



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2010
9.00 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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

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Ms Doreen Kiggundu

For the Registry:

Ms Rachel Irura
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For the Prosecution:

Ms Brenda J Hollis
Mr Mohamed A Bangura
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Morris Anyah
Mr Michael Herz

1 Wednesday, 1 September 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.07 a.m.]

09:07:55 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.

09:08:21 10 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
11 your Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. For the Defence
12 this morning, myself, Morris Anyah, and I am joined by Mr Michael
13 Herz. Thank you.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Mr Witness. I remind you
09:08:37 15 of your solemn declaration that you took to tell the truth.
16 Mr Anyah, please continue.

17 WITNESS: DCT-008 [On former affirmation]

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

19 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness. Before we continue the process
09:08:54 20 of reviewing evidence that was given to this Court by Prosecution
21 witnesses, there is one matter from yesterday I'd like us to
22 revisit, and that has to do with the issue of what you referred
23 to yesterday as a universal police code. You gave us an example
24 of such a code, you said that the telephone, the item, a
09:09:21 25 telephone, had the code of 10-2-1. Do you recall telling us
26 that?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What exactly is this universal code that you referred to
29 yesterday as being a police code?

1 A. This universal code is a radio communication code that is
2 prepared and that we received during our course of training in
3 radio communication. And it is an operational code, which means
4 that it is a code that represents - it's a numerical code that
09:10:18 5 represents some meaningful words, like, for example, for
6 telephone, telephone as a whole in this code is represented there
7 as 10-2-1. So that is how it is and that was how we were trained
8 and we were taught that this code is universal and this code is
9 found almost everywhere in the world in every security sector, be
09:10:54 10 it an industrial security or national security.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. You said this universal code is a
12 radio communication code that is prepared and we received during
13 our course of training in radio communication. Who prepared this
14 code?

09:11:17 15 A. This code was prepared by - let me say, I met it already
16 existing in the system, already prepared, and it was in the
17 system of communication. During my initial training in the
18 communications sector with the NPFL, I met this code in the
19 system, I did not know who prepared it, but I met it in the
09:11:48 20 system.

21 Q. That's fair enough. You said you were taught this code,
22 indeed, you said you were taught that this was a universal code,
23 and it was a code found almost everywhere in the world, in every
24 security sector. When you say you were taught that this was a
09:12:12 25 universal code, is that the same thing as saying that wherever
26 else this code is being used, the manner in which it is used,
27 that is, the numerical figures, and their corresponding words,
28 are in common usage and identical usage everywhere it is used?

29 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Can you give us examples besides the telephone in relation
2 to other items or places or persons with the use of the universal
3 code.

09:13:11 4 A. Okay, yes. Yes, I can give examples. Like in saying that
5 the service is on, or the unit is on, for "on" or "in service",
6 for that matter you can say "in service", you can say - you can
7 refer to it as 10-8. And then for the word "busy" or "very
8 busy", it's referred to as 10-6.

9 Q. Yes. Any more examples?

09:13:41 10 A. Okay. Like visitor, the word "visitor" or "stranger", in
11 this universal police or universal code, so to speak, for the
12 word "stranger", yes, a stranger, or a visitor, it's referred to
13 as 10-12.

09:14:11 14 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, let's go back to reviewing
15 evidence given to the Court by Prosecution witnesses. Today
16 I wish to start with the transcript of 2 July 2008, starting at
17 page 12917. Yes. Thank you, Madam Court Manager.

18 Mr Witness, this is the testimony of a protected witness,
19 the TF1 number is 567. I'd like you to listen to what I'm about
09:15:00 20 to read. Can we scroll to the bottom of that page starting at
21 line number 29. It reads, there is a question posed to the
22 witness:

23 "Q. Now, let me ask you before you left Koidu Town going
24 toward Makeni, are you aware of any communications that
09:15:28 25 occurred after the capture of Koidu Town?

26 A. Yes. Communication took place at Buedu and another
27 communication took place in Monrovia where the operator who
28 was in Monrovia, who was with Benjamin Yeaten, called
29 Sunlight - communication took place there when the operator

1 was trying it tell the other operators how we had captured
2 Koidu, how we had captured arms and ammunition, how we had
3 captured all the Nigerian soldiers. That communication
4 took place.

09:16:13 5 Q. And tell us again who was Sunlight?

6 A. Sunlight was a radio operator who was with
7 Benjamin Yeaten.

8 Q. How do you know about these communications?

9 A. I was in the radio room when the communication was
09:16:34 10 going on.

11 Q. Now once you had captured Makeni, what forces were in
12 Makeni?

13 A. In Makeni too the ECOMOG troops were there together
14 with the SLAs. We attacked them.

09:16:51 15 Q. And once you captured them and had the town, what
16 forces were in Makeni?

17 A. That was we, the RUFs, and the AFRC troops, we were
18 there.

19 Q. Can you tell us when it was that you captured Makeni?

09:17:15 20 A. That happened in 1999.

21 Q. And do you recall the month?

22 A. It happened in January. January 1999."

23 Mr Witness, TF1-567 told the Court that before they left
24 Koidu Town to go towards Makeni, that that witness was aware of
09:17:48 25 communications that occurred after the capture of Koidu Town.

26 The witness says the communication took place at Buedu and
27 another one took place in Monrovia, that Sunlight was trying to
28 tell the other operators about how they, the RUF, had captured
29 Koidu, how they had captured arms and ammunition, and how they

1 had captured all the Nigerian soldiers. And a time frame is
2 given to us in relation to when they captured Makeni, the witness
3 said that happened in 1999, January 1999.

4 Mr Witness, around the month of January 1999, do you recall
09:18:37 5 Sunlight having a communication with Buedu regarding the capture
6 of Nigerian soldiers?

7 A. It did not happen that way. And I would express a doubt,
8 that is to say Sunlight never visited Sierra Leone. Sunlight was
9 not in Sierra Leone to know whether there was an attack somewhere
09:19:11 10 so that he could be in the position to inform the headquarters
11 about how the attack went on. So that, in itself, is somehow
12 surprising to me. Even though that witness said that in his
13 testimony, but it did not happen that way. Sunlight never
14 reported any front line update to any RUF operators. He was not
09:19:38 15 there and he did not know what happened there.

16 Lastly, Sunlight was not dealing with the RUF organisation.
17 Sunlight was only taking instruction from Ben to Sam Bockarie.
18 That is, he was working in connection to the friendship between
19 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten, but he was not working with the
09:20:09 20 RUF organisation, nor was he working in the interests of the RUF
21 organisation.

22 Q. Now, Mr Witness, the witness who testified may not have
23 been suggesting that Sunlight was in Sierra Leone. The witness
24 was suggesting that Sunlight was in Monrovia, at least when this
09:20:30 25 communication took place, and that Sunlight was trying to tell
26 other radio operators how the RUF had captured Koidu, how they
27 had captured arms and ammunition. When you were around Sunlight
28 in Monrovia, in January of 1999, do you recall any such
29 communication regarding the capture of Koidu, the capture of arms

1 and ammunition, and the capture of Nigerian soldiers?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we go to page 12976, from the
4 transcript of 4 July 2008. Thank you, Madam Court Manager. If
09:21:46 5 we scroll to line number 15, at line 16 a question is posed to
6 the witness:

7 "Q. Mr Witness, just before the break you had told the
8 Court that you, Sam Bockarie and others had come back from
9 Sierra Leone to Monrovia and that Sam Bockarie refused to
09:22:11 10 go to Lome so all of you waited in Monrovia until
11 Foday Sankoh came to Monrovia."

