



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2008
9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

Justice Teresa Doherty, Presiding
Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Julia Sebutinde
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Morris Anyah

1 Thursday, 19 June 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:31:52 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I note appearances are as
6 before and therefore if there are no other preliminary matters
7 I will remind the witness of her oath.

8 Madam Witness, a couple of days ago you took the oath to
9 tell the truth. That oath is still binding on you and you must
09:32:17 10 answer questions truthfully. Do you understand?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

12 WITNESS: TF1-584 [On former oath]

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good. Please proceed, Mr Santora.

14 MR SANTORA: Good morning Madam President, your Honours.
09:32:27 15 Good morning counsel.

16 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR SANTORA: [Continued]

17 Q. Good morning Mrs Witness. Are you hearing me in Krio?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I am just going to ask you a few questions about some of
09:32:44 20 the things that you said yesterday before we move on to continue
21 what you were talking about and just for purposes of Defence
22 counsel I will give you any references I use just ahead of time
23 of the question and the first one is actually from page 12127 of
24 yesterday's transcript, lines 10 through 16.

09:33:11 25 Mrs Witness, yesterday you were talking about the time when
26 the Abidjan Peace Accord was signed and then where you were, you
27 were attacked by the Kamajors and that you and your group were
28 scattered until the AFRC coup. Now, I asked you whether or not
29 you were operating on a radio at that time, at the time between

1 when you were attacked by the Kamajors in the Black Water area up
2 until the time of the AFRC coup, and yesterday you answered, "At
3 that time I was not operating because so many things were missing
4 from us, thus causing us not to switch on our radios." What did
09:34:02 5 you mean when you said "because so many things were missing from
6 us"?

7 A. I meant that the things that we used to switch the radio
8 on, like the solar plate, which was what we used to charge the
9 battery, and the battery itself were damaged, which made us not
09:34:31 10 to be able to switch on the radio because there was no battery or
11 solar plate because that was the energy we used.

12 Q. Now the next question I have from something you said
13 yesterday and, counsel opposite, this is page 12193, the portion
14 of the response I will be referring to runs from lines 24 to 29.

09:35:01 15 Yesterday I was asking you about the time when you were - you
16 knew about arms and ammunitions coming from Buedu to Superman
17 Ground and I asked you what you meant when you said these arms
18 and ammunitions came from Buedu, "What do you mean by that?"

19 You said you knew they came from Buedu "because when people
09:35:33 20 would come from Superman's location or a group of people, if they
21 were, for example, to go and escort a person like when they went
22 to escort the ECOMOG soldier they had a crossing point at that
23 riverside."

24 You went on to say, "So those who were in Buedu, the armed
09:35:56 25 men, the trained men who were unarmed men, would carry the
26 materials on their heads and they would bring it to the commander
27 who would be leading the other group that would have come from
28 our own end."

29 Now I am going to ask you first of all what did you mean

1 when you said, "The armed men, the trained men who were unarmed
2 men would carry the materials on their heads"?

3 A. If I said the trained men who were not armed? Of course
4 the armed men were those who had weapons who were in front of the
09:36:38 5 group in case of anything that they would meet like enemy troop,
6 they would be the ones to fight. And those whom I said were
7 trained men went to the base and they left the base as trained
8 combatants, but they did not have weapons. Those were the ones
9 we called unarmed men and they were the ones who would carry
09:37:14 10 those arms and ammunition.

11 Q. So who actually carried the ammunitions?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can counsel wait for the
13 interpretation.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, the interpreter says you are
09:37:22 15 speaking through the witness.

16 MR SANTORA: I am sorry. I apologise.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, did you get the final
18 part of the witness's answer?

19 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour.

09:37:31 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Maybe start from the
21 beginning again, Mr Santora, on your next question.

22 MR SANTORA:

23 Q. It was just in terms of who actually carried the
24 ammunitions then?

09:37:40 25 A. It was the unarmed men. They were the ones who carried the
26 ammunition.

27 Q. You also said, "They would carry the materials on their
28 heads and they would bring it to the commander who would be
29 leading the other group." What did you mean when you said, "They

1 would bring it to the commander who would be leading the other
2 group"?

3 A. I believe that wherever a group is formed and they have
4 somebody leading that group and if anything has to happen in that
09:38:26 5 group, like a command or anything, it has to go through that
6 commander. So if they brought those arms and ammunition from
7 Buedu, the commander who would be leading that group that would
8 be coming from Buedu should hand it over to the commander who
9 would be leading the group that had come from Superman's ground.
09:38:54 10 That commander who had come from Superman's ground would command
11 his own men whom he would be going with who and who should carry
12 those things to bring them back.

13 Q. So in the instance that you're talking about, which was the
14 first time you knew about arms and ammunitions coming from Buedu
09:39:20 15 to Superman Ground, do you remember who the man was who was sent
16 from Superman's ground to go ahead and carry these things back?

17 A. I cannot recall the name of the man.

18 Q. The next reference, counsel, is 12195, line 19.
19 Mrs Witness, yesterday when I was asking you about what happened
09:40:00 20 to civilians, what you saw at PC Ground, you said that, "The RUF
21 would capture civilians, men, women and children." What
22 specifically would happen to the children who were captured?

23 A. When I said children, it was those who were above eight
24 to - that was from eight to 13 years who were not tall enough to
09:40:42 25 be considered as adults and those children too went to the
26 training base and they were referred to as SBUs if they were boys
27 and if they were girls they were referred to as SGUs and when
28 they would graduate the commander at the base would distribute
29 them. At times it would be that somebody who might have gone to

1 the war front and captured that boy or girl and brought that
2 person, so if that boy or girl graduates he will take him or her
3 again. But if that person is not willing to take the boy or girl
4 the training commander would give the boy or girl to any other
09:41:41 5 commander to stay with him and work for him. He will send him or
6 her to work for him.

7 Q. Just one other question on this point: When you were at PC
8 Ground where was the training base, if you know?

9 A. The training base was at Superman's ground.

09:42:07 10 Q. Do you know where within Superman's ground?

11 A. It was around the town, but in the bush. It was just after
12 the last house. If you are coming from Koidu it was at your
13 left-hand side that it was located and you would be at the base
14 and could see into the town.

09:42:38 15 Q. What kind of training was going on at this base?

16 A. The same training that we too underwent was what was done
17 or carried out in any other training base that was opened.

18 Q. When you say "that we too underwent" are you referring to
19 when you talked earlier about your training at Dia?

09:43:11 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, next reference, counsel, is 12197, lines 24 to 28.

22 Mrs Witness, yesterday I asked you another question about what
23 was happening to the civilians while you were at PC Ground and
24 you said that they would carry loads and I asked you what you
09:43:40 25 meant by that and in your response you said:

26 "So you who were not carrying a gun and a civilian, then
27 civilians who were captured were the ones who carried whatever
28 property that they got from those areas where they were captured.
29 They were the ones who carried them to the base."

1 I just need to clarify what you meant by this portion, so
2 the first question I have is when you say, "The civilians who
3 were captured were the ones who carried whatever property", what
4 do you mean when you say "whatever property"?

09:44:25 5 A. When I said property, it could be clothing, it could be
6 food, bags. When some men looted and they would put them into
7 those bags they will give them to civilians to carry it for them,
8 or maybe they will give the civilians sheep or goats to carry.
9 I mean anything that they took from those towns that they
09:44:57 10 captured, they would give them to civilians to be carried for
11 them, to be brought to the base.

12 Q. So before the group - the armed group arrived whose
13 property was it actually?

14 A. Sometimes I will say it was the civilians, but there were
09:45:22 15 some other towns where military men like the SLA or ECOMOG were
16 based so I cannot differentiate who owned what or who owned what,
17 but I knew that they were property belonging to other people
18 other than us.

19 Q. When you say, "Whatever property that they got from those
09:45:46 20 areas", when you say "they" who are you referring to?

21 A. The RUF combatants who would go and capture the area.

22 Q. And then you said, "They were the ones who carried them to
23 the base." Again, who actually carried the property to the base?

24 A. The civilians would carry the loads. It was the armed men
09:46:17 25 who led them to go to the base.

26 Q. Now, you said that some of this property included clothing
27 and food? One moment. I am going to repeat that question,
28 Mrs Witness. You said some of this property included clothing
29 and food. Is that correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Any other kinds of property that you remember that were
3 taken from these areas?

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4 A. If I say property those were the things, because at the
5 time when we were in the bush you would not carry a vehicle, or
6 motorcycle, to go with.

7 MR SANTORA: Counsel, the next reference is 12198, lines -
8 it is the response basically from lines 11 to 16:

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9 Q. Now, yesterday I was asking you about operations while you
10 were at PC Ground related to civilians. In one of the answers
11 you gave you said that:

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12 "... they came in contact mostly with civilians when ECOMOG
13 were based, they had the full assurance to stay because they
14 believed that they were safe, but when there was an attack they
15 were unable to move just like the ECOMOG would do."

16 Do you remember saying that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you explain that again.

09:48:45

19 A. Well I will explain it like I said, because civilians were
20 not trained like how the military men were trained. Somebody who
21 had been trained as a fighter, or a soldier, he would know if he
22 heard a gun sound or the jet he would know what to do, but the
23 civilians did not know what to do in those times. So if there
24 was firing going on he would not know where to go, whether where
25 he would be going he would meet the rebels, that was the RUF, or
26 he would meet the ECOMOG. He will just run.

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27 Q. What did you mean when you said, "... when ECOMOG were
28 based, they had the full assurance to stay because they believed
29 that they were safe"?

1 A. The time ECOMOG was advancing the support that they had
2 made the civilians to trust them, but wherever ECOMOG captured,
3 or recaptured from the RUF, the civilians will come and base with
4 them there in the town. They would go with the feeling that the
09:50:09 5 rebels will never enter that town again, because they knew that
6 ECOMOG were fully armed and therefore they could not be
7 dislodged. So, most people would come to the town and settle
8 there wherever ECOMOG was based.

9 MR SANTORA: The next reference, counsel, is on the same
09:50:41 10 page, lines 25 through 27:

11 Q. Now, you were talking about yesterday also an operation
12 from Tefeya. You said that you recalled:

13 "... in Bumpe when it was attacked where they captured some
14 civilians who were taken to the base. Later I saw them."

09:51:04 15 Do you remember saying that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did you exactly see?

18 A. I saw women at Tefeya whom they said it was the combatants
19 who were under the RUF in Tefeya who had captured them from Bumpe
09:51:31 20 and I did not know them before that time. I saw them there and
21 they had not been to the base yet.

22 Q. What happened to these women?

23 A. They were with the men who captured them. They were
24 adults, so they were with the men who brought them to the base.

09:52:01 25 Q. And you saw them - where exactly did you see them? Which
26 base?

27 A. When I went to Tefeya.

28 Q. Also yesterday - and this is just a general clarification,
29 counsel, there is not really a reference - you referred to an

1 operation at Koidu Geiya and you said you know Rambo was there
2 for this operation. Which Rambo are you referring to?

3 A. RUF Rambo.

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4 MR SANTORA: The next reference, counsel, is 12207, lines 7
5 through 9:

09:53:16

6 Q. Now, yesterday you were talking about when you overheard or
7 monitored a radio conversation between radio operators in
8 Gandorhun and Tefeya concerning this expression, "Pull yu han pan
9 di war", or, "Remove your hand from the war, remove your foot
10 from the war", and I asked you yesterday, "Do you know where
11 these operations were happening, what area?", and you said,
12 "Along the Bumpe area because they were running that operation
13 ..." --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause. Mr Anyah?

09:53:35

15 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President, it is in reference to what
16 counsel just said. I do not believe there was a Krio
17 interpretation for the expression on the record yesterday.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well I have a recollection of something,
19 but let us make sure that --

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20 MR SANTORA: Is the question whether or not it was
21 translated yesterday, or --

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22 PRESIDING JUDGE: What counsel is saying is there was no
23 reference at all. I have a different recollection from counsel,
24 but my learned colleague concurs with counsel and therefore it is
25 important that we get the exact - make sure exactly what the
26 record is. You have quoted, Mr Santora. What is the --

27 MR SANTORA: I said the answer was on line 10 and 11, "Take
28 your hand off the war, take your foot off the war", and that was
29 --

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The Krio phrase that you just said, is
2 that in the transcript?

3 MR SANTORA: No, it was - this was the translation that was
4 said - the witness said it.

09:54:39 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I am asking is the Krio phrase in the
6 transcript?

7 MR SANTORA: No, it is translated into English.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And that is your evidence. This is the
9 point of the crux of the --

09:54:50 10 MR SANTORA: I understand.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: This kind of evidence was not led, at
12 least not through this witness yesterday.

13 MR SANTORA: Okay, I understand.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you were objecting to the fact
09:55:01 15 that it was said at all, or to the fact that the Krio was not on
16 the record?

17 MR ANYAH: My objection is consistent with what Justice
18 Sebutinde has said. The witness never spoke Krio words as
19 translated by the interpreter. She spoke it and it came out in
09:55:19 20 English, "Remove your hands and your feet from the war." Counsel
21 in his question injected the Krio interpretation of that in
22 English.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Mr Santora has amended his
24 question.

09:55:30 25 MR SANTORA: I will, your Honour, but just for the record
26 I did not - I spoke exactly what the witness said yesterday from
27 my recollection and I did use the Krio expression. However the
28 witness did say that exact Krio expression, so Justice Sebutinde
29 is exactly right that it is not on the record.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, Mr Santora, there is a difference in
2 that previously a witness has given evidence that this command or
3 comment by the rebels was actually said in Krio. Now, this
4 witness hasn't said it was given to them in Krio. That is the
09:56:02 5 subtle difference. You are injecting the Krio word as if it is
6 part of the evidence. It is not.

7 MR SANTORA: I understand, Justice Sebutinde, and I will
8 rephrase the question:

9 Q. The communication that you referred to yesterday which you
09:56:20 10 said yesterday, "The one that I monitored when they said 'Take
11 your hand off the war. Take your foot off the war'", what
12 exactly did you hear them say?

13 A. Like I said yesterday I heard them talking, that was one
14 operator from Yomandu and another from Gandorhun, discussing.
09:56:54 15 The one was telling the other that, "People are daring. When
16 they amputate people's arms they will say ..." --

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the interpreter use the
18 Krio expression?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, say it in Krio, Mr Interpreter.

09:57:16 20 THE INTERPRETER: Okay, your Honour.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is the witness is repeating
22 something she heard and if she heard it in Krio please say it in
23 Krio.

24 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you, your Honour.

09:57:26 25 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, Mr Santora, perhaps you can clear
26 this up. You asked the witness, "What exactly did you hear them
27 say?" Do you mean verbatim, in other words if she was listening
28 to the Krio language you want her answer in Krio?

29 MR SANTORA: I think now I understand what Justice

1 Sebutinde was referring to before:

2 Q. The first thing I should ask is what language were they
3 speaking when you heard this conversation?

4 A. It was Krio.

09:58:00 5 Q. Now, in Krio what exactly did they say? And I would ask
6 that the translator use the Krio expression - use the Krio.

7 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, the translator should say exactly
8 what this witness says.

9 MR SANTORA:

09:58:17 10 Q. Okay, what exactly did they say?

11 A. What I listened to I heard them saying, "People were
12 daring. Man den get mind o way den wan kot pipul den an, den day
13 say, 'Pull yu han pan di war. Pull yu foot pan di war'."

14 Q. Now, when you heard this conversation going on --

09:58:50 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: It would be helpful now if the
16 translation were on the record for that phrase.

17 MR SANTORA:

18 Q. When you say, "Pull yu han pan di war. Pull yu foot pan di
19 war", do you know what that translates to in English?

09:59:17 20 A. Well I don't know if you want me to speak English directly,
21 but what I understood by that as I said yesterday because the
22 people whose hands were amputated were civilians, it was the RUF
23 fighters who amputated civilians' hands and their feet and
24 whenever they wanted to do this action that was what they told
09:59:48 25 the civilians, the expression I just said in Krio, which meant
26 that they were not to be involved in the war. They were not to
27 have anything to do with the war. It was not the business of a
28 civilian.

29 Q. Mrs Witness, you speak English. Is that correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. The words, "Pul yu han pan di war", can you say what that
3 means in English?

4 A. If I can say it in English?

10:00:27 5 Q. Yes.

6 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, Madam President, I apologise to
7 interrupt but I register an objection to this. As Justice
8 Sebutinde pointed out, in the past when witnesses have come
9 before your Honours when they are testifying verbatim about a
10:00:45 10 Krio phrase they heard for example over the BBC or such they say
11 it in Krio, it comes out in the transcript in Krio but the
12 interpreter interprets it into its English meaning.

13 The crux of this problem is that the witness is recounting
14 conversations between radio operators who are relaying -
10:01:09 15 actually it's triple hearsay. The radio operators in question
16 are relaying what they understood RUF soldiers to be saying on
17 the field vis-a-vis the amputation of civilians. The witness
18 overhears this conversation. It does not necessarily follow that
19 the RUF operators between Gandorhun and Tefeya were using the
10:01:32 20 exact precise phrase that is alleged to have been used in the
21 field by the RUF operators.

22 The Prosecution is now attempting to get a particular
23 phrase onto the record. It's a Krio phrase. The languages of
24 this Court, as your Honours know, are English - well, the primary
10:01:48 25 language - and the interpretation should be done in English. He
26 has tried in the first instance to get the interpreter to
27 interpret it in Krio onto the English record which makes no sense
28 whatsoever and now we are spending time on questioning where the
29 foundation for the particular phrase they wish to introduce is

1 there but is double or triple hearsay and your Honours retain the
2 discretion in certain instances to preclude that.

3 MR SANTORA: May I respond briefly, your Honour?

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4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Briefly, because the official record of
5 this Court is English and the official interpretation from the
6 official interpreter is the official record.

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7 MR SANTORA: I have no problem in having the translator
8 make the translation, but just in response, because counsel has
9 talked about whether this is triple hearsay. First of all, aside
10 from the fact that there is no rule against hearsay, this is
11 about this witness's recollection and it's about the reliability
12 of what she heard as a radio operator. Now, I would be happy to
13 have the translator translate exactly what "Pull yu han pan di
14 war" meant, but I wanted it to come from the witness if she
15 understood, but I would be happy to --

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16 PRESIDING JUDGE: She has said, "I understood it". She has
17 said that.

10:03:18

18 MR SANTORA: Then I would just ask the translator to make
19 the translation for the record. Mr Translator, can you translate
20 what the expression "Pull yu han pan di war, pull yu foot pan di
21 war" - can you translate that?

22 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the interpreter go on?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please. Mr Interpreter, please
24 interpret those words which the witness has used.

10:03:57

25 THE INTERPRETER: "Pull yu han pan di war", your Honours,
26 is translated "Take your hand off the war". "Pull yu foot pan di
27 war" is translated "Take your foot off the war".

28 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Santora, forgive me, I just don't see
29 the point you are making. Are you trying to say that this

1 witness's recollection is not all that good, or that what she
2 heard wasn't reliable?

3 MR SANTORA: Initially, your Honour, this question started
4 with relation to whether an area that this was can occurring in -
10:04:34 5 and it's only after the objection was raised, because of the fact
6 that I used Krio words when the record had the English words to
7 this expression. I was not seeking to even go into this area for
8 this particular issue, so there was no - this just comes out of
9 counsel's objection to my use of the Krio expression.

