



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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9:30 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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**Before the Judges:**

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Justice Julia Sebutinde  
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Morris Anyah  
Ms Emily Mitchell

1 Monday, 8 September 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:22:49 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Now appearances,  
6 Mr Bangura, please.

7 MR BANGURA: Good morning Madam President, good morning  
8 your Honours, counsel opposite. Your Honours, for the  
9 Prosecution this morning: Ms Brenda J Hollis, myself Mohamed A  
09:29:33 10 Bangura, Mr Christopher Santora and Ms Leigh Lawrie. Thank you,  
11 your Honours.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. Mr Anyah?

13 MR ANYAH: Yes, good morning Madam President, good morning  
14 your Honours, good morning counsel opposite. For Defence we have  
09:29:50 15 Mr Terry Munyard, myself Morris Anyah and were joined by Ms Emily  
16 Mitchell who is an intern in our office. Ms Mitchell is called  
17 to the Bar of England and Wales. Thank you, Madam President.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah, and we welcome  
19 Ms Mitchell to the Court. If there are no other matters I will  
09:30:09 20 remind the witness of her oath.

21 Madam Witness, you recall on Friday you took the oath to  
22 tell the truth in court. That oath continues to be binding on  
23 you and you are to answer questions truthfully. Do you  
24 understand?

09:30:28 25 THE WITNESS: The earphones.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I am going to repeat what  
27 I said so that you can hear it properly. I said on Friday you  
28 took the oath promising to tell the truth here in court. The  
29 oath continues to be binding on you and you are to answer

1 questions truthfully. Did you hear me and understand me?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 WITNESS: TF1-585 [On former oath]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, please proceed.

09:31:14 5 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

6 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR BANGURA: [Cont.]

7 Q. Good morning, Madam Witness.

8 A. Good morning, sir.

9 Q. We shall continue with your testimony this morning. I am  
09:31:27 10 going to go back to some matters that we dealt with on Friday and  
11 seek some clarifications from you, okay?

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Thank you. Now in your testimony on Friday you talked  
14 about being taught about the logbook. Do you recall that?

09:31:53 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now what is the logbook?

17 A. Well, the logbook was a special book that we used for only  
18 official inputting. Not all messages or communications were put  
19 into the logbook.

09:32:26 20 Q. Where was the logbook kept?

21 A. We kept the logbook in the radio bag where we used to put  
22 the communication radio. In that same bag was where we kept the  
23 logbook.

24 Q. And where was the bag kept?

09:32:55 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a moment. Mr Anyah?

26 MR ANYAH: I hesitate to interrupt, but I would be grateful  
27 for some foundation in the sense that the witness's evidence from  
28 Friday conveys the fact that she has served as a radio operator  
29 in different places at different times and where the location of

1 this logbook is is not particularly clear at least to us.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Bangura, there is some merit in  
3 that because it could be one or many logbooks and whether it was  
4 one master copy at one location or various locations - if we can  
09:33:34 5 clarify, plus her knowledge of course of how it was done.

6 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I am referring to the witness's  
7 testimony on Friday and the transcript reference is page 15596 at  
8 line 20. Your Honours will recall that this wasn't part of the  
9 private session testimony, but the witness did talk about

09:34:05 10 training she received and as part of that training she was taught  
11 about the logbook and this is a follow up on that. I am not -  
12 unless I am missing something, but this is a follow up on what  
13 sort of - what the logbook was about. I see my learned friend on  
14 his feet.

09:34:28 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, yes?

16 MR ANYAH: I appreciate the reference by Mr Bangura to the  
17 transcript. That is helpful. It indicates that when she spoke  
18 of the logbook she spoke of it in the context of Zogoda. The  
19 basis for my interference is the fact that besides Zogoda there  
09:34:45 20 are other places and she referred to the logbook as being part of  
21 her training at Zogoda and I think counsel's question is more  
22 general than Zogoda. Counsel asked the question on page 3 at  
23 line 3, "Where was the logbook kept?"

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Actually, Mr Anyah, without interrupting  
09:35:06 25 you, I have already indicated that there has to be foundation if  
26 it is one or many logbooks, whether it was a master logbook in  
27 one location or various locations and how she knew these things.

28 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: So I have given that direction now,

1 Mr Bangura.

2 MR BANGURA:

3 Q. Madam Witness, where did you get the training about the  
4 logbook?

09:35:35 5 A. It was in Zogoda by Foday Sankoh.

6 MR BANGURA: The witness has - certain information came out  
7 on Friday in private session and the reason why I did not want to  
8 go that deeply into laying the sort of foundation that is being  
9 required here is because I was not wanting to elicit that

09:36:01 10 information in open and we see the witness now going into that  
11 area and clearly bringing out evidence that came out in --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: But surely, Mr Bangura, the witness's  
13 evidence also is that she was one of at least I think she said  
14 12, so I am not sure if you are making an application or you are  
09:36:22 15 making an observation.

16 MR BANGURA: I am making an application, your Honour, that  
17 the name which has come out from the witness's last answer  
18 relating to training is information which came out before in  
19 private session and that be redacted, your Honour.

09:36:44 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Mr Anyah?

21 MR ANYAH: May I be heard in respect of his application?

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I was going to invite your reply.

23 MR ANYAH: We object to that application on several  
24 grounds. This is not the first witness to provide that type of  
09:37:02 25 evidence before this chamber. TF1-584 mentioned the same name  
26 and mentioned that over a hundred of them were sent to Zogoda for  
27 an exam they sat in this particular context. TF1 - I believe -  
28 516 also was at Zogoda and was in Zogoda in the company of  
29 several others.

1 [Trial Chamber conferred]

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have considered the application. In  
3 the light of the numbers of people that were with the person  
4 named and at the place we do not see any merit in the application  
09:37:42 5 and it is refused. Continue, Mr Bangura.

6 MR BANGURA:

7 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned that you were taught about the  
8 logbook in Zogoda. Now my question to you was what was this  
9 logbook that you were taught about? What was the logbook?

09:38:08 10 A. Well, the logbook was a special book in which we were to  
11 input all RUF messages from the radio set and this logbook, there  
12 were special messages that were to be put in the logbook. Not  
13 every message radio operators were to put into the logbook.

14 Q. And what sort of messages were you taught to input into the  
09:38:39 15 logbook?

16 A. Messages like if RUF had undertaken a mission and they had  
17 suffered casualty - a lot of casualties, that would be put in the  
18 logbook. But if they killed a lot of civilians or burnt houses,  
19 they did a lot of wicked things to civilians or if RUF fighters  
09:39:14 20 raped people, all of those were not to be put into the logbook.

21 Q. Madam Witness, you said that certain kind of information  
22 was not put into the logbook and you mentioned cases of rape,  
23 cases of burning of houses by the RUF. Why were these  
24 informations not put into the logbook?

09:39:41 25 A. That was the policy. It was part of the training that  
26 Foday Sankoh gave to us in Zogoda that that should not be  
27 included in the logbook.

28 Q. Do you know whether a logbook was kept at Zogoda?

29 A. Yes, any radio station had a logbook.

1 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, in your testimony on Friday you  
2 mentioned a particular message that was sent from --

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, sorry to interrupt.

4 Mr Interpreter, did the witness say any radio station or every  
5 radio station?

09:40:26

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat it.

7 MR BANGURA:

8 Q. Madam Witness, I asked you about whether there was a  
9 logbook at Zogoda and you - your answer was yes and you talked

09:40:42

10 about other radio stations. Can you repeat that answer, please?

11 A. I said each radio station had a logbook, not just Zogoda.

12 Q. Now on Friday you talked about 448 messages. You said 448  
13 was a coded message that came from RIA. Do you recall that?

14 A. Yes.

09:41:13

15 Q. And you said it came from an operator at RIA. Do you  
16 recall that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now where was RIA to your knowledge?

19 A. Well, as far as I know, it is Roberts International Airport  
20 in Liberia.

09:41:35

21 Q. And do you know on whose behalf the operator was - the  
22 operator you mentioned, who was the operator again? Can you  
23 recall?

24 A. I said Sky 1.

09:41:51

25 Q. And do you know for what group Sky 1 was working at the  
26 Roberts International Airport?

27 A. What I know is that he was one of Charles Taylor's  
28 fighters.

29 Q. And are you able to tell the Court how he was able to

1 communicate with radios within RUF territory?

2 A. There are times he will just come to the national which was  
3 70110. He will just come up and say, "448 has just left my  
4 location heading for you location". Then the station would go  
09:42:45 5 off.

6 Q. Madam Witness, when you say he would come to the national,  
7 70110, what do you mean?

8 A. That was the control frequency.

9 Q. The control frequency for who, or which group?

09:43:02 10 A. For RUF station. That was the central control frequency  
11 for the RUF station.

12 Q. Was it only to the control frequency 70110 that he would  
13 communicate, Sky 1?

14 A. I said 70110, yes.

09:43:26 15 Q. Yes, the question is was it only to the control station,  
16 the 70110? Was it only to that station that Sky 1 would  
17 communicate 448 messages?

18 A. Well, that was the station we received the message from.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I think counsel is asking  
09:43:52 20 did you get it from one station only, or from others? Is that  
21 the purport, Mr Bangura?

22 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay, it was not just one station. We got it  
24 from Foxtrot Yankee, that was Foya airfield, and we got it from  
09:44:10 25 Base 1 which was Benjamin Yeaten's radio station which was based  
26 in Monrovia in Benjamin Yeaten's compound. We also got it from  
27 Vahun, which was Victor 1.

28 MR BANGURA:

29 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. I believe you understood my



1 question the other way round, but I will live with the answer  
2 that you have given. My question really was whether Sky 1  
3 communicated these 448 messages to other stations apart from the  
4 control station 70110. Do you understand that?

09:44:53 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

6 MR ANYAH: I believe the witness said that 70110 was a  
7 control frequency as opposed to a control station.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was the answer, yes, that it was a  
9 control frequency.

09:45:16 10 THE WITNESS: That was the national station for all the RUF  
11 stations, the 70110.

12 MR BANGURA:

13 Q. Madam Witness, 70110, we have frequency and we have  
14 station, what was it? Was it a station or was it a frequency,  
09:45:34 15 can we be clear?

16 A. Well, it was not a station. It was a frequency, a selected  
17 frequency.

18 Q. You mentioned Foxtrot Yankee as one of the stations from  
19 which 448 messages came. Where was Foxtrot Yankee based?

09:46:05 20 A. It was based at Foya airfield in Liberia.

21 Q. Do you know who used this call sign, Foxtrot Yankee?

22 A. Well, there were radio operators there whose names I don't  
23 recall now.

24 Q. And do you know who controlled the radio at Foya that used  
09:46:33 25 this call sign?

26 A. Well, the radio station was under the control of Charles  
27 Taylor's soldiers.

28 Q. And can you recall when these messages came from Foxtrot  
29 Yankee?

1 A. Well, I recall that at any time they saw the ECOMOG jet fly  
2 over their area, or heading towards our own area, they will also  
3 come over the net and tell us that, "448 has just passed our  
4 location" and that, "448 is heading for your location". Then the  
09:47:20 5 station will go off.

6 Q. Over what period? What period are we talking of here that  
7 these messages came from Foxtrot Yankee?

8 A. Well, from early '98 throughout.

9 Q. And when you say early '98 can you recall a month in '98?

09:47:58 10 A. Well, I cannot recall the month now because it has been a  
11 long time ago. I don't recall.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, if you could remember to  
13 switch off your microphone every now and then.

14 MR BANGURA:

09:48:14 15 Q. When you say "throughout", what do you mean? Throughout  
16 what period?

17 A. Up to 1999 when we left for Monrovia.

18 Q. What about the case of the messages from Sky 1 at RIA?  
19 Over what period did you get those messages?

09:48:50 20 A. Well, it was from 1998 at the time the ECOMOG jet was  
21 bombarding the RUF controlled zones.

22 Q. Up until what time?

23 A. Up to 1999, mid-1999, even before we left to go to  
24 Monrovia.

09:49:20 25 Q. Madam Witness, you also mentioned Base 1 as a radio that  
26 communicated 448 messages, do you recall?

27 A. Yes, yes, yes.

28 Q. And you mentioned Lima Bravo, do you recall as well?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now where were those two radios located?

2 A. Well, those two call signs were just one radio station  
3 located in Benjamin Yeaten's compound in Monrovia.

4 Q. Do you recall who the operators were on this radio?

09:50:13 5 A. Yes, I still recall Sunlight and Dew.

6 Q. Madam Witness, in your evidence also on Friday you talked  
7 about mining that was going on in Kono. Do you recall that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now are you able to tell the Court what period mining was  
09:51:05 10 taking place in Kono, over what period?

11 A. Well, I recall that it was - the one that was actually  
12 serious it was from 1998, early '98.

13 Q. Madam Witness, your evidence on Friday was that you were in  
14 Kenema when you learnt about mining going on in Kono. Do you  
09:51:40 15 recall?

16 A. Yes, that was why I said that serious mining was actually  
17 in 1998. In '97 mining went on there, but it was not as serious  
18 as the one that started in 1998 at the time we were finally in  
19 Buedu.

09:51:57 20 Q. How did you know that mining was going on in Kono during  
21 the period 1997?

22 A. Well, Issa Sesay was in charge of Kono at that time. He  
23 used to bring the diamonds to Kenema to Mosquito, Sam Bockarie,  
24 because at that time he was in Kenema, he was based in Kenema.

09:52:28 25 So when they got diamonds from Kono, Issa Sesay would bring the  
26 diamonds and hand them over to Sam Bockarie in Kenema and at that  
27 time Sam Bockarie was based at NIC, so it was through that that I  
28 was able to know.

29 Q. Now when you say you were able to know, exactly how were

1 you able to know?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Madam Witness? Do you want to say  
3 something?

09:53:11

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, if I explain anything I want to explain  
5 into details, but should I explain anything from that point now  
6 it will disturb me a little.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not quite sure what you mean by  
8 "disturb me a little". What exactly do you mean?

9 MR BANGURA: If I may just find out:

09:53:36

10 Q. Madam Witness, if the explanation you are about to give is  
11 something that you are concerned would compromise your security  
12 then I shall ask that question at a later point and probably ask  
13 the Court to go into private session.

14 A. Okay, okay, okay.

09:54:00

15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

09:54:20

16 MR ANYAH: With all due respect, your Honours, I don't  
17 think it is appropriate for the witness to dictate at what point  
18 in the evidence the Chamber will hear what she has to say. The  
19 witness cannot direct the mode of examination. What if this were  
20 to repeat itself under cross-examination and she says she has  
21 some information she does not wish to reveal because it would  
22 compromise her security? Must I then be forced to go into closed  
23 or private session? I think it is up to the Chamber to direct  
24 the witness as to what questions she may or may not answer, with  
25 all due respect, your Honours.

09:54:42

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, the Chamber has on occasions more  
27 than once made such a direction and if appropriate it will make  
28 such a direction, but at the moment --

29 JUDGE LUSSICK: I am a little at a loss as to what is going

1 on here, because I presume that Mr Bangura would not ask a  
2 question without knowing the answer and if he has chosen to ask  
3 that question in open session then it means that the answer he is  
4 expecting would not reveal the witness's identity.

09:55:21 5 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I totally agree with your  
6 Honour, but the position is that you get answers beyond what is  
7 expected and if the witness is indicating that what she is about  
8 to say might compromise her security, your Honours, I think it  
9 would be proper that the question can then be asked in a private  
09:55:47 10 session as I have indicated. It's clear that the answers that I  
11 seek are answers that I should reasonably have known or should  
12 expect, but, your Honours, a witness can sometimes go beyond what  
13 is to be reasonably expected.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness is your witness, Mr Bangura.  
09:56:15 15 As you know, it is up to you to control your witness.

16 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: And if appropriate that the evidence be  
18 adduced at this point then it should be adduced and if you feel  
19 it appropriate to give a warning then give a warning.

09:56:28 20 MR BANGURA: I have indicated so, your Honour:

21 Q. Madam Witness, you also talked about mining in Tongo, do  
22 you recall?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. At one point it is your evidence that mining was being done  
09:56:50 25 for senior people of the RUF and the AFRC, do you recall?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Who was doing the mining in Tongo to your recollection?

28 A. Well, the mining was under the command of the AFRC and RUF  
29 who commanded the civilians to mine for diamonds for them.

1 Q. How did you know that the commanders commanded civilians to  
2 mine diamonds for them in Tongo?

3 A. I also went there at a point in time. I was there for  
4 about three days with them and throughout the three days I was  
09:57:39 5 there they were mining for diamonds for the commanders and any  
6 commander who went there at that particular time, they will  
7 explain to you that they are supposed to do the Pa's job.

8 Q. Madam Witness, you have said they were mining for diamonds  
9 for the commanders. Who were "they" that were mining for  
09:58:00 10 diamonds for the commanders?

11 A. Well, the AFRC and the RUF soldiers.

12 Q. The question was how did you know that these soldiers or  
13 the commanders were using civilians to mine diamonds for their  
14 senior officers?

09:58:29 15 A. Well, I have already said that I went there myself. I saw  
16 with my own naked eyes. I went there, I saw it and I was able to  
17 prove that.

18 Q. Over what period did the mining go on in Tongo to your  
19 recollection?

09:58:49 20 A. From 1997 they started.

21 Q. At what time did you yourself go to Tongo as you have  
22 described?

23 A. Well, that was the time. I went there in company of Sam  
24 Bockarie and others. It was a convoy. I joined their group. We  
09:59:12 25 went there.

26 Q. Madam Witness, when you say that was the time, that is not  
27 quite clear. Was it in '97? Was it later than '97? Exactly  
28 when did you go there?

29 A. Well, it was in '97 even before we pulled out of Kenema.

1 Q. How early or late was it in 1997?

2 A. Well, I can say it was mid '97.

3 Q. Who did you go to Tongo with, apart from Sam Bockarie?

4 A. Well, we went there together with Jungle and others.

10:00:13 5 Q. When you say "and others", can you try and recall some of  
6 the others?

7 A. Well, at that time we went there with Shabado, Jungle,  
8 Sampson and so many other people, but I cannot recall all of  
9 their names now.

10:00:42 10 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about a Liberian operator who was  
11 in Kenema at the time you were there, do you recall?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. The name of that operator you said was Sellay. Is that  
14 correct?

10:01:02 15 A. Yes, we used to call him CO Sellay.

16 Q. In your evidence on Friday you talked about the  
17 communications which Sellay had with Liberia and you said that  
18 those communications were restricted. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes.

10:01:31 20 Q. To whom were the communications restricted?

21 A. Well, it was from other fighters, the other RUF fighters,  
22 and even amongst us the radio operators who were there.

23 Q. Now who had access to those communications and who had not?  
24 It is not quite clear from your answer. Who had access to

10:02:09 25 communications with Sellay in Liberia? Let's start with who had  
26 access.

27 A. Well, Sam Bockarie was number one person who had access to  
28 such communication.

29 Q. Anybody else?

1 A. Well, Jungle and Sellay and Issa Sesay.

2 Q. Did any of the operators - Bockarie's operators - have  
3 access to such communications?

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4 A. Well, they only used to receive calls. When they came on  
5 they would call, when Benjamin Yeaten's operators came on,  
6 Sunlight, they will call and then sometimes Ebony would receive  
7 the call or Tourist will receive the call. That was when they  
8 would want to enquire about Sellay or Sam Bockarie. Those were  
9 the only communications that they monitored or that they  
10 received.

10:03:24

11 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned the name Sampson as one of the  
12 persons that came to Kenema with Jungle from Liberia, do you  
13 recall that?

14 A. Yes.

10:03:53

15 Q. What nationality was he?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Madam Witness, please.

17 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would be grateful for a page  
18 indication of this particular reference from Friday's transcript.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you assist us, Mr Bangura, please?

10:04:07

20 MR BANGURA: Yes. Your Honours, page 15606. It begins  
21 from line 26 and goes through to the next page.

22 MR ANYAH: I do have it and the reason for asking was the  
23 additional names that appear in the transcript and to be specific  
24 about which trip was being referred to.

10:05:27

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not quite sure if you are making an  
26 observation or raising an objection here, Mr Anyah. Are you  
27 saying that the question is in some way defective?

28 MR ANYAH: The question asked about a trip on which Sampson  
29 was accompanied by Jungle, but the witness testified of another



1 name on Friday, somebody called Junior, and that is also  
2 reflected in the transcript and I just wondered if counsel was  
3 referring to the same trip that three names were mentioned,  
4 Sampson, Junior and Jungle, or to the another trip involving only  
10:06:04 5 Sampson and Jungle and that's why I went to the transcript, Madam  
6 President.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I notice in my notes from Friday,  
8 Mr Bangura, there is a trip and then there is a return trip  
9 involving Sampson. So perhaps if you specify the trip or trips  
10:06:19 10 that you are seeking clarification.

11 MR BANGURA: I want to go back to the question that I  
12 asked.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your question is at page 18, line 2, and  
14 you were asking about his nationality which is really nothing to  
10:07:03 15 do with trips, so I think possibly I have been over specific as  
16 well.

17 MR BANGURA: I will get the witness to be more focused on  
18 the --

19 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned the name Sampson on Friday as  
10:07:27 20 somebody who travelled from Liberia, do you recall that, to  
21 Kenema?

22 A. Yes, three of them were always in company, Sampson, Junior  
23 and Jungle. The three of them were always in company.

24 Q. The question was do you know what nationality he was,  
10:07:53 25 Sampson?

26 A. Yes, he was a Liberian soldier.

27 Q. How did you know that he was a Liberian soldier?

28 A. They used to come in uniforms and they used to speak  
29 Liberian English. They used to come in something like an

1 overall, dark coloured, written on the back triple S and they  
2 only used to speak Liberian English.

3 Q. Now, Madam Witness, just to be clear, when you say triple  
4 S, what do you mean?

10:08:38 5 A. Special Security Service in Liberia.

6 Q. You have already mentioned that along with Jungle there  
7 also was somebody else called Junior who came. Do you recall  
8 what nationality Junior was?

9 A. I said they were all Liberians.

10:09:08 10 Q. In your evidence on Friday you talked about a trip that  
11 Jungle, Sampson and Junior made from Liberia to Kenema and you  
12 said that they then went to Kono and on to Freetown. Do you  
13 recall that?

14 A. Yes, I still recall that.

10:09:30 15 Q. Now do you recall when they made this trip to Kono and down  
16 to Freetown?

17 A. Well, it was at the time Johnny Paul was in power in  
18 Freetown.

19 Q. And how did you know that they went to Kono and then to  
10:09:50 20 Freetown?

21 A. Like I said on that day, we did not use the main road to go  
22 to Freetown because the Bo route was blocked, Mile 91, Malamah  
23 Junction, all those were occupied by Kamajors. So the only route  
24 we had to go to Freetown at that time was to go through Kono and  
10:10:15 25 from Kono they would proceed to Freetown.

26 Q. Now how did you know this? Did you yourself travel with  
27 them to Kono and down to Freetown?

28 A. No, Issa Sesay used to come from Freetown to Kono and then  
29 to Kenema and then the time Jungle and others came, he,

1 Sam Bockarie, said that he and Jungle and others were going to  
2 Kono to meet Issa there and they would be joined by Issa and then  
3 they would travel to Freetown to meet Johnny Paul Koroma. That  
4 was before they left.

10:11:00 5 Q. Madam Witness, in your testimony you have talked about  
6 70110 as the control frequency for the RUF. Do you recall?

7 A. Yes, that was the national frequency.

8 Q. And you also have talked about a control station for the  
9 RUF. Do you recall?

10:11:29 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now where was the control station for the RUF based?

12 A. Well, at the time Foday Sankoh and others came to Freetown  
13 the control station by then was based in Freetown and it was  
14 called Vision 1, but after Foday Sankoh had been arrested the  
15 control station was in Buedu under Sam Bockarie's command and it  
16 was called Planet 1 at that time.

10:11:59 15 Q. Madam Witness, when you talk about when Foday Sankoh was in  
18 Freetown what period are you talking about?

19 A. Well, that was the time he returned from Togo to Freetown.

10:12:27 20 At that time I don't know whether it was some time around 1997.  
21 I recall it was early '97. By then we had a radio station there  
22 that they called Vision 1 and that was the control station by  
23 then.