12 The witness was asked:

13 "What communications capability, if any, did the RUF
14 delegation have while you were in Lome?"

09:22:36 15 A. When we were going to the Lome, to the Lome talks,
16 Sam Bockarie gave a communication set to Daf, Dauda Fornie,
17 for him to be the radio operator to go to Lome. So when we
18 went, Daf installed the radio. So it was through that
19 radio that we were communicating with Sierra Leone.

09:23:12 20 Q. And are you aware of any of the communications that
21 took place during your two weeks there?

22 We are now over to the following page, page 12977:

23 "A. Yes. I was aware of communications.

24 Q. What communications are you aware of?

09:23:38 25 A. Daf used to communicate with Sam Bockarie in Buedu in
26 relation to how the talks were going on. Daf was again
27 communicating with Monrovia through Sunlight, a radio
28 operator who was working with Benjamin Yeaten. Daf used to
29 talk to him. He used to tell him how the peace talks were

1 going on."

2 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, TF1-567 told the Court that
3 Daf was given a communication set to take to Lome, Togo, that
4 Daf, while in Lome, communicated with Sam Bockarie in Buedu in
09:24:34 5 relation to how the talks were going on, and that Daf was also in
6 communication with Monrovia through Sunlight and Daf used to tell
7 Sunlight how the peace talks were going on.

8 Now, when the RUF were in Lome, was there ever an occasion
9 when Daf communicated by radio, from Lome, with Base 1?

09:25:02 10 A. No.

11 Q. To your knowledge, did Daf ever radio Sunlight and advise
12 Sunlight about how the peace talks in Lome were progressing?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we look at the transcript from
09:25:26 15 the --

16 A. Excuse me, Mr Anyah. I said no, and I want to make a
17 certain clarification, okay.

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. To my knowledge, Daf did not call Sunlight from Lome. To
09:25:48 20 my knowledge, Sunlight never knew whether Daf was part of the RUF
21 delegation to Lome until when Daf called him from Monrovia and
22 said that he was part of the RUF delegation and that he was
23 calling from the RUF guesthouse. That was after his return. He
24 called Sunlight from the RUF guesthouse and said that, "I am part
09:26:18 25 of the RUF delegation that went to Lome and I am back, I'm at the
26 RUF guesthouse." That was when Sunlight knew that Daf ever
27 travelled with the RUF delegation to Lome as a radio operator.

28 Q. Had Daf and Sunlight spoken on the radio before Daf radioed
29 Sunlight from the RUF guesthouse?

1 A. Do you mean during the time for the Lome peace talks?

2 Q. No. At any time before, because you recall testifying that
3 there was first Sellay and that, after Sellay died sometime in
4 1999, there was communication between another radio operator in

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5 Buedu and Base 1. In fact maybe more than one other radio
6 operator. Was Daf ever in communication with Base 1 from Buedu
7 before this period of time in Monrovia when Daf radioed Base 1?

8 A. Yes, Daf communicated with Base 1 before, and before the
9 peace talks, and I said Daf communicated with Sunlight before,

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10 and, as I said, after the death of Sellay, Sunlight dealt a lot
11 with Daf after the death of Sellay, prior to the peace talks.

12 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. But in relation to Lome, Togo,
13 setting aside Daf for a moment, was Base 1 ever in contact with
14 any RUF radio operator who was at Lome during the peace talks?

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15 A. No. Base 1 was never in contact with any RUF radio outside
16 of Sierra Leone at any point during the time for the peace talks.

17 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we please have the transcript
18 from 8 July 2008? The relevant page being page 13180, starting
19 at line number 19. Mr Witness, listen to the question that was
20 posed to the witness TF1-567:

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21 "Q. There was a radio you tell us to which RUF personnel
22 in Monrovia had access at Benjamin Yeaten's house; is that
23 right?

24 A. What I am trying to talk about is that Benjamin Yeaten
25 had his own radio under his command, but here I am talking
26 about the time Assignment 2 took place. At that time I did
27 not have a radio under my command, so if I wanted to
28 communicate to Sierra Leone I would go to Benjamin Yeaten's
29 house.

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1 Q. There was also a radio in the guesthouse, was there?
2 Did you ever use a radio in the Executive Mansion?

3 A. I did not use a radio in the Executive Mansion. At any
4 time I wanted to communicate during my Assignment 2."

09:30:24 5 We are now on the following page:

6 "I would go to Benjamin Yeaten's house. There was operator
7 there called Sunlight. That is where I used to go to.

8 Q. Were you aware of a dedicated radio for communication
9 with the RUF within the Executive Mansion?

09:30:49 10 A. I knew that there was a radio in the Executive Mansion
11 and it belonged to the ATU, but at that time if I wanted to
12 communicate with the RUF areas I would go to
13 Benjamin Yeaten's place.

14 Q. At any time did you have access to a radio in the
09:31:14 15 Executive Mansion which was dedicated for use by the RUF?

16 A. There was not a day that I went to the Executive
17 Mansion to communicate. I said I knew that the ATU had a
18 long-range communication radio there, but if I wanted to
19 communicate with RUF areas I would go to Benjamin Yeaten's
09:31:37 20 house. There was an operator there called Sunlight. That
21 was where I used to go and communicate.

22 Q. Were you ever told that there was, within the Executive
23 Mansion, a radio specifically for use for contacting the
24 RUF?

09:31:58 25 A. Nobody gave me that information.

26 Q. Now you do say however, don't you, that there was an
27 occasion when you went to the Executive Mansion to meet
28 Charles Taylor?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What time of night was it?

2 A. It was past 10."

3 Now, let's stop there for the moment. Mr Witness, this
4 witness is saying, first of all, that they were in Monrovia, at
09:32:35 5 some point in time. The witness says that when they wanted to
6 communicate with Sierra Leone, they would go to Benjamin Yeaten's
7 house. There was an operator there called Sunlight. The witness
8 also says that at the Executive Mansion, the witness knew there
9 was a radio there and it belonged to the ATU.

09:33:01 10 Let's pause for a moment. To your knowledge, at the time
11 you were based at Base 1, did the ATU have a radio within the
12 Executive Mansion in Monrovia?

13 A. Yes. The ATU had a radio within the fence of the Executive
14 Mansion in Monrovia.

09:33:30 15 Q. How about within the building itself that is referred to as
16 the Executive Mansion? To your knowledge, did the ATU have a
17 radio within that building?

18 A. No. The ATU never had radio within the building of the
19 Executive Mansion and the building of the Executive Mansion was
09:33:54 20 not accessible to the ATU, it was strictly for the access of the
21 Special Security Service, and the ATU gave extended protection to
22 the building, but they were not responsible for the internal
23 security of the Executive Mansion building.

