



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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Mr Morris Anyah
Mr Simon Chapman

1 Friday, 18 June 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.03 a.m.]

08:58:19 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. We will take appearances
6 first, please.

7 MS HOLLIS: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours,
8 opposing counsel. This morning for the Prosecution, Mohamed A
9 Bangura, Maja Dimitrova and Brenda J Hollis.

09:03:02 10 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
11 your Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. Appearing for the
12 Defence this morning are myself Morris Anyah. I am joined by a
13 legal assistant with our team, Mr Simon Chapman, and an intern
14 with our team, Mr Neelan Tharmaratnam. Thank you.

09:03:24 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Mrs Kallon. This morning
16 we continue with your testimony and I remind you that you are
17 still bound by the oath that you took to tell the truth. Do you
18 follow?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

09:03:48 20 WITNESS: DCT-299 [On former oath]

21 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR ANYAH: [Continued]

22 Q. Good morning, Madam Kallon. Yesterday afternoon before
23 court adjourned you were telling us about trading activities you
24 undertook along the Guinean-Sierra Leone border. Do you recall
09:04:07 25 telling us that?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. This was after the time when you had taken Dr Sebo to
28 Sierra Leone and you had returned to the area of Gueckedou and I
29 want to ask you about something you said late yesterday, a

1 particular phrase you used in relation to the border. At page
2 42836 of yesterday's transcript you said in relation to the
3 border:

09:04:53 4 "When I had opened the riverside, I used to go whenever I
5 wanted to. I was going in and coming out. And each time I
6 entered they facilitated me talking to him."

7 The question had been whether you had any communication
8 with Foday Sankoh after Dr Sebo had left and you said when you
9 had opened the riverside. What did you mean when you said when
09:05:20 10 you had opened the riverside?

11 A. What I meant was that, since I was the one who opened the
12 riverside, I had a free passage. Whenever I wanted to cross over
13 to Sierra Leone, I would cross.

14 Q. When you use the phrase "opened the riverside", what
09:05:38 15 exactly does that term or phrase mean, to open something, in this
16 case the riverside?

17 A. The riverside, when you talked to the captain, when you had
18 paid the money, you were the one who owned that area. So
19 wherever you wanted to go, you would go. They wouldn't stop you
09:06:05 20 any longer.

21 Q. And the captain in question, is that a Guinean army
22 captain?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, you spoke of buying rice, medicines, clothing, some
09:06:25 25 foodstuff, Maggi, other things, and you said you used to take
26 them there to the riverside. And you said you transacted
27 business with the soldiers and then I asked you a question right
28 before we adjourned whether you had direct transactions of items
29 with the RUF and here is what you said in response to that

1 question. This is at page 42838. You said:

2 "Except the civilians who brought items, but you wouldn't
3 be able to put anything into that canoe or unknowingly to the
4 Guineans. No, they wouldn't accept that. Whatever went into
09:07:20 5 that canoe, they had to get their own percentage."

6 That response you gave, what does it mean in terms of my
7 question? Did you or were you able to have direct business
8 transactions at this time when you were at the border with the
9 RUF? You are at the border of Sierra Leone and Guinea and you
09:07:45 10 are engaged in transactions. Did you have direct transactions
11 with the RUF not involving the Guinean soldiers?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Were the RUF trading in produce from the Sierra Leonean
14 side of the border at that time?

09:08:14 15 A. My own area was Gbemalu. Gbemalu. Because the borders
16 were different, but the area that I was controlling, where I was
17 with the Guineans, was Gbemalu.

18 Q. Very well. In the area you controlled where you were with
19 the Guineans at Gbemalu, were the RUF engaging in business
09:08:42 20 transactions in that area of Gbemalu?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. With whom were they engaging in business transactions?

23 A. I had explained that when the RUF brought the produce,
24 before ever anything enters into that canoe, when they had handed
09:09:13 25 over the load to the Guineans, they would have to talk to the
26 Guineans before they could be loaded.

27 Q. And to whom did the Guineans give the produce or the load?

28 A. They were selling to me.

29 Q. Were you the only ones to whom the Guineans sold?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Yesterday when we spoke in court you mentioned three names
3 as being RUF contractors. You mentioned somebody called
4 Bangalie, you mentioned Josie and you mentioned Alpha. When you
09:10:14 5 were at the Guinean border trading at this particular time were
6 those three persons there?

7 A. During the time for business, they used to come. They used
8 to bring the load.

9 Q. When you referred to them as "contractors" what did you
09:10:39 10 mean by using that term "contractor"?

11 A. That was the name that was introduced to us that that was
12 the title they were carrying.

13 Q. Were they fighting men?

14 A. Yes.

09:11:04 15 Q. The person Josie, was that a man or woman?

16 A. Man.

17 Q. Yesterday as well you mentioned that there were about 36
18 border crossing points in that area. Is that a fair statement?

19 A. Yes.

09:11:27 20 Q. Besides the crossing point at Gbemalu, did your business
21 transactions take you to any of the other crossing points?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In relation to the other crossing points, were the RUF also
24 engaged in business activities in those crossing points?

09:11:56 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Can you describe for us the nature of this type of commerce
27 that was going on at these various crossing points? Starting
28 with: Was it organised? Or how well was it organised, in your
29 assessment?

1 A. Well, I know about the Gbemalu crossing point because that
2 was my own area with Alhaji and I. And the other crossing point
3 after Wajiba [phon], they had another crossing point there, but I
4 was not going there. The only crossing point that I crossed
09:12:55 5 again was the Nongowa area.

6 Q. A couple of questions, Madam Kallon. You mentioned "Alhaji
7 and I". The "I" you are referring to, is that you or is that
8 someone else?

9 A. Another person, a Gbandi woman, she gave herself that name.

09:13:19 10 Q. This is the woman you told us yesterday was the wife of
11 Alhaji?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You mentioned the --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, perhaps the record should show
09:13:35 15 that when she says it was - "because that was my own area with
16 Alhaji and I", it really should show Alhaji and his wife,
17 otherwise this will not even be picked up in correction. This is
18 at page 7, line 21.

19 MR ANYAH: Yes, that is why I sought the clarification:

09:13:59 20 Q. Madam Kallon, the area - your own area in Gbemalu where you
21 were with Alhaji, you were there with Alhaji and whom?

22 A. A Gbandi woman called I.

23 Q. Was she married to Alhaji?

24 A. Yes.

09:14:29 25 Q. Thank you. Now, you mentioned Nongowa, but before you
26 mentioned Nongowa you said they had another crossing point
27 somewhere else. What was the name you mentioned in relation to
28 the second crossing point?

29 A. That particular crossing point, I just made way in the

1 night to cross over. So I was unable to understand who the
2 people were on the Guinean side.

3 Q. Yes, but what is the name of that crossing point?

4 A. That one, when you cross over, you just go to Nongowa.

09:15:26 5 Q. Do you know the name of that place that you would cross
6 before you got to Nongowa?

7 A. I don't know the name of the place because there is no town
8 close to the river. We just walked and crossed.

9 Q. Very well. Now, the original question I had asked you was
09:15:51 10 the nature of the commercial transactions, whether or not they
11 were organised, and you suggested that you were familiar with
12 Gbemalu, your area. Let's talk about your area. In the area
13 that you controlled, the area you opened up, the Gbemalu area,
14 was the business activity there organised? And if so, how
09:16:17 15 organised was it?

16 A. Business was flourishing there. I was working hand in hand
17 with the people, Alhaji and others.

18 Q. Did you consider yourself at that point a civilian?

19 A. Yes.

09:16:48 20 Q. Where was your husband Daniel Kallon when you were engaged
21 in these activities?

22 A. My husband was in.

23 Q. Inside where?

24 A. In Sierra Leone.

09:17:10 25 Q. What was he doing inside Sierra Leone at that particular
26 time?

27 A. He was with the RUF.

28 Q. What was he doing for the RUF at that time?

29 A. I heard them calling him adviser.

1 Q. Adviser to whom or for what?

2 A. I saw him acting as an adviser between the civilians and
3 the soldiers.

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4 Q. When you say you saw him acting as an adviser, did you
5 personally see him doing that in Sierra Leone?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. At the time when you were in Gueckedou and going to the
8 riverside engaging in business, is that the time you are
9 referring to, or are you referring to another time?

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10 A. When I crossed.

11 Q. Very well. We will come to that, Madam Kallon. Where were
12 your children when you were engaged in these business activities
13 in the Gueckedou area near the Sierra Leonean border?

14 A. They were in the Ivory Coast in Danane.

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15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, this Alhaji and his wife I,
16 what nationality were they?

17 MR ANYAH:

18 Q. Madam Kallon, you've heard the question. The Alhaji that
19 you were trading with and his wife I, the Gbandi woman - let's
20 start with Alhaji: What was his nationality?

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21 A. He was a Guinean.

22 Q. What was his tribe?

23 A. He is Mandingo.

24 Q. The Gbandi woman, what is her nationality?

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25 A. He said he was born close to the waterside.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, who is the "he" we are
27 talking about.

28 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the witness has not named
29 anybody.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question related to the Gbandi woman.
2 So where did the "he" come from?

3 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the witness has not used any
4 gender.

09:20:02 5 MR ANYAH:

6 Q. Madam Kallon, the Gbandi woman, the wife of the Alhaji,
7 what nationality was she? You have told us she said she
8 was - well, what nationality was she?

9 A. She said she was young when she left Liberia.

09:20:24 10 Q. Do you know in which country she was born?

11 A. She said in Lofa County.

12 Q. Now, yesterday you mentioned a group called ULIMO. You
13 remember mentioning ULIMO yesterday?

14 A. Yes.

09:20:58 15 Q. And you remember telling us about ULIMO being at the border
16 area when you first went to attempt to go into Sierra Leone, yes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Where was ULIMO at this particular time when you were
19 trading between the Sierra Leonean-Guinean border?

09:21:28 20 A. At that time the ULIMO was from Mendekoma up to Foya,
21 Zorzor and Voinjama.

22 Q. This group ULIMO - you said in relation to ULIMO that they
23 were Alhaji Kromah - was there one ULIMO at that time?

24 A. People were saying that - because at first the way the
09:22:13 25 ULIMO came about, first we were hearing about Alhaji Kromah and
26 later we heard about Roosevelt Johnson. So, you know, I never
27 went into that force, so that was how - that was what they were
28 saying, but I did not go among them.

29 Q. You said at that time the ULIMO was from Mendekoma up to

1 Foya, Zorzor, Voinjama. Did you have any trading interactions or
2 trading activities with ULIMO when you were at the Guinean
3 border?

4 A. No.

09:22:57 5 Q. Were ULIMO engaged in any trading or commercial activities
6 at that time along the Guinean-Sierra Leonean or Liberian border?

7 A. Those contractors were saying it, but I did not go there.

8 Q. What contractors are you referring to?

9 A. Those with whom I was working, Bangalie and others.

09:23:31 10 Q. Are those the RUF contractors you referred to previously?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What exactly did Bangalie and the others tell you about
13 ULIMO?

09:23:55 14 A. They only said that the other people were doing business
15 with them as well, but I did not go there.

16 Q. The other people that were doing business with them were
17 whom? Who did they say was doing business with them?

18 A. According to them, they said ULIMO was doing business with
19 the other RUF people, but I did not go there.

09:24:20 20 Q. Did they say what kind of business ULIMO was doing with the
21 other RUF people?

22 A. I did not get the details. I did not ask. I did not ask.

23 Q. Madam Kallon, for how long did you continue with these
24 riverside business activities near Gueckedou?

09:24:57 25 A. It took a while, a little. You know, when I opened the
26 border I went to sell twice, then I entered again.

27 Q. You entered where again?

28 A. In Sierra Leone.

29 Q. What was your purpose in entering Sierra Leone again?

1 A. It was the contractors who said they wanted to see me.

2 Q. Whose contractors?

3 A. Bangalie and others.

4 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at that time?

09:25:48 5 A. It was Strasser.

6 Q. How did you re-enter Sierra Leone?

7 A. I gave some money to the Guineans, and they allowed me to
8 board the canoe and I crossed.

9 Q. When you crossed, where did you go to?

09:26:20 10 A. I went to Pumudu.

11 Q. Did you stay at Pumudu, or did you go somewhere else?

12 A. I went somewhere else.

13 Q. How long did you stay at Pumudu?

14 A. Just few days.

09:26:51 15 Q. Where was your husband Daniel Kallon at that time?

16 A. He was there.

17 Q. He was where?

18 A. He was in that same town.

19 Q. Where did you go from Pumudu?

09:27:20 20 A. I went to Buedu. At that time they had dislodged - they
21 had dislodged the troops who were there. They were in that area,
22 so I went to see there.

23 Q. Which troops had they dislodged?

24 A. At first Strasser's soldiers were there, but they were
09:27:53 25 dislodged.

26 Q. And who dislodged Strasser's soldiers?

27 A. It was the RUF.

28 Q. What was your purpose in going to Buedu?

29 A. I went to have a look at the town, the way it was.

1 Q. With whom did you go to Buedu?

2 A. I went with the RUF soldiers together with the other
3 civilians.

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4 Q. The group that you went with, the RUF soldiers, did it have
5 a leader or commander?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What was that person's name?