24 Q. Where is the control station for the RUF usually based?

10:12:58 25 Normally where is it based?

26 A. Well, it was based in Buedu under Sam Bockarie's command  
27 and that was even before Foday Sankoh returned. The control  
28 station was initially based in Buedu under Sam Bockarie's  
29 command.

1 Q. When you talk about even before Foday Sankoh returned, are  
2 you talking of a time before Johnny Paul's government came to  
3 power, or was it after that?

4 A. Well, it was after that.

10:13:56 5 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned the name of call sign Mike  
6 November and we have it on the records. For purposes of this  
7 question, your Honours, I refer to the page reference in the  
8 transcript just for purposes of correction at page 15597, line 8  
9 and at page 15599, line 21. We have at two different times the  
10:14:33 10 name coming up as Mike November 1 and there is Mike November 5.  
11 Can you clarify which one?

12 A. Well, that area has to be corrected. It was not Mike  
13 November 1. It was Mike November 5.

14 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, in your evidence on Friday you  
10:15:10 15 talked about instructions which had been received by Sam Bockarie  
16 regarding Johnny Paul Koroma being brought to Buedu. Do you  
17 recall that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you went on to say that Sam Bockarie instructed  
10:15:38 20 Superman to bring Johnny Paul Koroma to Buedu. Do you recall  
21 that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How did Sam Bockarie instruct Superman to bring Johnny Paul  
24 to Buedu?

10:15:56 25 A. Well, it was through the radio communication.

26 Q. And how did you know this?

27 A. Well, I monitored it in the radio room.

28 Q. When you say you monitored it, can you explain exactly what  
29 you did?

1 A. Well, I was in the radio room when he entered there and  
2 communicated with Superman regarding that.

3 Q. Do you know where Superman was at this time?

4 A. Well, he was around the Kono axis.

10:16:59 5 Q. Your evidence on Friday is that the instruction which  
6 Sam Bockarie had from Benjamin Yeaten was that they should bring  
7 Johnny Paul Koroma to Buedu because Johnny Paul had something for  
8 them. Do you recall that, that these were instructions that had  
9 been given to Sam Bockarie by Benjamin Yeaten? Do you recall  
10 that?  
10:17:25 10

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that this was what Charles Taylor had ordered Benjamin  
13 Yeaten to pass on to Sam Bockarie. Do you recall that?

14 A. Yes.

10:17:39 15 Q. Now when you said that Johnny Paul had something for them  
16 in this order, what do you mean by "something"?

17 A. Well, at that time I did not know anything.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Madam Witness.

19 MR ANYAH: I recall the evidence from Friday as being that  
10:18:04 20 the information Benjamin Yeaten allegedly conveyed to  
21 Sam Bockarie originated from a conversation between Foday Sankoh  
22 and Charles Taylor. The manner in which the question is posed  
23 today is that Charles Taylor ordered Benjamin Yeaten to direct  
24 Sam Bockarie to direct Superman, or to direct Sam Bockarie to get  
10:18:33 25 Johnny Paul to Buedu. The name Foday Sankoh is not included in  
26 this question today. Although the inference could be drawn that  
27 it was from Charles Taylor, the context in which it came through  
28 on Friday was that Yeaten got some information from a  
29 conversation Foday Sankoh had with Charles Taylor and acted upon

1 that information.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you refer us to the transcript,  
3 please, Mr Anyah?

4 MR ANYAH: If I may have a moment, Madam President. Your  
10:19:16 5 Honours, on page 15611, if you start at line 6 there was a  
6 question posed to the witness and this was in open session:

7 "Q. And what did he say that 50 told him, just one step  
8 up?

9 A. Sam Bockarie said that he had spoken to 50 and that 50  
10:19:47 10 instructed him that he should try to bring Johnny Paul to  
11 Buedu.

12 Q. Can you pause just so that we are able to take in what  
13 you have given us.

14 A. Okay.

10:20:00 15 Q. Then he had spoken to Johnny. Who did 50 say he got  
16 this instruction from?

17 A. 50 said he got the instruction from his dad, Charles  
18 Taylor, and that Charles Taylor said he and Foday Sankoh  
19 had discussed that 50 should instruct Sam Bockarie so that  
10:20:16 20 Sam Bockarie will help bring Johnny Paul to Buedu."

21 Friday you have in this context that Charles Taylor said  
22 that he and Foday Sankoh had discussed that, meaning how 50  
23 should instruct Sam Bockarie so that Sam Bockarie will bring  
24 Johnny Paul to Buedu. I mean it is inferable that, yes, Charles  
10:20:41 25 Taylor was the one who gave the directive, but the manner in  
26 which it comes out on Friday is that the directive came from both  
27 Foday Sankoh and Charles Taylor.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is a certain ambiguity as to who  
29 actually physically gave the instruction, but the answer does

1 show that there was some discussion. The word "discussed" is  
2 recorded between Mr Taylor and Foday Sankoh. So let's have a  
3 look at the question as put by Mr Bangura.

10:21:34 4 In actual fact, Mr Anyah, the question concerning Mr Taylor  
5 and Benjamin Yeaten has already been answered and the present  
6 question that has been put when you raised your objection is to  
7 clarify the something that Johnny Paul had. So it looks like  
8 your objection is a little bit late, but I do note that, as you  
9 correctly say, the transcript showed that it resulted from  
10:21:55 10 discussion. Put the question, Mr Bangura.

11 MR BANGURA:

12 Q. Madam Witness, the question again was about the  
13 instructions which were given to Sam Bockarie for Johnny Paul  
14 Koroma and you said that those instructions were that Johnny Paul  
10:22:25 15 Koroma should be brought to Buedu because he had something for  
16 them, "them" meaning the persons from whom those instructions had  
17 come?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's not entirely clear. I don't think  
19 that is - you are interpreting an answer, Mr Bangura.

10:22:41 20 MR BANGURA: I will limit it to the specific words of the  
21 instructions:

22 Q. The instructions were that they should bring something for  
23 them, do you recall that?

24 A. Yes.

10:22:52 25 Q. Now when they said - where the instruction says that Johnny  
26 Paul should bring something for them, what did that "something  
27 for them" mean as far as you recall?

28 A. Well, it means diamonds.

29 Q. How did you know that "something for them" meant diamonds?

1 A. Well, I knew that after Issa Sesay had raided Johnny Paul  
2 in Buedu and he collected so many diamonds from him and during  
3 that period Issa told Sam Bockarie that, you see, the Pa had  
4 arrived and had not wanted to hand over the diamonds, so if we  
10:23:41 5 had not razed him he wouldn't have handed over the diamonds to  
6 us.

7 Q. Where were you when Issa Sesay was saying these words to  
8 Sam Bockarie?

9 A. Well, I was in there. They sent me to look out for  
10 something for them. I was in their room. The both of them were  
11 in the room, Sam Bockarie and Mosquito. I mean Sam Bockarie and  
12 Issa Sesay.

13 Q. Where was this room?

14 A. In Sam Bockarie's bedroom.

10:24:20 15 Q. And you --

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, what does the witness mean,  
17 "If we had not razed him he wouldn't have handed over the  
18 diamonds"? I am looking at page 27, line 3.

19 MR BANGURA: I will get to that, your Honour:

10:24:38 20 Q. Madam Witness, you said that Issa Sesay was saying to  
21 Sam Bockarie that if they had not - if we had not razed him we  
22 could not have got diamonds. I am not reading in exact words,  
23 but what do you mean? What did Issa mean when he talked about  
24 "razed him"?

10:25:02 25 A. Raid. If they had not raided him. If they had not raided  
26 him they wouldn't have been able to get the things from him.

27 Q. When you talk about a raid, what do you mean? Did anything  
28 happen in Buedu?

29 A. Yes, after Johnny Paul had arrived in Buedu Sam Bockarie



1 lodged him in his own bedroom. They quit the bedroom - they  
2 quitted the bedroom and they lodged Johnny Paul in there, he and  
3 his wife, and they were there for over two weeks up to - in fact  
4 up to three weeks. And they were there for some times when Issa  
10:25:47 5 Sesay arrived from Kono to Buedu. So one particular morning we  
6 were sitting and we heard gunshots into the air and that took  
7 place over 30 minutes so all of us ran into the bush. So Issa  
8 Sesay after some times when we returned to town a few hours we  
9 did not meet Johnny Paul and his wife in the place and there were  
10:26:13 10 a series of bullet holes into the house at that particular time.

11 So for all day we did not see them, but late in the evening  
12 he brought Makuta in a vehicle, but we did not see Johnny Paul at  
13 that particular moment. It was later that we saw Johnny Paul.  
14 And they said they had taken him to Kangama and Johnny Paul was  
10:26:34 15 now in Kangama and the following day they took Makuta to him,  
16 that is his wife. So it was during the shootout that they  
17 collected everything from Johnny Paul, all the things that he had  
18 brought from Freetown, and it was during that process that they  
19 collected all the diamonds him, the foreign currencies and so  
10:26:55 20 many other things from Johnny Paul.

21 So it was as a result of that, that particular night, that  
22 Issa Sesay and Sam Bockarie entered Sam Bockarie's bedroom and he  
23 was showing the things, the diamonds, to Sam Bockarie. And he  
24 said if they had not raided Johnny Paul he wouldn't have handed  
10:27:18 25 over all the diamonds to them. He had wanted to escape with them  
26 to Monrovia.

27 Q. Madam Witness, do you know, apart from Issa Sesay, was  
28 anybody else involved in the raid that you have just described?

29 A. Well, the thing was like an arrangement between Issa Sesay

1 and Sam Bockarie, but Sam Bockarie did not do much about it. It  
2 was Issa Sesay who carried out the operation. He did not do  
3 much, because he did not really come up that much, because the  
4 people who did the raiding were his own bodyguards and Issa  
10:28:09 5 Sesay's bodyguards.

6 Q. To you know where Sam Bockarie was during the raid?

7 A. Well, he left the place and went to an old school building.  
8 He was standing there.

9 Q. How did you know this?

10:28:40 10 A. Well, it was his bodyguards who said it because  
11 Sam Bockarie's wife and I, we ran into the same bush and on our  
12 return he started asking for his husband - for her husband. She  
13 was asking, "Where is my husband?" Then one of his bodyguards  
14 explained to the wife that, "Master himself is at the old school  
10:29:03 15 building there". That was where he was standing throughout the  
16 operation when the operation was going on.

17 Q. Madam Witness, in your testimony on Friday also you  
18 mentioned a trip that Sam Bockarie had made to Liberia. Do you  
19 recall?

10:29:25 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Your evidence is that in fact he had - he made frequent  
22 trips to Liberia about that time, do you recall?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR ANYAH: I would be grateful for a page reference, if it  
10:29:46 25 please your Honours.

26 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, it is page 15619, lines 27 to  
27 28.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura.

29 MR ANYAH: Thank you, counsel.

1 MR BANGURA:

2 Q. Madam Witness, on this particular trip you said that  
3 Sam Bockarie came back with arms and you mentioned AK-47s. Do you  
4 recall that? You said brand new ones.

10:30:38 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you said that they had not even been used with AK  
7 rounds, do you recall?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What do you mean when you said that they had not even been  
10:30:52 10 used with AK rounds?

11 A. What I meant was that at that time they had not used them  
12 at all. That they were arms that had been used, no, they were  
13 brand new ones. They had not used them. They had not used them  
14 to fight at all. They were new.

10:31:17 15 Q. And you said that this trip - at this time Sam Bockarie  
16 made many trips. Just to be clear, when did he make this trip to  
17 Liberia?

18 A. Well, it was in early 1998.

19 Q. Are you able to tell whether this was before the  
10:31:46 20 intervention in which Johnny Paul Koroma's government was removed  
21 from power, or was it after the intervention?

22 A. Repeat that, please. I did not understand.

23 Q. Was the trip before Johnny Paul Koroma was removed from  
24 power, or was it after he left power?

10:32:23 25 A. The trip to Liberia at the time he brought the arms?

26 Q. That's correct.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you understand the question, Madam  
28 Witness?

29 THE WITNESS: It is not very clear to me.

1 MR BANGURA:

2 Q. Madam Witness, you recall that Johnny Paul Koroma was  
3 removed from power at a certain point. Do you recall that?

4 A. Yes.

10:32:55 5 Q. Now the trip which Sam Bockarie made to Liberia that he  
6 came back from with the new arms that you have mentioned and he  
7 came back with a uniform and a rank, do you recall whether this  
8 trip was before Sam Bockarie - before Johnny Paul Koroma was  
9 removed from power or was it after he was removed from power? Do  
10:33:22 10 you recall?

11 A. Well, it was before he was removed from power.

12 Q. You said that there were many trips during this time. The  
13 many trips that you talk about, were they before this particular  
14 trip or were they trips that were made after this trip?

10:33:50 15 A. Well, it was after.

16 Q. And where were you based when this trip was made when  
17 Sam Bockarie made this trip to Liberia?

18 A. Well, I was based in Buedu.

19 Q. Just to be clear, Madam Witness, where were you at the time  
10:34:13 20 that Johnny Paul Koroma was removed from power? Where were you?

21 A. I was in Buedu.

22 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, what was the state of  
23 communication in Buedu after you had come from Kenema and were  
24 based there? What was the state of communication within the RUF?

10:35:09 25 A. Well, the communication went back and forth within the RUF  
26 and outside the RUF. That is to say we were in Buedu when  
27 Sam Bockarie's radio station, which was the control station,  
28 through which we monitored all the RUF controlled zones and as  
29 well as the monitoring of Liberian stations, because we normally

1 received calls from Liberia into Buedu.

2 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that you in addition to calls  
3 within RUF controlled zones you monitored calls from - you  
4 monitored Liberian stations and then you go on to say that  
10:36:09 5 because you received calls from Liberia. Let us be clear. Are  
6 we talking of two things here? Did you monitor as well as  
7 receive calls from Liberia?

8 A. Well, we usually received calls from Liberia - Liberian  
9 stations, not just one station, into the RUF stations.

10:36:38 10 Q. Which stations did you receive calls from from Liberia?

11 A. Well, we received calls from Base 1. We received calls  
12 from Foxtrot Yankee. We received calls from Base 1 and even  
13 through the satellite phone. Communication went on through the  
14 satellite phone.

10:37:12 15 Q. Now who were you receiving calls from from Base 1?

16 A. From Sunlight, or Dew, or sometimes from Jungle.

17 Q. And these communications were directed to who?

18 A. Well, to Sam Bockarie.

19 Q. How did you know that these were calls directed to  
10:37:43 20 Sam Bockarie?

21 A. The operators at Base 1 usually called directly our  
22 national station which is Planet 1, Sam Bockarie's station.

23 Q. On whose behalf were these calls made from Base 1?

24 A. Well, it was from Benjamin Yeaten to Sam Bockarie.

10:38:23 25 Q. Can you describe normally how the communications go when  
26 there was a call from Base 1 to Planet 1?

27 A. Well, their station would come on, which was Base 1, and  
28 they will just say, "Base 1 for Planet 1". And if the Planet 1  
29 station was on it will say, "Planet 1 for Base 1 receiving" and

1 we had selected frequencies and sometimes they will just say,  
2 "Let's get there" or sometimes they will say, "Let's proceed",  
3 because we knew a particular frequency that was a secret  
4 frequency between Sam Bockarie's operators and Base 1 operators.

10:39:18 5 So whenever they came on and said, "Base 1 for Planet 1" if  
6 Planet 1 was on, Planet 1 will say, "Planet 1 receiving from Base  
7 1". They will either say, "Let's get there" or, "Let's proceed"  
8 so whenever they said that --

9 Q. Can I ask you to pace your answer. You are going a bit too  
10:39:39 10 fast. You've got to be interpreted and recorded as well.  
11 Continue, please.

12 A. Well, the Base 1 station would come on to the RUF national  
13 base and they would call Planet 1.

14 Q. And then what would happen?

10:40:15 15 A. And if Planet 1 was on or monitoring they will just say,  
16 "Let's get there" or, "Let's proceed". Then they will go to the  
17 secrete frequency that both operators knew so they will discuss  
18 whatever they wanted to discuss.

19 Q. Now was it usually only the operators who talked to each  
10:40:42 20 other, the operators from Base 1 and the operators from Planet 1  
21 during communications? Was it only these two people that talked  
22 to each other?

23 A. No, sometimes when they said that they would ask for us to  
24 report to our father, that is Sam Bockarie, and if Sam Bockarie  
10:41:08 25 was around we will tell them that he is around and they will say  
26 that their father wanted to get on to our father and that meant  
27 that Benjamin Yeaten wanted to get in touch with Sam Bockarie so  
28 that they would go ahead and we will switch over to the secret  
29 frequency and they will start discussing. If there was anything

1 very important that they wouldn't need to discuss on that  
2 particular net, Benjamin Yeaten would instruct Sam Bockarie to  
3 put on the 21.

10:41:44 4 Q. When you say Benjamin Yeaten would instruct Bockarie to put  
5 on the 21, what do you mean by the 21?

6 A. Well, that was the code name for the satellite at that  
7 time.

8 Q. The satellite what?

9 A. Satellite phone.

10:42:06 10 Q. Who had a satellite phone?

11 A. Well, it was Sam Bockarie who had the satellite phone.

12 Q. Do you know what sort of discussions went on between  
13 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten?

10:42:38 14 A. Well, the information that went on was regarding  
15 Sam Bockarie's travel to Monrovia, or sometimes Jungle's trip to  
16 Buedu at that time.

17 Q. When you say "Jungle's trip to Buedu", what do you mean?

18 A. Well, Jungle was the one who used to bring the arms and  
19 ammunition. He used to bring the supply to Buedu at that time.

10:43:10 20 Q. When did Jungle bring supplies to Buedu?

21 A. Well, I do not recall all the times now, because he used to  
22 bring arms and ammunition, food, clothing, shoes, so many other  
23 things. He used to bring them frequently at any time that we  
24 were short of them or that we needed them.

10:43:35 25 Q. Now you said that in the communications between Benjamin  
26 Yeaten and Sam Bockarie they would often talk about Jungle coming  
27 to Buedu. What exactly would they discuss about Jungle coming?

28 A. Well, at times when those two people met to discuss  
29 sometimes Benjamin Yeaten will tell Sam Bockarie that he will

1 send Jungle in two days time. That meant that Jungle was going  
2 to bring arms and ammunition within the two days. And if there  
3 was anything more important than that that they will need to  
4 discuss, he will - he will not just say, "I am sending Jungle  
10:44:22 5 with arms and ammunition". He will just say, "In two days time  
6 you should be expecting Jungle" and if there was anything more  
7 important than that he would instruct him to switch on the  
8 satellite phone.

9 Q. How did you know about the content of these communications,  
10:44:38 10 because they would be communicating either on a private, secret  
11 frequency if they were on the radio, or on the 21 they would be  
12 talking to each other privately? How did you know that this was  
13 one of the subjects they discussed, Judge's arrival in Buedu with  
14 arms and ammunition?

10:45:03 15 A. Yes, they did not discuss it in an open like that. It was  
16 not that open, but Sam Bockarie was a man who didn't keep  
17 secrets. As long as somebody was living with him where he was,  
18 whatever he did or he planned he would say it to that person or  
19 people. That was the man - that was the kind of man he was. He  
10:45:27 20 was brave.

21 Q. So what did Sam Bockarie say that you heard?

22 A. After the conversation, when he switched on the 21 and  
23 discussed, he said - when he was eating together with Eddie  
24 Kanneh I heard him say that Jungle was to come in two days time.  
10:45:55 25 The chief, who was Benjamin Yeaten, had sent Jungle and he would  
26 arrive in two days time, or maybe at times he will say he would  
27 arrive today. At times after one or two days we will see Jungle  
28 arrive with arms and ammunition.

29 Q. Madam Witness, it is not quite clear whether you are



1 talking of one particular situation here or you are giving a  
2 general picture of what happened. You have said that when Eddie  
3 Kanneh and - when he was eating together with Eddie Kanneh you  
4 heard him say - are you talking of one particular situation?

10:46:36 5 A. That was how he did it always. I just wanted to make  
6 reference to a particular situation, but that was what he did all  
7 along. He did not keep secrets. Whenever something happened  
8 after he would have spoken on the satellite phone he will discuss  
9 it with one or two senior officers he would see in the open, not  
10:47:03 10 in a room.

11 Q. Over what period did communications go on about Jungle  
12 coming with material from Liberia?

13 A. It was during '98 any time Jungle was to come or to go to  
14 Monrovia. Any time Jungle was to come to Buedu or any time he  
10:47:27 15 was to go to Monrovia such communications would go on.

16 Q. Were there any such communications after 1998?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. When after 1998 did such communications go on?

19 A. Well, even before the January 6th invasion such  
10:48:15 20 communication went on.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, are we talking about the  
22 secret communications on 21 and on the satellite phone, or are we  
23 talking about the ordinary radio communications that the witness  
24 was privy to? When you say "such communications", what are you  
10:48:36 25 referring to?

26 MR BANGURA: I believe I must have been very vague there.  
27 I will try to be more focused, your Honour:

28 Q. Madam Witness, you have talked about the communications  
29 between Bockarie and Yeaten usually on the 21 and that is where

1 they would discuss Jungle coming. Now how frequently did  
2 communications go on between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten on  
3 the 21 about Jungle's arrival in Buedu?

10:49:17 4 A. Well, whenever he needed something, arms and ammunition  
5 from Liberia, or whenever there was shortage or whenever he would  
6 want to travel to Liberia.

7 Q. When you say whenever he wanted to travel to Liberia, who  
8 would travel to Liberia?

9 A. Whenever Sam Bockarie wanted to travel to Liberia.

10:49:42 10 Q. Now talking about communications --

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I need to be sure. Was this  
12 witness - is the evidence that this witness was not privy to the  
13 private conversations on the 21 between Yeaten and Bockarie? Was  
14 she or was she not privy to these conversations on the satellite  
10:50:07 15 phone and on the 21?

16 MR BANGURA:

17 Q. Madam Witness, were you yourself present at any time when  
18 these communications went on? First of all, let us take the  
19 radio communications from Base 1 where the operators would call  
10:50:24 20 first to Planet 1. Were you yourself present at any time when  
21 communications went on between the two stations?

22 A. Yes, there were times I would be in the radio room. There  
23 were times when I would not be there.

24 Q. What about on occasions where the operators put - they put  
10:50:55 25 Benjamin Yeaten on the other side, that is from Base 1, and from  
26 Planet 1 Sam Bockarie is put on to communicate on a secret  
27 frequency. Have you been present at all during such  
28 communications between them?

29 A. There were times I was there and there were times I was not

1 there.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, being present is not the same  
3 as being privy. What I am interested in is whether she was privy  
4 to this conversation.

10:51:23 5 MR BANGURA: I am getting there, your Honour:

6 Q. You --

7 A. Yes, there were times I monitored it and there were times I  
8 knew it.

9 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall how often you monitored  
10:51:40 10 communications between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten when they  
11 were on a secret frequency?

12 A. Yes, there are times I was present and I heard them and  
13 there were times my colleague operators told me, because if it  
14 was time for operation or there was pressure on us or there was  
10:52:08 15 progress he would be frequent at the radio stations. In fact  
16 there were times when he himself operated the station. At that  
17 time he will not allow any operator to receive any call. He  
18 himself would be the operator for himself and during those times  
19 there were times he will not allow any female operator to receive  
10:52:32 20 or to be present or to be on the mic because he said that was  
21 time for operations.

22 Q. As regards communications that went between Sam Bockarie  
23 and Benjamin Yeaten on the 21, how did you learn about such  
24 communications?

10:52:58 25 A. Well, those communications would be done in a distant place  
26 in open terrain. The place was an open place. There was -  
27 normally that was where he installed the satellite phone, in an  
28 open place, and his bodyguards would be around him and they would  
29 discuss. After discussion he will come back and discuss it with

1 either Issa Sesay, if Issa Sesay was present or around, or Eddie  
2 Kanneh. It was through those conversations that I would know  
3 whatever they had discussed on the satellite phone.

