



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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Justice Julia Sebutinde
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Alain Werner
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For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC
Mr Terry Munyard
Ms Amina Graham

1 Tuesday, 2 December 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:24:32 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Good morning, Mr Santora.
6 Appearances?

7 MR SANTORA: Good morning Madam President, good morning
8 your Honours, good morning counsel opposite. Madam President,
9 for the Prosecution this morning is Nicholas Koumjian, Alain
09:31:09 10 Werner, Maja Dimitrova and myself Christopher Santora.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. I trust Mr Koumjian has
12 recovered. Mr Munyard?

13 MR MUNYARD: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours,
14 counsel opposite. For the Defence this morning Courtenay
09:31:24 15 Griffiths QC, myself and Ms Amina Graham.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

17 MR MUNYARD: I think I did that entirely without the
18 microphone on, but I don't know if it has been caught by
19 LiveNote.

09:31:36 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: It has.

21 MR MUNYARD: Thank you.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: If there are no other preliminary matters
23 I will remind the witness of his oath. No. Mr Witness, good
24 morning.

09:31:47 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, good morning, Madam.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I want to remind you that yesterday you
27 took the oath to tell the truth. The oath continues to be
28 binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you
29 understand?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well.

3 WITNESS: DAUDA ARUNA FORNIE [On former oath]

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

09:32:10 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Please proceed, Mr Santora.

6 MR SANTORA: Thank you Madam President:

7 Q. Mr Witness, good morning.

8 A. Good morning, Mr Santora.

9 Q. Mr Witness, before we start again, and I will remind you of
09:32:22 10 this periodically, it is very important that you speak slowly,
11 that you listen to the question and listen to the question from
12 the translator and when you are answering your question that you
13 face and you answer to the judges. Do you understand that?

14 A. Yes.

09:32:42 15 Q. Now, before we continue with what we were discussing
16 yesterday, what you were - the topic of yesterday - there is a
17 few points from yesterday's testimony that I want to go back to
18 and clarify. For counsel's reference I will give yesterday's
19 transcript reference. The first reference is 21297, lines 4
09:33:09 20 through 6. Mr Witness, yesterday when you were describing the
21 unit called the Kuwait unit led by one Rebel King, do you
22 remember describing that unit called the Kuwait unit?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And that you were asked if you learned why this unit was
09:33:33 25 called the Kuwait unit and you stated in your answer - and this
26 is starting from line 4 - "It was that it was because Kuwait was
27 one of the wealthy countries and when they came their unit which
28 they formed were capturing areas that were in wealthy places.
29 That was why the unit was called the Kuwait unit." Do you

1 remember giving that answer?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you explain what you mean when you said "When they came
4 their unit which was formed were capturing areas that were in
09:34:19 5 wealthy places"? First of all, who is "they"?

6 A. The RUF. The Rebel King and others.

7 Q. And what do you mean when you say, "When they came their
8 unit which they formed were capturing areas that were in wealthy
9 places"? What do you mean by that?

09:34:42 10 A. Well, being that Kuwait was considered to be one of the
11 richest countries in the world, when Rebel King and others got
12 into Sierra Leone and entered those particular areas in Pujehun
13 District at that time. In fact Rebel King and others used to
14 refer to the place as a virgin ground. They said the place was a
09:35:21 15 virgin ground. Then, because of the kind of wealth that they
16 realised in that area, that was the reason why they referred to
17 the place as Kuwait.

18 Q. Referred to what place as Kuwait?

19 A. Well, the Pujehun area, Pujehun Town going towards the Sahn
09:35:50 20 Malain area. The Pujehun area. It was not just a particular
21 town.

22 Q. Now the next issue, Mr Witness, you were describing
23 yesterday a unit called the Black Gadaffa unit. Do you remember
24 describing that unit to the Court?

09:36:08 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Just one follow-up question to that: Why was the - do you
27 know why the Black Gadaffa unit was formed?

28 A. Well, to the best of my knowledge, the reason why the Black
29 Gadaffa was formed was just to get a specified unit, because by

1 then there were so many units, and by then we were just referred
2 to as Sankoh recruits, Sankoh recruits. So I knew that it was
3 Kpelle Boy who was the commander actually for that unit. He was
4 the commander for Black Gadaffa that was formed by the RUF, but
09:36:56 5 actually, the exact reason as to why it was formed I think that
6 is all I have to the best of my knowledge because there were some
7 other units like Red Scorpion, Task Force, Strike Force, those
8 other units were in existence, but that besides I do not have any
9 further knowledge as to the reason why. That is all that I know
09:37:21 10 about that unit.

11 Q. Do you know who the unit was fighting against?

12 A. Yes, the Black Gadaffa was fighting against the Sierra
13 Leone Army.

14 Q. The next area - and the transcript reference here for
09:37:39 15 counsel opposite is 21351, lines 25 and 26. Simply, Mr Witness,
16 in one of your responses yesterday you referred to several radio
17 operators and one you referred to was called Alfred Brown -
18 actually he was called Alfred Mortor that we used to call Alfred
19 Brown. Who is this individual?

09:38:09 20 A. It is Alfred Mortor, Alfred Mortor, and at the time he was
21 call Alfred Brown. His code name was Stump, S-T-U-M-P, Stump.
22 Alfred was one of the vanguards from Liberia and Alfred was a
23 Liberian. He was the first roving operator that I knew for Foday
24 Sankoh and he was with the RUF up until the end of the war - the
09:38:49 25 official end of the war.

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And what is a roving operator?

27 MR SANTORA:

28 Q. Did you hear the Justice's question?

29 A. A mobile operator. Mobile operator. That is to say

1 anywhere Foday Sankoh travelled to he travelled with him up to
2 the time we were trained; up to the time Foday Sankoh trained us.

3 MR SANTORA: The next reference for counsel opposite is
4 21352, lines 20 to 23:

09:39:29 5 Q. Mr Witness, yesterday you were being asked about
6 communications from the front line in Sierra Leone back to the
7 NPFL in Liberia. Do you remember being asked about that?

8 A. Yes, you asked me.

9 Q. That is fine. I just wanted to make sure, understand that
09:39:54 10 you remember that. In one of your responses you said, "Well, for
11 instance, when we were in Bomi Hills if there was any message,
12 like for instance Anthony Mekunagbe, General Dry Pepe, was
13 another person who used to frequently visit Sierra Leone to
14 supervise the war." What did you mean when you said, "General
09:40:19 15 Dry Pepe was another person who used to frequently visit Sierra
16 Leone to supervise the war"? What did you mean when you said to
17 supervise the war?

18 A. General Dry Pepe and Degbon used to frequently visit Sierra
19 Leone and when Dry Pepe used to visit here he will go to the
09:40:46 20 front lines. Like, for instance, if Dixon and others had any
21 problem they would explain to Dry Pepe. Like Rebel King also, if
22 he had any problems that he needed to share with any higher
23 authority, if Dry Pepe went there he will tell him. And Dry Pepe
24 was one of the commanders. Dry Pepe was one amongst the
09:41:12 25 commanders, like for Dixon Wolo, and Dixon was the battalion
26 commander.

27 Q. When you said he was another person who used to frequently
28 visit Sierra Leone to supervise the war, who were the other
29 people that used to frequently visit Sierra Leone to supervise

1 the war?

2 MR MUNYARD: He hasn't said that there are other people
3 apart from the one other person he has named. We are now moving
4 into effectively a leading question, because all this witness has
09:41:51 5 said is that Degbon and Dry Pepe used to visit. My learned
6 friend is now saying who were the other people? As far as I can
7 tell in the witness's evidence so far he hasn't said that there
8 were other people.

9 MR SANTORA: May I respond briefly?

09:42:11 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may.

11 MR SANTORA: The question that I am asking was in reference
12 to this particular passage. In this particular passage there is
13 only one individual mentioned, that is General Dry Pepe.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you talking about the original
09:42:24 15 passage in yesterday's transcript or the answer this morning?

16 MR SANTORA: Yes, Madam President, the original passage and
17 he used the word "another" in this original passage on line 22.
18 "Another" implies, it is something that can clearly be clarified
19 when he says the word "another" that there is another individual
09:42:45 20 involved and this is just simply to clarify his use of the word
21 "another".

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, Mr Santora, I don't have
23 yesterday's transcript before me, but I take your word for it
24 that he uses the word "another" because certainly arising from
09:43:00 25 the question today that would have been leading but if the word
26 "another" was used in yesterday's I will allow the question.

27 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, can I be heard on this,
28 because I have got the transcript?

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

1 MR MUNYARD: And it seems to me that the transcript clearly
2 refers back and I will read it to you, if I may.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please read it.

4 MR MUNYARD: It starts on line 20: "Well, for instance,
09:43:24 5 when we were in Bomi Hills if there was any message like for
6 instance Anthony Mekunagbe, General Dry Pepper was another person
7 who used to frequently visit Sierra Leone to supervise the war."
8 In other words, he is talking about Anthony Mekunagbe.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated].

09:43:44 10 MR MUNYARD: He is talking about Anthony Mekunagbe and then
11 he adds General Dry Pepper was another person. Was another
12 person. It is quite clearly referring back to those two. We
13 have not broadened out either yesterday or today in this
14 witness's answers.

09:44:01 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I agree with Mr Munyard, Mr Santora, and
16 I consider that question is leading. Please rephrase it.

17 MR SANTORA: I just want to - Anthony Mekunagbe, there is
18 the same person in this passage being referred to. If you look
19 closely at the passage, and I can clarify - okay, let me ask. I
09:44:25 20 can clarify this and make it simpler:

21 Q. Mr Witness, yesterday you referred to an individual called
22 you said Anthony Mekunagbe, General Dry Pepper. Is that one
23 person, or is that two people?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I recall that question yesterday. It has
09:44:45 25 been answered.

26 MR SANTORA: And, therefore, in my submission, this is not
27 a leading question then because it is one person.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have made a ruling, Mr Santora.

29 MR SANTORA: Okay, I apologise. I will move on:

1 Q. One final point from yesterday, Mr Witness, and this for
2 counsel's reference is 21379. This is his response starting on
3 line 15. Mr Witness, yesterday you were talking about the codes
4 - radio codes - and you were describing how codes which were
09:45:32 5 designated for the RUF were sent to the NPFL in Liberia. Do you
6 remember saying that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You said specifically that, "CO Nya prepares the RUF code
9 and he sends them to some designated stations in Liberia." Do
09:45:57 10 you remember saying that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. How often during that time - during the time of the NPFL -
13 and just to be clear this was referring to the time that you were
14 based in Kailahun Town, how often were codes changed?

09:46:25 15 A. Well, if my memory serves me right, I think the first code
16 that was prepared by Nya was for the RUF, and that was some time
17 around December 1992. Between November and December 1992. Let
18 me just say late 1992. That was when RUF established - had
19 established their own communication system and the first code
09:47:06 20 that he prepared he dispatched them and sent one to Gbarnga. He
21 dispatched some to the other radio stations along the way. By
22 that I mean the road leading from Gbarnga to Kailahun District,
23 like Zorzor wheresoever there was a radio station. And at that
24 time --

09:47:37 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the question was how often
26 were the codes changed. You have told us when the first one was
27 done. Now, how often after that were the codes changed?

28 THE WITNESS: Well, the codes were changed sometimes within
29 two months, sometimes within three months. There was actually no

1 standard time set for that.

2 MR SANTORA:

3 Q. Mr Witness, it is important that you answer the -
4 specifically answer the question asked, okay? My next question
09:48:19 5 is how were these codes sent to Liberia? By what means?

6 A. It was done by hand delivery. Like, for example, when I
7 went there newly at Pa Sankoh, those of us that he took from
8 Gbarnga and brought there, when I say "we" I am referring to
9 those of us, the operators, that Pa Sankoh brought and the first
09:48:48 10 code was prepared. So Pa Sankoh left us there and he went to
11 Gbarnga. That is Pa Sankoh left us in Pendembu and went back to
12 Gbarnga. And whilst he was on his way to Gbarnga CO Nya prepared
13 one of the codes and handed it over to him. That is the codes
14 prepared by CO Nya. And he himself took them and delivered them
09:49:15 15 to the various radio stations.

16 Q. Okay, Mr Witness, we are going to continue from where we
17 left off yesterday. Yesterday you were describing what happened
18 to you upon the AFRC coup and that you --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just before you do, Mr Santora, the last
09:49:35 20 sentence in the previous answer, "That is the codes prepared by
21 CO Nya and he himself took them and delivered them to the various
22 radio stations. That he himself could be two possible people.

23 MR SANTORA: I will clarify. Thank you, Madam President:

24 Q. Mr Witness, in your last sentence, in the last response you
09:49:55 25 gave, you said that, "That is the codes prepared by CO Nya and he
26 himself took them and delivered them to the various radio
27 stations." Who are you referring to when you say "he himself"?

28 A. I mean Foday Sankoh. CO Nya handed over the codes to Foday
29 Sankoh and Foday Sankoh took them to the various radio stations.

1 Q. Okay. And just while we are on this, to be clear, when did
2 approximately this happen, this particular incident?

3 A. It was late December. Around December, late 1991. I don't
4 want to actually say late December. It was December 1992. 1992.

09:50:49 5 Around November to December. I have repeated that. That was
6 when we had been newly trained as communicators. That was when
7 we arrived in Pendembu.

8 Q. Okay. Now --

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: '91 or '92?

09:51:07 10 MR SANTORA: I saw what he said.

11 THE WITNESS: '92.

12 MR SANTORA:

13 Q. Mr Witness, now yesterday, after the AFRC coup you said
14 that you were - and you said it was around mid-97, you did not

09:51:21 15 recall exactly the month, that you went to Kenema. Do you
16 remember saying that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Upon reaching Kenema did you receive an assignment?

19 A. Yes.

09:51:41 20 Q. What was that assignment?

21 A. My first assignment that I took was with CO Mosquito.

22 Q. And who was CO Mosquito?

23 A. CO Mosquito was the battlefield commander at that time for
24 the RUF.

09:52:01 25 Q. Now at that time when you arrived in Kenema, who was in
26 charge of the RUF?

27 A. It was Mosquito who was in charge of RUF at that time.

28 Q. And what were your duties when you arrived to Kenema on
29 your first assignment?

1 A. My duty was to serve as a radio operator and amongst those
2 duties were one to receive messages for Mosquito, and I will hand
3 them over to him and he would in turn give me messages for
4 various commanders and I will transmit them.

09:52:45 5 Q. Where were you based?

6 A. At the brigade headquarters, the 3rd Brigade headquarters
7 in Kenema. That was the 3rd SLA Brigade headquarters in Kenema.

8 Q. And did you remain on this assignment?

9 A. No.

09:53:16 10 Q. What happened?

11 A. From there I took up another assignment in Tongo.

12 Q. And where is Tongo?

13 A. Tongo is in the Kenema District. It's one of the
14 diamondiferous areas in Sierra Leone.

09:53:46 15 Q. What was your assignment in Tongo?

16 A. My assignment was as a radio operator.

17 Q. Can you recall approximately when you arrived in Tongo?

18 A. It was in - it was in 1997 during the rains. During the
19 rainy season. During the rains in 1997. I cannot actually
20 recall the actual month, but it was during the rains.

09:54:37 21 Q. And who were you reporting to when you were in Tongo?

22 A. I was reporting directly to CO Mosquito.

23 Q. And where were you based in Tongo specifically?

24 A. It was in one of the company quarters. I was living in one
25 of the billets, the NDMC company quarters.

09:55:17 26 Q. Was there anybody else with you?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Were there other radio operators with you?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. About how many?

2 A. We were up to seven in Tongo. That is, both RUF and SLA.

3 Q. And were you working in the same location or different
4 locations?

09:56:22 5 A. In Tongo we had one station. Then --

6 Q. So why - sorry, go ahead.

7 A. Then those of us who were based in Tongo - within Tongo
8 Town itself we had one station, but there were some other radio
9 stations at other defensive locations around Tongo. But in Tongo

09:56:48 10 we were up to seven and the radio station and there were some
11 other stations used for mobile purposes. Like for instance at
12 any time we wanted to go on operations, like for instance to
13 attack the Kamajors, there was another radio that was always on
14 standby wherein any operator could take up that assignment to go
09:57:12 15 on operations and after the operation the operator will come back
16 to the station with that radio.

17 Q. Now, how long did you remain in Tongo for? Can you
18 remember approximately how long?

19 A. I did not spend more than three months there actually. I
09:57:50 20 spent around three months in Tongo. Around three months.

21 Q. The next several questions I am going to ask you pertain to
22 that three month period while you were in Tongo, okay?

23 A. Yes.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Can we have the actual three months
09:58:11 25 specified?

26 MR SANTORA:

27 Q. Can you specify or approximate the three months?

28 A. I am unable to be exact.

29 Q. Now, what was going on in Kenema - I'm sorry, in Tongo at

1 this time? Describe what you observed.

2 A. When I was in Tongo mining operations went on. And then
3 the combined RUF/AFRC were attacking the Kamajors at the
4 outskirts of Tongo. Those were the two major operations that I
09:59:15 5 recall that used to take place in Tongo.

6 Q. Who was the commanding officer in Tongo?

7 A. Well, the overall commander who was there was an SLA
8 captain, but I do not recall his name now. And for the RUF it
9 was one Harris, one Captain Harris, yes. Although there were
10:00:10 10 some other SLA commanders whose names I can recall, but the
11 overall SLA commander I cannot recall his name.

12 Q. Are where was Mosquito at this time?

13 A. Mosquito was based in Kenema.

14 Q. Did you ever see him in Tongo?

10:00:34 15 A. Yes, the first time I went to Tongo I went there together
16 with Mosquito.

17 Q. How often was he in Tongo?

18 A. At least three times.

19 Q. And do you know why he was in Tongo?

10:01:07 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Why?

22 A. The first time he went to Tongo he was the one who went and
23 repelled the Kamajors. I went with him and, after we had
24 repelled them, he organised mining. And let me just say that he
10:01:29 25 use to go to Tongo purposefully because of mining and combat
26 issues, to follow up about the mining operations and also to
27 fight against the Kamajors. Those were the two major reasons.

28 Q. I am going to ask you about mining, but, before that, did
29 you see any other commanders in Tongo that you recall?

1 A. Yes, like the late Lieutenant Kunnateh. He was an a SLA.
2 For the RUF there was one late Abdul Kanu, Lieutenant Abdul Kanu.

3 Q. Let me break it up for you. Any other SLA commanders that
4 you remember seeing in Tongo?

10:02:43 5 A. So far those are the names that I recall for now.

6 Q. You said there was an RUF called Abdul someone. What did
7 you say?

8 A. Kanu. K-A-N-U.

9 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you have referred on two occasions to
10:03:25 10 mining operations going on in Tongo. Who was mining in Tongo at
11 this time?

12 A. The combined RUF and AFRC were mining, they were doing an
13 organised mining, and individual mining also was going on for the
14 various commanders. Then we too were mining. I myself, I was

10:04:09 15 mining.

16 Q. Okay, first of all you said they were doing an organised
17 and individual mining was also going on for the various
18 commanders. I am going to break that up. First of all, when you
19 speak of individual mining that was also going on for the various
10:04:27 20 commanders, which commanders are you referring to?

21 A. Like, for example, starting with Captain Harris who was on
22 the ground, Abdul Kanu, another SLA captain who was there but I
23 do not recall his name now, and Kunnateh and then even myself
24 individually. Mosquito, he had individual stuff going on. He
10:05:08 25 too was mining individually. And then some council members of
26 the AFRC, like Five-Five, he was doing individual mining there.

27 Q. When you say "he was doing individual mining there, what do
28 you mean exactly? What was actually going on?

29 A. Are you referring to Mosquito, because --

1 Q. Well, let's break it up. Let me withdraw the question and
2 specify to who. You said, "Like Five-Five, he was doing
3 individual mining there". What do you mean when you say,
4 "Five-Five, he was doing individual mining there"?

10:06:05 5 A. Brigadier Five-Five, like any other commander who was not
6 based in Tongo, they had groups of people who were mining for
7 them and they had people supervising the mining for them and
8 sometimes they will come in - like Five-Five, Mosquito, they will
9 come to Tongo to collect whatsoever parcel that their boys would
10:06:29 10 have kept for them.

11 Q. Now, you have spoken of organised mining. What do you mean
12 by that?

13 A. Well, the joint organised mining that I mean, that is the
14 RUF/AFRC used to forcefully assemble civilians to go and work.
10:07:03 15 At that time there was one particular mining site that was more
16 popular in Tongo. That was at the airstrip which referred to as
17 Cyborg and that Cyborg meant there was not much talking, it was
18 action. And in that Cyborg Pit that was where all the civilians
19 were assembled. At times the civilians were up to 150 or 200
10:07:40 20 that the AFRC/RUF would assemble and put them into the pit to
21 extract the gravels and to wash it. Like, for instance, for the
22 organised mining that was going on there, when they were washing,
23 they had some civilians who were there to oversee the work, to
24 supervise the other civilians, but soldiers were also there who
10:08:11 25 were supervising those civilians. Like, for instance, there was
26 an RUF Major Gweh. We actually used to call him Major Gweh, but
27 that was a nickname, it was not an official rank. I think by
28 then Major Gweh was either a lieutenant or a captain, but I do
29 not actually recall his actual rank at that time. And the SLA

1 also had their representatives there. Whilst the mining was
2 going on, it was Mopleh who used to collect all the diamonds and
3 at the end of the day he would hand them over to the commander in
4 charge in Tongo.

10:08:56 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What is the name of that person which he
6 has just named?

7 MR SANTORA: I will check:

8 Q. What was the name you just called out about who would
9 collect all the diamonds?

10:09:06 10 A. Do you mean Mopleh? Mopleh.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Can you please spell that name for us, if
12 you can?

