q. I'm going to come back to that, but I just want to go back  
22 to this meeting. You also said that the role of Jungle was  
23 discussed by Sam Bockarie. What did Sam Bockarie say about the  
24 role of Jungle at the meeting?

16:18:51 25 A. Well he put it clear to Pa Paul - Pa Johnny Paul - that  
26 that was the man whom the leader had introduced to us to be Pa  
27 Ghankay's own representative in the RUF territory, so he was the  
28 person that always linked us to Pa Taylor and he wanted them to  
29 know that for them to recognise him.

1 Q. Who did he want - who is "them"? Who did he want to know  
2 that?

3 A. Well, the new men who joined us. That is the AFRC group,  
4 Johnny Paul and his men.

16:19:34 5 Q. Another thing you said was discussed at the meeting was the  
6 Fitti-Fatta mission. What was said about that particular  
7 mission?

8 A. Well he said he would want us to go and clear the mining  
9 area, that is Kono, and that the Pa had told him that nothing  
16:19:58 10 goes for nothing and that he had no machine to make arms, that  
11 they were materials. He also bought them from some other areas.  
12 So, he said - he said we should go and capture the mining area so  
13 that we would be able to get money from there and get the  
14 materials.

16:20:16 15 Q. Just so it's clear who is this person, the Pa, that you  
16 just referred to?

17 A. That is Mr Taylor - Mr Charles Taylor. Former President  
18 Taylor.

19 Q. Another thing that you said was discussed at the meeting  
16:20:40 20 was Sam Bockarie's travel to Burkina Faso with General Ibrahim,  
21 is that right? Was that discussed at the meeting?

22 A. Yes, yes, yes, we discussed that.

23 Q. What did Sam Bockarie say about that?

24 A. He said that Mr Taylor told him that he would link in with  
16:21:09 25 Blaise Compaore, the President of Burkina Faso, and it was  
26 Mr Ibrahim Bah who was going to travel with him. He was to move  
27 with him.

28 Q. Move with him where?

29 A. To Burkina Faso.

1 Q. Did Sam Bockarie say when this was to take place?

2 A. Well, he did say that it was not going to take a long time  
3 and it was going to be in that same month. After the month that  
4 we held the meeting, after the Fitti-Fatta operation, then he  
16:21:51 5 moved on this mission.

6 Q. And I think the final thing you said that was discussed at  
7 the meeting was Issa Sesay, what Issa Sesay had done, is that  
8 right?

9 A. Repeat that.

16:22:10 10 Q. Another topic that was discussed by Sam Bockarie at the  
11 meeting was something that Issa Sesay had done, is that right?

12 A. Yes, yes, yes.

13 Q. What did Sam Bockarie say about Issa Sesay at the meeting?

14 A. Well, he told us - he said sorry to everybody for what  
16:22:38 15 happened and he asked for forgiveness for Mr Sesay for what he  
16 did when he took the diamonds with him to Monrovia and he said on  
17 his way they got missing. Those were the things he told us.

18 Q. Just pause there for a moment. Who asked for forgiveness?

19 A. Well, Mr Sam Bockarie said so. He said Issa said we should  
16:23:11 20 forgive him and he said when he went the Pa himself told him that  
21 we should forgive him.

22 Q. Did Sam Bockarie say why Charles Taylor was going to link  
23 him to Burkina Faso - send him to Burkina Faso?

24 A. Yes, because he said he told him about the mission that we  
16:23:43 25 were to take to free the leader and it was a mission that  
26 involved heavy materials because we were supposed to clear the  
27 ECOMOG force before we get to Freetown, so he said he was going  
28 to link us up where we would be able to get direct material so  
29 that we would bring them over and be able to run the mission.

1 Excuse me for a while to be able to drink.

2 Q. Are you okay now?

3 A. Yes, yes, yes.

4 Q. And when he referred to this mission to free the leader,  
16:24:29 5 what mission was he referring to?

6 A. Well, that was Operation Free the Leader and that was the  
7 material he went for for us to come and run the mission to  
8 capture Freetown and free the leader.

9 Q. I'll come back to that.

16:24:56 10 A. Yes, okay.

11 Q. For how long did this meeting last?

12 A. Well, this Waterworks meeting lasted for eight months -  
13 I'm sorry, eight hours.

14 Q. Did anyone apart from Sam Bockarie speak at the meeting?

16:25:24 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who?

17 A. It was Sam Bockarie who spoke more and then later Jungle  
18 spoke and he buttressed the introduction that Mr Sam did, told  
19 the former AFRC members, and he did say that he would try his  
16:25:48 20 utmost best to see that things worked out well. So he said so,  
21 and then later Johnny Paul too spoke and some other people also  
22 spoke during the meeting.

23 Q. Can you remember whether there were high level commanders  
24 at that meeting?

16:26:11 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Can you remember who they were?

27 A. Yes, I can recall some.

28 Q. Can you name the ones you can recall, please?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Please do so.

2 A. Mr Bockarie was there, Johnny Paul was there, Jungle was  
3 there, Issa Sesay was there, Eddie Kanneh, Gullit was there, I  
4 was there myself, AB was there, FOC was there and some other  
16:26:55 5 commanders. I can't recall all of their names now.

6 Q. Now, there's only one person in that group --

7 A. Yes, SBY Rogers was present in that meeting.

8 Q. Now, you've not referred to SYB Rogers before. Do you know  
9 him by any other name apart from SYB Rogers?

16:27:24 10 A. Well, we used to call him Pa Rogers. That was the name I  
11 knew for him.

12 Q. Did he belong to any particular group?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What group?

16:27:39 15 A. RUF.

16 Q. And this is the first time you've mentioned the person  
17 Gullit?

18 A. Yes, Gullit was there. I made mention of his name that he  
19 was present in that Waterworks meeting. Gullit was there and  
16:28:02 20 Superman was there, Morris Kallon was there and Akim Turay was  
21 there.

22 Q. Anybody else that you can remember?

23 A. Well, those are the ones I can recall for now as I sit  
24 here.

16:28:24 25 Q. Superman, did you know Superman by any other name?

26 A. No. Yes, yes, Denis Mingo.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Baly, I'm afraid we're up to our time  
28 limit and so we will have to adjourn now. Mr Witness, we are  
29 going to adjourn the Court now until tomorrow morning at 9.30. I

1 want you to understand that you've now taken the oath and you are  
2 not to discuss your evidence with any other person until all your  
3 evidence is finished. Do you understand?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16:29:04 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good. Please adjourn court until  
6 tomorrow at 9.30.

7 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.  
8 to be reconvened on Friday, 9 May 2008 at  
9 9.30 a.m.]

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