10:53:49 4 Q. Were you present when he would explain or tell Issa Sesay  
5 or Eddie Kanneh about his communications on the satellite phone?

6 A. Yes, there are times I would be present.

7 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about trips by Jungle from  
8 Liberia with supplies, talking about arms and ammunition and some  
9 other items. Normally what would bring about Jungle travelling  
10:54:26 10 from Liberia with supplies to Buedu? Normally what would bring  
11 about him travelling?

12 A. Well, the operators in Buedu would receive calls from  
13 Benjamin Yeaten's radio station, so they would inform the  
14 operators to report on Planet 1 which was Sam Bockarie's. If  
10:55:00 15 Sam Bockarie then was present, was around, then he and Benjamin  
16 Yeaten will speak over the satellite phone. If there was any  
17 other important thing they wanted to discuss about he will  
18 instruct him to switch the satellite phone on and during that he  
19 will tell Sam Bockarie the day that Jungle was to move or when  
10:55:22 20 Sam Bockarie was to go to Monrovia. It was through that that we  
21 were able to know. So just after that conversation Sam Bockarie  
22 would either talk on the radio station or Jungle will say he will  
23 come in two days time.

24 Q. Now what normally happened with the material that Jungle  
10:55:49 25 brought to Buedu?

26 A. They will put it in the warehouse because they had two  
27 warehouses. One was at Sam Bockarie's house and the other one  
28 was not that far from Sam Bockarie's house. They will put it  
29 either in the warehouse or to the front lines to the various

1 commanders whenever they needed arms and ammunition.

2 Q. And did you know how Jungle brought these materials, the  
3 supplies, to Buedu?

4 A. Yes, I can say something about that, because Jungle's  
10:56:42 5 driver was with him and he told me that they picked up the arms  
6 and ammunitions from White Flower at night and they will bring it  
7 to Benjamin Yeaten's house in a pick-up and they will off-load it  
8 and reload it in a truck for Buedu and he said they would move at  
9 night.

10:57:12 10 Q. Madam Witness, you said Jungle's driver, he told you this.  
11 When did Jungle's driver - what is the name of Jungle's driver?  
12 What is the name of Jungle's driver who told you this?

13 A. He was called Alpha.

14 Q. Did he have a surname?

10:57:42 15 A. Alpha Jalloh.

16 Q. You said that Jungle's driver, Alpha Jalloh, would tell you  
17 or told you that they picked up the arms and ammunition from  
18 White Flower. Where was White Flower?

19 A. It was Charles Taylor's house in Congo Town.

10:58:05 20 Q. Where?

21 A. In Monrovia, Congo Town.

22 Q. And he said that they would bring the arms and ammunition  
23 to Benjamin Yeaten's house in a pick-up. Did he tell you where  
24 Benjamin Yeaten's house was?

10:58:27 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Where did he say it was?

27 A. It was in Congo Town, close to Charles Taylor's house.  
28 Charles Taylor's house was up the hill and if you go down the  
29 hill that was where Benjamin Yeaten's house was.

1 Q. Are you giving this answer based on your own knowledge of  
2 this location or are you saying that this is what Alpha told you?

3 A. Alpha told me this before I went to Monrovia. I had not  
4 been to Monrovia then, but I did not know the location of this  
10:59:06 5 White Flower or Benjamin Yeaten's house at that time until I  
6 myself went to Monrovia when I saw White Flower and Benjamin  
7 Yeaten's house.

8 Q. Now did Alpha tell you how the arms and ammunition and  
9 other supplies were then moved from Benjamin Yeaten's residence  
10:59:28 10 to Buedu?

11 A. I don't understand that question.

12 Q. How were the supplies moved? You said they were first  
13 taken from White Flower and brought to Benjamin Yeaten's  
14 residence and then they were reloaded into - you said they were  
10:59:50 15 reloaded into pick-ups I believe. How were they then transported  
16 to Buedu?

17 A. Well, that was why it was not just Jungle alone who went  
18 there. You know, the triple S, Special Security Service, guys  
19 were there. They had the uniform. They did the escort all  
11:00:19 20 throughout from Monrovia to Buedu.

21 Q. When you talk about the Special Security Service guys, who  
22 are you referring to specifically?

23 A. I mean Jungle, Junior and Sampson.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I don't think your original  
11:01:03 25 question has been answered. Your original question was, "How  
26 were they then transported to Buedu?"

27 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, when we get on to that original  
28 question, you have misstated her evidence. She did not say that  
29 the materials were brought to Benjamin Yeaten's residence and

1 then they were reloaded into pick-ups as you said to the witness.  
2 She said that they were transported to Benjamin Yeaten's place in  
3 pick-ups and then they were transferred to trucks. That is what  
4 her evidence was.

11:01:42 5 MR BANGURA: I apologise, your Honour. I was not quite  
6 sure. I was not at the right page and I was not quite sure where  
7 they were reloaded.

8 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, that is on page 42 at line 14. She  
9 describes how the materials were transported.

11:01:57 10 MR BANGURA: I take your point, your Honour:

11 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that the materials were  
12 brought to Benjamin Yeaten's place and they were reloaded into  
13 trucks. The question was how were they transported to Buedu?  
14 How were these materials brought to Buedu?

11:02:20 15 A. I said before that Alpha told me that they used to take the  
16 arms and ammunition from White Flower, Charles Taylor's house, at  
17 night and he will take them to Benjamin Yeaten's house in  
18 Monrovia. Then everything would be off-loaded and transferred  
19 into another pick-up or other pick-ups, other vehicles, and that  
11:02:46 20 same night they would leave for Buedu and they would go to Buedu  
21 with those arms and ammunition.

22 Q. And by what means did they travel?

23 A. Well, they will travel in vehicles, Jungle, Sampson and  
24 Junior, with the arms and ammunition in those vehicles that I  
11:03:13 25 have just named. They would go using the road through Foya  
26 airfield.

27 JUDGE LUSSICK: I notice in that latest answer she has  
28 omitted any reference to trucks whatsoever, but that was in her  
29 original answer.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Furthermore, Mr Bangura, you are a little  
2 grey about the foundation for this witness's knowledge of all  
3 this. I am more interested in finding out how she knows all  
4 this.

11:03:55 5 MR BANGURA: Your Honours --

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: You are tapering on to her original  
7 answer of what Alpha told her, but we are not sure that all of  
8 this is what Alpha told her.

9 MR BANGURA: I will get to that, your Honour:

11:04:08 10 Q. Madam Witness, you have told us that Alpha told you about  
11 how these supplies were - how they originated from Monrovia and  
12 on to the time they got to Buedu. Did you learn by any other  
13 means how these materials came to Buedu, apart from what Alpha  
14 told you?

11:04:43 15 A. Yes, Sam Bockarie himself said it. I heard it from him.

16 Q. What did Sam Bockarie say that you heard from him?

17 A. Well, he told me that there are times they will go to  
18 Charles Taylor's farm in Gbarnga. That was where they will  
19 arrange. And after he would have left to come then they will

11:05:04 20 transfer it to White Flower, from White Flower to Benjamin  
21 Yeaten's house and from Benjamin Yeaten's house they will come to  
22 Buedu.

23 Q. First of all, Madam Witness, you said that Sam Bockarie  
24 told you, or told you that they would go to Charles Taylor's farm  
11:05:27 25 in Gbarnga and that was from where they transferred the material  
26 to White Flower and then from White Flower to Benjamin Yeaten's  
27 house. Now when did Sam Bockarie tell you this?

28 A. The time we were in Buedu. There were times his wife told  
29 me.



1 Q. Was it just one time that you learnt this from  
2 Sam Bockarie's wife, or Sam Bockarie himself?

3 A. Well, from Sam Bockarie it was once and the other time his  
4 wife told me when he went and spent a long time.

11:06:12 5 Q. Who went and spent a long time?

6 A. Sam Bockarie.

7 Q. What did his wife tell you at this time?

8 A. His wife told me that her husband had said that he had a  
9 meeting in the farm, that is Charles Taylor's farm, and they were  
11:06:37 10 discussing how the things were to meet us in Buedu, she said  
11 because they had to make arrangements about the airfield, how the  
12 things were to meet us in Buedu, because the vehicles that Jungle  
13 and others were to come with were not big enough and the  
14 transportation from White Flower to 50's place - and moving from  
11:07:01 15 White Flower to 50 and from 50 to Buedu, that was a long process.

16 That was why they were arranging something that could be a little  
17 faster and that's how she told me about airfield. She said her  
18 husband had said they were going to construct an airstrip where  
19 they would be bringing materials, arms and ammunition.

11:07:27 20 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Just before we move on on this  
21 point I just want you to clarify a point that was raised earlier.  
22 Justice Lussick made the point about you talking about trucks and  
23 about pick-ups. At what point were weapons or supplies loaded  
24 into trucks and at what point were they loaded or reloaded into  
11:07:57 25 pick-ups? Can we be clear about that? You talked about loading  
26 from White Flower and then reloading at Benjamin Yeaten's place  
27 and you mentioned trucks, you have mentioned pick-ups. At what  
28 point were they in trucks and at what point were they in  
29 pick-ups?

1 A. Well, the time about the trucks, that was late 1999. At  
2 that time there was a problem between Foday Sankoh and  
3 Sam Bockarie, between Issa Sesay and Superman. It was during  
4 that time. There was no understanding between Sam Bockarie,  
11:08:41 5 Superman, Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh. So it was in that same  
6 December that they loaded up to five trucks. They had food.  
7 There was rice, onions, used clothing, sneakers, bails of  
8 sneakers, arms and ammunition in five trucks from Monrovia to  
9 Buedu. So during that time two trucks entered Buedu and that  
11:09:13 10 coincided with the time when Charles Taylor had told Mosquito to  
11 go to Monrovia and at that time Mosquito had sent his wife and  
12 children together with his mother, three days before we left  
13 Buedu for Monrovia. So all of them had gone.

14 Q. Madam Witness, we are going far into an area that I  
11:09:35 15 actually did not ask about. The question here was when there was  
16 loading of material, weapons, arms and ammunition, from White  
17 Flower, before they were taken to Benjamin Yeaten's place what  
18 were they loaded in from White Flower? Were they loaded in  
19 pick-ups or were they loaded in trucks?

11:10:04 20 A. Well, from White Flower to Benjamin Yeaten's house it was  
21 in pick-ups.

22 Q. And when you say they were reloaded at Benjamin Yeaten's  
23 place, where were they reloaded into, pick-ups or trucks?

24 A. Well, at that time the first that I am referring to it was  
11:10:24 25 in pick-ups. It was later that they loaded them in trucks. That  
26 was this latter part, late 1999.

27 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about meetings that took place in  
28 Buedu. In your answer to questions on Friday you mentioned  
29 meetings that took place in Buedu. Do you recall?

1 A. Yes, I can recall.

2 Q. Just before I get to meetings, apart from learning about  
3 the supplies that came through Alpha, were you at any time in  
4 Buedu when supplies came there?

11:11:40 5 A. Yes, many times. I was in Buedu all along.

6 Q. And what were your observations at those times?

7 A. Well, those times they used to bring arms and ammunition  
8 and it was the same Jungle and the two people, Sampson and  
9 Junior, they were the escorts.

11:12:02 10 Q. Now coming back to the point about meetings, you did in  
11 your earlier testimony say that there were meetings, about three  
12 meetings in Buedu. You already mentioned one of those meetings  
13 which you said took place when Johnny Paul Koroma came to Buedu.  
14 Do you recall that?

11:12:23 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Were you present at that meeting at all?

17 A. Well, I was not present at that meeting.

18 Q. How long after Johnny Paul came to Buedu was that meeting?

19 A. Well, it did not take up to one month that the meeting took  
11:12:47 20 place in Buedu.

21 Q. Madam Witness, just so that we have some sense of time, do  
22 you know how long it was after Johnny Paul had been removed from  
23 power that he actually arrived in Buedu?

24 A. Well, the first meeting took place around June. The second  
11:13:17 25 one took place around September and the last one took place some  
26 time in December, the same year I can recall.

27 Q. Thank you. Actually the question before that was how long  
28 after Johnny Paul - after he had been overthrown that he arrived  
29 in Buedu. Do you recall?

1 A. Within two to three weeks time roughly.

2 Q. Now what was the - where was the first meeting held, the  
3 one in June, if you recall?

4 A. Well, I can recall the first meeting was at Waterworks.

11:14:26 5 Q. And you have told this Court that in that meeting  
6 Sam Bockarie talked about unity and cooperation between the two  
7 groups, the RUF and the AFRC. Is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How did you know this?

11:14:50 10 A. Well, after Johnny Paul had arrived, he said it. He told  
11 Johnny Paul first that he had to convene a meeting for all the  
12 fighters, both the AFRC and the RUF, for them to put things  
13 together and to know how to operate and that he would announce to  
14 them that he had had an instruction from Sankoh that the RUF  
11:15:23 15 should take all orders from Johnny Paul, who was the present  
16 leader, and they were all aiming at one goal and everybody should  
17 be under Johnny Paul's command as they were having the same goal  
18 and to coordinate between the two parties how the operation was  
19 to go on.

11:15:47 20 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that Sam Bockarie told Johnny  
21 Paul that he was going to convene a meeting for all the fighters.  
22 How did you know this?

23 A. Well, he said it in the veranda and that was an open place  
24 and I heard it.

11:16:08 25 Q. Were you present when he said these words?

26 A. Yes, I said I heard it. I was there at the veranda and I  
27 heard it when he said it.

28 Q. And you said that one of the - or the idea for having this  
29 meeting was so that they would discuss cooperation and so that

1 they can coordinate between the two parties how the operation was  
2 to go on. Which operation are you referring to?

3 A. He meant - or I meant how the two movements, that is the  
4 AFRC and the RUF, would work together, how they should come  
11:16:53 5 together and work and do things in common. That's what I meant.

6 Q. Now this meeting which you said was in June, was it before  
7 or was it after the diamonds had been taken from Johnny Paul  
8 Koroma?

9 A. Before the diamonds were taken from Johnny Paul.

11:17:26 10 Q. Now you said the second meeting took place some time in  
11 September. Do you recall?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you recall who was present at that meeting?

14 A. Well, I can recall some people.

11:17:58 15 Q. Who do you recall that were present at the meeting?

16 A. Sam Bockarie was present, Issa Sesay, Rambo too was  
17 present, Junior, Five-Five was there, Jungle was there.

18 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness call back  
19 the last name.

11:18:22 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter asks that  
21 you call the last name. You said, "Jungle was there". The names  
22 after that.

23 THE WITNESS: Rambo, CO Isaac. I don't understand.

24 MR BANGURA: That will do, Madam Witness.

11:18:53 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Incidentally, Mr Bangura, you said  
26 September, but which year?

27 MR BANGURA: I will get to that, your Honour:

28 Q. Madam Witness, the meeting that we are referring to, and  
29 all of these meetings, in fact, you said one was in June and

1 another one was in September and the third one was in December.

2 In what year was that?

3 A. It was in 1999.

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4 Q. All of these meetings were in the same year, is that what  
5 you are saying?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now where was the meeting held in Buedu? Where in Buedu  
8 was it held?

11:19:41

9 A. Well, it was near Sam Bockarie's house, but I will say it  
10 was in the compound.

11 Q. Do you recall what was the purpose of convening this  
12 meeting?

13 A. Do you mean the second meeting?

14 Q. Yes, the second meeting.

11:19:58

15 A. Yes, it was at that time that Issa lost the diamonds in  
16 Monrovia, the diamonds he went with. So during that time the  
17 soldiers were all disgruntled. Nothing was going on well. So he  
18 convened this meeting to come up with a punishment that was to be  
19 meted out to Issa Sesay and to encourage soldiers to capture Kono  
20 so they would be able to get back the diamonds they had lost  
21 through Issa Sesay.

11:20:26

22 Q. Now who called this meeting? Who summoned the meeting?

23 A. It was Sam Bockarie who convened this meeting.

24 Q. How did you know that the meeting was called for these  
25 purposes that you have explained?

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26 A. He said it. He discussed it with Eddie Kanneh. I heard it  
27 myself when he was discussing with Eddie Kanneh that Issa had  
28 lost the diamonds and that was a big setback for the movement and  
29 the soldiers were all disgruntled and Issa feared front lines, so

1 he wanted to convene that meeting for the boys to be happy and  
2 everybody would come up with the decision as to what punishment  
3 was to be meted out to Issa and to organise. That was he, Sam  
4 Bockarie, was to organise and give more arms and ammunition to  
11:21:41 5 send missions out to Kono so the boys would be happy and they  
6 would name that mission Fitti-Fatta mission.

7 Q. Madam Witness, my question was how you knew about this and  
8 you said you heard Sam Bockarie discussing this with Eddie Kanneh  
9 and what you have just explained, was it all of what you heard  
11:22:08 10 from Sam Bockarie as he explained to Eddie Kanneh?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were you present at the meeting yourself?

13 A. I was not present in the meeting, but those who attended  
14 the meeting told me the same things, that that was how  
11:22:37 15 Sam Bockarie addressed the meeting.

16 Q. Do you know what followed from this meeting?

17 A. Yes, I can recall because Issa Sesay's punishment was they  
18 said they were to send him to the front line, that was Kono, and  
19 they decided at the meeting again that they were to send boys,  
11:23:11 20 that is fighters, to Kono to capture Kono Town and Issa Sesay was  
21 to lead that mission. He was to go to the front line. He should  
22 be there until Kono was captured. He should clear Kono.

23 And during that meeting they supplied arms and ammunition  
24 to the fighters there and many other things. They gave them a  
11:23:31 25 lot of supplies, they gave them a lot of rice, a lot of used  
26 clothing and brand new sneakers, white ones. Everything was in  
27 abundance.

28 Q. Madam Witness, how did you know this; that they were given  
29 all these supplies after the meeting?

1 A. It was in front of his house that the warehouse was, that  
2 is the store. It was as well called ammo dump. It was in front  
3 of his house. So after that meeting everybody came there and  
4 they were supplied arms, ammunition, and lots of them, and  
11:24:17 5 everything that they needed for the mission and at that time I  
6 was present.

7 Q. Who supplied who with arms and ammunition and all of these  
8 materials that you have described?

9 A. It was Sam Bockarie. It was Sam Bockarie who supplied Issa  
11:24:35 10 Sesay, Rambo and others with arms and ammunition.

11 Q. Now you have mentioned a mission that had been assigned to  
12 Issa Sesay. Was this mission given a name?

13 A. Yes, it was called Fitti-Fatta mission. I had mentioned it  
14 before.

11:25:01 15 Q. After the material had been supplied to Issa Sesay, Rambo  
16 and others do you know what happened?

17 A. Yes, they went to capture Koidu Town, but they failed, but  
18 they were able to capture some arms and ammunition and they  
19 captured some Guinean soldiers, but they were not successful in  
11:25:27 20 capturing Koidu Town.

21 Q. How did you know this?

22 A. Well, they sent radio message about that and I read it in  
23 the logbook.

24 Q. Do you recall who sent the radio message about the  
11:25:47 25 operation in - the Fitti-Fatta mission?

26 A. Well, it was Superman himself who sent the radio message,  
27 because Issa was afraid to send the message, so Superman sent the  
28 message.

29 Q. And do you recall who the message was sent to?



1 A. Yes, they sent the message to Sam Bockarie.

2 Q. You mentioned Superman. Where was he at this time?

3 A. He himself was around Kono.

4 Q. After this operation, or this mission, do you recall any  
11:26:44 5 other mission that was undertaken around this time, or later?

6 A. Well, after that mission had failed they carried - they  
7 undertook another mission around the Kono axis and they used to  
8 say, "Tell the civilians to take their hands off from the war"  
9 or, "Take their hands off and their feet off from the war". That

11:27:14 10 was the time they were amputating the civilians' arms and they  
11 were writing on them "RUF" and they amputated - they cut off  
12 their feet as well.

13 Q. What was this mission about, the mission that you just  
14 mentioned?

11:27:42 15 A. Well, they said because it was the civilians who used to  
16 leak information to the ECOMOG soldiers that they were coming, so  
17 that was the reason why they failed to capture Koidu Town.

18 Q. When you say they sent the mission, who sent the mission?

19 A. It was Mosquito, Sam Bockarie, who instructed Superman and  
11:28:06 20 Superman instructed Komba Gbundema. Komba Gbundema was the one  
21 who led the mission.

22 Q. What did - what did Mosquito instruct Superman to do?

23 A. He said because they had failed to capture Koidu Town they  
24 were to set example on one or two civilians so if the others saw  
11:28:36 25 that they would be afraid.

26 Q. Why was Mosquito - or why did they have to set one or two  
27 examples on civilians, do you know?

28 A. Well, they said it was because the civilians were the ones  
29 who leaked the information to ECOMOG that they were coming

1 around, that they were around there, that any movement that they  
2 took it was civilians who would pass the information on to  
3 ECOMOG.

4 Q. When you say they were coming --

11:29:10 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

6 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would be grateful for some  
7 foundation as to when both the Fitti-Fatta mission took place and  
8 the second operation. I do know there is evidence that in 1999  
9 there was a meeting in September where Fitti-Fatta was discussed.

11:29:27 10 It's not the same as when that "operation" took place and when  
11 this second operation about amputations also took place.

12 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I am not too sure about the  
13 point. My learned friend mentioned that he is aware that there  
14 was an operation or a meeting in 1999. I am not sure whether

11:29:55 15 that was --

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Fitti-Fatta movement was discussed,  
17 but when was it actually implemented? That is the question.

18 MR ANYAH: Yes, your Honour asked the question - the  
19 witness gave three months indications and your Honour asked the  
20 question what year was it that the second meeting took place.

11:30:10 21 The evidence that came out was it was September in 1999 and all  
22 that we have is that Fitti-Fatta was discussed in September 1999.  
23 We don't have any anything on the record as to exactly it took  
24 place. Neither is there anything on the record as to when this  
11:30:30 25 second operation when hands were amputated took place.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think that is a point, Mr Bangura, the  
27 actual times following the discussion. However, we are out of  
28 time for the tape and therefore we will take the break now and  
29 follow this up after the break.

1 Madam Witness, it's now time for the mid-morning break. We  
2 are going to adjourn court for half an hour and we will start  
3 court again at 12 o'clock. Please adjourn Court.

4 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

11:55:48 5 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, please proceed. And you will  
7 recall just before the break we were following up on this timing  
8 of the first and the second operation. And I note a change of  
9 appearance at your bar which I have not recorded.

12:00:09 10 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour. Your Honour, we have  
11 Mr Nicholas Koumjian on the Prosecution bench at this time.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura, so I will just  
13 revert --

14 MR BANGURA: Ms Brenda J Hollis left, thank you.

12:00:25 15 MR ANYAH: And, Madam President, our bar remains as before.  
16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. I was inviting you  
18 to proceed and reminding you of the two dates for the two  
19 operations which was an issue that had arisen before we took the  
12:00:55 20 short break.

21 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

22 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned that there were three meetings  
23 that took place in Buedu, do you recall?

24 A. Yes.

12:01:12 25 Q. Now these three meetings that you have referred to, were  
26 they within the same year that Johnny Paul Koroma was removed  
27 from power in Freetown?

28 A. Yes.

29 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I object to the leading nature

1 of that question. That question was posed previously and the  
2 answer - it wasn't posed in this particular form, but something  
3 to the same effect was posed, whether the meetings took place  
4 before or after Johnny Paul left office and now counsel is  
12:01:52 5 piggybacking on that and the inference is to lead the witness.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Plus you have already - well, you have  
7 already asked this question. I recall that series of questions  
8 clearly and so you are coming close to cross-examining your own  
9 witness, Mr Bangura. The question is to do with the dates of the  
12:02:11 10 two operations, not the meetings.

11 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I will proceed:

12 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned the Fitti-Fatta mission. Do  
13 you recall that?

14 A. Yes.

12:02:27 15 Q. When was the Fitti-Fatta mission? Was it actually - you  
16 mentioned that you heard about the mission being discussed, is  
17 that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Before the meeting that was convened and you mentioned also  
12:02:49 20 that there were supplies of arms and ammunition and other  
21 material to Issa Sesay and Rambo and others. Do you recall that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you recall when the mission itself took place?