13 THE WITNESS: M-O-P-L-E-H. That is how I spell it.

14 MR SANTORA: That has been spelled on the record before

10:09:29 15 also:

16 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you described what was happening in Cyborg
17 Pit and you said that RUF/AFRC used to forcefully assemble
18 civilians to go and work. What do you mean when you say "The
19 RUF/AFRC used to forcefully assemble civilians to go and work"?

10:09:57 20 A. Like for instance if today we, by that I mean the RUF/AFRC,
21 wanted to carry out official mining the military police officers
22 would be deployed along the various roads entry points and the
23 RUF/AFRC had various commanders in the various sections and those
24 commanders would just receive instructions and they will tell
10:10:27 25 them in the instruction, "Send so and so amount of manpower at so
26 and so time and at so and so assembly point", so that was how it
27 used to go on. All of them will assemble at the end at the
28 Cyborg Pit.

29 Q. How do you know this?

1 A. I used to see it with my own eyes.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, the witness referred to the
3 RUF/AFRC commanders, the Military Police and then he said. "All
4 of them will assemble at the end at the Cyborg Pit." Who is the
10:11:17 5 "all of them"?

6 MR SANTORA:

7 Q. Mr Witness, do you understand that question? Who do you
8 mean when you say, "All of them will assemble at the end at the
9 Cyborg Pit"?

10:11:29 10 A. Well, I mean the various representatives from the various
11 groups that I have referred to. That is what I mean, the various
12 representatives.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, perhaps the witness could
14 clarify what he means by RUF/AFRC commanders?

10:11:56 15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. You referred, when you are describing the situation you
17 referred to the RUF/AFRC. What do you mean by that?

18 A. Well, at that time we had joined forces. I mean the RUF
19 had joined forces with the AFRC. And even whilst we were
10:12:18 20 together it was that name that I was exposed to and so many other
21 people, they say AFRC/RUF or RUF/AFRC and even internationally
22 that was the name that used to go over the wire, so that is the
23 name that I want to be using. I don't just want to be referring
24 to us as "we", "we", "we", that is the reason why I want to be
10:12:54 25 very explicit.

26 Q. Mr Witness, just before we move on, where is Cyborg Pit in
27 terms of its location within Tongo? Could you describe where it
28 is?

29 A. Yes. Cyborg Pit, when you move from the Kenema area and

1 you pass through the centre of the town, that is the market area,
2 and you go towards the mining site, that is the NDMC site, around
3 that area you will see an old airstrip and at that airstrip,
4 whilst the company was mining during the days of the company they
10:13:49 5 used to push heavy pile of sands that contained so many diamonds
6 that they had not got from there, and it is along the road
7 leading towards Kono. Let me just put it that way. And that is
8 the same route - the airstrip is towards the route leading to
9 Kono and after the airstrip you have the hospital. You have the
10:14:18 10 hospital that was - that is in Tongo. And that particular
11 airstrip, it is at the centre of that airstrip that we saw those
12 -we realised that spot and that was called Cyborg Pit.

13 Q. And how big is it, approximately, relative to a football
14 field?

10:14:55 15 A. Around that.

16 MR MUNYARD: American football or English football field?

17 I think there is a difference.

18 THE WITNESS: Standard. Standard.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: The difference is lost on me.

10:15:07 20 MR SANTORA: Sierra Leonean football or English football.

21 THE WITNESS: Standard. Standard football field.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have we an official record of what is a
23 standard football field?

24 MR SANTORA: I don't because I would be testifying from the
10:15:27 25 Bench and I do not portend to do that. I will just rely on the
26 record as to his observation:

27 Q. Mr Witness, you also said these diamonds went to someone
28 called Mopleh. Do you know what happened to the diamonds after
29 they went to Mopleh?

1 A. Well, according to what I understood about the procedure,
2 whenever Mopleh collected the diamonds for a day he will hand
3 those over to the commander who was in charge of Tongo and that
4 was after every mining day. After every mining day.

10:16:10 5 Q. Who was the commander at this time in charge of Tongo?

6 A. I do not recall his name. He was an SLA, an SLA soldier,
7 but I do not recall his name.

8 Q. Now, you said you remained in Tongo for approximately three
9 months?

10:16:34 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. While there you were working as a radio operator?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who were you in communication with?

14 A. Well, I was communicating with almost every radio station
10:16:58 15 that was within Sierra Leone; that is with the national army and
16 the RUF zones. Let me just say within the entire Sierra Leone
17 wheresoever the RUF and AFRC were operating.

18 Q. Where was the control station at this time?

19 A. The national control station was based at Cockerill and our
10:17:30 20 own control station for Tongo at the brigade level at that time
21 was based in Kenema. We had a special frequency where we would
22 assemble, that is in case of the 3rd Brigade in Kenema, and there
23 was that one for the national level which was based at Cockerill.

24 Q. Where is Cockerill?

10:17:54 25 A. In Freetown.

26 Q. So you said, "Our own control station for Tongo at that
27 time was based in Kenema." Is that correct?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. So who were you in communication with on a - well, let me

1 withdraw the question actually. And you said you remained in
2 Tongo for three months?

3 A. Yes, about that, roughly. Around that.

4 Q. And what happened then?

10:18:42 5 A. When I moved from Tongo, I took up another assignment with
6 Log, that is Mosquito.

7 Q. Why did you call him Log?

8 A. Log was his code name. That was the code name for
9 Mosquito.

10:19:05 10 Q. Okay. After leaving Tongo where was the next place you
11 went?

12 A. From Tongo I went to Kenema and I took up another
13 assignment with Mosquito.

14 Q. What was this assignment?

10:19:27 15 A. As a radio operator.

16 Q. Now, you said at this point Kenema was your own control
17 station. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes. Maybe you did not get me clearly. Let me make this
19 clear, the reason why I am talking about two different control
10:19:58 20 stations. You know, for instance, our RUF system of

21 communication was quite different from the military system of
22 communication. Like, for instance, in the military they had
23 their own ways that they operated and each brigade had their own
24 national frequency an assembly frequency where all the stations
10:20:29 25 within a brigade would operate. At national level also each and
26 every brigade, and these were only for brigades, the brigade
27 radio stations in the various units, they had the various unit
28 headquarter stations. They will be on the national frequency - I
29 mean the national control frequency. That was how the AFRC

1 communicated. It was unlike us, the RUF, wherein each and every
2 station assembled at the same national frequency.

3 Q. Okay. Now, when you arrived in Kenema, what were your
4 day-to-day duties? What were your duties in Kenema?

10:21:39 5 A. My duties in Kenema were to transmit messages for Mosquito,
6 or any other commander who will be there, and also to receive
7 messages from the various stations.

8 Q. Who were you in communication with while you were in
9 Kenema?

10:22:07 10 A. Almost each and every station within the AFRC/RUF were
11 within reach.

12 Q. And what were the content of these communications?

13 A. Let me come back to something that just struck my mind in
14 respect of whom I communicated with in Kenema. We also operated
10:22:39 15 with one of the radio stations in Liberia, that is Mr Taylor's
16 radio station. I used to contact them.

17 Q. What was the name of that station?

18 A. I do not recall the call sign that they had at that time,
19 because by then the call signs used to change intermittently. I
10:23:13 20 do not recall the call sign for that station now.

21 Q. Now, going back to my previous question in terms of your
22 communications within Sierra Leone to RUF and AFRC stations, what
23 was the content of those communications? What were those
24 communications about?

10:23:45 25 A. It was like for instance to get information from the
26 various front lines in Sierra Leone, to coordinate movement of
27 troops, to make request for logistics, by that I mean arms and
28 ammunition, mining and so on and so forth.

29 Q. What were the communications specifically with relation to

1 mining about?

2 A. Like in the case of the mining, I used to contact or my
3 radio station used to contact the operators in Tongo to enquire
4 from Harris - Major Harris or Captain Harris at that time -
10:24:55 5 whenever Mosquito would want to hear from him whether he was
6 having problems and at that time sometimes Harris would ask
7 Mosquito to come over if he had something good with him. And if
8 Harris had problems on the ground he would inform him and say,
9 "Master, I have some problems, so I would want you to come over",
10:25:24 10 and Mosquito would go there. Because Harris was not mining
11 personally for Mosquito. But in the case of the coordinated
12 mining, organised mining, that I have spoken about, I did not
13 make much communications directly about that.

14 Q. Now, you said that you at this point were operating in
10:25:50 15 Kenema. Who at this point - after you returned from Tongo who
16 was the commanding officer in Kenema?

17 A. Well, Kenema itself was a brigade headquarters which had a
18 brigade commander and we had the secretary of state east, SOS
19 east, he too was there. We also had a battalion headquarters in
10:26:18 20 Kenema and Mosquito himself was based there. So actually the
21 command structure, I can say politically Eddie Kanneh was in
22 charge.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think the witness has said who
24 Eddie Kanneh was.

10:26:38 25 MR SANTORA: I was just looking at that very point, Madam
26 President. I am going to clarify:

27 Q. Who was Eddie Kanneh?

28 A. Eddie Kanneh was the SOS east.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, the witness one or two

1 questions earlier when answering the question, "What was the
2 content of the communication?", he said something like, "It was
3 like for instance to get information from the various front lines
4 in Sierra Leone and to coordinate movement of troops". Now I am
10:27:11 5 just wondering what front line and what time frame is this that
6 we're talking about?

7 MR SANTORA: Okay:

8 Q. Now, Mr Witness, I was asking you about the content of
9 communications while you were in Kenema when you returned from
10:27:27 10 Tongo. First of all, can you approximate when it was that you
11 returned from Kenema to Tongo - I'm sorry, when you returned from
12 Tongo to Kenema Town?

13 A. It was late 1997.

14 Q. Okay. And you were describing the content of
10:28:13 15 communications and you said, "It was like for instance to get
16 information from the various front lines in Sierra Leone". What
17 front lines are you referring to?

18 A. At that time we had so many front lines in the Pujehun
19 District, Kenema District. In the east and the south, those were
10:28:43 20 the areas that we had so many front lines. And even in Freetown,
21 the Western Area, we had front lines.

22 Q. And how long did you remain in Kenema for? Approximately
23 how long? You said you arrived in late 1997, so for how long did
24 you stay there?

10:29:13 25 A. Roughly around one to two months. Around that.

26 MR SANTORA: I'm not sure if that clarifies that. I was
27 going to move on. Okay:

28 Q. Now, another thing you said and while we are on this issue,
29 Mr Witness, I asked you about the communications with relation to

1 mining and you said that, "Major Harris or Captain Harris at that
2 time, whenever Mosquito would want to hear from him whether he
3 was having problems at that time, sometimes Harris would ask
4 Mosquito to come over if he had something good with him". What
10:30:18 5 do you mean when you say "if he had something good with him"?

6 A. Like let me say it directly, diamonds. Harris in turn will
7 request for mining implements, like shovels, like shakers, food
8 and so on and so forth. So at any time he was on operation he
9 wouldn't want to move from there. So most times he will call on
10:30:48 10 Mosquito that he had something with him, so Mosquito would come
11 over. And sometimes Mosquito himself would tell he, Harris, to
12 go and meet him in Kenema. And sometimes Mosquito will ask him
13 to hand it over to one of his bodyguards to travel with them to
14 Kenema. So those were the types of communications that were
10:31:08 15 going on.

16 Q. Mr Witness, you also said that some of the content of these
17 communications while you were in Kenema concerned logistics. To
18 your knowledge, how was the AFRC and RUF receiving supplies at
19 this point?

10:31:33 20 A. Well, I recall that there was a point in time whilst we
21 were in Kenema, it was in late 1997, there was one Memunatu Deen
22 who was a radio operator - a field radio operator - for the RUF
23 and one Fonti Kanu who is now a late man. He was the battalion
24 commander for Daru.

10:32:24 25 They travelled to Monrovia - no, wrong, wrong, I want to
26 say Liberia. They travelled to Liberia, Fonti and Memuna, and
27 they went and brought with them some ammunition. They brought
28 some ammunition. On their return when they arrived at Daru they
29 contacted Mosquito. So that was one of the shipments that I know

1 about that I will say it was a means by which we got ammunition.
2 Specifically that is the means that I recall that we got
3 ammunition through during the AFRC days.

10:33:34

4 Q. Okay. Do you know, first of all, where in Liberia that
5 Memunatu and Fonti Kanu travelled to, Mr Witness?

6 A. Yes, yes, please give me chance to think properly. In late
7 1997, yes, I do not recall exactly where they picked the
8 ammunition from, but Memuna was staying in - Memuna was staying
9 in Monrovia anyway at that time. Memuna was staying in Monrovia.
10 She was based in Monrovia at that time.

10:34:46

11 Q. How do you know about this particular shipment? How do you
12 yourself know?

13 A. I knew about it through radio communication. Memuna
14 contacted me from Monrovia even before they left and she told me
15 that she and Fonti Kanu, that is Memuna and Fonti Kanu, were
16 travelling to bring some materials that had been given to them by
17 the Papay, that is Mr Taylor. And when they arrived in Daru
18 Memuna also contacted me to tell me that they have arrived in
19 Daru and Mosquito and I, we travelled to Daru to receive the
20 shipment.

10:35:44

21 Q. What specifically was in the shipment?

22 A. They were an assorted form of ammunition, like AK rounds,
23 GPMG, RPG. And I am saying this according to Memuna and Mosquito
24 because I did not specifically enter the ammo dump in Daru.

10:36:23

25 Q. You said you went to Daru with Sam Bockarie. Is that
26 correct?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What exactly happened when you got to Daru?

29 A. Well, when we got to Daru we went straight to the battalion

1 headquarters in Daru. That is the Moa Barracks where Mosquito
2 and the late Fonti Kanu, they entered the office and they
3 discussed and then I entered the signals room where I met Memuna
4 and others - I mean Memuna and some other radio operators. And
10:37:15 5 when we were now there in Daru, that was the time Memuna started
6 briefing me about the things that they brought with them. After
7 that, some of the material, we took them along with us to Kenema.

8 Q. Who is "we"?

9 A. I mean CO Mosquito and I. Mosquito and I took them along
10:37:49 10 to Kenema.

11 Q. Now, you said that this Memuna was based in Monrovia -
12 Memunatu was based in Monrovia. Why was Memunatu based in
13 Monrovia?

14 A. Memuna was one of the radio operators who travelled with
10:38:19 15 Lion to La Cote d'Ivoire and sometime in 1996, during the Abidjan
16 peace talks, and she was there until Pa Sankoh was arrested and
17 circumstances through which and how Memuna went to Monrovia I did
18 not know actually because by then I was - I was in captivity in
19 the hands of the Kamajors, but she was living in Monrovia with
10:39:05 20 one Papay Musa, one Musa Cisse. She was living with him in his
21 house.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Musa who?

23 MR SANTORA: Musa Cisse.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, not you. Mr Interpreter, what did
10:39:27 25 you say? Musa who?

26 THE WITNESS: Well, we, the name that I knew for him was
27 Musa Zesay, something like that. Musa Zesay. Sometimes I do not
28 actually know how to pronounce it except that way. That is the
29 best pronunciation that I am conversant with, that I am exposed

1 with.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Can you spell the surname, or not?

3 THE WITNESS: I have never spelled it. I only spell it as
4 Sesay in my own way, but one thing that I know is that the way
10:40:10 5 the Liberians pronounce sometimes are different from us because
6 in the case of Sesay they pronounce it as Zesay, because I do not
7 want to complicate matters so the name that I heard people call
8 him by that I knew for him was Zesay.

9 MR SANTORA:

10:40:31 10 Q. Do you know what his role was, or who was he?

11 A. Who? Whom are you referring to? Do you mean Musa Zesay?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. Well, Musa Zesay, I knew that he was a Special Forces
14 member and he was a Gambian. That is what I knew about him and
10:40:54 15 he was one of Mr Taylor's securities. He was a Zambian - wrong,
16 sorry. He was a Gambian, Musa Zesay. That is all that I know
17 about him. I didn't know much about him.

18 Q. Going to back to Memuna Deen, do you know what her duties
19 were in Monrovia?

10:41:19 20 A. Yes. It was through Memuna that we coordinated most of our
21 affairs, I mean the RUF, through Memuna to Musa Zesay and from
22 there Musa Zesay will link directly to the Papay - I mean Papay
23 Taylor.

24 Q. For this assertion you have just made with regards to
10:41:46 25 Memuna to Musa Zesay, what time period are you referring to?

26 A. That was in late 1997. Late 1997, that is what I am
27 referring to.

28 Q. I am talking specifically when you said "we coordinated
29 most of our affairs through Musa Zesay and from there Musa Zesay

1 will link directly to the Papay - I mean Papay Taylor." What
2 time span are you referring to when you make this assertion?

3 A. It was late 1997, yes, that Musa Zesay was one of the
4 people who liaised between us, that is RUF and Mr Taylor. He was
10:42:57 5 one of the people who liaised at that time.

6 Q. How long did that last?

7 A. Well, Musa Zesay's phase down at the time when we withdrew,
8 that is when the Kamajors flushed us out of the Kenema, I mean
9 after the Operation Sandstorm Tiger Tail launched by ECOMOG, when
10:43:33 10 we retreated to Buedu. After that Musa Zesay's coordination
11 phased out and it was then Benjamin Yeaten who carried out most
12 of the coordination now at that time. That is the RUF and the
13 AFRC - I mean, sorry, RUF and Mr Taylor.

14 Q. So how long did you remain in Kenema for?

10:44:21 15 A. Around two months.

16 Q. What caused you to leave?

17 A. It was because of Operation Sandstorm Tiger Tail, that is
18 the ECOMOG intervention in Freetown, and the Kamajors attacked us
19 in Kenema.

10:44:46 20 Q. So describe what happened to the Court from this point when
21 the ECOMOG intervention in Freetown and the Kamajors attacked you
22 in Kenema. Describe what happened.

23 A. From there in Kenema, the first attack that the Kamajors
24 did we were able to repel them and after that Mosquito gave
10:45:17 25 orders. He gave me and the other operators orders to go to the
26 various NGO offices in Kenema to look for communication equipment
27 and we were able to get that. In the township of Kenema we were
28 able to get some communication equipment. And apart from that
29 there was mass looting in Kenema. Everybody was looting in

1 Kenema. And from there I retreated together with Mosquito
2 towards Kailahun.

3 Q. Before you go on, Mr Witness, you said "Everybody was
4 looting." Who was looting in Kenema?

10:46:19 5 A. The AFRC/RUF fighters.

6 Q. Do you know why this was happening?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Why?

9 A. Because we, I mean the AFRC/RUF, we had already known that
10:46:43 10 we could not defend Kenema, and so the best thing that we should
11 do was to retreat to certain areas where we could reorganise
12 ourselves to carry on any further operations in Sierra Leone,
13 that is to fight. That was what Mosquito foresaw and he gave
14 instructions so that people would go in search of vehicles and
10:47:16 15 some other things that would be useful for future operations for
16 us, like vehicles, drugs, food, communication equipment. Those
17 were the things.

18 Q. When you say, "Mosquito foresaw and he gave instructions",
19 who did Mosquito give instructions to exactly?

10:47:44 20 A. He gave the instructions to the RUF commanders who were in
21 Kenema.

22 Q. What specifically were those instructions?

23 A. To loot in the township of Kenema and to take any necessary
24 material that would be useful to us in the jungle.

10:48:06 25 Q. How did he transmit these instructions?

26 A. It was a direct instruction to the late Major Gweh and
27 others. To the late Major Gweh and others it was a direct
28 instruction. And to even myself personally, together with the
29 other radio operators, he told us directly to go and take

1 communication equipment.

2 Q. Did you follow this instruction?

3 A. Yes, yes.

4 Q. Where did you take it - what happened then after this
10:48:46 5 instruction?

6 A. Well, I took the instruction. I, together with some other
7 radio operators, went to the IRC office in Kenema and there was
8 were some other NGO offices in Kenema around the same IRC office.
9 That is the road leading to Daru. It was around there that the
10:49:16 10 office was located. We went there and we dismantled the radio
11 communication gadget that was there and we succeeded in getting
12 about four Codan radio sets.

13 Q. So from Kenema where did you go?

14 A. From Kenema we went to Kailahun District, we retreated
10:50:06 15 towards Kailahun District. On that very day it was in Pendembu
16 that we passed the night.

17 Q. Who was with you moving?

18 A. Mosquito was with me. Many commanders - many soldiers, a
19 lot of commandos that I cannot approximate their number even now.
10:50:35 20 All the forces that you can think of who were around Gorahun,
21 Tonkia, Tongo, within the Kenema District, all of the soldiers
22 and the RUF fighters who were there, all within that area towards
23 Daru, everybody retreated towards the Kailahun District.

24 Everybody. But to - but let me just confine it to Mosquito. He
10:51:13 25 was one of the people who was with me.

26 Q. You said you went to Pendembu and you spent the night, is
27 that right?

28 A. Yes, yes.

29 Q. From there where did you go?

1 A. The following morning we went towards the front line, that
2 is Daru, to set a defensive structure in Daru in that area. We
3 went to Baiima and from Baiima we went to Mobai and from there to
4 the Kui va, those various areas. From there Mosqui to put some
10:51:56 5 defensive structures in place, he appointed commanders, and we
6 returned towards Pendembu on that very day and we went directly
7 to Buedu. It was in Buedu that we passed the night on that day.

8 Q. Okay. Just to clarify, earlier you mentioned in one of
9 your responses, you said, "All the forces you can think of were
10:52:18 10 around for a hundred" and then you said "Tonkia within the Kenema
11 District." What was the name you called out? It may have been
12 mi sheard?

13 A. No, no, I don't think I spoke about any figure relative to
14 the forces that were in the Kenema District. I said I could not
10:52:38 15 estimate, because it was more than thousands, really.

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, did you name these places
17 Gorahun, Tonkia?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did you mention Tongo?