24 Q. Is that what you mean when you say - well, tell us what you
09:34:23 25 mean when you say that the Executive Mansion was not accessible
26 to the ATU.

27 A. I mean that within the building, the security that was
28 responsible for the interior of the Executive Mansion building
29 was the Special Security Service, and the ATU were a long-range

1 armed personnel that were responsible for the outside, for the
2 exterior of the Executive Mansion building. That is, they
3 provided security within the fence and outside of the building of
4 the Executive Mansion. They had their office building apart from
09:35:08 5 the Executive Mansion building.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

7 Now, Madam President, much like in the circumstances of
8 yesterday when we dealt we dealt with a protected Prosecution
9 witness, I would make an application for a private session, and
09:35:26 10 I make a separate application for the disclosure of the identity
11 of this Prosecution witness to the current witness so that the
12 current witness can more effectively testify as to the evidence
13 given by the Prosecution witness.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Does the Prosecution object?

09:35:46 15 MS HOLLIS: Yes, the Prosecution does object. There is no
16 reason that the identity of this witness needs to be made known
17 to this Defence witness. Defence counsel can ask questions
18 without revealing the identity of the witness.

19 In fact, Defence counsel could ask questions without even
09:36:03 20 referring to the transcript. There are ways to do it without
21 disclosing to yet another Defence witness the identity of
22 protected Prosecution witnesses and we do object to this
23 procedure.

24 [Trial Chamber conferred]

09:37:49 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, by a majority, myself
26 dissenting, the majority of the Bench is of the view that the
27 identity of TF1-567 should not be revealed to the witness.

28 MR ANYAH: Well, we respect the decision, but may I just
29 make it known for the record, this thoroughly restricts the

1 manner in which we can effectively rebut the Prosecution's case.
2 We have a Prosecution witness who has said they have been to a
3 particular location and dealt with a particular radio operator.

4 JUDGE DOHERTY: Are you going behind the ruling?

09:38:48 5 MR ANYAH: Yes, Justice Doherty, I didn't understand your
6 Honour, I didn't hear.

7 JUDGE DOHERTY: For the purposes of the record I asked if
8 you were going behind the ruling?

9 MR ANYAH: No, I am not, but because I didn't respond
09:39:06 10 immediately to counsel's response to our application, I wanted to
11 put our position on the record, and our position is that this
12 significantly, severely interferes with our ability to
13 effectively rebut the Prosecution's case.

14 JUDGE LUSSICK: You heard the ruling, Mr Anyah. The
09:39:21 15 accused knew who this person was that we are talking about now,
16 and he had the chance to cross-examine him; and I agree with
17 Ms Hollis, that there are ways of forming your questions that you
18 can effectively confront this evidence without revealing the
19 identity of this witness to the current witness.

09:39:44 20 MR ANYAH: Well, your Honour the difficulty in this
21 circumstance --

22 JUDGE LUSSICK: Let's not argue about it. Let's just get
23 on with it. You've heard our ruling.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, do you still require the
09:39:58 25 private session?

26 MR ANYAH: Yes. I make a motion for reconsideration, if
27 your Honours are willing to entertain it, because this is a
28 circumstance where the details of the communication that that
29 Prosecution witness made through Base 1 are not revealed in the

1 transcript.

2 I cannot put to this witness, for example, "Are you aware
3 of such a communication being made by an RUF member?" This is
4 just an instance where the Prosecution witness says they went to
09:40:21 5 that place and they knew the radio operator there and that they
6 communicated through that radio; whenever they wanted to
7 communicate with Sierra Leone, they went to that place and
8 communicated. So the identity of the Prosecution witness is
9 clearly at issue. I make a motion for reconsideration.

09:40:41 10 MS HOLLIS: If your Honours are going to entertain the
11 motion, the Prosecution requests the opportunity to be heard on
12 the motion.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: The way I see it, Mr Anyah, you made two
14 applications: One was to reveal the identity of the protected
09:40:58 15 witness; the other was a private session to consider certain
16 details that would likely reveal the identity of that witness,
17 not this witness but that witness. Perhaps even this witness, I
18 don't know. And the ruling by a majority was that the first
19 application, which was to reveal the identity of the protected
09:41:20 20 witness, was denied, but that has little bearing on the second
21 application. Now, I do not think that the Bench is inclined to
22 reconsider but let me consult.

23 [Trial Chamber conferred]

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, the decision of course is not
09:42:05 25 to reconsider the decision, to disallow the revelation of the
26 protected witness.

27 Mr Anyah, we would have no objection to a private session
28 to discuss or to go into the evidence of a protected witness
29 provided, of course, that you're mindful of the earlier ruling of

1 the majority. So we will go into a brief private session and you
2 just have to do your best to see how you can put questions to the
3 witness.

09:43:07 4 MR ANYAH: Well, I request a private session, if your
5 Honours are willing to entertain it, but I do not think - well, I
6 will prefer to be heard in private session about this matter.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Manager we, will go into
8 private session for the purposes of looking at the evidence of a
9 protected witness or examining the evidence of a protected
09:43:35 10 witness.

11 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of
12 the transcript, pages 47670 to 47671, was
13 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as
14 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

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

3 MR ANYAH:

4 Q. Mr Witness, continuing where I left off, you will recall

09:47:48 5 when I read you the transcript that the Prosecution witness

6 TF1-567 said that they went to the Executive Mansion to meet

7 Charles Taylor. And when asked what time of night it was, the

8 witness said it was past 10. Now, let's continue from there.

9 This is line number 27. Question to that witness --

09:48:11 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that past 10 in the night?

11 MR ANYAH: It will become clearer when I read the next few

12 lines, Madam President.

13 Q. Question to that witness:

14 "Q. Can you help us by being a bit more specific?

09:48:26 15 A. I can't be specific but it was past 10 o'clock.

16 Q. For example, was it before or after midnight?"

17 Over to the following page which is page 13182:

18 "A. I said it was past 10 o'clock. I do not know the exact

19 time but it was past 10.

09:48:50 20 Q. You were summoned by Charles Taylor to come and meet

21 him?

22 A. According to how I got the information, we were on

23 assignment 1 when Benjamin Yeaten came and told me that his

24 dad, Charles Taylor, had sent him for me and members of the

09:49:16 25 Memunatu Deen, that he wanted to see us. That was how

26 I went there.

27 Q. Who went with you?

28 A. Memunatu Deen and Benjamin Yeaten.

29 Q. And Memunatu Deen, that's a woman, am I right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And when you got to the Executive Mansion, eventually
3 you met with Charles Taylor, did you?

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4 A. Yes, when I got to the Executive Mansion we waited in
5 the waiting room. Later he met us.

6 Q. Now, if I understand what you're telling us,
7 President Taylor must have known that you were coming
8 because he had sent Benjamin Yeaten to fetch you, hadn't
9 he?

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10 A. Yes.

11 Q. But when you got there he came out to see you dressed
12 in his pyjamas; is that right?

13 A. Exactly."

09:50:29

14 Let's pause. Mr Witness, this same Prosecution witness
15 TF1-567, who said that whenever they wanted to communicate with
16 Sierra Leone they would do so through Base 1, also told the
17 Court, as you've heard me read, that they accompanied
18 Benjamin Yeaten and Memunatu Deen to the Executive Mansion when
19 the witness met the President of Liberia, Charles Taylor, who was
20 dressed in his pyjamas.