10:04:58 10 The initial question simply had to do with the
11 page reference I gave Defence counsel was when the witness said,
12 "They were running that operation around Bumpe to Tefeya" and
13 I was just going to clarify what she meant by that area when she
14 said "around Bumpe to Tefeya". So initially that was the only
10:05:23 15 point to raise this issue, your Honour.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: You haven't reached it yet.

17 MR SANTORA: I will just quickly move to that point and
18 then move on:

19 Q. Mrs Witness, when you said this was happening around Bumpe
10:05:34 20 to Tefeya what do you mean?

21 A. I said it happened around Bumpe and Gandorhun station which
22 was operating around Njaiama Sewafe, but I was not patient enough
23 to listen to them and to know what particular station this
24 incident happened.

10:06:12 25 Q. So when you say "around Bumpe", do you know specifically
26 where around Bumpe?

27 A. I didn't know the towns between Bumpe and Tefeya, but
28 I know that from Tefeya to Bumpe it is not a far distance.

29 Q. Now, the next area --

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, the incident - when you say
2 "the incident" are you speaking about the conversation that she
3 heard, or are you speaking about - what incident?

4 MR SANTORA: I am referring to when she said, "They were
10:06:52 5 running that operation around Bumpo to Tefeya." It's lines 7 to
6 8 of page 12207 of yesterday's transcript.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What operation exactly?

8 MR SANTORA: That's the operation referring to when I asked
9 her when she heard these messages, these radio messages related
10:07:12 10 to this expression.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, but what operation exactly are you
12 alluding to because, as far as I understand the evidence this
13 lady gave yesterday, she was reporting a conversation she
14 overheard from where she was and she went as far as saying, if my
10:07:32 15 memory serves me right, that she wasn't really sure exactly who
16 they were referring to or where exactly this is supposed to have
17 taken place, the amputations. Now you're asking a question
18 saying there was a particular operation where the amputations
19 happened.

10:07:50 20 MR SANTORA: Yes. Yesterday I asked that question, "Where
21 is this happening when you heard these messages", as your Honour
22 just said, because that's how she heard about it. Her response
23 was, "Along that Bumpo area because they were running that
24 operation along Bumpo to Tefeya." So that operation refers to
10:08:12 25 the operation concerning amputations.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Santora.

27 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour:

28 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, yesterday towards the end of the day
29 I asked you why you went to Buedu with Superman and in your

1 response - I am sorry, counsel, this is 12209, really line 26 is
2 the issue. In your response you said, "They gave Issa Sesay
3 diamonds to take to Liberia." When you said "they" what did you
4 mean?

10:09:02 5 A. Sam Bockarie was whom I was referring to.

6 Q. Did you learn why Issa Sesay was given diamonds to take to
7 Liberia?

8 A. When I went to Buedu I knew why the diamonds were given to
9 him.

10:09:26 10 Q. Why was that?

11 A. What I learned in Buedu from Major Sellay and Sebatu, who
12 were in the Buedu station, told me that Issa Sesay went with
13 those diamonds to Charles Taylor so that he would bring arms and
14 ammunition.

10:10:06 15 Q. When exactly did you learn this?

16 A. Just as I got to Buedu, that very night Major Sellay and I,
17 together with Sebatu, were together.

18 Q. Now yesterday at the very end of the day I asked you what
19 happened when you got to Buedu and you started giving your answer
10:10:30 20 and before you continue I just want to ask you about a portion of
21 the answer that you did give yesterday.

22 JUDGE LUSSICK: I am sorry to interrupt, but just before
23 you leave that point the witness said that "Issa Sesay went with
24 those diamonds to Charles Taylor so that he would bring arms and
10:10:51 25 ammunition." Weren't the diamonds stolen before they ever got
26 anywhere near Charles Taylor, if in fact that was where they were
27 meant to be.

28 MR SANTORA: I was going to, in the course of her
29 testimony, elicit to the extent she knows whatever happened to

1 these particular diamonds that she's referring to, but I am only
2 going to elicit that - I was going to elicit what she knows about
3 the extent of this transaction, or attempted transaction.

10:11:23 4 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, I think you should. You shouldn't
5 leave the evidence there. As the evidence stands now the
6 diamonds went to Charles Taylor and that's not what happened at
7 all.

8 MR SANTORA:

10:11:36 9 Q. Do you know what happened to those diamonds that you are
10 referring to that were given to Issa Sesay?

11 MR ANYAH: Yes, I have a foundational objection. We have a
12 foundation for when she heard this information from Major Sellay
13 as well as Sebatu. We don't have any foundation for when Issa
14 Sesay is alleged to have gone to Liberia with diamonds.

10:12:00 15 MR SANTORA: The witness has said when she heard this
16 information; when she arrived in Buedu.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but that does not automatically
18 follow that Issa Sesay had left the same day or the same week.
19 It could have been ages before.

10:12:18 20 MR SANTORA: I will elicit the basis of her knowledge on
21 all of this as we talk about this particular incident. To be
22 quite honest I haven't got to that point yet.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: But we need to have a bit more background
24 information or foundation as to what exactly happened.

10:12:36 25 MR SANTORA: I was responding to - I will and at the same
26 time I will address Justice Lussick's concern too to make sure
27 the evidence is clear as to what she knew happened to this
28 particular set of diamonds:

29 Q. Mrs Witness, you said you learned this information from

1 Major Sellay, is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When did you learn it?

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4 PRESIDING JUDGE: She has answered that question; the very
5 night she arrived.

6 MR SANTORA: I was just going to start again. Okay:

7 Q. What exactly did you learn about this incident with the
8 diamonds and Issa Sesay?

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9 A. I believe that I said it here yesterday that I was at
10 Superman's ground when this diamond issue came up. I was not in
11 Buedu and they never sent a message from Buedu station to us at
12 Superman's station that Sam Bockarie had given Issa Sesay
13 diamonds to take them to Liberia.

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14 We only came to know about these diamonds when Issa Sesay
15 reported to Sam Bockarie that the diamonds that he had given to
16 him had gone missing and because these diamonds went missing and
17 people were grumbling around that if it were any other person
18 within the RUF other than him who may have lost those diamonds,
19 Sam Bockarie would have killed that person. So commanders and

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20 soldiers alike wanted to know what they were going to do to Issa
21 for those missing diamonds and it was during that time that I got
22 a message for Superman and other commanders from the other
23 stations to move to Buedu and hold a meeting about those diamonds
24 so that they will tell them exactly what had happened and what
25 they had to do.

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26 It was during this time that I too went with Superman to
27 Buedu and it was when I got to Buedu that I understood from Major
28 Sellay why Issa was given these diamonds and at that time Issa
29 had gone to Liberia with the diamonds and they had gone missing

1 before he came back, before we - before the meeting was called
2 for and when I went to Buedu.

3 Q. So what exactly did Major Sellay tell you why Issa was
4 given these diamonds?

10:16:09 5 A. Like I said just now, he said Issa went with those diamonds
6 for him to give them to Charles Taylor so that he would bring
7 arms and ammunition that we referred to as materials in Buedu.

8 Q. When you say that you learned that the diamonds went
9 missing did you learn anything else about what happened to these
10 diamonds?

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11 A. From what I know that's what I am saying and I am sure of
12 it. I never asked Issa Sesay or any other commander what
13 happened to the diamonds, but Issa Sesay complained that he lost
14 the diamonds and when I got to Buedu I learnt there that when he
10:17:32 15 went to Liberia he was lodged at a hotel, according to his
16 explanation. It was at that hotel that he lost the diamonds.

17 Q. Now, yesterday at the end of the day when I asked you about
18 what happened at Buedu when you arrived and as you started
19 responding before the end of the day you said:

10:18:07 20 "After the meeting Sebatu was in the radio station, but he
21 came early that day. She told me that she is off because her
22 master, who was Sam Bockarie, were leaving to go to Foya."

23 Do you remember saying that?

24 A. Yes.

10:18:27 25 Q. First of all, when the record says "After the meeting
26 Sebatu was in the radio station, but he came early that day",
27 when you say "he", who do you mean?

28 A. Sebatu.

29 Q. And is Sebatu a man or a woman?

1 A. A woman.

2 Q. So should that say "she came early that day"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Then you said:

10:19:10 5 "So that was why she has left to come back home and I saw
6 the vehicles leaving when they were going to Foya from Buedu, but
7 I did not know who went in that convoy."

8 That's where you stopped yesterday. Actually you said,
9 "They came back that same day in the evening. When they came --"
10:19:35 10 and then you stopped. So I want you to continue explaining what
11 you were talking about when you said, "Her master, who was Sam
12 Bockarie, were leaving to go to Foya." Just go ahead and pick up
13 from there.

14 A. The time --

10:20:06 15 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the
16 whole bit of her answer.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, please pause. The
18 interpreter needs you to repeat your answer. Please start from
19 the beginning again.

10:20:21 20 THE WITNESS: When Sebatsu came and told me that Master and
21 others were leaving for Foya, that was why she had come early,
22 and by "Master" she meant Sam Bockarie, and the house where we
23 were was not far from the street and it was not far from Sam
24 Bockarie's house. I saw the vehicles moving when he entered into
10:20:56 25 his vehicle, that is Sam Bockarie, and his bodyguards too entered
26 into the vehicle. There were some other vehicles too which moved
27 with his. I saw them going.

28 When they returned I saw them come back to his house with
29 the vehicles and they off-loaded some things and they were

1 putting them into his place. And they called for Superman to go
2 to a zoebush where herbalists were.

3 MR SANTORA;

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4 Q. Mrs Witness, before we go on to that I just want to ask you
5 some questions about what you just described in terms of these
6 vehicles and Sam Bockarie. First of all, where is Foya?

7 A. In Liberia.

8 Q. How did you know they were going to Foya? How did you know
9 Sam Bockarie was going to Foya?

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10 A. I think I said it here earlier that Sebatu who was the
11 radio operator there for Sam Bockarie told me that her master and
12 others were leaving Buedu for Foya. That was why she had
13 returned earlier at home.

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14 Q. So did you actually see Sam Bockarie leave in vehicles, in
15 a vehicle?

16 JUDGE LUSSICK: You are just going over what she has agreed
17 she did do and see.

18 MR SANTORA: Okay, I will move on. I just wanted to
19 clarify her basis of knowledge:

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20 Q. How long did it take Sam Bockarie after he left to return?

21 A. It took him hours because it was after 12 o'clock midday
22 when they left and he returned before 5 o'clock.

23 Q. Who did he return with?

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24 A. The moment they came with the vehicles, at that time I was
25 not at the house when they disembarked on the vehicles, but when
26 we went to the zoebush it was when I saw Colonel Jungle.

27 Q. Who is Colonel Jungle?

28 A. I knew that - I knew him from that day that I saw him that
29 he was an NPFL fighter who had come from Liberia.

1 Q. Now, you said when they came back they off-loaded some
2 things when Sam Bockarie returned. You said "they off-loaded
3 some things." What do you mean by "some things"?

4 A. If I can say, exactly when they come back I did not see the
10:24:36 5 things that they brought, everything, I did not physically see
6 them. But when I was to return to Superman's ground, the things
7 that they gave to Superman included arms, ammunition, alcoholic
8 drinks which we referred to as morale booster and they said they
9 had brought them from Foya. So if I can say what they brought
10:25:12 10 was what I saw given out, but I cannot say exactly what they had
11 brought.

12 Q. How long did you stay in Buedu?

13 A. Three days.

14 Q. You said that you saw also herbalists. What do you mean by
10:25:36 15 that?

16 A. Sam Bockarie took us to a zoebush which was outside Buedu
17 where there were some herbalist and juju men who said they could
18 protect people, they could protect somebody from bullets. They
19 will make somebody bulletproof. Those are the people we called
10:26:18 20 herbalists.

21 Q. Do you know why they were brought to Buedu - I'm sorry, let
22 me rephrase the question. Do you know why they were in Buedu?

23 A. Like I said just now, I understood that why they came to
24 Buedu was for them to perform the same juju practice for the RUF
10:26:52 25 fighters to protect them from bullets. So they will mark the RUF
26 fighters' bodies, so when they go to the war front bullets will
27 not pierce their bodies and they will be brave enough to do
28 whatever they had gone to do.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: There are some "they"s in there,

1 Mr Santora.

2 MR SANTORA: I realise that:

3 Q. Just to clarify, Mrs Witness, when you said, "So they will
4 marked the RUF fighters' bodies", who do you mean "they"?

10:27:32 5 A. The herbalists that I saw.

6 Q. Then further on you said, "So when they go to the war front
7 bullets will not pierce their bodies." There who do you mean by
8 "when they go to the war front"?

9 A. The RUF fighters, or whoever the herbalist would put the
10:28:00 10 mark on their bodies.

11 Q. How many herbalists were there?

12 A. There were up to seven.

13 Q. Do you know where they were from?

14 A. I knew they came from Liberia.

10:28:24 15 Q. How did you know that?

16 A. Well, first was the language that they spoke and, two, Sam
17 Bockarie himself, when he was handing them over to Superman, that
18 was what he said. And there was an old woman who was a Gbandi,
19 the two of us spoke to each other. She told me.

10:28:55 20 Q. What did the old woman who spoke Gbandi tell you exactly?

21 A. She told me that they who were the herbalists had their
22 boss who was a Loma tribesman. She said Charles Taylor had sent
23 them to Sam Bockarie so that they will come and protect the RUF
24 fighters' bodies from bullets, particularly we who were in Kono
10:29:42 25 for us to be able to recapture Kono from the ECOMOG.

26 Q. When you say "to recapture Kono from the ECOMOG", where
27 specifically are you talking about?

28 A. Koidu Town.

29 Q. And when you say that Sam Bockarie handed them over to

1 Superman, what do you mean by that?

2 A. That evening that we went there Sam Bockarie introduced
3 Superman to the herbalist and introduced the herbalist again to
4 Superman and he told Superman what the herbalist had come to do.
10:30:32 5 He told Superman that those were his strangers, that he was to
6 take them to his base and it was from his base all the other
7 commanders will bring their own men under their control to have
8 them marked.

9 Q. Now, you said that this was to prepare them to try to
10 retake Koidu. Is that correct?
10:31:04

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was there a name given to this operation?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was that name?

10:31:19 15 A. The name was Fitti-Fatta operation.

16 Q. What does Fitti-Fatta mean?

17 A. If I can say it is a Krio word. When everything is in
18 abundance, thinking about ammunition that was in abundance, arms
19 was in abundance, manpower was in abundance, and the morale
10:31:55 20 booster that was cigarettes and alcoholic drinks they were all in
21 abundance. In other words, I mean everything was in abundance.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I don't understand if
23 Fitti-Fatta operation was the procedure of marking the fighters,
24 or it was the retaking of Koidu. When you asked, "What was this
10:32:22 25 operation?", the way you asked it and the answer that the witness
26 gives I am none the wiser.

27 MR SANTORA:

28 Q. Did you understand Justice Sebutinde's question,
29 Mrs Witness?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you explain that?

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3 A. The expression was not for the herbalist. It was for the
4 operation that we were to go and attack Koidu. That was the name
5 of the operation.

6 Q. Now, you said when Superman and Sam Bockarie - when Sam
7 Bockarie had introduced Superman to the herbalist and then:

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8 "He told Superman that those were his strangers, that he
9 was to take them to his base and it was from his base all the
10 other commanders will bring their own men under their control to
11 have them marked."

12 Can you explain what you mean when you were saying that,
13 "... it was from his base all the other commanders will bring
14 their own men under their control to have them marked"?

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15 A. At Superman's ground where we were, that is Meiyor or PC
16 Ground, was where the herbalists were based. Superman's place
17 was where the herbalists should be, so the other commanders who
18 were in places like Yomandu, Gandorhun, Tombodu, Tefeya would
19 bring the manpower which was under their control, both the armed
20 and the unarmed men, the fighters, who were in those respective
21 locations, to Superman's ground and it was there the herbalists
22 were doing their work, what they had come to do. They were not -
23 they never left Superman's ground to go to any other place. They
24 were based there doing their work.

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25 Q. Initially, though, this conversation that is occurring that
26 you are describing between Sam Bockarie and Superman, where is
27 that occurring?

28 A. In the zoebush where the herbalists were in Buedu.

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29 Q. Now, you said you were in Buedu for three days. Then where

1 did you go?

2 A. At night we left Buedu and passed the night in Kailahun and
3 in the morning we left Kailahun for Koidu with the herbalists.

4 Q. Okay, and where did you --

10:35:56 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I don't know if you have left
6 the Fitti-Fatta operation --

7 MR SANTORA: No.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: -- because we need a time frame for it at
9 an appropriate point.

10:36:06 10 MR SANTORA: Yes, I was just bringing - I will come to that
11 point, your Honour. I will keep it noted:

12 Q. Now, you left Buedu. Where did you end up?

13 A. At Superman's base.

14 Q. Who did you travel from Buedu to Superman's base with?

10:36:28 15 A. We went with some armed men with whom we had not left
16 Superman's ground to go to Buedu. It was from Buedu that they
17 had come from, from Sam Bockarie, to join us together with the
18 herbalists, and we came with them to Superman's ground.

19 Q. Now, earlier you said you left Buedu with arms and
10:37:04 20 ammunition. Where did that arms and ammunition go?

21 A. We brought them to Superman's base.

22 Q. About how many of you travelled from Buedu to Superman's
23 base?

24 A. We were many. We were more than 200 going to 300.

10:37:33 25 Q. After you arrived at Superman's base, what happened?

26 A. When we got to Superman's base, the next morning Superman
27 gave me a message to send to Komba and Bai Bureh and Rambo and
28 where Rocky CO was, where there was no radio, but it was from
29 Yomandu that they took soldiers who went and told them the

1 information about what they were supposed to do, for them to send
2 their own manpower that they wanted for that Koidu operation for
3 them to go to Superman's base and be marked by these herbalists.

10:38:52 4 Q. First of all, you said that there was a message sent - you
5 sent a message to Komba, Bai Bureh, Rambo and where Rocky CO was.
6 First of all, how did you send that message?

7 A. I sent the message to Yomandu, Tefeya and Gandorhun by
8 radio and it was a coded message. It went to Yomandu for Komba
9 to also get soldiers under his command and send them to Tombodu
10:39:36 10 so that they can transmit the same message to Rocky CO.

11 Q. Now you said that, "... for them to ... their own manpower
12 that they wanted for that Koidu operation." What did you mean
13 when you said "... for them to ... their own manpower"?

14 A. If I can answer that, all those commanders whom I have
10:40:32 15 named who were at those various locations had men under their
16 control who took commands from them. It was through these
17 commanders that commands pass to go down to these men who were
18 under their control and it was these soldiers who were under the
19 various commanders that I am talking about.

10:41:16 20 Q. And you said that "... they wanted for that Koidu
21 operation". When you say "that Koidu operation", what operation
22 are you referring to?

23 A. I am talking about the Fitti-Fatta operation.

24 Q. What happened after this message was sent?

10:41:37 25 A. After the message had been sent, these commanders whom
26 I have named each one of them came with his own manpower from his
27 own base, those whom he selected whom he felt will be able to go
28 on this mission - this operation. For instance, Komba came with
29 his own men, Rambo too came with his own men, Bai Bureh too came

1 with his own men.

2 Q. So, about how many men in total came?

3 A. Well I did not do a head count of all those who came, but
4 there were many.

10:42:48 5 Q. And do you know approximately how much manpower you had at
6 that point at Superman Ground?