8 A. Peter Vandí .

9 Q. When you got to Buedu, what happened?

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10 A. I was there for some time.

11 Q. For how long?

12 A. For just a few days.

13 Q. Did the RUF have someone who was its leader in Buedu, that
14 is, a commander in Buedu when you went there?

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15 A. Yes. At that time it was Peter Vandí who was the commander
16 there.

17 Q. From Buedu, where did you go?

18 A. The Pa said I should bring out those people so that they
19 can go out.

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20 Q. The Pa you are referring to is whom? What is his name?

21 A. Foday Sankoh.

22 Q. And which people did the Pa say you should bring out?

23 A. Deen-Jalloh, Pa Kamara, Pa Alhaji, and Kono Manie [phon]
24 and Deen-Jalloh's wife, Pa Kallon and I.

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25 Q. Let me pause you there. We will come back to these names,
26 but when you said Foday Sankoh said you should bring those people
27 out so they could go out, out of where were they supposed to go?

28 A. They said I should take them to where my children were,
29 that is the Ivory Coast.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, we still have that "I" that is
2 now becomi ng very ambi guous, "Pa Kallon and I".

3 MR ANYAH:

4 Q. Madam Kallon, let's go over the names again. You said Pa
09:31:39 5 Kallon. The Pa Kallon you are referring to, is that the same as
6 your husband Dani el Kallon?

7 A. Yes, my husband.

8 Q. You said "Pa Kallon and I". The "I" you are referring to,
9 is it you or is it the Gbandi woman you mentioned before?

09:32:06 10 A. I said Pa Kallon and myself. Pa Kallon and myself. I and
11 Pa Kallon.

12 Q. Thank you. You mentioned Deen-Jalloh. Who is Deen-Jalloh?

13 A. At the time that I brought them out, it was Deen-Jalloh who
14 first started talking over the satellite phone.

09:32:37 15 Q. You said, "At the time I brought them out." Do you mean
16 out of Sierra Leone?

17 A. Yes, when I brought them out from - out Sierra Leone, then
18 he first started talking.

19 Q. We will come back to that, Deen-Jalloh speaking on the
09:33:03 20 satellite phone after you had taken them out of Sierra Leone.

21 What I am asking you about is when Foday Sankoh told you to take
22 these persons out of Sierra Leone to where your children were in
23 the Ivory Coast, did you know who Deen-Jalloh was, this person
24 Deen-Jalloh you were supposed to take out of Sierra Leone?

09:33:23 25 A. At that time Deen-Jalloh and others, after the Pa had
26 spoken, all of them came and I saw them.

27 Q. Was that your first time seeing Deen-Jalloh?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. When the Pa asked you to do all of these things, did he ask

1 you in person? Was he present in the same place as you?

2 A. No. We used to talk over the radio.

3 Q. Where were you when you spoke with him over the radio?

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4 A. I was in the Kailahun District, that is in Pumudu, at the
5 radio station. It was on that radio that we spoke.

6 Q. And did you know where Foday Sankoh was speaking from when
7 you spoke with him from Pumudu?

8 A. Well, they said he was far off, but the boys were saying
9 that Foday Sankoh was in Zogoda.

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10 Q. Let's go back to the names. You said Deen-Jalloh and
11 Deen-Jalloh's wife. Do you know the name of Deen-Jalloh's wife?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What is her name?

14 A. Agnes.

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15 Q. You mentioned a Pa Kamara. Who is this Pa Kamara?

16 A. Alhaji Kamara, he owned the hotel in Koi lu. He was a man
17 who owned vehicles.

18 Q. The place you said he owned the car at, can you say the
19 name of that place?

09:35:52

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Owned the hotel.

21 MR ANYAH: Yes. Thank you, Madam President:

22 Q. Madam Kallon, you said that Pa or Alhaji Kamara, this he
23 owned a hotel and you said he also owned cars. At where did he
24 own a hotel?

09:36:10

25 A. In Koi lu.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam President, in this instance I hear
27 the witness's pronunciation being different from the
28 interpretation. I don't know if I am alone in that regard, but I
29 will leave it as it is on the record "Koi lu", but I do hear

1 something different today as opposed to yesterday.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you are in charge of this exam.
3 It's up to you to clarify if you hear a difference.

4 MR ANYAH:

09:36:43 5 Q. Madam Kallon, did you say Koi lu or did you say Koi ndu?

6 A. Koi lu.

7 Q. Very well. Thank you. Before you came over to Sierra
8 Leone, did you know this Pa Kamara?

9 A. Yes, I used to know him.

09:37:12 10 Q. When was the first time you met him?

11 A. During the normal times. When he was running in Liberia,
12 he owned houses there.

13 Q. When you say normal time, are you referring to the period
14 before the war?

09:37:40 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are you referring to the period before the war in Liberia
17 or is it the period before the war in Sierra Leone?

18 A. At that time there was no war in Liberia, nor was it in
19 Sierra Leone. That was the time I was in Sierra Leone.

09:38:04 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did the witness say this Kamara was
21 running in Liberia? Is that what she said? What does that mean?

22 MR ANYAH: I am asking the questions. I will get there,
23 Madam President:

24 Q. Madam Kallon, you said Pa Kamara was running in Liberia.
09:38:26 25 What do you mean he was running in Liberia?

26 A. Pa Kamara had Peugeotts that was plying the route in
27 Liberia. They know him in Liberia because if you boarded his
28 vehicle, you wouldn't disembark until you get to Monrovia.

29 Q. Did he have a home in Liberia, to your knowledge?

1 A. Yes, he had two houses in Liberia.

2 Q. When you lived in Harbel in Liberia did you know this
3 Pa Kamara?

4 A. Yes, I knew him.

09:39:12 5 Q. Did he visit Harbel during the time period when you were
6 there?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you ever see this Pa Kamara with Foday Sankoh or
9 Pa Morlai when you were in Liberia?

09:39:36 10 A. No.

11 Q. What nationality is this Pa Kamara?

12 A. He is Sierra Leonean.

13 Q. Do you know whether this Pa Kamara gave any sort of
14 assistance to Foday Sankoh when Sankoh had people training at

09:40:01 15 Camp Naama?

16 A. That area, no, I do not know.

17 Q. Very well. Going back to the names. In addition to
18 Pa Kamara, the record shows you mentioning somebody called Pa

19 Alhaji. Who is this Pa Alhaji? Is that the same person as

09:40:29 20 Pa Kamara or is that a different person?

21 A. Pa Alhaji is a different person. He is a businessman.

22 Q. Does the Pa Alhaji have another name besides Pa Alhaji?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What is his other name?

09:41:01 25 A. Pa Fofana.

26 Q. What sort of business was he engaged in?

27 A. He just said he was a businessman.

28 Q. What was his nationality?

29 A. He is Guinean.

1 Q. Deen-Jalloh and his wife, what is their nationality?

2 A. Sierra Leonean.

3 Q. You mentioned another name, Kono Manie. Who is Kono Manie?

4 A. Sierra Leonean.

09:42:05 5 Q. Had you known him before when Sankoh asked you to take them
6 to the Ivory Coast? Had you known him before that time?

7 A. No. At the time that - when it was time to come, that was
8 the time I knew him.

9 MR ANYAH: Madam President, this name Kono Manie I would
09:42:32 10 spell phonetically K-O-N-O, M-A-N-I-E:

11 Q. Madam Kallon, I have counted seven names: You and Pa
12 Kallon, your husband; Deen-Jalloh and Agnes Jalloh, that makes
13 four; Pa Kamara and Pa Alhaji Fofana, that makes six; and Kono
14 Manie making seven. The six people that Foday Sankoh asked you
09:43:16 15 to take over to the Ivory Coast, where did you meet them; that
16 is, after speaking with Foday Sankoh on the radio, how is it you
17 came to meet them?

18 A. Where I was at Pumudu, that was where they called them.
19 They sent for them, and all of us converged there. You know,
09:43:48 20 they used to leave the towns and build shacks in the bushes, but
21 at that time all of us converged in the bush.

22 Q. Where was Peter Vandi at this time?

23 A. Peter Vandi was there.

24 Q. You remember yesterday and the day before mentioning the
09:44:15 25 name of Philip Palmer. Where was Philip Palmer at this time?

26 A. Philip Palmer was there. I forgot him, but I brought them
27 all out together.

28 Q. When you say you forgot him, "but I brought them all out
29 together", in relation to Philip Palmer, what do you mean you

1 forgot him?

2 A. I brought them all to Guinea.

3 Q. Very well. You were at Pumudu. You said Peter Vandi was
4 there, Philip Palmer was there, you - you make three. We add the
09:45:14 5 six names you gave us, that makes nine. Can you tell us how you
6 made your way out of Sierra Leone?

7 A. Well, before we left that village, they brought diamond and
8 they handed it over to Pa Kamara and Pa Alhaji Fofana. And at
9 that time I did not know what a diamond was, but I saw them
09:45:59 10 untying the parcel.

11 Q. Madam Kallon, let me stop you there for a second. You said
12 before you left that village. What is the name of the village
13 you are referring to now?

14 A. The same Pumudu.

09:46:17 15 Q. When you say they brought diamond, who brought diamond?

16 A. It was Peter Vandi who brought the parcel, saying it was
17 Issa who sent it to him.

18 Q. Where was Issa at this time?

19 A. Issa was in Giema.

09:46:54 20 Q. Do you know how Issa obtained the diamond?

21 A. According to Peter Vandi, they said it was the Pa who said
22 Issa should give the diamond to the people.

23 Q. Give the diamond to which people?

24 A. That the diamond should be given to Pa Fofana for them to
09:47:29 25 go and sell so that it could go towards the people's feeding and
26 their rents and their transportation, those people who were
27 going.

28 Q. Was it - well, let me ask you. Did you see the diamond?

29 A. Yes, I saw the diamond.

1 Q. What exactly did you see?

2 A. When they opened the parcel, some were small and some were
3 big. They were mixed. Some were white. There were different
4 colours in there.

09:48:13 5 Q. Do you know an approximate number of how many there were?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you know where Foday Sankoh got those diamonds from to
8 send to Issa Sesay, who then turned around and sent them to Peter
9 Vandi?

09:48:39 10 A. I did not ask.

11 Q. Was Foday Sankoh still at Zogoda at this time?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So we have Sankoh in Zogoda; Issa Sesay in Giema; you,
14 Peter Vandi and the others at Pumudu. You say Peter Vandi

09:49:04 15 brought the diamonds. What did you see Peter Vandi do with the
16 diamonds?

17 A. He handed them over to Pa Fofana and Pa Kamara.

18 Q. You said that the diamonds should be given to Pa Fofana for
19 them to go and sell so that it could go towards the people's
09:49:36 20 feeding and their rents and their transportation, those people
21 who were going. The people who were going that the diamond was
22 supposed to be sold to provide for their rent, transportation and
23 feeding, are those the same people you were told to carry to the
24 Ivory Coast?

09:49:59 25 A. Yes, they were all there.

26 Q. Well, let's continue where we stopped. The diamond has now
27 been brought by Peter Vandi. Did Peter Vandi go along with you
28 and the others?

29 A. No. We went with the contractors.

1 Q. Are those the same persons you mentioned before, Bangalie,
2 Josie and Alpha?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How many of you went with the contractors?

09:50:41 5 A. The people were many because some had to carry produce,
6 palm oil. So when they accompanied us, they decided to continue
7 with their business.

8 Q. Who accompanied you? Are you referring to the contractors?

9 A. Not just contractors that go to the riverside, because
09:51:12 10 there are people who used to carry things. All their things they
11 used to carry. So when they were going, they asked civilians to
12 carry their things for them to the riverside. When we got there,
13 we crossed over and left them there.

14 Q. Who asked civilians to carry their things to the riverside?

09:51:37 15 A. The RUF.

16 Q. How many of you went to the riverside that crossed over;
17 that is, of all the people that went to the riverside, how many
18 crossed over to the other side?

19 A. The group that crossed included those whom I was to take to
09:52:06 20 the Ivory Coast.

21 Q. To where did you cross?

22 A. On the Guinea part.

23 Q. When you crossed, the group of civilians that carried
24 things to the riverside, did they cross over or did they stay on
09:52:27 25 the Sierra Leonean side?

26 A. They did not cross. They stayed on the Sierra Leonean
27 side.

28 Q. How about the RUF contractors, Bangalie, Josie and Alpha,
29 did they cross over to Guinea or did they remain in Sierra Leone?

1 A. Before we could take our luggage, at that time Bangalie and
2 others had crossed into Guinea.

3 Q. Did they stay in Guinea with you and the others who
4 crossed?

09:53:07 5 A. No. They crossed over to transact their business whilst we
6 were trying to go into the town.

7 Q. Are you saying that RUF fighters, Bangalie Josie and Alpha,
8 would cross over to Guinea and do business on the Guinean side?

9 A. Yes.

09:53:34 10 Q. What exactly were they doing business in? What sort of
11 items?