24 A. Well, the meeting took place some time around September.

12:03:15 25 Q. Madam Witness, we are talking of a mission, the Fitti-Fatta  
26 mission. [Microphone not activated] meeting. We are talking of  
27 a mission.

28 A. Well, it was after the meeting that the mission took place.

29 It was during that meeting that the mission was discussed, the

1 mission that was to go on.

2 Q. And do you recall how long after the meeting that the  
3 mission took place?

4 A. Well, it was within two to three weeks time.

12:04:00 5 Q. You then also mentioned another mission which you said was  
6 undertaken after the Fitti-Fatta mission failed, do you recall?

7 A. Well, yes, I recall that.

8 Q. And you said that instructions were given by Sam Bockarie  
9 to Superman for this mission. Do you recall?

12:04:35 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And the mission had to do - can you remind the Court again  
12 what the mission was about?

13 A. Well, because the fighters failed to capture Koidu Town, I  
14 earlier informed the Court that they were able to capture some  
12:05:02 15 arms and ammunition and some Guinean soldiers.

16 Q. But then you mentioned that after this some instructions  
17 were given to Superman to do with civilians and that's the  
18 mission I am referring to. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes. They said Sam Bockarie told Superman that he should  
12:05:30 20 instruct his men for them to set one or two examples on  
21 civilians.

22 Q. And how long after the Fitti-Fatta mission was this new  
23 mission that you're talking about in which Sam Bockarie  
24 instructed Superman to go on?

12:05:54 25 A. It was within three to four months time. Between three and  
26 four months.

27 Q. And exactly what was Superman instructed to do?

28 A. Well, Sam Bockarie told Superman that he should set one or  
29 two examples on civilians so that will instill fear in the other

1 civilians and they will not be leaking information to the ECOMOG  
2 soldiers.

3 Q. How was Superman supposed to set examples - an example on  
4 civilians?

12:06:38 5 A. Well, he was to kill either one or two or to amputate some  
6 of their hands and to tell them to take their hands off the war.

7 Q. How did you learn about these instructions [microphone not  
8 activated] to Superman?

9 A. I read it in the logbook and I heard it when he was giving  
12:07:06 10 the instructions. I heard it from a distance, but later I went  
11 to the radio room to make sure that it was really true.

12 Q. When you said you read it in the logbook, which logbook? I  
13 am sorry, I withdraw that, your Honours. Where was this logbook?  
14 Where did you read this message in the logbook?

12:07:31 15 A. It was in the station, RUF radio station, in Buedu.

16 Q. Do you know whether these instructions were carried out by  
17 Superman?

18 A. Yes, after two or three days I heard it over the SLBS radio  
19 that around the Kono axis rebels were cutting off civilians'  
12:08:04 20 hands and they were killing civilians.

21 Q. Is that all that you learnt about what happened?

22 A. After that, I enquired in the station, I went there, and it  
23 was not long after that that Sam Bockarie went there and he  
24 called Komba Gbundema to be sure that was what had occurred in  
12:08:34 25 the place. And Sam Bockarie told Komba Gbundema that that was  
26 enough, he said because as long as the whole world had heard  
27 about the killings and the amputations let that be enough, let it  
28 stop there.

29 Q. Madam Witness, you said you went to enquire at the radio

1 room and then Sam Bockarie came there. How did Sam Bockarie talk  
2 to Komba Gbundema?

3 A. Well, the operator who was on the set at Komba Gbundema's  
4 was the one who gave all the information to Superman at the radio  
12:09:23 5 station. This was a dialogue among the three commanders, Komba  
6 Gbundema, Superman and Sam Bockarie. So after Sam Bockarie had  
7 asked Superman about this instruction, Superman said yes, that  
8 was what happened. Then he said, well, he should instruct his  
9 boys to stop the killings and the amputation because the whole  
12:09:47 10 world had heard about it.

11 Q. Do you know where Komba Gbundema was at this time, where he  
12 carried out this operation?

13 A. Well, at that time I heard that he was around that Saama  
14 [phon] Bendugu area, around the Kono District, but I don't know  
12:10:08 15 the area because he hadn't a permanent base at that time.

16 Q. And do you recall the operator for Komba Gbundema who  
17 passed information on to Sam Bockarie confirming the state of  
18 affairs?

19 A. Well, at that time it was Alice Pyne. Because there were  
12:10:43 20 two operator there is. Alice Pyne was there and Jusu was there,  
21 but it was Alice Pyne who coordinated the dialogue.

22 Q. Madam Witness, can we be clear about the second operator.  
23 You said Alice Pyne and who was the other person?

24 A. J-U - he was called Jusu, but I don't know his other name.

12:11:13 25 Q. Did you know of any other operation that took place in the  
26 Kono area apart from the two that you have discussed already?

27 A. Well, operations used to go on, but I cannot recall them  
28 now.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, sorry to take you a little

1 back. The witness just said something that is rather ambiguous.  
2 Let me just find it. I am looking at page 63, line 13, or line  
3 11 where you ask her, "Is that all that you learnt about what  
4 happened?" And she answered, "After I enquired in the station",  
12:12:12 5 that's the radio station, "I went there and it was not long after  
6 that that Sam Bockarie went there and he called Komba Gbundema".  
7 I am not sure where "there" is? Is that to Kono where these  
8 things had happened, or where?

9 MR BANGURA: I will take it up, your Honour:

12:12:32 10 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned that after you learnt from the  
11 radio, SLBS radio, about crimes that had been committed in the  
12 Kono axis, you then went to the radio station to find out?

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: That is not what she said, Mr Bangura,  
14 and that is precisely my point. You keep saying she went to the  
12:12:59 15 radio station. I have shown you the text. You are the one  
16 saying she went to the radio station. She didn't.

17 MR BANGURA:

18 Q. You said you went "there" and you said Sam Bockarie after a  
19 while went "there". When you say "there" where do you refer to?

12:13:17 20 A. I said I went to the radio station to go and enquire if it  
21 was correct. It was not long after that that Sam Bockarie went  
22 to the radio station. I think that is clear enough now is.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Thank you, Madam Witness. It is clear.

24 THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you.

12:13:35 25 MR BANGURA:

26 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall an operation called Spare No  
27 Soul?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. What do you recall about this operation?



1 A. Well, I can recall at that time when they said Abacha had  
2 died, Sani Abacha. So it was during that time - I can recall  
3 that operation because at that time people of were happy, the RUF  
4 soldiers were, the commanders, everybody was happy at that time.

12:14:23 5 Q. And do you recall exactly what happened during that period?

6 A. Well, it was that time - because that time when Abacha died  
7 was the time that that mission was arranged, because the Spare No  
8 Soul mission, Sam Bockarie said because Abacha had died and he  
9 was one of the big men for ECOMOG and that he was dead the

12:14:55 10 soldiers would be weakened, everybody would be discouraged, so if  
11 they undertook any operation at that time they would be able to  
12 chase the ECOMOG out and they would be able to regain their  
13 positions because they were sad at that time and that would  
14 weaken them. That was why the mission was called operation Spare

12:15:15 15 No Soul and they were not to capture soldiers - they were not to  
16 capture ECOMOG soldiers and take them to him in Buedu. Spare No  
17 Soul meant that anybody who saw any of them, they should kill  
18 those soldiers. Any soldier they saw was to be killed. They  
19 were not to take any soldier to him in Buedu.

12:15:32 20 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall where this mission took place,  
21 or this operation took place?

22 A. Well, it was around that Kono axis, but I don't know the  
23 particular place.

24 Q. Do you recall whether any particular commander was involved  
12:15:53 25 in this operation?

26 A. Well, Komba Gbundema. I can still recall that Komba  
27 Gbundema went on this operation.

28 Q. And do you recall what happened during the course of this  
29 operation?

1 A. Yes, Komba Gbundema reported that they killed many  
2 civilians and ECOMOG soldiers too during this operation.

3 Q. And who did Komba Gbundema report this information to?

4 A. He reported it to Superman and Sam Bockarie.

12:16:41 5 Q. How did you know that Komba Gbundema reported this  
6 information to Superman and Sam Bockarie?

7 A. Alice Pyne told me this and the other operator who was on  
8 duty at that time to Sam Bockarie, who was Ebony, he too said  
9 that and I read it in a logbook as well.

12:17:05 10 Q. When you say Alice Pyne told you this, how did she tell  
11 you?

12 A. Well, she came on and said they went on a mission and said  
13 that was how things happened, that they killed many civilians and  
14 they said - and she said anybody who saw them, that person was a  
12:17:31 15 dead person. And anybody they saw too, that person was a dead  
16 person.

17 Q. You said you also learnt this information from Ebony?  
18 Where did you learn this from Ebony?

19 A. He was on duty at that time. He was on set, Planet 1 radio  
12:17:53 20 station.

21 Q. You have talked about other missions that --

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, when a witness says, "Anybody  
23 who saw them" and, "They saw too that person was a dead man", who  
24 is "them" and "they"? And what does it mean "was a dead  
12:18:14 25 person"?

26 MR BANGURA:

27 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that when they went on the  
28 mission - I asked you how the things happened and you said, "They  
29 killed many civilians and they said - she said anybody who saw

1 them, that person was a dead person. And anybody they saw too,  
2 that person was a dead person". What do you mean? Can you  
3 explain that?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is not exactly what do you mean. As  
12:18:52 5 Justice Sebutinde has pointed out that there is also "they" and  
6 "them" as well as the meaning of the expression.

7 MR BANGURA: Thank you.

8 THE WITNESS: The RUF, that was Komba Gbundema and his  
9 group.

12:19:05 10 MR BANGURA:

11 Q. You have used "they" and "them" referring to different  
12 people. Who are "they" and who are "them"?

13 A. That's what I wanted to clarify. Komba Gbundema's group  
14 that undertook the mission around the Kono axis, they said any  
12:19:27 15 civilian whom they saw, that civilian - they will kill that  
16 civilian. And anybody who saw them, they will kill that person  
17 and if - Komba Gbundema's group, that is the RUF fighters, if  
18 they spared any - if they wanted to for example spare the  
19 civilian, that civilian's hand would be amputated. That would be  
12:19:55 20 the only way they would spare that civilian.

21 Q. And when you say "that was a dead person", what do you  
22 mean? Talking about dead person, what do you mean?

23 A. They will kill that person. They will kill that person.  
24 That's what I meant.

12:20:21 25 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, you talked about other  
26 operations or when you have talked about other operations already  
27 you talked about Fitti-Fatta and you talked about another  
28 operation where civilians were targeted for being involved in the  
29 war. Now this Operation Spare No Soul that you have talked

1 about, was it before or was it after any of those two operations?

2 A. This Spare No Soul preceded the Fitti-Fatta. After Spare  
3 No Soul and Fitti-Fatta it was just continuation. They did not  
4 rest even. They used to run some minor operations within the  
12:21:14 5 Kono axis. They did not base anywhere any more. They used to  
6 run some minor operations to gain some more ground from the  
7 ECOMOG soldiers.

8 Q. Are you able to give us a sense of time between the Spare  
9 No Soul operation, how long it took before they then went to the  
12:21:31 10 Fitti-Fatta. You said these were operations that were going on.

11 A. It was within three to four months time, maybe.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, is this witness not able to  
13 say precisely in the month of so and so? Why do you have to give  
14 us these relative timings if the witness is able to say in the  
12:21:52 15 month of so and so in this year this operation happened. You  
16 haven't tested her.

17 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I will try and test the witness:

18 Q. Do you recall in what - you have said that the Operation  
19 Spare No Soul took place during the - or when Abacha died. Do  
12:22:14 20 you recall that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And then you said after that they had Fitti-Fatta mission.  
23 Do you recall that?

24 A. Yes.

12:22:24 25 Q. And do you recall in what month that was? You have said  
26 between three to four months. Can you tell us about what month?

27 A. Well, I will try, because it was just after those meetings  
28 that the operations took place and, as I have earlier told the  
29 Court, the first meeting took place around June, then the second

1 one took place around September and the third one some time  
2 around December. That was before the January 6th.

3 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Madam Witness, you mentioned -  
4 when talking about supplies that came from Monrovia to Buedu you  
12:23:24 5 mentioned that Jungle would come with food, clothing, arms and  
6 ammunition and that he came frequently. How frequently did  
7 Jungle come on those trips?

8 A. Well, Jungle used to come any time Sam Bockarie requested  
9 for ammunition or any time Sam Bockarie got information from the  
12:23:58 10 front line commanders that they were short of arms and  
11 ammunition, so he used to call. That was how Jungle came. That  
12 was why he came. Maybe there are times after every two weeks and  
13 there are times after every three weeks. He used to come there  
14 frequently.

12:24:19 15 Q. And these trips occurred within what period? Do you recall  
16 within what period he made these frequent trips to Buedu?

17 A. Well, those frequent trips were from early 1998, throughout  
18 '98 to mid-1999.

19 Q. When you say the frequent trips, after mid-1999 how would  
12:24:41 20 you describe them? Were there other trips after mid-1999?

21 A. Yes, that was Sam Bockarie himself. He used to go to  
22 Monrovia.

23 Q. How frequently did Sam Bockarie travel to Monrovia himself?

24 A. He used to go to Monrovia after two weeks, maybe - at times  
12:25:06 25 when he would come it may not be even up to two weeks then he  
26 will go, but there are times he will spend a month before he will  
27 go there again. That was how it was.

28 Q. Madam Witness, your evidence is that Sam Bockarie was in  
29 Buedu between early '98 to the end of 1999 before he left to go

1 to Monrovia. Is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Within this period how would you describe the trips that he  
4 made? You have talked about sometimes within two week intervals.

12:25:40 5 You have also talked about sometimes a month. At what period  
6 would he or did he make trips that were within the two week  
7 intervals? Over what period did he do longer intervals?

8 A. Well, whenever he had diamonds from Kono he will go there  
9 frequently, after every two weeks he would go. And at that time  
12:26:06 10 he used to go by air, by helicopter. He will take off from Buedu  
11 using a vehicle and that - Marvel would escort him to Foya  
12 airfield and from Foya airfield he will board the helicopter to  
13 Monrovia.

14 Q. Madam Witness, let us focus first in the first year, 1998.  
12:26:33 15 Were the trips very frequent in 1998?

16 A. Well, they were not very frequent. It was Jungle who used  
17 to go there frequently. He used to go there once in a while.  
18 His trips were not very frequent as compared to 1999.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, is the "he", Jungle or who?

12:26:58 20 MR BANGURA:

21 Q. Madam Witness, when you said "he" and referring to his  
22 trips were not so frequent, who were you referring to?

23 A. Sam Bockarie's trips were not very frequent at that time.  
24 It was Jungle who used to come there frequently. Even though  
12:27:23 25 Sam Bockarie himself used to travel there, but it was not very  
26 frequent, as compared to 1999 when he used to go there.

27 Q. You mentioned that Sam Bockarie would make trips to  
28 Monrovia when he had diamonds. How did you know this?

29 A. He had people that brought diamonds. There were RUF

1 soldiers in Kono who used to bring diamonds to him. Whenever the  
2 RUF soldiers would bring these diamonds within that two days he  
3 would go to Monrovia.

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4 Q. How did you know that RUF soldiers from Kono brought  
5 diamonds to him?

6 A. I heard it from Sam Bockarie and his wife.

7 Q. What did you hear from Sam Bockarie and his wife? Sam  
8 Bockarie, first of all.

12:28:47

9 A. Well, there were times Sam Bockarie would discuss with Issa  
10 whenever Issa would come from Kono to Buedu. And there are times  
11 he will discuss it with Eddie Kanneh if Issa was not present. He  
12 would say, "I have had some amount of diamonds, some quantity of  
13 diamonds. I will travel to Monrovia one of these two days" and  
14 one of these two days that he would be referring to he must

12:29:11

15 travel.

16 Q. Now how did you learn --

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, it's not clear. Look at the  
18 quotation on the transcript. "I have heard some amount of  
19 diamond, Sam quantity of diamonds. I will travel to Monrovia one  
20 of these two days". What's that?

12:29:28

21 MR BANGURA:

22 Q. Madam Witness, when you say, "I will travel to Monrovia one  
23 of these two days" what do you mean?

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, Mr Bangura, "I have heard some amount  
25 of diamonds". What does that mean?

12:29:42

26 MR BANGURA:

27 Q. Madam Witness, it's recorded here that you say you had  
28 heard, meaning you - he'd heard some amount of diamonds. Is that  
29 - what does that mean? "Heard" meaning hearing, to hear. That

1 is what is recorded. Can you say again what you said what  
2 Sam Bockarie would say?

3 A. I said I heard when Sam Bockarie would speak to Issa Sesay  
4 or Eddie Kanneh, I would hear him telling Eddie Kanneh saying  
12:30:27 5 that he had received some diamonds and that he would either  
6 travel today or tomorrow and he must travel within those two days  
7 that he would mention.

8 Q. You also mentioned that you heard information from  
9 Sam Bockarie's wife about his travelling to Liberia with  
12:30:52 10 diamonds. Exactly what did you hear?

11 A. There were times she will tell me that, "Well, very soon  
12 all of us would be the same, because my husband will be going to  
13 Monrovia. He has received some diamonds. 50 has requested him  
14 to go" or, "Charles Taylor has asked that he should go. In fact,  
12:31:19 15 the diamonds, some of the diamonds that he had he had given some  
16 to me because he is not going to go with everything". So she  
17 will just jokingly tell me that all of us are going to be the  
18 same because I am going to be husbandless one of these days  
19 because my husband will be going to Liberia.

12:31:40 20 Q. Madam Witness, from the answer you've just given it's not  
21 clear whether you are referring to one particular instance where  
22 Sam Bockarie's wife told you this or whether you're referring to  
23 a situation that occurred on more than one occasion. Can you be  
24 clear what - when did you get this --

12:32:01 25 A. I am talking about many times, not just one trip, not a  
26 day's thing. She did not just tell me that once. I am referring  
27 to the wife.

28 Q. Now what was the name of Sam Bockarie's wife that you are  
29 referring to?



1 A. She was called Hawa.

2 Q. Now you mentioned that Bockarie would travel whenever RUF  
3 officers came from Kono and brought him diamonds. Do you recall  
4 that?

12:32:46 5 A. Yes. They will send a radio message. They would not just  
6 come like that. They would only come after he had asked them to  
7 come and receive arms and ammunition, but whenever he had a  
8 request from any of the commanders he would either go or Jungle  
9 and others would come to Buedu.

12:33:08 10 Q. Madam Witness, it is not quite clear who went. The  
11 question was we are talking of commanders coming from Kono and  
12 you're talking of either he goes or Jungle came. It's not so  
13 clear. Can you explain? The question is how did you know that  
14 these commanders were coming from Kono to Sam Bockarie?

12:33:50 15 A. What I said is the commanders would not just leave the  
16 front lines like that and come. They would receive a radio  
17 message and they will send an information asking Sam Bockarie in  
18 Buedu that they wanted arms and ammunition, so he, Sam Bockarie,  
19 will tell them to either come and receive the arms and ammunition  
12:34:11 20 or he, Sam Bockarie, if there was shortage at the warehouse he  
21 will travel to Monrovia. Or if Sam Bockarie did not travel to  
22 Monrovia, Jungle and others will come from Monrovia to Buedu with  
23 arms and ammunition.

24 Q. I was asking about commanders coming, you said when they  
12:34:33 25 had diamonds. That's the point. I am not talking about Jungle  
26 travelling from Buedu.

27 A. I meant a commander would not just come to Buedu like that.  
28 There was a mining commander in Kono. There was a mining  
29 commander in Kono, so when they would have presented the diamonds

1 to him there were two people that I understood or that I can  
2 still recall used to bring diamonds to Buedu to Sam Bockarie.  
3 Kennedy was one and other one was KGB. Those are the two people  
4 I can recall their names who used to bring diamonds in Buedu to  
12:35:17 5 Sam Bockarie.

6 So whenever they came I would know that they had brought  
7 diamonds, or whenever they got diamonds they will be in Kono and  
8 tell Sam Bockarie that they had had some things, and that was  
9 diamonds, so Sam Bockarie in turn would instruct the mining  
12:35:35 10 commander to send the diamonds by - through KGB or Kennedy to  
11 bring the diamonds to Kono - sorry, to Buedu.

12 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned two names of mining commanders  
13 and you said "when they" --

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I don't believe the witness  
12:35:57 15 referred to either Kennedy or KGB as being mining commanders. I  
16 thought she meant that they were the couriers sent by the  
17 commanders.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think, Mr Bangura, that is what the  
19 witness has said. "... I still recall used to bring diamonds to  
12:36:14 20 Sam Bockarie. Kennedy was one and the other was KGB". The word  
21 commander is not on record.

22 MR BANGURA: I do not wish to argue it. I will get the  
23 witness to clarify, but reading from the beginning of line - page  
24 78, line 10, I think the witness starts talking about a mining  
12:36:39 25 commander from Kono and she continues along that line and  
26 mentions the names, but I will get the witness to clarify.

27 MR ANYAH: Very well.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: It appears Mr Anyah has accepted what you  
29 have said.

1 MR ANYAH: I am sorry, I do not.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: You do not?

3 MR ANYAH: Sorry, Madam President. I am looking at page  
4 76. Counsel's initial question starts at line 4 and the response

12:37:06 5 continues up until line 12. The question was:

6 "Q. I was asking about commanders coming and you said when  
7 they had diamonds. That is the point. I am not talking  
8 about Jungle travelling from Buedu.

9 A. I meant a commander would not just come to Buedu like  
10 that. There was a mining commander in Kono. There was a  
11 mining commander in Kono, so when they would have presented  
12 the diamond to him there, there were two people that I  
13 understood or that I can still recall used to bring  
14 diamonds to Buedu to Sam Bockarie. Kennedy was one and the  
12:37:42 15 other was KGB."

16 My objection is that the witness is saying Kennedy and KGB  
17 are couriers and she didn't refer to them as commanders.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I understood that completely, Mr Anyah,  
19 and then Mr Bangura has undertaken to clarify the point.

12:37:59 20 MR BANGURA:

21 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned two names, Kennedy and KGB.  
22 Do you know whether these two persons had any particular titles  
23 that they carried for the work they were doing?

24 A. Well, they had titles, but for now I cannot recall. They  
12:38:24 25 had titles.

26 Q. You mentioned mining commanders in one of your previous  
27 answers. Who were the mining commanders that you were referring  
28 to?

29 A. Well, there was one called Moriba. There was a mining

1 commander I can recall in Kono, he was called Moriba. But those  
2 two people that I have just mentioned their names, KGB and  
3 Kennedy, they were the ones who brought the diamonds to Buedu to  
4 Mosquito, but the diamond commander himself was in Kono at that  
12:39:05 5 time who was called Moriba, I don't know his last name or if he  
6 had any other name, but that was the name I knew for him at that  
7 time.

8 Q. Do you recall how often KGB and Kennedy came to Buedu?

9 A. Yes, the two of them never came there at the same time.

12:39:40 10 They did not come together. If for example this one comes this  
11 trip, the next trip the other one would come. If Kennedy comes  
12 this trip - because there were various areas, not just one place  
13 or one village that they mining in the Kono area. There were  
14 different places. So when this one would come from this other

12:39:59 15 angle, when they would have given diamonds to that person he  
16 would bring them. And this other one, he came from other angle,  
17 when diamonds would be given to him he would bring them. The two  
18 of them did not come together at the same time. When this one  
19 comes this time the other one would come some other time. They  
12:40:17 20 never came at the same time.

21 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall over what period these two men  
22 KGB and Kennedy came from Kono with diamonds to Sam Bockarie in  
23 Buedu?

24 A. They used to come many times. I cannot recall the number  
12:40:43 25 of times now, because I did not keep record of that. But they  
26 came there frequently. Whenever they got something they would  
27 bring it.

28 Q. Now how did you know that they had brought diamonds when  
29 they came to Sam Bockarie in Buedu?

1 MR ANYAH: Madam President, with respect, we still don't  
2 have the date when this was happening and that is what counsel  
3 was trying to elicit and the question was not answered by the  
4 witness and it has now moved to another question.