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21 While you were stationed at Base 1, Mr Witness, were you
22 aware of any occasion when Benjamin Yeaten took Memunatu Deen and
23 a RUF member to the Executive Mansion to meet the President of
24 Liberia?

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25 A. It's not to my knowledge. And moreover, Memunatu Deen's
26 operation in Liberia was very covert, it was secret. It was
27 secret, and the Government of the Republic of Liberia did not
28 know that Memunatu Deen was in Liberia and carrying on with such
29 operations. So it is not to my knowledge that Memunatu Deen or

1 any one of the RUF was accompanied by Benjamin Yeaten to meet the
2 President. That's not to my knowledge.

3 Q. Well, forgetting these witnesses or this witness's account
4 for a moment, in your experience as a radio operator for
09:52:16 5 Benjamin Yeaten, and in your experience working at the Executive
6 Mansion as a radio operator --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, do you wish to redact anything
8 that you just said?

9 MR ANYAH: No, Madam President, those are already on the
09:52:36 10 record.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Proceed.

12 MR ANYAH:

13 Q. Now, given your experiences in these different assignments,
14 are you aware of instances when the President of Liberia would
09:52:52 15 receive visitors at the Executive Mansion at a late hour, such as
16 10 p.m?

17 A. I'm not aware of that.

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Anyah, I'm sorry to interrupt. I just
19 want to clarify that evidence. Mr Witness, yesterday you told us
09:53:14 20 that in all the time you served in the Executive Mansion, you
21 never even got to see the President. So how would you know who
22 he saw and who he didn't see?

23 THE WITNESS: This is why I said it is not to my knowledge
24 that the President of Liberia received guests at 10 o'clock at
09:53:39 25 night or late at night. I don't know.

26 MR ANYAH:

27 Q. Mr Witness, you told us that Memunatu Deen used to come to
28 Base 1?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. You told us that Benjamin Yeaten resided, indeed owned, the
2 building where Base 1 was located in, yes?

3 A. Correct.

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4 Q. He owned, in this sense I mean he rented, but the building
5 was within his possession and control. Now, at any point in time
6 when Memunatu Deen would come to Base 1, did she ever tell you of
7 her visit with the President of Liberia?

8 A. No. Memunatu Deen never told me about anything concerning
9 her visit to the President of Liberia.

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10 Q. Did Benjamin Yeaten ever tell you that he took Memunatu
11 Deen to visit the President of Liberia?

12 A. No.

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13 Q. Did you hear from anyone else, whether a Government of
14 Liberia security personnel, whether another radio operator, that
15 Memunatu Deen had the privilege of meeting the President of
16 Liberia?

17 A. No.

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18 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May I ask for the transcript of 9
19 July 2008 to be displayed, starting at page 13349. Thank you,
20 Madam Court Manager.

21 Mr Witness, you remember yesterday I showed you some
22 photographs and you identified somebody that you referred to as
23 Jabaty?

24 A. Yes.

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25 Q. Well, in July of 2008, somebody by the name of Jabaty
26 Jaward came to this Court and testified and I want to read to you
27 what that witness said, at least some of it.

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Starting at line number 9 on that page, a question was

1 posed to Jabaty Jaward, the TF1 number being TF1-388:

2 "Q. Now, during the period that Sam Bockarie was in Kenema,
3 do you know whether he was in communication with anyone
4 outside of the territory of Sierra Leone?

09:56:49 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Who do you know that he was in communication with at
7 that time?

8 A. At that time I monitored communication between him and
9 one of the radio operators in Liberia. I later came to
09:57:11 10 know his name as Sunlight.

11 Q. Now, when you say you monitored communication, can you
12 explain exactly what form of communication that you
13 monitored?

14 A. To be specific, at one point at Bo Waterside, I mean
09:57:36 15 Gendema, the Sierra Leonean side on the border of Liberia,
16 during the Kamajor operations we had a radio set. It was
17 there that he communicated with Sunlight and he gave us
18 feedback about what was happening in Liberia.

19 Q. Now when you say 'at one time', what time specifically
09:58:02 20 are you referring to that he made this radio communication
21 with Sunlight?

22 A. As I told you earlier, before he settled down in Kenema
23 he went on an operation in Zimmi to fight against the
24 Kamajors and I was in the group."

09:58:25 25 We are now over to the following page:

26 "It was there that he was communicating about even the
27 election that went on in Liberia and that Charles Taylor
28 won the elections and, secondly, that most of the Kamajors
29 were running away from his attacks and that they were

1 scattered all over Liberia and he even made mention of some
2 ECOMOG - some Sierra Leone ECOMOG - who were in Monrovia.
3 He said they were there, he said - they said there was a
4 kind of misunderstanding between the ECOMOG - the ECOMOGs,
09:59:12 5 the Sierra Leone ECOMOG and the other regiments of the
6 ECOMOG - and that evening he was even trying to."

7 Let's stop there, Mr Witness. Somebody called Jabaty
8 Jaward told the Court all of this, that there was radio
9 communication between Sam Bockarie and one of the radio operators
10 in Liberia, whose name Jabaty later knew to be Sunlight, that the
11 communication involved discussions such as the election that went
12 on in Liberia that Charles Taylor had won. Mr Witness, when did
13 Charles Taylor win the presidency of Liberia? What year was
14 that?

10:00:09 15 A. President Taylor won the 1997 general and presidential
16 elections in Liberia.

17 Q. So this is now 1997 we are talking about. The witness says
18 that this conversation took place during a Kamajor operation,
19 that is, the RUF had an operation, and the RUF had a radio set in
10:00:36 20 the vicinity of Gendema, which is along the Liberian-Sierra
21 Leonean border, that in addition to speaking about the elections
22 in Liberia, there was also mention of Kamajors running away from
23 Sam Bockarie's attacks and that the Kamajors were now scattered
24 all over Liberia. There was also a discussion of the Sierra
10:01:05 25 Leonean ECOMOG contingent.

26 Mr Witness, do you remember ever hearing about such a
27 discussion between Sunlight and Sam Bockarie in 1997?

28 A. No, it's not to my knowledge.

29 Q. Was there ever an occasion when Sam Bockarie and Sunlight

1 discussed the Sierra Leonean ECOMOG contingent in 1997?

2 A. There was no time that Sam Bockarie and Sunlight discussed
3 the 1997 election, be it on the radio or personally.

4 Q. Yes, but listen to my question. We appreciate your
10:02:03 5 response because it is also relevant. If you look at that same
6 page, at lines 24 to 26, Jabaty Jaward told this Court that
7 Sam Bockarie said at that time that he was in conversation with a
8 radio operator by the name of Sunlight in Liberia. My question
9 that I just asked you was whether there was ever an occasion when
10:02:33 10 Sam Bockarie and Sunlight discussed the Sierra Leonean ECOMOG
11 contingent in 1997, not the elections, the issue of the ECOMOG
12 contingent.