12 A. They used to bring palm oil, cacao, coffee and kola nuts.

13 Q. Now, let's set aside the contractors and let's focus on you
14 and the group that was with you. When you had crossed over to
09:54:02 15 Guinea, give us the names of the people that were in your
16 company?

17 A. Pa Deen-Jalloh and his wife, Pa Kamara, Pa Alhaji, Pa
18 Kallon, Philip Palmer, Colonel Manie and myself plus --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did the witness say Colonel Manie or Kono
20 Manie?

21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can she repeat that name
22 again?

23 MR ANYAH:

24 Q. Madam Kallon, what did you say? Is it Colonel Manie or
09:55:00 25 Kono Manie?

26 A. Kono Manie. Not colonel.

27 Q. You said Deen-Jalloh and his wife, that's two; Pa Kamara
28 and Pa Alhaji, that's four; Pa Kallon and Philip Palmer, that's
29 six; Kono Manie and yourself, that makes eight. The eight of

1 you, when you crossed over on the Guinean side, where did you go
2 to?

3 A. We went to the soldiers.

4 Q. Guinean soldiers?

09:55:54 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What was the purpose in going to the soldiers?

7 A. When you were taking people from there, you should give
8 those people who were at the riverside some money.

9 Q. What role did you play at this time, you yourself?

09:56:21 10 A. At that time those seven people, the Guineans said I was to
11 pay 50,000 for each person in Guinean francs, so it was to sum up
12 to 350. So at that time I went back and told the people, that
13 is, the RUF people, that it was 700 because I was on the business
14 line. So whatever I was doing, I had to make some profit.

09:57:00 15 Q. Let me stop you there, Madam Kallon. You said the Guineans
16 said you were to pay 50,000 Guinean francs for each person. When
17 you went to speak to the Guineans, were the other seven people
18 with you at that time?

09:57:30 19 A. They were hidden in the corners. The soldiers told them to
20 hide themselves in the corner. Then I went and spoke to them in
21 a separate corner.

22 Q. You went and spoke to whom, the soldiers in another corner?

23 A. I spoke to the soldiers, the Guinean soldiers on the other
24 side.

09:57:50 25 Q. So after the Guinean soldiers told you 50,000 per head, you
26 said you went and you told the RUF people that it was 700 - well,
27 you said it was 700. Where did you tell them it was 700?

28 A. Because I was a businesswoman, whatever I was engaged in I
29 should realise some profit.

1 Q. What happened after you told the RUF people that it was 700
2 - is it 700 or 7,000 Guinean francs?

3 A. 700 Guinean francs.

09:58:45

4 Q. Very well. What happened after you told the RUF people
5 this?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, you have to get this arithmetic
7 correct. The witness said that the figure that was demanded from
8 her initially by the soldiers was 50,000 Guinean francs per
9 person. Now, when she says she relayed this to the RUF as 70 or
10 700, this doesn't make sense to me. 700, it doesn't make a
11 profit. Perhaps you can examine her on this issue. I don't
12 know. It doesn't make sense.

09:59:09

13 MR ANYAH: I agree, Madam President, and it actually
14 started when the figure 350 was put on the record, but I will
15 clarify:

09:59:33

16 Q. Madam Kallon, you told us the Guineans told you 50,000 for
17 each person and you were to pay that for each person and the
18 total number of persons were seven. Are you able to tell us what
19 the total amount was for the seven people? Let's start with the
20 total amount you told the RUF people you needed to pay the
21 Guineans. How much did you tell the RUF people you needed to pay
22 the Guineans?

09:59:59

23 A. When I went I told them that the Guineans have agreed to
24 allow those people to pass through, but they were to pay 700 and
25 they accepted.

10:00:25

26 Q. 700 what?

27 A. Guinean francs.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, is that 700 all together
29 or 700 per person or what?

1 JUDGE LUSSICK: Or 700,000?

2 THE WITNESS: All of them, 700,000.

3 MR ANYAH:

10:01:07

4 Q. You said the RUF members agreed. What happened after they
5 agreed? You said they accepted.

6 A. Then I took out my own money and paid. You want me to
7 explain?

8 Q. Yes, please.

10:01:40

9 A. I went to town with - the Guinean soldiers looked out for a
10 vehicle for me and the men boarded the vehicle. And usually
11 whenever I'm travelling I would take a Guinean and he would be in
12 front of the vehicle because the Guineans had two checkpoints
13 there. If you go across the two checkpoints, then that would be
14 the end. After that they would give him some token, maybe you
15 give him 50,000, then after that he will return to his place and
16 then you would continue with your journey.

10:02:01

17 Q. Madam Kallon, let me ask you a few clarifying questions.
18 You said you took your own money and paid. Why did you use your
19 own money to pay?

10:02:24

20 A. Because those people were not given money. They only gave
21 them diamonds.

22 Q. Are you referring to the RUF people?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. To whom did you pay this money, your own money?

10:02:46

25 A. To the Guinean soldiers at the riverside.

26 Q. You then spoke of going into town with the Guinean
27 soldiers, that they looked for a vehicle for you and you boarded
28 the vehicle. Which town are you referring to when you say you
29 went to town?

1 A. It was from Gbemalu going to Gueckedou, but there were two
2 checkpoints there. So if you are travelling with people without
3 documents, you should have a military person in the front so when
4 the military people will see their colleague, they will just open
10:03:34 5 the gate.

6 Q. The people who did not have paper or documents, which
7 people were those?

8 A. Those seven people that I had brought from the RUF area in
9 Sierra Leone.

10:03:58 10 Q. Did all of you enter the same vehicle?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were you able to cross the two checkpoints?

13 A. Yes, because I had already put one of the soldiers in front
14 of the vehicle.

10:04:25 15 Q. Did you make it to Gueckedou?

16 A. Yes. The soldier did not get to Gueckedou. After crossing
17 the two checkpoints, he returned and we continued our journey.

18 Q. When you got to Gueckedou, what happened?

19 A. Pa Fofana knew a Gissi woman. It was at that Gissi woman's
10:05:03 20 place that we were lodged while we were trying to get documents
21 for them.

22 Q. Who tried to get documents for them?

23 A. It was me.

24 Q. How did you go about getting documents for them?

10:05:34 25 A. I looked out for a photographer who snapped them. Do you
26 want me to explain that area?

27 Q. Yes, you are telling us that you looked out for a
28 photographer who snapped them. Please explain for us.

29 A. So after the man had taken the pictures, I took them to the

1 refugee committee area where the ID card was being prepared. And
2 the sorts of people that they wanted to see badly, so I went to
3 the committee and bribed them so that they would prepare the ID
4 cards and they did it and gave it to us. So after they had given
10:06:34 5 us the ID cards, I distributed them among them. At that time Pa
6 Fofana had gone there to do business, Pa Fofana.

7 Q. Pause a minute, Madam Kallon. We will come back to this
8 point where you say you have distributed ID cards to them and by
9 that time Pa Fofana had gone there to do business. This refugee
10:07:01 10 committee you are referring to, what refugee committee was that?

11 A. Sierra Leone refugee committee.

12 Q. Was it in Gueckedou, Guinea?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You said somebody wanted to see something badly. You said
10:07:29 15 "and the sorts of people that they wanted to see badly." What
16 were you referring to when you said somebody wanted to see
17 something or somebody badly?

18 A. Yes, because at that time Maada Bio wanted to see his
19 sister and her husband and Diana Kono Manie wanted to see her
10:08:05 20 father. So those piece of information were in the refugee camp.
21 So when they saw those three names, they wanted to see the people
22 immediately, but I said no. I told them that I was taking those
23 people elsewhere, so I had to give them money for them to
24 expedite the process and that's what happened.

10:08:34 25 Q. Thank you. I need to ask you a few more questions. Who is
26 Maada Bio?

27 A. He was the second in command to Strasser at that time.

28 Q. You said he wanted to see his sister and her husband.

29 Where was Maada Bio's sister and his sister's husband?

1 A. They were all part of the RUF. They were among the people
2 I had brought out.

3 Q. Which one was Maada Bio's sister? That is, the people you
4 are bringing out, which one was Maada Bio's sister?

10:09:23 5 A. Agnes.

6 Q. And her husband, is that Deen-Jalloh?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And then you mentioned Diane Kono Manie as wanting to see
9 her father. Who is Diane Kono Manie?

10:09:47 10 A. She was Kono Manie's daughter. He used to plead with the
11 soldiers that - she used to plead with the soldiers, so they
12 wanted to see those people.

13 Q. Where was this Diane Kono Manie when you went to the
14 refugee committee? Was she in Sierra Leone? Was she in Guinea?

10:10:16 15 Where was she?

16 A. She was in Sierra Leone. She only brought that information
17 to the refugee camp.

18 Q. What information did she bring to the refugee camp?

19 A. About her father's issue. She said - because anybody who
10:10:49 20 would come from Sierra Leone, if that person would need a
21 document you would have to pass through the committee. So she
22 left a message that anytime her father would reach there, let him
23 be helped out so that the father will get to her.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: The record has shown in two places that
10:11:14 25 Kono Manie's daughter used to play with the soldiers.

26 Mr Interpreter, was it play or plead?

27 THE INTERPRETER: Plead.

28 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

29 Q. Madam Kallon, let's go back.

1 A. She was pleading. She was pleading with the soldiers.

2 Q. You said you bribed the committee, but before you bribed
3 them you told us something. You said they wanted to see these
4 people badly. I am trying to find the reference. Why did the

10:11:53 5 committee want to see these people?

6 A. They said because they had had information that anytime
7 those people got to Gueckedou they should keep them there and
8 send message to Freetown about their arrival.

9 Q. Very well. So you bribed the committee. How much did you
10:12:21 10 bribe the committee?

11 A. 100,000 Guinea franc.

12 Q. You told us you obtained the ID cards and distributed it
13 amongst these persons, and then you said that Pa Fofana went to
14 do business. What do you mean when you say Pa Fofana went to do

10:12:48 15 business?

16 A. Pa Fofana went to sell the diamond.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness clarify
18 whether it is "diamond" or "diamonds"? She is using an
19 expression that could mean plural or singular.

10:13:11 20 MR ANYAH:

21 Q. Madam Kallon, the interpreter is asking for a
22 clarification. Let's take this slowly a little bit. I am asking
23 you about the sort of business Kono Manie went to do. You said
24 he went to do business. Can you tell us slowly what you are
10:13:26 25 referring to? Sorry, not Kono Manie. Pa Alhaji Fofana.

26 A. At that time Alhaji Fofana told us in the morning - that
27 was at the time when I went to collect the ID card - that he had
28 gone to sell the diamond.

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, she has again used this

1 expression. It could mean plural or singular.

2 MR ANYAH:

3 Q. Madam Kallon, when you say "diamond", are you referring to
4 the pieces of diamonds you mentioned earlier, the ones you
10:14:06 5 described?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Pa Fofana said he was going to sell the diamonds in
8 Gueckedou. What happened in relation to those diamonds?

9 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, she used singular. The intention
10:14:29 10 might be to sell only one diamond. I think you ought to clear
11 that up. All through this evidence ever since diamonds came on
12 the scene, there has been an ignoring of the singular and the
13 plural, and in my opinion it's led to some ambiguity in the
14 evidence. For instance, Peter Vandi was said to bring a diamond,
10:14:54 15 and later on that turned out to be diamonds. But what was taken
16 across into Guinea? One diamond and the rest left behind? Or
17 was there only ever one diamond? It really has led to some
18 ambiguity, Mr Anyah.

19 MR ANYAH: I will seek clarification, Justice Lussick.

10:15:19 20 Q. Madam Kallon, you hear the questions by Justice Lussick.
21 We are a little bit uncertain whether we are speaking of one
22 diamond or several pieces of diamond. You described some
23 diamonds for us that you say you saw Peter Vandi bring. Now,
24 that's when you were at Pumudu. When you got to Gueckedou, do
10:15:48 25 you know whether it was one diamond that these people had or more
26 than one diamond?

27 A. The same set of diamonds that I saw in Pumudu were the same
28 set of diamonds that Pa Fofana took to sell.

29 Q. Were they all the same size?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Around how many were they in number? I am now referring to
3 the ones that Pa Fofana had in Gueckedou.

4 A. I did not count them.

10:16:49 5 Q. What happened to those diamonds once you reached Gueckedou?

6 A. Pa Fofana sold the diamonds. When he returned, he refunded
7 my expenses. So at that time he distributed money amongst those
8 people, and we left the house. I left the house and Pa Fofana
9 too was in there. The only people who were there were Kono Manie
10 and Philip Palmer. They were the ones that were at the house.

10:17:36

11 We were dispersed. Everybody went out to buy clothes.

12 Q. Can I stop you there for a minute. You said Pa Fofana sold
13 the diamonds. How much did he sell the diamonds for?

14 A. I didn't ask him. I only cared about my money.

10:18:08

15 Q. You said he refunded you your expenses. How much did he
16 give you?

17 A. The money that I spent at the riverside, the 700, he
18 refunded that one. Then to obtain the parcel, that wasn't much
19 money. But because of the bribery he also refunded that one, and
20 he gave me extra 200 for myself.