7 A. We had up to 500.

8 Q. What happened after these men arrived?

9 A. After they had come for the whole day, we were receiving
10:43:18 10 these men. The next morning these herbalists created a special
11 place for them to be doing this marking on the bodies of the
12 soldiers and we went there. Because I spoke Gbandi, Superman
13 called me to speak. When that Loma Pa was talking, the Gbandi
14 woman would tell me and I will interpret what she tells me to
10:44:05 15 those who did not understand the language. So, it was Superman
16 first who was inside the place which was established. They
17 marked there with a circle whereby when you entered that circle
18 you did not come out until you were marked. I was the second
19 person to enter that circle after Superman. I was standing there
10:44:40 20 with Superman when I was talking what the Gbandi woman was
21 telling me. So when they marked Superman the woman told me to
22 sit down, I sat down and they marked me and they marked the rest
23 of the other soldiers. We were there up to nightfall. They
24 marked us and gave us laws for the markings that had been made on
10:45:22 25 our bodies. After they had completed the marking, Komba and his
26 men returned to their location. Rambo returned with his own men.
27 Bai Bureh returned with his own men.

28 Q. Mrs Witness, just before you go on with that, in terms of
29 this instance where Superman was marked and then you were marked,

1 what do you mean when you say you were marked?

2 A. The herbalists had marks that they put on our bodies. They
3 said that was the protection which they had come to do.

4 Q. How did they mark you?

10:46:17 5 A. With a blade. When they were marking you, you did not
6 stand up, nor did you shake and these marks were 168, 168.

7 Q. What do you mean when you say "these marks were 168"?

8 A. All the marks that were made on our bodies, including mine
9 that I counted, it was 168.

10:47:01 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just to be clear, do you mean there was a
11 total of 168 marks on your body, or was the figures "1-6-8"
12 marked on the body?

13 THE WITNESS: I mean the total marks that were put on my
14 body.

10:47:27 15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. Do you still have some of these marks?

17 A. Yes.

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, the witness also said, "They
19 gave us laws for the markings". What does that mean?

10:47:45 20 MR SANTORA:

21 Q. Did you hear Justice Sebutinde's question, when you said
22 they gave you laws for the markings, what does that mean?

23 A. When they were giving us these marks the herbalists told us
24 that it would be for seven days you did not - you should not take
10:48:14 25 your bath, for seven days if you were a woman you should not have
26 sex, if you were a man you should not have sex as well. For
27 those seven days whatever was a slimy food, be it a sauce, you
28 should not eat. You should not sit on a mortar for seven days.

29 Q. You said that after this markings incident that commanders

1 went back to their various areas. You said that Rambo went back
2 to Gandorhun and Bai Bureh went back to his area as well. Is
3 that correct?

4 A. Yes.

10:49:08 5 Q. What happened next?

6 A. Before they left, Superman met with these commanders and
7 the men whom these commanders had brought and the men who were at
8 our own base and they planned how to carry out this operation in
9 Koidu whereby all these commanders were to attack Koidu from
10 their own positions.

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11 Q. Can you explain the plan?

12 A. If I should explain that plan, after this instruction it
13 was when they went back that they were to launch from Yomandu and
14 all went on simultaneously. And those in Gandorhun were to come
15 from the Gandorhun route to Koidu and we too were to leave
16 Superman's base to Koidu.

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17 Q. How did you know about this plan?

18 A. I was there when they held the meeting.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We would appreciate a time frame both --

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20 MR SANTORA: I am --

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: If I could finish, please. We would
22 appreciate a time frame both for the ceremony of the markings and
23 for this plan.

24 MR SANTORA: Okay:

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25 Q. This plan you are describing, when approximately was this
26 discussed?

27 A. The day when we received these marks, the next morning -
28 because they didn't complete marking everybody, all the men that
29 came. The next morning they completed it before 12 o'clock.

1 Just after they had completed the marking of the men, when they
2 were about to leave, that was the time they held the meeting.

3 Q. This meeting and this marking incident, do you know if this
4 was before or after the death of Sani Abacha?

10:51:51 5 A. I can't recall the exact date, but I know that it was
6 before the death of Abacha.

7 Q. Can you recall the year?

8 A. 1998.

9 Q. And can you recall approximately how long this was before
10:52:12 10 the death of Abacha?

11 A. It did not take long because after that Koidu operation it
12 was not long when Abacha died. It was not even up to two weeks
13 when Abacha died.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, you are assuming that this is
10:52:45 15 a judicially noticed fact, the death of Sani Abacha?

16 MR SANTORA: It is an agreed fact, your Honour.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Agreed fact. Okay, I beg your pardon
18 then.

19 MR SANTORA: That's okay. If you want the reference just
10:52:59 20 for the record I would be happy - okay:

21 Q. Now, go ahead now and describe - first of all, did this
22 operation occur, this operation that you called the Fitti-Fatta
23 operation?

24 A. Yes.

10:53:18 25 Q. Did you participate in it?

26 A. I went.

27 Q. Now, you've described this planning meeting and this
28 marking ceremony. About how long after the planning meeting did
29 the actual operation occur?

1 A. Just a day.

2 Q. Can you tell the Court what happened on this operation,
3 this Fitti-Fatta operation?

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4 A. Yes. When I went I was at first in a vehicle with the
5 radio set which was not switched on. It was on the vehicle
6 because wherever the attack was going on at, where it will be
7 possible to switch on a radio set I will switch it on. And that
8 same vehicle was also used by Superman up to the time with we got
9 close to Koidu Town where the combat camp was.

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10 And when we left the Guinea Highway, those of us who had
11 come from Superman's place, we met Guineans on the way entering
12 into Koidu Town. That was where the Guinean soldiers were under
13 ECOMOG. Fighting took place there. The Guinean soldiers ended
14 up running away. They abandoned their arms, their weapons that
15 were mounted, which were heavy weapons, including 30 calibre,
16 there were RPGs there and in the house, the corrugated tin shack
17 where these Guinean soldiers were, they had ammunition there, a
18 lot. So we took them and put them in the vehicle.

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19 Then we went ahead and I was with Superman in that vehicle
10:56:01 20 up to the time we got to Koidu Town. He alighted and joined the
21 forces that were on the ground. I was in the vehicle and went up
22 to Five-Five point where that bridge is. That was where
23 I stopped. I returned to the cotton tree where you used the road
24 to go to Tombodu. That was where I waited with the radio.

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10:56:48 25 Q. How long did this entire operation take?

26 A. That one night. It was at night. It was a nightly
27 operation.

28 Q. Was the operation successful?

29 A. No.

1 Q. What was the result of the operation?

2 A. When we got to at that bridge, the ECOMOG had left Koidu
3 Town and gone to Tankoro, to that Five-Five bridge, but just as
4 we were getting to the bridge there were people who were RUF

10:57:44 5 fighters in that bridge, but there were many in the bridge. The
6 ECOMOG launched a bomb that exploded among them and over 20 RUF
7 men died there. That made us to withdraw from that place.

8 Though the other flanks where these men had come from, I was not
9 with them so I can't tell exactly the time that they left Koidu,
10 but it was from that time that I left Koidu, around 4.30 in the
11 morning, to return to Superman's ground.

10:58:25 10

12 MR SANTORA: Your Honours, there is just one spelling that
13 we have spelled before. It didn't come across. Tankoro is spelt
14 previously as T-A-N-K-O-R-O:

10:58:57 15 Q. Now, did there come a time when you left Superman Ground?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Approximately when did you leave Superman Ground?

18 A. From the time that I went to Superman's ground to the time
19 that I left there, it was up to five months.

10:59:28 20 Q. Why did you leave Superman Ground?

21 A. I first left there and went to Foday Lansana in Tefeya, and
22 when I came back Superman told me that Mosquito, who is Sam
23 Bockarie, had given him an order to move to go to Kurubonla where
24 the SLAs, headed by SAJ Musa, where they were based. He said he
25 should go and attack them, that Superman should launch an attack
26 on the SLAs at Kurubonla, and that very day I was on the set when
27 he sent a message to enquire if Superman had left to go. And
28 Superman left that very day. He went to Yomandu.

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29 Q. What about yourself? Did you leave with Superman, or did

1 you not leave yet?

2 A. I did not go, I stayed at the base, but when Superman went
3 after three days he sent a message for me to go.

4 Q. Who sent a message for you to go?

11:01:28 5 A. Superman sent a message for me to join him.

6 Q. Where?

7 A. At that time he was in Yomandu.

8 Q. Continue. What happened after he sent that message?

9 A. The day that I received the message in which he included me
11:01:57 10 and some of his bodyguards that he had left at Superman's base,
11 we left the next day, but when we got to Yomandu I did not find
12 Superman there. Komba was not there. It was Short Bai Bureh
13 that I met in Yomandu.

14 Q. What happened at - first of all, how long did it take you
11:02:29 15 approximately to get from Superman's ground to Yomandu?

16 A. A whole day, because I did not go straight.

17 Q. What happened when you got to Yomandu?

18 A. When I got to Yomandu Superman was not there, he had
19 already left for Kurubonla, but when I got to Yomandu
11:03:06 20 I communicated with him that I and his other bodyguards have
21 arrived in Yomandu. When he went to Kurubonla, the instruction
22 which Sam Bockarie had given him he did not carry it out. He
23 joined the SLAs and they moved from Kurubonla and went to Kabala.
24 When I got to Yomandu and told him that we have arrived there, he
11:03:48 25 said Short Bai Bureh should get manpower from among his own men
26 whom we met so that we and the manpower from Yomandu and those of
27 us who had come from Superman's base could go and meet them, he
28 Superman, where they were. I passed the night in Yomandu and the
29 next day in the evening one Senegalese met us in Yomandu.

1 Q. Who is Senegalese?

2 A. Well Senegalese when I knew him, at first when he went that
3 evening that he arrived Bai Bureh told me that he was an STF and
4 the STF whom I knew were the ULIMO fighters who were fighting
11:05:07 5 alongside the Sierra Leone Army in Sierra Leone. So, that was
6 what Bai Bureh told me that Senegalese was STF. I surely knew
7 him as a Liberian because he did not know how to speak Krio, he
8 was speaking the Liberian English, and he said he was sent by Sam
9 Bockarie to come and join Superman with reinforcement, which was
11:05:55 10 composed of 30 men, for them to go and attack - for them to
11 launch the attack which Sam Bockarie had sent Superman to carry
12 out, but when he got to Yomandu Superman was not there at the
13 time. The next morning --

14 Q. I am sorry, before you go on --

11:06:20 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Mr Santora, this is getting
16 somewhat confused.

17 MR SANTORA: That is why I was --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, "he joined the SLAs", "I told him we
19 had arrived there." Did she tell Sam Bockarie, or Superman, or
11:06:39 20 who?

21 MR SANTORA: I am going to clarify that. I will clarify
22 that portion first.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, there is another series of "he"s
24 thereafter.

11:06:48 25 MR SANTORA:

26 Q. Mrs Witness, I just have to ask you a few questions about
27 some of the things you have just mentioned, okay? Now first of
28 all you said, "Sam Bockarie had given him an order to move to
29 Kurubonla." Who did Sam Bockarie give the order to?

1 A. To Superman.

2 Q. "... to go to Kurubonla where the SLAs, headed by SAJ Musa,
3 where they were based. He said he should go and attack them."

4 Who said - who do you mean when you said, "He said he should go"?

11:07:28 5 A. If I speak the Krio, I mean Sam Bockarie told Superman to
6 go to Kurubonla and attack SAJ Musa's men.

7 Q. "And that very day I was on the set when he sent a message
8 to enquire if Superman had left to go", who sent that message?

9 A. Sam Bockarie.

11:08:01 10 Q. And then, "Superman had left that very day. He went to
11 Yomandu." Who left to Yomandu?

12 A. Superman left me at Superman's ground and went to Yomandu.

13 Q. Now, later on when you were saying - I asked you what
14 happened when you got to Yomandu and you said:

11:08:34 15 "When I got to Yomandu, Superman was not there. He had
16 already left for Kurubonla, but when I got to Yomandu
17 I communicated with him that I and his other bodyguards have
18 arrived in Yomandu." Who did you communicate with when you
19 arrived at Yomandu?

11:08:51 20 A. Superman.

21 Q. And then, "When he went to Kurubonla, the instruction which
22 Sam Bockarie had given him he did not carry out", who is the "he"
23 you are referring to?

24 A. I am sure it was Sam Bockarie who instructed Superman to
11:09:22 25 carry out an operation in Kurubonla and Superman did not carry it
26 out.

27 Q. And then you said, "He joined the SLAs." Who do you mean
28 by "he" there?

29 A. I am still referring to Superman.

1 Q. "They moved from Kurubonla to Kabala", who is "they"?

2 A. Superman and his men and SAJ Musa and his men.

3 Q. Then you said, "When I got to Yomandu and told him we had
4 arrived there", who did you tell you had arrived there?

11:10:08 5 A. I told Superman that I and his bodyguards whom he had
6 requested for us to meet him had arrived in Yomandu.

7 Q. Now, later on you said you passed the night and the next
8 morning - the next day, I am sorry, "In the evening, one
9 Senegalese met us at Yomandu." You went on to say - when I asked
11:10:37 10 you who Senegalese was you said in your response, "He was
11 speaking the Liberian English and he said he was sent by Sam
12 Bockarie to come and join Superman with reinforcement." When you
13 say, "He was speaking the Liberian English", who were you
14 referring to?

11:11:02 15 A. You asked me - how you asked me who Senegalese is and I am
16 talking about Senegalese.

17 Q. Did you yourself have a conversation with Senegalese?

18 A. I spoke with him.

19 Q. Can you just say what he told you in that conversation?

11:11:28 20 A. That is what I have just said. When I first got to
21 Yomandu, when Senegalese got to Yomandu, Bai Bureh told me that
22 Senegalese was an STF. Senegalese himself told me that he had
23 come from Liberia and that it was Sam Bockarie who had sent him
24 to join Superman.

11:11:59 25 Q. So do you believe Senegalese was an STF, or not?

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

27 MR ANYAH: Objection. The witness said - I think she said
28 Bai Bureh told her that Senegalese was STF. Counsel is asking
29 her if she believed or not and I object to the form of the

1 question.

2 MR SANTORA: What is wrong with the form of the question?

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: She may have believed him, she may not
4 have believed him. What is the nature of your objection?

11:12:39 5 MR ANYAH: She received the information from somebody and -
6 well, I withdraw the objection.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: At the end of the day whether she
8 believed it or not doesn't go to the credibility of - sorry, does
9 not go to whether he was an STF or not. What her belief is is
11:13:02 10 not relevant.

11 MR SANTORA:

12 Q. So, first you said you had a conversation with Short Bai
13 Bureh and then you had a conversation with Senegalese. Do you
14 believe he was STF, or not?

11:13:14 15 A. I did not believe that he was an STF.

16 Q. Why?

17 A. Because the STFs who joined the SLAs - I mean the AFRC and
18 the RUF whom I saw and knew, they had taken a long time in Sierra
19 Leone, they were speaking the Krio better, but Senegalese did not
11:13:54 20 speak a single Krio.

21 Q. Now, you said Senegalese himself told you that he had come
22 from Liberia and that it was Sam Bockarie who had sent him to
23 join Superman. Do you know where he came from in Liberia?

24 A. I did not know where he had come from in Liberia.

11:14:30 25 Q. And you said there was 30 men there as well. Who were
26 these 30 men that you referred to?

27 A. The 30 men too were men who had arms and they were all
28 Liberians. From what they spoke, the dialects they used, I did
29 not know of in Sierra Leone.

1 Q. Did these men speak Krio, as far as you know?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you know where they came from?

4 A. I did not ask them individually, but their commander who
11:15:21 5 brought them, that is Senegalese, said they had come from
6 Liberia.

7 Q. Did you recognise the language they were speaking, or the
8 dialect?

9 A. I can still recall that there were some men among them who
11:15:53 10 were Kpelle, whom I saw and saw them talking with the STF, and
11 some of the Liberians who were still within the RUF who were
12 Kpelle I heard them talking the language.

13 Q. And do you know what language Senegalese spoke? Well, what
14 language did you speak with Senegalese in?

11:16:26 15 A. It was only Liberian English. I did not hear him speak any
16 particular language.

17 Q. Is there anything else you talked about in your
18 conversation with Senegalese?

19 A. I have already told you what Senegalese told me and it was
11:16:58 20 Senegalese and I in the group that we were, that is the signal
21 unit, which was composed of radio people or people dealing with
22 radio, that we went around with when we were leaving Yomandu to
23 go to Kurubonla.

24 Q. What happened after you met Senegalese in Yomandu?

11:17:41 25 A. We left Yomandu with Senegalese. I, Superman's bodyguards
26 and Short Bai Bureh's men who were in Yomandu whom he added on to
27 us, left Yomandu for Kurubonla. That was the next day, after
28 Senegalese and the others had arrived. The next day we left
29 Yomandu.

1 Q. Did you eventually arrive at Kurubonla?

2 A. We arrived at Kurubonla, having walked all day and all
3 night. We arrived at Kurubonla, but Superman and SAJ Musa and
4 others were not there any longer. It was only some soldiers,
11:18:53 5 some SLAs and their wives whom they had, that we met at
6 Kurubonla.

7 Q. Where did you go, if anywhere, after Kurubonla?

8 A. We went to Koinadugu.

9 Q. Approximately, how long did it take you in total to get
11:19:16 10 from when you left Superman Ground to Koinadugu?

11 A. One week.

12 Q. Now when you arrived at Koinadugu, can you describe what
13 you saw when you got to Koinadugu?

14 A. When we got to Koinadugu, before entering Koinadugu one
11:19:52 15 last village from which you left, but it was not up to two miles
16 to Koinadugu, that was where the STFs were. That was where I met
17 the STFs whom General Bropleh was with. That was where they were
18 based and that was where we met men who had come from Koinadugu
19 from Superman's location where he and Superman, SAJ Musa, were.
11:20:29 20 They came ahead of us in that village and we - together we
21 entered Koinadugu.

22 It was in the evening that I entered Koinadugu. All the
23 houses that were there it was just a few houses whereby the
24 soldiers and SAJ Musa's men who had gone there did not occupy,
11:21:03 25 and I did not really see civilians who were living by themselves,
26 like you would say they were staying in their own houses, that is
27 just civilians in a house, living in a house there.

28 Q. Now aside from Superman and SAJ Musa, what other commanders
29 do you remember being present at Koinadugu when you were there?

1 A. Foday Lansana was there; Gugumeh was there, also known as
2 Mohamed Kallon; Tall Bai Bureh was there; Rambo, whom they called
3 Red Goat, an SLA; Alfred Brown was there; and O-Five.

11:22:33

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, I think there are a couple of
5 spellings, including the spelling of the name of General Bropleh,
6 which I think had not been recorded - I think we have it on
7 record.

11:22:58

8 MR SANTORA: We do I believe too, but let me just double
9 check that. Bropleh is on the record spelt B-R-O-P-L-E-H. There
10 was one name called out I think it was an alias for Mohamed
11 Kallon.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, for Mohamed Kallon.

13 MR SANTORA: I think the witness said Gugumeh and I don't
14 have that as being spelt:

11:23:11

15 Q. What was the alias you said was Mohamed Kallon's alias?

16 A. Gugumeh.

17 Q. Can you spell that, Mrs Witness?

18 A. G-U-G-U-M-E-H.

11:23:47

19 Q. Now, you named some of the commanders that you remember
20 being present at Koinadugu. Who was - can you describe the
21 composition of forces, or the groups that were at Koinadugu?