10:52:55 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I mentioned that.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Those were the places that I heard.

22 MR SANTORA: I just wanted to be clear on that. Thank you,
23 Justice Sebutinde.

24 THE WITNESS: And other areas that I cannot recall now, but
10:53:11 25 I just generalised it to be the Kenema District.

26 MR SANTORA:

27 Q. Now, you said that you spent the night in Pendembu and the
28 following morning you went towards the front line and then you
29 called out that you went to Daru to set a defensive structure in

1 Daru. What do you mean when you say "to set a defensive
2 structure"?

3 A. Well, it was not in Daru Town itself that we set the
4 defensive. It was the various roads leading to Daru from our
10:53:50 5 areas of control at that time that I had mentioned, like Baiima,
6 Mobai, Kui va and so on.

7 Q. And what exactly do you mean though when you say "to set a
8 defensive structure"?

9 A. Who was to be at the defensive as commanders, who was to be
10:54:15 10 at a particular area as a commander and who were to be by those
11 commanders to set up and whether it was to be at a battalion
12 level or at a company level, how it was to be. That was the
13 structure that I am referring to that was put in place.

14 Q. Who was putting the structure in place?

10:54:35 15 A. Mosquito.

16 Q. What other commanding officers were there, if any? Do you
17 remember?

18 A. Well, the one whom he appointed as commander for Baiima was
19 Eagle. He was a captain at that time. Karmoh Kanneh, aka Eagle.
10:55:06 20 He was one of the battalion commanders in Baiima. And in the
21 Kui va area he appointed a battalion commander there. There was
22 somebody there who was a battalion commander. That was the
23 battalion towards Daru. And he made Pendembu the brigade
24 headquarters. Pendembu was one of the brigade headquarters, yes.

10:55:37 25 Q. About how many men did he leave at these locations?

26 A. Uncountable. I cannot approximate.

27 Q. Now, why were you with Mosquito? Why were you with
28 Sam Bockarie along on this to these locations such as Daru? Why
29 were you there?

1 A. I was with him for communication purposes, to coordinate
2 communication.

3 Q. Who were you in communication with?

4 A. I communicated with stations in the various front lines,
10:56:26 5 like when Issa and others were towards the Freetown area together
6 with Superman, Johnny Paul and the others who were retreating.
7 And I was communicating also with stations in Monrovia. I
8 communicated with a particular station, to be specific, in
9 Monrovia.

10:56:52 10 Q. What station was that?

11 A. The station was Base 1. Base 1, which was operated -
12 actually there were two operators who were there, but the one
13 that I can recall now was operator Sunlight. Sunlight. Sunlight
14 was Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator.

10:57:27 15 Q. Now, the time we were discussing was this period when the
16 day after you stayed in Pendembu and you were travelling with
17 Sam Bockarie to several locations, including Daru, Kui va. Now, I
18 am asking you specifically about this time period. Who were you
19 in communication with?

10:57:55 20 A. I was in communication with the entire RUF radio stations,
21 including a radio station in Liberia, Monrovia.

22 Q. This communication you are referring to with this station
23 called Base 1, was this the first time you were in communication
24 with this station, if you can recall?

10:58:30 25 A. Well, yes, I can recall that Base 1 - it was from Pendembu.
26 It was from Pendembu that I started communicating with Base 1.
27 From Pendembu.

28 Q. And what was the content of this communication, the
29 communication between you and Base 1?

1 A. The content - I received orders from CO Mosquito to contact
2 the other side, that is Liberia. That was one of the ways we
3 referred to Liberia, as the other side. That is Liberia. To
4 contact and inform Papay Musa and Benjamin that the situation had
10:59:40 5 got out of hands, that the ECOMOG had flushed us out of most of
6 the areas that we occupied and that we had retreated to as far as
7 Kailahun District and that the other people were still retreating
8 and they were in the northern area, some of our colleagues - some
9 of our colleague fighters who were in the Western Area were on
11:00:14 10 the run, retreating towards the Kono area, and that we needed
11 material. We needed material, that is ammunition, to stop the
12 ECOMOG advance into our territory.

13 Q. What happened then?

14 A. From there Sunlight told Five-Zero that message and
11:00:55 15 Five-Zero in turn told Mosquito that he will get on to him - that
16 he will get on to him.

17 Q. How do you know that Sunlight told Five-Zero that message?

18 A. Sunlight came back - he came back on the net and contacted
19 me and he contacted us and said he had passed the message on to
11:01:28 20 Five-Zero and Five-Zero had said Mosquito should be on the
21 standby and that he would get a response from him later. But on
22 that very day we did not get any response in respect of that
23 message until the following morning when we were in Pendembu.
24 That was when we got a response with regards that message.

11:01:59 25 Q. What was that response?

26 A. The response was for Mosquito to travel to Monrovia. It
27 was for Mosquito to travel to Monrovia on the instructions of
28 Mr Taylor according to Benjamin Yeaten.

29 Q. Just to be clear, you have referred to 50. Who is 50?

1 A. 50 was a code name for Benjamin Yeaten.

2 Q. Now, what was your role in these communications? What was
3 your role?

4 A. My role was to receive and transmit messages to and from
11:02:57 5 Mosquito and the various radio stations that the RUF had direct
6 contact with.

7 Q. With regard to this particular set of communications
8 between Sunlight and you and Sam Bockarie, specifically what were
9 you doing with relation to these communications?

11:03:24 10 A. I received messages and I also transmitted messages at that
11 time from Mosquito to Benjamin Yeaten and from Benjamin Yeaten to
12 Mosquito, from Mosquito to the various front lines and from the
13 various front lines to Mosquito.

14 Q. So who was actually doing the talking on the radio?

11:03:49 15 A. The operators would contact and sometimes Mosquito himself
16 would talk.

17 Q. Mr Witness, referring specifically to this set of
18 communications that you are talking about after you arrived in
19 Pendembu, and you have referred to communications with Base 1 and
11:04:12 20 an operator named Sunlight, who specifically was doing the
21 talking on the radio? I am not referring generally here. I am
22 referring specifically to this set of communications?

23 A. I did the talking. I did the communication with Sunlight
24 directly.

11:04:36 25 Q. Was there anybody else involved in the actual talking on
26 the radio?

27 A. Yes, there were other radio operators. Then one morning,
28 when I received that response from Sunlight, Mosquito spoke
29 directly to Sunlight. He spoke directly to Sunlight.

1 Q. Now, after you received this response from Sunlight, what
2 happened?

3 A. On that day - that morning - we went back to the front line
4 to settle the defensive problem to make sure that the defensive
11:05:40 5 was well set on the front line and, when we came back, we passed
6 directly. We did not pass the night in Pendembu any more and we
7 went to Buedu. It was in Buedu that we passed the night on that
8 day. The following day --

9 Q. Just to be clear, when you say "we", who do you mean
11:06:06 10 exactly?

11 A. Myself, Mosquito and others. I was with Mosquito directly
12 as operator at that time.

13 Q. Now, how many people moved to Buedu? When you went with
14 Mosquito, aside from you and Mosquito about how many others were
11:06:30 15 moving?

16 A. Well, we were - we had many vehicles but, in that convoy,
17 those of us who were going to Buedu, it was about four vehicles
18 that we used. About four vehicles that we used to go to Buedu.

19 Q. And you said you passed the night in Buedu?

11:06:54 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can you put a time frame on this now? Is it possible for
22 you to put a month and year?

23 A. That was early 1998.

24 Q. You spoke earlier of an ECOMOG intervention occurring in
11:07:14 25 Freetown. By the point you reached Buedu, about how much time
26 had passed between the ECOMOG intervention and the time you
27 reached Buedu? Can you approximate?

28 A. Well, it was in the same month. It was in the same month.

29 Q. Can you approximate how many days?

1 A. Because - no. Freetown did not just fall and we went to
2 Buedu immediately, no. We were still in Kenema keeping the
3 defensive for about at least a week. We were still in Kenema
4 keeping the defensive. It was not just after Freetown had fallen
11:08:09 5 to ECOMOG that we left Kenema. We were still keeping the
6 defensive.

7 Q. Okay, so you said you passed the night in Buedu. Then what
8 happened?

9 A. The following day I took off for Monrovia, together with
11:08:27 10 Mosquito.

11 Q. Who else was with you?

12 A. One Rashid Sandy was there, one Shabado was present -
13 Shabado - together with some other bodyguards of Mosquito. There
14 was a Sellay Duwor, Sellay.

11:09:05 15 Q. Who is - okay, before I ask you about these individuals,
16 about how many - how did you - by what means were you travelling?

17 A. We used about three vehicles to go. About three vehicles,
18 or so, yes.

19 Q. What kind of vehicles?

11:09:24 20 A. Jeeps and vans. Jeeps and vans. One van - yes, jeeps and
21 vans.

22 Q. Before you call out individual names, about how many people
23 total were in these three vehicles? Can you approximate how
24 many?

11:09:52 25 A. I cannot be exact, but I think we were around 15. I cannot
26 be exact. No, not 15, no, around ten to 15, something like that.
27 Then we were together with - yes, we were many, with some of
28 Mosquito's bodyguards.

29 Q. Now, you mentioned Sam Bockarie of course, you mentioned

1 Rashid Sandy and you mentioned Shabado. Is there anybody else
2 you remember specifically?

3 A. Yes. Those of us who took off from Buedu I have just named
4 a few of us and along the way we met Jungle, one Colonel Jungle
11:10:53 5 who was one of the Liberian securities, and all of us travelled
6 together.

7 Q. Where did you meet Jungle?

8 A. In Voinjama, because on that day we met him in Voinjama and
9 we spent the whole day in Voinjama until late in the evening.
11:11:23 10 That was when we took off from Voinjama.

11 Q. You mentioned an individual called Shabado. Who was he?

12 A. He was Mosquito's bodyguard commander at that time.

13 Q. Now, you also mentioned somebody called Sellay Duwor. Who
14 was that?

11:11:46 15 A. Sellay Duwor was a Liberian. At that time Sellay was the
16 overall signal commander.

17 Q. Overall signal commander for who?

18 A. For RUF/SLA.

19 Q. So you said there were three vehicles leaving Buedu and
11:12:17 20 proceeding to Liberia. Describe what happened then. Where did
21 you go?

22 A. We went through Voinjama and Gbarnga, then to Monrovia.
23 And on the way, that is between Gbarnga and Kakata, we met with
24 Benjamin Yeaten and Mosquito entered his vehicle and all of us
11:13:09 25 travelled together back to Monrovia. He went back to Monrovia.
26 All of us travelled to Monrovia.

27 Q. Well, when you say all of you, when you meet Benjamin
28 Yeaten between Gbarnga and Kakata, first of all describe exactly
29 what you observed. What did you see when you met him?

1 A. When we met Benjamin Yeaten he turned the vehicle and
2 Mosquito got into Benjamin's jeep and Mosquito left us in the
3 other jeep and he entered into Benjamin's jeep - Benjamin's jeep
4 - and all of us travelled, that is ourselves, Mosquito, Benjamin
11:14:06 5 Yeaten and the others, all of us travelled to Monrovia. On the
6 way, you know, there was no security threat. Nobody disturbed
7 us. The moment they saw Mosquito - sorry, the moment the
8 security post saw Benjamin's vehicle they will just give him a
9 way.

11:14:33 10 Q. How did you know the person you were meeting there was
11 Benjamin Yeaten? How did you know that?

12 A. I did not know. In fact, I never knew that Benjamin Yeaten
13 was coming to receive us on the way. I did not have any
14 communication like that. We just saw him on the way and he said
11:15:05 15 he had come to receive us and he said the Papay had sent him to
16 receive us and that was when Jungle said, "This is Benjamin
17 Yeaten, Papay's chief security", that is Charles Taylor's chief
18 security. He said he was the SS director.

19 Q. Who said that?

11:15:34 20 A. Jungle. Jungle.

21 Q. And you said that you had no trouble - nobody disturbed you
22 along the way. The moment they saw Benjamin Yeaten's vehicle the
23 security post, they wouldn't disturb you. What security posts
24 are you referring to?

11:15:58 25 A. You know, like to enter Monrovia there was an ECOMOG
26 security post at that time. There was an ECOMOG security post,
27 yes, and besides that there were some police security posts.

28 Q. So go ahead and continue. What happened after you got to
29 Monrovia?

1 A. When we arrived in Monrovia, we were - Benjamin distributed
2 us to - Jungle took some people and he lodged them at a
3 particular place, and I was at Benjamin's house with Sunlight and
4 Mosquito. Mosquito too went to a different place. That was
11:17:09 5 where he slept. And early in the morning he came.

6 Q. I was going to ask, because I am not sure I understand your
7 answer exactly. You said that you arrived in Monrovia and
8 Benjamin "distributed us. Jungle took some people and he lodged
9 them at a particular place." Who are you referring to? Which
11:17:31 10 people did Jungle lodge at a particular place?

11 A. The securities that Mosquito went with.

12 Q. Later you said, "I was at Benjamin's house with Sunlight
13 and Mosquito - Mosquito too went to a different place". What do
14 you mean? Was Mosquito with you or not?

11:17:50 15 A. Well, Mosquito was just with us during the day, because
16 when we arrived at that night we arrived late in the night, and
17 so we needed some rest and so everybody went to where he was to
18 sleep. So early in the morning Mosquito came and met with
19 Benjamin Yeaten and I gave him updates from the various front
11:18:13 20 lines and Mosquito, Benjamin and one Rashid, they went out and
21 they left me at Benjamin's house that morning. Rashid, Mosquito
22 and Sellay - Sellay. Rashid, Mosquito, Sellay and Benjamin
23 Yeaten. There were four who went out that morning and they left
24 me at Benjamin's house.

11:18:48 25 Q. Now you said you gave Sam Bockarie an update from the front
26 lines - various front lines. Is that correct?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. How were you able to do that?

29 A. Well, that was the purpose why I travelled with Mosquito to

1 monitor the front lines and give him updates. When I arrived
2 that very night I contacted them and in the morning - very early
3 in the morning - I went to the radio room, that is Base 1. I
4 even used the Base 1 radio to contact that morning, and I
11:19:28 5 contacted the various front lines to get updates. Then I fed
6 Mosquito with the information.

7 Q. Who did you contact on the front lines?

8 A. Almost all the front lines. I contacted Issa's station, I
9 contacted the various stations, Superman and others, I contacted
11:19:58 10 Eagle - I contacted Eagle's station. There were other stations
11 that I contacted. I contacted many stations and I collected
12 information from the various front lines.

13 Q. Do you remember what information you passed on to
14 Sam Bockarie? Do you remember what was the content of that?

11:20:30 15 A. Well, at that time Issa and others were retreating from
16 Freetown, that is Issa himself and others, Johnny Paul, Superman
17 and others, they were on their way from Freetown. They were on
18 their way from Freetown while retreating and in the defensive
19 areas I asked Eagle and others and they said they had no problems
11:21:00 20 with the various defensive positions that particular morning.

21 Q. Now you said that you --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, Issa is Issa who?

23 MR SANTORA:

24 Q. Who do you mean when you say Issa, Mr Witness?

11:21:14 25 A. Issa Sesay, aka Survivor, or Senior Solar System.

26 Q. What was his position at this time?

27 A. At that time Issa was - he was battle group commander
28 supposedly, but battle group.

29 Q. Now, you said you went to Benjamin Yeaten's house. Where

1 exactly was this house?

2 A. It was one area in Monrovia called Congo Town. That is at
3 the back - that is behind Mr Taylor's place where Mr Taylor was.
4 They referred to the place as White Flower. That was where BY
11:22:24 5 was.

6 Q. Which place did you refer to --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr --

8 THE WITNESS: Mr Taylor - Mr Taylor's residence.

9 MR SANTORA:

11:22:36 10 Q. Mr Witness, will you please look at the judges when you
11 give your responses, okay?

12 A. Mr Taylor's residence.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Who is BY?

14 THE WITNESS: Well, it is Benjamin Yeaten that I am
11:22:57 15 referring to, please.

16 MR SANTORA:

17 Q. So you said that when you got to the house then that -
18 well, first of all, you also have referred to a location that you
19 contacted the front lines from Base 1. Where was Base 1 located?

11:23:19 20 A. Base 1 was at Benjamin's house. It was at Benjamin's house
21 that Base 1 was. It was a radio station that was called Base 1.

22 Q. And can you describe this radio station. Well, when you
23 saw it, was this the first time you had seen it?

24 A. That was the first time. It was a VHF radio set. It was
11:23:50 25 in one of the rooms at Benjamin Yeaten's back yard. In
26 Benjamin's compound, that was where it was. There was a radio
27 set with stationery and the radio set was a Yaesu radio set.

28 Q. Now you said that Sam Bockarie, Jungle, Rashid and Benjamin
29 Yeaten went off somewhere that day and you remained. Is that

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So when you say you remained, you remained where?

4 A. I remained in the radio room at Benjamin's house.

11:24:42 5 Q. Do you know where those four individuals went?

6 A. Well, they told me that they were going to meet with the
7 Papay directly. Master told me that - I mean Mosquito. He told
8 me that they were going to see the President. At that time it
9 was Mr Taylor.

11:25:05 10 Q. Now you yourself, you have also - who was in the radio
11 room? Who was in Base 1? Who was there besides yourself?

12 A. That morning - that particular morning - I was in the radio
13 room with Sunlight. I was in the radio room with Sunlight that
14 particular morning.

11:25:35 15 Q. Was this the first time you met Sunlight?

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 Q. Do you know his real name?

18 A. No.

19 Q. So you said that Sam Bockarie and the others left. How
11:25:51 20 long were they gone for?

21 A. They were out for almost the rest of the day. It was
22 around 7 - 6 going to 7 that Mosquito and others returned to the
23 house at Benjamin Yeaten's.

24 Q. What happened after they returned?

11:26:23 25 A. From there Mosquito told me to pack up and that we were to
26 return to Sierra Leone.

27 Q. And so go ahead. Continue.

28 A. From there Mosquito told me to pack up my things and we
29 were to return to Sierra Leone, so after I had completed packing

1 I went out and got into the vehicle and we left. On our way we
2 met a truck loaded with ammunition and the other securities who
3 were with Mosquito. All of them I met them now on the way along
4 the highway on the outskirts of Monrovia going towards - going
11:27:21 5 towards - going towards Kakata. Going towards Kakata.

6 Q. So just to be clear, how many nights did you actually spend
7 in Benjamin Yeaten's house?

8 A. One. That was the night that we arrived and the following
9 day we left.

11:27:50 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, we have been alerted that the
11 tape is just about ready to run out. If this is a convenient
12 time in your examination?

13 MR SANTORA: Convenient as any, so --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Witness, as you know we
11:28:03 15 have a mid-morning break, you may recall from yesterday. We are
16 now going to take the mid-morning break and we will be resuming
17 court at 12 o'clock. Please adjourn court until 12.

18 [Break taken at 11.28 a.m.]

19 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

12:00:54 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Santora.

21 MR SANTORA:

22 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness. Again just to remind you to
23 speak slowly and look towards the judges when you give your
24 answer, okay?

12:01:12 25 A. I'll try.

26 Q. Mr Witness, when we left off you were describing this trip
27 you took to Benjamin Yeaten's house in Monrovia.

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Was this your first trip to Monrovia?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now you said that you spent one night in Benjamin Yeaten's
3 house and you left and on your way you met a truck loaded with
4 ammunition and the other securities who were with Mosquito - who
12:01:58 5 exactly did you meet on the way?

6 A. We met Mosquito's bodyguards, Jungle and others, with a
7 truck loaded with ammunition and it was a mini truck of
8 ammunition on the way.

9 Q. Where did you meet this truck?

12:02:36 10 A. It was on the road, on the outskirts of the town towards
11 Kakata. Towards Kakata.

12 Q. Now you said with Sam Bockarie's securities. Were these
13 the same securities you referred to before?

14 A. Yes, yes. I'm referring to his bodyguards, Shabado and
12:03:01 15 others with whom all of us had travelled.

16 Q. And what type of truck was this, can you recall?

17 A. It was a six wheel truck, but it was not a very big truck.
18 It was a mini truck. Let me say a medium sized truck. Like in
19 Sierra Leone there is a way we refer to them, we call them as
12:03:43 20 pikin Benz. That's the kind of truck that I'm referring to.

21 Q. Can you say what exactly you said. You refer to them how
22 in Sierra Leone?

23 A. Pikin Benz. Pikin Benz truck size.

24 Q. When you say pikin, do you mean as in child?

12:04:03 25 A. Yes, yes, a small sized truck. That's what I'm referring
26 to.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is Benz the trade name?

28 MR SANTORA:

29 Q. And Benz, what is Benz?

1 A. Yes, the trade mark name.

2 Q. So after you met this truck what happened?

3 A. I just joined the convoy together with Mosquito and others
4 and we all travelled back to Sierra Leone.

12:04:46 5 Q. Now you said before that Mosquito and some others left to
6 meet Mr Taylor and you remained at the radio room at Base 1. Do
7 you recall saying that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you have the occasion to learn anything that was
12:04:59 10 discussed in that meeting?

11 A. I was not there directly but while we were going on the way
12 -because I was in the same vehicle as Mosquito's, with Rashid
13 and others, and we were discussing on the way while going. We
14 said it was not a bad trip, Mosquito said it was a nice trip. He
12:05:34 15 said the Pa had said that he would be ready to give us support to
16 the best of his ability at that time and Mosquito said Papay had
17 said, that is Mr Taylor I'm referring to now, that at that time
18 he did not have sufficient ammunition, that the time that we
19 travelled, that's why we did not return with much ammunition.

12:06:10 20 Q. Do you recall the type of ammunition that you did return
21 with?