10:18:36

21 Q. Is it 700 or 700,000 that he refunded you for the money you
22 spent at the waterside?

23 A. 700 Guinea franc. Then - and the refugee area, they
24 actually - it actually did not cost much. But because of the
25 bribery, I spent 150,000 Guinea francs. He refunded all of those
26 money, and in addition to that, he gave me an extra US \$200. So
27 I left the house to go and do some shopping.

10:19:09

28 Q. Madam Kallon, I still need to ask you about the 700. You
29 told us, in relation to questions asked by the judges, that the

1 money you bribed - or you paid Guinean soldiers to get these
2 people into Guinea was 700,000 Guinean francs. You are now
3 telling us that Pa Fofana gave you 700 Guinean francs. Was it
4 700 or was it 700,000 Guinean francs he refunded you?

10:20:06 5 A. First it was 700 Guinea franc. He gave me that one first.
6 You want me to continue?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. Then after that, the money I spent to obtain the refugee
9 documents, that was 150,000 Guinea franc. He refunded that one.

10:20:30 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam witness, please stop. Do you know
11 the difference between 700 and 700,000?

12 THE WITNESS: Repeat that question.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you know the difference between 700
14 and 700,000?

10:21:00 15 THE WITNESS: Guinea franc?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS: The first money was Guinea franc. That's
18 what I am referring to, 700 Guinea franc. That was the first
19 money that I spent at the riverside. And after we came to town
10:21:24 20 to process the documents, I spent 150,000.

21 MR ANYAH:

22 Q. Madam Kallon, you remember earlier this morning you said
23 the Guinean soldier at the riverside told you it was 50,000
24 Guinean francs per person. You then told us you told the RUF

10:21:49 25 people you needed a total of 700,000 Guinean francs. How is it
26 is that you accepted only 700 Guinean francs from Pa Fofana as a
27 refund, when you spent 700,000?

28 A. I think - you know what I am trying to say. You know, the
29 Guineans used to charge per head, and one person was 50,000. So

1 seven people cost 350,000 Guinean francs. That's what I said.

2 Q. But how much did you tell the RUF was the cost for seven
3 people? They told you 350,000. How much did you tell the RUF?

10:23:14

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Excuse me, Mr Interpreter, you seem to be
5 saying a whole lot more than counsel's asked. What is going on?

6 MR ANYAH: May I repeat the question? Because I could
7 understand the interpretation, and it was not consistent with the
8 question I asked:

10:23:41

9 Q. Madam Kallon, the Guineans told you it was 50,000 per
10 person, and you've just told us when you did the math, the total
11 was 350,000 Guinean francs. My question was: How is it that
12 after telling the RUF people that you needed 700,000 Guinean
13 francs, when Pa Fofana was refunding you the money you spent, you
14 accepted only 700 Guinean francs?

10:24:22

15 A. Because I am a businesswoman. I was taking risks, so
16 whatever I did I had to realise some profit.

17 Q. Very well. Let me ask you another way. You said Pa Fofana
18 also gave you --

19 JUDGE LUSSICK: [Microphone not activated].

10:24:42

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I think you'd better move on.

21 MR ANYAH: Very well:

22 Q. The US \$200 Pa Fofana gave you, why did he give you that
23 money?

10:25:09

24 A. That was just a token, as a piece of appreciation for what
25 I had done for them.

26 Q. Thank you. You said Pa Fofana distributed money from the
27 proceeds of the sales of the diamonds to the other RUF members
28 there. Do you know how much he gave each person?

29 A. I did not know how much he got. I was - I only cared about

1 mine. We saw each other in the market while we went there to do
2 some shopping.

3 Q. When you say we saw each other, who saw whom at the market,
4 Madam Kallon?

10:26:00 5 A. I saw Deen-Jalloh and his wife, they were shopping. And at
6 that same time I saw Pa Kamara, but he was not doing any
7 shopping. He went to the park. He said he was going to Nongowa.
8 You want me to continue?

9 Q. Well, let me ask you a question. You mentioned seeing
10:26:38 10 Deen-Jalloh and his wife. You mentioned seeing Pa Kamara. You
11 told us before that you left the house; that Pa Fofana was
12 there - this is at page 36 of the LiveNote transcript, lines 13
13 through 16 using the 14-point font. You said, "I left the house
14 and Pa Fofana too was in there. The only people who were there
10:27:03 15 were Kono Manie and Philip Palmer. They were the ones that were
16 at the house. We were dispersed."

17 So all of you left the house, leaving only Kono Manie?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: "Dispersed" is what the witness said.

19 Dispersed.

10:27:23 20 MR ANYAH: I was reading the record verbatim. It said
21 "disbursed".

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: The record was wrong. We just didn't say
23 anything. But the interpretation was "we were dispersed".

24 Perhaps you can clarify from the witness.

10:27:39 25 MR ANYAH:

26 Q. Madam Kallon, how many people remained in the house?

27 A. It was Kono Manie and Palmer. They were the ones who
28 stayed at the house. But at the time that I was leaving Pa
29 Fofana was there but later he too left.

1 Q. Going back for a minute to the money Pa Fofana gave you,
2 Madam Kallon, in total can you tell us the total amount of
3 Guinean francs he gave you?

4 A. Yes.

10:28:31 5 Q. What is the total amount?

6 A. 850,000 Guinea franc.

7 Q. Can you tell us the total amount in US dollars that he gave
8 you?

9 A. Yes. At that time the conversion rate was 100 US dollar
10:29:03 10 was 300 Guinea franc.

11 Q. How much in US dollars did he give you in total?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, did the witness say she was
13 given US dollars?

14 MR ANYAH: [Microphone not activated] and I can find it.

10:29:23 15 She did say that. It is at page 36 of the LiveNote transcript,
16 my line 6, "He gave me an extra 200 US dollars."

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: So why are you asking that question
18 again?

19 MR ANYAH: I want to know the total amount of money she
10:29:48 20 got, given the discrepancies in the record previously. She's
21 clarified as to Guinean francs and I am asking about US dollars
22 now:

23 Q. Madam Kallon, what was the total amount of US dollars that
24 Pa Fofana gave you?

10:30:11 25 A. I said he gave me 200 US dollars. I converted the money
26 into Guinea franc. Each 100 dollar was 300 dollar. So the 200
27 was 600 Guinea franc, the 200.

28 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, you said each 100 dollar

1 was what?

2 THE INTERPRETER: 300.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: But you said 300 dollars. You said. Is
4 that what the witness said?

10:30:50 5 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, your Honour. Can the witness
6 repeat that, but I believe I repeated everything verbatim.

7 THE WITNESS: I said they gave me 200 dollars. I converted
8 the money to Guinea francs, 600 dollars - 600 Guinea franc
9 because each hundred was converted to - was converted for 300.

10:31:17 10 MR ANYAH:

11 Q. Madam Kallon, you had left Kono Manie, Pa Fofana and Philip
12 Palmer in the house. You tell us that after a while Pa Fofana
13 left the house, leaving only Kono Manie and Philip Palmer. What
14 happened after that?

10:31:41 15 A. You want me to explain?

16 Q. Yes, please.

17 A. I was at the shop when I saw Pa Kamara and those refugees
18 who were in Koi Lu. I heard the people saying that, "You who are
19 the Pa for the rebels, why have you abandoned them?" But the
10:32:13 20 crowd was so much. Those of us who were outside, we did not
21 return home. So at that time I left my wares and we were
22 searching for the other people. Luckily they were in the market
23 shopping, so I was able to get all of them. They were all
24 assembled at - you know towards the evening, they were put into a
10:32:56 25 vehicle.

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness speak
27 slowly.

28 MR ANYAH:

29 Q. Madam Kallon, please kindly speak a little bit slower and

1 also if you could raise your voice a bit. I will ask you a few
2 questions and then we'll continue from where you stopped because
3 there was part of your answer the interpreter could not
4 understand.

10:33:19 5 You said you saw Pa Kamara with those refugees who were in
6 Koi lu. These refugees that were in Koi lu, were they Sierra
7 Leoneans?

8 A. Yes, they were Sierra Leoneans.

9 Q. And when you saw them with Pa Kamara, was that in Sierra
10 Leone or in Guinea?

11 A. No. It was in Gueckedou together with the soldiers.

12 Q. Which soldiers are you referring to?

13 A. The Guinean soldiers.

14 Q. You said, "Those of us who were outside, we did not return
10:34:05 15 home." Who are you referring to when you say those of you who
16 were outside?

17 A. At that time there were only two people home. Those were
18 Kono Manie and Palmer. And at that time, as the crowd was
19 getting larger, Kono Manie hid within the area, and later we were
10:34:51 20 able to locate him - to locate her. Because Pa Fofana was able
21 to speak the language, we went with them. But he did not use the
22 Zoh road. He used the other road going towards Danane.

23 Q. How many of you - well, let me ask you one preliminary
24 question. Previously you said, "Luckily they were in the market
10:35:25 25 shopping, so I was able to get all of them. They were all
26 assembled." How many people assembled and can you give us their
27 names?

28 A. At that time Deen-Jalloh and his wife and my husband Pa
29 Kallon and at that time Pa Fofana himself was along the street.

1 And Kono Manie was at the house, but after he saw the crowd he
2 left the place. So we saw him on the street and he joined us.

3 Q. Where was Philip Palmer at this time?

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4 A. At that time, when the soldiers got to the house, they went
5 and ransacked the house. Palmer was sleeping and so he was
6 arrested. So it was only Palmer and Pa Kamara that were
7 arrested, that they could arrest, the soldiers, and they were
8 taken away. But you know in Guinea you wouldn't know the
9 difference between the police and a soldier.

10:37:05

10 Q. How was Pa Kamara arrested? Let's start with where was he
11 arrested at?

12 A. At the park, the Nongowa park.

13 Q. And you say Palmer was arrested at the house?

14 A. Yes.

10:37:31

15 Q. The six of you who assembled, Deen-Jalloh and his wife, you
16 and Pa Kallon, Kono Manie and Pa Alhaji Fofana, where did the six
17 of you go?

18 A. So I told Pa Fofana to go with the people. So I should
19 stay behind in Gueckedou where Palmer was. So Fofana took the
20 other route and he went with the RUF people.

10:38:16

21 JUDGE DOHERTY: Mr Anyah, before you move any further, it's
22 not clear at all whether this crowd was friendly or antagonistic,
23 why they got involved and where the soldiers came into the
24 picture.

10:38:35

25 MR ANYAH: I will ask clarifying questions:

26 Q. Madam Kallon, this crowd that you say were refugees who had
27 been in Koi Lu, how did they become involved in all of this?

28 A. At that time the refugees would be all around the place.
29 If they saw someone who had been with the rebels, if they saw

1 that person in Gueckedou, they would always call the security for
2 that person to be arrested. So it was the civilians who did that
3 for Pa Kamara to be arrested.

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4 Q. And how about the soldiers, the Guinean soldiers, how did
5 they become involved in this?

6 A. The refugees called them.

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7 Q. You said previously that one would not know the difference
8 between a Guinean police and a soldier. This is at page 44,
9 lines 20 and 21. These people who were called by the civilians,
10 do you know whether they were police or Guinean soldiers?

11 A. At that time - because where I was standing, I saw the
12 people coming from the office, but I couldn't tell if they were
13 actually soldiers or they were police. But there are two
14 different uniforms. But at the time I was standing at the shop
15 peeping. But they had two different uniforms on.

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16 Q. Very well. You said you told Pa Fofana to go with the
17 people, so Fofana took the other route and he went with the RUF
18 people. And you said you wanted to stay behind in Gueckedou
19 where Palmer was. Where was Kamara, the other person arrested;
20 was he in Gueckedou or was he somewhere else?

10:41:02

21 A. When he was arrested he was asked about where he was
22 lodged, so that was when I think he told them where he was, so
23 they went to the house and that was when Palmer too was arrested.

24 Q. Did Pa Kamara remain in Gueckedou after he was arrested?

10:41:34

25 A. They were in Gueckedou first, but the situation was so
26 tense that later they were transferred to Conakry.

27 Q. Who was transferred to Conakry from Gueckedou?

28 A. Pa Kamara and Philip Palmer.

29 Q. To where did Pa Fofana take the other persons, the other

1 RUF members?

2 A. At that time they had left for Ivory Coast.

3 Q. When Palmer and Kamara were taken to Conakry, where were
4 you?

10:42:47 5 A. I was in Gueckedou.

6 Q. Did you have any contact with Pa Fofana and the rest while
7 you remained in Gueckedou and they were in the Ivory Coast?

8 A. I decided to go to the Ivory Coast.

9 Q. Where exactly in the Ivory Coast did Fofana take them to?

10:43:28 10 A. Danane.

11 Q. Did you indeed go to the Ivory Coast?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. To where in the Ivory Coast did you go?

14 A. Danane.

10:43:48 15 Q. Did you encounter the people that you had taken to
16 Gueckedou, Fofana and the rest, who then made their way to the
17 Ivory Coast?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were all of you staying in the same place in Danane?

10:44:18 20 A. No.

21 Q. What was the living arrangement in Danane?

22 A. The money was with Pa Fofana, so we were able to locate
23 houses for them.

24 Q. Where were your children at this time?

10:44:52 25 A. I had rented out a place for my children for a long time
26 before that time even.