22 A. The SLAs were there headed by SAJ Musa, the STF and the
23 RUF, but they had fighting groups like Strike Force, Red Lion
24 battalion.

11:24:33

25 Q. Mrs Witness, before I continue you said one name - you used
26 the name who was present, Alfred Brown. Who was Alfred Brown?

27 A. Alfred Brown was the one who deputised Foday Lansana as
28 signal commander.

29 Q. What was his position at this point in Koinadugu?

1 A. At the time that we went there he was a major and he was
2 not the one who deputised. He hadn't a position, but he was
3 operating a radio.

11:25:35 4 Q. What do you mean when you say "he was not the one who
5 deputised"?

6 A. Before we came to Koinadugu, before I knew Major Sellay
7 from Buedu it was Alfred Brown who was the deputy to Foday
8 Lansana.

9 Q. Who was the individual you referred to as O-Five?

11:26:11 10 A. O-Five was an SLA soldier. He was a colonel.

11 Q. Now, you mentioned that Alfred Brown worked on the radio.
12 Who else at Koinadugu when you were there - were there any other
13 radio operators there?

14 A. Yes.

11:26:35 15 Q. Can you name the ones that you remember?

16 A. King Perry was there. Eddie Murphy was there. Albert
17 Boima, Waco-Waco or Vandj Massaquoi, Jusu Kanneh and I. Elongima
18 was there on the SLA side. Keifala was there. Archie was there.

19 MR SANTORA: Just a quick spelling. I believe Keifala was
11:27:34 20 spelt on several occasions, but it is still not coming up.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did she say O'Vandi?

22 MR SANTORA:

23 Q. Waco-Waco or? Go ahead, what did you say?

24 A. Or Vandj Massaquoi. He was the one we used to call
11:27:53 25 Waco-Waco. That was why I said "Waco-Waco or Vandj Massaquoi".

26 MR SANTORA: Just some quick spellings, your Honours.
27 Keifala is K-E-I-F-A-L-A and I believe that covers the spellings.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: You have about one minute left,
29 Mr Santora.

1 MR SANTORA: Yes, and I hesitate to go into a new area.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are going into a new area?

3 MR SANTORA: I am.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, it may be appropriate therefore to
11:28:36 5 adjourn and take the break now. Madam Witness, we are now going
6 to take our mid-morning break. We will resume court at
7 12 o'clock. Please adjourn court.

8 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

9 [Upon resuming at 12.15 p.m.]

12:14:30 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel and Madam Witness, I apologise
11 for the late recommencing after the break. We were unavoidably
12 detained due to a pressing judicial and jurisdictional matter,
13 hence the delay. Mr Santora, please continue.

14 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

12:15:01 15 Q. Mrs Witness, at various points in your testimony you've
16 referred to an individual called Major Sellay. Can you spell his
17 name?

18 A. S-E-L-E, but he spelt it S-E-L-L-A-Y.

19 Q. When you say he, you mean Major Sellay himself spelt it
12:15:37 20 S-E-L-L-A-Y?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. One other matter before we continue, Mrs Witness. This
23 morning, when you were talking about your conversation at Yomandu
24 with Senegalese, you said that, "Senegalese himself told me he
12:15:58 25 had come from Liberia." Did he tell you why he came from Liberia
26 to Sam Bockarie?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Why?

29 A. What he told me was that Charles Taylor had sent him and

1 others to Sam Bockarie and Sam Bockarie sent them to Superman.

12:16:43 2 Q. Now, you were describing your observations at Koinadugu
3 after you arrived there and, just for clarity, do you know
4 approximately when you arrived at Koinadugu, what was the month
5 and year?

6 A. It was in August.

7 Q. And what year was that?

8 A. 1998.

9 Q. Now, you talked about various forces and units at Koinadugu
12:17:15 10 when you arrived. You referred to a Strike Force unit and a Red
11 Lion battalion. What is the - what do you know about the Red
12 Lion battalion?

13 A. The Red Lion battalion that I knew was the one that Red
14 Goat, Colonel Rambo, the SLAs headed, but the Red Lion battalion
12:17:50 15 that was --

16 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat
17 this.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Madam Witness. The interpreter is
19 trying to keep up with you. Could you please repeat the part of
12:18:00 20 your answer that he did not hear. Start at the point where you
21 said, "But the Red Lion battalion, that was" - now continue,
22 please.

23 THE WITNESS: The new Red Lion battalion that was formed at
24 the time I got to Koinadugu, and that was formed by Superman, the
12:18:29 25 STF, the SLA or AFRC and the RUF, they constituted that Red Lion
26 battalion.

27 MR SANTORA:

28 Q. What do you mean when you say the new Red Lion battalion?

29 A. Because there had already been a Red Lion battalion before

1 I arrived there, but it mainly comprised the SLAs.

2 Q. So when was the new Red Lion battalion formed?

3 A. It was when I got to Koinadugu.

4 Q. Was it after you arrived at Koinadugu, or was it already in
12:19:14 5 existence?

6 A. After I had arrived in Koinadugu.

7 Q. And this new - about how long after you arrived in
8 Koinadugu?

9 A. The very day I arrived in Koinadugu and the next day the
12:19:36 10 battalion was formed.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I'm sorry to interrupt. Do we have a
12 date or time frame for her arrival in Koinadugu on the record?

13 MR SANTORA: Yes, your Honour, at the beginning of this
14 question I asked a date and month and the witness said - I asked
12:19:57 15 her what month and year "you arrived at Koinadugu" and the
16 witness said it was in August, and, "What year was that?"
17 "1998". That's page 51, approximately lines 5 to 9 on my
18 LiveNote.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes.

12:20:15 20 MR SANTORA:

21 Q. Now, you said this new Red Lion battalion consisted of
22 SLAs, STF and RUF. Was there a commander to this new Red Lion
23 battalion?

24 A. Yes.

12:20:30 25 Q. Who was it?

26 A. It was Colonel O-Five, and Major CY, who was Superman's
27 bodyguard, was deputising him.

28 Q. About how many people were in this new Red Lion battalion?

29 A. About 300.

1 Q. Do you know why it was formed?

2 A. I knew that the new Red Lion battalion was formed by
3 Superman to go and join the SLAs who had been cut off at Rosos so
4 that they will go and join them at Rosos.

12:21:25 5 Q. How do you know that?

6 A. I knew that when they were leaving and I was present when
7 they were leaving and Superman told me that they were going
8 there.

9 Q. Now, you had mentioned previously that there were radio
12:21:50 10 operators at Koinadugu. Did this new Red Lion battalion have any
11 radio operators?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you remember who they were?

14 A. Alfred Brown, King Perry, Elongima.

12:22:19 15 Q. Now in terms of you yourself, when you arrived in Koinadugu
16 what were you - first of all, about how long did you stay in
17 Koinadugu?

18 A. I spent more than a month in Koinadugu.

19 Q. What were your activities while you were there in
12:22:43 20 Koinadugu?

21 A. I was still operating under Superman as radio operator.

22 Q. Now this group that left, this new Red Lion battalion, do
23 you know where they actually - do you know where went?

24 A. I knew that they went to Rosos.

12:23:09 25 Q. How do you know that?

26 A. I was there. Just as I said, I was there when they left
27 and I knew that that was where they were going, because I was
28 present when Superman told them what to do and when they arrived
29 in Rosos 0-Five communicated with Superman that they had arrived

1 in Rosos.

2 Q. Now, you said you were in Koinadugu approximately one
3 month. Where did you go after you were in Koinadugu?

12:24:17

4 A. I went to a village around Koinadugu which we referred to
5 as Pumpkin Ground.

6 Q. And do you know the name of that village?

7 A. I know the name, but I cannot recall it now. Maybe I'll
8 think about it later.

9 Q. Why was it called Pumpkin Ground?

12:24:44

10 A. The time we went there, because we were based in - at the
11 time we were based in Koinadugu, civilians left the town, there
12 were no civilians there, and the place became - the place was
13 bushy and there were a lot of pumpkins in the town, many of them.
14 That's why we called the place that way.

12:25:13

15 Q. And about how far away was Pumpkin Ground from Koinadugu
16 itself, Koinadugu Town?

17 A. It was at the side of Koinadugu Town. It was more than
18 seven miles away.

12:25:39

19 Q. Now, how long approximately - first of all, at the point
20 you left Koinadugu and went to Pumpkin Ground were you still
21 operating on the radio?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And who did you go to Pumpkin Ground with?

12:26:09

24 A. Superman, Foday Lansana, Tall Bai Bureh, General Bropleh
25 and some other commanders like Gugumeh, Colonel Titus. There
26 were some other commanders. We were many.

27 Q. Who is General Bropleh?

28 A. I knew that he led the STF.

29 Q. And about how many combatants were in your group that went

1 from Koinadugu to Pumpkin Ground? Approximately how many?

2 A. It was up to 400.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, there's a name there, "other
4 commanders like Gugumeh". Have we had him before?

12:27:07 5 MR SANTORA: I thought we just spelt him before the break,
6 but maybe I'm incorrect.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm sorry, yes, it slipped my mind. My
8 apologies. I do remember now.

9 MR SANTORA: I don't remember how it's spelled, but I do
12:27:21 10 remember we spelt it:

11 Q. Now, how long approximately did you remain in this location
12 you've called Pumpkin Ground?

13 A. We spent more than one month there. We were there for
14 nearly two months.

12:27:50 15 Q. And why did you leave Pumpkin Ground?

16 A. We left Pumpkin Ground for Makeni.

17 Q. Why?

18 A. Well at the time we came to Pumpkin Ground Superman was
19 still the head, because it was from Koinadugu that we scattered -
12:28:29 20 that we - that SAJ Musa left us and Superman was the head in
21 Pumpkin Ground and we left Pumpkin Ground to come to Makeni to
22 attack Makeni.

23 Q. So, did your group actually attack Makeni?

24 A. Yes.

12:28:54 25 Q. Do you know when that attack was?

26 A. It was in December.

27 Q. Of what year?

28 A. 1998.

29 Q. Who actually attacked Makeni?

1 A. Rambo's group came from Magburaka end, from Kono. They
2 passed through Masingbi, Magburaka and they entered Makeni. And
3 Superman's group, we passed through Binkolo, that was the highway
4 to go to Kabala, and we passed through Bumbuna and we came down
12:29:44 5 to Binkolo and we entered Makeni.

6 Q. When you say "Rambo's group", who do you mean?

7 A. RUF Rambo and Short Bai Bureh.

8 Q. Now after you left Pumpkin Ground up to the time of the
9 attack on Makeni, about how much time had passed approximately?

12:30:25 10 A. It had taken about a month and half.

11 Q. Now, can you describe - during that time, from the time you
12 left Pumpkin Ground to the attack on Makeni, were you working on
13 the radio?

14 A. Yes.

12:30:44 15 Q. Who, if anyone, was - and you were working on the radio for
16 Superman. Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who, if anyone, was Superman in communication with during
19 the move from Pumpkin Ground to Makeni?

12:31:08 20 A. Once in a while we communicated with Buedu station and we
21 also communicated with Rosos and Yomandu, and for us radio
22 operators we communicated to our friends in the other stations
23 that were controlled by RUF.

24 Q. So how often were you, the radio operators, in
12:31:45 25 communication first with Buedu?

26 A. We, the operators, every day when we switched on the set we
27 spoke to Buedu station to our colleague operators, because they
28 had said that we were not RUF any more because Sam Bockarie had
29 declared us that we were not RUF because Superman and others had

1 joined SAJ Musa and others. So there was that problem between
2 them, but we, the radio operators, used to talk to each other on
3 a daily basis when once we switched the radios on.

12:32:42

4 Q. During the time from Pumpkin Ground to Makeni, what would
5 you talk about?

6 A. When we left Pumpkin Ground for Makeni, whenever we
7 switched on a radio if we for example got Buedu station, or any
8 other friendly station, we will tell them where we were and what
9 the situation was where we were.

12:33:14

10 Q. What do you mean by "other friendly station"?

11 A. The stations where - within the RUF.

12 Q. So, at this point what were the friendly stations you
13 remember?

12:33:46

14 A. I can call Buedu again, and at that time when we left
15 Pumpkin Ground and while we were going we used to talk to Komba's
16 station and at that time Short Bai Bureh was there. We also
17 spoke to Gandorhun station, and in Buedu there was not only one
18 station. They had about three stations. We spoke to them.
19 Anyone we could get in contact with, we spoke to.

12:34:22

20 Q. Now, you said that for the attack on Makeni your group came
21 through Binkolo and RUF Rambo's group came through Kono. How do
22 you know that they came through Kono?

12:34:56

23 A. While we were going there was a village along the Bumbuna,
24 that was very close to Bumbuna. When we got there, the very
25 moment we said we should have a rest was when a jet came and
26 bombed in the village where we were and there were many people
27 amongst us who were armed and even some were unarmed, and women
28 inclusive, some of them died and some others were wounded
29 seriously. So we went to a place where we could have some time

1 to care for the people who had been injured and there was where
2 we were when we heard on the net - when Rambo - when we heard
3 that Rambo and Bai Bureh had recaptured Koidu from ECOMOG and
4 that they were advancing towards Makeni.

12:35:54 5 Q. How did you hear this on the net?

6 A. When they were sending the message from Rambo to Sam
7 Bockarie, first it was an ambush message, an ambush that was set
8 along the Koidu Highway towards Masingbi, from Njaiama Sewafe to
9 go town. Along that highway they said was where they set the
10 ambush and it was that ambush that finally made the ECOMOG to
11 withdraw from Koidu and I monitored that message and after that
12 message, when they too were advancing towards Makeni, Sam
13 Bockarie sent a message to Superman that we should hurry up and
14 join Rambo's group in Makeni.

12:36:58 15 Q. Did Superman comply with that message?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So after receiving that message and you said you were in a
18 village near - I apologise one moment. Well, I can just ask you
19 again. Where were you when you received this message - when

12:37:25 20 Superman received this message from Sam Bockarie to move to Kono
21 - to Makeni?

22 A. We were around Bumbuna.

23 Q. And from that point how long did it take to advance to
24 Makeni?

12:37:46 25 A. From the village where we were, I was at the place for four
26 days after the message had come, because we took a long time
27 there for us, for up to two weeks, for those wounded people, the
28 wounded soldiers, to be healed. So when the message came,
29 Superman formed a group that was headed by Colonel T for them to

1 go to Makeni and we called them the advanced team and Superman -
2 I stayed at the base in that village.

3 Q. So who actually led the advanced team?

4 A. It was Colonel T.

12:38:51 5 Q. Now, was Makeni actually attacked?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How was it attacked?

8 A. When they went, at that time Rambo and others had entered
9 Makeni Town from Magburaka Road and, according to the reports
12:39:17 10 that Colonel T sent, they went and passed through Binkolo and
11 went to - right up to the barracks in Makeni, but they could not
12 enter the barracks, but they launched an attack on the barracks,
13 but they could not enter the barracks, so they withdrew back to
14 Binkolo.

12:39:56 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We'll need a foundation for that since
16 she remained in Bumbuna. How did she know all this?

17 MR SANTORA:

18 Q. The movements that you've just described, how do you know
19 about these movements?

12:40:11 20 A. That --

21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat
22 that.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, please repeat your answer
24 for the interpreter.

12:40:26 25 THE WITNESS: What answer should I repeat?

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we will have the question put
27 again, Mr Santora, as the answer wasn't interpreted.

28 MR SANTORA:

29 Q. You had just described some movements about how Rambo and

1 others had entered Makeni Town from Magburaka Road and, according
2 to the reports Colonel T sent, they went and passed through
3 Binkolo and went right up to the barracks in Makeni, "But they
4 could not enter the barracks, but they launched an attack on the
12:40:55 5 barracks, but they could not enter the barracks, so they withdrew
6 back to Binkolo." Simply, what I've just read to you, which you
7 answered, how do you know that?

8 A. I said I knew it just as I was answering the question, that
9 I knew that through the message that Colonel T sent to Superman.
12:41:19 10 That was how I knew that that was what happened.

11 Q. How was Colonel T sending these messages?

12 A. When they went, they didn't go with a radio set because we
13 only had a set at the base and because of the jet raid we could
14 not get energy, the battery was not functioning. We were using
12:41:51 15 solar plates. So when they went they were fortunate to capture a
16 radio which was a Codan, but the operator who was there did not
17 know how to operate the radio. So whilst they were - while they
18 were fidgeting with it he was able to switch it on and it was
19 through that radio that he sent the message. So when Colonel T
12:42:34 20 and others had left our base, we were listening through that
21 radio to know what was happening and it was from that radio
22 message that we understood what happened in Makeni.

23 Q. Now, you said that initially they attacked the barracks but
24 could not enter and they withdrew back to Binkolo. I'm referring
12:43:01 25 - you said Colonel T's group. What happened after they withdrew
26 back to Binkolo?

27 A. When they withdrew back to Binkolo and Colonel T sent the
28 message to Superman, we left that village where Superman, I and
29 others were and the women who could not move, who were with the

1 wounded soldiers, and some armed men in the village, we moved.
2 And the second group, that was our own group, that was Superman
3 and myself, were there. We moved to join Colonel T and others in
4 Binkolo and we arrived in Binkolo around 5.30 in the morning.

12:44:05 5 When we arrived in Binkolo we communicated with the station that
6 was in Makeni, which was Rambo's station, and Short Bai Bureh's
7 station, which was at Teko Road, and at that time the road that
8 led to Binkolo, there were no soldiers there. I mean neither
9 ECOMOG, nor SLAs, or civilians. None of them were on that road.

12:44:45 10 But the ECOMOG used it - particularly the SLAs, they used it from
11 the barracks - to pull out from the barracks to go to Kabala and
12 it was that same road that we used to enter Makeni. When we
13 entered Makeni we went straight to where Bai Bureh was. That was
14 Teko Road.

12:45:20 15 Q. Just before you continue, Mrs Witness, I just want to
16 understand something you said. You said that you joined
17 Colonel T and others in Binkolo. You remember arriving around
18 5.30 in the morning. You communicated with the station that was
19 in Makeni, which was Rambo's station and Short Bai Bureh's
12:45:48 20 station, which was at Teko Road. At this point, who was in
21 control of Makeni?

22 A. In Makeni Town, part of Makeni Town was occupied by RUF,
23 RUF was in control, that was along Magburaka Highway and right up
24 to the centre and Banana Road - sorry, RUF was in control. The
12:46:21 25 ECOMOG and the SLAs were in the barracks.

26 Q. Where are the barracks?

27 A. The barracks was out of Makeni a bit, when, for example,
28 you are going to Teko village.

29 Q. What road are the barracks on?

1 A. The road is called Teko Road and it leads to Magburaka
2 Road. At Banana Street, then you come to Magburaka Road.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, the witness has said it was
4 occupied by ECOMOG and SLAs. Now, the term SLAs has been used in
12:47:12 5 relation to Rosos as well. I think there may be a little
6 difference.

7 MR SANTORA: You were one step ahead of me, but I noticed
8 that as well, your Honour.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good then. I will let you continue.

12:47:21 10 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour:

11 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, you said that at the barracks the ECOMOG
12 and the SLAs were in the barracks. Who do you mean here when you
13 say SLAs?

14 A. Well, if I can clarify that, the first set of SLAs who were
12:47:55 15 in Rosos, we the RUF still referred to them as SLAs, but it was
16 because they were former Sierra Leonean army members. But when
17 they joined the AFRC they were no longer referred to as such, but
18 we still called them that way and the SLAs who were in the
19 barracks were the ones who were still loyal to the government.
12:48:27 20 They were the ones who people referred to as the SLAs at that
21 time.