22 A. Yes. It was assorted. AK rounds, I mean grenades, GPMG,
23 RPG, G3 rounds, RPG rockets. I mean not the tube. Not the tubes
24 themselves, but the rockets. GPMG rounds. I think so. That was
12:06:50 25 it so far.

26 Q. Did you eventually return to Buedu?

27 A. Yes.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, before you move off this line
29 of questioning, I note that in the answer, page 54, line 25 and

1 subsequently on page 55, line 1, there's a reference to the Pa
2 and to Papay.

3 MR SANTORA: On my page, I guess we're on different fonts
4 still, so let me just find the reference:

12:07:29 5 Q. Okay. You said that - I'm just going to give you,
6 Mr Witness - you said in your response, when you were talking
7 about the meeting, what you learned about the meeting between Sam
8 Bockarie and others with Mr Taylor, you said that, in your
9 response, "We said that it was not a bad trip, Mosquito said it
12:07:56 10 was a nice trip. He said the Pa had said that he would be ready
11 to give us support to the best of his ability." Who are you
12 referring to when you say the Pa?

13 A. Mr Taylor.

14 Q. And who were you referring to when you said, "He would be
12:08:16 15 ready to give us support"? Who is the "he" that you're referring
16 to?

17 A. Mr Taylor was willing to give his support to the best of
18 his ability.

19 Q. Now, upon your return to Buedu did you take up any
12:08:37 20 assignment?

21 A. Yes, I was with Mosquito still. I was still with Mosquito
22 as a radio operator.

23 Q. What was your specific assignment in Buedu at this time?

24 A. I was there as a radio operator, but before I went to -
12:09:08 25 before I talk about my assignment I want to say something about
26 the assignment that we - the ammunition that we went with. The
27 ammunition that we went with was what we used - you know we left
28 some in Buedu and took the bulk of the ammunition to the various
29 front lines and we distributed them to the various front lines

1 within Kailahun District and we sent some to Kono. That was the
2 ammunition we used to stop the ECOMOG advance into our territory.

3 Q. Now, the ammunition that you brought back with you to
4 Buedu, how was that distributed?

12:10:01 5 A. Mosquito - like he himself, Mosquito, along with me, we
6 travelled to the front lines and he left them at the front lines
7 and he dispatched some to Kono. He sent some to Kono.

8 Q. How did he send some to Kono?

9 A. I don't recall now the person who went with the ammunition.

12:10:42 10 Q. Who in Kono was he dispatching this ammunition to, do you
11 know?

12 A. At that time I don't recall now who the commander in charge
13 was, because at that time Issa and others had not got to Kono
14 yet. Issa, Superman and others, they had not got to Kono yet

12:11:15 15 together with Morris Kallon and others when they were dislodged
16 from Freetown. I don't recall now the right commander who was in
17 charge in Kono at that time. I don't recall.

18 Q. Do you know why he was dispatching ammunition to Kono?

19 A. Yes. It was to keep the defensive, to stop ECOMOG's
12:11:39 20 advance.

21 Q. And just to be clear, when you say "dispatch", literally
22 how was the ammunition dispatched? By what means?

23 A. Well, at that time, because there was no road, because the
24 roads were not motorable, the road between Kono and Kailahun, the
12:12:16 25 Kamajors had occupied Bunumbu - Bunumbu Highway, not Bunumbu
26 itself, because in Bunumbu Town it was Saddam that Mosquito sent
27 as the commander. But along the way, like Koidu Geiya, enemies
28 were there, so the ammunition - Mosquito instructed Saddam to
29 give manpower to come and collect the ammunition from the

1 crossing point, that is Manowa crossing point, and escort it to
2 Kono. It was human labour. We used manpower to transport the
3 ammunition.

4 Q. Who was Saddam?

12:13:15 5 A. Saddam was one of the commanders, RUF commanders.

6 Q. Who specifically was used to transport the ammunition?

7 A. It was civilian manpower that we used. Then the soldiers
8 would be there in arms. They will serve as securities.

9 Q. Now, you said you returned back to Buedu and took up as an
12:13:52 10 assignment as a radio operator in Buedu. Is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now again I would ask you to approximate, if you can, the
13 month and year that you took up this assignment?

14 A. It was early 1998. Early 1998. When we left Kenema it was
12:14:25 15 just about a week, and in that one week we was just going up and
16 down, go to the front lines, going there here and there, go to
17 Monrovia for the ammunition and we came back. And getting to the
18 other week was when we were able to settle down somehow in Buedu.
19 So let me say Mosquito and Major Sellay who was the overall

12:14:54 20 signal commander assigned me to the monitoring section because at
21 that time in Buedu there were three radio stations. Two were
22 transmitting stations and the other one was a monitoring station.

23 Q. Okay. I will ask you to describe this more, I just want to
24 clarify your position first. How long did you remain in Buedu,
12:15:31 25 based, working as a radio operator?

26 A. I was in Buedu from early 1998.

27 Q. To?

28 A. To - that's what I'm thinking about. To sometime in April.
29 Sometime in April 1999. I can say late April 1999 when I left

1 for Lomé.

2 Q. So the following questions I'm going to ask you pertain to
3 this time period, okay, from early 1998 to sometime in April '99
4 when you left for Lomé, okay?

12:16:32 5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Go ahead and describe the communications, describe the
7 radio stations in Buedu at this time.

8 A. There were three radio stations in Buedu, base stations,
9 three base stations. Already there was one radio station when we
10 went there. At a point in time the station was Lemon and later
11 we called it Mike November 5. I wouldn't want to bother myself
12 much about call signs because that was not static, it used to
13 change. But there were three radio stations in Buedu. One was a
14 monitoring station and there were two SLAs who were doing the
15 monitoring. They knew much about monitoring. I was there as a
16 supervisor. I was monitoring commander. I was the commander for
17 that station. And call sign Lemon too was there. That was a
18 company based radio station, because Buedu was a company
19 headquarters. And Mosquito's radio too was there and that was a
20 base radio station. That was one of the radios that we brought
21 from Kenema. We installed one at the house of Mosquito and
22 opposite --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just speak a little slower, please.
24 We're all trying to keep up with you and so is the interpreter.
12:18:21 25 Please continue.

26 THE WITNESS: From where?

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: "We installed one at the house of
28 Mosquito and opposite --" Please continue from there.

29 THE WITNESS: Okay. There was one at Mosquito's house,

1 that is right opposite his house, for example look at the house
2 and look at Issa's house where Issa lodged later when they came
3 from Freetown, that was the house that he was residing. We used
4 to sit in the veranda at that time to operate. Then there was
12:19:00 5 one Mike November 5 which was the other transmitting station that
6 we met on the ground. Then the monitoring station. Those were
7 the three radio stations that were there in Buedu.

8 MR SANTORA:

9 Q. Okay, I'm going to ask you to clarify some of this, okay.

12:19:20 10 First of all you said one station was at Sam Bockarie's house but
11 then opposite. Where was the radio exactly?

12 A. Well, it was opposite Sam Bockarie's house. Opposite.
13 That was Sam Bockarie's radio station. That is what I'm
14 referring to.

12:19:44 15 Q. But it was opposite his house. Where exactly was it?

16 A. Dawa Road. The road leading to Dawa.

17 Q. Was it in a structure or was it outside?

18 A. Outside. The radio was outside. We used to sit outside in
19 the veranda.

12:20:20 20 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, what veranda is he talking about?

21 MR SANTORA: That's what I'm - that's exactly.

22 Q. You said, Mr Witness, just be clear on where exactly was
23 this radio?

24 A. Okay. For example, let me say that is Mosquito's house,
12:20:36 25 out there, where the - sorry, please, to stretch my hands towards
26 you. I'm just demonstrating something. Like where the judges
27 are sitting there, that is Mosquito's house, and where I'm
28 sitting here there is another house opposite that house, it was
29 just a street that divided the two houses. If you come from

1 Mosquito's veranda, you go across the street, you enter into the
2 other veranda and it was that other veranda that the radio was.

3 Q. So whose veranda was it at?

4 A. Well, it was in that same house that Issa was, but
12:21:19 5 initially Issa was not there when we put the radio there, but
6 when Issa came from Freetown he just went to that house opposite
7 Mosquito's. So that was where he resided. I'm referring to Issa
8 Sesay.

9 Q. Did this radio have a call sign?

12:21:45 10 A. Yes, it had a call sign, but it used to change from time to
11 time. It had Bravo Zulu 4. Some of the call signs that the
12 radio used - that we used to call the radio, I can call two like,
13 Bravo Zulu 4, Marvel, you know, and things like that. But, you
14 know, I don't want to be specific about call signs because we
12:22:18 15 used to change them often, because there are times we can call a
16 particular station, a particular call sign, and some other time
17 when we want to change the call sign that call sign will be
18 assigned to another station. That's why I don't want to say much
19 about call signs.

12:22:36 20 Q. Now, before you have spoken about how you had a radio with
21 you when you travelled to Monrovia. Did you return to Buedu with
22 this radio?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did this radio operate thereafter?

12:22:55 25 A. After we left Monrovia, you mean?

26 Q. Yes.

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Describe what happened to that radio.

29 A. That particular radio was Mosquito's mobile radio, and

1 apart from the radio that we installed in Buedu as the control
2 station, there was one other radio that was always on standby.
3 Sorry, sorry, please. It was that particular radio that we
4 installed in Buedu, that particular radio that we installed in
12:23:38 5 Buedu, and within Sierra Leone we had some vehicles that we had
6 taken from those NGOs like MSF and Red Cross, and they had
7 communication set installed in them. So any time Mosquito was
8 going to the front line, wherever he was going he would travel
9 with one of those vehicles. There must be an operator in that
12:23:59 10 vehicle. There was always an operator with him in one of those
11 vehicles wherever he was going. Those were the mobile radio
12 stations that Mosquito moved with.

13 Q. Do you recall if these mobile stations ever had any names,
14 call signs?

12:24:19 15 A. Really, I wouldn't want to talk much about call signs. I'm
16 still repeating myself, because I can recall one of them was
17 Planet 1, but I wouldn't want to talk about much about - make
18 much emphasis on call signs really. I wouldn't want to put much
19 emphasis on call signs. Don't push me too much.

12:24:46 20 Q. You referred to the control station in Buedu, is that
21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So the control station for what?

24 A. For the RUF operations.

12:25:06 25 Q. Now, you've also made reference to another station which
26 you referred to as a monitoring station. Where was this located?

27 A. The monitoring station was very close to Mike Lamin. Mike
28 Lamin - the house where Mike Lamin was.

29 Q. What was the function of this station?

1 A. That station was there purposely to monitor the activities
2 of the ECOMOG forces, to monitor the communication of the ECOMOG
3 forces.

4 Q. And who worked at this station?

12:25:54 5 A. I worked there with some other SLA operators.

6 Q. Why were there SLA radio operators at this station?

7 A. Well, they were professional radio operators than we were
8 and they knew much about the communication system of the standard
9 army than we did and they had been operating together, so they
10 knew how their code systems worked. Like Philip, he was one of
11 the operators who was in the 3rd Brigade in Kenema. He used to
12 do that even before we retreated to Buedu. So when we arrived,
13 Mosquito established the same system. So when we arrived in
14 Buedu, Mosquito tried to establish this same communication
15 system. That's what he told Sellay, that Sellay should try to
16 see how best we could continue that monitoring that Philip and
17 others were doing. So Mosquito assigned me, Philip and
18 Gbamayaji, and later one other SLA joined us that was called
19 Atatti to carry on the monitoring.

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12:27:24 20 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, I wonder if we could be told
21 where Mike Lamin's house is? We know where Sam Bockarie's house
22 and we know where Issa Sesay's house is, but we don't yet know
23 where Mike Lamin's house is.

24 MR SANTORA: I think that certainly can be explored on
12:27:40 25 cross-examination, unless Madam President instructs me otherwise.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think it would be helpful to have it
27 now, Mr Santora, but just complete the line of questioning you're
28 on.

29 MR SANTORA: Okay, if I remember that line of questioning

1 now. I just want to make sure. There was a name called out and
2 just to make sure --

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: There were two names that were not clear
4 on the record, Mr Santora. Gamma something and the other person
12:28:11 5 who joined them?

6 MR SANTORA:

7 Q. Can you say those names again slowly, Mr Witness?

8 A. Gbamayaji. I can spell it out as G-B-A-M-A-Y-A-J-I,
9 Gbamayaji. Then the other one is Atatti. Both of these names
12:28:36 10 are aliases. Atatti is A-T-A-T-T-I.

11 MR SANTORA: It is just that we have checked the previous
12 record and these names were not spelled out before:

13 Q. Now, you said this monitoring station was near Mike Lamin's
14 house in Buedu. Where was that in Buedu?

12:28:55 15 A. It was at the outskirts of - the extreme end of the town
16 towards Koindu, but you would move off the road. It was not on
17 the main - along the main road. It was not along any of the main
18 roads. It was off the main road where the radio station was.
19 You pass Mike Lamin's house before ever you could get to the
12:29:23 20 monitoring station.

21 Then for the other station, which was company - which was
22 the company's radio station that was there, that too was a
23 transmitting station. Initially it was near Mike Lamin's place,
24 but that one you will pass through that station before you get to
12:29:47 25 Mike Lamin's place, but we changed the location to the barri and
26 later that station was what we used as more or less a welfare
27 station.

28 Q. Okay, I was coming to this station. You said there was a
29 station that you referred to - that you thought was called Lemon,

1 a company based radio station.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, that was Lemon 2, I think,
3 Mr Santora.

4 THE WITNESS: Lemon.

12:30:16 5 MR SANTORA: Oh, I'm sorry.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was Lemon and Lemon 2.

7 MR SANTORA: I actually thought 2 was a reference as in
8 T-0-0.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, I understand now.

12:30:26 10 MR SANTORA: But I can clarify it just to make sure:

11 Q. To be clear, Mr Witness, you've referred to the radio
12 station that was located at a house across from Sam Bockarie's
13 which later became Issa's house. Is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

12:30:43 15 Q. You've also referred to a mobile station, or a mobile radio
16 set, and you also referred to a monitoring station that was
17 located near Mike Lamin's house. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Now, you also made a reference to a company based station.
12:31:07 20 Is this something separate from what I've just outlined?

21 A. Well, there were three base stations in Buedu: Lemon, the
22 one that was at Mosquito's and the monitoring station. Those
23 were the three stations.

24 Q. Where was the one called Lemon? Where was that?

12:31:32 25 A. Lemon was the station that was in Buedu already before we
26 went there. That was very close to Mike Lamin's.

27 Q. When you said "company based", what did you mean?

28 A. It was a company within the battalion. You know, the
29 military structure we have a team, we have squad, we have

1 platoon, we have a company, we have battalions. That's what I'm
2 referring to.

3 Q. You said that - well, what was the function of this
4 station? What was the purpose of this station?

12:32:21 5 A. The time that we went to Buedu the company based radio
6 station was now more or less a welfare radio station, because the
7 transmitting radio stations, every soldier, RUF or SLA, would go
8 to that radio station to contact their friends or relatives and
9 you will send welfare messages. And, you know, when those
12:33:00 10 soldiers or commanders would go to send welfare messages, they
11 would go to Bravo Zulu 4 to send welfare messages, we didn't have
12 much time. Even if you are not told you will know that, "No, I
13 know these people are really busy", because as messages were
14 coming in so were they going out. So we were really busy,
12:33:23 15 because as messages were coming in so were we preparing responses
16 and we had to economise the battery. The workload on the control
17 station was so much and the other station that I'm talking about
18 was based there as a company station. That was where most of the
19 welfare problems were taken to.

12:33:50 20 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, I wonder if before we move
21 off that, we've had the witness both yesterday and today talk
22 about a welfare station. In all the mass of disclosure, some 28
23 or more different occasions when he's interviewed, I don't think
24 there's any reference to it, let alone a definition of it, and I
12:34:10 25 wonder as it's now come up again if the witness could be asked to
26 give us an idea of what he means by that. I know it could wait
27 until cross-examination, but it's a phrase he keeps using which
28 certainly to many of us - and I imagine most of the outside world
29 - will be meaningless unless some definition is given to it.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, the witness is your witness
2 and there's been a reference to disclosure. Do you know if what
3 exactly constitutes a welfare station has not been disclosed? Is
4 that correct?

12:34:44 5 MR SANTORA: I don't know if that's correct, your Honour,
6 and I'm not going to speculate on that.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. I will take it that
8 Mr Munyard is correct in his submission and I think it would be
9 appropriate to define it in order to allow counsel for the
12:34:58 10 Defence to prepare for cross-examination.

11 MR SANTORA:

12 Q. You've used the word "welfare station" just now and you
13 used it prior to this. What exactly do you mean when you say a
14 welfare station? What does that mean?

12:35:13 15 A. Well, it was not that it was a name assigned to the
16 station. Maybe it's just a way somebody would understand it, but
17 I have been saying this before. That was the station where if
18 anybody had a problem you would go there for that problem to be
19 solved. It was not a call sign, or that that was the name
12:35:35 20 assigned to it specifically. That was not it, that this was just
21 for welfare. It was not just for welfare. But most of the
22 welfare problems, if people had messages that was where people
23 would go to send messages because like the control station you
24 wouldn't have any chance there. That's what I'm referring to.

12:36:02 25 Like, for example, all of us are here and I am the control
26 station - I am in the control station and everybody when in Buedu
27 we were from different units. More than 200 people were in
28 Buedu. More than 200 people were in Buedu. Everybody had
29 problems. Everybody would have his or her own problem and you

1 would not deter somebody from getting in touch with other people.
2 Maybe you would just say, "I'm not going to Bravo Zulu 4, because
3 if I go there I will be delayed and my message will not be sent,
4 so I'm going to Mike November 5, or I will go to the other
12:36:46 5 station". It was not that it was specifically a call sign, no.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, can you make an effort to
7 speak a little slower, pausing at the end of each sentence. You
8 almost don't breathe as you speak. The interpreter needs to
9 breathe. Please make an effort to speak normally, as the lawyer
12:37:11 10 is speaking and as I am speaking, because we are writing and
11 recording everything you're saying. Okay?

12 THE WITNESS: I will try to do that.

13 MR SANTORA:

14 Q. Mr Witness, too, if you listen in your ear you may be able
12:37:30 15 to pace yourself by listening to make sure the translator is
16 keeping up with you, okay?

17 A. Yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, I'm still not clear exactly
19 what constitutes a welfare problem, or what --

12:37:50 20 MR SANTORA: Welfare station.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the welfare station, how exactly it
22 helped with any of these problems - nebulous problems - that have
23 been referred to.

24 MR SANTORA:

12:38:00 25 Q. Can you - and keeping in mind, Mr Witness, that if --

26 A. Unofficial.

27 Q. Could you describe a welfare station in simplest terms?
28 Can you try and describe it again?

29 A. Well it was not an official name for the station, but what

1 I mean is that most of the unofficial messages, like private
2 messages, like, "I'd like you to send some rice for me", or, "I'm
3 sending my boy to you to help him go to Dawa training site to
4 transact some business", and stuff like those. At that time we
12:38:43 5 were doing barter system, "I'm sending my bodyguard for this and
6 this to you. I'm sending my bodyguard to you with a bag of
7 rice", or, "Okay, I don't have kerosene. Can you please help me
8 to have some kerosene?" These were the stuff. Those were the
9 things that we --

12:39:00 10 Q. Mr Witness, stop for a moment. So you said "these things"
11 referring to unofficial messages? Is that what you're saying for
12 the welfare station?

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. What about official messages? What station would those be
12:39:19 15 transmitted on?

16 A. Official messages also went through that station, but there
17 were other units there. There were other commanders in Buedu,
18 other unit heads, like the Military Police, G2 and Internal
19 Defence Unit. All of those were there in place. All of those
12:39:47 20 unit commanders were there and they coordinated with the various
21 unit members in the different front lines to get reports and to
22 send instructions. You know, it doesn't mean that it was just
23 for welfare. The station was not there just for welfare
24 purposes. They used to send other messages through it, but that
12:40:14 25 was the major purpose of that station in Buedu.

26 MR SANTORA: I hope that somewhat clarifies it for you,
27 Madam President.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

29 MR MUNYARD: I'm very grateful, thank you.

1 MR SANTORA:

2 Q. Mr Witness, you've described several radios and radio
3 station locations and functions in Buedu. Which ones were you
4 working at during this time frame of early '98 until April '99?

12:40:47 5 A. I was working at the monitoring station.

6 Q. Did you work at any other station?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Well, continue then?

9 A. Yes. Monitoring was my official assignment but at the same
12:41:13 10 time I used to transmit messages to the control station, then I
11 used to go on mobile trips with Sam Bockarie, late Sam Bockarie,
12 I travelled with him outside of Buedu. Whenever he was going to
13 some of those front lines or when he would go to Monrovia I
14 travelled with him.

12:41:50 15 Q. Aside from working as a radio operator did you have any
16 other assignments in Buedu?

17 A. Apart from working as a radio operator I did not have any
18 official assignment in Buedu. I mean official. I did not have
19 any official assignment apart from that in Buedu.

12:42:22 20 Q. Did you have any unofficial assignment?

21 A. It was just a casual thing that I used to do in Buedu.
22 That was initiated by myself. It was to record tips like news
23 from the various electronic media. I used to record those. And
24 sometimes I recorded some radio dialogue messages. That was
12:43:14 25 actually not an official assignment. It was later when Mosquito
26 - whenever maybe he was not around, he did not listen to it and
27 if he was listening to music, then I would just slot the cassette
28 into the tape recorder then he would listen to the interview. So
29 he used to support me with tapes. He used to give me cassettes,

1 but that was actually not my official responsibility, that if I
2 did not do it I would be tasked for it, no, or that I would be
3 disciplined for that, no. I just did it on my own as my own
4 initiative.

12:43:55 5 Q. So you said you recorded tapes - I believe you said to
6 record tapes like news from various electronic media. What do
7 you mean when you say news from various electronic media?