27 Q. For how long did you remain in Danane?

28 A. I only spent a week and I returned to Guinea.

29 Q. What was your purpose in returning to Guinea?

1 A. I continued my business.

2 Q. To which part of Guinea did you return?

3 A. Gueckedou.

4 Q. Did you know what was happening or what had happened to

10:45:58 5 Palmer and Kamara, those who were arrested and taken to Conakry?

6 A. After I returned to Gueckedou, I continued doing my

7 business. But you want me to explain further?

8 Q. Yes, please do, Madam Kallon.

9 A. I continued doing my business in Gueckedou, and there was a

10:46:34 10 time I went to Conakry. While going, I saw Pa Kamara and I asked

11 him and he said - he said, I was the first to be released, but

12 Palmer too was now been released. But Palmer is at the embassy,

13 that is, the Sierra Leone embassy. Then I said okay, so I bought

14 my wares and returned to Gueckedou.

10:47:10 15 Q. Can I stop you there, Madam Kallon. You continued your

16 business in Gueckedou, and then you went to Conakry and you saw

17 Pa Kamara. How much time had passed from the time when Kamara

18 and Palmer were arrested in Gueckedou until the time when you saw

19 Pa Kamara in Conakry? Was it up to a year that had passed?

10:47:47 20 A. No, it was not up to a year.

21 Q. Do you know - can you tell us approximately how long had

22 passed during those two events, the time of the arrest and the

23 time you saw Pa Kamara again in Conakry?

24 A. The time that I saw Pa Kamara, I don't know. The time that

10:48:19 25 I saw Pa Kamara - at that time I was over three months that I saw

26 Pa Kamara. It was over three months.

27 Q. When you returned to Gueckedou after you left Danane, you

28 went to Gueckedou and resumed your business - this is the time

29 before you went to Conakry and saw Pa Kamara - what sort of

1 business were you doing in Gueckedou?

2 A. I was doing the business at the border. You want me to
3 continue? You want me to explain?

4 Q. Yes, please explain.

10:49:03 5 A. Then Alhaji called me and he said, This business that you
6 are doing, you will not realise much profit from this. But I
7 want to tell you something that if you are engaged in that, you
8 will get more profit from it. And I said okay and I luckily went
9 to the Guinean soldier, and he showed me a box - that is,

10:49:40 10 Alhaji - and when the box was opened, there were two cups in it
11 and the man sold the box to me. It was opened and the cups were
12 taken out. And the same soldier escorted me, and I went to the
13 riverside. And we took them down where the men used to bring the
14 goods. So they brought me five jerry cans of palm oil from those
10:50:16 15 two cups.

16 Q. Can I stop you there, Madam Kallon. Was this the time
17 after you had left Danane and you had left Pa Kallon and the rest
18 and you went back to Gueckedou? Is that when this Alhaji came up
19 to you?

10:50:35 20 A. Yes, it is the same Alhaji with whom I was doing business.

21 Q. You said this Alhaji called you and he said the business
22 that you are doing, you will not realise much profit from this.
23 What sort of business were you doing before he called you to tell
24 you about another, more profitable, business?

10:51:06 25 A. I used to buy rice and some other foodstuff, salt, Maggi,
26 medicines, clothing. Those were the things I used to buy, and I
27 would bring them and barter them. That was when he told me that
28 he had an alternative ware, and that's when we made the
29 arrangement and went to the soldiers.

1 Q. What type of business was he telling you about? You said
2 he came and he told you that he wanted you something; that if you
3 were engaged in that, you will get more profit from. What type
4 of business did he tell you about?

10:52:00 5 A. That's what I am telling you. We went to the soldier and
6 the soldier brought a box, sold it to us. And when the box was
7 opened, there were two sardine cups, because that is how they
8 referred to it as two sardine cups. They were green. Two of
9 them were in the box, and we bought them from him.

10:52:22 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, you are talking too fast.
11 Two what cups?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Two cups a little. She said two sardine
13 cups. Two cups in the box.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said sardine cups?

10:52:38 15 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour. Initially she said two
16 cups, and later two sardine cups. They were cups. They were big
17 cups.

18 MR ANYAH:

19 Q. Madam Kallon, did you use the word "sardine"?

10:52:55 20 A. I just saw it. That was just an example I showed to you.
21 The cups were like sardine tins, the first box that I bought.
22 There were two in it.

23 Q. What was the colour of these boxes?

24 A. Green.

10:53:18 25 Q. What was inside the boxes?

26 A. They had ammunition in them.

27 Q. What sort of ammunition?

28 A. That gun I - not the - they used to call it AK. AK rounds.
29 The AK rounds were in it.

1 Q. The soldier - you referred to the person as a Guinean
2 soldier. Was that the person who gave you these boxes or from
3 whom you bought these boxes?

4 A. It was one box. One box.

10:54:23 5 Q. And inside the one box were there two boxes you referred
6 to?

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Cups.

8 MR ANYAH: Let me ask Madam Kallon.

9 Q. Madam Kallon, you bought one box. What was inside the one
10:54:39 10 box you bought?

11 A. Those two cups were in it.

12 Q. And the two cups, did they contain these AK rounds you have
13 referred to?

14 A. Yes.

10:55:00 15 Q. How much did you pay for the box you bought?

16 A. It was 50,000.

17 Q. What kind of currency?

18 A. Guinea currency.

19 Q. You said - this is at page 49 of the LiveNote transcript,
10:55:34 20 line 16 through 19. You said:

21 "It was opened and cups were taken out, and the same
22 soldiers escorted me and I went to the riverside, and we took
23 them down where the men used to bring the" - and the record said
24 "gold", but I think you said "goods". You took them down to the
10:55:57 25 riverside where which men used to bring something?

26 A. The place where the men - you know, we met men there, the
27 RUF people. They were transacting business. We met them there.
28 That's where we went.

29 Q. You said, "So they brought me five jerry cans of palm oil

1 for those two cups." The record says, "Five jerry cans from palm
2 oil from those two cups." How many jerry cans were brought to
3 you, Madam Kallon?

4 A. Five.

10:56:47 5 Q. Who brought the jerry cans to you?

6 A. The contractors. They gave me the palm oil through the
7 soldiers.

8 Q. The contractors you are referring to, to which group did
9 they belong?

10:57:16 10 A. The RUF group.

11 Q. The soldiers that was the conduit or the person between you
12 and the contractor, what nationality were those soldiers?

13 A. Guinean.

14 Q. What was being exchanged for the five jerry cans you were
10:57:51 15 given?

16 A. Those two cups. But at that time you will not just go and
17 give items to the RUF directly. So anything you would want to
18 give to the RUF you would have to pass through the Guineans.

19 Q. Now, what did you do with the five jerry cans of palm oil
10:58:30 20 you were given?

21 A. I sold it.

22 Q. And for how much did you sell them?

23 A. At that time it was 250,000.

24 Q. What currency?

10:59:01 25 A. Guinean currency.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that in total or per jerry can?

27 MR ANYAH:

28 Q. Madam Kallon, can you answer that question?

29 A. Which one?

1 Q. The 250,000 Guinean currency you received, was that for one
2 jerry can or was that for all five jerry cans?

3 A. All the five jerry cans put together, that's the money.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I think this is a good place to
5 break. We will reconvene at half past 11.

6 [Break taken at 11.00 a.m.]

7 [Upon resuming at 11.35 a.m.]

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please continue.

9 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

10 Q. Madam Kallon, before the break we were considering the
11 transaction you engaged in along the Guinea and Sierra Leonean
12 border where you received 250,000 Guinean currency in exchange
13 for the can containing AK ammunition you had given to the RUF.
14 There's something that appears on the record I wish to revisit.

15 This is earlier on this morning when we were talking about the
16 RUF members who went to Danane. There is something the record
17 reflects I wanted us to revisit at page 47 of the LiveNote
18 transcript using a 14-point font at line 19 of my LiveNote I had
19 asked you about the living arrangement in Danane when you went

20 there and the other RUF members were there, that is, everyone
21 else except Palmer and Kamara. I asked you whether all of you
22 were staying in the same place in Danane. You said no. I asked
23 what was the living arrangement in Danane. You said - at least
24 this is what the record says - it says, "The morning was Pa
25 Fofana, so we were able to locate houses for them." How were you
26 able to locate houses for the RUF members in Danane?

27 A. I did not look out for those houses. It was Pa Fofana who
28 did that.

29 Q. Who paid for those houses that were located?

1 A. The same Pa Fofana.

2 Q. With what did he pay for the houses?

3 A. The money. The diamonds that he had sold, he was in
4 possession of the money. So that was what he was using.

11:37:26 5 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. Now, let's go back to where we
6 stopped before we adjourned at 11 o'clock. You've received the
7 250,000 Guinean currency. You are still in the area around
8 Gueckedou in Guinea.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Incidentally, Mr Anyah, you did misstate
11:37:50 10 the evidence. The evidence was this 250,000 Guinea currency was
11 in exchange for five jerry cans of palm oil that were exchanged
12 for two cups of ammunition. That is the correct sequence of
13 evidence.

14 MR ANYAH: You are correct, Madam President. I believe the
11:38:14 15 transcript earlier on will confirm your indication. In phrasing
16 the question I merely said that the 250,000 was received for the
17 ammunition, which is an error. It should be that - well, the
18 record speaks for itself, but I think the record contains the
19 information Madam President has referred to. Thank you:

11:38:38 20 Q. Now, Madam Kallon, this time that you went and obtained
21 five jerry cans of palm oil for the tins of AK rounds, was that
22 the only time --

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think it was cups, Mr Anyah, not tins.
24 It was tins of palm oil or cans of palm oil and cups of
11:39:11 25 ammunition.

26 MR ANYAH: Thank you:

27 Q. This time when you exchanged the five jerry cans for the
28 two cups of ammunition, was that the only time you traded in
29 ammunition along the Guinea and Sierra Leone border?

1 A. No.

2 Q. When next did you trade in ammunition along that border?

3 A. Can I explain?

4 Q. Yes, please do.

11:39:48 5 A. After I had started doing that business I had to go in to
6 explain to the boys. I was there, then I came out with Fayia
7 Musa and the others.

8 Q. Madam Kallon, can I stop you there. We will come back to
9 that episode, but let me ask you just to clarify one or two

11:40:21 10 things in the intervening period. You said after you had started
11 doing that business you had to go in. Into where did you go?

12 A. Sierra Leone.

13 Q. And you mentioned Fayia Musa. Who is Fayia Musa?

14 A. Fayia Musa was in. He too wanted to go together with one
11:40:51 15 radio boy.

16 Q. Fayia Musa wanted to go where?

17 A. To join the men in the Ivory Coast.

18 Q. Was Fayia Musa a member of the RUF at this time?

19 A. Yes.

11:41:14 20 Q. The radio boy that you said he wanted to go with, what is
21 that radio boy's name?

22 A. Philip Sannoh.

23 Q. Philip what?

24 A. Sannoh.

11:41:36 25 Q. And both Fayia Musa and Philip Sannoh, they were in which
26 country when they wanted to go to the Ivory Coast? Which country
27 were they at or in?

28 A. They were in Sierra Leone.

29 Q. The radio boy Philip Sannoh - and I would spell it as the

1 record does, S-A-N-N-O-H - was he a member of the RUF?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Let's pause there, Madam Kallon. We will come back to
4 Faya Musa and Philip Sannoh. Before we do that, what started
11:42:22 5 this series of questions was whether you had engaged in other
6 transactions around the border area involving the sale or
7 purchase of ammunition. Besides that one time you've told us
8 about involving the five jerry cans of palm oil and the two cups
9 of ammunition, later on did you engage in such transactions along
11:42:49 10 that border area?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Thank you. Now, we did not complete your evidence
13 regarding Philip Palmer and Pa Kamara. Let's go back to that.
14 You said you went to Conakry. You met Pa Kamara in Conakry. Pa
11:43:11 15 Kamara told you that he had been released, that Philip Palmer had
16 also been released, but that Palmer was at the Sierra Leonean
17 embassy. Let's continue from that point. You said - and this is
18 at page 48 of the LiveNote transcript. You said after Pa Kamara
19 had told you all of that, you said okay and you bought your wares
11:43:41 20 in Conakry and you returned to Gueckedou. When you returned to
21 Gueckedou, did you do anything in relation to Philip Palmer while
22 you were at Gueckedou?

23 A. Yes, I went to Sierra Leone.

24 Q. To where in Sierra Leone did you go?

11:44:07 25 A. Around Koi lu.

26 Q. Why did you go to Koi lu in Sierra Leone?

27 A. I went to explain what Pa Kamara had told me in respect of
28 Palmer.

29 Q. And to whom were you going to explain it?

1 A. When I explained to Peter Vandí , to the high command, they
2 connected me to the Pa.

3 Q. Where was Peter Vandí when you explained this to him, that
4 is, which town or village?

11:44:59 5 A. It was in Buedu.

6 Q. When you refer to high command, what do you mean?

7 A. When you took an information - when they talk about high
8 command, the head man in the town that was handling RUF business,
9 when you tell him, he will tell his colleagues.