13 A. I never, and I want to expand on that, that in 1997
14 Sunlight was at the Executive Mansion as a radio operator, and at
10:03:07 15 that time he had not known who Sam Bockarie was, he had not known
16 anything concerning RUF operations, so he had no knowledge of the
17 existence of such or - he had no knowledge of such communications
18 at the time.

19 Q. Thank you. On the following page, page 13351, we see
10:03:39 20 between lines 11 and 21, that the witness continued and
21 elaborated saying that they were at Gendema along the Liberian
22 border and that Sam Bockarie told the witness that he had been
23 discussing with Sunlight about the elections won by
24 Charles Taylor at that time in Liberia.

10:04:10 25 Now, Mr Witness, 1997, around the time Charles Taylor
26 became President, in your previous response you told us where
27 Sunlight was, at the Executive Mansion, but you remember when you
28 testified a few days ago, you told us that you, yourself, were at
29 the Executive Mansion in Gbarnga, I'm not referring to Monrovia,

1 right through the time before President Taylor was elected. Is
2 that correct?

3 A. Yes. Yes. During the time - after the election, and after
4 President Taylor had won, that building that was now considered
10:05:13 5 as the Executive Mansion in Gbarnga was no longer the Executive
6 Mansion. That building that was referred to as the Executive
7 Mansion during the NPRAG regime of the NPFL government, but after
8 the election in 1997, in fact, during the electoral process, that
9 area was no longer considered as the Executive Mansion. It was a
10:05:39 10 private residence of the President. So during that time, when
11 you say Executive Mansion, it meant that the Executive Mansion
12 building in Monrovia, the official office of the President.

13 Q. Now, you also worked at the Executive Mansion in Monrovia.
14 When did you start working at the Executive Mansion in Monrovia?
10:06:07 15 Was it before or after Charles Taylor's inauguration as
16 President?

17 A. I started work at the Executive Mansion in Monrovia after
18 the inauguration of President Taylor.

19 Q. Now, going back to this witness's evidence, was there an
10:06:32 20 occasion shortly or around the time after President Taylor's
21 election victory, that Sam Bockarie was in communication with
22 Sunlight at the Executive Mansion regarding President Taylor's
23 election victory?

24 A. Please repeat.

10:06:54 25 Q. Yes. Was there ever a time, shortly or around the time
26 after President Taylor won the elections in 1997, that there was
27 a communication between Sam Bockarie, who was in Sierra Leone,
28 and Sunlight, who was at the Executive Mansion, regarding
29 President Taylor's victory?

1 A. To my knowledge, there was no communication between
2 Sam Bockarie and Sunlight at the Executive Mansion of the
3 Republic of Liberia in relation to President Taylor's victory or
4 any other matter as a whole. Sunlight never spoke with
10:07:41 5 Sam Bockarie at the Executive Mansion.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

7 May we please go to the transcript of 10 July 2008,
8 starting at page number 13417. Thank you, Madam Court Manager.

9 Mr Witness, if we could go to line number 15, Mr Witness,
10:08:30 10 listen to the question. It is the same Prosecution witness
11 testifying, TF1-338, Jabaty Jaward. It's a question posed:

12 "Q. Now, earlier you talked about communication which
13 Sam Bockarie had with an operator in Liberia called
14 Sunlight. Do you recall?

10:08:51 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Now, apart from that situation which you described at
17 Gendema where you said" --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Mr Anyah. We - the text on
19 the screen is not what you're reading. Perhaps you could repeat.

10:09:15 20 MR ANYAH: 10 July 2008, page 13417.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. Please proceed now.

22 MR ANYAH: I think the correct transcript is up now. I
23 have it both in hard copy and electronic form, so unless the
24 pages have been renumbered.

10:10:09 25 Q. Now, line 15:

26 "Q. Now, earlier you talked about communication with
27 Sam Bockarie - which Sam Bockarie had with an operator in
28 Liberia called Sunlight. Do you recall?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Now, apart from that situation which you described at
2 Gendema where you said Sam Bockarie communicated with
3 Sunlight, were there any other times that there was
4 communication between Sam Bockarie and anybody outside of
10:10:46 5 RUF territory, outside of Sierra Leone?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. What do you recall about these communications?

8 A. I can describe the type of communication I monitored
9 from Sam Bockarie at that time in two phases: He used to
10:11:08 10 communicate on VHF radio directly with Sunlight and the RUF
11 radio operators that were at that time in Monrovia; and,
12 secondly, he used to communicate on a satellite telephone
13 that he had. At one time, with the exception of his
14 interviewers over the international medias, he even had a
10:11:37 15 communication with Charles Taylor one particular night and
16 he even told me that he was talking to the Papay."

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was "interviews" over the
18 international media. You said, Mr Anyah, "interviewers".

19 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President, I will repeat that
10:12:02 20 part.

21 Q. "At one time, with the exception of his interviews with the
22 international medias, he even had a communication with
23 Charles Taylor one particular night and he even told me
24 that he was talking to the Papay.

10:12:18 25 Q. Can we, first of all, focus on the communications via
26 VHF radio which you have mentioned. You said that he would
27 communicate directly with - I believe you said Sunlight in
28 Liberia, but then you mentioned radio operators, RUF radio
29 operators. Can you explain exactly how he communicated

1 with Liberia using VHF radio?

2 A. As far as the VHF radio is concerned, sometimes he
3 himself spoke directly with Memuna or Tolo, who were the
4 radio operators in Monrovia during 1998/'99 whilst I was in
10:13:11 5 Buedu, and sometimes those operators will send radio
6 messages to the operators that we had in Sierra Leone
7 concerning information to Sam Bockarie."

8 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, when I started to read this
9 section, on the previous page, at line 26, Jabaty Jaward said, "I
10:13:45 10 can describe the type of communication I monitored from
11 Sam Bockarie at that time in two phases." He uses the word
12 "monitored", at least that's how it was interpreted. Was Jabaty
13 Jaward, to your knowledge, a radio operator for the RUF.

14 A. I don't know any Jabaty Jaward as a radio operator of the
10:14:11 15 RUF. Secondly, I don't know that name Jabaty Jaward.

16 Q. Now, setting that aside for a moment, this Jabaty Jaward
17 said there were two modes or phases, as he referred to it, of
18 communication by Sam Bockarie with outside RUF territory. First
19 was the VHF radio directly with Sunlight, Sunlight and the RUF
10:14:49 20 radio operators that were in Monrovia. And secondly, he used to
21 communicate on a satellite phone that he had. And, in explaining
22 how Sam Bockarie communicated with Liberia using the VHF radio,
23 Jabaty Jaward said that sometimes Sam Bockarie spoke directly
24 with Memuna or Tolo, radio operators in Monrovia during 1998 and
10:15:20 25 '99.

26 Mr Witness, was Tolo, or any person referred to as Tolo, a
27 radio operator operating in Monrovia on behalf of the RUF, to
28 your knowledge, in the year 1998?

29 A. No.

1 Q. How about the year 1999?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you remember us discussing somebody called Osman Tolo,
4 and you told us that that person had a relationship with Memunatu
10:16:04 5 Deen. You recall that?