8 A. Like BBC, VOA, Deutsche Welle, Radio France International
9 and so on. Like Radio Kuderat [phon]. Those radio stations.

12:44:34 10 Q. I'm just going to verify the name - you said after VOA what
11 was the next one you said?

12 A. Radio Kuderat.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: He said Deutsche Welle.

14 THE WITNESS: Deutsche Welle.

12:44:54 15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. And then you said --

17 A. Radio Kuderat.

18 Q. Specifically, do you remember any of the programmes you
19 listened to or that you recorded? Actually, let me break that up
12:45:24 20 for you. You said you recorded from the BBC. Do you remember
21 any programmes from the BBC that you recorded?

22 A. Yes, I can remember before the Freetown attack.

23 Q. Actually let me intervene, Mr Witness. I'm not asking you
24 about the content. I'm asking you about just the name of the
12:45:50 25 programmes that were playing on BBC. Do you remember the names
26 of the programmes that you recorded?

27 A. Yes, I recorded during Focus Time, Focus on Africa, Network
28 Africa, Talk About Africa, you know. Various programmes. Like
29 VOA, I listened Daybreak Africa and some other programmes.

1 Q. How often were you listening to these programmes while you
2 were in Buedu?

3 A. Very often. Almost at all times. Even when I will be
4 moving in the front line I had my portable radio. When I was at
12:46:50 5 home I had my recorder with me to record any interesting news. I
6 would record that. But at all times I had my portable radio on
7 me. Then sometimes on the VHF radio I would tune to some of the
8 frequencies at that time. I would use the VHF to listen to those
9 radio stations.

12:47:24 10 Q. You also said that you sometimes recorded some radio
11 dialogue messages. What do you mean by "radio dialogue
12 messages"?

13 A. Like direct discussion between one commander and another.
14 Direct discussion. Live discussions between one commander and
12:47:52 15 another.

16 Q. Why were you doing this?

17 A. I did that for my personal archives. I just did that for
18 my personal archives.

19 Q. What do you mean when you say your personal archive?

12:48:13 20 A. For my personal records. For my personal records, because
21 I knew that some day the war must come to an end and some of
22 those things would be interesting to some of our children that we
23 will have in future, so we could give accurate account of
24 historical events, of those things, one way or the other. Those
12:48:36 25 were some of the reasons I recorded those tapes.

26 Q. Now, going back to radio operations while you were in
27 Buedu, how many radio operators were working in the station
28 across from Sam Bockarie's house, do you know?

29 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry to interrupt again but since we've

1 moved off the radio stations, there were two. One that sounded
2 to me like Deutsche Welle and the other that sounded like "Radio
3 Gujarat". I'm sure that I'm not right on the last one, I might
4 be right on the first one, but could we have spellings of those
12:49:17 5 from the witness, now we are moving on to a different subject.

6 MR SANTORA: Is Radio Kuderat a French --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Gujarat is in India and I don't think it
8 was --

9 MR MUNYARD: It is in western India, bordering on Pakistan
12:49:28 10 but I doubt very much that this witness was listening to a radio
11 station from there. The way he said the name, that was what I
12 heard pronounced. Clearly, that's not right and I think we all
13 need to know. Then the first one, which Justice Sebutinde has
14 also picked up on, sounded like Deutsche Welle which may or may
12:49:46 15 not be a German station that broadcasts to Africa. Again I don't
16 know. It's more likely than a station from Gujarat though.

17 MR SANTORA: I will just clarify first of all the names he
18 mentioned and then try to go from there:

19 Q. You said two particular radio news stations that you used
12:50:05 20 to listen to. One was - can you just go over them again. You
21 said BBC, you said Radio France International, and you said some
22 others. What were the others you said? And you said VOA as
23 well, and then what were the other ones?

24 A. Deutsche Welle.

12:50:27 25 Q. What was that?

26 A. Radio Deutsche Welle. It's a German radio station. Then
27 Radio Kuderat from Nigeria.

28 Q. Do you know how to spell the Nigerian one?

29 A. Kuderat, no, I've never spelt it.

1 MR SANTORA: I will get back on proper spellings on these.
2 These are public source so we can get the spellings.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Santora. Again before you
4 move off this topic, it's not apparent to me from the answer, and
12:51:02 5 I'm looking at the answer on my page 72, line 17 onwards, whether
6 these were played just privately by Mr Witness and maybe Mosquito
7 or they were disseminated to the other members of the 200-odd
8 community in Buedu.

9 MR SANTORA: Just to clarify, Madam President, what was
12:51:29 10 your page reference again?

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: The page I have is the answer that starts
12 on page 72, line 17. It starts, "It was a casual thing" and then
13 later he said "I would just slot the cassette, the tape recorder
14 and he would listen to the interview." Does that mean it was for
12:51:50 15 everyone at large or privately?

16 MR SANTORA:

17 Q. You said that you at some point started making recordings
18 of some of these news programmes. Is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

12:52:00 20 Q. Sometimes you would go ahead - "If he was listening to
21 music I would just slot the cassette recorder and he would listen
22 to the interview." Do you remember saying that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Describe the context in which you would do this?

12:52:22 25 A. Like, if I listened, because to them, you know, Mosquito
26 actually liked listening to the BBC. Mosquito and other
27 commanders, most of them liked listening to the BBC. So whenever
28 I listened to programs that related to Sierra Leone, if I was
29 fortunate to record that particular programme I will bring it to

1 him, to Mosquito, and Mosquito would listen to the cassette and
2 after he would have listened to that recording - you know, I did
3 that for two or three times and he grew interested in it and he
4 even gave me some cassettes for me to use them to do my

12:53:28 5 recordings.

6 Q. Who, if anyone, would be around when you would play these
7 recordings for Sam Bockarie?

8 A. Anybody could be around. At times his bodyguards would be
9 around. There were other times other commanders would be around.

12:53:45 10 It was not any official thing. There was no official procedure
11 for that. I just did that casually.

12 Q. How would you play these? Would they be played on a - by
13 what means?

14 A. On a tape recorder. I will slot the tape in the recorder
12:54:13 15 and it would play.

16 MR MUNYARD: I heard the witness say record player. Can I
17 just confirm whether in Sierra Leone a record player is a tape
18 recorder, because I'm old enough to remember what a record player
19 is in Europe, and it's not a tape recorder.

12:54:41 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, the word that the witness
21 used was record player. I heard it too. What is the correct
22 translation?

23 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, it's tape recorder. He is
24 evening murmuring tape recorder again. It's tape recorder.

12:54:57 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

26 MR SANTORA: Just to clarify, one of the stations is
27 Deutsche Welle Radio, D-E-U-T-S-C-H-E W-E-L-L-E Radio. I don't
28 have the Nigerian one yet.

29 Q. Mr Witness, coming back to radio operations in Buedu. The

1 station that was situated across from Sam Bockarie's house in the
2 other house, how many - which later became Issa Sesay's house -
3 how many radio operators were working there?

4 A. At least five operators. Around five at a time were there.

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5 At any point in time there were four or five. It was not a
6 stagnant figure. But all of us - we were four or five at the
7 time who would be there because assignments used to change.

8 Q. Can you name some of the other radio operators that worked
9 at this station?

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10 A. Yes, I can still recall some like one Ahmed Kabbah. At a
11 point in time he was once a signal regional commander.

12 Q. Did he have a call sign?

13 A. He had a code word - code word - that was Tourist. Kabbah,
14 he was Tourist. We had Seibatu. She was Competent. We had

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15 Pascal and Dauda Forni e himself was there, and our overall
16 commander was there who was Sellay Duwor. You know, there was
17 stuff like that. There were other operators operating there with
18 time, like Motiga and others. Motiga.

19 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has called an
12:57:42 20 alias for Motiga.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter has not heard
22 the alias for Motiga. Please repeat it.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay, his real name is Mambe Ellie. His
24 alias is Motiga. Mambe Ellie.

12:58:12

25 MR SANTORA:

26 Q. Can you say his real name again?

27 A. Mambe Ellie.

28 Q. And then you called - did you call out another name after
29 Motiga?

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did the witness spell this name?

2 MR SANTORA: He didn't spell it.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Do we have it on the record already,
4 Mambe Ellie?

12:58:43 5 MR SANTORA: In a certain context, but perhaps it is
6 appropriate that I get a spelling:

7 Q. Do you know how to spell this name Mambe Ellie?

8 A. I can spell it M-A-M-B-E.

9 Q. And what was the first name you said - the other name, I'm
12:58:53 10 sorry?

11 A. Motiga? Oh, Ellie is E-L-L-I-E. Ellie. Then Motiga is
12 M-O-T-I-G-A.

13 Q. Did you call out another name that wasn't picked up after
14 you called out Motiga?

12:59:18 15 A. I think Tiger. Yes, Tiger.

16 Q. Now, earlier you described how radio protocols were working
17 back in 1992/1993 and you referred to things such as coding,
18 logbooks and frequencies. Do you remember talking about that?

19 A. Yes.

12:59:55 20 Q. Now, was this same practice continuing while you were in
21 Buedu? These same protocols?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Now while you were working in Buedu, who was the station -
24 what other stations was the station that was situated across from
13:00:32 25 Sam Bockarie's house, what other stations was that station
26 communicating with?

27 A. The station communicated with other stations in Liberia. I
28 mean, within the entire RUF zone the station communicated with
29 them and other stations in Liberia like Base 1, Foxtrot Yankee,

1 that is Foya, and other stations like Vahun, the main road
2 leading to Monrovia that we used, Voijnama. We communicated to
3 other stations, yeah.

13:01:30 4 Q. Before I ask you about these communications with Liberia,
5 you also said this station communicated within the entire RUF
6 zone. What do you mean when you say "entire RUF zone"?

7 A. Those were the areas that the RUF controlled. Wherever a
8 radio station was at that time, when we went to Buedu initially
9 we communicated with all of those stations - every station.

13:02:10 10 Q. And what was the content of those communications?

11 A. Like with the various front lines, do you mean?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. It was about arms and ammunition requests from Mosquito,
14 then reports - situation reports - from the various front lines
15 and request for reinforcement from the various front lines, among
16 others.

17 Q. Can you remember some of the commanders that were
18 affiliated with these front line stations?

19 A. Yes.

13:03:09 20 Q. Can you name them, the ones you remember?

21 A. Yes, like when we settled in in Buedu there was now a
22 proper command structure because at that time Issa had come. At
23 a point in time he was in Pendembu and some other time he went to
24 Kono, Morris Kallon was in Kono and we communicated with him
13:03:48 25 directly. Superman communicated with him directly. Other people
26 - you know, Superman and others - we communicated with them
27 directly. SAJ Musa and others, yes, we communicated with them.

28 Q. Did these commanders have their own radio operators?

29 A. Yes, most of those commanders had their own radio

1 operators.

2 Q. You mentioned one commander, Superman. Do you recall any
3 of his radio operators?

4 A. Yes.

13:04:33 5 Q. Who were they?

6 A. One of the radio operators who operated with Superman and
7 who was with Superman was Joe Kassa [phon] and the other was King
8 Perry and Alfred Mortor. Of course, the assignments of the
9 operators used to change intermittently. Toastman.

13:05:15 10 Q. Who is Toastman?

11 A. He is dead. He is a late man, Toastman. He was an
12 operator.

13 Q. What was his real name?

14 A. I do not recall his real name.

13:05:29 15 Q. And do you remember any of the radio operators for Issa
16 Sesay?

17 A. Yes, one was Elevation.

18 Q. Do you recall any others? Well, whatever you can remember.

19 A. Elevation was the one who was with him from a long time
13:06:19 20 starting from 1998 up until the end of the war, although there
21 were some other operators with him like Sei - a fellow called
22 Sei. Then there was another called - he was an SLA called Achie.
23 He was with him also. There was another called Movement, Osman
24 Tolo. He's a late man now. He also operated for him, Issa.

13:07:06 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: These names, what was the first name of
26 the operator? Was it Sei or Fei?

27 THE WITNESS: S-E-I, Sei.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And Achie, could you spell that?

29 THE WITNESS: A-C-H-I-E.

1 MR SANTORA:

2 Q. Now, you also said that the station situated across Sam
3 Bockarie's house was in communication with stations in Liberia.
4 Do you recall saying that?

13:07:52 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Describe what you mean by this.

7 A. Well that was the station that Sam Bockarie used to
8 communicate with Benjamin Yeaten, because at the time we were now
9 in Buedu Sam Bockarie had a satellite phone. He had satellite
10 phones, anyway. The first satellite phone was from Johnny Paul,
11 that was the one he took from Johnny Paul, and then later
12 Mr Taylor sent - I mean Mr Taylor gave him another satellite
13 phone, yes.

14 Q. Okay, I'm speaking now - I will ask you more questions
15 about satellite phones later. I'm specifically asking you about
16 the radio station across from Sam Bockarie's house that you said
17 was in communication with stations in Liberia. Which stations in
18 Liberia was this radio station in communication with?

19 A. The leading station was Base 1.

13:09:18 20 Q. When you say "leading station", what do you mean by that?

21 A. It means there were other stations that we communicated
22 with, but the most important amongst the stations that we always
23 contacted was Base 1.

24 Q. How often was the contact between Sam Bockarie's station
13:09:44 25 and Base 1?

26 A. Well that sometimes depended on the nature of the security
27 threats on the various front lines, or the developments at the
28 various front lines. Sometimes for the whole day we will only
29 have one communication with them, but sometimes when we were in

1 full force - on full offensive - we will communicate with them
2 almost every day, sometimes on an hourly basis, yeah. But there
3 is actually no specific time duration that I can refer to to say
4 whether it was either after every two days that we spoke with
13:10:40 5 them or every three days or every hour. It all depended on the
6 prevailing situation on the ground. So it was all based on that.

7 Q. Why were you in communication with this station, Base 1?
8 Why was Sam Bockarie's station in communication with this station
9 Base 1?

13:11:04 10 A. Well, Base 1 was the station that coordinated
11 communications between Sam Bockarie directly to Mr Taylor. It
12 was not through Base 1. For example, if Mr Benjamin Yeaten
13 wanted to talk to Mosquito on the - but that Mosquito's satellite
14 phone was not switched on, Benjamin will tell Sunlight to contact

13:11:50 15 Bravo Zulu 4 to inform Mosquito to switch his satellite phone on.
16 So in the inverse, Mosquito too would tell the operators at Bravo
17 Zulu 4 to tell Benjamin Yeaten to call him on the sat phone so
18 that they would discuss whatever he wanted to tell him.

19 Sometimes if Mosquito - sometimes when Mosquito does not travel

13:12:38 20 to Monrovia for ammunition, and if he decided to send someone
21 else he, Mosquito, will communicate with Mosquito throughout
22 until he or she gets to Monrovia and returns to Buedu. So that
23 was how the communication used to flow.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I don't know what the witness
13:13:10 25 meant when he said in that last sentence "so Mosquito will
26 communicate with Mosquito throughout until he or she gets to
27 Monrovia and returns to Buedu."

28 MR SANTORA: I will clarify it:

29 Q. Mr Witness, when you were giving your last answer you said

1 this sentence, and I want you to listen closely and explain what
2 you mean when you said this.

3 A. It was an example that I gave.

4 Q. Listen to what you said and then I want you to explain it.

13:13:53 5 You said that, "Sometimes when Mosquito does not travel to
6 Monrovia for ammunition, and if he decided to send someone else
7 he, Mosquito, will communicate with Mosquito throughout." What
8 do you mean when you said Mosquito will communicate with
9 Mosquito?

13:14:08 10 A. It was not Mosquito who communicated with Mosquito. I said
11 for example, there were some other commanders or other people
12 that Mosquito will sometimes send to Monrovia to go and receive
13 some materials from Monrovia directly, and then return to Buedu.
14 For instance, if he sent like Daf, Daf will go on communicating
13:14:40 15 with Mosquito until he arrives in Monrovia and until he Daf
16 returns to Buedu.

17 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Santora, this may be clear to you but it
18 wasn't clear to me. You asked were you in communication with
19 this station Base 1, and then the witness then proceeded to give
13:15:12 20 a fairly lengthy explanation. He started off saying, well,
21 Base 1 was the station that coordinated communications between
22 Sam Bockarie direct to Mr Taylor. The rest of the explanation
23 does not mention Base 1 again and I'm at a complete loss as to
24 understand where Base 1 fits into that explanation. For
13:15:45 25 instance, the witness mentioned Benjamin will tell Sunlight to
26 contact Bravo Zulu 4. Was Sunlight an operator working at Base 1
27 or?

28 MR SANTORA: I will clarify this area. Thank you, Justice
29 Lussick:

1 Q. Mr Witness, you said that Base 1 was the station that
2 coordinated communications between Sam Bockarie directly to
3 Mr Taylor. Do you remember saying that?

4 A. Yes.

13:16:15 5 Q. Now describe and speak slowly, please. Describe exactly
6 what Base 1's role was in these communications?

7 A. For example, Mosquito would want to make a request from
8 Charles Taylor for ammunition. Mosquito would use his own
9 control station, that is Bravo Zulu 4 in Buedu, and he would use
13:16:54 10 that radio station through the radio operators and would
11 communicate with Base 1. That is Benjamin Yeaten's radio
12 station. That was Benjamin Yeaten's radio station and it was
13 Sunlight who was in control of Base 1. When Benjamin Yeaten got
14 any request from Mosquito he would say, "Okay, hold on, I will
13:17:30 15 have to meet the Papay", or, "Maybe I will have to hang heads
16 with the father". We had different code names that we used to
17 disguise the various commanders, something like that, and so that
18 was the major role that Base 1 played.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, you said "I would have
13:17:59 20 to" what with the father?

21 THE INTERPRETER: To hang heads with the father, your
22 Honours.

23 THE WITNESS: That is he would say he would want to consult
24 directly with Mr Taylor, or he would say, "The old man", because
13:18:12 25 we had different ways by which we referred to our commanders,
26 like Zero-Four-Zero, Zero-Four-Seven, and Benjamin will come --

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, did you say it was hang
28 heads earlier?

29 THE INTERPRETER: Hang heads, your Honours, yes.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's an explanation that has come up in
2 the past. It's not an explanation, but an expression.

3 MR SANTORA: An expression, okay:

4 Q. Now just to clarify, what was Sunlight's role exactly?

13:18:55 5 A. The role that we knew Sunlight for was that he was Benjamin
6 Yeaten's radio operator and he was assigned at his house in
7 Monrovia at the back of White Flower. Sunlight was the operator
8 who received messages from Bravo Zulu 4, that was from Mosquito's
9 station directly, and then Sunlight would pass on the message to
13:19:38 10 Benjamin Yeaten and Benjamin Yeaten in turn will tell him --

11 Q. Go ahead. Continue.

12 A. Tell him most times that he should tell him to tell Bravo
13 Zulu 4 to be on standby. He said he will get on to them. And
14 that is according to Benjamin Yeaten he would have to go and
13:20:08 15 consult with Zero-Four-Seven, and then at any time Benjamin
16 Yeaten would have resolved with Zero-Four-Seven he will come back
17 and then give the message to Sunlight. He will tell him that,
18 "This is the response to Mosquito", and then Sunlight in turn
19 will send the message through Bravo Zulu 4 to Mosquito.

13:20:42 20 Q. Mr Witness, I notice you are starting to use some call
21 signs. Who do you mean when you say Zero-Four-Seven?

22 A. Zero-Four-Seven was Mr Taylor. That was one of his code
23 names - one of the code names that he used anyway. That was
24 Mr Taylor's code name, one of it.

13:21:03 25 Q. And where was Sunlight actually located? Where was he
26 actually situated?

27 MR MUNYARD: He has told us that. He said he was based in
28 - he was Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator at Benjamin Yeaten's
29 house at the back of White Flower, about two minutes go.

1 MR SANTORA: I will withdraw the question.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: And it was said earlier as well,
3 Mr Santora.

4 MR SANTORA: I withdraw the question:

13:21:33 5 Q. The time I've asked you about prior to this was your time
6 based in Buedu from early '98 until April '99. About how often
7 would you hear Sunlight's voice during that time? How
8 frequently, I should say?

9 A. It was frequent, anyway. Almost at any time I went down to
13:21:55 10 the station, at the transmitting station, any time I went there I
11 used to overhear him contact Mosquito's station, or that
12 Mosquito's station would contact him. That besides, I too used
13 to contact him directly. Like you asked what I meant about most
14 often, I said earlier that it all depended on the prevailing

13:22:33 15 circumstance at the particular time. For instance, if we had
16 launched an offensive operation and if it was ongoing the contact
17 would be frequent and often, and also if we were under attack
18 from the ECOMOG forces the communication would flow frequently.

19 Q. Can you recognise his voice - Sunlight's voice?

13:23:10 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, you've made references as well to Benjamin Yeaten.
22 What was his specific role, according to your knowledge?

23 A. I knew Benjamin Yeaten to be the SSS director for Mr Taylor
24 and Benjamin was the one who coordinated between Mosquito and
13:23:47 25 Mr Taylor. Like most often when Mosquito was speaking to
26 Benjamin he used to answer to him, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir". I used
27 to hear him answer, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir", and so I can say more
28 or less Benjamin was a commander to Mosquito.

29 Q. And who, if anyone, do you know was Benjamin Yeaten's

1 commander?

2 A. Benjamin Yeaten's commander that I knew was his leader, I
3 can say our leader, our former leader, Mr Taylor, and he was a
4 C.I.C. He was Benjamin Yeaten's commander.

13:24:41 5 Q. Why do you refer to Mr Taylor as "our former leader"?