22 Q. And was there an actual name to this barracks that you're
23 referring to?

24 A. Teko barracks.

12:48:52 25 Q. Now, did Teko barracks remain in control of the ECOMOG and
26 these SLAs that were loyal to the government?

27 A. No.

28 MR ANYAH: The question has been answered, but if counsel
29 reads the question he posed it as, "Did Teko barracks remain in

1 control". I think he meant to say whether ECOMOG and the SLAs
2 still had control of Teko barracks.

3 MR SANTORA: I thought I said "in control of". I
4 understand now. I think it's a grammatic - I understand.

12:49:38 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's a question of who was controlling
6 who. In any event, as Mr Anyah correctly says, it's been
7 answered.

8 MR SANTORA: It's been answered, so I'm going to move on:

9 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, do you remember the actual day you
12:49:54 10 entered Makeni?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What day was it?

13 A. I cannot recall the day, but it was 25 December 1998.

14 Q. And when you entered, who was in control of Teko barracks?

12:50:21 15 A. It was the ECOMOG and the Loyal Sierra Leonean Army under
16 the government. They were there.

17 Q. And then you have already said that they did not - the
18 ECOMOG and the SLAs loyal to the government did not remain in
19 control. Can you explain how they lost control of Teko barracks?

12:50:55 20 A. The moment my group, that was Superman's group, joined
21 Colonel T and we came to Makeni, we went straight to where Bai
22 Bureh was, that was Teko Road, and we met Bai Bureh at Teko Road.
23 Then Superman and I were sitting when Bai Bureh and Superman
24 spoke and Bai Bureh was to go and show the barracks to Superman.

12:51:38 25 And they stopped when they attacked the barracks, Bai Bureh and
26 others when they attacked the Teko barracks, and from that moment
27 we did not even rest for an hour when we moved to Teko barracks.
28 When we were going to Teko barracks, there was a school which was
29 along the road going to Teko barracks called MCA. It was there

1 that we met an armoured tank coming from the barracks to enter
2 Makeni Town, and it was from that spot that a battle started and
3 we then went into the barracks. We entered right into the
4 barracks at night and we were in the barracks until 5.30 in the
12:52:42 5 morning.

6 Q. How long did the battle last?

7 A. We started it around 3.30 and I left the barracks around
8 5.30.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: In the morning, or the afternoon?

12:53:02 10 THE WITNESS: The next morning.

11 MR SANTORA:

12 Q. I'm going to ask you to clarify just one point,
13 Mrs Witness. When you said the battle started at 3.30, do you
14 mean 3.30 in the afternoon or 3.30 in the morning?

12:53:21 15 A. In the afternoon.

16 Q. And when approximately did the battle end?

17 A. 5.30/5.45 on the 26th.

18 Q. And is that 5.30 in the morning, or 5.30 in that same
19 afternoon?

12:53:46 20 A. I answered. I said it was 5.30 in the morning.

21 Q. And you said this is 5.30 in the morning on 26 December.
22 Is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, I'm going to move you - I'm going to ask you about
12:54:28 25 some questions moving you ahead in time a little bit. Where were
26 you on 6 January 1999?

27 A. I was in Lunsar.

28 Q. Can you describe what happened from your vantage point at
29 Lunsar on 6 January 1999?

1 A. When I was in Lunsar, I was living in the same house where
2 Superman was and it was at the same house that the radio station
3 was. On 6 January I went at night and I operated, but it was not
4 for the whole day and early in the morning --

12:55:32 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat.

6 MR SANTORA: I'm sorry to interrupt, because I heard the
7 witness say something that's very different than what came out
8 and I perhaps should ask her to clarify.

9 THE INTERPRETER: Exactly, that's what the interpreter
12:55:47 10 wants her to repeat. I think she used the net, instead of the
11 night.

12 MR SANTORA: Exactly. That was my point as well.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Put the question again, Mr Santora.

14 MR SANTORA: I'll start it over:

12:55:58 15 Q. Mrs Witness, I'm just going to ask you again if you can try
16 and speak slowly so the interpreters can keep up with what you're
17 saying, okay?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Now, I asked you from your vantage point at Lunsar
12:56:14 20 on 6 January 1999 can you describe what happened?

21 A. I started by saying that when I was in Lunsar I was at the
22 same house as Superman's and it was at that same house that we
23 had the radio that was there for Superman and was operated by me.
24 6 January I switched on the radio, but I did not operate for the
12:56:56 25 whole day. On 7 January, early in the morning --

26 Q. I am sorry, Mrs Witness. I don't mean to interrupt you,
27 but I'm just going to ask you to take it step by step. On 6
28 January when you put the radio on, did you hear anything?

29 A. I did not hear anything.

1 Q. Go ahead then.

2 A. It was 7 January, 5.30 in the morning, that BBC usually
3 gives the news. It was then that I heard that rebels had entered
4 Freetown and they had captured the State House. I heard that
12:57:55 5 first over the media, so I came from out of my room and switched
6 on the radio. So when there was daybreak already, that was
7 around 7, there were radiomen who had gone to Freetown. They
8 were in the group that had left Rosos, they were the ones who
9 entered Freetown, and we got those men on the radio.

12:58:36 10 Q. Who were those men you're referring to?

11 A. The Red Lion battalion that left us in Koinadugu and the
12 men they met at Rosos, together with the men that SAJ Musa had
13 taken from Koinadugu and joined them.

14 Q. Continue with what you heard yourself on the radio. At
12:59:09 15 this point I believe you said 7 January?

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Now, which radio is this? Her radio set,
17 or the BBC radio?

18 MR SANTORA: I was going from her that she had said - I can
19 clarify that, your Honour:

12:59:20 20 Q. The events you were just describing about from the men that
21 had entered Freetown, including Red Lion battalion and the group
22 from Rosos, where were you getting this information from?

23 A. At the time that I knew that the men from Rosos had entered
24 Freetown I first got that from the BBC, and when I switched on
12:59:48 25 the radio at 7 in the morning the men who had come from Rosos
26 switched on their radio and I heard them calling to inform that
27 they've entered Freetown.

28 Q. Who did you hear them calling?

29 A. They called Sam Bockarie.

1 Q. Now, what else did you hear on the radio set?

2 A. Gullit spoke to Sam Bockarie and the operators who were
3 there, King Perry. 0-Five too spoke to us, that is Superman and
4 I who were at the station at the time, that they had captured
13:00:53 5 State House and that they have freed prisoners who were at
6 Pademba Road.

7 Q. Now you said first that, "Gullit spoke to Sam Bockarie and
8 the operators who were there, King Perry." Do you know what they
9 spoke about?

13:01:20 10 A. I have already said what they said, which was the capture
11 of State House and the release of the prisoners.

12 Q. Did they mention any names of these prisoners?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Can you remember some of the names that were called?

13:01:48 15 A. Gibril Massaquoi, ex-President Momoh, Steve Bio, Martin
16 Moinama too was there and some other men who were in the AFRC.

17 Q. Now you also said that, "0-Five too spoke to us, that is
18 Superman and I ..." Do you remember at this point on 7 January
19 what 0-Five was speaking to you about?

13:02:52 20 A. He spoke to us about the State House that they had captured
21 and how they were enthusiastic, how they were happy. He also
22 spoke to us about Gibril Massaquoi and how they released the
23 prisoners from Pademba Road.

24 Q. Go ahead and now continue to describe what else you heard
13:03:27 25 over the radio set from this point, if anything?

26 A. Later, through message that was sent by Gullit to Sam
27 Bockarie, I too monitored that message. A message came from
28 0-Five to Superman that stated where they passed around Waterloo
29 when they went to Freetown which --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think that is correct. I think I
2 heard something different.

3 MR SANTORA: I actually missed it. I may have missed it.
4 I'm not sure. Perhaps she should just --

13:04:26 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, would you repeat your
6 answer where you started, "A message came from 0-Five to Superman
7 ..." Continue from there, please.

8 THE WITNESS: A message came from 0-Five to Superman
9 whereby that same message told us that they've lost SAJ Musa when
13:04:51 10 they were going to Freetown and the route they used where SAJ
11 Musa had died before they entered Freetown and what they captured
12 there. Most of the things that they captured there, including
13 the State House and the release of the prisoners, came in the
14 form of a message.

13:05:27 15 MR SANTORA:
16 Q. I'm just going to ask you to clarify that last sentence.
17 You said, "Most of the things that they captured there, including
18 the State House and the release of the prisoners, came in the
19 form of a message." What do you mean when you say, "Most of the
13:05:46 20 things that they captured there ... came in the form of a
21 message"?

22 A. The first time, at the first - during the - at first
23 Superman spoke one on one on the radio. This one was a message
24 that was written by 0-Five and sent by radio to Superman.

13:06:14 25 Q. When you are saying "this one", what are you referring to?

26 A. The question that you asked me by message. That is what
27 I'm clarifying, the message, what message - the message that I'm
28 talking about.

29 Q. So which message came by paper?

1 A. The death of SAJ Musa, because that was what they did not
2 talk about over the radio.

3 Q. Now, what happened after this message?

4 A. When the men who were in Freetown had passed on this
13:07:06 5 message, Sam Bockarie sent a message to Superman to move, he and
6 Rambo to join the men who had entered Freetown.

7 Q. How do you know Sam Bockarie sent this message to Superman?

8 A. He sent a message. When I say he sent a message, I said
9 from Sam Bockarie - as the operator was sending the message he
13:07:52 10 would have the front column whereby the person who was sending
11 this message would have his name and the person he was sending it
12 to, and I myself received that message.

13 Q. So where was Superman when you received this message?

14 A. He was in Lunsar.

13:08:29 15 Q. You also said that Sam Bockarie sent a message to Superman
16 to move, he and Rambo to join the men who had entered Freetown.
17 At this point, when this message was sent, do you know where
18 Rambo was?

19 A. Rambo was in Makeni.

13:08:52 20 Q. And which Rambo are you referring to?

21 A. RUF Rambo.

22 Q. After this message from Sam Bockarie to Superman, what
23 happened?

24 A. Rambo came with ammunition to us in Lunsar and we were to
13:09:25 25 use that ammunition to go to Freetown.

26 Q. How do you know Rambo came with ammunition to you in
27 Lunsar?

28 A. I was in the same house with Superman and at that time, if
29 Rambo came there he came to the same house and I saw what was

1 happeni ng.

2 Q. What kind of ammuni tion did he come wi th, do you know?

3 A. The weapons that we were using, their ammuni tion like the
4 AK, GMG and RPG bombs and the 60 and 80 millimetres, I saw him

13:10:19 5 come with them, and one twin barrel .

6 Q. And do you recall by what means he actual ly arrived?

7 A. He came with a pick-up and a truck.

8 Q. Now, after you received this message from Sam Bockarie to
9 join the men in Freetown and after you received this ammuni tion

13:10:55 10 from Rambo in Lunsar, what happened?

11 A. We left Lunsar for Freetown.

12 Q. Now, earlier you said that you initial ly started monitoring
13 radio communications on 7 January. Do you remember the day you
14 left Lunsar to go to Freetown?

13:11:32 15 A. 8 January.

16 Q. And can you describe, after you left, the route you took?
17 Just describe the road you took.

18 A. Yes. We went to Gberi Junction where you take a route to
19 go to Port Loko and Masiaka. We used the main road and we were

13:12:07 20 in a vehicle when we went to Masiaka, on to Waterloo and on to

21 Hastings. We stopped at Hastings because we were unable to
22 dislodge the ECOMOG who were at Hastings. We were unable to pass
23 through Hastings, so we returned to Yams Farm. That was where we
24 were based.

13:12:43 25 Q. First of all, during the course of this trip from Lunsar to
26 Hastings and then eventually Yams Farm, who was with you?

27 A. Superman, Foday Lansana, Gugumeh. They were with me as
28 commanders.

29 Q. Approximate ly how long did it take you to go from Lunsar to

1 Hastings?

2 A. Well, we left Lunsar at around 4.00 p.m. and we waited at
3 Gberi Junction until 7, because the jet was raiding the main
4 highway. So we left Gberi Junction at night and we arrived at
13:14:01 5 Hastings in the morning, but it was between 4.30 to 5.00. It was
6 still - it was daybreak then.

7 Q. Now, you mentioned some of the commanders that went with
8 you. How many men were involved, or how many combatants were
9 involved in this movement that you've been describing?

13:14:29 10 A. We were up to 200.

11 Q. Now, during the course of this trip from Lunsar to Hastings
12 were you operating on the radio or not?

13 A. I was on the radio.

14 Q. And were you using the radio?

13:15:04 15 A. That night when we were travelling I did not use the radio,
16 but the morning, when we came back to Yams Farm, I started using
17 the radio.

18 Q. Okay, from this point - first of all, where is Yams Farm in
19 relation to Hastings?

13:15:35 20 A. Yams Farm is just after Hastings when you're going to
21 Waterloo. After Hastings you met Yams Farm. If you were at Yams
22 Farm, on top of a hill, you would see Hastings.

23 Q. Now, first of all you said when you got to Hastings you
24 couldn't cross or - one moment. That you couldn't dislodge the
13:16:06 25 ECOMOG who were at Hastings. Can you describe what happened
26 actually when you got to Hastings?

27 A. Like I said, we were unable to dislodge the ECOMOG. From
28 the time we left Lunsar, apart from Masiaka, it was at Four Mile
29 that we met - we found out that fighting had taken place there.

1 The next place was Hastings. That was where the ECOMOG soldiers
2 were based and we could not have just passed through. Fighting
3 had to go on. There was some shooting for some hours, but
4 because of the river that was around the town, except the main
13:17:07 5 road, there was no other route to use to enter Hastings and we
6 were not able to enter Hastings.

7 Q. Do you know approximately how long the men that you were
8 with - how long they engaged ECOMOG at Hastings?

9 A. Almost two and a half hours.

13:17:37 10 Q. Now, then you said you went - you moved back to Yams Farm,
11 is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you said at that point you started operating the radio
14 set.

13:17:54 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you tell the Court some of the things you heard while
17 operating the radio set from Yams Farm at this point?

18 A. When I switched on the set the first thing that I did was
19 to call the Buedu station and I passed on an information to them
13:18:19 20 that we were now at Yams Farm and have been unable to enter
21 Hastings. By that time we were expecting that the group that was
22 in Freetown would come to Hastings so that when we were coming
23 from Yams Farm, so that we would join them at Hastings, but at
24 that time the ECOMOG had already dislodged them from State House
13:18:56 25 and when I switched on the set I heard the message going to Sam
26 Bockarie that the ECOMOG had dislodged the men who were in
27 Freetown at the State House and that the State House had been
28 recaptured from our men who were there.

29 Q. Continue.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I'm not sure, this message,
2 who she was sending this message to. She keeps saying "them" and
3 I'm not sure if it's the people in Freetown, or Sam Bockarie at
4 the base in Buedu. I'm referring to page 76 from line 2 where
13:19:46 5 she says, "I switched on the set the first thing I did was to
6 call Buedu", passed on an information to them and - okay, so it
7 was Buedu that she was passing this information.

8 MR SANTORA: I will clarify it, your Honour:

9 Q. So when you arrived in Yams Farm you said the first thing
13:20:07 10 that you did was call the Buedu station and, "I passed on an
11 information to them that we were now at Yams Farm." So who
12 specifically did you send that information to?

13 A. When I called the Buedu station it was to Sam Bockarie that
14 I sent the message.

13:20:31 15 Q. Now, later on you were describing a communication going to
16 Sam Bockarie that "... the ECOMOG had dislodged the men who were
17 in Freetown and that the State House had been recaptured from our
18 men who were there." I want you to continue - well, first of
19 all, can you just start again explaining this communication
13:20:57 20 relating to State House?

21 A. The communication that I'm talking about, whereby it was
22 Gullit who sent a message to Sam Bockarie over the radio saying
23 that the ECOMOG had pushed them out of State House and that
24 fighting was going on in Freetown at that time. I monitored it
13:21:34 25 when he was sending that message to Sam Bockarie, and after he
26 had sent the message to Sam Bockarie he first - Sam Bockarie
27 first asked Gullit if Gullit and others still had the prisoners
28 with them and he answered "Yes". And when he said that fighting
29 was going on in Freetown, Sam Bockarie told him that if the men,

1 that is the ECOMOG, forced Gullit and others out of Freetown,
2 they should burn the fucking place and that they should not spare
3 anything. He said that verbally.

4 Q. And was there any response from Gullit?

13:22:56 5 A. He answered "Yes, sir" to him.

6 Q. Now, where exactly were you when you heard this
7 communication?

8 A. I was at Yams Farm.

9 Q. And about how many days, if any, had passed when you heard
10 this from the point you reached Yams Farm?

11 A. Just a day.

12 Q. And can you describe the tone, if you recall the tone, of
13 Sam Bockarie's voice when he sent this message?

14 A. He was angry as he spoke. He was speaking with power.
13:23:52 15 When he spoke, you knew that he was angry.

16 Q. Do you know what he meant when he said that they should not
17 spare anything?

18 A. Well, if I can say what I mean, I am sure you too can say
19 anything and nothing will result from it, be it property, a
13:24:31 20 house, be it a human being, anything, which means everything.
21 That is what I mean. That is what I understood.

22 Q. Now, how long did you remain at Yams --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Santora. "You too can say
24 anything and nothing will result from it, be it property, a house
13:24:59 25 ..." I'm not sure exactly what that means.

26 MR SANTORA: I will clarify:

27 Q. Mrs Witness, I asked you if you know what Sam Bockarie
28 meant when he said that they should not spare anything and you
29 answered:

1 "Well, if I can say what I mean, I am sure you too can say
2 anything and nothing will result from it, be it property, a
3 house, be it a human being, anything, which means everything."

4 I'm going to ask you to explain that answer, because I
13:25:38 5 guess - first of all, I'm asking if you knew what Sam Bockarie
6 meant when he said that they should not spare anything?

7 A. I am sure I can clarify that, because I have already
8 answered it. In anything that I say, that nothing would result
9 from it. Like I am here now in this place, if you can tell me to
13:26:07 10 take anything in here it can mean that I can take a computer, or
11 a cup, or anything that is in here. That's what you mean because
12 you've not - you've not said what - specified what I should take.

13 That was why I said nothing was exempted from what was in
14 Freetown, be it a house, be it people, property, vehicles,
13:26:35 15 anything that was there.

16 Q. Now, approximately how long did you remain at Yams Farm?

17 A. I was in Yams Farm over two weeks before I came to Lunsar.

18 Q. Now, you've discussed communications between Sam Bockarie
19 and Gullit. When you say Gullit, who do you mean?

13:27:18 20 A. He was one of the SLA commanders who was in the AFRC whom I
21 knew.

22 Q. Now, you've also discussed communications that occurred
23 between 0-Five and Superman. Did you hear any communications
24 between them when you were at Yams Farm?

13:28:02 25 A. The communication that I heard was still based on the
26 dislodging, that ECOMOG dislodged the fighters at State House and
27 the fighting that was going on, because he said the fighting was
28 intense. And Superman too asked him for Gibril Massaquoi and he
29 said that Gibril Massaquoi was with them, that is 0-Five and

1 others.

2 Q. After you heard that the men in Freetown had lost the State
3 House, what happened?

4 A. After Sam Bockarie had given this order to Gullit he gave
13:28:56 5 another to Superman saying that Superman and his men should stay
6 at Yams Farm to ensure that there is a safe corridor for those
7 coming from Freetown, because they were now in disarray in
8 Freetown and so we were to stay at Yams Farm to wait on the group
9 that was coming from Freetown.