11:45:21 10 Q. So who is - is the reference to high command in relation to
11 a person?

12 A. Yes, the commanders.

13 Q. Who was the high command in Buedu when you went and met
14 Peter Vandí ?

11:45:45 15 A. When I told Peter Vandí , he called Issa Sesay.

16 Q. Who was senior to the other within the RUF, Peter Vandí or
17 Issa Sesay at that particular time?

18 A. Issa Sesay was senior to Peter Vandí .

19 Q. Was Issa Sesay present in Buedu when you met Peter Vandí
11:46:13 20 there?

21 A. No.

22 Q. How did Peter Vandí call Issa Sesay?

23 A. They had a radio which they used to talk.

24 Q. Did you know where Issa Sesay was when he spoke with Peter
11:46:36 25 Vandí on the radio?

26 A. He was in the same Giema.

27 Q. You go to Buedu, you meet Peter Vandí , he calls Issa Sesay
28 in Giema. What was the nature of their conversation?

29 A. Later Peter Vandí took me to the radio.

1 Q. And what happened when you were taken to the radio?

2 A. The Pa asked me and I explained. Then he said whatever way
3 - whatever means I could use to get Palmer, I should go ahead and
4 he would give me the money.

11:47:29 5 Q. The Pa you are referring to there, who are you - who do you
6 mean by the Pa?

7 A. Foday Sankoh.

8 Q. Did you speak to him in person or over the radio?

9 A. I spoke to him over the radio.

11:47:51 10 Q. Where did you believe Sankoh was at when you were speaking
11 to him on the radio?

12 A. At that time the boys said he was in Zogoda.

13 Q. What did you explain to him when you spoke with him?

14 A. I told him that I have seen Pa Kamara in Conakry, and Pa
11:48:24 15 Kamara had said that he was the first that was released and that
16 Palmer was at the Sierra Leonean embassy.

17 Q. What response - or what was the reaction by Foday Sankoh
18 when you told him this?

19 A. Then he pleaded with me to go there and told me that
11:48:48 20 whatever expenses I incurred, he will pay when I returned. Then
21 I went.

22 Q. To where did you go?

23 A. To Conakry.

24 Q. From Buedu how did you get to Conakry in Guinea?

11:49:07 25 A. I crossed through Gbemalu and went to Gueckedou and boarded
26 a vehicle and went.

27 Q. When you got to Conakry what happened?

28 A. Then I boarded a taxi cab. Then I was going around the
29 embassy area. Then as we were going around, I saw Palmer. I

1 greeted him, I stretched out my arm, then he came towards the
2 vehicle.

3 Q. Whose embassy was this that you were driving around a taxi
4 at?

11:50:06 5 A. The Sierra Leone embassy.

6 Q. When you stretched your arm out and Palmer came towards the
7 vehicle, what happened?

8 A. I told him that I had come to Conakry for him and that I
9 wanted to take him along and asked for his consent. Then Palmer
11:50:32 10 said that he was willing to go but that he hadn't anything - he
11 hadn't any document. Then I took out some money and gave it to
12 him for him to process his refugee documents. Then I told him
13 that after he had gotten his papers the following morning at
14 8 o'clock, I told him about a junction where I would meet him. I
11:51:12 15 said by then I would have gotten the vehicle. So I left and went
16 back to the hotel.

17 Q. Madam Kallon, a few questions. When you met Palmer in the
18 vicinity of the Sierra Leonean embassy, did he tell you whether
19 or not he was free to leave that embassy and go wherever he
11:51:37 20 wanted?

21 A. He told me, yes, he used to leave.

22 Q. Do you know how long he had been at that embassy before you
23 came to meet him there?

24 A. No.

11:52:02 25 Q. Do you know the name - or was there a Sierra Leonean
26 ambassador to Guinea at that time in Conakry?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Do you know the name of the Sierra Leonean ambassador to
29 Guinea at that time?

1 A. I just used to call him Mr Jabbie.

2 Q. Do you know from where Palmer was going to get documents to
3 travel?

4 A. Palmer went alone to process his documents.

11:52:54 5 Q. To where did he go to process those documents?

6 A. According to him, he told me that there was a Sierra
7 Leonean in the area - or he knew there because I did not go with
8 him. That was where he got the papers from.

9 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Jabbie would be spel t

11:53:20 10 J-A-B-B-I-E:

11 Q. Madam Kallon, did you find a vehicle as you had told Palmer
12 you would find a vehicle?

13 A. Yes, I got a vehicle.

14 Q. And the junction where you told him you would meet him at
11:53:43 15 on the following day, did you meet him at that junction?

16 A. Yes, that was where I met him.

17 Q. What happened when you met him at that junction?

18 A. I told him to board the vehicle.

19 Q. And what happened after that?

11:54:10 20 A. We set off for the place where I had come from, that
21 Gueckedou end.

22 Q. Can you tell us where you went to, you and Palmer?

23 A. When we left Conakry we drove all day long, and at night we
24 got to Macenta and we passed the night at the hotel.

11:54:43 25 Q. And from Macenta where did you go?

26 A. From Macenta I bought some things for him and we took off
27 for Nzerekore.

28 Q. Did you get to Nzerekore?

29 A. Yes, we passed through to Zoh in order for us to cross

1 over.

2 Q. And from Zoh where did you go?

3 A. We went to Danane.

4 Q. When you went to Danane were the other RUF members, people

11:55:26 5 like Pa Fofana, your husband Daniel Kallon, Deen and Agnes

6 Jalloh, Kono Manie, were they in Danane that time?

7 A. Yes, all of them were there.

8 Q. What of Pa Kamara, where was he by this time?

9 A. Pa Kamara stayed in Conakry.

11:55:57 10 Q. Did Palmer stay in Danane, or did he go somewhere else?

11 A. In Danane. I just went and handed him over to Deen-Jalloh
12 and others, and I boarded a vehicle and went back to my business.

13 Q. To which place did you go back?

14 A. I returned to Gueckedou and located the house.

11:56:33 15 Q. When you say you found a house, did you buy a house, did
16 you rent a house in Gueckedou?

17 A. I did not buy it. I rented it.

18 Q. What was the purpose in renting that house?

19 A. Because I felt that when people come for them to be staying
11:57:01 20 in a hotel would not be good for me. That was why I rented that
21 house. The money that I was paying for a hotel, I would just add
22 to that to pay for the house.

23 Q. Which people are you referring to when you say you felt
24 that when people come you didn't want them to be staying in a
11:57:21 25 hotel? Which people are you referring to that would come to you
26 in Gueckedou?

27 A. The RUF people.

28 Q. Madam Kallon, these RUF persons that you took to Danane,
29 the Deen-Jallohs, the Philip Palmers and the Kono Manies, do you

1 know why Foday Sankoh sent them to Danane?

2 A. That one I wouldn't know the details. The only thing what
3 I know was to take the people out. Because from what they were
4 saying was that when they were fighting the war people did not
11:58:12 5 know why they were fighting, so those people who were in Danane,
6 just in case they saw a Red Cross or any other NGO, they would be
7 able to talk to them. So that was just what I was hearing them
8 say.

9 Q. You said that from what they were saying was that when they
11:58:35 10 were fighting the war people did not know why they were fighting.
11 What role, Madam Kallon, were these people in Danane to play for
12 the RUF? What was their responsibility?

13 A. What I have explained was what I knew. Because --

14 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can she kindly repeat this
11:59:07 15 answer very slowly.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter didn't
17 hear what you said. Please repeat your answer slowly.

18 THE WITNESS: I said I did not know the details of what
19 they were doing in Danane. My own job was to make way to bring
11:59:29 20 them and they pay me my money and I go about my business.

21 MR ANYAH:

22 Q. You mentioned earlier today in relation to Deen-Jalloh, you
23 said when you brought him out he spoke on a satellite phone. Do
24 you remember telling us that this morning? Now, where was
11:59:54 25 Deen-Jalloh when he spoke on the satellite phone you referred to?

26 A. In Danane.

27 Q. Do you know to whom he was speaking when he spoke on the
28 satellite phone?

29 A. After he had spoken, I only heard over the BBC when I knew

1 - that was then that I knew that he was speaking to the BBC.

2 Q. What did you hear on the BBC?

3 A. I heard him call his name, but he did not call his full
4 name. He just called part of his name. I heard his wife said -
12:01:04 5 because he did not call his full name. He just said - he just
6 called the fighting group that he was, the RUF. I did not
7 understand the English. The only thing that I knew was that
8 people were grumbling that when he spoke he did not call out his
9 full name during that first instance.

12:01:29 10 Q. Who was grumbling that Deen-Jalloh did not call out his
11 full name when he spoke on the radio?

12 A. The people who went, Pa Kallon and the others, they were
13 all grumbling.

14 Q. Do you know from whom or where Deen-Jalloh got that
12:01:51 15 satellite phone?

16 A. As I have told you, I said business people had satellite
17 phones in Danane. Whoever wanted to make a call to overseas went
18 there.

19 Q. Did one have to pay to make such a call to overseas?

12:02:12 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When you carried Deen-Jalloh, his wife, Philip Palmer and
22 the rest and you crossed into Guinea and ended up in Danane, did
23 you see any of them with a satellite phone?

24 A. They hadn't a satellite phone. When they wanted to talk -
12:02:32 25 when you wanted to talk you would have to go to the people's
26 booths.

27 Q. These are booths in which city or town?

28 A. Danane had. They had.

29 Q. You told us that after you dropped Palmer you went back to

1 Gueckedou, you rented a house and your purpose in going there was
2 to resume your business. Did you resume your business in
3 Gueckedou?

4 A. Yes, I resumed my business.

12:03:19 5 Q. What kind of business were you engaging in in Gueckedou
6 after you had taken Palmer and dropped him in Danane?

7 A. We were checking around with the soldiers for that same
8 item, the one that I had started selling, although we were still
9 buying the other things, but I focused my attention to that
10 particular item.

12:03:53

11 Q. What item are you referring to that your attention was
12 focused to?

13 A. The first ammunition that I sold.

14 Q. Did you engage in any transactions regarding that item at
15 this time in Gueckedou?

12:04:05

16 A. Repeat the question.

17 Q. Yes. After you had dropped Palmer, you had returned to
18 Gueckedou, you had rented a house and your attention was now
19 focused on the ammunition as an item of trade, did you engage in
20 any trading activities regarding that item, the ammunition?

12:04:27

21 A. I went first to Sierra Leone.

22 Q. To where in Sierra Leone did you go?

23 A. Buedu, in the Kailahun District.

24 Q. What was your purpose in going inside Sierra Leone and to
25 Buedu in particular?

12:04:51

26 A. They asked me - I met Peter Vandi and he asked me, and I
27 said, "The item that I bought, I did so through Guinea." Then
28 Peter Vandi said, "That would be good. If you got it there, if
29 the other people got it from the other area, that is the ULIMO

1 area, that would be fine." And he said, "Well, I think we would
2 have to call the Pa. If we can have a large quantity, that would
3 be fine." Then I said, "Okay." So at that time they gave me
4 Faya Musa, Philip Sannoh and Alhaji Barrie.

12:05:49 5 Q. Let me pause you there. You said Peter Vandi met you and
6 you talked about the previous ammunition you had sent to them
7 that you bought through Guinea. And then Peter Vandi spoke of
8 "other people who got something from the other area, that is the
9 ULIMO area". To which other people was Peter Vandi referring
12:06:18 10 when he mentioned the ULIMO area?

11 A. At that time, according to Peter Vandi, he said ULIMO was
12 transacting business with them, the other side, but I did not go
13 there.

14 Q. Yes, the people ULIMO was transacting business with, what
12:06:37 15 group were they?

16 A. They were the RUF.

17 Q. The business ULIMO was transacting with them, what was the
18 item that was transacted?

19 A. Like how we were doing it in Gbemalu, you will take
12:07:04 20 foodstuff and there will be ammunition business in between.

21 Q. Now, this conversation with Peter Vandi, you said he said
22 that you would have to call the Pa if you could have a large
23 quantity and that that would be fine. Large quantity of what?

24 A. Ammunition.

12:07:33 25 Q. Who was the Pa that Peter Vandi was referring to?

26 A. It was Foday Sankoh.

27 Q. Was there any contact made with Foday Sankoh at that time?

28 A. Yes. But at that moment the contact did not go through
29 because I was on my way going with Faya Musa.

1 Q. You mentioned the name of another person that was to join
2 you, Fayia Musa and Philip Sannoh. What was the name you
3 mentioned?

4 A. Alhaji Barrie.

12:08:20 5 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I will spell Barrie as
6 B-A-R-R-I-E:

7 Q. Who was Alhaji Barrie, Madam Kallon?

8 A. Alhaji Barrie, they were in the mining area.

9 Q. What mining area?

12:08:45 10 A. Those who were mining the diamonds, he was there with -
11 Alhaji Barrie was with Pa Abdul there. It was Pa Abdul who sent
12 him.

13 Q. Were either Pa Abdul or Pa - sorry, were either Barrie or
14 Abdul RUF?

12:09:22 15 A. Yes. Abdul was RUF.