6 A. Yes, I recall that.

7 Q. You told us that that person accompanied Sam Bockarie to
8 Monrovia when Sam Bockarie came to Monrovia in December 1999 to
9 seek refuge in Liberia.

10:16:23 10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. The person you know as Osman Tolo, was that person, to your
12 knowledge, an operator for the RUF operating out of Monrovia in
13 either 1998 or 1999, before Sam Bockarie finally came to Liberia?

14 A. No. The person I knew as Osman Tolo, I knew him as a radio
10:16:57 15 operator for the RUF. Even his fiancée, Memunatu Deen, confirmed
16 that, and he had also been speaking to Memuna on the radio from
17 Sierra Leone, and when Memunatu Deen was at Base 1, when he
18 finally came, when he came along with Sam Bockarie during
19 Sam Bockarie's final stay in Liberia, I did not see him operating
10:17:30 20 on a radio, and I don't know him to be an RUF operator within the
21 territory of the Republic of Liberia.

22 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. And in relation to Memunatu, the
23 name used here by this witness was Memuna, but let's use the name
24 Memunatu, the radio operator you testified about before, was it
10:18:02 25 the case that it was during all of 1998, the entire period of
26 1998, that Memunatu had access to use Base 1?

27 A. No, Memunatu Deen had access to use Base 1 at the close of
28 1998; that is, from November to December 1998.

29 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, let's continue with the

1 transcript. We are at page 13418 the transcript of 10 July 2008,
2 line number 16:

3 "Q. First of all you mentioned two names there, Memuna and
4 Tolo. Who were these persons?

10:19:03 5 A. They were the RUF radio operators assigned in Monrovia
6 at that time.

7 Q. And who were the radio operators in Buedu who
8 communicated with these other operators in Liberia?

9 A. Well, there were many operators at that time, because
10:19:24 10 they used to change shifts. There were a whole unit - they
11 were a whole unit on their own by then.

12 Q. Can you remember any names?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Please mention them.

10:19:42 15 A. I can remember Tiger, it was a nickname for an
16 operator, and we had Ahmed Tarawalli, who was often called
17 T Boy, and I can remember" - page 13419 - "Seibatu, Pascal,
18 who was - I cannot recall the last name but he is something
19 Amara, but I remember Pascal, and then we had Ebony. They
10:20:16 20 were many actually, but they used to change shifts. They
21 were not permanent radio operators. There was no permanent
22 radio operator that I observed staying with the radio
23 throughout.

24 Q. The operators in Monrovia who you mentioned, that is
10:20:39 25 Memuna and Tolo, do you know who assigned them there?

26 A. I mean, they were assigned there by Sam Bockarie."

27 Now, let's pause there. Mr Witness, these names of RUF
28 radio operators that I've mentioned, at least that were mentioned
29 by Jabaty Jaward, Tiger, Ahmed Tarawalli, T Boy, Seibatu, Pascal,

1 something Amara, Ebony, are any of those names that you recall
2 Base 1 communicated with when Base 1 communicated with Buedu?

3 A. I can remember the name Pascal when Base 1 was
4 communicating with Buedu. Pascal once intercepted Base 1's call
10:22:01 5 when Base 1 was trying to get in touch with Buedu and Buedu was
6 not found on the net. He intercepted the call and said he will -
7 he would help to connect Buedu with Base 1 because Base 1 never
8 had all of their frequencies, so he did that. This was how I
9 knew the name Pascal. But he was not someone whom Sunlight or
10:22:30 10 Dew dealt with, during the time of operations.

11 Q. Did Sunlight or Dew ever discuss anything of substance with
12 Pascal, that is any communication sent by Benjamin Yeaten to
13 Sam Bockarie?

14 A. No.

10:22:54 15 Q. Besides Pascal, any of the other names I mentioned, do you
16 recall having communications with them from Base 1 when Base 1
17 communicated with Buedu, the names are Tiger, Ahmed Tarawali,
18 T Boy, something Amara, Seibatu and somebody called Ebony.

19 A. I - for Ebony, I can recall that Ebony - Sunlight or Dew,
10:23:34 20 let's say Base 1, dealt with Ebony, I think, from Buedu, but he
21 operated - Sunlight told him that he wanted to talk to Daf
22 because these were the people whom Sunlight or Dew knew to be the
23 actual or the personal operators for Sam Bockarie. Without Daf
24 or Mortiga on the set.

10:24:04 25 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he kindly slow down and
26 repeat this part of his testimony.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Witness. You said in your last
28 words, rather quickly, "Without Daf or Mortiga on the set". Can
29 you continue from there and repeat your evidence slowly, please.

1 THE WITNESS: What I was saying was that Daf and Mortiga,
2 after the death of Sellay, were those operators of Bravo Zulu 4
3 or Planet 1 whom Base 1 was dealing with in relation to
4 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten. These were the operators whom
10:24:54 5 Base 1 was dealing with. In the absence of Daf or Mortiga,
6 Base 1 will never give any information to any operators, whether
7 that operator claimed to be an operator of Bravo Zulu 4, he would
8 tell them that he wanted talk to Daf or Mortiga. Base 1 never
9 delivered any information to any of these operators, with the
10:25:19 10 exception of Daf or Mortiga.

11 MR ANYAH:

12 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Can I ask, please, that the
13 transcript for 8 September 2008 be pulled up, starting at page
14 15630. That's 8 September 2008, page 15630, starting at line
10:26:04 15 number 18. Thank you, Madam Court Manager.

16 Mr Witness, this is the testimony of another Prosecution
17 witness, the TF1 number is TF1-585. That's 585. Mr Witness,
18 listen to the question that was posed at line 18 and beyond:

19 "Q. You mentioned Foxtrot Yankee as one of the stations
10:26:47 20 from which 448 messages came. Where was Foxtrot Yankee
21 based?

22 A. It was based at Foya airfield in Liberia.

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

24 A. Well, there were radio operators whose names I don't
10:27:13 25 recall now.

26 Q. And do you know who controlled the radio at Foya that
27 used this call sign?

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

1 Q. And can you recall when these messages came from
2 Foxtrot Yankee?"

3 Over the page:

10:27:48

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

10:28:21

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

11 A. Well, from early '98 throughout.

12 Q. And when you say early '98 can you recall a month in
13 '98?

10:28:42

14 A. Well, I cannot recall the month now because it has been
15 a long time ago. I don't recall."

10:29:11

16 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, this witness told the Court
17 that whenever an ECOMOG jet would fly over their area, referring
18 to the area where Foxtrot Yankee was based, and it was headed
19 towards the RUF area, that Foxtrot Yankee would come over the net
20 and tell them that, "448 has just passed our location," and that
21 "448 is heading for your location." Do you know what the code
22 448 refers to, Mr Witness?

23 A. I don't know.

10:29:40

24 Q. When you were a radio operator at Base 1, was there a code
25 that was used for ECOMOG jets?

26 A. No. We never heard - we never had a specific code for an
27 ECOMOG jet.

28 Q. The radio that you referred to as "Forstrot Yankee", it's
29 slightly different pronunciation and spelling, when was that

1 radio in operation for the first time in Foya?