12:41:13 5 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the witness has given us what  
6 would be in her knowledge and estimation some idea of when  
7 diamonds were brought. Your Honours, I can pursue that further,  
8 but the point is that we are operating within a time frame and  
9 the witness has not been quite precise, I take the point, but  
10 this is the witness's recollection.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, the witness said, "They came  
12 many times. I cannot recall the number of times. I did not keep  
13 a record. They came frequently", but I do not know from that and  
14 what precedes it within what time or what years these frequent  
15 trips were made; whether it was over a period of one or two  
16 years, or one or two months and, if so, in which dates.

17 MR BANGURA:

18 Q. Madam Witness, your evidence is that Sam Bockarie was in  
19 Buedu between 1998, early '98, and late 1999. Is that correct?

12:42:30 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, these two men who came from Kono, KGB and Kennedy,  
22 within what period did they come to Buedu with diamonds?

23 A. From 1998 to late 1999 up to that month, December, when  
24 they went to Monrovia.

12:43:01 25 Q. Now you have said that they would come frequently  
26 sometimes. How frequent were they on these trips to Sam Bockarie  
27 within the time period that we are talking about?

28 A. Well, there were times they used to come every two weeks  
29 and sometimes they used to come monthly.

1 Q. And did this frequency continue right through between '98  
2 and 1999?

3 A. Yes.

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4 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned three meetings and we have  
5 talked about two of those meetings in Buedu and you said there  
6 was a third meeting with which took place some time in December,  
7 is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who convened this meeting?

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10 A. It was Sam Bockarie who convened this meeting. He said it  
11 was for all vanguards, the meeting was meant for all vanguards,  
12 because after Issa had lost that diamond there was no cooperation  
13 and the punishment that was meted out to him to go and clear Kono  
14 was not successful. He did not succeed in capturing Kono, so the  
15 soldiers were disgruntled. There were some problems then between  
16 Superman and Issa Sesay and Superman and Sam Bockarie, so there  
17 was no understanding.

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18 Even among the vanguards there were misunderstandings, and  
19 after the raiding of JPK, that is Johnny Paul Koroma, they called  
20 for SAJ and the other people and they did not go there and after  
21 JPK had been raided the problem spread, there was no unity, there  
22 was no understanding within the command structure, so there were  
23 a lot of problems. That was why the meeting was called for the  
24 vanguards, so they will put the boys under control, because  
25 everybody was doing his own thing. That was why they called this  
26 meeting particularly in Buedu.

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27 Q. How did you know that these were the reasons why the  
28 meeting was called?

29 A. Well, whenever Sam Bockarie would call a meeting he would

1 announce it. He will say it. He will discuss it either with  
2 Issa Sesay or with Eddie Kanneh, those two people. He will say  
3 it to them before ever he would convene the meeting. That was  
4 how I knew about the meeting.

12:46:44 5 Q. [Microphone not activated] this meeting, did Sam Bockarie  
6 discuss the idea of a meeting before the meeting took place with  
7 any of the two persons that you have mentioned?

8 A. Yes, he discussed it with Eddie Kanneh and in that same  
9 meeting they discussed about the Kono issue. From Kono they were  
12:47:13 10 to advance to Freetown, because during that time --

11 Q. Witness, can I pause you for a while. We will get to --

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Now when you say that this meeting was discussed with Eddie  
14 Kanneh, where was it discussed before the meeting I am referring  
12:47:36 15 to - this is your evidence that this meeting was discussed, the  
16 idea of a meeting was discussed with Eddie Kanneh by  
17 Sam Bockarie. Where was it discussed?

18 A. Well, it was at Sam Bockarie's veranda where they were  
19 eating. By then they were serving them food, so he was  
12:47:58 20 discussing that with Eddie Kanneh. That was how I heard it.

21 Q. When you say they were serving them food, who were the  
22 "they" who were serving them food?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, did you hear the question?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12:48:23 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you answer the question?

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I don't know. In private  
27 session this witness laid out a number of roles that she did not  
28 want the public to know she performed. Now this question you are  
29 asking, I don't know if it is one of those roles that you are

1 alluding to, because the witness is hesitant.

2 MR BANGURA: I was just going to get the witness to --

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: She is your witness and you have the  
4 information, we don't, but I can see from her face that she is  
12:49:07 5 distraught.

6 MR BANGURA:

7 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that they were being served  
8 food and then the discussion took place about the meeting - Sam  
9 Bockarie discussed the meeting.

12:49:21 10 A. Well, somebody was serving them food and I was around and I  
11 heard him discuss it with Eddie Kanneh.

12 Q. And you have said --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Bangura. Mr Anyah?

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, may I request a private  
12:49:39 15 session? I would like to be heard on this issue in private  
16 session.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which issue?

18 MR ANYAH: This issue of the sequence of questions and the  
19 answer just given by the witness.

12:49:51 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you mean you are making an objection?

21 MR ANYAH: Yes, I would like to make that objection in  
22 private session.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura?

24 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, in the interests of the security  
12:50:06 25 of the witness I would not object to the application. It is  
26 difficult to know what the nature of the objection is, but if it  
27 relates to the security of the witness I would not object.

28 [Trial Chamber conferred]

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will grant that application. For



1 those members of the public that are within the Court precincts  
2 and monitors listening, there will be some legal argument. It  
3 will be in private session for reasons of security of the  
4 witness. Please implement that.

12:50:40 5 Madam Witness, there is going to be something said by the  
6 lawyers. It will not be heard by anybody else. It will not be  
7 broadcast. It will only be heard by the people inside the Court.  
8 Do you understand?

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

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11 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of  
12 the transcript, pages 15695 to 15699, was  
13 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as  
14 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

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

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we are back in open  
4 session and I again remind you of your obligation to ensure that  
12:59:45 5 your answers do not reveal your security. Mr Bangura, proceed.

6 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, just to get the witness to be  
7 reassured that the series of questions which we have just had  
8 were actually in private session. I am not too sure whether the  
9 witness was quite aware of that fact. I may not have got the  
13:00:16 10 point:

11 Q. Madam Witness, we were talking about this meeting that took  
12 place and the point we last discussed was Sam Bockarie discussing  
13 the idea of a meeting with Eddie Kanneh. You said that during  
14 the meeting they also discussed something about Freetown, about  
13:00:48 15 moving towards Freetown. Do you recall saying that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you explain clearly what they discussed at the meeting  
18 about Freetown?

19 A. He said they should discuss about how to go and attack  
13:01:18 20 Freetown during that particular mission and that they were at  
21 first supposed to clear up Kono and he said that Kono, Superman  
22 and Komba Gbundema and others should combine. It should be a  
23 uniform mission. They together with SAJ and others, because by  
24 then there weren't existing communication between them. He said  
13:01:46 25 after they and SAJ would have cleared up Kono they should go to  
26 Kabala and from Kabala they should proceed to Freetown. That was  
27 what he meant by "discuss", because by then there wasn't any  
28 communication between Sam Bockarie and SAJ.

29 Q. Madam Witness, the matters that you have just talked about,

1 were they matters which were discussed at the meeting, or were  
2 they matters which Sam Bockarie discussed with Eddie Kanneh  
3 during the time they were having food together?

13:02:26 4 A. Well, what I have just explained to you was the discussion  
5 that took place between he and Eddie Kanneh whilst they were  
6 taking meal together.

7 Q. Do you recall where the meeting took place?

8 A. Well, it was in Buedu at Sam Bockarie's house.

13:02:47 9 Q. And do you recall the persons who were present at this  
10 meeting?

11 A. Well, Isaac was present, that is CO Isaac, Morris Kallon  
12 was there, Issa Sesay was there, Abu Keita was there, together  
13 with some other people.

14 Q. Now you mentioned Abu Keita. Who was he?

13:03:26 15 A. Well, he was a Liberian fighter. A soldier, I mean.

16 Q. How did you know he was a Liberian soldier?

17 A. Well, he only spoke Liberian English. He was not speaking  
18 Krio, nor English. He was only speaking Liberian English.

19 Q. And did you know why he was there?

13:04:05 20 A. Well, he was one of the fighters who had joined the RUF to  
21 fight.

22 Q. Do you know when he joined the RUF to fight?

23 A. Well, I only saw him in Buedu and I only came to know him  
24 in Buedu.

13:04:24 25 Q. Do you know where he came from before he came to Buedu?

26 A. Yes, he came from the Liberian side.

27 Q. And do you know what was decided or discussed at the  
28 meeting?

29 A. Well, I did not attend the meeting, but that was what I

1 heard even before the meeting itself took place.

2 Q. Did you learn about what was discussed at the meeting  
3 later?

4 A. Yes, just the same thing I have explained, those were the  
13:05:15 5 things they discussed. That is to go and re-attack Kono, that is  
6 the RUF fighters.

7 Q. Now back to Abu Keita. Do you know whether he belonged to  
8 any group in Liberia from where he came?

9 A. Well, I only knew that he was a Liberian fighter, but I did  
13:05:41 10 not actually know to which group he initially belonged.

11 Q. Madam Witness, apart from Abu Keita, at this time do you  
12 know whether there were any other Liberian fighters in Buedu?

13 A. Yes, I later knew about one Senegalese.

14 Q. Who was Senegalese?

13:06:09 15 A. Well, he was a Liberian fighter too. He was a Liberian  
16 soldier. He was fighting in Liberia.

17 Q. When did you first see Senegalese?

18 A. Well, I saw him at first in Kenema together with Jungle at  
19 the time Jungle and others used to go there.

13:06:38 20 Q. And then after that did you see him anywhere else apart  
21 from this time that he was in Buedu?

22 A. Yes, I said I saw him at first in Kenema and all of us  
23 pulled out from Kenema before we went to Buedu.

24 Q. And do you know what nationality Senegalese was?

13:07:09 25 A. Well, he was a Liberian.

26 Q. How did you know he was a Liberian?

27 A. He was speaking Liberian English and he came from Liberia.

28 Q. Do you know whether he belonged to any group in Liberia?

29 A. Well, that I wouldn't tell. All I know is that he was a

1 Liberian soldier and he came from Liberia.

2 Q. How did you know he was a soldier from Liberia?

3 A. He came from there, he together with Jungle and others, and  
4 he was well armed when he came.

13:07:58 5 Q. Apart from these two, did you know of any other Liberians  
6 who were in Buedu at this time?

7 A. Yes, I recall that at a point in time some Liberian  
8 soldiers came from Liberia and they came to Buedu.

9 Q. Do you know who these Liberian soldiers were?

13:08:29 10 A. Well, they said they came from Liberia and that they were  
11 fighting in Liberia. They came from the Lofa side.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, sorry to interrupt again.  
13 You asked the witness where she saw Senegalese and the witness's  
14 answer was she saw Senegalese in Kenema. Now you later

13:08:49 15 introduced the evidence whereby you said that Senegalese was in  
16 Buedu and I think this came from you, not from the witness.

17 MR BANGURA:

18 Q. Madam Witness, at this time where were you when you saw  
19 Senegalese?

13:09:20 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you mean the first time, because she  
21 specified the first time?

22 MR BANGURA: Not the first time, your Honour:

23 Q. Not the first time. You have told us the first time you  
24 saw Senegalese was in Kenema. At the time you are talking about  
13:09:32 25 now and you talked about having seen Abu Keita we are in Buedu,  
26 are we not? Are we in Buedu at this time?

27 A. Yes.

28 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, my line of questioning has been  
29 focused on events in Buedu.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sometimes you ask this witness a question  
2 and she will not answer it exactly as you asked. She will give  
3 her own version of an answer, as in this particular case. You  
4 asked her where she first met Senegalese and she told the Court  
13:10:12 5 she met him together with Jungle in Kenema. And then you asked  
6 where again did she see this person and she didn't answer you  
7 that. She went on to answer something completely different. In  
8 fact, she repeated - and I am looking at page 93, line 4, "Well,  
9 I saw him at first in Kenema together with Jungle. At the time  
13:10:37 10 Jungle and others used to go there." "Then after that where did  
11 you see him?" Then she repeats, "Yes, I said I saw him at first  
12 in Kenema" and she says, "Before we went to Buedu" and then you  
13 went on to issues of his nationality.

14 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, the question which preceded that  
13:10:57 15 had to do with Liberians that she saw in Buedu and we talked  
16 about Abu Keita and after that I asked were there any other  
17 Liberians that she saw there and that's when she came up with the  
18 name Senegalese. That was the flow. That was the trend. And  
19 the question --

13:11:16 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: If that is your deduction, Mr Bangura,  
21 that is your deduction. It is not my deduction, but if you'd  
22 rather work with a deduction, that's fine.

23 MR BANGURA:

24 Q. Madam Witness, you have told this Court that you saw Abu  
13:11:32 25 Keita in Buedu. Who else did you see? And you said Abu Keita is  
26 a Liberian. He was a Liberian fighter. Who else did you see in  
27 Buedu that was a Liberian fighter?

28 A. Well, I saw Senegalese and around 40 to 50 Liberian  
29 soldiers in Buedu.

1 Q. You said there were 40 to 50 Liberian soldiers. How did  
2 you know that these were Liberian soldiers?

3 A. They came from Liberia and they were speaking the Liberian  
4 English.

13:12:18 5 Q. When was it that you saw these 40 or 50 Liberian soldiers,  
6 as you call them, in Buedu?

7 A. Well, it was in 1998 - late 1998.

8 Q. Now you have said that the meeting that took place in Buedu  
9 about this time was in December. Is that correct?

13:12:50 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you see these 40 or 50 Liberian fighters in Buedu  
12 before that meeting, or after the meeting?

13 A. It was before the meeting. They were there for about a  
14 month before the meeting. That is to say, they went there around  
15 November.

16 Q. And how did you know that they came from Liberia?

17 A. Well, they were speaking Liberian English and when they  
18 came they were all based with Abu Keita.

19 Q. You said that these 40 or 50 men were Liberian soldiers.  
13:13:35 20 How did you know that they were Liberian soldiers?

21 A. Well, they were speaking Liberian English and they were  
22 saying that they were from Liberia and they were speaking  
23 Mandingo too. The majority of them spoke Mandingo.

24 Q. Madam Witness, the question was how did you know that they  
13:14:01 25 were soldiers - Liberian soldiers?

26 A. Well, they did not put on Liberian uniforms actually, but  
27 they were well armed when they crossed over. They were actually  
28 not in uniforms like combat uniform, they were in civilian  
29 clothing, but they were speaking Liberian tongue and all of them

1 were saying that Abu Keita was their commander.

2 Q. After the meeting that you have described, did anything  
3 happen?

4 A. Yes, after the meeting Sam Bockarie called for a formation.  
13:14:59 5 He spoke to them, he addressed the Liberian soldiers in the  
6 Liberian English as well as Krio and he told them that they were  
7 to go to Kono to join Superman to attack Koidu and that after  
8 that he was going to send them for a combined mission to Kabala  
9 and from Kabala they should proceed to Freetown.

13:15:25 10 Q. After Sam Bockarie had addressed these men, do you know  
11 what happened?

12 A. Well, he supplied them with arms and ammunition and it was  
13 Senegalese who took them along, who led them. All of them went  
14 together with Senegalese, but Senegalese led them.

13:15:56 15 Q. Now during the time that these men were in Buedu, do you  
16 know whether they were answerable to anybody?

17 A. Yes, they were in fact staying with Abu Keita.

18 Q. The question was whether they were answerable to anybody?

19 A. Yes, they answered to Abu Keita as well as Mosquito, as  
13:16:27 20 they were being supplied food every other day.

21 Q. Now you have said that these fighters were sent to Kono  
22 along with Senegalese. Do you know whether any other persons  
23 were sent to Kono on the mission which you have just talked  
24 about?

13:16:53 25 A. Well, Senegalese went with all the fighters. He together  
26 with Issa and Rambo, all of them went.

27 Q. And do you know what happened following the move to Kono by  
28 these fighters?

29 A. Well, they moved together with - they and Superman and



1 others moved and they went towards the Waterloo area. All of  
2 them joined Superman's group.

3 Q. Madam Witness, I am talking about Kono where they went.  
4 Did anything happen there?

13:17:44 5 A. Yes, they went to Kono and captured Kono.

6 Q. How did you know that they captured Kono?

7 A. It was announced and even Alice Pyne told me that, and a  
8 message was sent to that effect.

9 Q. When you say a message was sent to that effect, who sent a  
10 message and to whom was the message sent?

11 A. Well, Superman sent the message to Sam Bockarie.

12 Q. Saying what? What did the message say?

13 A. He said that they had captured Kono. He said they did not  
14 succeed in capturing Kono, he said, but they were able to capture  
15 some arms and ammunition.

16 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall the events of 6 January 1999?

17 A. I recall some of the things, yes.

18 Q. Where were you during this period?

19 A. I was in Buedu.

13:19:31 20 Q. You said you could recall some things about the events of 6  
21 January 1999. What can you recall?

22 A. Well, I recall that at that time Sam Bockarie was very  
23 frequent in the radio room, that was the RUF radio station, and  
24 he used the monitor Gullit and others' movement going towards  
13:19:57 25 Freetown. And he went over air, over the BBC, that within 72  
26 hours he will ensure that his men entered Freetown.

27 Q. Madam Witness, you said that he at this time was  
28 frequenting the radio room and he was monitoring the movement of  
29 Gullit and the others. Who was Gullit?

1 A. Well, Gullit was one of the strong fighters who was around  
2 the western jungle.

3 Q. Madam Witness, when you say western jungle, where do you  
4 refer to?

13:20:57 5 A. I mean one of the strongest fighters amongst the AFRC, one  
6 of the bosses amongst the AFRC fighters.

7 Q. Madam Witness, your evidence is that Sam Bockarie was  
8 monitoring the movement of Gullit and others. What movement are  
9 you referring to?

13:21:28 10 A. Their movement towards Freetown, their advance towards  
11 Freetown, because by then they were advancing towards Freetown.

12 Q. In your earlier evidence you mentioned the name SAJ. Do  
13 you recall?

14 A. Yes.

13:21:48 15 Q. Who is this person, SAJ?

16 A. That was SAJ Musa. He too was one of the bosses amongst  
17 the AFRC fighters under Johnny Paul's leadership at that time.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, before you move on, you asked  
19 the question, "Madam Witness, when you say western jungle where  
13:22:13 20 do you refer to?" And the answer referred to a fighter in the  
21 AFRC, not a place.

22 MR BANGURA:

23 Q. Madam Witness, in your earlier answer you had said that  
24 Gullit was one of the fighters around the western jungle and I  
13:22:46 25 asked you where was the western jungle. We do not seem to have  
26 got an answer to that question.

27 A. Well, they were based around the Okra Hill area. That was  
28 where they were based and they referred to themselves as the West  
29 Side Boys.

1 Q. Madam Witness, when you talk about them being based at the  
2 Okra Hill area and being called the West Side Boys, or referred  
3 to themselves as the West Side boys, are you talking about the  
4 same time as the events of 6 January 1999 which we are talking  
13:23:31 5 about?

6 A. Well, it was during that time, because after they had  
7 pulled out, that is after Gullit and SAJ and others had pulled  
8 out of Freetown, they did not go to Buedu. Sam Bockarie called  
9 SAJ, Gullit and others to go there, but they refused to go, so  
13:23:51 10 that ensued a problem that SAJ and Sam Bockarie did not have any  
11 communication between each other because at any time they were to  
12 meet on air to communicate they will use - they will use abusive  
13 languages against each other. So, in fact, there was no  
14 communication between the two of them.

13:24:25 15 Q. Now, talking about the events of 6 January, at the time  
16 that Sam Bockarie made this statement you said to BBC that within  
17 a certain period his men would be in Freetown, do you recall what  
18 was the situation with Gullit and the others who you said were  
19 moving towards Freetown at the time?

13:24:57 20 A. Yes, before Sam Bockarie went over air to give at that time  
21 that the RUF/AFRC fighters were going to enter Freetown, it was  
22 during that process that SAJ died. So from that point some  
23 amount of communication started existing between Sam Bockarie and  
24 Gullit. That was through Brigadier Mani and he too was a boss  
13:25:29 25 amongst the AFRC. So because of that there was now communication  
26 between Brigadier Mani, Gullit and Sam Bockarie. So it was as a  
27 result of that that he was now frequent in the radio room and  
28 trying to monitor and communicating with Gullit and others. So  
29 since then he now started having communications with Gullit.

1 Q. Now you mentioned Brigadier Mani. Who was he?

2 A. Well, he too was a boss amongst the AFRC fighters during  
3 Johnny Paul Koroma's government.

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4 Q. And where was he based during the course of these events  
5 that we are talking about?

6 A. Well, he was around the Kono area, but I did not know the  
7 particular place where he was based.

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8 Q. Madam Witness, the question - the subject we are dealing  
9 with are the events of 6 January 1999. Now you have talked about  
10 movement towards Freetown by Gullit and others and this was about  
11 the time you say this communication was going on. Do you recall  
12 about what time this was that they were advancing towards  
13 Freetown?

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14 A. Well, it was in the month of January. It was in January,  
15 early January.

16 Q. Do you recall when SAJ Musa - sorry, do you recall when  
17 Mosquito made the broadcast to the BBC - through the BBC?

13:27:42

18 A. Yes, it was on 3 January. I still recall that. Some time  
19 around that, but it was actually in January that he made a  
20 broadcast.

21 Q. And do you know whereabouts the troops that were moving  
22 towards Freetown were at the time that Sam Bockarie made this  
23 broadcast?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

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25 MR ANYAH: I am objecting.

26 THE WITNESS: Well --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause please, Madam Witness.

28 MR ANYAH: I am objecting on the basis of foundation and it  
29 is not related to the date of 3 January when it is alleged

1 Sam Bockarie went over the BBC. It is related to the witness's  
2 knowledge base for all of this information. She has testified at  
3 the time of the invasion she was based in Buedu. That means she  
4 was not near Freetown. The conduit of the communications between  
13:28:23 5 Sam Bockarie and Gullit is alleged to be Brigadier Mani who is  
6 said to be based in Kono at the time. Now the questions are  
7 going into details about the times when troops were moving and  
8 there is no foundational basis for her knowledge of these events.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura?

13:28:44 10 MR BANGURA: I take the points, your Honour. I will get  
11 the witness to --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, before you go into this line  
13 of questioning I note that we are just about on the lunch break,  
14 so if it's appropriate it might be - we could resume this after  
13:29:03 15 the lunch adjournment.

16 Madam Witness, it is now 1.30. This is the time we take  
17 your our lunchtime break and yours and we will be adjourning  
18 court until half past 2. Please adjourn court until 2.30.

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

14:26:18 20 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura - sorry, Mr Anyah.

22 MR ANYAH: Yes, if it pleases your Honours, there is a  
23 change in appearances for the Defence this afternoon. We are  
24 joined by Mr Courtenay Griffiths and then there is myself, Morris  
14:29:41 25 Anyah, and Ms Emily Mitchell, if it please the Court.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. I will note those  
27 appearances, thank you. Mr Bangura.

28 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

29 Q. Good afternoon, Madam Witness.

1 A. Good afternoon, sir.

2 Q. Madam Witness, before we continue with your testimony, may  
3 I ask that you try not to be in a hurry when you give your  
4 answers. Try to speak moderately. Moderate your pace, okay, so  
14:30:31 5 that the Court can get all of what you're saying quite clearly,  
6 okay? Do you understand me?

7 A. Okay.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness be kindly  
9 asked to speak up and speak into the mic.

14:30:43 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter also asks  
11 that you speak a little bit more loudly than you did just now and  
12 speak directly into the microphone. Thank you. Mr Bangura.

13 MR BANGURA: Thank you:

14 Q. Madam Witness, just to clarify one or two matters that we  
14:31:01 15 have already dealt with. In your earlier testimony, talking  
16 about fighters that came from Liberia, 40 or 50 fighters you  
17 said, you said that these fighters were sent with Senegalese to  
18 Kono. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes, all of them went to Kono with Senegalese.

14:31:34 20 Q. Now just for clarity, you mentioned that a number of  
21 fighters earlier - before that you mentioned that a number of  
22 fighters came from Liberia to Buedu. Are they the same fighters  
23 that went to Kono with Senegalese, the ones that you said came  
24 from Liberia earlier to Buedu?