6 A. Well, now the RUF is now a defunct organisation. It is no
7 longer existing. We do not have any movement any more referred
8 to as the RUF. It has been completely disbanded. The reason why
9 I referred to him as "our former leader" is that because most

13:25:11 10 often he was the one that Mosquito consulted with for strategic
11 actions that he wanted to take - that Mosquito wanted to take -
12 and he used to report to him directly. Mosquito used to report
13 to him directly - either directly, or indirectly sometimes - and
14 then really those are some of the reasons why I said so. Even

13:25:41 15 before Issa also took over he, Mosquito, used to report to
16 Mr Taylor directly.

17 Q. How do you know that?

18 A. I was a contact person that liaised the communication
19 between them. And then I had travelled with Mosquito to Monrovia
20 and he had moved with some gemstones that he spoke about,

13:26:08 21 although he did not show me them directly, but he said he handed
22 them over to Mr Taylor. And, that besides, Mosquito - I said
23 Issa - no, Mosquito consulted Mr Taylor about certain things that
24 he wanted to do. Because for Mosquito to even accept a
13:26:40 25 ceasefire, because there was a point in time when Foday Sankoh
26 called from Freetown and talked about the ceasefire, he consulted
27 with him before he accepted the ceasefire. That is Mosquito
28 consulted with him before he accepted a ceasefire.

29 Q. Consulted with who?

1 A. Yes. That is after Foday Sankoh has spoken with Mosquito.
2 And before Mosquito accepted the ceasefire that Foday Sankoh had
3 said we should do he first consulted with Benjamin Yeaten to get
4 Charles Taylor's advice before he accepted - before he agreed
13:27:30 5 with the ceasefire. And even when Mosquito and Foday Sankoh
6 still continued the discussion on that ceasefire there was a time
7 that Sunlight intercepted a conversation when Foday Sankoh was
8 speaking directly with Mosquito. But Sunlight did not know that
9 it was Foday Sankoh who was talking. He thought Mosquito was
13:27:58 10 just speaking to any other commander just like that or any other
11 person. So when Sunlight contacted Mosquito still tried to
12 convince him --

13 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry, can the witness slow down. I am
14 completely lost.

13:28:10 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you have really speeded up
16 this time. You must speak more slowly and again you must keep to
17 the question asked.

18 MR SANTORA:

19 Q. Mr Witness, we're almost at the lunch break, but I will ask
13:28:27 20 you - if I want a specific example of something I will ask you
21 for it. I will ask you to further describe something, okay? So
22 just please answer the question and if there is examples
23 requested I will ask for an example. Do you understand that?

24 A. Okay. I'll try.

13:28:47 25 MR SANTORA: I'm not going to come back - I'm not going to
26 follow up on this incident because it's chronologically - we'll
27 follow up later with it anyway. I was going to start a new area.
28 I don't know if - I can start it probably briefly.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Given that we've only about a minute to

1 go, Mr Santora, it may be more appropriate to take the lunchtime
2 adjournment now and start into the new area when we resume.

3 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, can I just make the point
4 that there was a reference to a welfare station in one of the
13:29:23 5 many disclosures, but no definition of it. I don't know if I was
6 accurate in what I said earlier, but certainly we'd never been
7 given a description of what that meant.

8 MR SANTORA: Just to note, and I completely concur with
9 counsel's submission, in other disclosure there was definitions
13:29:47 10 of welfare station. Not with this particular witness, but this
11 is material that has been disclosed to the Defence in terms of
12 the definition with other witnesses, not this particular witness.

13 MR MUNYARD: I'm grateful for that. No doubt Mr Santora
14 will give me the reference to those other disclosures.

13:30:03 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: As counsel can appreciate, we are not
16 privy to these disclosures and look to the professionalism of
17 counsel when making decisions.

18 Mr Witness, we are now going to take the lunchtime
19 adjournment. We will be returning and resuming your evidence at
13:30:22 20 2.30. Please adjourn court until 2.30.

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

22 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Santora.

24 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President. Before I begin,
14:31:33 25 in the last session the issue was raised about a disclosure
26 issue. Just for counsel's benefit, the welfare station and its
27 attendant definition was disclosed through another witness,
28 TF1-516. That was disclosed on 1/4/2008 in an interview note
29 from TF1-516.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Actually, Mr Santora, I do recall another
2 witness dealing with this subject. However, the fact is that it
3 is disclosure of this witness's evidence, rather than general
4 evidence, that is in issue.

14:32:15 5 MR SANTORA: I understand. I completely concur. It was
6 just that counsel had asked for a reference from when this
7 particular issue was disclosed prior to the break through another
8 witness and I simply was addressing that point.

9 MR MUNYARD: And mine wasn't a complaint. I was just
14:32:31 10 asking for clarification and I am very grateful for the
11 reference.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have dealt with the subject now. May
13 I take it that it's closed, or for the moment I should say? Yes,
14 very good. Mr Santora, please proceed.

14:33:08 15 MR SANTORA:
16 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness. Again I am going to remind you
17 to speak slowly, listen to the question and to address the judges
18 when you answer, okay? Just try and pace yourself when you
19 speak.

14:33:25 20 A. I will try.

21 Q. Now, before the break we were focusing on the time when you
22 were assigned as a radio operator in Buedu from early 1998 until
23 April 1999. The following questions are still related to this
24 time period, do you understand?

14:33:42 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. You have described the means by which the radio station
27 across from Sam Bockarie's house would communicate with the
28 station Base 1 and you described the frequency of those
29 communications. I want to ask you now about the content. What

1 was the content of these communications between the radio station
2 across from Sam Bockarie's house and Base 1?

3 A. Well, it was a series of communications that was between
4 the station at Sam Bockarie's house, that is the control station,
14:34:42 5 and Base 1. There were many communications between Base 1 and
6 Sam Bockarie's station. The communications that were between the
7 two stations were like when Sam Bockarie would want to see
8 Mr Taylor, or anything that he thought should not be discussed on
9 air, he would just make a request from BY - I mean Benjamin
14:35:22 10 Yeaten - that he wanted to go to Monrovia.

11 Even though there was a sat phone communication, by the
12 time that we had our communication in Buedu those communications
13 used to go on, because I can even recall some time when during
14 the Mosquito Spray operation when it initially started I remember
14:35:54 15 there was a communication between Benjamin Yeaten and Mosquito
16 for Mosquito to send reinforcement across to Liberia in Kolahun,
17 Voinjama area, to go and fight against Mosquito Spray - Mosquito
18 Spray's fighters.

19 Q. The communications - you have referred to sat phone
14:36:22 20 communications. I am referring specifically to radio
21 communications between Sam Bockarie's station, the control
22 station in Buedu, to Base 1. Generally, what were these
23 communications about?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just before you answer, Mr Witness, may I
14:36:37 25 take it that "sat phone" at page 95, line 16, means satellite
26 phone?

27 THE WITNESS: Yes.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please answer the question.

29 THE WITNESS: What I said just now was not done on sat

1 phone. It was on the radio, that communication I was referring
2 to about the movement of the RUF fighters from Sierra Leone to
3 Liberia.

4 MR SANTORA:

14:37:11 5 Q. And what were the other matters discussed?

6 A. Sometimes Mosquito would give instructions to the radio
7 operators to tell Sunlight to relay it to Benjamin Yeaten to call
8 him for him, that is Mosquito and Benjamin Yeaten, to talk
9 through the sat phone. Then like when Mosquito would send other
10 commanders to Liberia to get ammunition, or whatsoever, when they
11 would - when that commander would arrive in Monrovia it was
12 through Base 1 that most of the communication would be done.

13 Q. Now with regard to these communications related to
14 ammunition, describe what they were - what would happen with
14:38:22 15 these communications? How would they work?

16 A. Like, for example, if Mosquito's sat phone had a problem
17 and there was demand for ammunition, they would just give a
18 direct instruction to the radio operator to send a message to
19 Sunlight - sorry, Benjamin Yeaten through Sunlight, that we did
14:38:52 20 not have ammunition, or we were under enemy pressure. Then
21 Sunlight would come back on the air and say that, according to
22 Benjamin Yeaten, Mosquito should wait for him. That is Benjamin
23 Yeaten to consult with Zero-Four-Seven and that was Mr Taylor.

24 And Sunlight would call again after some time, and he would tell
14:39:40 25 Mosquito that, "Okay, you Mosquito" - Sunlight would tell
26 Mosquito that, "According to Benjamin Yeaten you should travel to
27 Monrovia or send somebody to Monrovia to come and receive some
28 materials". By that I mean ammunition. Sometimes Benjamin
29 Yeaten would send, like, Jungle or Zigzag Marzah or one other

1 Mosquito, a Liberian Mosquito, he was in Liberia, he was called
2 Mosquito, he was one of Charlie's securities. Any of them,
3 Benjamin could use them. They were the ones that Benjamin used
4 to dispatch materials to Sierra Leone.

14:40:56 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the record should be at page 97,
6 line 23 - I am sure I heard the witness say "that we did not have
7 ammunition", rather than "we have ammunition".

8 MR SANTORA:

9 Q. So you said that Mosquito would send a message - an
14:41:31 10 instruction to the radio operator to send a message to Sunlight -
11 sorry, Benjamin Yeaten through Sunlight that we did have
12 ammunition or we did not have ammunition? Which did you say?

13 A. To say that we did not have ammunition.

14 Q. Now, you've mentioned that sometimes Benjamin Yeaten would
14:41:57 15 send certain individuals with these materials. You mentioned
16 three names. You mentioned Jungle, Zigzag Marzah and Liberian
17 Mosquito. Who was Jungle?

18 A. Well, Jungle, I knew Jungle to be part of the SS unit that
19 was with Benjamin Yeaten. He was part of the Liberian security
14:42:37 20 then. Jungle was a direct security to Benjamin Yeaten and Jungle
21 was also one of the liaisons from the Liberian side, that is
22 between Benjamin and Mosquito, or let me say RUF directly. That
23 is Jungle, Colonel Mosquito, they are all liaisons.

24 Q. You also mentioned an individual called Zigzag Marzah. Who
14:43:11 25 was that?

26 A. Zigzag Marzah was one of Benjamin's securities who used to
27 come to Sierra Leone with materials. Sometimes he would escort
28 materials directly. Even if Mosquito went there or not, Benjamin
29 Yeaten would just give him some stuff to be brought. I mean

1 ammunition or like fuel, diesel, ammunition, sometimes food. It
2 was Zigzag who transported those things. He was one of the
3 people who transported those logistics.

14:44:16 4 Q. Now, with regards to Jungle, how often did Jungle escort
5 ammunitions from Monrovia? How often did this happen?

6 A. Well, it happened frequently. There were only few trips
7 where materials were brought to Sierra Leone and in which Jungle
8 was not involved in them. Only few of those.

14:44:48 9 Q. And how about Zigzag Marzah? How frequently did he travel
10 from Monrovia to Buedu?

11 A. Well, equally so, Zigzag himself - he was actively involved
12 in arms shipment let me say from around mid-99, mid-1999.

13 Q. Well, I'm asking you only about, as I said before, the
14 period of time you were in Buedu which you said was early 1998 to
14:45:30 15 April 1999. That's the time period.

16 A. Okay, yeah, I'm sorry. That was just a miscalculation.
17 I'm referring to 1998 when I was in Buedu, because already I have
18 stated I had left Buedu by early '99. It was in 1998 when I was
19 in Buedu, that was what I was referring to. That is when Zigzag
14:45:56 20 used to come very often. That was mid-1998 Zigzag used to visit
21 Buedu very often.

22 Q. You also mentioned somebody named Liberian Mosquito. Who
23 was that?

14:46:35 24 A. Liberian Mosquito was one of the AFL soldiers. He was one
25 of the securities who transported materials directly to Sierra
26 Leone. And he was one of the commanders who Issa gave one of the
27 four runners that the RUF took from the peacekeepers because of
28 his efforts.

29 Q. Okay. Now, Mr Witness, you've been describing the

1 communications between Sam Bockarie's control station and Base 1.
2 Who had the authority to communicate to Base 1?

3 A. Well, within the RUF it was not everybody who had the
4 authority to just go on the Liberian net and call. Some
14:47:38 5 operators had the authority. It was not every substation that
6 had that authority. Some stations had the authority to
7 communicate directly to the Liberian side.

8 Q. Specifically at Base 1 --

9 A. Yes, like Base 1, the late Sellay had that authority. Nya
14:48:09 10 too had that authority. Alfred Brown had that authority. I had
11 the authority. Tiger - almost every radio operator that was
12 assigned to Mosquito's station. Every radio operator that was
13 assigned to Mosquito's radio station had the authority to contact
14 Base 1 directly.

14:48:38 15 MR MUNYARD: Sorry to interrupt. It's in relation to
16 Liberian Mosquito. We have recorded here, "He was one of the
17 commanders who Issa gave one of the ... that the RUF took from
18 the peacekeepers because of his efforts". I didn't catch what he
19 said at that point and I would like it clarified.

14:49:16 20 MR SANTORA:

21 Q. You were making as reference when you were describing
22 Liberian Mosquito and you said, "Who Issa gave one of the" -
23 something - "that the RUF took from the peacekeepers". What did
24 you say that Issa gave to Liberian Mosquito?

14:49:37 25 A. One of the four runner jeeps that RUF took away from the UN
26 peacekeepers.

27 Q. Now, you've mentioned repeatedly one radio operator at Base
28 1 called Sunlight. Do you remember the names of any of the other
29 radio operators at Base 1?

1 A. Well, there were two at the station, Sunlight and another
2 one, but I don't recall the name of that other operator.

3 Q. In terms of other radio operators on the other side in
4 Liberia, do you recall any of their names? Not necessarily at
14:50:29 5 Base 1.

6 A. Well, like Mother Blessing, Butterfly, Tango Juliet, that
7 is Tamba Joseph, Ringo Foxtrot, Foxtrot. These are some of the
8 names that I can recall now.

9 Q. Now, you said before the break that you at one point
14:51:10 10 started recording some of the radio transmissions, the RUF radio
11 transmissions. Is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you recall approximately when you started recording some
14 of these?

14:51:33 15 A. The RUF radio conversations were after 6 January, in
16 Freetown, when RUF attacked Freetown. It was after 6 January
17 that I did the recordings.

18 Q. And what did you do with these recordings?

19 A. I kept those recordings for my personal records, to serve
14:52:12 20 as personal reference for myself.

21 MR SANTORA: I would ask now that the clip that is behind
22 tab 19, which is clip 1, be played for the courtroom.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that in place, Madam Court Officer?

24 MS IRURA: Your Honour, it's in place.

14:52:57 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: If it can be played now, please.

26 MR SANTORA:

27 Q. Mr Witness, I would like you to listen to the following.

28 [Audio clip played to the Court]

29 Mr Witness, do you recognise the voices on that recording?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who are the voices on that recording?

3 A. The first voice was the late Foday Sankoh's. That was the
4 late Foday Sankoh's voice. And Mosquito's voice is on that and
14:54:00 5 Sunlight's voice is on it.

6 MR SANTORA: Now, if it could just be played again because
7 I would like him to specify which voice.

8 [Audio clip played to the Court]

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did you, Mr Santora, refer us to tab 19?

14:54:48 10 MR SANTORA: Yes.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And is that the recording transcribed in
12 tab 19?

13 MR SANTORA: Yes, Justice Sebutinde.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well if as the witness says one of the
14:54:59 15 speakers is the late Foday Sankoh, then it's not the first part
16 of tab 19. It must be something else.

17 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, can I rise at this
18 stage because I don't think --

19 THE WITNESS: No, it's the other one. It is not this one.

14:55:16 20 MR MUNYARD: I don't think it's right at the moment that
21 any of the documents should be shown. The witness should be
22 allowed to listen to the clips and say who he thinks it is who is
23 speaking. The problem with these documents is that they are not
24 actually transcriptions of the contents. They are an
14:55:38 25 editorialised account that has been translated by an unknown
26 person or persons into English and the witness really can't give
27 evidence about these clips until he has identified from the clips
28 alone who he purports to be speaking.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Rest assured, Mr Munyard, I have no

1 intention of showing any of these transcripts to this witness, or
2 any other witness.

3 MR SANTORA: This is exactly why - just further on
4 Mr Munyard's point, this is exactly why I asked that the
14:56:23 5 recording be played absent the transcript and just to note too
6 that the Prosecution is not seeking in any way to admit the
7 transcript and I will not ask it be marked. I am simply asking
8 that the recording itself be marked after some further enquiry
9 with relation to this recording is elicited from the witness.

14:56:47 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Again, Mr Santora, are you sure you
11 referred us to tab 19?

12 MR SANTORA: I understand Justice Sebutinde's point. I
13 think my next question will clarify.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, no, no, before we have this tape
14:57:02 15 played again, please guide us as to which tab we should be
16 looking at to follow because I don't think it's tab 19.

17 MR SANTORA: I thought I said it, but if I didn't say it
18 properly I apologise. What I was referring to was Clip 1, which
19 is a small portion from tab 19. There is an - tab 19 contains an
14:57:30 20 unofficial larger transcript.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] several
22 transcripts.

23 MR SANTORA: Exactly, yes, and that is why the only
24 reference I am pointing out that this recording covers - and I
14:57:42 25 can give you the ERN references and that would make it easier I
26 think. The ERN references are 00046694 and over one line to
27 46695. It does not start from the top of 46694, but rather in
28 the middle.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: If you could be specific, perhaps how

1 many lines from the bottom, and then we could attempt to play
2 this tape again and follow.

3 MR SANTORA: The recording that I had excerpted from this
4 starts on - I realise that they are not - I don't want to say the
14:58:33 5 name, but it starts right after the bold part of that page. If
6 you see there is a bolded part, somewhat about 40 per cent down,
7 and then there is a speaker. It starts from the next speaker
8 down. That is at least what I had tended to --

9 MR MUNYARD: Well, with great respect, how do we know that
14:58:54 10 it starts from the next speaker down?

11 MR SANTORA: Well again, as I have mentioned before, I have
12 not had the chance to enquire from the witness as to what he is
13 hearing and who is speaking and who is not.

14 Now this transcript itself, as I said, the Prosecution is
14:59:12 15 not asking for this to be marked. It is not - we are not
16 submitting it as an exhibit. It's not going to be potential
17 evidence. It simply was done as a courtesy to counsel opposite
18 and for the Court. I ask the indulgence of the Court to ask some
19 questions about the recording. I think that will make sense then
14:59:38 20 in context.

21 MR MUNYARD: If this is not going to be marked and not
22 therefore going to be exhibited, what is it doing in the bundle
23 before your Honours?

24 MR SANTORA: Not everything that is put into bundles ends
14:59:53 25 up being exhibited, as we know from past practice. This was
26 made, as I said, just as a courtesy copy to Defence and for the
27 Court.

28 MR MUNYARD: Well, with great respect, given that we don't
29 know what the witness is going to say, we don't know who has done

1 the translation here, we don't have any other evidence about it,
2 I think it is - and indeed the page that we are looking at, or I
3 am asking your Honours not to look at, we are told that the clip
4 starts in the middle of the page, but how on earth do we know?

15:00:29 5 It's completely unsatisfactory, in my submission, particularly if
6 it's not going to be relied upon in evidence.

7 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Santora, just to clear this up --

8 MR SANTORA: Yes.

9 JUDGE LUSSICK: -- what exactly are you planning to tender?

15:00:46 10 The actual recording, but not the translation - not the written
11 script?

12 MR SANTORA: That's correct, Justice Lussick.

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: All right. Well, I notice that you did ask
14 the witness a few questions and he did identify what he was
15 listening to. You asked him, "Do you recognise the voices on
16 that recording?", and he said, "Yes". He said, "The first voice
17 is that of the Late Foday Sankoh, that was the Late Foday
18 Sankoh's office and Mosquito's voice is on that and Sunlight's
19 voice is on it too".

15:01:24 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: With respect, could we listen to this
21 tape again now that you've shown us where the - because the
22 transcript in my view is to assist us to understand.

23 MR SANTORA: I understand.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought this was not even in English,
15:01:37 25 trying to listen to the tape.

26 MR SANTORA: I completely understand. I think just for
27 what Justice Lussick was enquiring about as well, this is only
28 being submitted for a limited purpose in terms of why this is
29 actually being submitted. I think it will make sense once there

1 is an enquiry to the witness, but perhaps if we could play the
2 recording again as your Honours now have the page reference.

3 [Audio clip played to the Court]

15:02:50

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, everything is lost on me,
5 speaking for myself.

6 MR SANTORA: I understand.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I couldn't follow a word and it certainly
8 is not what you pointed us to in the transcript.

15:03:00

9 MR SANTORA: This is the reason why I was not in any way
10 seeking to tender this transcript, because I don't believe this
11 transcript is particularly reliable and this is why it is not -
12 that is why we are not submitting this transcript in any way as
13 evidence. It's simply for him to identify what he is hearing and
14 testify to that.

15:03:27

15 MR MUNYARD: Well can I enquire, therefore, what is going
16 in before - what is proposed to go in? Is it a small piece of a
17 bigger tape recording?

18 MR SANTORA: That's correct.

15:03:42

19 MR MUNYARD: And has it been isolated from the tape
20 recording?

21 MR SANTORA: That is also correct.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And does it matter that the judges don't
23 understand a word of this tape recording, or not?

15:03:53

24 MR SANTORA: In context of the witness's testimony, the
25 recording will make a - well, in our submission, it will be
26 understood.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Understood by who?

28 MR SANTORA: By of course your Honours, but of course
29 without the witness's testimony about this particular portion in

1 isolation I completely concur with Justice Sebutinde's point that
2 it's not understandable.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well there is no application to tender,
4 or mark, so please proceed.

15:04:25 5 MR SANTORA: I was going to ask some further questions
6 about the recording.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do so.

8 MR SANTORA:

9 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you said you recognised the voices on that
15:04:37 10 recording?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall approximately when this recording occurred?

13 A. It was around February to March - around February to March
14 1999. Around February to March 1999. That was after the
15:05:21 15 Freetown invasion on January 6 by the RUF.