2 A. That radio, to my knowledge, was in operation in - during
3 the LURD invasion. That is, in the year 1999. And it was a
4 radio owned by the navy division, headed or commanded by General
10:30:51 5 Roland Duoh.

6 Q. You gave us another name for that radio in Foya that you
7 said was its formal name. What was that other name?

8 A. I said that the official code for that radio was Amphibian
9 Base, Amphibian's Base.

10:31:21 10 Q. The Liberian - I'm sorry --

11 A. Amphibian's Base because the code for General Roland Duoh
12 was Amphibian, Amphibian's Father, so the radio was named after
13 him, Amphibian's Base.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I believe we have Roland Duoh
10:31:46 15 on the record from previously as well as Amphibian Father.

16 Q. Now, Mr Witness, what do you say to this evidence that says
17 that messages were being sent from Foxtrot Yankee in the year
18 1998, indeed throughout 1998?

19 A. What I have to say is that to my knowledge there was no
10:32:14 20 radio communication in Foya with the exception of Voinjama radio
21 that I mentioned, that is Forest. There was no radio
22 communication in Foya during the time I was at the Executive
23 Mansion. Even when I took assignment at Unit 50's duty as member
24 of the bodyguards, I never heard the code - I never heard that
10:32:45 25 there was a radio in Foya within the period of 1998.

26 Q. Well, Mr Witness, just to be clear, the record now says
27 that "when I took assignment at Unit 50's duty as member of the
28 bodyguards". Were you ever assigned as a bodyguard to
29 Benjamin Yeaten?

1 A. Yes. My assignment was I was in the bodyguard unit, a
2 bodyguard duty. The entire duty in the SSS was considered as a
3 bodyguard duty and within the bodyguard duty he had his
4 communication men who were Dew and Sunlight. In spite of them
10:33:29 5 being radio operators, they were also bodyguards to him, from the
6 SSS, provided by the SSS.

7 Q. Thank you for that clarification. Let's continue with the
8 transcript, at line number 15, same page, page 15631:

9 "Q. When you say 'throughout' what do you mean? Throughout
10:34:04 10 what period?

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

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

14 A. Well, it was from 1998 at the time the ECOMOG jet was
10:34:24 15 bombarding the RUF-controlled zones.

16 Q. Up until what time?

17 A. Up to 1999, mid-1999, even before we left to go to
18 Monrovia.

19 Q. You also mentioned Base 1 as a radio that communicated
10:34:46 20 448 messages, do you recall?

21 A. Yes, yes, yes.

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

23 A. Yes."

24 Over to the following page:

10:35:08 25 "Q. Now, where were those two radios located?

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

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

29 A. Yes. I still recall Sunlight and Dew."

1 Let's pause. Mr Witness, let's consider this. The general
2 topic is alerting the RUF with 448 messages, which concern ECOMOG
3 jets flying over to bombard RUF-controlled zones. This witness
4 is saying, in the first instance, that in addition to Foxtrot
10:36:02 5 Yankee in Foya, messages were sent from RIA by Sky 1. That is,
6 messages warning the RUF about ECOMOG jets proceeding to bombard
7 RUF-controlled areas. These are 448 messages. You've told us
8 about an operator called Sky 1. To your knowledge, was that
9 operator, Sky 1, ever assigned to RIA or Roberts International
10:36:36 10 Airfield?

11 A. Not to my knowledge.

12 Q. Was there a radio operated by the Government of Liberia at
13 Roberts International Airfield?

14 A. Yes. There was a joint security radio at the RIA for the
10:37:00 15 Government of Liberia.

16 Q. When you say joint security, what do you mean?

17 A. When I say joint security, it means a combination of the
18 various security apparatus working within the security network of
19 Liberia. That is, the SSS, the National Security Agency, the
10:37:34 20 Bureau of Immigration and Naturalisation, the Liberian national
21 police, and other security agencies combined, working at the RIA
22 to ensure the protection and safety of the airport.

23 Q. In which part of Liberia is RIA located?

24 A. RIA is located in Margibi County, around the Firestone
10:38:12 25 Rubber Plantation area.

26 Q. In which county was Base 1 located at?

27 A. Base 1 was located in Montserrado County.

28 Q. Are you aware of a radio station controlled by
29 Benjamin Yeaten that had the call sign Lima Bravo?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You heard what I read. The witness who testified said that
3 Lima Bravo and Base 1, that those two call signs were just one
4 radio station located in Benjamin Yeaten's compound in Monrovia.

10:39:08 5 Mr Witness, was there a radio station located in

6 Benjamin Yeaten's compound in Monrovia with the call sign Lima
7 Bravo?

8 A. When I was there, to the best of my knowledge,
9 Benjamin Yeaten never had two distinct radio communication sets,

10:39:34 10 two distinct VHF radio communication sets. Secondly, the single
11 radio communication, VHF radio communication, that he had had the
12 call sign Base 1 from the beginning, from the establishment of

13 this communication set, to the end of this communication set, to
14 the end of the - let's say from 1998 to 2003 it remained as Base

10:40:14 15 1. It never changed its name and it never had - it never had two
16 distinct communication sets. There was just one radio and one
17 call sign throughout.

18 Q. Are you aware, Mr Witness, of any of the radio operators at
19 Base 1 transmitting 448 warning messages to the RUF-controlled
10:40:48 20 areas, indicating that ECOMOG jets were headed their way?

21 A. I was not aware of that.

22 Q. How about to Buedu? Did any radio operator at Base 1, to
23 your knowledge, send warning messages using the 448 code or
24 phraseology to notify Buedu that ECOMOG jets flying from Liberia
10:41:20 25 were coming to bombard RUF-controlled zones?

26 A. I was not aware, and the term 448 was not a part - it was
27 not found in the communication code of the Republic of Liberia,
28 and it was never used by any operator at Base 1 when I was there,
29 and I do not know the code 448. Secondly, there was at no time

1 that any operator at Base 1 that I saw transmitting information
2 about ECOMOG jets to Sierra Leone or to the RUF.

3 Q. Now, you've lived in Monrovia before, and you know the area
4 around Base 1. Given your knowledge of that area, is it the case
10:42:30 5 that a plane, in this case a military jet, taking off from
6 Roberts International Airfield in Margibi County would typically
7 fly over Montserrado County, in particular the area where Base 1
8 was at, if it was going westward towards Sierra Leone?

9 A. Please repeat your question.

10:43:05 10 Q. Yes. When you were based at Base 1 were there occasions
11 where you would see ECOMOG jets fly over the airspace or the sky
12 above where Base 1 was, those jets having taken off from Roberts
13 International Airfield in Margibi County?

14 A. No.

10:43:32 15 Q. The border between Liberia and Sierra Leone, how many
16 counties on the Liberian side are there along that border?

17 A. Around the border, to my knowledge, there are two counties.
18 From Lofa, we have a border with Sierra Leone and Lofa and in
19 Cape Mount.

10:44:13 20 Q. Shall we take a look at a map of Liberia, please? I have a
21 copy of a map here. It's very similar to Prosecution exhibit 26
22 but I don't think there will be an objection to looking at a map
23 of Liberia.