14:31:58 25 A. Yes.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, we appear to be going  
27 backwards in the evidence to Senegalese and the Liberians.  
28 Before we adjourned for lunchtime we were dealing with the  
29 communication between Brigadier Mani and others and there was an

1 objection to foundation which you had undertaken to deal with  
2 after lunchtime and it doesn't seem that we're dealing with that.

3 MR BANGURA: Very correct, your Honour. I will move on  
4 with the evidence and lay the foundation, because from that point  
14:32:44 5 on it's a continuation of the evidence once I lay the foundation  
6 for that. I will lay the foundation and move on:

7 Q. Madam Witness - your Honour, again this is a question of  
8 clarifying previous testimony. I don't know whether I can  
9 continue to do that before then laying the foundation.

14:33:08 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: This evidence about Senegalese, is it to  
11 do with a - was it to do with a previous question too?

12 MR BANGURA: No, it has nothing to do with the objection  
13 that was --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will deal with the objection, please,  
14:33:22 15 and dispose of that and then move on to the new line of evidence.

16 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

17 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned about communication that was  
18 going on between Sam Bockarie and Brigadier Mani. Do you recall  
19 that?

14:33:52 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you said that - how did you know that there was  
22 communication between Sam Bockarie and Brigadier Mani?

23 A. Well, there were times I would be on duty for three days  
24 every week and during those times sometimes I would monitor, or  
14:34:19 25 if I were not on duty my colleague radio operators would inform  
26 me about this communication.

27 Q. Madam Witness, during the period that we are talking about  
28 as the troops were moving towards Freetown, were you at all on  
29 duty at any time in the radio room?

1 A. Well, during those times that I am talking about mostly Sam  
2 Bockarie did not allow women to be in the radio room because that  
3 was operation time. Mostly it was the men, or he himself, would  
4 be there, but any movements he would say it because he was a man  
14:35:07 5 without secrets. He would just say it in the open. Particularly  
6 if it was progress on the side of the RUF, he would not hide it.  
7 He would just say it in the open.

8 Q. Apart from Sam Bockarie saying things in the open, which  
9 suggests your knowledge of what you have told us, did you learn  
14:35:28 10 about communication between Bockarie and Brigadier Mani from any  
11 other sources?

12 A. Yes, there were times RUF radio operators were with Gullit.  
13 Those were Waco-Waco and King Perry. They would come on and any  
14 information they pass it on to Sam Bockarie. There are times  
14:36:00 15 Brigadier Mani himself would communicate directly to Sam Bockarie  
16 and he would inform Sam Bockarie about the movement of Gullit and  
17 others towards Freetown, and again communication went on between  
18 Sam Bockarie and Brigadier Mani.

19 Q. Madam Witness, apart from learning about this flow of  
14:36:17 20 communication amongst the persons that you have mentioned through  
21 Sam Bockarie, you said he would discuss these matters openly.  
22 Apart from learning about this from Sam Bockarie, did you learn  
23 about communications from any other source, that was the  
24 question, while you were at Buedu? You said at this time you  
14:36:41 25 were not allowed to be on the radio, but did you learn from any  
26 other source apart from Sam Bockarie?

27 A. Yes, the operators used to say it and it was over the radio  
28 even. The radio used to announce that and Alice Pyne used to  
29 tell me about the movement.



1 Q. Madam Witness, when you say it was over the radio, which  
2 radio are you referring to?

3 A. It was over the SLBS, as well as the BBC.

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, when the witness says that  
14:37:29 5 Alice Pyne used to tell her about the movement, what does she  
6 mean, "the movement"?

7 MR BANGURA:

8 Q. Madam Witness, you have mentioned that among others Alice  
9 Pyne would tell you about the movement, amongst other sources  
14:37:44 10 from which you got information. What did Alice Pyne tell you  
11 about the movement? What movement are you talking about?

12 A. The movement of Gullit together with Superman towards  
13 Freetown the time they were moving towards Freetown.

14 Q. Madam Witness, I will just take you through an answer you  
14:38:36 15 gave earlier and then I will move on from there and I'm referring  
16 to page 101, reading from line 10. Your Honours, I'm not sure  
17 whether we are all on the same page, but line 10 starts with an  
18 answer, "Yes, before Sam Bockarie." The question to which you  
19 were giving an answer, Madam Witness, was about the situation as  
14:39:04 20 this troop was moving - as the troops were moving down to  
21 Freetown and then your answer is and I will read to you what you  
22 said. You said:

23 "Yes, before Sam Bockarie went over the air to give at that  
24 time that the RUF/AFRC fighters were going to enter Freetown, it  
14:39:20 25 was during that process that SAJ died and so from that point some  
26 amount of communication started existing between Sam Bockarie and  
27 Gullit. That was through Brigadier Mani and he too was a boss  
28 amongst the AFRC, so because of that there was now communication  
29 between Brigadier Mani, Gullit and Sam Bockarie."

1 I will just stop there. Now, what was the position before  
2 this time? You said after SAJ Musa died there was communication  
3 now between Sam Bockarie and Gullit. What was the position  
4 before this time?

14:40:11 5 A. What do you mean by "position"? Position of what?

6 Q. In terms of communications, we're talking of communications  
7 between Sam Bockarie and the troops that were moving towards  
8 Freetown. You said after that Sam Bockarie died there was now  
9 communication - sorry, after SAJ Musa died. Before SAJ died,  
10 what was the position?

11 A. Well, the situation was that there was no communication  
12 between SAJ and Sam Bockarie. Gullit and Sam Bockarie, there was  
13 no communication because there were problems. There was no  
14 understanding between them, except Brigadier Mani who relayed  
15 information from SAJ and others to Sam Bockarie. He was the one  
16 - he was the one who mediated, who was in between them. He  
17 coordinated. Whatever information there was from Sam Bockarie to  
18 SAJ Musa and others he was the one in between there, but there  
19 was no direct communication between them. Sam Bockarie only got  
20 information from SAJ and others through Brigadier Mani at that  
21 time.

22 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall when SAJ Musa died?

23 A. I can recall at that time when they said SAJ Musa had died.

24 Q. Do you know - how did you know that? How did you learn  
14:42:01 25 that SAJ Musa had died?

26 A. Well, it was their station that came on and King Perry was  
27 there. He informed Brigadier Mani, because at that time their  
28 station only came on once in a while because the place where they  
29 were in fact most of the times they did not charge their

1 batteries, so it was only once in a while that their radio came  
2 on. So he spoke to Brigadier Mani and Brigadier Mani spoke to  
3 Sam Bockarie, and later Gullit came on because Brigadier Mani had  
4 spoken to Gullit that he would have to tell Sam Bockarie about  
14:42:46 5 SAJ's death and later Gullit himself came up and told Sam  
6 Bockarie about SAJ's death. That was how they started talking  
7 and they spoke about where they had reached, their position and  
8 what they were going through. It was from that point that  
9 communication started between Sam Bockarie and Gullit.

14:43:15 10 Q. Was there any reaction from Sam Bockarie when he learnt  
11 that SAJ Musa had died?

12 A. Well for one reason or the other he said he felt it because  
13 he was his colleague strong man, but only that SAJ had refused  
14 his order. He objected going to Buedu because he had diamonds,  
14:43:42 15 but - which means even if he died he would not feel it that much.  
16 He would feel it, but not that very much because he had rejected  
17 his orders because SAJ was not supposed to be in the front line  
18 at that time.

19 Q. You mentioned earlier that Sam Bockarie spoke through the  
14:44:00 20 BBC.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Sam Bockarie spoke through the BBC saying that his troops  
23 would enter Freetown within a certain period. Do you know how  
24 Sam Bockarie was able to indicate a time frame within which the  
14:44:22 25 troops would enter Freetown when he spoke to the BBC?

26 A. Yes, at that time he and Gullit had already spoken. Gullit  
27 had told him their position at that time. That was why he made  
28 the broadcast on the BBC. Gullit had already told him that they  
29 were entering Freetown.

1 Q. Did you yourself hear this broadcast on BBC radio?

2 A. I heard it, but I was from a distant point when he was  
3 talking.

14:45:04

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness slow down  
5 and repeat.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, you're going too quickly  
7 for the interpreters and the people that have to write your  
8 evidence. We would like you to speak more slowly, please, and  
9 pick up where you said, "I was from a distance when he was  
10 talking". Please continue from there.

14:45:19

11 THE WITNESS: I was in the distance when he was talking.  
12 After he had spoken, he came to the veranda. He said that he and  
13 Gullit had no problem. He said the problem was SAJ. SAJ was the  
14 one who had the problem, but as long as SAJ was now dead he and  
15 Gullit had no more problems. He said he trusted Gullit and he  
16 knew Gullit would make it up to enter Freetown.

14:45:55

17 MR BANGURA:

18 Q. Was all of this what Sam Bockarie said to the BBC, or was  
19 he saying this in some other context?

14:46:16

20 A. After he had spoken to the BBC, it was later when he was  
21 explaining further. That was when he explained this. After he  
22 had finished talking to the BBC, it was later that he explained  
23 discussing this in the veranda.

24 Q. Do you recall whether the troops entered Freetown?  
25 Gullit's troops?

14:46:42

26 A. Yes, later I understood that he had entered Freetown.

27 Q. How did you understand - how did you get to know that he  
28 had entered Freetown?

29 A. Well, it was over the FM radio that the rebels had entered

1 Freetown.

2 Q. Which FM radio are you referring to?

3 A. It was over the SLBS.

14:47:19 4 Q. Do you recall whether anything happened - was there any  
5 reaction from Sam Bockarie after the troops entered Freetown?

6 A. Yes, he came on the media and said he was a man of his  
7 word. He had given three days that his men would enter Freetown  
8 and indeed they had entered Freetown.

9 Q. When you say he came on the media --

14:47:48 10 A. Sam Bockarie came up and spoke.

11 Q. -- what media are you referring to?

12 A. I mean BBC. He came up again and spoke and said he was a  
13 man of his words. He had said that within three days' time his  
14 men would enter Freetown and indeed they had entered Freetown.

14:48:09 15 Q. How did you know this?

16 A. Well, he put the satellite in the veranda. It was there he  
17 said this, happily. The place was full of people. Everybody was  
18 dancing around.

19 Q. Madam Witness, when you say "satellite", what are you  
14:48:29 20 referring to?

21 A. I mean the satellite phone.

22 Q. Do you recall any communication that went on between Sam  
23 Bockarie and anybody else during the course of the - during the  
24 times that these troops had entered Freetown?

14:49:01 25 A. Yes. Just after the announcement over the BBC we got a  
26 call from Base 1, which was Benjamin Yeaten's radio station,  
27 called Sam Bockarie's radio station, that is Planet 1, and the  
28 operator enquired if that news that they had got from the BBC was  
29 correct that Sam Bockarie's troops had entered Freetown. The

1 operator responded happily, saying "Yes", and they asked for Sam  
2 Bockarie.

3 Q. Can I ask you to indicate who - you're talking of two  
4 operators. Can I ask you to indicate which operator was  
14:49:51 5 responding to whose call, or whose questions, please?

6 A. Well, the radio operator at Benjamin Yeaten was called  
7 Sunlight and was the one who called Sam Bockarie's radio station  
8 to the operator who was on duty that day. I cannot recall the  
9 name now.

14:50:15 10 Q. And you said that the operator answered or responded  
11 that --

12 A. Yes, he responded happily saying, yes, they had entered  
13 Freetown.

14 Q. Did anything happen after that?

14:50:29 15 A. Yes, they asked for Planet 1 - and that was Sam Bockarie -  
16 if he was around and the operator said, "Yes", so the operator  
17 said 50, which was Benjamin Yeaten, wanted to talk to Sam  
18 Bockarie.

19 Q. Which operator said they wanted to talk to Sam Bockarie?

14:50:56 20 A. Benjamin Yeaten's operator, who was called Sunlight, said  
21 his father, who was 50, Benjamin Yeaten, wanted to talk to our  
22 own father and that was Sam Bockarie.

23 Q. Madam Witness, how did you know this?

24 A. Well on that day, after the jubilation, I knew because the  
14:51:29 25 place was full of people. The veranda was in a veranda. When  
26 that thing occurred that day, the place was full. During the  
27 jubilation I too went to the radio room. I heard the operator  
28 asking.

29 Q. Madam Witness, just to clarify the last answer you gave, I

1 will just read from what you said. You said, "Well on that day,  
2 after the jubilation, I knew because the place was full of  
3 people. The veranda was in a veranda". That's not so clear.  
4 What did you say about veranda? Can you say that again?

14:52:19 5 A. No, I said Sam Bockarie was in the veranda and the radio  
6 set - where the radio set was, Planet 1, it was in Issa Sesay's  
7 veranda opposite Sam Bockarie's veranda. There is a street in  
8 between them. The place was packed full with people. There were  
9 soldiers there, civilians, a lot of people jubilating. Everybody  
14:52:39 10 was there. That was why I too came to the place and I saw Sam  
11 Bockarie and - sorry, I heard Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten  
12 talking on the phone.

13 Q. Madam Witness, you said that there were many people there,  
14 it was full and they were jubilating. Why were they jubilating?

14:53:05 15 A. Because of the recapture of Freetown, their entry into  
16 Freetown, the entry of the rebels into Freetown.

17 Q. Do you know whether any communication took place between  
18 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten as had been --

19 A. Yes, as I said earlier - as I had said earlier after the  
14:53:30 20 operator had asked for our own father, that was Sam Bockarie,  
21 that 50 wanted to talk to him, they called him, Sam Bockarie, and  
22 Sam Bockarie - 50 asked Sam Bockarie if the news which he had  
23 heard over the BBC was correct. Sam Bockarie replied joyously  
24 and he said "Yes", and 50 congratulated him and he said, "If that  
14:54:01 25 was the case, if that is the case, then I will be there in two  
26 weeks' time and my father would want to talk to you", and he  
27 instructed him to switch on the satellite phone.

28 Q. Madam Witness, were you privy to this communication between  
29 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten?

1 A. Yes.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Which of the two communications? The one  
3 on the satellite phone, or the one on the ordinary radio?

14:54:38

4 MR BANGURA: I am referring, your Honour, to the one on the  
5 radio, not the one on the satellite phone.

6 THE WITNESS: It was the one on the radio that I heard.  
7 After he had asked him if it was true that his men had entered  
8 Freetown and he said "Yes" happily, Benjamin Yeaten congratulated  
9 Sam Bockarie and he instructed him to put the 21 on, that was the  
10 satellite phone, and told him that his father would want to talk  
11 to him and if that was the case then he should expect him in two  
12 days' time.

14:55:01

13 MR BANGURA:

14:55:19

14 Q. Just before we talk about the satellite phone, the last  
15 part of your answer was that "If that was the case he should  
16 expect him in two days' time". Who should expect who in two  
17 days' time?

18 A. Sam Bockarie was to expect Benjamin Yeaten in two days'  
19 time.

14:55:31

20 Q. Who said this to who?

21 A. Benjamin Yeaten spoke to Sam Bockarie that if it was true  
22 that his men had entered into Freetown, Sam Bockarie should  
23 expect him, Benjamin Yeaten, in two days' time.

24 Q. Expect him where?

14:55:50

25 A. In Buedu within two days' time.

26 Q. Do you know whether Sam Bockarie had communication on the  
27 21 with anybody after this conversation with Benjamin Yeaten?

28 A. Yes. Just as I am saying, just after he left the radio  
29 room he went straight to the open terrain and he spoke on the



1 satellite phone.

2 Q. Who did he speak to on the satellite phone?

3 A. Well, he said he had spoken to Charles Taylor.

4 Q. Did you know he was speaking to Charles Taylor when he  
14:56:38 5 spoke on the satellite phone?

6 A. Well, before he spoke on the satellite phone Benjamin  
7 Yeaten had instructed him to switch on the satellite phone  
8 because Benjamin Yeaten's father, Charles Taylor, had said he  
9 wanted to talk to him.

14:56:56 10 Q. Did you know what was discussed between Sam Bockarie and  
11 Charles Taylor on the satellite phone?

12 A. Well, that one I don't know what they discussed.

13 Q. Madam Witness, you said that Benjamin Yeaten promised to be  
14 in Buedu within two days - I believe, within two days - if it was  
14:57:34 15 true that the troops had entered Freetown. Did Benjamin Yeaten  
16 come to Buedu?

17 A. Yes, he came to Buedu.

18 Q. When did he come to Buedu?

19 A. Well, after two days after the conversation had taken place  
14:57:59 20 he came.

21 Q. How did you know Benjamin Yeaten came to Buedu?

22 A. Well, Sam Bockarie told us to prepare food for guests  
23 coming from Liberia.

24 Q. And who was that guest?

14:58:27 25 A. It was Benjamin Yeaten.

26 Q. Did you yourself see Benjamin Yeaten in Buedu?

27 A. Well, that was my first time to see him. I never knew him  
28 before that time.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I note the witness answered

1 the question in the plural, "guests" coming from Liberia.

2 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I will get to that:

3 Q. Madam Witness, did Benjamin Yeaten come to Buedu alone?

14:59:09

4 A. No, he did not come alone. He came together with Sampson,  
5 Junior and Jungle.

6 Q. Do you recall how long they stayed at Buedu on this visit?

7 A. Well, they came, they spent the night and in the morning -  
8 early in the morning - they went to Kono together with Issa and  
9 others.

14:59:43

10 Q. Madam Witness, was this the only visit in your recollection  
11 that Benjamin Yeaten made to Buedu?

12 A. No, I can recall that Benjamin Yeaten went to Buedu twice  
13 that I can recall now.

15:00:13

14 Q. Was this the first time that he came to Buedu, or was it  
15 the second time?

16 A. Well, it was the first time. The second time was when  
17 Voinjama was cleared.

15:00:36

18 Q. I shall ask you about the second time later. You said that  
19 they went to - Benjamin Yeaten and the others who came with him  
20 went to Kono the next day. Is that correct?

21 A. Repeat that one.

15:00:57

22 Q. Your evidence is that - I asked you how long they stayed  
23 and you said, "They slept one night and the next day they went to  
24 Kono", and "they" referring to Benjamin Yeaten and Jungle,  
25 Sampson and Junior. Is that your evidence?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Do you know what they went to do in Kono?

28 A. Well, at that time all of them went together with Issa. I  
29 don't know what they went there for because I did not go with

1 them.

2 Q. When you say Issa, who are you referring to?

3 A. Issa Sesay.

4 Q. Did anybody else go with them to Kono?

15:01:38 5 A. Well, they went with many people. Jungle, Benjamin Yeaten  
6 and other people, they went. They were many who went.

7 Q. And do you know what was the purpose of this trip to Kono?

8 A. Well all that I know is that Kono was a diamondiferous  
9 area, but I did not go with them so I don't know what they went  
15:02:15 10 for on that particular trip.

11 Q. And how long did the trip to Kono last?

12 A. Well, I did not know even when - on their return I did not  
13 know because it was late at night that they came. It was in the  
14 morning that they told me that they had - that they came last  
15:02:42 15 night and they had gone.

16 Q. Madam Witness, regarding the situation in Freetown, did you  
17 get any communications from the troops in Freetown about how they  
18 were doing?

19 A. Yes, later Gullit came on the radio - on radio  
15:03:04 20 communication, the radio communication set - and said that they  
21 were being pushed from out of the place, that they were fighting,  
22 that the manpower was too much, that the force was too heavy for  
23 them and they were being pushed out of the town.

24 Q. When you say "they were being pushed, they were being  
15:03:35 25 pushed out of the town", who was pushing who out of the town?

26 A. The ECOMOG troops were fighting Gullit - Gullit and his  
27 group, that is the RUF/AFRC troops. They were pushing them. The  
28 force was too heavy for them, according to Gullit at that time.  
29 He reported to Sam Bockarie.

1 Q. Were you privy to this communication from Gullit to Sam  
2 Bockarie?

3 A. Well, I did not monitor the communication. Sam Bockarie  
4 was the one who used to discuss it. He was discussing it.

15:04:21 5 Q. Did Sam Bockarie give any orders in relation to that  
6 situation in Freetown at that time?

7 A. Yes, Sam Bockarie ordered Gullit that they should not  
8 challenge the ECOMOG troops. He said as long as the troop was  
9 too heavy for them they should not challenge them, they should  
15:04:48 10 pull out of the town, but before they should pull out of the town  
11 they should kill many people and burn down many houses before  
12 they should leave the town. He said "If any bush shake, fire  
13 should blaze", but they should leave the town.

14 Q. What do you mean, or what did you understand from the  
15:05:11 15 statement that, "If any bush shake, fire should blaze"? What did  
16 that mean?

17 A. Anywhere they heard gunshots from whatever angle they  
18 should fire towards that particular direction and they should  
19 kill many people from that direction and they should burn houses,  
15:05:36 20 many of them.

21 Q. Madam Witness, how did you know that Sam Bockarie gave  
22 these instructions to Gullit in Freetown?

23 A. Well, that was right outside in the open because the radio  
24 station was not in a room. It was right outside in the veranda,  
15:05:59 25 an open place. There was a street in between them. He stood  
26 there. He was a man without fears. He would just say anything  
27 in the open. He said, "Whoever wanted to hear, let that person  
28 hear". That was not his business, so he was standing in the open  
29 when he said that, because he was angry. He was extremely angry.

1 He said, "Whosoever wanted to hear, let that person hear it".

2 Q. Do you know what happened eventually to the troops in  
3 Freetown?

15:06:39

4 A. Well, finally they were pushed out of Freetown. The ECOMOG  
5 forces pushed Gullit and his group out of Freetown.

6 Q. How did you know that the ECOMOG forces pushed Gullit and  
7 his troops out of Freetown?

15:07:10

8 A. That was the instruction that Sam Bockarie gave to him and  
9 he obeyed it. Brigadier Mani was the one who reported to him  
10 that he had started receiving people, that Gullit and others had  
11 left Freetown, they had come, and later on the station came on  
12 and gave message to Sam Bockarie that they had pulled out of  
13 Freetown.

15:07:28

14 Q. Madam Witness, the earlier part of the answer you gave to  
15 that question is not quite clear. The question was, "How did you  
16 know that the ECOMOG forces pushed Gullit and his troops out of  
17 Freetown?", and the earlier part of your answer goes as follows,  
18 "That was the instruction that Sam Bockarie gave to him and he  
19 obeyed it." It is not entirely clear. The rest of the answer  
20 makes sense.

15:07:51

21 A. Well, I read it in the logbook that they had retreated from  
22 Freetown.

23 Q. What did you mean then when you said that was the  
24 instruction that Sam Bockarie gave to him and he obeyed it?

15:08:14

25 A. Sam Bockarie had said he should pull out of - that Gullit  
26 should pull out of Freetown, but before he should do that he  
27 should kill many people and burn houses and Gullit responded  
28 saying, "Yes, sir". And finally they retreated from Freetown,  
29 Gullit and others.

1 Q. Did you know whether Gullit carried out the orders that Sam  
2 Bockarie gave to him regarding what to do in Freetown?

3 A. Yes, we heard that over the SLBS that rebels had pulled out  
4 from Freetown, but they had killed many people and --

15:09:02 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Madam Witness. Mr Anyah,  
6 you are on your feet.

7 MR ANYAH: Yes, it's just the use of the word, the plural,  
8 "orders", or I can't say the word perhaps, "orders", O-R-D-E-R-S.  
9 The question was whether the witness knew whether Gullit carried  
10 out the orders in plural. Thus far, the evidence has led one to  
11 believe there was just the one order from Sam Bockarie to Gullit  
12 regarding the pull out from Freetown.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Mr Bangura?

14 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, it's a matter of semantics, but  
15:09:43 15 the point is that implicit in the order, which my learned friend  
16 is referring to, were specific acts and it could be said that  
17 those were individual orders and there were orders, an order to  
18 kill civilians, there was an order to burn houses, and so I  
19 believe I am quite right to talk about orders.

15:10:00 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: One thing that I do note that - I see  
21 your point, Mr Bangura, but were these at different times, or was  
22 it a consolidated order that contained several elements?