13:29:22 10 Q. Did Superman comply with this order/instruction?

11 A. Yes.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, I note the time. Although we
13 did resume a little late, it is the normal lunch break time and
14 so I think we should adjourn now to 2.30. I hope that is a
13:29:47 15 convenient time.

16 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we are now going to take
18 our usual lunchtime break. We will resume in one hour at 2.30.
19 Please adjourn court until 2.30.

13:30:02 20 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

21 [Upon resuming at 2.32 p.m.]

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Griffiths, you are on your feet.

23 MR GRIFFITHS: Your Honour, yes. Madam President, I rise
24 merely to enquire what the situation is in relation to the
14:32:36 25 witness in respect of whom a ruling was given yesterday. I ask
26 merely for this reason: That I, of course, have the
27 responsibility of organising resources within our team and in
28 order to organise our diaries it would be useful to know what the
29 situation is in respect of that individual and whether it is

1 still proposed to interpose him at some stage, because that has
2 consequences in terms of who will be in attendance for the
3 Defence team in court. So it would be useful to know what the
4 position is now in respect of the witness.

14:33:14 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Hollis, can you assist us in
6 responding to that?

7 MS HOLLIS: Certainly, Madam President.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

9 MS HOLLIS: As a result of the ruling of a majority of the
14:33:25 10 Trial Chamber, the Prosecution will not be calling TF1-168.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

12 MR GRIFFITHS: I am grateful, your Honour.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

14 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

14:33:39 15 Q. Good afternoon, Mrs Witness. Mrs Witness, I am just going
16 to ask you about something you just said before the break -
17 before the lunch break. You said that Sam Bockarie told Superman
18 that his men, "Should stay at Yams Farm to ensure that there is a
19 safe corridor for those coming from Freetown." What do you mean
14:34:14 20 when you say "a safe corridor"?

21 A. What I meant by safe corridor was if we were not at Yams
22 Farm at that time when the men in Freetown, headed by Gullit and
23 O-Five, were dislodged they could not come to Yams Farm. We made
24 - we created a safe area, that was Yams Farm, for ECOMOG not to
14:34:56 25 be able to base there, so those who would be coming from Freetown
26 would come and join us safely.

27 Q. And the men coming from Freetown, did they join you?

28 A. Yes.

29 MR SANTORA: Now, your Honours, I would ask at this point

1 that the witness be shown a map which is labelled at S19. Now,
2 initially distributed to your Honours was a pre-marked map. In
3 light of yesterday's ruling, this map I am proposing to show the
4 witness is a blank map.

14:35:57 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very sensible, Mr Santora. That is S -
6 what was the number again, please.

7 MR SANTORA: 19. Again - okay. A copy of this blank map
8 was previously distributed with another witness.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Maybe I have taken it out in that case.

14:37:20 10 MR SANTORA: It is not marked, the map I am referring to.

11 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I do not have a copy of the map
12 in the original map book that was given to us by the Prosecution.
13 I do understand that perhaps it was distributed, but perhaps we
14 could have some indication of which witness - in conjunction with
14:37:54 15 which it was distributed.

16 MR SANTORA: Actually it was distributed with two
17 witnesses, one was TF1-577 and another one this week with TF1-168
18 on Tuesday and I am informed that we requested that it be put in
19 the map book after distributing copies for TF1-577.

14:38:38 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Santora. I have found my
21 copy.

22 MR SANTORA: And if Defence counsel is not finding it --

23 MR ANYAH: Yes, I would be grateful to receive your extra
24 copy. I understand you have an extra copy.

14:38:56 25 MR SANTORA: I will check. Just to note the map that has
26 been given to Defence counsel, the only difference is that he
27 will notice that on the top and the bottom there is an extra
28 white border area that was cut off.

29 MR ANYAH: That is fine, counsel. Thank you very much.

1 MR SANTORA:

2 Q. Mrs Witness, can you take a moment to look at this map.

3 Mrs Witness, what is this?

4 A. It is the map of Sierra Leone.

14:40:07 5 MR SANTORA: Now, I would ask that the witness be given a
6 magic marker, something similar to what she had yesterday. If
7 that is what she was using yesterday, perhaps green maybe, so it
8 will show up on the map a little better:

9 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, during the course of your testimony you
14:40:46 10 have testified that you went at some point from Superman Ground
11 to Koinadugu, onward to Makeni and then onward eventually to
12 Lunsar, Hastings and Yams Farm. The first I would - can you
13 first of all put a mark where Superman Ground is and put a number
14 1 next to that mark.

14:41:24 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is it possible to magnify this sign? It
16 is now off the map I believe.

17 MR SANTORA: Okay, now I see the marking. For the record,
18 the witness has marked and put a number 1 next to the village
19 Meiyor:

14:41:57 20 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, can you trace the course that you took
21 when you left Superman Ground to Yomadu. Now, can you put a
22 number - a mark and a number 2 next to Yomadu?

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, that is Yomadu not Yomandu.

24 MR SANTORA:

14:42:55 25 Q. Mrs Witness, earlier you testified that you met an
26 individual called Senegal ese. Did you meet him at Yomandu, or
27 Yomadu?

28 A. Well, I know it is called Yomandu, but it is spelled Yomadu
29 here. I am not seeing the "N".

1 Q. But this is - the marking that you have just made with the
2 number 2, is this the same place that you were referring to
3 earlier?

4 A. Yes.

14:43:36 5 MR SANTORA: For the record the witness has marked and put
6 a number 2 next to a town called Yomadu:

7 Q. Now, after you left Yomadu you said you travelled with men,
8 including Senegalese, to Koinadugu. Can you trace the course of
9 the route you took from Yomadu to Koinadugu.

14:45:11 10 For the record, the witness has traced a course that
11 travels through Kurubonla, Bendugu and onward to Koinadugu.

12 Can you go ahead and make a marking and a number 3 next to
13 Koinadugu.

14 For the record, the witness has marked a number 3 next to
14:45:38 15 the location called Koinadugu.

16 Now, from Koinadugu you said that you went to a location
17 called Pumpkin Ground. Can you identify that location on this
18 map. Okay, and that marking you just made is that the course you
19 took from Koinadugu to Pumpkin Ground?

14:46:08 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can you put a mark next to the location you have referred
22 to as Pumpkin Ground and put a number 4.

23 For the record, the witness has marked and put a number 4
24 near a village called Yirafilaiia and I think I should probably
14:46:36 25 spell it anyway for the record, because it is not very legible on
26 the map, Y-I-R-A-F-I-L-A-I-A.

27 Now, you testified earlier that from Pumpkin Ground you
28 travelled and eventually reached Makeni. Can you trace the
29 course that you took from Pumpkin Ground to Makeni.

1 For the record, the witness has indicated a course from
2 what she has described - what she has mentioned as Pumpkin
3 Ground, through Alikaliala, Bendugu, onward through Binkolo and
4 onward to Makeni.

14:48:36 5 Now can you put a number 5 next to Makeni.

6 For the record, the witness has put a number 5 next to the
7 location on the map: Makeni.

8 Now, during the course of your testimony you described how
9 you had stopped before you entered Makeni at a place called

14:49:03 10 Binkolo. Do you see that on the map?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can you go ahead and mark that and can you put a number 6
13 next to that marking.

14 For the record, the witness has put a mark and a number 6
14:49:32 15 next to the location on the map Binkolo.

16 Now, you said that you were by 6 January you were in
17 Lunsar. Can you draw the route you took from Makeni to Lunsar.
18 I wonder if the Madam Court Attendant could just move the map a
19 little bit.

14:50:19 20 For the record the witness has drawn a course from Makeni
21 that seems to pass just through one village called Foreduku and
22 onward to Makeni. I'm sorry, onward to Lunsar.

23 Can you go ahead and put a number 7 next to the place you
24 travelled to, Lunsar.

14:50:58 25 For the record the witness has put a number 7 and a marking
26 next to the location on the map called Lunsar.

27 Now, you said at Lunsar while you were there on 7 January
28 1999 Superman received a message to reinforce the men in Freetown
29 and that you subsequently travelled from Lunsar to Hastings and

1 then settled at a location you called Yams Farm. Can you trace
2 the course that you took from Lunsar to Hastings.

3 For the record the witness has drawn a course from Lunsar
4 through Makabo Junction, onward through Masiaka, through Waterloo
14:52:36 5 and to Hastings.

6 Can you go ahead and put a mark next to the location that
7 you went to called Hastings and a number - I believe we are on
8 number 9?

9 A. 8.

14:52:59 10 Q. Okay, number 8. Now, you said you left Lunsar on 7 January
11 and it took one day to arrive to Hastings. Is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you said you were with Superman and his men when you
14 made this route from Lunsar to Hastings. Is that correct?

14:53:24 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So, if you left Lunsar on 7 January what day did you arrive
17 in Hastings?

18 A. 8 January.

19 Q. Now, then you said you moved back to a location called Yams
14:53:50 20 Farm which you described as being near Hastings before you get to
21 Waterloo. Can you make a mark next to this location, Yams Farm,
22 and go ahead and put a number 9 next to that location.

23 For the record the witness has drawn a mark and a number 9
24 at a location that appears to be between Hastings and Waterloo.

14:54:43 25 Now, I ask that this be marked for identification.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Santora. That will be
27 MFI-17. For the record it is one map, hand marked by the
28 witness.

29 MR SANTORA:

1 Q. Okay, Mrs Witness, in May of 2000 where were you?

2 A. I was in Freetown.

3 Q. Now, did anything happen to you in May of 2000 in Freetown?

4 A. Yes.

14:55:45 5 Q. Can you explain what happened?

6 A. I was in Freetown living with my family. At that time
7 Foday Sankoh was at Spur Road and Foday Lansana too was at
8 Malamah. So I used to come from my house where I lived with my
9 people and go to Spur Road and I was there when Issa Sesay and
10 others arrested UNAMSIL in Makeni and the civilians in Freetown
11 decided to protest. And on that very day, 8 May, that the
12 protest took place I was at Foday Sankoh's lodge, where he was
13 that the demonstration took place.

14 Q. Now, you said this happened on 8 May. Where was Foday
14:56:57 15 Lansana at this time?

16 A. 7 May he was in Malamah and it was on that 7 May that he
17 was arrested. The SLAs were in town and he was arrested on 7 May
18 before the demonstration on 8 May.

19 Q. Do you know if anybody else was arrested on 7 May?

14:57:33 20 A. I knew that they arrested CO Babay.

21 Q. Can you say the name again slowly, Mrs Witness. CO who?

22 A. Babay. Babay.

23 Q. Can you spell that?

24 A. B-A-B-A-Y.

14:57:57 25 Q. Did anybody else get arrested that you know of on 7 May?

26 A. Mike Lamin.

27 Q. Do you know why they were arrested?

28 A. Well, on 7 May I saw the SLAs who were with Johnny Paul at
29 that time. I saw them hold a meeting at the stadium and that was

1 where Mike Lamin was arrested. I watched that on the SLBS. He
2 was arrested and he was sitting on the floor and when they came
3 from the stadium they went straight to the house where Foday
4 Lansana and others were at Lumley and on that day I was with him
14:59:03 5 there. He was coming to - he was accompanying me to have - to
6 take a public transport. On his way back was when he was
7 arrested.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: There are some locations for which we
9 require spellings, please, like Malamah and Lumley, et cetera.

14:59:27 10 MR SANTORA:

11 Q. You mentioned a location called Malamah. Is that correct?

12 A. Malamah.

13 Q. Do you know how to spell that?

14 A. M-A-L-A-M-A-H.

14:59:45 15 Q. Where is that?

16 A. It is in Lumley, Freetown.

17 MR SANTORA: I thought Lumley had been spelled before, but
18 I will just check on that quickly:

19 Q. Do you know how to spell Lumley?

15:00:10 20 A. L-U-M-L-E-Y.

21 Q. Now, you said you were at Foday Sankoh's house when these
22 demonstrations occurred on 8 May?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What happened to you on that day?

15:00:32 25 A. I left my house in the morning. I wanted to go and tell
26 Foday Lansana not to stay at the house on that day, because I was
27 living amongst civilians and I heard what they wanted to do on
28 that day. But unfortunately when I got there all the others that
29 were with Foday Lansana at Malamah - like Sarah Jackson told me

1 that when the SLAs left the stadium and went they went to the
2 house and arrested Foday Lansana and Sarah Jackson and others
3 escaped. They came to Foday Sankoh's house.

4 And when I entered there it was 8 in the morning, 8 May.

15:01:41 5 Just as I entered, it did not even take up to ten minutes that
6 the ECOMOG - the UNAMSIL who were at the gates told the
7 bodyguards that Foday Sankoh had to lock the gate that people
8 used to enter the compound. They said the civilians who were
9 demonstrating - that they were hearing the voices of the

15:02:12 10 civilians who were demonstrating, they were closer to the place
11 and so they asked them to lock the gate and all of us were in the
12 compound and they locked the gate. They locked us in. I was in
13 the compound when the civilians came.

14 They started pelting stones, insulting and Foday Sankoh too
15:02:39 15 was there. He came downstairs that morning. He was having his
16 pyjamas on and he said anybody who was - everybody who was in the
17 compound should not go outside. He said they should leave the
18 civilians to pelt their stones or use invectives, when they get
19 tired they will return, nobody should go out of the compound and

15:03:10 20 the compound had only one gate used as exit. But when the
21 civilians came and they continued pelting stones the UNAMSIL used
22 the sign board that the police used originally, "Stop". The
23 UNAMSIL used the sign board and put it in front of the civilians
24 and they took the sign board and threw it away. The civilians

15:03:46 25 did that. They came towards the UNAMSIL's checkpoint, entering
26 into Foday Sankoh's compound. They met another stop there again
27 and they took that - there were too many to be stopped by the
28 UNAMSILs and so they entered, they came to the compound, they
29 were at the gate stoning and using invectives. Because they were

1 pelting the stones frequently, I entered into the living room of
2 the house. All of us who were there and those who were under the
3 RUF in Malamah who had escaped on that May 7 and passed the night
4 at the lodge, and Foday Sankoh's bodyguards and Gibriil Massaquoi,
15:04:46 5 Superman, there were many in there. All of us stood and I heard
6 gunshot outside.

7 After that it did not take up to ten minutes when they
8 started sending tear gas and then throwing tear gas into the
9 compound and apart from the flowers that were in the compound,
15:05:42 10 there was nothing else that somebody could use to at least
11 ameliorate the effect of the tear gas. There was nothing like
12 potato leaves that people normally use, so we started shouting in
13 the compound. The place was a bit quiet and in the next 30
14 minutes the actual firing started again. They were launching
15:06:19 15 from outside, firing at the place. I was not outside to see who
16 was actually shooting, so everybody was fighting for his or her
17 life. But because we saw Superman and others were with us and
18 even Pa Sankoh was with us, we were a little confident that
19 nothing would happen with us. But when everything continued for
15:06:54 20 about 30 to 40 minutes and Superman and others had seen that the
21 thing was getting worse, they took Foday Sankoh out and they left
22 us in the compound. So we jumped over the fence, we did not go
23 threw the gate. At the back of the compound we jumped over the
24 fence and we left the compound.

15:07:23 25 Q. Who did you leave the compound with?

26 THE INTERPRETER: Counsel's microphone is not on.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, your microphone, please.

28 MR SANTORA: Thank you:

29 Q. Who did you leave the compound with?

1 A. We did not leave the compound with anybody except the
2 UNAMSILs who were at the gate, so nobody left - nobody stayed in
3 the compound. Everybody ran away.

4 Q. Who did you leave the compound with?

15:08:10 5 A. I, Sarah Jackson and others, and some women who had gone to
6 the compound, these were wives of the RUF men. We were women
7 that I saw. I only saw women, we who went. The people who
8 followed me to where I went were only women.

9 Q. Now, after this incident, how long did you remain in
15:08:42 10 Freetown for?

11 A. I was in Freetown for three weeks.

12 Q. And after you were in Freetown for three weeks, where did
13 you go?

14 A. I went back to Makeni.

15:08:59 15 Q. And how long did you remain in Makeni for?

16 A. I was in Makeni right up to the disarmament, right up to
17 2004 even.

18 Q. Now, earlier during the course of your testimony you talked
19 about hearing Liberian stations send messages to Buedu, to
15:09:23 20 Sam Bockarie, for Sam Bockarie to get on the 2-1, which you
21 understood to be the satellite phone. When did you hear these
22 messages?

23 A. When I was at PC Ground I heard it many times.

24 Q. Did you hear it at any other time after PC Ground?

15:09:55 25 A. Even when I was in Freetown I heard that.

26 Q. And when - you say when you were in Freetown. What time
27 are you talking about?

28 A. Before this May 2000, 8 May.

29 Q. And when you are talking about the time you were at

1 Superman Ground, when are you talking about?

2 A. 1998.

3 Q. Did you hear it at any other point?

15:10:44

4 A. Many times, even when I was in Koinadugu. Any time I
5 monitored the set, I heard it.

6 Q. Now, a few more questions, Mrs Witness. You mentioned an
7 individual called Memunatu Deen. Who was that?

8 A. Memunatu was Osman Tolo's wife. Osman Tolo was a radio
9 operator.

15:11:15

10 Q. Do you know if Memunatu Deen had any duties?

11 A. I did not know the exact unit she was assigned to, but she
12 went to Ivory Coast with Foday Sankoh and when I was in Freetown
13 she was in Liberia.

14 Q. And what was her job, if you know?

15:11:44

15 A. Like I said, I did not know exactly her job, but she was in
16 Monrovia with Rashid Sandy and others. I did not know her right
17 duties that she performed there.

18 Q. Now, you have also referred to bodyguards for Superman. Do
19 you remember the names of any of those bodyguards?

15:12:17

20 A. On which occasion?

21 Q. Let us say the time you were at Superman Ground in 1998, do
22 you remember any of his bodyguards' names?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Can you name them?

15:12:37

25 A. I can recall Bebe and I can recall Karimu, who we referred
26 to as Crazy, and I can recall the one who was referred to as
27 Jumbo Blah.

28 Q. I am going to ask you to spell Bebe again. I am not sure
29 if it is there. Go ahead and spell Bebe.

1 A. B-E-B-E.

2 Q. And you said somebody called Karimu, who was also known as
3 Crazy. Do you know how to spell his name?

4 A. K-A-R-I-M-U.

15:13:45 5 Q. Now, when you were moving from Koinadugu towards Makeni, do
6 you remember the names of any other bodyguards for Superman?

7 A. From Yomandu, or from Superman's ground to Koinadugu, I can
8 recall Superman's bodyguards. I think the one whose name I can
9 recall again that I have not given you was Wuddy, High Command.

15:14:34 10 MR SANTORA: Your Honours, if I could just have a few
11 seconds?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so, Mr Santora.

13 MR SANTORA: Madam President, I have no more questions for
14 this witness.

15:14:46 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: This Wuddy, is this how they spell Wuddy
17 and is High Command a name also?

18 MR SANTORA:

19 Q. Mrs Witness, do you know how to spell Wuddy?

15:15:03 20 A. Well, I can spell it the way I understand it, W-U-D-D-Y,
21 but I don't know if that is the way he spelt his.

22 Q. And what was he also known as?

23 A. High Command.

24 MR SANTORA: No more questions.

15:15:24 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Santora.