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, consider this. We don't have
17 a transcript, you are not submitting a transcript of this
18 recording and there is nothing on the record to show what
19 recording this is. The witness is testifying, giving evidence as
15:05:44 20 to what it is et cetera, but there are no words on the record.
21 What are we doing?

22 MR SANTORA: Your Honours, what I'm asking the - what I am
23 submitting that the Court will rely on is the witness's testimony
24 in combination with the recording.

15:05:58 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And I am saying that the recording is not
26 quoted on the transcript. There is no record on the transcript
27 of this recording and plus there is no transcript - independent
28 transcript - tendered alongside the tape, but you are asking the
29 witness and he is giving this evidence that totally leaves us six

1 months from now wondering what it is that he is referring to. We
2 will be sitting with a tape, I suppose, where we don't understand
3 a word of what is being said because it's inaudible.

15:06:35 4 MR SANTORA: I completely understand that, Justice
5 Sebutinde, but --

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: So why are we proceeding in this manner?

7 MR SANTORA: Because we are not - the purpose of this tape
8 is not particularly the contents of the recording itself. The
9 purpose is the actual speakers; the people who are communicating
15:06:49 10 on this recording. The contents themselves the Prosecution is
11 not relying on for anything. It's simply the actual speakers in
12 the communication itself. That is why the Prosecution is
13 submitting this.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Now I understand.

15:07:05 15 MR MUNYARD: And now therefore I have an objection, because
16 this is no different from the witness saying in evidence, without
17 any tape or anything else, "I heard" - "I overheard", I should
18 say, "Foday Sankoh talking in radio communications with Mosquito
19 and", whoever else it was, "Sunlight all on the same occasion".

15:07:30 20 Now, why do we need an inaudible clip of a tape recording?
21 It doesn't actually take the witness's evidence any further,
22 because there is no independent confirmation external to the
23 witness that that is who was talking. All the tape does - with
24 great respect, all the tape does is it's another piece of
15:07:54 25 evidence from this witness saying, "I heard these people". It
26 doesn't actually confirm that he is correct, because it's him who
27 is doing the identification. There is no third party.

28 In particular - and this is an important point - there is
29 no voice recognition expert who is listening, or who is going to

1 be produced who says that they have heard other transcriptions of
2 the three people and they are content that they are the same
3 voices. It's no different in sum from the evidence the witness
4 has already given.

15:08:27 5 MR SANTORA: With all due respect, may I reply? This issue
6 that counsel is raising goes to the credibility of this witness.
7 Now there is no need for any independent corroboration, or I
8 think counsel referred to a voice recognition expert. The
9 witness's credibility will be evaluated in its entirety. This is
15:08:50 10 simply a piece of evidence that goes along with this witness's
11 testimony. The witness has already testified extensively that he
12 heard Sunlight's and other people's voices frequently while he
13 was based in Buedu from early '98 to April 1999.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, may I clarify. You said, "I
15:09:15 15 have an objection". Are you objecting to the line of evidence
16 that is being put before the Court now, because there has been no
17 application to admit or mark the clip?

18 MR MUNYARD: Your Honour, I am objecting to the production
19 of the clip in the circumstances in which it is being put forward
15:09:38 20 - in other words, without any independent confirmation of who is
21 said to be speaking on it - because, as has already been noted,
22 it's for the most part an unintelligible clip. It does not
23 confirm independently of this witness who is talking.

24 MR SANTORA: With all due respect again, it may be
15:10:01 25 unintelligible to counsel opposing and everyone else in this
26 courtroom, but whether or not it's unintelligible to the witness
27 has yet to be determined.

28 Secondly, a requirement for some independent verification
29 is a requirement in the Prosecution's submission that is

1 completely unnecessary. This is something that is being
2 submitted through this particular witness who has already, as I
3 said, testified to his observations of communications between
4 specific parties. It's simply corroborates what the witness - I
15:10:39 5 don't want to argue the evidence here - I will be careful to
6 argue the worth, the value of the evidence as a whole - but this
7 piece of evidence is submitted to corroborate what the witness
8 has been saying.

9 MR MUNYARD: Well, this is a point of law, your Honours,
15:10:57 10 and this cannot corroborate the witness unless it is determined
11 externally from the witness that those are the people on the
12 tape. If that was done, if somebody else were to come along who
13 is qualified to say whose voices those are on the tape then that
14 would indeed corroborate the witness. But in legal parlance,
15:11:21 15 corroboration of a witness cannot come from the witness's own
16 interpretation of who is speaking on the tape recording.

17 All I am saying is that the witness's evidence is that he
18 has heard these people communicating with one another in the way
19 that he has described. Now, a piece of material that is
15:11:42 20 unintelligible to all of us and isn't independently confirmed is
21 being put before the Court to allegedly corroborate him when in
22 fact it's him who is corroborating himself. Therefore, it's a
23 circular argument by the Prosecution and it doesn't take their
24 case any further. In my submission it's simply wasting time,
15:12:03 25 unless there is independent confirmation of who is speaking.

26 MR SANTORA: In the Prosecution submission there is
27 absolutely no need for independent verification as to who is
28 speaking given the foundation already laid with this witness's
29 testimony. If this was being submitted in isolation counsel

1 would be completely right, but this is not being submitted in
2 isolation. Again I stress that while counsel may find this
3 unintelligible, and everybody else in this courtroom may find it
4 unintelligible, it's still to be determined whether or not this
15:12:48 5 witness finds it unintelligible. He has already testified to his
6 work as a radio operator and perhaps he may understand - I am not
7 speculating but --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, allow me to confer. We have
9 to have an end to submissions.

10 [Trial Chamber conferred]

11 By a majority decision, Justice Sebutinde dissenting, we
12 consider this line of questioning is relevant and matters that
13 have been raised on objection go to weight.

14 MR SANTORA: Now I would just ask that the recording, I
15:15:11 15 know it's short, be played one more time and then there are just
16 a few questions with relation to it.

17 [Audio clip played to the Court]

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just as a matter of interest, I found that
19 when I turned the volume down I could understand what was being
15:16:26 20 said. I think the recording was just played too loud and it
21 distorted the reception. But when I said I could understand
22 what's being said, I could hear the words clearly but I think
23 they were in Krio. I didn't understand what was being said, but
24 I could make out what words they were saying.

15:16:51 25 MR MUNYARD: In that case could we have it again, please,
26 because that would be helpful to all of us.

27 [Audio clip played to the Court]

28 MR SANTORA:

29 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you have already said that you recognise

1 the voices on this recording and who are the voices again?

2 A. The first voice was talking something around the lines
3 like, "I'm not getting you clearly", that he was not getting the
4 transmission clearly. That's what he was talking. That voice is
15:18:05 5 the Lion, that is Foday Sankoh.

6 The second voice was Sunlight who intercepted and he was
7 saying, "35 Bravo, come in. Come in, 35 Bravo". That was
8 Sunlight.

9 The third voice that spoke was Mosquito's and he said, "My
15:18:43 10 man, stand by". And Sunlight continued talking. Sorry, Sunlight
11 continued talking. He said, "You can't remember what you and my
12 father" - or something like that, around those lines. He said,
13 "What you and my father spoke just now, or what you and I spoke?"
14 You know, they were talking in Liberian English, I cannot quote
15:19:04 15 exactly, but they were talking around those lines.

16 And the last speaker was C0 Isaac. The last speaker was C0
17 Isaac, Isaac Mongor.

18 Q. Mr Witness, I'm not going to ask you particularly about the
19 contents of this, but you said earlier that you at times recorded
15:19:26 20 radio transmissions. Is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You said you started recording these after the Freetown
23 invasion of January 1999. Is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

15:19:41 25 Q. Now, what did you do with these recordings?

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, this particular recording, we
27 have not heard specifically from the witness who recorded it.

28 MR SANTORA: That was I was actually leading.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, but are asking him generally about

1 these recordings. This recording, we don't know who recorded it;
2 you haven't asked.

3 MR SANTORA:

15:20:09

4 Q. Mr Witness, the recording you've just heard, who made that
5 recording?

6 A. I was the one who did those recordings.

7 Q. The particular one you just heard?

8 A. I did it.

15:20:25

9 Q. And after you made these recordings, what did you do with
10 them?

11 A. I kept it for myself, that particular radio conversation.

12 Q. How long did you keep it?

13 A. Those cassettes were with me. Even now I have some of the
14 cassettes. Even now I still have some of those recorded tapes.

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15 Q. Did you ever turn these cassettes over to anyone?

16 A. Yes, I turned them over, these cassettes - some of these
17 cassettes to the investigators of - the Prosecution investigators
18 who were taking preliminary statements from me. It was to them
19 that I turned these cassettes over.

15:21:28

20 MR SANTORA: I ask now this recording be marked for
21 identification.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it on a cassette or a CD or what is
23 the nature of the thing that is being marked for identification?

15:21:50

24 MR SANTORA: I believe it's on a - actually I am not sure
25 of the format.

26 MS IRURA: Your Honour, it's on a CD.

27 JUDGE LUSSICK: How does it get marked, Mr Santora? You
28 were saying there are other recordings on the same CD.

29 MR SANTORA: No, I believe we excerpted it out - this

1 particular - as a separate entity. So I am asking for this
2 particular recording that was heard by the Court to be marked for
3 identification.

15:22:13 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will just check. Madam Court Officer,
5 the CD - I presume you have been the one controlling the playing
6 - has that got one item on it only?

7 MS IRURA: Your Honour, there are several items on the CD
8 but they are distinct entities. They are distinct clips. It's
9 on one CD, but there are several clips.

15:22:32 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Has each clip got a name or a number?

11 MS IRURA: Even clip has a name - has a distinguishing
12 name. Tab 19, clip 1, for example.

13 MR SANTORA: I am just inquiring, that's the name of the
14 clip that was just played in the Court?

15:22:48 15 MS IRURA: Your Honour, that is the name of the clip.

16 MR SANTORA: I am just asking for that particular clip to
17 be marked. I don't know. I defer to the Court on logistically
18 the easiest way.

19 MR MUNYARD: Can I inquire, because on the exhibit list
15:23:04 20 it's just given the title at tab 19 "Segments" - plural - "from
21 radio broadcasts recorded by" this witness and then below that
22 "Unofficial transcript provided for reference". I don't know if
23 there is some other document. It may well be there is another
24 document that breaks them up, but if you look at the exhibit list
15:23:29 25 that we have been working from that's all it says.

26 I don't mind if my learned friend leaves the marking of
27 this, if he is going to play anything else, until he has played
28 whatever else he wants to play and then we can decide what is the
29 appropriate way of identifying these items.

1 MR SANTORA: The Prosecution is not planning to play any
2 additional clips. This is the only portion that is being
3 submitted and proposed to be marked for the identification.

4 MR MUNYARD: Right. Well, if that is the case then
15:24:13 5 presumably the rest of the CD-ROM will be wiped, or whatever the
6 technical terminology is. I am just looking to see if I have got
7 any other record. Yes, the only other record that I've got is
8 described in this way: "Digital copy of radio communications -
9 nine files". Now that may be our own internal description of it
15:24:40 10 within the Defence office, I don't know, but at the moment the
11 official description in the exhibit list simply covers
12 "segments", plural, and if there is only one segment going to be
13 put forward then that will have to be isolated and put forward
14 separately in our submission.

15 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will mark that segment for
16 identification. If it's to be tendered, then somehow we will
17 have to deal with the fact that there is more on it. Just a
18 moment. Mr Witness, did I see you put your hand up?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, can I please ease myself?

15:25:20 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please assist the witness.

21 [In the absence of the witness]

22 Mr Santora, as I was saying it is clear that there is more
23 than one piece of recording on the one CD.

24 MR SANTORA: I would defer to your Honours. We can either
15:25:43 25 isolate it ourselves and submit it, or - well, I think it's
26 fairly technical. I mean I am not an expert, but I believe it's
27 technologically fairly simple just to isolate that portion.

28 JUDGE LUSSICK: But I think what Mr Munyard suggested makes
29 a bit of common sense in that, if you ask further questions,

1 there would certainly be no doubt as to which portion would be
2 going in.

3 MR MUNYARD: There is going to be plenty of time, I can
4 assure the Court, before we reach the stage of moving items, or
15:26:23 5 tendering items that are moved, and I am sure that the witness
6 will still be in-chief overnight for the Prosecution. I think
7 all you do is you just re-record the first clip on to a clean CD.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, indeed.

9 MR SANTORA: If it's your Honours' preference that we
15:26:37 10 provide the isolated portion on a separate, I am - well, we can
11 undertake that obligation to isolate the portion and then submit
12 that for marking if that is your Honours' preference?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will just record that MFI-1 will be the
14 portion of a CD identified generally as Clip 1 on a CD.

15:27:31 15 Mr Santora, as you have heard, Mr Munyard has made several
16 - and Justice Lussick have made some suggestions on a practical
17 implication and you do have time between now and the tender to
18 sort something out.

19 MR SANTORA: So just to understand and just to be clear
15:27:45 20 then, we will undertake the obligation to submit something that
21 isolates out this particular portion and have that marked for
22 identification.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, in liaison with the Defence of
24 course.

15:27:58 25 MR SANTORA: And then of course for inspection if it needs
26 to be replayed again to verify it is the same portion.

27 MR MUNYARD: Well, clearly I would like to have it played
28 to me. I don't imagine I will understand much, but I will
29 certainly remember the introduction. So it is not going to take

1 any more - in fact, it's going to take rather less time than it
2 has taken for us to discuss it.

3 MR SANTORA: I understand.

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I think really the proper way
15:28:47 5 to do this tomorrow is for you to present this CD in Court
6 officially, have it replayed and then ask to mark it for
7 identification.

8 MR SANTORA: I understand.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: It is not simply to agree it between
15:29:02 10 yourselves and the Defence, because it's the Bench that marks for
11 identification and we need to be sure - all of us - that what we
12 are marking for identification is what has been played in Court
13 today.

14 MR SANTORA: Overnight we will undertake that and tomorrow
15:29:16 15 morning first thing we will present the isolated version.

16 [In the presence of the witness]

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Santora.

18 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

19 Q. Mr Witness, earlier you were referring to the use of
15:30:15 20 satellite phones while you were in Buedu - and again I am asking
21 you about the period of early 1998 to April 1999 when you were
22 working as a radio operator - and you said Sam Bockarie had a
23 satellite phone. Is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

15:30:41 25 Q. Can you describe again, or can you describe from your
26 standpoint, what you understand about the use of that satellite
27 phone?

28 A. Well, the satellite phone which Mosquito used most often
29 were for direct talks with Benjamin Yeaten and it was the same

1 sat phone that Mosquito used for connection with BBC to share the
2 views of RUF with the world.

3 Q. Now, how do you know Sam Bockarie was using this satellite
4 phone for direct talks with Benjamin Yeaten?

15:31:47 5 A. Many times he told me, myself, to tell Benjamin Yeaten to
6 call him on his sat phone. I can recall sometimes - sometimes he
7 told me to tell Benjamin Yeaten to send credit for him, so that
8 he would recharge his account, and sometimes I would stand close
9 to Sam Bockarie while he would be talking to Benjamin directly.

15:32:38 10 Q. Now, you said that you recall that there were sometimes
11 that he told you to tell Benjamin Yeaten to send credit for him
12 so that he would recharge his account. Who told you this?

13 A. Sam Bockarie.

14 Q. And specifically how did this work?

15:33:01 15 A. Well I transmitted the message directly to Sunlight, from
16 Sunlight then Sunlight in turn would pass it on to Benjamin and
17 then Sunlight will come back to me on the radio and say, "Daf,
18 the message has reached Benjamin and he will act on it".

19 Q. Did you know how the satellite phone was topped up?

15:33:43 20 A. No.

21 Q. Now, you've mentioned two satellite phones before. You
22 said, "One was obtained from Johnny Paul Koroma and the other
23 phone Charles Taylor gave to Sam Bockarie". Do you recall saying
24 that?

15:34:00 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Which of the phones - let's start from the time you
27 arrived, when you started your assignment in Buedu, did Sam
28 Bockarie have a satellite phone?

29 A. No. Initially when we got there, no.

1 Q. When did he obtain one?

2 A. It was after Johnny Paul's arrival from Freetown.

3 Q. And later on then you said he obtained a satellite phone
4 from Charles Taylor. Do you know when this happened?

15:34:42 5 A. Yes, it was some time around early 1998.

6 Q. Now, you arrived - sorry, let me just clarify one point. I
7 am sorry.

8 MR MUNYARD: Could we have a date for the Johnny Paul phone
9 being given? He has given us an occasion, rather than a time.

15:35:22 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora?

11 MR SANTORA: If your Honours are inclined to have me ask
12 that, then --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think it was given, Mr Munyard,
14 from the evidence.

15:35:29 15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. This incident you are referring to when Johnny Paul
17 Koroma's phone was obtained, when did that happen? Can you
18 approximate when?

19 A. Well I do not recall the exact date, but what I know is
15:35:46 20 that it was early 1998. That was after we had withdrawn from
21 Kenema and when they too had moved from Freetown and arrived.

22 Q. And finally you said that one of these phones was given to
23 Sam Bockarie by Charles Taylor. How do you know that?

24 A. I recall that I made one other trip with Sam Bockarie to
15:36:27 25 Monrovia and on our return he handed over a bag to me for me to
26 carry for him. He told me that it was a satellite phone that was
27 in there and he told me it was the Papay who gave it to him and
28 by that he was referring to Charles Taylor.

29 Q. Now, earlier you said that you yourself made trips to

1 Monrovia. Is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You have described one of these trips that occurred after
4 the ECOMOG intervention?

15:37:23 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now during your time in Buedu when you were working as a
7 radio operator, about how many trips did you make to Monrovia?

8 A. Roughly seven.

9 Q. Now, you've also referred to an incident of the invasion of
10 Freetown on 6 January 1999. Can you recall about how many of
11 these trips you made to Monrovia before that incident, 6 January
12 1999?

13 A. I had gone there up to six times, because after 6 January I
14 only went to Monrovia once with Sam Bockarie and that was during
15:38:25 15 Sam Bockarie's regime. That apart, it was only when I went there
16 again and boarded a flight to go to Togo. That one is not
17 included, the time I went to Monrovia to transit and travel to
18 Togo.

19 Q. Okay, I want to focus now on the trips that you made - that
15:38:51 20 you say that you made between when you arrived after your first
21 trip up to 6 January 1999 and you said you went approximately six
22 times?

23 A. Please repeat.

24 Q. Let me ask a better - a more clear question. You said that
15:39:19 25 - I am going to ask you about some of these trips that you made.
26 Now, you have already described one trip after the intervention.
27 Before I ask you about specific trips, why were you yourself
28 going on these trips?

29 A. Do you mean why I went on those trips myself? Is that your

1 question?

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. Well, Mosquito had recognised me to be one of the operators
4 who had been used to the Liberian communications network. He
15:40:16 5 knew that I was one of the operators that had been used to their
6 communication system. And, that besides, it was an appointment,
7 because the first trip that I made with him I did not cause any
8 problem and during the second I did not cause any problems and
9 when I travelled with him I did my job accordingly, the way I was
15:40:49 10 supposed to do it. So I thought it was just because of the kind
11 of way I was doing my job, that was the more reason why I was
12 travelling with him. That was the reason why I got the
13 instruction to travel with Mosquito.

14 Q. Now, these trips that you are describing, was there a
15:41:14 15 particular route that you took from Buedu to Monrovia?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was that route?

18 A. The route that we used from Buedu to Monrovia was most
19 often from Dawa - no, wrong. From Buedu we would take it through
15:41:49 20 Dawa or sometimes by Koindu and we would enter Foya by the
21 Liberian side close to the Sierra Leone border. From Foya we
22 take the direct route. That is from Foya, Kolahun, Voinjama,
23 Zorzor, Gbarnga, Kakata and so on. That was the route that we
24 used very often. In fact, all the times that was the route we
15:42:17 25 used during Mosquito's regime.

26 Q. Why was Sam Bockarie making these trips, do you know?

27 A. Yes, I know some of the reasons why he made those trips.

28 Q. What were some of those reasons?

29 A. Well, to the best of my knowledge, to the best of my

1 knowledge, Sam Bockarie used to go to Monrovia to receive
2 ammunition, sometimes some other logistics or condiments, food
3 supplies. And then sometimes he would go to Monrovia on the
4 instruction of Zero-Four-Seven for briefing. He would go to
15:43:26 5 Monrovia on instruction from Zero-Four-Seven for briefing.

6 Q. How do you know this?

7 A. Well, most times even when Mosquito will talk directly with
8 Benjamin Yeaten and even if it was on the sat phone that he
9 discussed with Benjamin Yeaten and if he got any information or
15:43:57 10 instruction from Benjamin Yeaten to travel to Monrovia, he would
11 tell his radio operators. And if there was any radio operator
12 who was immediately around, he would tell them. And those were
13 not informations that he decided to hide away from us. And for
14 me, sometimes I travelled with Mosquito on some of those trips.

15:44:30 15 So Mosquito used to tell me directly when he got instructions
16 from the Papay for him to go to Monrovia. He will say, "Daf,
17 prepare yourself and move with me".

18 Q. Aside from yourself and Mosquito who else would typically
19 be on these trips?

15:44:49 20 A. Well, up until the time I left Buedu to go to Lomé I was
21 one of the operators who made those trips. Major Sellay - are
22 you referring to the operators?

23 Q. Well, aside from radio operators who else would typically
24 go on these trips?

15:45:22 25 A. On those trips sometimes Mosquito had some bodyguards that
26 he did not leave behind at all because there was the adjutant
27 general, the RUF adjutant general, who was called Rashid, he
28 never used to leave him behind. And also like Sellay, he never
29 used to leave him behind. And sometimes he would go with Eddie

1 Kanneh. Sometimes he would go with Pa Rogers, apart from me.

2 Q. You said that he went with some of his securities. Do you
3 remember the names of any of the securities that would go along
4 on these trips?