23 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I will get the witness to say.  
24 I wouldn't say what my understanding is, but I will get the  
15:10:22 25 witness to clarify:

26 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about Sam Bockarie giving orders.  
27 I find it difficult, your Honour, to keep myself to the singular.  
28 I will just continue based on the argument I've made --

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The original word was "instruction".

1 According to the record, it was "instruction".

2 MR BANGURA:

15:10:51

3 Q. Madam Witness, the instruction which Sam Bockarie gave to  
4 Gullit about what to do in Freetown in the face of pressure from  
5 ECOMOG, can you simply tell the Court again what that  
6 instructions - instruction was?

15:11:18

7 A. Well, I don't know what your understanding is. Maybe our  
8 understandings are different, so maybe we would have to be coping  
9 with each other. What I understand by that is what he told him  
10 to do, he said as long as they had realised that the ECOMOG  
11 troops were heavy for Gullit's troop then Gullit should retreat  
12 from the town, but before Gullit should do that he should kill  
13 many civilians and burn many houses and after that he would pull  
14 out from Freetown.

15:11:51

15 MR BANGURA: I hope that answers the enquiry, or question,  
16 raised by --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think it does, yes. Does it deal with  
18 your objection, Mr Anyah?

15:12:09

19 MR ANYAH: Yes, and I think counsel made a valid point in  
20 responding to the objection. Thank you.

21 MR BANGURA:

22 Q. Madam Witness, the question that I had asked before the  
23 objection came was whether you knew whether the instruction given  
24 to Sam Bockarie [sic] was carried out.

15:12:32

25 A. I said yes, because the SLBS radio said that rebels had  
26 killed many people and burnt many houses down before ever they  
27 left Freetown. He said the civilians - sorry, the ECOMOG  
28 soldiers had pushed the rebels out of Freetown, but that the  
29 rebels burnt down many houses and killed many civilians. I heard

1 that over the SLBS radio.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, the instruction was given by  
3 Sam Bockarie, not to Sam Bockarie as you stated.

4 MR BANGURA:

15:13:21 5 Q. Madam Witness, the instruction to Gullit was given by who?

6 A. Sam Bockarie was the one who gave the instruction to  
7 Gullit.

8 Q. Did you yourself hear Sam Bockarie give these instructions  
9 to Gullit?

15:13:51 10 A. Yes, I said it was in an open place, outside in the  
11 veranda, not in the house.

12 Q. When you said in an open place, how did Sam Bockarie give  
13 this instruction to Gullit? By what means?

14 A. It was through radio communication set.

15:14:19 15 Q. After the troops had withdrawn from Freetown, did anyone  
16 come to Buedu from Freetown of the troops that withdrew from  
17 Freetown?

18 A. Well, it was very few who returned. Some of them stopped  
19 at Gullit's and others' place and some stopped in Kono and very  
15:14:55 20 few of them came to Buedu.

21 Q. Apart from troops that came to Buedu, did any other persons  
22 come to Buedu from Freetown after the pull out?

23 A. Yes, Victor - they brought Victor Foh and the other people.  
24 Victor Foh and his group came to Buedu.

15:15:23 25 Q. When you say Victor Foh and his group, which group are you  
26 referring to?

27 A. I mean the ones who were at Pademba who were released. I  
28 cannot recall their names now, they were many, but I can still  
29 recall the name of Victor Foh.



1 Q. When you say Pademba, where are you referring to?

2 A. In Freetown, the prisons that is there.

3 Q. Do you know why Victor Foh and the others, as you referred  
4 to them, in his group came to Buedu?

15:16:12 5 A. It was Sam Bockarie who invited them to Buedu.

6 Q. Who did Sam Bockarie invite to Buedu?

7 A. All the people who were in prison at Pademba Road Sam  
8 Bockarie invited all of them to Buedu, including Gibri I  
9 Massaquoi, but Gibri I Massaquoi did not go to Buedu.

15:16:41 10 Q. How did Sam Bockarie invite them to Buedu?

11 A. Well, Sam Bockarie instructed Superman for him to send all  
12 of them, Victor Foh and the others, to Buedu, but Gibri I  
13 Massaquoi refused to go.

14 Q. How did you know this, that Sam Bockarie instructed

15:17:11 15 Superman for him to send them all to Buedu?

16 A. Well, I read it in the logbook.

17 Q. Madam Witness, after the withdrawal of the troops from  
18 Freetown, do you recall whether Sam Bockarie went anywhere from  
19 Buedu?

15:17:36 20 A. Yes, he went to Monrovia.

21 Q. Do you know why he went to Monrovia?

22 A. Well, he went to Monrovia for ammunition.

23 Q. Do you know what brought about his going to Monrovia?

24 A. He said that Charles Taylor had invited him to Monrovia.

15:18:05 25 Q. Do you recall how long after the troops came from Freetown  
26 that he went to Monrovia - that Sam Bockarie went to Monrovia?

27 A. It was not up to two weeks. It was around that time.

28 Q. And how did you know that Sam Bockarie had been invited to  
29 go to Monrovia by Charles Taylor?

1 A. Well, he himself said it. He told Eddie Kanneh that  
2 Charles Taylor had said - he said, "The Pa said I should go to  
3 Monrovia", Charles Taylor.

4 Q. You said that he went to Monrovia to get arms - arms and  
15:19:12 5 ammunition. How did you know that this was the purpose for going  
6 to Monrovia?

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just wait, Madam Witness.

8 Mr Anyah?

9 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I rise because I recall the  
15:19:27 10 witness's answer was that, "Well, he went to Monrovia for  
11 ammunition". I did not hear arms.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is correct, Mr Bangura, and as you  
13 are aware there's a very definite distinction throughout.

14 MR BANGURA: I take the point, your Honour. I was really  
15:19:44 15 not quite sure myself. I take the point, I'm sorry:

16 Q. How did you know that Sam Bockarie had been invited to  
17 Monrovia, or the purpose for his visit to Monrovia was for  
18 ammunition? How did you know this?

19 A. Well, he himself - just as I am saying, he himself said it  
15:20:10 20 even before he left for Monrovia. He said the Pa had invited  
21 him, that is Charles Taylor, that he should go to Monrovia, and  
22 when he returned from Liberia two days and on the third Jungle  
23 came with ammunition to Buedu.

24 Q. Madam Witness, in your earlier evidence you told this Court  
15:20:48 25 that Benjamin Yeaten came to Buedu on two occasions. You have  
26 already explained, or described, one of those occasions. Can you  
27 tell this Court about the second time that Benjamin Yeaten came  
28 to Buedu?

29 A. Yes, I can recall the time when the LURD rebels attacked

1 Voijnama in Liberia, so Benjamin Yeaten and Sam Bockarie spoke to  
2 each other and Sam Bockarie sent manpower from Buedu to Voijnama.  
3 The RUF fighters who left Buedu and the various front lines were  
4 the ones who went and cleared Voijnama. After they had cleared  
15:21:39 5 Voijnama, then Benjamin Yeaten came to Buedu. That was the  
6 second time he came to Buedu. At that time he came together with  
7 Zigzag Marzah and others.

8 Q. Madam Witness, when you say "and others", do you recall who  
9 the others are?

15:22:05 10 A. Well Benjamin Yeaten came to Buedu with Zigzag Marzah,  
11 Sampson, Junior and the other ones; many people whose names I  
12 cannot recall now.

13 Q. Who was Zigzag Marzah?

14 A. He too was a fighter in Liberia under Charles Taylor's  
15:22:37 15 government.

16 Q. How did you know that he was a fighter in Liberia under  
17 Charles Taylor's government?

18 A. Well I used to hear his name, but I never knew him. That  
19 was the first day I knew him.

15:22:58 20 Q. When you say you used to hear his name, what did you hear  
21 about his name?

22 A. Well, I used to hear people saying that he ate human  
23 beings, that he did not - he was not hesitant, he would kill  
24 human beings and he would eat human beings, and from that time I  
15:23:18 25 kept that name at the back of my mind. So when I heard that he  
26 was to come and indeed I saw him, I asked - I said, "Where is the  
27 man?", and he was pointed out to me and I looked at him, I stared  
28 at him, to know what sort of human being he was to be doing  
29 things like those. So, that was how I knew him.

1 Q. Madam Witness, did you know why Benjamin Yeaten, Zigzag  
2 Marzah and all the others that you've named came to Buedu at this  
3 time?

4 A. Well, at that time my understanding was that just as an  
15:24:01 5 appreciation for what Sam Bockarie had done for them.

6 Q. When you say "as an appreciation for what Sam Bockarie had  
7 done for them", what had Sam Bockarie done for them that they  
8 were showing appreciation for?

9 A. Well, when he sent the RUF fighters to clear Voinjama when  
15:24:20 10 the LURD forces had occupied Voinjama and they were cleared from  
11 there.

12 Q. Do you recall, Madam Witness, when this visit was made by  
13 Benjamin Yeaten? You've said this was after Voinjama was  
14 cleared. Do you recall when was this?

15:24:46 15 A. It was some time in 1999. I cannot recall the month now.

16 Q. Can you say whether it was early, mid or late 1999?

17 A. Well, I will say mid-1999.

18 Q. Madam Witness, your evidence is that Sam Bockarie left  
19 Buedu some time in 1999. Is that correct?

15:25:34 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When in 1999 did Sam Bockarie leave Buedu?

22 A. It was in December, the month of December, but I cannot  
23 recall the date.

24 Q. Do you recall why Sam Bockarie left Buedu?

15:25:57 25 A. Well, I can still recall some of the things.

26 Q. What do you recall?

27 A. Well, I remember that he had a serious problem with Foday  
28 Sankoh and Foday Sankoh even said that Sam Bockarie wanted to  
29 dethrone him and Sam Bockarie had said that he did not want Foday

1 Sankoh's position because he was too young. Sam Bockarie said he  
2 was just fighting for Foday Sankoh for Foday Sankoh to be  
3 released from prison so that he would return, but he did not want  
4 the position, but Sam Bockarie said because Foday Sankoh had been  
15:26:44 5 saying that he wanted his power and he wanted to dethrone him he  
6 was going to leave and there was infighting. Issa and others  
7 were attacking Sam Bockarie and these two people were friends.  
8 Issa was attacking Sam Bockarie's loyal soldiers who were with  
9 him. Issa used to attack Sam Bockarie's bodyguards. There was a  
15:27:15 10 serious problem within the RUF and there was a lot of  
11 misunderstandings in the RUF at that time.

12 Q. Where did Sam Bockarie go when he left Buedu?

13 A. He went to Monrovia.

14 Q. Do you know why he went to Monrovia? I'm sorry. I  
15:27:42 15 withdraw the question, your Honour, sorry. Do you know whether  
16 he went to Monrovia of his own accord?

17 A. Well according to him, Sam Bockarie, what he told all of  
18 us, he said that the Pa, who was Charles Taylor, had invited him  
19 to go to Monrovia. Because Sankoh did not realise the good  
15:28:19 20 things Sam Bockarie had done for Sankoh, Charles Taylor said he  
21 had use for Sam Bockarie and so they should not fight each other.  
22 Sam Bockarie should go to Monrovia for him.

23 Q. Did Sam Bockarie go to Monrovia alone?

24 A. No, he did not go alone. He went with many soldiers and  
15:28:44 25 even some civilians went with him.

26 Q. Now just going back to your previous answer before this  
27 one, you said that Bockarie went to Monrovia because he said -  
28 just let me read straight from your answer. Your answer is:

29 "Well according to him, Sam Bockarie, what he told all of

1 us, he said that the Pa, who was Charles Taylor, had invited him  
2 to go to Monrovia. Because Sankoh did not realise the good  
3 things that Sam Bockarie had done for Sankoh ..."

4 Now, how did you learn this from Sam Bockarie? You said  
15:29:33 5 "he said", but how did you learn this from Sam Bockarie?

6 A. You know, Sam Bockarie's position was now like - you know,  
7 he was just talking now. You know, it was in Kono, his  
8 bodyguards were attacked, they were put into prison, they were  
9 tied up, beaten, put into prison. Issa used to do that. He said  
15:30:03 10 that was order from the Pa and that was Foday Sankoh. He said  
11 Foday Sankoh had said Sam Bockarie wanted to dethrone --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the question was, "How did  
13 you learn these things from Sam Bockarie?"

14 THE WITNESS: I said he said it to everybody. He announced  
15:30:19 15 it. He called up a formation and he said it to everybody.

16 MR BANGURA:

17 Q. Where did Sam Bockarie call the formation? What is a  
18 formation? You said he called a formation. What is a formation?

19 A. He called for all soldiers. He called for a parade for all  
15:30:41 20 soldiers.

21 Q. Where did he call for the parade? Where did Sam Bockarie  
22 call for the parade?

23 A. He called it at two places. One was Buedu at the MP  
24 office. He said all the soldiers were to be there.

15:30:59 25 Q. Where was the other one?

26 A. And, sorry, he called another in Pendembu. He went to  
27 Pendembu and some of the vanguards, many soldiers, loyal  
28 soldiers, they did not even attend. Everybody left the parade.  
29 Everybody scattered. That was what I can recall.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, some of these answers do not  
2 answer the question of how this witness knew. This witness has  
3 not stated that she was a soldier at any time and, if her answer  
4 is that the formation was of soldiers, it leaves these questions  
15:31:42 5 in our minds how did she know this information.

6 MR BANGURA:

7 Q. Madam Witness, you have talked about two parades called by  
8 Sam Bockarie and one was in the MP's office, you said. Were you  
9 present at any - the other one you said was at Pendembu. Were  
15:32:04 10 you present at any one of these parades?

11 A. I was present at the Pendembu.

12 Q. You have given us information about what Sam Bockarie said  
13 regarding his movement to Liberia. Where did you learn this  
14 information from Sam Bockarie?

15:32:33 15 A. I heard it from he himself. Nobody else told me. He was  
16 saying it. He was saying it outside. It was not a secret  
17 because he did not keep it secret. He was saying it in the open.

18 Q. Did Sam Bockarie discuss this idea, the talk of going to  
19 Monrovia, in the meeting at Pendembu that you attended?

15:33:07 20 A. Well, he did not say that during the meeting. He only said  
21 that he did not want anything like infighting because he said  
22 they had so many people's children with him. He only said that  
23 he will have to go to anywhere he felt like going, but he did not  
24 actually make mention of Monrovia during the meeting.

15:33:34 25 Q. Who travelled to Monrovia with Sam Bockarie, do you know?

26 A. Well, so many people went. Eddie Kanneh himself went.

27 Q. What sort of people went to Monrovia along with Sam  
28 Bockarie?

29 A. So many soldiers went, RUF soldiers, including Sam

1 Bockarie's bodyguards, his bodyguards' wives, Sam Bockarie's  
2 bodyguards' wives, Sam Bockarie's bodyguards' relations. So many  
3 other people went with him at that time.

15:34:30 4 Q. Are you able to give the Court an idea of how many people  
5 were in the group that moved with Sam Bockarie to Liberia?

6 A. I can say roughly between 200 to 250.

7 Q. Of this number, are you able to tell how many were soldiers  
8 and - how many were soldiers?

15:35:10 9 A. Well, I can say roughly 150 were soldiers and the others  
10 were Sam Bockarie's bodyguards' wives and the bodyguards'  
11 children and himself, Sam Bockarie's, own relations.

12 Q. Madam Witness, what about Sam Bockarie's family? Did they  
13 go with him?

15:35:44 14 A. Yes, Sam Bockarie went with his wife, his mother and all of  
15 his children. They had gone ahead three days even before Sam  
16 Bockarie himself left Buedu to go to Monrovia.

17 Q. Madam Witness, did you leave Buedu yourself?

18 A. Well, all of us went with Sam Bockarie to Monrovia.

19 Q. How did you travel to Monrovia?

15:36:15 20 A. Well, we used vehicles to go to the Foya airfield in  
21 Liberia and from the Foya airfield Jungle and others - Jungle,  
22 Sampson and Junior - they came and received Sam Bockarie at the  
23 Foya airfield and Jungle said that 50 said they should come and  
24 pick up Sam Bockarie from the Foya airfield and go.

15:36:46 25 Q. Madam Witness, did anything happen on your way before Sam  
26 Bockarie was picked up at Foya?

27 A. Yes, we went and when we got to the last village at the  
28 crossing point to Liberia, at that village we had a radio station  
29 and that village was called Dawa. It was when we got to that



1 village that Sam Bockarie stopped all the vehicles and went to  
2 the radio station. When he held the mic to talk, Eddie Kanneh  
3 asked him, he said, "Bra, what do you want to do?", and Sam  
4 Bockarie instructed the radio operator who was at Dawa. He said  
15:37:42 5 he should call all stations at that particular frequency, that is  
6 70110. And Eddie Kanneh asked him, he said, "Boss, what do you  
7 want to do?", and he said, "I wanted to make - state it very  
8 clear to all the fighters that from that moment I was no longer  
9 with the RUF", he said, "... because there were people loyal to  
15:38:02 10 me, there were soldiers loyal to me and so many people had  
11 involved their own lives for my sake."

12 Q. Who was Sam Bockarie addressing in these terms?

13 A. Well, at that particular point in time Sam Bockarie was  
14 talking directly to Eddie Kanneh.

15:38:30 15 MR ANYAH: I will make - with respect, I would make a  
16 request of the Prosecution. I believe I've reviewed my discovery  
17 closely, but I do not see any disclosures about this particular  
18 series of events. To the extent they have something I do not  
19 have, I would make a request now for disclosure about this  
15:38:54 20 particular set of events.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you respond to that immediately,  
22 Mr Bangura?

23 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, on the particular point in issue  
24 the Prosecution hasn't any material in its possession which deals  
15:39:07 25 with this from the witness that has - that we haven't turned over  
26 to the Defence. The point is that there is nothing in our  
27 possession that we have not turned over to the Defence thus far.  
28 Everything the witness has provided has been turned over to the  
29 Defence - has been disclosed.

1 MR ANYAH: Madam President, your Honours, this line of  
2 inquiry began with the question from counsel opposite whether  
3 anything happened on the way to Monrovia. This is a question  
4 that would not ordinarily be posed if they did not have some  
15:39:46 5 indicia about the response that would be forthcoming and so it is  
6 quite surprising to say that they have no knowledge of what to  
7 expect this witness to say when that question is posed.

8 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, I think a similar  
9 point came up this morning. Indeed it is the case that when - as  
15:40:10 10 a Prosecutor when questions are put to your witness the  
11 indication is that reasonably one should expect the answers that  
12 come from those questions. Your Honours, it does happen  
13 occasionally that answers come that the Prosecutor himself has  
14 never been aware of, or perhaps answers come that the Prosecutor  
15:40:34 15 is not particularly seeking in the question that he's asked. I  
16 asked the question indeed and the specific way I was heading, or  
17 the information I was soliciting, is not exactly what came out,  
18 but we will live with what the witness has provided. It is  
19 indeed the fact that this piece of evidence, as has been adduced  
15:41:02 20 by the witness, is not contained in any statement which the  
21 witness provided before:

22 Q. Madam Witness, did you --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Bangura.

24 [Trial Chamber conferred]

15:43:14 25 We note Mr Anyah's observation and the reply from  
26 Mr Bangura concerning the disclosure. If the Defence have been  
27 taken by surprise, or are at a disadvantage following the  
28 adducing of this evidence, they can make an appropriate  
29 application at the relevant time.

1 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Bangura. I think  
3 possibly the witness - you had started a question. Please  
4 proceed with it.

15:43:59

5 MR BANGURA:

6 Q. Madam Witness, you said that Sam Bockarie was picked up at  
7 Buedu - sorry, at Foya by Jungle and some other persons you named  
8 and you said this was at the instruction of 50. Is that correct?

15:44:25

9 A. Yes, that was what they said. They said it was 50 who said  
10 they should come and pick him up at Foya, the Foya airfield.

11 Q. How did you learn this?

12 A. Well, we were all together when Jungle and others came.  
13 Sam Bockarie and us all, we were all living in the same house.

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14 Jungle, Junior and Sampson, they came and said, "Chief said we  
15 should come and pick you up so that all of us will go to  
16 Monrovia". They said 50 said they should come and pick him up.  
17 That was how we left.

15:45:18

18 Q. Madam Witness, up until this time your evidence is that you  
19 moved to this place called Dawa and from Dawa can you just say  
20 where you moved to? Because we are now at Foya, but can you say  
21 where you moved to from Dawa?

22 A. You will have to pass through Dawa before you go to Foya  
23 airfield. Dawa is on the Sierra Leonean side. That is the  
24 border crossing point before you cross over to Foya.

15:45:45

25 Q. You said Sam Bockarie was picked up at Foya. How did he -  
26 did he go? Was he taken anywhere?

27 A. Yes, he was taken straight to Monrovia.

28 Q. And how did they travel to Monrovia?

29 A. Well, they went by road through Voinjama, Zorzor and they

1 went to Monrovia. Then some of us travelled using trucks.

2 Q. Madam Witness, when you say, "Some of us travelled using  
3 trucks", and you had earlier said that the group that was  
4 travelling with Sam Bockarie was in a number of about 200 to 250,  
15:46:44 5 did all of you travel to Monrovia?

6 A. Well, not all of us entered Monrovia at the same time.  
7 Some stayed in Gbarnga. Some soldiers stayed in Gbarnga together  
8 with their own families, because in Monrovia the first place  
9 where we were lodged it was just a house and the place was packed  
15:47:13 10 full with people and the house was a three rooms and parlour  
11 house. Some people were sleeping on the parlour and some were  
12 even sleeping in the bathroom. So not all of us went to Monrovia  
13 at the same time. Some stayed in Gbarnga, because when we went  
14 initially we were passing through a series of strains.

15:47:39 15 Q. Did you yourself go to Monrovia straightaway from Buedu?

16 A. Yes, I went straight - I went straight to where Sam  
17 Bockarie was. I stayed in the house with him.

18 Q. Did anything happen about your situation - your  
19 accommodation situation - after some time in Monrovia?

15:48:07 20 A. Yes, we were at that house in Monrovia for nearly three  
21 months and we were at that house when Sam Bockarie came on one  
22 particular day because he and his wife were not sleeping in the  
23 house. They had a place in Monrovia opposite the first lady at  
24 YWCA. That was where Sam Bockarie and his wife were sleeping  
15:48:38 25 whilst we were living at Paynesville. So on one particular day  
26 he came and said he had spoken with Charles Taylor and he said  
27 Charles Taylor said he was going to buy a house for him, but that  
28 the place he was going to buy for him not everybody would go and  
29 stay there. He said there were just four houses in a single

1 fence and he said not everybody would go there to stay with him.  
2 He said the men who were under his command, the soldiers under  
3 his command that he took to Liberia, those of them who knew that  
4 they were under his command he said they should go to the  
15:49:16 5 training base to train as ATUs. He said that was what  
6 Charles Taylor said, that he should train his boys.

7 Q. Now, let's talk first about the house that you said Sam  
8 Bockarie said Charles Taylor was going to buy him. Did Sam  
9 Bockarie get a house after this?

15:49:51 10 A. Yes. Sam Bockarie got the house, that was the new four  
11 houses all in a single fence, but Sam Bockarie was living there  
12 together with Sampson and Jungle.

13 Q. Can you be clear about what you've just said. Sam Bockarie  
14 living with Sampson and Jungle, what exactly do you mean?

15:50:23 15 A. In those same four houses, in the same new houses that  
16 Charles Taylor bought for him. Jungle was living in that same  
17 fence in the same compound and together with Sampson and Sam  
18 Bockarie and his family and few soldiers, his bodyguards who were  
19 with him at that time.

15:50:43 20 Q. Madam Witness, you said also that Sam Bockarie informed --  
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, please. Mr Anyah?

22 MR ANYAH: Yes, I would be grateful to know if we are still  
23 in December '99?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, there was something about a time  
15:50:57 25 lapse there, Mr Bangura. Perhaps we could clarify that.

26 MR BANGURA: I will go back to the witness's earlier  
27 testimony:

28 Q. Madam Witness, I believe I asked you - in your answer, one  
29 of your answers, you had said that you stayed in the house where

1 you initially moved into in Monrovia for a certain period. Do  
2 you recall?