26 Cross-examination, Mr Anyah?

27 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President. I do have some
28 bundles of documents I would like handed out to counsel opposite
29 and to the Chamber as well.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: These are before us, Mr Anyah. Please
2 proceed.

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR ANYAH:

4 MR ANYAH:

15:16:35 5 Q. Good afternoon, Madam Witness.

6 A. Good afternoon.

7 Q. You told us during direct examination you were captured by
8 the RUF, you said in April 1991, correct?

9 A. I did not say RUF captured me.

15:16:52 10 Q. You said you were captured by the NPFL?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you know what NPFL stood for at the time of your
13 capture?

14 A. Yes.

15:17:11 15 Q. You were 17 years of age at the time, yes?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Were you captured with a brother of yours?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How old was your brother?

15:17:32 20 A. 17.

21 Q. And what happened to your brother?

22 A. The two of us went to the base, but later he died during
23 the war. The Kamajors killed him.

24 Q. Was he fighting for the NPFL, or the RUF, when he was
15:17:56 25 killed by the Kamajors?

26 A. For RUF.

27 Q. You were 17 and your brother was also 17. Is that what you
28 said?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Same father, same mother?

2 A. Yes, he was my twin brother.

3 Q. Was his death a painful experience for you, Madam Witness?

4 A. I can never - the memory can never disappear from my mind.

15:18:45 5 Q. And he also did not join the RUF voluntarily, yes?

6 A. He did not join it voluntarily.

7 Q. After your training at the Dia training base, at some point
8 you ended up in Kolahun, Liberia, somewhere in 1992/1993, yes?

9 A. Yes.

15:19:19 10 Q. And you told us, I believe on Tuesday 17th, that you stayed
11 with relatives of yours who had been living in Liberia long
12 before you arrived, correct?

13 A. I said I was living with Sierra Leonean people who had been
14 in Liberia before the war.

15:19:49 15 Q. Were they related to you by blood?

16 A. By nationality.

17 Q. When you were in Liberia before the ULIMO started
18 attacking, you were not at that time a member of the NPFL, yes?

19 A. Yes.

15:20:18 20 Q. You were not at that time a member of the RUF, true?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You were essentially a normal civilian, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And when the ULIMO started attacking you went back into
15:20:42 25 Sierra Leone, yes?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And when you went back to Sierra Leone you ended up back
28 with the RUF, yes?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. At this time you had not yet met Foday Lansana, the person
2 you call your bush husband, true?

3 A. It's true.

15:21:22

4 Q. The same RUF that captured you without your consent, the
5 same RUF that captured your brother without his consent, you
6 rejoined the RUF when you came back from Liberia and re-entered
7 Sierra Leone, yes?

8 MR SANTORA: Objection.

15:21:38

9 MR ANYAH: I understand the objection. I said RUF captured
10 her. I will rephrase the question.

11 MR SANTORA: Thank you.

12 MR ANYAH: Thank you, counsel:

13 Q. Let me rephrase the question. The NPFL captured you and
14 you ended up joining the RUF before you went to Liberia, correct?

15:21:55

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And your joining of the RUF before you went to Liberia was
17 not by your consent, you did not do it voluntarily, true?

18 A. Not at all, I never volunteered.

15:22:18

19 Q. So my question is this: The RUF that took you into its
20 membership by force, the same RUF that took your brother into its
21 membership by force, the same RUF that you escaped from by going
22 into Liberia, when you came back into Sierra Leone you rejoined
23 the same RUF, yes?

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24 A. If I can clarify that? I did not escape from the RUF to go
25 to Liberia, but the NPFL which were the Liberians who were there
26 were killing the RUF junior commandos. That's why I escaped to
27 Liberia.

28 Q. But before you escaped to Liberia your brother had been
29 taken into the membership of the RUF without his consent, yes?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Had your brother died by the time you returned into Sierra
3 Leone from Liberia?

4 A. I came to Sierra Leone first before he died.

15:23:30 5 Q. What year did your brother die, Madam Witness?

6 A. '95.

7 Q. When you joined the RUF upon your return from Liberia, you
8 did that voluntarily, yes?

9 A. I was within the RUF and I had no option because I had
15:23:58 10 nowhere to go and they had known that I had been at the RUF base
11 and I was trained as an RUF fighter, so I moved along with them
12 even though I did not participate in anything at that time within
13 the RUF.

14 Q. I asked you a question calling for a yes or no answer. The
15:24:24 15 question was: "When you joined the RUF upon your return from
16 Liberia you did that voluntarily, yes?" You gave an explanation
17 that began with you saying, "I was within the RUF". Are you
18 saying that you did not join the RUF voluntarily when you came
19 into Sierra Leone from Liberia? That is, you had no choice but
15:24:57 20 to join them?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But when you crossed the border after ULIMO started
23 attacking in Liberia, you were a free citizen, yes?

24 A. Yes.

15:25:13 25 Q. And you went to Kailahun, is that fair to say, upon
26 crossing the border back into Sierra Leone?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. And are you saying that once you arrived in Kailahun you
29 were already within the RUF?

1 A. I was within the RUF territory because they were in control
2 of Kailahun.

3 Q. And is that how your membership in the RUF recommenced?

4 A. Yes.

15:25:58 5 Q. Is it fair to say you returned into Sierra Leone in 1993?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you have just testified a few minutes ago about an
8 incident in the vicinity of Foday Sankoh's house in May of 2000.

9 Would it be fair to say you were still a member of the RUF as of
10 May of 2000?

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11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When exactly did your membership in the RUF end?

13 A. After the disarmament.

14 Q. And when do you say disarmament came?

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15 A. After the May 2000 incident the disarmament that commenced
16 and there was lasting peace.

17 Q. So from 1993 or thereabouts until disarmament in 2000, for
18 that continuous period of time you were a member of the RUF, yes?

19 A. Yes.

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20 Q. I believe it was yesterday you were speaking of Foday
21 Lansana and you said you and him originally had three children
22 and now you have two, yes?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you lose a child while you were a member of the RUF?

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25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Did you lose that child at the hands of Sam Bockarie?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Was there a time you went to Buedu from Superman Ground, or
29 PC Ground as it is also known, and you met this lady Sebatu and

1 you gave a child of yours to be taken care of by her?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was that a child fathered by Foday Lansana?

4 A. Yes.

15:28:36 5 Q. What year was this when you gave Sebatu your child to take
6 care of?

7 A. '98.

8 Q. And how old was this child?

9 A. One year, some months. Close to two years.

15:29:04 10 Q. You were at Superman Ground with a child of a year and a
11 few months old and you gave your child to Sebatu, yes?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And in one of your interviews with the Office of the
14 Prosecutor you told them that that child was essentially killed

15:29:29 15 in what you said was a sacrifice ritual by Sam Bockarie, yes?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was the child killed in 1998?

18 A. '99.

19 Q. Do you know what month your child was killed in 1999?

15:30:03 20 A. In March.

21 Q. March of 1999 and you remained in the RUF through 2000,
22 yes?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Foday Lansana also remained within the RUF through his

15:30:23 25 arrest that you say took place on 8 May, or rather 7 May 2000,
26 yes?

27 A. 7 May 2000, yes.

28 Q. Well, the question was that he remained with the RUF until
29 that date, true?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And from the time when your child was killed by
3 Sam Bockarie up until disarmament you have told us that you
4 facilitated radio communication at certain times between Buedu
15:31:00 5 and Superman, yes?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You were conveying messages from the same Sam Bockarie, who
8 killed your child, to Superman, yes?

9 A. Yes.

15:31:15 10 Q. Did you ask how it came to be that he killed your child?

11 A. I did not ask, but I knew. And the person who was sent to
12 bring the child said so. Issa Sesay too said so, that that was
13 happened to my child. And when I saw my sister she also
14 explained to me that that was what had transpired.

15:31:52 15 Q. What exactly did Sam Bockarie do to your child? What do
16 you mean by "sacrifice ritual"?

17 A. I don't want to explain further than that.

18 Q. Well, Madam Witness --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Anyah. Madam Witness, you have
15:32:17 20 been asked a question and you said you did not want to explain
21 further. Why do you not want to explain further?

22 Madam Witness, would you like a break or would you like
23 somebody from WVS to assist you? Have a seat, Mr Anyah, please.
24 Madam Court Attendant, please ask the witness if she would like
15:32:54 25 somebody from WVS to assist her.

26 MS IRURA: Your Honour, the witness informs me that she is
27 fine and would want to continue. Maybe she will take a moment.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Madam Witness, whenever you
29 are ready to continue please tell us. If you wish to go out for

1 a break, please tell us.

2 MR ANYAH: Madam President, if it please your Honours could
3 Mr Taylor be excused to use the washroom?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Taylor should be escorted out.

15:33:57 5 Now, Madam Witness, how are you feeling?

6 THE WITNESS: I can continue.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, put the question and we will
8 see how Madam Witness reacts.

9 MR ANYAH:

15:34:18 10 Q. Madam Witness, the question I asked was this: What exactly
11 did Sam Bockarie do to your child? What do you mean by
12 "sacrifice ritual"?

13 A. According to the person who took the child told me when I
14 went with the child to Buedu, Sebatu's mother took the child
15:34:46 15 because the jet was raiding in Buedu. They went and stayed in a
16 village near Buedu where my aunt, that is Sebatu's mother, was
17 cultivating a swamp. So she was there with this child and Sebatu
18 will cater for food and medicine and some other things and will
19 take them for the child.

15:35:12 20 One day she went to - with food to the swamp for workers
21 and my aunt stayed with the child eating, together with some
22 mother woman. Said, "Please look after the child for me. I am
23 going with food for workers." Before she came - when she came
24 back from the swamp she did not see the child and she asked the
15:35:42 25 woman with whom she had left the child and the woman said she
26 left the child eating and she went to get water while the child
27 was eating and so they started searching for the child. She said
28 to Sebatu that the child had gone missing and Sebatu came to the
29 village, that same woman that told Sam Bockarie that a child had

1 gone missing in that village and he was quite aware of it, but he
2 pretended not to know. He took soldiers from Buedu and they went
3 to the village and they arrested all of the villagers and brought
4 them to Buedu, including my aunt, and they ended up locking her
15:36:37 5 up. She was jailed for that child. After one week - the child
6 was missing for three days and that was the time UN had brought
7 Foday Sankoh for him to talk to RUF about the peace and that was
8 the last peace accord that was signed. I was on the set when
9 Zedman passed on the message to me that my child had gone missing
15:37:15 10 and they had not found her yet and on that very day Sam Bockarie
11 had passed an order that if Foday Sankoh --

12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat this
13 please.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, please. The interpreter has
15:37:36 15 not caught up with you. You said, "That very day Sam Bockarie
16 had passed an order that if Foday Sankoh" - please continue.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Can the witness kindly state the gender
18 of the child, the deceased child?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, could you please tell us
15:37:52 20 if it was a boy child, or a girl child?

21 THE WITNESS: It was a boy. So he said Sam Bockarie had
22 said we should not respond to any radio station that was
23 operating under the - he said any radio station that was
24 operating under the RUF should not talk on that day when Foday
15:38:18 25 Sankoh would be calling, when he would want to talk to us about
26 the peace. He said that to all stations and on that very day
27 Zedman passed the message on to me. When I tried to call Zedman
28 again to enquire from him what had actually transpired,
29 Sam Bockarie insulted me on the radio because he said that when

1 he had said nobody should say anything, I had violated his order
2 and I was making a call. From that day I did not go to Buedu.
3 Whenever I called my sister for the two of us to talk, she wasn't
4 allowed to come to the station to talk to me. I cried and I did
15:39:13 5 everything I could. I could not find any way - I could not find
6 any way, or any source of how my child had actually gone missing.
7 Before Issa could turn against Sam Bockarie, people had come from
8 Buedu saying that because my sister was operating under
9 Sam Bockarie the two of them might have arranged something about
15:39:49 10 my daughter, but I knew my sister and I said, "No, that could not
11 have happened." So she too was afraid to come to where I was.
12 When Sam Bockarie was going to Liberia, all of them followed him,
13 because she was with one of Sam Bockarie's bodyguard who was
14 called Alpha.

15:40:14 15 MR ANYAH:

16 Q. Mrs Witness, can I stop you there. My question was what do
17 you mean by sacrifice ritual?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before you go to that point --

19 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honours, the interpreter wants
15:40:26 20 to make a correction.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: What is your correction?

22 THE INTERPRETER: Not his daughter, but his son.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that was the point we were going to
24 make. Yes, put your question, Mr Anyah.

15:40:35 25 MR ANYAH:

26 Q. Madam Witness, you told the Prosecution not long ago this
27 month, the month of June 2008, that Sam Bockarie killed your
28 child in a sacrifice ritual. What does sacrifice ritual mean,
29 Madam Witness?

1 A. He sacrificed him for power. They did not kill him. They
2 buried him alive. From the person who did that are the person
3 whom they sent, he told me.

15:41:30 4 Q. The person who buried your child alive, at the orders of
5 Sam Bockarie, told you about it, yes?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Foday Lansana's child, his son, yes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you remained with the same RUF, yes?

15:41:54 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you communicated communications from Sam Bockarie to
12 others, such as Superman, yes?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And Foday Lansana, also known as CO Nya, continued to be
15:42:17 15 signal commander for the RUF, yes?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. This is the same Foday Lansana that Sam Bockarie had also
18 tried to ambush and kill, yes?

19 A. Yes.

15:42:36 20 Q. Indeed, you told the Prosecution that on one occasion you
21 had to warn Lansana about an ambush that Sam Bockarie was setting
22 for him, yes?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. When did you have to warn him about this? What year?

15:43:00 25 A. '98.

26 Q. And you came about warning him because you overheard
27 something on the radio, yes?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. So in '98 they tried to kill the father of your child, that

1 is Sam Bockarie, correct?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you mean Sam Bockarie tried to kill
3 the father of her child?

4 MR ANYAH: Yes, Foday Lansana being the father:

15:43:33 5 Q. Yes, Madam Witness?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And in 1999 the same Sam Bockarie kills your young child of
8 a year and a few months, right?

9 A. Yes.

15:43:48 10 Q. Did it occur to you that you should leave the RUF when your
11 child was buried alive by Sam Bockarie?

12 A. I did not know it was Sam Bockarie who buried my child
13 alive when I was in the RUF, until after the ceasefire when the
14 disarmament took place. That was when I got the right story.

15:44:14 15 Q. Your sister as you call her, Sebatu, did not know what
16 happened. Is that what you are saying?

17 A. She did not know at all.

18 Q. You spoke about some herbalists, seven of them you said,
19 Liberians, that were sent to Sam Bockarie, yes?

15:44:46 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Were they just seven, or were they more than seven?

22 A. There were more than seven, but those who were heading the
23 herbalists, those who were doing the job, were seven.

24 Q. You were at PC Ground at this time. It was in 1998, yes?

15:45:18 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. And at some point Sam Bockarie sent those herbalists to
27 join you and Superman, is that correct?

28 A. Yes, we went and collected them.

29 Q. And what was the purpose of having these herbalists?

1 A. I think I have said that before. They came to mark our
2 bodies, like the other soldiers who were in the RUF, as a
3 protective measure for - so that when they attack, bullets will
4 not pierce them.

15:46:11 5 Q. And indeed, this morning you added that the herbalists were
6 sent by Charles Taylor, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You said somebody told you that. Who told you that, Madam
9 Witness?

15:46:29 10 A. The Gbandi woman who was among the group.

11 Q. Do you remember what month in 1998 this was?

12 A. I cannot remember the exact month.

13 Q. You realise that in 1998 Charles Taylor was President of
14 Liberia, yes?

15:46:58 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And if what this woman says is true, then it means that the
17 President of Liberia was sending the RUF herbalists to protect
18 them with I think you said juj u, yes?

19 A. Yes.

15:47:24 20 Q. While fighting war, yes?

21 A. That was what he told me.

22 Q. And juj u is what?

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, who is the "he"?

24 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, it is not actually clear in
15:47:40 25 the witness's answer. In Krio we do not have any distinction
26 between a he and a she. She just said, "That was what he told
27 me."

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Was she talking about a herbalist, or a
29 Gbandi woman?

1 THE INTERPRETER: Well, I do not know in her answer. That
2 is the train that is continuing.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please clarify the point.

4 MR ANYAH:

15:47:59 5 Q. The person who told you Charles Taylor sent this herbalist
6 was the Gbandi woman, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And to put my question again, if what she says is true then
9 it would mean that the President of Liberia at the time, Charles
15:48:23 10 Taylor, in 1998 was sending over herbalists to use juju, the
11 phrase that you used, to protect RUF fighters from bullets,
12 correct?

13 A. I said that was what the herbalist woman told me.

14 Q. This morning when you spoke you said you also spoke to some
15:48:53 15 of the herbalists, right?

16 A. I was talking with that herbalist woman directly.

17 Q. You were marked on your body you said?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Over one hundred times, you said?

15:49:23 20 A. 168.

21 Q. You were marked using a razor blade, yes?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Juju in West Africa means witch doctor, or native medicine,
24 yes?

15:49:47 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Right, and usually in West Africa, sometimes when people
27 are ill they have the choice between going to a hospital, or if
28 they believe in it they can go to a juju man, yes?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. In the hopes of curing them of whatever illness they have,
2 right?

3 A. Yes.

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4 Q. Some people believe that juju can protect you from harm,
5 right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Some people believe that juju can cure serious illnesses,
8 right?

9 A. Yes.

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10 Q. You said you went as far as form 5 in school, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Will you agree that in most West African societies the
13 people who believe in juju are usually people who live in
14 villages and not cities?

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15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Would you agree that in most West African societies the
17 people who believe in juju have less education than others?

18 A. I disagree.

15:51:28

19 Q. So people in your experience who have gone to secondary
20 school and some of whom have gone to university believe in juju
21 just as much as the fellow who hasn't gone to school and lives in
22 the village?

23 A. Yes.

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24 Q. Did you believe it when you heard that the President of
25 Liberia sent these juju men to come and protect the RUF from
26 bullets?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. You honestly believed that, Madam Witness?

29 A. I do not have another way of answering it. I believed it,

1 because the person who came from there told me.

2 Q. The part of these juju men or herbalists being sent by
3 Charles Taylor, you added that part in your statements to the
4 Prosecution about ten days ago, is that fair to say?

15:52:49 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Your first meeting with them was in October of last year,
7 2007, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You met them on about six days in October, on October 17,
10 19, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31. Seven days in October last year.

11 Does that sound about right, Madam Witness?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You next met with them in November, specifically 16
14 November 2007, yes?

15:53:48 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then you met with them on 5 December 2007, do you
17 recall that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You met with them in March of 2008, right?

15:54:11 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You met with them last month, 23 May and 24 May 2008,
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And your sixth meeting with them was on the dates 8, 9 and
15:54:31 25 10 June of 2008, correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And your last meeting was on 13 June 2008, right?

28 A. That's correct.

29 Q. And it is only your second to last meeting, about ten days

1 ago, that you said it was Charles Taylor who sent these
2 herbalists?

3 MR SANTORA: Objection.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Santora, what is your objection?

15:55:01 5 MR SANTORA: Counsel is misstating in terms of when the
6 witness told the office - mentioned what he's referring to.

7 MR ANYAH: I would be happy to be corrected.

8 MR SANTORA: It's paragraph 21 of the statement from 3
9 March 2008, ERN 46737.

15:55:30 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could you give us a tab number?