16 Q. How about Alhaji Barrie?

17 A. All of them were working in the diamond area.

18 Q. We appreciate that. I just want to know if Alhaji Barrie
19 was RUF. Was he or was he not RUF?

12:09:46 20 A. In there, when they capture you, you just have to be where
21 they were. They were all working. So I just took it that he was
22 RUF.

23 Q. Were you in Buedu when you met - well, let me ask you, did
24 you ultimately meet Fayia Musa, Alhaji Barrie and Philip Sannoh?

12:10:15 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Where were you when you met them?

27 A. There in Buedu.

28 Q. And where was Peter Vandi at this time?

29 A. He was there as commander.

1 Q. What did you do after you met the three men?

2 A. Then I decided to cross.

3 Q. From Buedu to where did you take them?

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can she repeat the name of
12:10:57 5 the place where they went.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Madam Kallon, where did you go to from Buedu?

8 A. We went to Koi lu.

9 Q. Madam Kallon, I notice that you are looking downwards and
12:11:12 10 not at the judges. If you are tired, please let me know. Today
11 the Court will not sit until 4.30. We will soon be done with
12 today's evidence, but if you are tired and you want to break,
13 just let us know. Okay?

14 A. Okay.

12:11:32 15 Q. Now, you took these people to the Koi lu, you said. From
16 Koi lu where did you go?

17 A. We walked. At that time I did not go towards Gbemalu. I
18 went towards that other Nongowa crossing point.

19 Q. Did you get to the Nongowa crossing point?

12:12:01 20 A. Not the main one. There was one in the corner - a crossing
21 point in the corner.

22 Q. Were any of these men, Philip Sannoh, Fayia Musa or Pa
23 Barrie, given anything by the RUF as you left Buedu to go towards
24 the crossing point?

12:12:34 25 A. The thing that they gave was that they dismantled the radio
26 set. That was what was in the bag, and I was carrying that.

27 Q. Who dismantled the radio set?

28 A. That was how Phillip brought it to me.

29 Q. Do you know what kind of radio set this was?

1 A. Yes, because I asked him.

2 Q. What kind of radio was it?

3 A. That was the radio that we always used to communicate to
4 Sierra Leone.

12:13:27 5 Q. Now, you told us of going to the other Nongowa crossing
6 point. When you went to that crossing point with these men, what
7 happened?

8 A. I crossed with them.

9 Q. Did you encounter any Guinean soldiers at the crossing
12:13:48 10 point when you crossed?

11 A. Yes, I met them.

12 Q. Did the Guinean soldiers allow you to pass without paying a
13 bribe?

14 A. At that time the people - the woman who owned the crossing
12:14:18 15 point - because I had come with those men and a lot of produce,
16 it was the woman who undertook that expenses to cross those men
17 over.

18 Q. What expenses did the woman undertake?

19 A. Usually when we were paying per head, but it was the woman
12:14:45 20 who knew how to rub shoulders with the people, the soldiers who
21 were doing the business. So she just came and told me that I
22 should talk - at that time Peter Vandi was there. She said I
23 should talk to the people to be bringing produce in large
24 quantity, so she undertook the expenses. I did not know how much
12:15:09 25 she spent. She just told us to pass through.

26 Q. A couple of questions. You said she undertook the
27 expenses, and you referred to paying per head. To whom did she
28 pay money?

29 A. The Guineans. The Guinean soldiers never did anything

1 without realising something out of it.

2 Q. You referred to this woman as a woman who "owned the
3 crossing point". What do you mean by she "owned the crossing
4 point"?

12:15:50 5 A. That particular crossing point looked like how I owned the
6 Gbemalu one. So that woman, that was her own area.

7 Q. What nationality was this woman?

8 A. Guinean.

9 Q. Do you remember her name?

12:16:14 10 A. Yes, I can remember her name.

11 Q. What is her name?

12 A. Her name was Kumba.

13 Q. You said Peter Vandi was there at the crossing point and
14 the woman said something in relation to Peter Vandi's presence.

12:16:42 15 What did she say about Peter Vandi?

16 A. On that day, it was at night Peter Vandi himself crossed
17 over to the Guinean side. It was later that he crossed back into
18 Sierra Leone that day.

19 Q. Well, previously - we understood what you said, Madam

12:17:12 20 Kallon. I just want some clarification about what this Guinean
21 woman said. You said previously, "So she just came and told me
22 that I should talk", and then you mentioned Peter Vandi and you
23 continued to say, "She said I should talk to the people to be
24 bringing produce in large quantity." Which people did this

12:17:35 25 Guinean woman want you to talk to?

26 A. The RUF people.

27 Q. And which people did she want to bring produce in large
28 quantity?

29 A. When she talked to the - when you talk to the people, they

1 would bring a lot of produce to your riverside. That was what
2 the woman was trying to tell me, that she would facilitate our
3 crossing but that I should tell them to be bringing the produce
4 in large quantities to her own riverside.

12:18:15 5 Q. What type of produce did the woman have in mind?

6 A. Those same things: Palm oil, coffee, cacao, kola nuts,
7 because those things were in abundance there.

8 Q. Very well. Now, you told us Peter Vandi crossed and then
9 he returned back to Sierra Leone. What did you do with the

12:18:43 10 others who crossed into Guinea with you? I'm referring to Fayia
11 Musa, Alhaji Barrie and Philip Sannoh?

12 A. At that time we crossed over, and we took one Guinean and
13 put him in a taxi to cross us through the checkpoints going
14 towards Gueckedou.

12:19:11 15 Q. Did you make it to Gueckedou with the three others?

16 A. Yes, I took them to my house.

17 Q. Did they remain with you in your house in Gueckedou?

18 A. They were in my house, and I processed their documents
19 before we took off to go.

12:19:42 20 Q. How did you process their documents?

21 A. Through the same refugee community that was there.

22 Q. Is that the community that you referred to previously when
23 you spoke of documents for your husband Pa Kallon, for Pa Kamara,
24 for Kono Manie and for Philip Palmer, Deen and Agnes Jalloh?

12:20:16 25 A. Yes, it's the same community.

26 Q. After you processed documents for these three, what
27 happened?

28 A. We boarded a vehicle and we went. I took them to Danane.

29 Q. Were the others who you took to Danane, like Philip Palmer,

1 Deen-Jalloh, Alhaji Fofana, Pa Kallon, were they still in Danane
2 when these three joined them there?

3 A. Yes, I met them there.

4 Q. Did you yourself remain with them in Danane, or did you go
12:21:00 5 somewhere else?

6 A. I did not take long there. I left there and returned to
7 Guinea.

8 Q. To where in Guinea did you return?

9 A. I went back to Gbemalu, where I was doing my business.

12:21:21 10 Q. When you went back to Gbemalu, what sort of business were
11 you doing along the riverside?

12 A. I went in, then they told me that I should make an
13 arrangement with the captain because they had got something that
14 they were going to sell, the ammunition. So I left. I left for

12:21:51 15 Guinea and I went to the captain - I mean, I went to that
16 soldier.

17 Q. Can I stop you there, Madam Kallon. I asked you what sort
18 of business you were doing. You said you went in. Into where
19 did you go?

12:22:08 20 A. I went to Sierra Leone.

21 Q. Why did you go inside Sierra Leone?

22 A. Because I wanted to establish the contact for the business.

23 Q. What sort of business are you referring to?

24 A. That ammunition business.

12:22:31 25 Q. What sort of contact are you referring to that you wanted
26 to establish?

27 A. I wanted to know if they had money, because the money
28 involved was large.

29 Q. You wanted to know if who had money?

- 1 A. The RUF people.
- 2 Q. With you entered Sierra Leone, which part of Sierra Leone
3 did you go into this time?
- 4 A. The same Buedu.
- 12:23:08 5 Q. Did you meet any RUF in Buedu when you went in?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Who did you meet?
- 8 A. I met Peter Vandi.
- 9 Q. What happened when you met Peter Vandi?
- 12:23:28 10 A. I asked him if they had money.
- 11 Q. And what response, if any, did he give you?
- 12 A. He said they had diamonds.
- 13 Q. Who had diamonds?
- 14 A. The RUF people.
- 12:23:50 15 Q. Where was Issa Sesay at this time?
- 16 A. Issa Sesay was still in Giema.
- 17 Q. Where was Foday Sankoh at this time?
- 18 A. He was still in Zogoda.
- 19 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at this time?
- 12:24:15 20 A. It was Strasser.
- 21 Q. When Peter Vandi told you that they had diamonds, what
22 happened?
- 23 A. Then I decided to go back to establish the contact, so I
24 returned to Guinea. Then I came with another man called
12:24:54 25 Massallay.
- 26 Q. This Massallay, you came with him from where?
- 27 A. From Sierra Leone.
- 28 Q. What was his nationality?
- 29 A. He was Sierra Leonean.

1 Q. Was he a member of the RUF?

2 A. Yes, because they were all there.

3 Q. Did he travel with you from Buedu to Guinea?

4 A. Yes.

12:25:44 5 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Massallay I would spell similar
6 to what's on the record, but I would spell it M-A-S-S-A-L-L-A-Y:

7 Q. Madam Kallon, what was the purpose in this Massallay going
8 with you to Guinea?

9 A. At first they gave me Massallay to be taken to Abidjan, but
12:26:25 10 I stopped with him first at my house. I did not take him
11 immediately.

12 Q. This was your house at where?

13 A. In Gueckedou.

14 Q. You said you went back to Guinea to establish contacts or
12:26:41 15 you said to establish the contact. Who was the contact?

16 A. The Guinea soldiers.

17 Q. How did you establish contact?

18 A. We went to the captain in Gueckedou.

19 Q. And what happened?

12:27:08 20 A. I brought the list that they had given me at the Sierra
21 Leonean border, the paper that was given to me by the rebels. So
22 when I handed that over to the soldier, then he said that the
23 quantity that they wanted should be \$16,000 US. So I returned
24 and told them.

12:27:42 25 Q. Can I stop you there, Madam Kallon. You spoke of a list
26 that someone gave you at the Sierra Leonean border. Who gave you
27 a list?

28 A. The RUF people.

29 Q. What was this list about?

1 A. They showed how many boxes they wanted.

2 Q. Boxes of what?

3 A. Boxes of ammunition.

4 Q. Do you recall the number of boxes of ammunition they
12:28:22 5 wanted?

6 A. At that time I think I can - I can't remember because it's
7 taken a long time now, but one was 15 and the other either 20 -
8 the other 35. There were three different types of things on that
9 list.

12:29:01 10 Q. Can you remember the types of things that were on the list?
11 These three types, can you tell us their names?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Please do.

14 A. The one they said 20 boxes of AK. The other one they said

12:29:38 15 15. The other one, it's between 5 or 10, because, you know, it's
16 taken long time now.

17 Q. Five or 10 what?

18 A. Boxes.

19 Q. Boxes of what?

12:29:56 20 A. Ammunition.

21 Q. Do you know the type of ammunition in question?

22 A. I called the name. I said the first 20 they said was AK.

23 Then the other one - the other one was G3 because it was

24 different. Then the other one was a sort of RPG bomb. You know,

12:30:46 25 that's between 5 to 10 boxes. That's what I really cannot be
26 certain about.

27 Q. Which one was about 15 boxes?

28 A. The G3.

29 Q. And what was about 5 to 10 boxes?

1 A. The RPG. I do not know if that is how they spell it.

2 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. You said this paper that was
3 given to you by the RUF rebels, that when you handed it over to
4 the Guinean soldier, he said that the quantity that they wanted
12:31:37 5 should be about \$16,000 US, so you returned and told them. To
6 where did you return, Madam Kallon?

7 A. I went back to Sierra Leone and I told them.

8 Q. Who did you tell?

9 A. I told Peter Vandi and Peter Vandi referred me to Issa.

12:32:09 10 Q. Were Peter Vandi and Issa in the same place when you told
11 Peter Vandi this?

12 A. They were not at the same place, but they were within the
13 same district, so they used to visit each other. If it was
14 something very urgent, they would say it over the radio.

12:32:36 15 Q. Where was Pa Barrie at this time, the person you took over
16 to Gueckedou? You referred to him Alhaji Barrie. Where was that
17 person when you had returned to Sierra Leone and were telling
18 Peter Vandi and Issa Sesay what you had heard from the Guinean
19 soldier?

12:33:09 20 A. At that time I had sent to call Pa Barrie. He was at my
21 house there.

22 Q. He was at your house where?

23 A. Gueckedou.

24 Q. What was the response of Issa Sesay to the information you
12:33:30 25 had?

26 A. Issa said they did not have the physical cash but they had
27 diamonds. You want me to continue?

28 Q. Yes, please do.

29 A. So they brought the parcel, the parcel of diamonds, and

1 they showed it to me. After I had told them about the 16,000 and
2 they gave me the diamonds and I said, "I have never sold
3 diamonds. I want you to value these diamonds and tell me how it
4 costs because I'm a trader. Now you've said you don't have
12:34:19 5 physical cash." And they went and consulted each other and when
6 they returned they said as long as I could raise that 16,000 from
7 those pieces of diamonds, that wouldn't be any problem, but I
8 should have the diamonds in my possession. I should give them to
9 the soldiers. So I took the diamonds and returned to the
12:34:48 10 riverside.