3 A. That was the former house where Jungle was living. That  
4 was the first house where we were encamped. We were so many. We  
15:51:37 5 were about roughly 150 in the same house. That was in December.  
6 And the whole house, we spent the Christmas in the old house up  
7 to new year and it was after three months that we transferred  
8 into the new compound that Charles Taylor bought for Mosquito;  
9 that is the Four Houses compound.

10 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Madam Witness, you talked about  
11 Charles Taylor telling Sam Bockarie that he should have his men  
12 trained and Bockarie telling his men that this was going to be  
13 the position. Do you recall that evidence, that they should go  
14 and get trained as ATUs? Do you recall that?

15:52:33 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where were they supposed to go and get trained, the men -  
17 Sam Bockarie's men?

18 A. Well, it was at Gbatala close to Gbarnga. Gbatala.

19 Q. Do you know whether Sam Bockarie's men went to Gbatala for  
15:52:56 20 training?

21 A. Yes, they went there later, because initially most of them  
22 they had said that they were not going to go there for the  
23 training, but they were forced to go there because Sam Bockarie  
24 forcefully sent them to go there and so every one of them went  
15:53:25 25 there forcefully.

26 Q. When you say they were sent there forcefully, what do you  
27 mean? You said Sam Bockarie sent them there forcefully. How did  
28 he send them there forcefully?

29 A. Well he told them that those soldiers who went with him to

1 Monrovia, Sam Bockarie said all the soldiers who went with him to  
2 Monrovia if you knew you were the command of Sam Bockarie you  
3 should go to Gbatala base for ATU training, but if you refused to  
4 go if anything happened to you in Liberia he will not involve  
15:54:02 5 there. So, so many of them were afraid and so they returned to  
6 Sierra Leone. Those who stayed were forced to go to Gbatala.

7 Q. Madam Witness, the point about being forced to go to  
8 Gbatala is not quite addressed. You said again in your answer,  
9 "Those who stayed were forced to go to Gbatala". How were they  
15:54:28 10 forced to go to Gbatala?

11 A. Well, that is what I have explained. The man said they  
12 should go there forcefully. Those who knew that they were under  
13 his command they should go there forcefully, and if any one of  
14 them refused to go if anything happened to you in Liberia he  
15:54:46 15 would not be responsible for that. It means you called for the  
16 problem for yourself.

17 Q. Were you present when Sam Bockarie addressed or told his  
18 men this?

19 A. Yes, it was at the same house. We were all living in the  
15:55:06 20 same house.

21 Q. Do you know what happened to these men after they went to  
22 Gbatala for the training?

23 A. Yes. They went there for training and they were there at  
24 the training base for some time and later when they graduated  
15:55:33 25 they were working at the Mansion Ground in Monrovia under  
26 Charles Taylor's government as ATU.

27 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall whether there was any  
28 communication between Sam Bockarie and the RUF while he was in  
29 Monrovia?

1 A. Well, at that time there was no communication. The  
2 communication set that Sam Bockarie took with him that we had  
3 there, we mounted one on the compound of the Four Houses that  
4 Charles Taylor had bought for Sam Bockarie. The communication  
15:56:30 5 set that we had there was just there for us to monitor the RUF  
6 operations in Sierra Leone, the RUF movement in Sierra Leone.  
7 The radio set was only meant for monitoring.

8 Q. Do you know from what period to what period monitoring was  
9 going on of the RUF in Sierra Leone from Monrovia?

15:56:59 10 A. Well, it was not for a long time. It was between three to  
11 four months time and then the radio station was closed.

12 Q. Do you know what was the purpose of this monitoring of the  
13 RUF from Monrovia by Sam Bockarie?

14 A. Well, the way I understood it was that he was just  
15:57:36 15 monitoring the way the RUF were moving in the place, the  
16 positions that they had captured, whether there were good  
17 relationships between the commanders who had stayed in Sierra  
18 Leone within the RUF at that time. To my understanding that was  
19 it.

15:57:56 20 Q. Apart from monitoring the RUF from a radio in Monrovia, do  
21 you recall any form of communications that went on in Liberia  
22 while you were there - in Monrovia while you were there?

23 A. Well, other communications went on. That is whenever Sam  
24 Bockarie was not around we would use the radio to inquire about  
15:58:34 25 our families that had stayed in Sierra Leone at that time.

26 Q. Madam Witness, did any operators work with any other person  
27 in Liberia apart from Sam Bockarie, operators that moved from -  
28 that went with Sam Bockarie to Liberia?

29 A. Yes.



1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Madam Witness.

2 MR ANYAH: I might be mistaken, but I'm objecting on the  
3 basis of facts not in evidence. I don't know if it specifically  
4 came out in this witness's testimony that radio operators  
15:59:27 5 accompanied Sam Bockarie to Monrovia. We heard of soldiers, we  
6 heard of their families, we heard of his mother, we heard of his  
7 children, but I don't specifically recall hearing of radio  
8 operators.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I don't recall radio  
10 operators either, so unless you can refer me to them, I consider  
11 that a valid objection.

12 MR BANGURA:

13 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about Sam Bockarie's radio that  
14 was used to monitor the RUF. Do you recall?

15:59:52 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now without giving an answer that may suggest anything  
17 about yourself, do you recall who monitored that radio?

18 A. Well, two people used to monitor on the radio. There was a  
19 woman and a man called Pascal at that time. They were radio  
16:00:19 20 operators for Sam Bockarie at that time.

21 Q. Do you know whether any operators worked with anybody else  
22 in Monrovia after this radio was closed - after Sam Bockarie's  
23 radio was closed?

24 A. Yes. Before the radio station was closed down the main  
16:00:40 25 operator who was there, the man, Pascal, he ran away from  
26 Monrovia and went back to Sierra Leone and he said because he  
27 would not go to Liberia to undertake another soldier training.  
28 And the female radio operator who stayed there stopped the  
29 monitoring because she later became pregnant and she was sickly

1 at that time. That was the reason why Sam Bockarie closed down  
2 the radio station, because there was no longer somebody there who  
3 would be monitoring the operations. That was the reason why Sam  
4 Bockarie decided to close down the station.

16:01:20 5 Q. Madam Witness --

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Bangura. Mr Anyah, you  
7 are on your feet.

8 MR ANYAH: Yes. There are matters being testified to by  
9 the witness that your Honours do not have the advantage that we  
10 have of having read disclosures, but when read on their face as  
11 they would appear on the transcript, they would distort reality.  
12 By that I mean they would distort the witness's evidence and that  
13 is a function perhaps of not going into private session. But I  
14 think at this point there is an undertaking that should be  
15 forthcoming from the Prosecution about trying to complete the  
16 record and perhaps in private session.

17 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, I had indicated at  
18 the beginning of the witness's testimony that I shall be asking  
19 the Chamber to allow the latter part of the witness's testimony  
20 to be given in private session and to the extent that matters  
21 have come up which, as rightly pointed out by my learned friend,  
22 may not on the face of them quite clearly reflect reality, I  
23 shall be pursuing that application at a later point. At this  
24 stage I am not actually pursuing this line of inquiry. I will  
25 move on to other matters, but towards the end of the examination  
26 of this witness I shall be making that application.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. So you're not pursuing this line  
28 of questioning, you're moving on to another matter and coming  
29 back to this one?

1 MR BANGURA: That's right, your Honour:

2 Q. Madam Witness, did you go anywhere from Liberia at any  
3 point?

4 A. I don't understand.

16:03:30 5 Q. Did you travel outside Liberia while you were there at any  
6 point in time?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When did you travel outside Liberia?

9 A. Well, I travelled from Liberia to Ivory Coast at the time  
16:03:58 10 Sam Bockarie was fighting there.

11 Q. You said at the time Sam Bockarie was fighting there. When  
12 was this time that Sam Bockarie was fighting in the Ivory Coast?

13 A. Well, some time in 2000, in the year 2000 - 2002, I mean.

14 Q. How did you get to know that Sam Bockarie was fighting in  
16:04:32 15 the Ivory Coast at this time?

16 A. Well, at that time Sam Bockarie had gone on exile for a  
17 long time, for close to a year, so it got to a time some times in  
18 2002 we had an understanding that he called for all his former  
19 RUF fighters with whom he had crossed from Sierra Leone to  
16:05:06 20 Liberia. He called them to Monrovia so that they would undergo  
21 ATU training. He called on all those to go and meet him in Ivory  
22 Coast for an operation.

23 Q. And did you know what this operation was about in the Ivory  
24 Coast?

16:05:34 25 A. Well, they were fighting there against the Ivorians. They  
26 were fighting there against the Ivorian government.

27 Q. You said that Sam Bockarie left Liberia in 2002. Do you  
28 know whether he had been anywhere before he went to Ivory Coast?

29 A. I did not say that he left Liberia in 2002. He left

1 Liberia in 2001, some time around 2001. But it was in 2002 that  
2 we heard about him in Ivory Coast. He had left Monrovia before  
3 2002.

16:06:33 4 Q. Thank you for the correction. The question was do you know  
5 whether he had been anywhere before he came to Ivory Coast?

6 A. Well, about that we - before that we heard about him in  
7 Libya. We heard that he was in Libya.

8 Q. Were you able to confirm any of this, the information about  
9 him being in Libya?

16:07:07 10 A. Well, I heard that from his wife. I did not ask him  
11 directly at the time I met with him whether he was actually in  
12 Libya, but that was what his wife told us because by then we did  
13 not have access to communication with him directly.

14 Q. You said that Bockarie requested his men who had been  
16:07:33 15 trained with the ATU to join him in Ivory Coast. Did they join  
16 him there?

17 A. Yes, all of them went.

18 Q. About what time was this?

19 A. Well, the movement of his men from Monrovia to the Ivory  
16:07:59 20 Coast was around 2000, the year - I mean, the year 2002.

21 Q. And do you recall what month they went to join him in Ivory  
22 Coast?

23 A. Well, I do not recall that any more. I do not recall that  
24 actually.

16:08:22 25 Q. How long was Sam Bockarie in Ivory Coast with his men?

26 A. Well, he was there for a long period. Let me just say  
27 roughly between six to seven months. He was not there actually  
28 for up to a year.

29 Q. You have said that you went to Ivory Coast yourself. When

1 did you go to the Ivory Coast?

2 A. Well, it was in the same 2002. When I went there I was  
3 there for about three to four months and then I returned to  
4 Monrovia.

16:09:07 5 Q. Did you return to Monrovia alone?

6 A. In Monrovia city I alone returned there during that time,  
7 because it was not easy.

8 Q. Do you recall - did you return from Ivory Coast alone?

9 A. We were many including Sam Bockarie himself. We were many  
16:09:42 10 who came from Man, Danané and from Danané that was towards the  
11 border, crossing into Nimba. We were many who came there.

12 Q. Can you describe the group that left Ivory Coast to come  
13 back into Liberia?

14 A. We were about 500, including civilians. I can say roughly  
16:10:12 15 500.

16 Q. What was the composition of this group?

17 A. In the same group we had civilians, we had Liberian  
18 fighters who were loyal to Charles Taylor's government and we had  
19 the former RUF fighters who had trained as ATUs, their wives were  
16:10:40 20 amongst. Some ATU soldiers had had Ivorian wives and some  
21 Liberian soldiers who had had Ivorian wives and civilians even  
22 followed us. The group was a large group. We were many.

23 Q. Did Sam Bockarie return to Liberia with this group?

24 A. Yes, all of us crossed into Liberia, but not everybody  
16:11:28 25 reached - arrived in Monrovia.

26 Q. Why did the group leave Ivory Coast to come back to  
27 Liberia?

28 A. Well, we were persistently attacked. The Ivorian soldiers  
29 persistently attacked our positions, so it was difficult for us

1 to easily cross at any point. And at that time the Liberian  
2 soldiers who were under Charles Taylor's command, most of them  
3 came to the border area and they were deployed along the whole  
4 border area with all sorts of heavy weapons. They said they  
16:12:17 5 would not allow us to cross over at all. They said  
6 Charles Taylor said all of us who were in the Ivory Coast who had  
7 crossed over to the Ivory Coast who were fighting there, they  
8 shouldn't allow us to cross at all. No Sam Bockarie's follower  
9 was to be allowed to cross through Liberia, because they said the  
16:12:42 10 UN had come to the realisation that Charles Taylor was the one  
11 who called Sam Bockarie to come to Liberia and that Sam Bockarie  
12 had left Liberia and he had crossed over to Ivory Coast to fight  
13 there and that the same Sam Bockarie had left Ivory Coast again  
14 and had crossed into Liberia. They said the UN had known about  
16:13:10 15 that and that they were all over Liberia looking out for Sam  
16 Bockarie, and they said they were going to make sure that if the  
17 same Sam Bockarie who had left Sierra Leone who was called on by  
18 Charles Taylor to come to Liberia, whether it was the same  
19 Charles Taylor [sic] who had crossed over to the Ivory Coast to  
16:13:31 20 fight there and to see whether it was the same Sam Bockarie again  
21 who is crossing over from the Ivory Coast to Liberia. They said  
22 they were looking out for the Sam Bockarie and they said for that  
23 reason Benjamin Yeaten did say --

24 Q. Madam Witness, just before we move on to what Benjamin  
16:13:47 25 Yeaten said, you have given us a very detailed explanation of  
26 what happened at the border and things that were said. How did  
27 you learn this?

28 A. Well, at that time anywhere Sam Bockarie was, anybody who  
29 knew that he was under his direct command you would be very close

1 to him because by then we had been getting some information. So  
2 everybody who was loyal to him we were around him always ready to  
3 defend him, because they said Charles Taylor said nobody was  
4 allowed to come from the Ivory Coast and close - and cross into  
16:14:42 5 Liberia. So they said we should defend the area where we were in  
6 Ivory Coast, because if we had crossed over to Liberia the  
7 Ivorian soldiers were going to chase us into Liberia and so we  
8 decided to stay there and defend the area where we were. So we  
9 were there when we were attacked, Sam Bockarie and all of his  
16:15:05 10 loyal soldiers including the civilians at that border town where  
11 we were in Ivory Coast, because at the time we were attempting to  
12 cross --

13 Q. Madam Witness, you said that "they" - you are referring to  
14 the information which you got about Sam Bockarie and you are  
16:15:25 15 referring to matters that Charles Taylor said. You said, "They  
16 said that Sam Bockarie should not come into Liberia and along  
17 with his group". Now, who are "they" that you're referring to  
18 that said that Charles Taylor said that Sam Bockarie should not  
19 come into Liberia? Who are "they"?

16:15:52 20 A. The Liberian soldiers, because the Liberian soldiers were  
21 allowed to cross into Liberia and return to the border area where  
22 we were in the Ivory Coast, and Jungle too used to move from Sam  
23 Bockarie's location and would cross into Nimba when 50 was there  
24 - based there - and 50 will give him information and he will  
16:16:27 25 cross over again. So that was what Jungle came and told Sam  
26 Bockarie, that Benjamin Yeaten said, "The Pa said you shouldn't  
27 cross over. He said you shouldn't cross over with your group at  
28 all. He said you and your group should stay around that  
29 particular land where you were and defend there", and at that

1 time we used to see so many forces, so many soldiers, along the  
2 border area.

3 Q. Madam Witness, just to clarify, you said that Jungle used  
4 to move from Sam Bockarie's location and would go across to Nimba  
16:16:58 5 when 50 was there. Can you just clarify what you mean? At this  
6 point in time Sam Bockarie and his group, where were they?

7 A. They were right along the Ivorian border. He was in a  
8 village along the Ivorian border. I cannot actually recall the  
9 name of the village. That was even before we crossed over the  
16:17:26 10 border.

11 Q. And you said Jungle at this time would cross from where 50  
12 was in Nimba. Where was 50? When you say Nimba, where was that?

13 A. That is in Liberia, along the border crossing from the  
14 Ivory Coast.

16:17:47 15 Q. And you were going to go on to tell the Court about a  
16 statement that 50 made regarding Sam Bockarie crossing over to  
17 Liberia, do you recall, before I interrupted you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did 50 say anything?

16:18:09 20 A. Yes, 50 said - he said that the Pa, Charles Taylor, said  
21 Sam Bockarie and his group were not to be allowed - that the  
22 Liberian soldiers deployed along the border shouldn't allow Sam  
23 Bockarie and his group who had crossed over to fight in the Ivory  
24 Coast to cross over into Liberia. He said they should stay and  
16:18:35 25 defend the Ivorian ground.

26 Q. Just to be clear, Madam Witness, do you know on whose  
27 behalf or on whose account Sam Bockarie was fighting in Ivory  
28 Coast?

29 A. Well, that I don't know about that up to this moment.



1 Q. Did Sam Bockarie and his group eventually cross over into  
2 Liberia?

3 A. Yes, that was a forceful one. It was done under firing.  
4 Everybody crossed. Everybody crossed during the crossfire.

16:19:19 5 Everybody crossed.

6 Q. When you say "during the crossfire", what do you mean?

7 A. When they attacked us at the place that was along the  
8 border, because the population was too much some soldiers  
9 exchanged firing with them and so it was during that process that  
10 some people were able to escape and cross over to the Liberian  
11 side.

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12 Q. Who attacked who?

13 A. The Ivorian soldiers attacked us. They attacked Sam  
14 Bockarie's position. The rebels who were fighting in the Ivory  
15 Coast.

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16 Q. When you crossed over into Liberia, did you go anywhere; I  
17 mean Sam Bockarie and his group?

18 A. Yes, immediately after we crossed the border there was a  
19 small village and in that village there were no people living  
20 there. There was a structure like a hospital, something like an  
21 under five clinic, but nobody was living there and so that was  
22 where Sam Bockarie went and rested for a while. We all went  
23 there, we were there, and some wounded soldiers were brought to  
24 that location. We were all seated there and Sam Bockarie was

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25 talking. We were on that when 50 and others arrived and they  
26 collected him from there and they said Charles Taylor said they  
27 should take him to Monrovia, but they did not take him to  
28 Monrovia at all and they blocked every one of us who were there  
29 in the village and they took him to a village where there was a

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1 rubber plantation. That was where they took him to.

2 Q. Madam Witness, you said you were there at this place when  
3 50 and others arrived and they collected him from there. 50 and  
4 who are the others that you are referring to that arrived?

16:21:39 5 A. 50 was there and I recall Joe Tuah. I recall just the two  
6 of them, including their bodyguards.

7 Q. Who was Joe Tuah? Do you recall who was Joe Tuah?

8 A. Well, I recall he was one of the bosses in Charles Taylor's  
9 government.

16:22:12 10 Q. You said that they took him - you said that they collected  
11 him from there and they said Charles Taylor said they should take  
12 him to Monrovia. Who are you referring to that was taken from  
13 there?

14 A. Benjamin Yeaten and Joe Tuah came and took Sam Bockarie  
16:22:40 15 from that village where I said there was the under five. They  
16 took him from there. They said Charles Taylor said they should -  
17 that is Benjamin Yeaten and Joe Tuah should - take Sam Bockarie  
18 to Monrovia.

19 Q. You said that he was taken - Bockarie was taken - to a  
16:23:00 20 rubber plantation. How did you know this?

21 A. Well the place where they took him to, that is the rubber  
22 plantation village, we were not there with him actually, but  
23 there were few bodyguards including Mosquito's sister-in-law,  
24 that is his wife's sister, used to go there, and then by then his  
16:23:32 25 bodyguard commander who was called --

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the name of the bodyguard  
27 commander was not very clear to the interpreter.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter did not  
29 hear a name clearly, the name of the bodyguard commander. Please

1 go back and pick up your answer where you said, "By then his  
2 bodyguard commander who was called --" and continue from there.

3 THE WITNESS: War Face.

4 MR BANGURA:

16:24:05 5 Q. Madam Witness, I think you completed your answer. You said  
6 that Sam Bockarie was collected from this point where you were  
7 and taken to the rubber plantation. What about the rest of the  
8 men that he had come across the border with? What happened to  
9 them?

16:24:25 10 A. They took all of us to a village and in that village there  
11 was a big school building. It was actually not in the village  
12 itself, but it was at the outskirts of the village. That was  
13 where they took all of us to, we were all packed there and  
14 everything that we brought from the Ivory Coast we had everything  
16:24:50 15 there with us. So on a particular day we were seated there when  
16 50 came, that is Benjamin Yeaten, Joe Tuah and some other senior  
17 officers from Charles Taylor's government. All of them came in  
18 pick-ups and they called everybody, the soldiers and all the  
19 people who came from Ivory Coast under Sam Bockarie's command.

16:25:22 20 So they assembled all of us, that is the soldiers were assembled  
21 in one place and the civilians were assembled in another place,  
22 but they did not care much about the civilians. They cared about  
23 the soldiers. They said, well, they had come and they said Sam  
24 Bockarie's group had come from the Ivory Coast into Nimba, but  
16:25:45 25 they said they came and there was a problem and the problem was  
26 that the LURD forces - the rebels - had come and they were based  
27 in Ganta.

28 Q. Madam Witness, may I just pause. You mentioned 50 and Joe  
29 Tuah and you said other senior officers from Charles Taylor's

1 government. At this point in time, was any particular person  
2 talking to you - to the group? You said they assembled all of  
3 you and they were addressing you. Who was addressing you at this  
4 point in time?

16:26:22 5 A. It was Benjamin Yeaten who was addressing the group.

6 Q. Continue to say what Benjamin Yeaten told you.

7 A. Benjamin Yeaten said now that the group, Sam Bockarie's  
8 group, had crossed from the Ivory Coast and they had come to  
9 Nimba, he said there was a problem already that they met that the

16:26:57 10 rebel forces - the LURD - had attacked and they were based in  
11 Ganta at that present moment. And he said every other day they  
12 were advancing and that Charles Taylor had given order to all Sam  
13 Bockarie's forces that they should clear up Ganta before any of  
14 those soldiers would be allowed to move into Monrovia. He said  
16:27:20 15 without that none of them would be allowed to go there.

16 Q. Did 50 say who was supposed to actually carry out this task  
17 of confronting the rebels, the LURD rebels? Did he say who?

18 A. Well he did say that the fighters from Ivory Coast, he said  
19 it was an order from the President, Charles Taylor, that no  
16:28:03 20 fighter from the Ivory Coast, or that the fighters who came from

21 the Ivory Coast, would be allowed to enter Monrovia if they do  
22 not clear up Ganta. He said they should at first clear up Ganta  
23 before they would be allowed to enter Monrovia. So, at that  
24 point one amongst 50's boys started singing. It was a Gio song.

16:28:35 25 So they sang - they sang and danced and most of Sam Bockarie's  
26 fighters were just standing looking at them. And after the  
27 announcement they started singing and this man 50, Benjamin  
28 Yeaten, said, "Okay, now I am going to deploy all of you to the  
29 various front lines to clear up Ganta". He said, "But I will

1 come back when I'm ready and I will call for formation so that I  
2 will be able to deploy all of you. The vehicles will come and  
3 pick you up". So all the boys answered, they said "Okay", but  
4 immediately after the formation his brother was there. He called  
16:29:37 5 three of his colleagues and he said, "Please listen very well to  
6 that song that those guys were singing", and they said, "Okay,  
7 yes". But he said, "That rang something in my ears". He said,  
8 "I suspect maybe that these people will want to revenge on us, or  
9 maybe they want to do something bad to us". He said, "I am not  
16:30:09 10 feeling good within me, myself, at all". He said, "The song  
11 pricked my heart. It brought something into my mind". He said,  
12 "I was not happy with it", and so that came to an end that  
13 particular day.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, unfortunately we're up to our  
16:30:26 15 time limit. There are a few matters that aren't entirely clear  
16 on that answer, but we're out of time now. We will have to  
17 adjourn until tomorrow.

18 MR BANGURA: Very well, your Honour.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we have been told that the  
16:30:46 20 tape has run out, we are over time and we are now going to  
21 adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9.30. I again remind you, as I  
22 did on Friday, that whilst you're under oath you must not discuss  
23 your evidence with any other person. Do you understand?

24 THE WITNESS: Okay.

16:31:04 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please adjourn court until 9.30 tomorrow.

26 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.  
27 to be reconvened on Tuesday, 9 September 2008  
28 at 9.30 a.m.]

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