15:46:13 5 A. Like there was one Shabado and there was one Foday. There
6 was intelligence officer. He had so many securities, but I
7 recall very few. And sometimes also there was one Victor, he had
8 one Victor.

9 Q. Who was Foday?

15:46:42 10 A. I do not know Foday's surname. He was Mosquito's
11 bodyguard, but I do not recall his surname.

12 Q. Who is Victor?

13 A. Victor was Mosquito's bodyguard. He was Victor Kemoh.
14 Victor Kemoh.

15:47:07 15 Q. Now, I'm going to ask you about some of these trips
16 specifically. You've already described one trip for the Court.
17 Do you recall your second trip to Monrovia?

18 A. Yes. I recall part of my second trip to Monrovia. I
19 recall.

15:47:37 20 Q. Can you describe for the Court that trip?

21 A. Yes. The second trip I made to Monrovia was also with
22 Mosquito and on that trip I went with Mosquito and that was the
23 trip that we made when - I think when I went with one of the
24 code. I had to travel the code, the communication code, the RUF
15:48:25 25 communication code, to Sunlight.

26 Q. Why were you travelling with the RUF communication code to
27 Sunlight?

28 A. For him to be able to monitor communications directly from
29 Sierra Leone and for him to use the code for himself so that he

1 will be able to give briefings to Benjamin at any time when
2 Benjamin asked him about updates from Sierra Leone. And also so
3 that at any time he came to the RUF radio net he would not use
4 the Liberian voice procedure there and he would not use the
15:49:12 5 Liberian code there. Instead he would use the RUF codes on the
6 RUF net, on the RUF radio net.

7 Q. Who instructed you, if anyone, to give these codes to
8 Sunlight?

9 A. It was the overall signals commander, and that was the late
15:49:43 10 Sellay. The late Sellay M Duwor.

11 Q. Now, you've talked about codes previously. What type of
12 codes are you referring to here that you gave to Sunlight?

13 A. It was a communication code, radio code.

14 Q. Meaning what specifically?

15:50:09 15 A. Like in the radio code, for example, we had all the arms
16 and ammunition. We wrote all the different types of arms and
17 ammunition and we gave each one of them numbers to disguise them.
18 For example, AK rounds, you can say X-ray One-Two. Ambush, we
19 might say Echo Bravo 7. Attack, we can say Oscar One-One. Enemy
15:50:48 20 aircraft is coming we can say Four-Four-Eight. And we also used
21 to have nicknames that we gave to commanders in those codes just
22 to disguise the actual identity of the particular commander or
23 the subject matter that we wanted to discuss.

24 Q. Now, why were you giving him these codes at this time, do
15:51:16 25 you know?

26 A. Yes, because the other codes that we had been using before
27 we changed them, and during the first visit that we went to
28 Monrovia, he --

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be asked

1 to slow down and repeat that area.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter is trying to
3 catch up with you. Can you please pick up your answer where you
4 said, "We changed them, and during the first visit that we went
15:51:58 5 to Monrovia, he --" and continue from there, please, and remember
6 that the interpreter is trying to keep up with you.

7 THE WITNESS: We changed the code. We changed the code and
8 then Sunlight requested Sellay to make sure to help him get one
9 of our codes, because by then we had got the current code that
15:52:36 10 they were using at that time. So for us to have smooth operation
11 between us, and that is Mosquito's station, and Base 1.

12 MR SANTORA:

13 Q. During the time you were in Buedu about how often did the
14 codes change?

15:53:01 15 A. Sometimes two months, sometimes three months. There was no
16 standardised duration for the changing of codes.

17 Q. Now, Mr Witness, earlier in your testimony you referred to
18 something called frequency codes. Do you remember?

19 A. Yes.

15:53:29 20 Q. How often did these change?

21 A. We used to change the frequencies together with the codes.
22 We used to change the frequencies. For instance, in the case of
23 the frequency we would select up to 20 to 30 frequencies. Those
24 20 to 30 frequencies, we would give them all codes and we would
15:53:59 25 attach everything to the code. And whatsoever codes we created,
26 the frequencies would be attached to them and then nicknames or
27 code names of people would be attached to that code. Or the
28 names of towns, some major towns, and then certain words or terms
29 that we used almost on daily basis, we included those in the

1 codes and we gave them names that we concealed.

2 Q. Now, did you eventually turn over these codes to Sunlight?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And in what form were these codes recorded?

15:54:55 5 A. Well, it was a handwritten one. I can say it was a small
6 exercise book, those small exercise books that we used to make or
7 create the codes, and we used it to copy the codes in there. It
8 was not a very big pamphlet and it was something that you can
9 even take to the front line. You can even pocket it and take it
10 to the front line. It was not something you needed to put into a
11 bag, or maybe at the front line you might drop the bag, or maybe
12 somebody will steal that away from you.

13 Q. Now, back to this trip. You said this was your second trip
14 to Monrovia. Is that correct?

15:55:43 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you approximate when this trip occurred?

17 A. Yes, we were approaching mid-98. Yes, around mid-98. We
18 were approaching mid-98.

19 Q. Now aside from bringing these codes to Sunlight, do you
15:56:14 20 recall anything else about this trip?

21 A. Yes, yes.

22 Q. What else happened on this trip that you can recall?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tell us, Mr Witness.

24 THE WITNESS: I did not get you.

15:57:04 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am telling you to answer and tell us
26 what it is that you recall.

27 THE WITNESS: I recall that - I recall that when we arrived
28 in Monrovia I was just in the radio room with Sunlight - I stayed
29 in the radio room with Sunlight - and then Mosquito and Benjamin

1 and others went out.

2 MR SANTORA:

3 Q. Do you know where they went?

4 A. Yes, they went to meet with the CIC at that time.

15:57:53 5 Q. Who was the CIC?

6 A. Former President Taylor. They went to meet him, because
7 Mosquito told me to wait on him in the radio room at Benjamin's
8 house and he told me that they were going to see the Papay.

9 Q. Who actually was with Mosquito? You said "Mosquito and
10 Benjamin and others". Do you recall anybody else?

11 A. I recall that Rashid was with him. Rashid was one of the
12 men who was with Mosquito, yes, when he went with Benjamin.

13 Q. Now, how did you - well, let me actually withdraw that
14 question. How long did you stay in Monrovia this time?

15:59:02 15 A. We spent just about a day in Monrovia. It was just for a
16 day and the following day we returned.

17 Q. Now, you said - I asked you before about people who - well,
18 I will withdraw that. Who else was along on this trip, aside
19 from the people you've mentioned? You said that yourself was
20 there and Sam Bockarie was there. Who else went along on this
21 trip? I believe you said Rashid as well?

22 A. Shabado was there. Foday was there. Really the crew that
23 travelled with us to Liberia, it was - the selection was almost
24 the same at all times and we almost went for similar purposes to
16:00:13 25 Liberia. Sometimes a particular person went and the following
26 time some other person would go, but I think for now let me stop
27 there with the names that I have made mention of. Maybe later I
28 will think about particular people again.

29 Q. Now you said that Sunlight, Mosquito and others went to

1 meet the CIC, former President Taylor. About how long were they
2 gone for, can you recall?

3 A. I said Benjamin Yeaten. I said Benjamin Yeaten. Benjamin
4 Yeaten, Mosquito and Rashid, they went to the CIC.

16:01:08 5 Q. And how long were they gone for?

6 A. When they went in the morning, I can say almost for the
7 rest of the day Mosquito did not return at Benjamin's house. He
8 did not come there.

9 Q. Okay, where did they - well, did you - what happened after
16:01:41 10 they left?

11 A. After they had left they were out for the whole day, and it
12 was not until in the evening that the vehicles we had travelled
13 with, they brought those vehicles loaded with ammunition and then
14 we travelled back to Buedu.

16:02:09 15 Q. Who brought these vehicles loaded with ammunition?

16 A. Mosquito and Benjamin Yeaten.

17 Q. Do you know where this ammunition came from?

18 A. I do not know where they exactly loaded those ammunitions
19 in the vehicle.

16:02:29 20 Q. And how many vehicles do you recall had ammunitions in
21 them?

22 A. They went to two vehicles.

23 Q. And when you say that they returned with these vehicles of
24 ammunition, where did they actually return to?

16:02:54 25 A. They came back to Benjamin Yeaten's house where Mosquito
26 had left me. That was where they picked me up again and then we
27 returned to Sierra Leone.

28 Q. So did they leave and come back on the same day?

29 A. Yes, yes.

1 Q. Now, did you learn anything about what happened in their
2 meeting?

3 A. I do not recall now. I do not recall now.

4 Q. Now, you said that - you were speaking about approximately
16:03:48 5 six trips before the 6 January invasion. Is that correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did Sam Bockarie always go on these trips with you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Was there any - how many times did he not go on these trips
16:04:10 10 with you?

11 A. There were two trips that we made that Sam did not go with
12 us - no, with me.

13 Q. And when were these trips? Can you approximately tell when
14 these occurred?

15 A. Yes, to be specific one of the trips was immediately after
16 6 January invasion in Freetown, or I can say during immediately
17 when our men had entered Freetown, that is the AFRC/RUF fighters,
18 Mosquito contacted Benjamin Yeaten and told him that that was the
19 situation. He said our men had entered. That was Mosquito

16:05:06 20 speaking to Benjamin Yeaten and he was telling him exactly that
21 that was the situation - Benjamin. He said, "Now our men are in
22 Freetown, in the city, presently". He said, "The only problem is
23 that we are short of ammunition", and so he said, "I want you to
24 reinforce us with the ammunition". That was Mosquito speaking
16:05:31 25 and when I say "he", "he" I am quoting directly that it was
26 Mosquito who was speaking.

27 Q. I will come to that particular incident, but prior to 6
28 January was there any occasion when you travelled to Monrovia
29 without Sam Bockarie, do you recall?

1 A. Yes, yes.

2 Q. When was that? Can you approximately tell when?

3 A. It was around mid-1998.

4 Q. And what was the purpose of that trip?

16:06:17 5 A. It was ammunition that I went to receive: myself, Victor
6 and the driver, Bongo Man - I mean, Yellow Man and Jungle.

7 Q. How come Sam Bockarie didn't go?

8 A. Well, it was not at all times that Sam Bockarie actually
9 went to Monrovia to receive consignment. It was not all the
16:06:46 10 times that he went to receive consignment. Apart from me,
11 sometimes he sent other people to go and receive consignment from
12 Monrovia. Because of the situation on the ground, sometimes he
13 wouldn't want to move away too far from the front line.

14 Q. On this particular occasion, when you went with Yellow Man
16:07:14 15 and - when you went without Sam Bockarie and you went with Yellow
16 Man, Victor and Jungle, do you know why Sam Bockarie didn't go on
17 this particular occasion?

18 A. Yes, the reason why Sam Bockarie did not go at that
19 particular time was because he was supposed to hold a meeting
16:07:49 20 with some commanders from the various front lines.

21 Q. Do you know if this meeting was held? I am not asking
22 about the meeting. I am just asking you whether or not you know
23 if the meeting occurred?

24 A. Yes.

16:08:28 25 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just to clear that last answer up, is that
26 "Yes" he knows whether the meeting occurred, or "Yes" the meeting
27 did occur?

28 MR SANTORA: I will clarify. Thank you, Justice Lussick:

29 Q. Do you know whether or not the meeting occurred?

1 A. Yes, the meeting took place.

2 Q. Now aside from going on trips to Monrovia, did you make any
3 other trips into Liberia during this time period when you were
4 working as a radio operator in Buedu?

16:09:01 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Describe the nature of these trips.

7 A. At one point in time also I recall, and that was before the
8 6 January operation in Freetown - before the January 6 operation
9 in Freetown I was in a convoy with Mosquito, Eddie Kanneh, Pa
10 Rogers, together with Shabado and others amongst Sam Bockarie's
11 securities and we travelled to Monrovia.

12 Q. I apologise because I looked at my question and it wasn't
13 very clear. I will ask you about that particular trip. What I'm
14 asking you is though were there any instances when you went to
15 Liberia but not to Monrovia? Were there any particular occasions
16 that you travelled to other places in Liberia during this time
17 period?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Where were these locations?

16:10:39 20 A. I also recall that at a point in time - at a point in time
21 I travelled with - we travelled to Voinjama, the Voinjama area,
22 together with Shabado, Foday and others to go and receive some
23 ammunition in Voinjama at one point in time.

24 Q. Can you say approximately when this was?

16:11:22 25 A. Around mid-1998.

26 Q. And why were you going to Voinjama to receive ammunitions?

27 A. Well, those ammunition that Mosquito - I mean, some
28 ex-fighters had buried in the ground that they were digging out
29 again, there was a commander on the ground there who was

1 responsible in that area for those ammunition and who was
2 assembling. Then so after assembling them Mosquito would send
3 people to go and collect them from there. And that did not just
4 happen in Voinjama. It happened in some other areas like Vahun,
16:13:44 5 Foya, areas along that border area. And those ammunition were
6 kept underground by ex-combatants, that was before the
7 disarmament in Liberia, and that was what led to the election of
8 Mr Taylor.

9 Q. When you say ex-fighters, who do you mean?

16:14:17 10 A. Well, I am not referring to any distinct group actually in
11 respect of this to say it was so and so group, or so and so
12 group.

13 Q. So who were you referring to then? When you say
14 ex-fighters were --

16:14:33 15 A. Liberian ex-fighters.

16 Q. And do you know any of the groups that they were affiliated
17 with?

18 A. No, because I was not based there in that place. I only
19 went there to receive. I only went as part of the receiving team
16:14:54 20 at that time.

21 Q. How were you actually obtaining these ammunitions?

22 A. Well, in this case Mosquito used to send people to go into
23 Liberia because by then all the commanders who were based in the
24 various border towns, all of them knew about the kind of
16:15:26 25 coordination that was going on, the way we coordinated the
26 operations. So they were all well informed about the kind of
27 operations that were going on. So they used to protect the
28 people. Like, for instance, Kennedy, CO Kennedy, sometimes
29 Mosquito used to send him there to go and get ammunition, to go

1 and secure those ammunitions. Sometimes Mosquito used to send
2 different people. Sometimes he even sent Sellay the signal
3 commander, because that was his area.

4 MR MUNYARD: Can he slow down, please.

16:15:59 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you are going too quickly.
6 We all have to keep up with you, as I have told you before.
7 Please speak more slowly and repeat where you said, "Sometimes
8 Mosquito used to send different people" and then you went on to
9 give the name of the signal commander.

16:16:18 10 THE WITNESS: Like the late Sellay. Like Kennedy. Like
11 Kennedy. Yes, like Kennedy.

12 MR SANTORA:

13 Q. How would Mosquito send them? How?

14 A. He used to give them physical cash money for them to go,
16:16:47 15 but before that he would have spoken with the commander on the
16 ground there and that commander in charge will be well informed
17 on the ground in Liberia. I mean the commander in charge on the
18 ground in Liberia, Mosquito would have spoken with that person
19 and informed the person about the issue. And at that time those
16:17:06 20 ammunition had been buried in the bushes and by then nobody
21 actually needed them, so they thought they could just sell them
22 and get something out of them.

23 Q. When you say physical cash, what do you mean exactly?

24 A. Money. Like US dollars.

16:17:26 25 Q. Do you know where Sam Bockarie obtained these US dollars?

26 A. Yes. Almost any trip Sam Bockarie made to Monrovia he used
27 to get money from Mr Taylor. Mr Taylor used to give him
28 sometimes 20,000 United States dollars. Sometimes 10,000 United
29 States dollars. The amount used to vary, but I know that any

1 trips Sam made he used to get it. The way I used to know about
2 that, I don't know whether the figures he used to give me were
3 accurate, but he used to say, "Oh, Solution, but the Pa has given
4 us something here, so I will want you guys also to have this
16:18:16 5 money and put it into your pocket". Sometimes he used to give me
6 something like 50 US dollars or 100 US dollars out of what
7 Mr Taylor used to give to him.

8 Q. Now, these trips you are referring to to these locations in
9 Liberia, you yourself, how often did you make these trips?

16:18:52 10 A. Like this one I have told you about, I only knew about that
11 once. But, that apart, I still used to travel to Liberia. I
12 used to go there sometimes on my own accord to do my personal
13 businesses or sometimes Five-Zero will send a stock to like Foya
14 and he would send ammunition to like Foya and then he would

16:19:18 15 communicate with Mosquito and tell him that, "Please send people
16 to Foya to come and receive". He said, "I have sent a team" --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please --

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Slow down.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay, I will try and do that. Five-Zero

16:19:33 20 would send a message to Mosquito and say, "Send people to Foya to
21 come and receive" --

22 MR SANTORA:

23 Q. I am going to intervene and just stop you for a moment
24 because I am only asking you now about the trips where you said
16:19:51 25 you went to Voinjama and where you said that cash was exchanged.
26 That's what I was asking you about and I apologise for not making
27 it clear. Those trips where cash was exchanged for ammunitions,
28 how many of those trips did you yourself go on?

29 A. The money was not given to me directly. It was not given

1 to me directly. Mosquito used to give the money to the person
2 that would be going to do the purchase. That was the person that
3 Mosquito directly gave the money to. And I was on the ground at
4 a point in time that he gave Sellay up to \$8,000 and told him
16:20:40 5 that he should go and hustle for ammunition. And that aside, I
6 went only once to Voinjama to receive such stock.

7 Q. That particular trip to Voinjama, who else went with you?
8 I think before you answer the question I see what I think was a
9 mistranscription. You said that, "Sellay was given up to \$8,000
16:21:22 10 and told that he should go" - something - "for ammunition". What
11 did you say?

12 A. Yes, to go and hustle, to buy.

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Santora, this is probably a good time to
14 ask this rather than waiting until the witness has finished all
16:21:48 15 his evidence. He just said these words: "I used to go there
16 sometimes" - meaning Liberia - "on my own accord to do my
17 personal businesses". What I want to know is what personal
18 businesses would this witness have that would justify a trip to
19 Liberia?

16:22:11 20 MR SANTORA:

21 Q. Can you answer the question?

22 A. Yes, yes. Like around places like Foya, around the Vahun
23 area, I personally needed to live my own life because we used to
24 do some barter system around that area, because I had good
16:22:36 25 friends on the front line, like King Perry, sometimes I would be
26 there and King Perry would send money or whatsoever item to me,
27 and I too used to do my personal hustling. I used to buy things
28 like cocoa, on my own, that I used to take directly for
29 transaction to the custom. That is the Dawa Custom. And after

1 my transaction - sometimes I would go to Foya, there I would go
2 and do my transaction with my cocoa or whatsoever, and after
3 transacting my cocoa business I would buy what I needed for
4 myself and then I would return. That was what I meant by my
16:23:20 5 private businesses; not official.

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: I see. Thank you.

7 MR SANTORA:

8 Q. Now, Mr Witness, just to hopefully close out this area
9 before the end of the day, the instance where you went to
16:23:37 10 Voi njama, can you recall approximately the time frame for that
11 particular trip?

12 A. It was around mid-1980. It was around 1980 - wrong, wrong.
13 It was around 1998. 1998. Mid-1998.

14 Q. You also said that Sam Bockarie was sending people like
16:24:08 15 Kennedy?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Approximately - when you referred to these trips where
18 people like Kennedy would be sent, when would these trips be
19 occurring approximately?

16:24:27 20 A. Well, like for Kennedy it was sometimes mid-90 - sometimes
21 early '98, around early '98. He too went there, but it was
22 Sellay whom Mosquito most often used on such operations. The
23 late C0 Sellay, the overall signal commander.

24 Q. And you said that Mosquito used to send different people on
16:25:31 25 these trips. Aside from the people you have mentioned - you have
26 mentioned Kennedy and you have mentioned Sellay - do you remember
27 anybody else that he used to send for these particular trips?

28 A. Like Shabado, he used to send them. Do you mean to go and
29 base in Liberia and do the transaction? Is that what you mean?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. No, well in that case it was only those people that I
3 recall for now.

4 Q. Now, you were - before we moved on to this topic you were
16:26:16 5 describing another trip that you said occurred before the 6
6 January 6 invasion of Freetown and I stopped you. Do you
7 remember that?

8 A. Yes, I recall that.

9 Q. When was that trip?

16:26:37 10 A. It was in December.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. December 1998.

13 Q. And just answer this question specifically because we are
14 running out of time, but who was on that - who went on that trip
16:26:53 15 that you recall?

16 A. I went, Mosquito himself went, Rashid went, Pa Rogers went,
17 Eddie Kanneh went and amongst the crew that went on that trip
18 these are the few people that I recall for now.

19 MR MUNYARD: I am sorry, can we have the name after Rashid
16:27:18 20 and before Eddie Kanneh? I didn't get it and nor did the
21 transcriber.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, that name is not clear, Mr Santora.

23 MR SANTORA: I thought I heard it, but I will ask the
24 witness again:

16:27:24 25 Q. You mentioned Mosquito, Rashid, Eddie Kanneh and then
26 somebody else on this trip that you recall?

27 A. I said I went - I went, the late SYB Rogers, Pa Rogers.

28 MR SANTORA: Madam President, this is a completely new area
29 and so I do not know if --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: That would be very convenient,
2 Mr Santora, because we have got just about a minute or less than
3 a minute left to wind up the Court for today.

4 Mr Witness, we are now adjourning court until tomorrow
16:28:01 5 morning. I again remind you that you have taken the oath and you
6 must not discuss your evidence with any other person until all of
7 your evidence is finished. Do you understand?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Please adjourn court until
16:28:18 10 9.30 tomorrow.

11 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
12 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 3 December 2008
13 at 9.30 a.m.]

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