11 Q. Madam Kallon, the diamonds that you were given, can you
12 describe them for us, starting with how were they packaged?

13 A. They were packaged in a white paper. The papers were
14 doubled. But the smaller pieces were in the majority. There was
12:35:21 15 one large one that weighed 7 carats, but it was split in the
16 centre.

17 Q. There was one that you said was 7 carats and split in the
18 centre. How many others remained apart from - how many others
19 were there apart from this one 7 carat diamond that was split?

12:35:53 20 A. I did not count them. When I wanted to sell them, I sold
21 them wholesale.

22 Q. Could all of the diamonds you were given fit in one of your
23 hands?

24 A. Yes, yes. They can fit into your hand.

12:36:27 25 Q. Were the remaining diamonds about the same size except for
26 the one 7 carat diamond you spoke of?

27 A. No. They were of different sizes and different colours
28 too.

29 Q. Do you know where the RUF got those diamonds from?

1 A. I don't know because I did not go deep into their
2 territory.

3 Q. Do you know whether Foday Sankoh was aware of the fact that
4 you had been given diamonds?

12:37:20 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How do you know that?

7 A. They told me.

8 Q. What did they tell you about Foday Sankoh knowing about the
9 diamonds?

12:37:42 10 A. Foday Sankoh told them to give the diamonds to me. He was
11 the one who told them, because later we spoke - we spoke over the
12 radio after they had handed over and he asked me if they had
13 handed over the diamonds to me and I said yes.

14 Q. Madam Kallon, this is the second time you're mentioning
12:38:20 15 diamonds. The first time earlier today you mentioned diamonds in
16 connection with the trip you took into Sierra Leone, the one
17 involving Pa Alhaji Fofana, Philip Palmer and the rest. And now
18 you're talking of another set of diamonds, this time in a trip
19 involving Pa Barrie and someone named Massallay. In either of
12:38:53 20 these two occasions when you received diamonds from the RUF, did
21 you hear the name Charles Taylor mentioned?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you hear of these diamonds having any connection with
24 Liberia?

12:39:36 25 A. They did not tell me that.

26 Q. Now, you mentioned previously of returning to Guinea with
27 another man called Massallay. This is at page 76, lines 20
28 through 22 using 14-point font of the LiveNote. When you
29 received these diamonds, what did you do with them?

1 A. Then I came to Gueckedou and we went to the captain and he
2 said he didn't know how to sell diamonds, that I should sell the
3 diamonds, all he cared about was money.

4 Q. Which captain are you referring to?

12:40:36 5 A. The Guinean captain.

6 Q. Where was Alhaji Barrie at this time?

7 A. All of us went together.

8 Q. You and who went? Besides you and Alhaji Barrie, was there
9 another person who went with you?

12:41:01 10 A. The two of us went.

11 Q. When the captain said that he did not know about diamonds
12 and he said that you should sell the diamonds, all he cared about
13 was money, what did you do?

14 A. Just after we left the captain's place, we boarded a
12:41:30 15 vehicle and we went to Kissidou.

16 Q. You went to where?

17 A. Kissidougou, Kissidou. It is after Gueckedou.

18 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Kissidougou is spelt correctly
19 on the record.

12:41:52 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but there are two spellings. One is
21 Kissidougou and the other is Kissidou.

22 MR ANYAH: The correct spelling is Kissidougou, which is
23 K-I-S-S-I-D-O-U-G-O-U:

24 Q. When you went to Kissidougou what happened, Madam Kallon?

12:42:16 25 A. When we got there we took the diamond, the big one. That
26 was what we decided to sell.

27 Q. Were you able to sell the big diamond?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. For how much did you sell it?

1 A. I sold it for US \$15,500.

2 Q. To whom did you sell it?

3 A. To a diamond dealer.

4 Q. From Kissidougou where did you go?

12:43:09 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, did the witness say "to a Jula
6 man" or something like that?

7 MR ANYAH: I heard "jeweller", but it came out as "a
8 diamond dealer".

9 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour, the witness said
12:43:26 10 "jeweller", and the interpretation for jeweller is a diamond
11 dealer.

12 MR ANYAH:

13 Q. Madam Kallon, did you stay in Kissidougou or did you go
14 somewhere else?

12:43:46 15 A. We returned to Gueckedou.

16 Q. When you returned to Gueckedou were you still in possession
17 of the remaining diamonds, having sold the big one?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What happened when you returned to Gueckedou?

12:44:05 20 A. I went back to the captain and told him that I was then
21 prepared, and he said we should go to Conakry, and the following
22 day we left for Conakry.

23 Q. How many of you left for Conakry?

24 A. We were three.

12:44:33 25 Q. Can you give us the names of those who went?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Please do.

28 A. Alhaji Barrie and myself, James Mansallay and myself. We
29 were three.

1 Q. This James Mansallay you refer to, is that the same
2 Massallay you referred to previously?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did the Guinean captain follow you to Conakry?

12:45:24 5 A. Yes, all of us went.

6 Q. What happened when you got to Conakry?

7 A. The captain was the one who provided lodging for us at a
8 hotel, and he told us to wait for him. So myself, Alhaji Barrie
9 went out to sell the remaining diamonds that were with me. We

12:46:03 10 sold them in Conakry, the remaining diamonds, those smaller
11 pieces.

12 Q. For how much did you sell them?

13 A. \$4,000.

14 Q. What currency are you referring to?

12:46:23 15 A. American dollar.

16 Q. After you sold the small diamonds for US \$4,000, what
17 happened?

18 A. So when the captain came I told him that I had the money,
19 and he asked me for it. Then I said, "No, when you bring the
12:46:59 20 goods, when we get to the riverside, the moment you - the moment
21 the canoe crosses over with the goods, then I'll pay you the
22 money." Then the captain went and returned and he agreed to what
23 I had said.

24 Q. Madam Kallon, can you raise your voice just a little bit?

12:47:28 25 We're following you. You said the captain went and returned and
26 he agreed to what you had said. At this point in time had you
27 seen what you were there to buy?

28 A. I had not seen it yet, but he said that is a night
29 operation. But on that particular day we were to travel, so the

1 money should be on stand-by. And I told him I had the money with
2 me, and he left and we too went to town. I bought mattress and
3 some clothes and a bag of rice because, you know, I had had some
4 profit from the sales, so I started using the money. So in the
12:48:32 5 evening the captain returned together with another man, a big
6 man. He was called --

7 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the
8 name of the man?

9 MR ANYAH:

12:48:48 10 Q. Madam Kallon, we lost you there a little bit. We were
11 following you. You said, "In the evening the captain returned
12 with another big man." What is the name of the big man?

13 A. I don't know his name.

14 Q. When you referred to him as a big man, was he civilian or
12:49:08 15 was he military?

16 A. He was a soldier.

17 Q. Do you know whether he was senior or junior in rank to the
18 captain you've been referring to?

19 A. The man was the boss.

12:49:35 20 Q. Did the captain return with this man in the evening? Yes,
21 I see you've told us that. I apologise. The captain returns
22 with this big man in the evening, his boss. What happens when
23 they return?

24 A. After they had come, they said we were to go to find a
12:50:04 25 vehicle but that they were going with the military vehicle. Not
26 long after the truck came, a military truck. You want me to
27 continue?

28 Q. Yes. You said, "... they said that you were to go and find
29 a vehicle but that they were going with the military vehicle."

1 Now, is it after they said that that the military truck came?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Continue.

4 A. You want me to continue? When the soldier truck arrived it

12:50:55 5 was parked and it was covered with tarpaulin and the captain

6 asked me, he said, "Do you have the money?" And I said, "Yes, I

7 have the money." And he went and opened the truck, took off the

8 tarpaulin, and he asked me to look in the truck. And I looked in

9 the truck, and I saw some boxes in the truck. And I boarded a

12:51:23 10 taxi. We went out to look for our own vehicle. The military

11 vehicle was still parked there, and later I got a taxi driver,

12 Sangalie, whom we hired. When we put our bags into the vehicle,

13 the captain said maybe I would want to say he was telling a lie,

14 so I should leave a man with him. So Mansallay was with them,

12:52:06 15 and Pa Barrie and I boarded a vehicle and we left for Gueckedou.

16 Q. Can I stop you there, Madam Kallon. You mentioned the name

17 of a taxi driver. What name did you mention?

18 A. It was the car that I hired, the driver who had the car.

19 His name was Ibrahim Sangalie.

12:52:39 20 Q. Did you say Sangalie?

21 A. Well, you know, in that area you educated people would help

22 me out. That is not my language. You help me out with the

23 pronunciation.

24 Q. Madam Kallon, you pronounce it and we will try and spell

12:53:00 25 it. Can you pronounce it again as best as you can, the name of

26 the taxi driver?

27 A. He said Ibrahim Sangalie. That is how he called him.

28 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Ibrahim is regular spelling. I

29 spell Sangalie as S-A-N-G-A-L-I-E.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, the witness said something at
2 the beginning of this narration which appears at page 87, line
3 10, when she begins to explain that the soldier truck arrived and
4 then she said - I thought she said it was parked and covered with
12:53:53 5 tarpaulin but the record showed - and I think the interpreter
6 said - it was packed. Now, was the truck parked or was it
7 packed?

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. Madam Kallon, what did you say about the truck? You said
12:54:12 10 something about the truck, and then you said it was covered with
11 tarpaulin. What did you say about the truck?

12 A. I said the truck was covered with tarpaulin, so the captain
13 raised up the tarpaulin and asked me to look into the truck. But
14 initially he asked me to confirm if I had the money. I said yes.
12:54:42 15 He asked me to look into the truck, and I peeped in the truck and
16 I saw the boxes in the truck.

17 Q. Madam Kallon, the issue - we understand what you said. But
18 when that truck first came, we're trying to understand what word
19 you used here in court here a few minutes ago, did you say it was
12:55:06 20 parked, like somebody parking a car, or packed, like packed with
21 something? What did you say?

22 A. You know the military vehicle, all of you know it. The
23 boxes were in the vehicle. It was not that it was full. No, it
24 was not full.

12:55:31 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, I think you are the one
26 who is not interpreting properly or misinterpreting the words.
27 Did you "parked" or "packed".

28 THE INTERPRETER: Parked. P-A-R-K-E-D

29 MR ANYAH:

1 Q. Madam Kallon, let's continue looking at the responses you
2 gave. You told us about hiring a taxi, the driver being Ibrahim
3 Sangalie. Then you went on to say that when we put our bags into
4 the vehicle, the captain said maybe I would want to say he was
12:56:16 5 telling a lie, so I should leave a man with him. What did the
6 captain say to you about leaving a man with him?

7 A. He said I should leave a man with him, so I decided to
8 leave Sangalie - sorry, Mansallay.

9 Q. And when you say you left Mansallay, this is James
12:56:51 10 Mansallay, with the captain --

11 A. Yes, yes.

12 Q. -- who remained among your group? It was you and who on
13 your side?

14 A. It was Alhaji Barrie and I who were in the taxi cab.

12:57:17 15 Q. And where was the driver? Was he in the taxi or outside
16 the taxi?

17 A. After we had boarded the vehicle, it was the driver who was
18 driving the vehicle to Gueckedou.

19 Q. At this time when you were in the taxi of Ibrahim Sangalie
12:57:47 20 with Pa Barrie or Alhaji Barrie, where was Mansallay?

21 A. We left him with the captain.

22 Q. Did he stay with the captain in Conakry or did he go later
23 to Gueckedou?

24 A. They were waiting for a time to move, but they asked us to
12:58:22 25 go ahead.

26 Q. Did you indeed get to Gueckedou with Alhaji Barrie in the
27 taxi of Mr Sangalie?

28 A. No.

29 Q. What happened on your way to Gueckedou?

1 A. When we got to a checkpoint, that is just after Conakry
2 they refer to this place as transit. When we got there, there
3 are security personnel there and they stopped our vehicle. The
4 driver stopped. They asked us to disembark and we did. They
12:59:16 5 asked us to go to a small post, an office like, and we went
6 there.

7 When we went there, the man asked us about our destination
8 and we said we were going to Gueckedou. And the other man
9 appeared and said we were rebels. When he said that, I shouted
12:59:48 10 at him. I said, "How do you - what do you take me for, calling
11 me a rebel?" And at that time they said we should take out our
12 bags and our bags should be searched. When I opened the bag,
13 they saw the money. At that time the money was \$19,000 in my
14 bag.

13:00:18 15 Q. Madam Kallon, can I stop you for a minute.

16 Madam President, I am correct in the sitting hours, is it
17 1 o'clock or is it 1.30?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is 1 o'clock.

19 Right, Madam Witness, we are not sitting any longer today.

13:00:38 20 Being Friday, we sit only until 1 o'clock. And when you go, I am
21 just cautioning you that you are not to discuss your evidence
22 with anybody. You will return to court on Monday. We will
23 adjourn to Monday at 9 o'clock.

24 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.00 p.m.
25 to be reconvened on Monday, 21 June 2010 at
26 9.00 a.m.]

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