11 MR ANYAH: Yes, it's at tab 3.

12 MR SANTORA: It is at tab 3.

13 MR ANYAH: I stand corrected. I had better take the
14 witness to her statements.

15:55:56 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: The usual procedure is if they are
16 challenged you put the actual words of the statement to the
17 witness, Mr Anyah.

18 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President:

19 Q. Madam Witness, in March of 2008 here is what you tell the
15:56:13 20 Prosecution about the herbalists. It's in tab 3, page 4. I will
21 just say thank you, counsel. It was not intentional. Paragraph
22 21. Madam Witness, these are notes taken by the Office of the
23 Prosecutor from an interview with you on 3 March 2008, the
24 investigator present was Kevin Bennett, counsel opposite Mr Chris
15:57:23 25 Santora was present, there was an interpreter Bob Conteh who was
26 present. Paragraph 21, it reads:

27 "In reference to paragraph 62, witness said that the
28 herbalists for the Fitti-Fatta mission were sent by 'the Papay'
29 who was Charles Taylor to administer body markings that would

1 protect them from bullets. She said her job was to interpret for
2 the herbalists and in talking to them this is how she knew they
3 were sent by Charles Taylor."

4 Do you see that, Madam Witness?

15:58:10 5 A. I have seen it.

6 Q. If we go to tab 1, your very first meeting with the
7 Prosecution, page 10, paragraph 58, these are notes from your
8 meetings with them about five months before March of this year,
9 that was October last year, late October. Paragraph 58, you
10 speak about the herbalists and here is what they have you down as
11 saying:

12 "While at Buedu the witness, Superman and others met seven
13 Liberians who were Loma men and traditional herbalists. They
14 were being hosted by Sam Bockarie. These traditional herbalists
15 held a ceremony that was attended by many fighters. They
16 demonstrated bulletproof clothing that was given to some of the
17 commanders. Many of the fighters were given 'protective' marks.
18 The traditional herbalists were hired by Sam Bockarie. They did
19 not talk to everyone as a group."

15:59:49 20 Why did you tell them last October that these herbalists
21 were hired by Sam Bockarie?

22 A. If I can talk about what I have read too, I am sure that
23 when I was with the Prosecution like I am before the Court now,
24 when they asked me how on - how in relation to anything that was
25 how I answered. And that particular time when - that particular
26 time that 58 is talking about, it exactly happened in Buedu when
27 that very evening that we were taken to those herbalists where
28 that thing happened where they demonstrated that bulletproof.
29 And this that I am being asked in court, or here, this was what

1 happened at my own base that I explained.

2 I think I was answering the questions the way I was being
3 asked several times, or during certain occasions. And if it is
4 written there that the traditional herbalists were hired by

16:01:03 5 Sam Bockarie it might be that the person who was writing it down
6 made a mistake, but I did not talk about hiring. But it was
7 Sam Bockarie who handed over the herbalists to Superman.

8 Q. We know from what you say that it is said to be

9 Sam Bockarie who handed them over to Superman. The issue is why
16:01:33 10 as of March of this year you were telling the Prosecution it was
11 Charles Taylor who sent them and in October of last year you told
12 the Prosecution, or at least they have you down as saying,
13 Sam Bockarie hired these herbalists. Do you see an inconsistency
14 between the two?

16:01:54 15 A. Like I have answered saying, during that time that this
16 statement was being taken down they asked me to explain. They
17 did not ask me directly who sent these people. And the way the
18 questions were put to me were the ways I answered the questions.
19 And each time we met new things came up. When they asked me
16:02:22 20 whatever I knew I will say.

21 Q. Do you know that if we flip the page over we will see that
22 on the next page, page 11, a good portion of that page continues
23 to speak about the herbalists and there is no mention there that
24 it was Charles Taylor who sent them. If you were to look at
16:02:53 25 paragraph 62, it speaks of a second ceremony being held similar
26 to the one that was held in Buedu by the traditional herbalists
27 for fighters in Kono and it speaks of you being marked after
28 Superman had been marked. Do you see that, Madam Witness?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. No reference to Charles Taylor sending these herbalists?

2 A. If I do have a right to speak? I can start by saying if I
3 am reading what is in front of me, it was what happened when I
4 got to Superman's base. It was not a question to me saying, "Who
16:04:01 5 sent these people?" And when you ask me, what you ask me is what
6 I will answer. What you did not ask me about, I should not tell
7 you except you say, "Explain". I am not sure I had the right to
8 say that these traditional herbalists who had come were sent by
9 Charles Taylor, because I was under an interview.

16:04:30 10 Q. Do you see in paragraph 59 the name Charles Taylor appears
11 there and there is reference to the herbalists. The paragraph
12 reads:

13 "Superman and his group left Buedu three days after their
14 arrival. Their group now included the Liberian traditional
16:05:04 15 herbalists. The entire group was travelling by foot and carrying
16 arms and ammunition that had been picked up by Sam Bockarie. The
17 witness believes that the weapons they were transporting had come
18 from Monrovia and Charles Taylor. This she surmised based on
19 what she had heard from Major Sellay and what she had heard over
16:05:34 20 the radio regarding Issa Sesay and Fonti Kanu."

21 Do you see that, Madam Witness?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So there the journey is being taken by Superman with the
24 herbalists and arms and ammunition, and you took care to say that
16:05:58 25 the arms and ammunitions were sent by Charles Taylor, but nothing
26 about the herbalists also being sent by Charles Taylor. Do you
27 see that?

28 A. I can continue saying that my interview was based on
29 questions I was asked and those were the questions I answered

1 directly, except where they asked me to explain, then I can
2 explain what I knew.

3 Q. Now, this reference here to arms and ammunition, this is
4 the second instance when you believe arms and ammunition were
16:06:47 5 sent, as far as you know, by Sam Bockarie to PC Ground, or
6 Superman Ground, in the context of them having originated from
7 Liberia, yes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you recall telling us that the first instance was when
16:07:16 10 you believed some RUF members escorted an ECOMOG soldier from
11 Superman Ground to Buedu and returned with ammunition, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That was in 1998, right?

14 A. Yes.

16:07:39 15 Q. And here this instance where Superman and you had visited
16 Buedu and returned with arms and ammunition, that also took place
17 in 1998, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When you met with the Prosecution in the first instance,
16:08:04 20 October last year, it is here said you arrived at the conclusion
21 it came from Liberia on the basis of what Major Sellay had told
22 you and what you had heard over the radio regarding Issa Sesay
23 and Fonti Kanu, true?

24 A. Yes.

16:08:27 25 Q. When you met with the Prosecution this year, last month,
26 May of 2008 - for counsel's purposes it is in tab 4, paragraph 4
27 - you told the Prosecution in May of 2008 that it was the person
28 you call your sister, Sebatu, who told you about this particular
29 arms and ammunition supply, yes?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you told us in court that it was Sebatu who told you
3 about this, right?

4 A. Can I answer that? When I am saying that there were
16:09:51 5 certain stages, for instance where I mentioned Major Sellay, I
6 had not gone to Buedu then, but I was in Superman's camp.
7 Through the radio and this one involving Sebatu, it was the very
8 day that Sam Bockarie left Buedu to go to Foya, whereby it was my
9 sister who was on duty. She told me that Sam Bockarie was going
16:10:23 10 to Foya for this particular reason and I too saw them when they
11 were going, so it was not on one occasion, but I am stating it as
12 it came.

13 Q. But do you see a difference between telling them in October
14 last year that you knew that these arms and ammunitions came from
16:10:47 15 Liberia because of what you heard on the radio concerning Issa
16 Sesay and Fonti Kanu, as well as what Major Sellay told you;
17 versus in May of this year saying that you heard about it and saw
18 some of it while you were in Buedu, but heard also from Sebatu?
19 Do you see a difference between those two accounts?

16:11:14 20 A. I am sure that the difference is explainable, because the
21 time that I am talking about, it was based on questions wherein
22 during certain times this ammunition came from Buedu to
23 Superman's base and that is how it happened and how I knew. I
24 can tell you the source that made me to know that that was how it
16:11:44 25 happened and if another occasion came up I would say the source
26 how I got to know it. It was not during one occasion that I
27 named different people. This one involving Sebatu, I was in
28 Buedu.

29 Q. But that is the point, Madam Witness. If you only recalled

1 two instances, that is a very small number, would you agree?

2 A. I can agree, yes, if it is a small number.

3 Q. Let me be clear so I am fair to you. We are now speaking
4 of the two instances where you say while you were at PC Ground in
16:12:25 5 1998 you understood arms and/or ammunitions to have originated
6 from Liberia, traversed through Buedu and Sam Bockarie and made
7 its way back to PC Ground, yes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How is it that in respect of the second of those instances
16:12:51 10 the source of your knowledge differs from October last year, that
11 source being monitoring the radio and hearing about Issa Sesay
12 and Fonti Kanu, as well as what Major Sellay tells you, versus in
13 May of this year wherein the source of your information is your
14 own observations and what Sebatu tells you?

16:13:15 15 MR SANTORA: Objection. Your Honours, I understand that
16 counsel is not required to put later corrections from additional
17 statements into - and question the witness on it. However, in
18 this particular instance, your Honour, in that particular
19 paragraph that is being put to this witness --

16:13:33 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is tab 4, paragraph 4.

21 MR SANTORA: I am sorry, this is tab 4, paragraph 4. In
22 this particular paragraph there is a particular portion that
23 discusses this issue that Defence counsel is talking about. I
24 submit that the rule of completeness dictates that the entire
16:13:50 25 paragraph be put to the witness.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Would you refer us to it, Mr Santora,
27 please.

28 MR SANTORA: Line 7 the witness clarifies that the
29 reference - it starts in line 7, approximately in the middle of

1 the paragraph, and while I understand it is the practice to not
2 --

3 MR ANYAH: Please go ahead counsel.

4 MR SANTORA: In terms of I know this is not occurring in a
16:14:21 5 later statement, some additional correction later on. This is
6 the paragraph Defence counsel is putting to the witness and in
7 fairness, the Prosecution submits that the entire paragraph
8 should be put to the witness.

9 MR ANYAH: And my response would be this: I can and will
16:14:36 10 put the paragraph to the witness for another reason, not the
11 reason suggested by counsel. It is obvious in the paragraph that
12 the witness has made a clarification. It still does not preclude
13 us, the Defence, from pointing out that she had to make that
14 clarification, that there was an inconsistency between what was
16:14:56 15 said on one date and what was said on another date. That is what
16 we do in cross-examination. I am not denying the fact that she
17 made a correction. I took her to this paragraph knowing a
18 correction was made. I am simply pointing out to the Chamber
19 that in a six month period two different accounts were given.

16:15:14 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel is entitled, if there was a prior
21 inconsistency, to put the prior inconsistency, but you say you
22 are putting the entire paragraph, Mr Anyah?

23 MR ANYAH: I will, for another reason.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Well, proceed.

16:15:26 25 MR ANYAH:

26 Q. Madam Witness, we are still talking about two accounts.
27 You gave a statement in October last year and you will notice
28 that about two weeks after you gave that statement, end of
29 October, they read that same paragraph 59 to you. This is tab 1,

1 page 10, and you signed at the bottom right-hand corner. Every
2 page in your statement from October last year - they brought you
3 on another date two weeks after the statement was taken and you
4 signed it. Do you see your signature on the bottom right-hand
16:16:13 5 corner of that page, Madam Witness?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When you were going through this paragraph 59 in reference
8 to how you knew these arms and ammunition were sent by Charles
9 Taylor, you could have corrected it on 16 November before signing
16:16:32 10 that page, right?

11 A. How could I have corrected it?

12 Q. Well, you went through the statement with the Prosecution,
13 did you not?

14 A. Yes.

16:16:53 15 Q. Could you not have said at that point that you knew these
16 ammunitions came from Charles Taylor - well, arms and ammunitions
17 came from Monrovia and Charles Taylor because you were present in
18 Buedu when the caravan left to Foya and on the basis of what
19 Sebatu told you? You could have said that on the 16 November
16:17:19 20 2007, right?

21 A. Like I have been saying, I can still say that like I am
22 reading my statement now and if I had read my statement and knew
23 what was there, each time we, met like I have come to this court
24 now, they will start with me from where we stopped and I can
16:17:41 25 refer to references, like the statement has been read in front of
26 me now that we left Buedu with arms and ammunition that were
27 picked up by Sam Bockarie. The question was because of my
28 knowledge of what these ammunitions - these ammunition, of where
29 they had come from, when I said that they asked me if I believed

1 they had come from there and if I can say, "Yes, I believe",
2 because I saw when Sam Bockarie and others went to Liberia. And
3 the other area where I stated - talked about Issa Sesay and Fonti
4 Kanu, it was out of those missing diamonds, which was not to my
16:18:35 5 knowledge only. Senior officers knew, including junior officers
6 and fighters, that these diamonds were taken to Liberia for so
7 and so reason and they have gone missing, and I stated that.
8 They did not send a message to anybody that we were sending these
9 diamonds there, but after the diamonds had gone missing all those
16:19:02 10 pieces of information came out. I can still defend my statement
11 saying that it happened on a different basis and the way the
12 questions were put to me, that was the way I answered them.

13 Q. But you understand I am not questioning you about Issa
14 Sesay and lost diamonds necessarily. We are trying to find out
16:19:24 15 how you say these things came from Liberia. What makes you say
16 it is Charles Taylor and Monrovia? In October you say you got
17 that information from the radio, or you surmised it from the
18 radio, and also on the basis of what Major Sellay told you, and
19 you changed that when you come to March of this year. Do you see
16:19:50 20 the difference, Madam Witness?

21 A. The particular time that I mentioned Major Sellay, I am
22 still saying it that when they asked me when I was at Superman's
23 ground how I was getting information about these things, it was
24 Major Sellay who was giving information directly through the
16:20:18 25 radio. It is different from when I myself went to Buedu, what I
26 saw and what I knew. That's what I'm saying.

27 Q. Now besides 16 November when you reviewed this statement
28 with them, less than a month later, 5 December 2007, you actually
29 made corrections on this statement. If we go to pages 24 and 25

1 as numbered on the bottom right-hand corner --

2 MR SANTORA: Sorry, counsel, just for the tab reference.

3 MR ANYAH: Yes, I'm sorry, tab 1, the same statement.

4 MR SANTORA: Okay.

16:21:10 5 MR ANYAH:

6 Q. This is page 24. The Prosecution has it numbered as page
7 23. Do you see at the middle of the page first - do you see the
8 initials "AP" and you see the date "5 December 2007"? Do you see
9 that, Madam Witness?

16:21:37 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Those are your initials, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You wrote that, correct?

14 A. Yes.

16:21:48 15 Q. At the bottom of the page there is a signature there. Is
16 that your signature, Madam Witness?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Next to the same date of 5 December 2007, yes?

19 A. Yes.

16:22:06 20 Q. And let's go to page 26. Now, if we go to the top of the
21 page on page 26 you see your initials again. Do you see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you see the date, 5 December 2007, right?

24 A. Yes.

16:22:50 25 Q. And you see a number above that page, an ERN number, that
26 is 00044251A. Do you see that, Madam Witness?

27 A. I am seeing it.

28 Q. The previous page, page 25, has the same number, the same
29 ERN number, but without the A at the end. If you were to open

1 your tab in front of you, Madam Witness, tab 1, page 25, let's
2 take a look at that paragraph and see the correction you made.
3 That paragraph 146 speaks about diamonds that Foday Lansana, Nya
4 Korto, gave you to hold and you will notice the last sentence of
16:23:58 5 paragraph 146 on this page 25 reads:

6 "While Sankoh was in Makeni for this visit Foday Lansana
7 retrieved these diamonds from the witness and gave them to Foday
8 Lansana."

9 Do you see that, Madam Witness?

16:24:19 10 A. I wouldn't - I may not have seen the Foday Lansana
11 repeatedly. I am sure it's a question that they asked me after
12 that to make a clarification and I clarified it saying that
13 diamonds were taken from me by Foday Lansana and he gave them to
14 Foday Sankoh. The person who may have typed this after that may
16:24:42 15 have made this mistake.

16 Q. Exactly, and that is why on 5 December at your request, if
17 you go to the next page, page 26, the Prosecution went over that
18 paragraph with you and they had you sign next to the paragraph,
19 they corrected and switched the name Foday Lansana to Foday
16:25:01 20 Sankoh at the end of that paragraph. Do you see that, Madam
21 Witness?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The point is this: You made corrections to your statement
24 after going over it with the Office of the Prosecutor on 5
16:25:17 25 December 2007, correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Now, let's go back to tab 4 and that paragraph 4 on page 1.
28 I am aware of the time and I had promised to put the whole
29 paragraph to the witness. I am interested in one sentence and

1 perhaps I could put the sentence to the witness. Madam Witness,
2 the sentence I want to call your attention to in this paragraph
3 starts in the middle of the paragraph and it reads:

4 "The witness was present when the group returned after the
16:26:17 5 trip and she saw the trucks loaded with ammunition and Colonel
6 Jungle returned with Sam Bockarie to Buedu."

7 Do you see that, Madam Witness? Do you see what they have
8 you as saying; that you were present in Buedu and that's where
9 you met Jungle? Do you see that, Madam Witness?

16:26:50 10 A. Can I talk on that?

11 Q. My question is do you see that the Prosecution have you
12 down as saying you were present - physically present - in Buedu
13 when the trucks came back and that's where you met Colonel
14 Jungle, yes?

16:27:04 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You told us something different in court today, right?

17 A. I want to listen to that.

18 Q. In court you told us you were not in Buedu when the trucks
19 came back; you met Jungle somewhere else, right?

16:27:28 20 A. No.

21 Q. Where did you meet Jungle, Madam Witness?

22 A. I am sure I said today - the question now I was asked was
23 who did I see with Sam Bockarie and when I was in Buedu that very
24 day that Sam Bockarie left to go to Foya, when he came back, when
16:27:55 25 we went to that zoebush where those herbalists were, that was
26 where I saw Colonel Jungle. The question I was asked was, "Who
27 was Colonel Jungle" and I talked about who Colonel Jungle was and
28 I saw him when Sam Bockarie returned from Foya. I think I had
29 said something on that.

1 Q. Well, the point is you were not in the same place that you
2 were when the trucks left as you were when they came back. You
3 were in the zoebush when they came back, right?

4 A. I was not in the zoebush. I stated that where I was, where
16:28:40 5 Sebatu was, it was not far away from Sam Bockarie's house and I
6 myself saw when the trucks were leaving and I saw them when they
7 returned, what they brought. I was not in Sam Bockarie's house
8 when they were off-loaded, but what they gave to us to take
9 along, I knew that that was what they brought.

16:29:05 10 And the question I was asked was if I saw any other person
11 with him and I clarified it saying that it was when they called
12 Superman for Sam Bockarie - for him to take the herbalists to him
13 in zoebush, that was where I met Jungle. I was not in the
14 zoebush, but I went there together with them. Maybe the person
16:29:29 15 who interpreted it or wrote it did not write it the way I said
16 it.

17 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I see the time.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, indeed, Mr Anyah. Madam Witness, it
19 is now half past 4, this is the time we normally adjourn for the
16:29:45 20 day. We will resume court tomorrow morning at 9.30. Again I
21 remind you that you must not discuss your evidence while you are
22 still under oath. Do you understand?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, madam.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have a good rest. Now will you please
16:30:04 25 adjourn court until 9.30 tomorrow.

26 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
27 to be reconvened on Friday, 20 June 2008 at
28 9.30 a.m.]

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