24 Thank you, Madam Court Officer. Could the witness actually
10:45:09 25 switch seats and perhaps be handed a pen so that he might assist
26 us.

27 Now, Mr Witness, we are looking at a map of Liberia. Foya
28 is not shown on that map but can you use your pen, if you know,
29 and indicate on the map, just point at it for us, where you

1 believe Foya is in Liberia.

2 A. Foya - if what I'm seeing here is Kolahun, Foya will be
3 somewhere around here, behind Kolahun, somewhere here.

10:46:34

4 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, where is Margibi County on
5 this map?

6 A. Okay. Here is Margibi.

7 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. And where is Montserrado County?

8 A. Here is Montserrado.

10:47:40

9 Q. Now, you realise that the witness who testified spoke of
10 three areas where these 448 warnings were coming from. One, the
11 witness said, was Foya. Two, the witness said was from Base 1
12 and Lima Bravo, which was in Benjamin Yeaten's compound. And
13 three was in RIA, which you tell us is in Margibi County.

10:48:15

14 Now, Mr Witness, given the border area between Liberia and
15 Sierra Leone, starting from Grand Cape Mount all the way up to
16 Lofa County, do you know the trajectory or the pattern of flight
17 of planes that take off from RIA going to Sierra Leone?

18 A. I don't know. I actually don't know. I can't see a plane
19 in the air and say this plane is going this way. I don't know.

10:48:54

20 Q. When you were at Base 1, in Benjamin Yeaten's compound,
21 whenever you saw a plane, did you know where it was going?

22 A. I didn't know. I did not know where it picked up from and
23 where it was heading to.

10:49:21

24 Q. Were there flights from RIA, during the time when you were
25 in Base 1, to the country Guinea, as far as you know?

26 A. I don't know, no, I don't have knowledge about that.

27 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. That's all I have for the map.

28 May we please go to page 15636, also in the transcript of 8
29 September 2008, starting at line number 10. The question was

1 posed to the witness, TF1-585:

2 "Q. You talked about a Liberian operator who was in Kenema
3 at the time you were there, do you recall?

4 A. Yes.

10:50:45 5 Q. The name of that operator you said was Sellay. Is that
6 correct?

7 A. Yes, we used to call him CO Sellay.

8 Q. In your evidence on Friday you talked about the
9 communications which Sellay had with Liberia and you said
10:51:10 10 that those communications were restricted. Do you recall
11 that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. To whom were the communications restricted?

14 A. Well, it was from other fighters, the other RUF
10:51:27 15 fighters, and even amongst us the radio operators who were
16 there.

17 Q. Now, who had access to those communications and who had
18 not? It is not quite clear from your answer. Who had
19 access to communications with Sellay in Liberia? Let's
10:51:50 20 start with who had access.

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

23 Q. Anybody else?"

24 Over to the following page:

10:52:11 25 "A. Well, Jungle and Sellay and Issa Sesay.

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

28 A. Well, they only used to receive calls. When they came
29 on they would call, when Benjamin Yeaten's operators came

1 on, Sunlight, they will call and then sometimes Ebony would
2 receive the call or Tourist will receive the call. That
3 was when they would want to inquire about Sellay or
4 Sam Bockarie. Those were the only communications that they
10:52:58 5 monitored or that they received."

6 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, you told us about the
7 secrecy that surrounded the communication between Base 1 and
8 Buedu. You told us that you dealt - at least those in Base 1
9 dealt mostly with Sellay, indeed, only with Sellay until Sellay
10:53:27 10 died and then they started dealing with Mortiga and Daf. What I
11 have just read to you, this witness before the Court said, in
12 terms of those who had access to this information, that
13 Issa Sesay also had access to these communications. Are you
14 aware of --

10:53:54 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Hollis, please?

16 MS HOLLIS: For completeness, what Defence counsel just
17 read had to do with communications while they were in Kenema, not
18 Buedu.

19 MR ANYAH: I take the observation. I will include Kenema
10:54:13 20 in my questioning.

21 Q. Mr Witness, this witness was speaking of a time when they
22 had a Liberian operator in Kenema, and the witness said that
23 person was CO Sellay. The witness went on to say, in terms of
24 who had access to information that arose through communication
10:54:46 25 with Sunlight and Benjamin Yeaten's operators, that they included
26 Sam Bockarie, Jungle, Sellay and Issa Sesay. Now, you were
27 assigned at Base 1, Sunlight was there. Let's start with the
28 period when you were at Base 1. Was there communication with
29 Sellay in Kenema in Sierra Leone, when you were at Base 1?

1 A. When I was at Base 1, to my knowledge, there was no
2 communication with Sellay from Kenema, but - Jungle told Sunlight
3 that Sellay was in Buedu, and Sunlight only knew Sellay's
4 location to be Buedu. So whether he called from Kenema or from
10:56:00 5 anywhere else, Sunlight knew Sellay's location from Buedu in late
6 1998. But there was no time that Sunlight ever knowingly
7 communicated with Sellay from Kenema.

8 Q. Now, I'm going to the question of who had access to
9 communications between Base 1 and Sellay in Buedu. Are you aware
10:56:30 10 of Issa Sesay ever having access to those communications?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Are you aware of Issa Sesay having access to any
13 communications from Benjamin Yeaten to Sellay in Kenema? Not
14 Buedu, in Kenema.

10:57:06 15 A. I don't have knowledge of Benjamin Yeaten transmitting
16 information from Base 1 to Sellay in Kenema.

17 Q. How about when Sunlight was at the Executive Mansion in
18 Monrovia? Do you recall an instance when Sunlight, while at the
19 Executive Mansion in Monrovia, from 1997 to late 1998, had any
10:57:33 20 radio communication with Sellay, whether Sellay was in Kenema or
21 in Buedu?

22 A. When Sunlight was at the Executive Mansion in Monrovia,
23 from August of 1997 to September of 1998, he never knew who
24 Sellay was, he never knew the name Sellay. He never communicated
10:58:04 25 with Sellay at all.

26 Q. Thank you. Now, may we move to page 15650 from the same
27 day's transcript. Starting at line number 6. Mr Witness, if we
28 looked at the preceding page, 15649, between lines 19 and 21, we
29 will see that this witness, TF1-585, says that they were in Buedu

1 when Johnny Paul Koroma was removed from power. And then we come
2 to line 1 - we come to page 15650 during the time when that
3 witness was in Buedu. The question was asked of the witness:

4 "Q. Did you monitor, as well as receive, calls from
5 Liberia?

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

8 Q. Which stations did you receive calls from from Liberia?

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

13 Q. Now, who were you receiving calls from from Base 1?

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

15 Q. And these communications were directed to who?

16 A. Well, to Sam Bockarie.

17 Q. How did you know that these were calls directed to
18 Sam Bockarie?

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

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

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

24 Q. Can you describe normally how the communications go
25 when there was a call from Base 1 to Planet 1?

26 A. Well, their station would come on, which was Base 1,
27 and they will just say, 'Base 1 for Planet 1'. And if the
28 Planet 1 station was on, it will say, 'Planet 1 for Base 1
29 receiving', and we had selected frequencies and sometimes

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

11:01:52 5 So whenever they came on and said, 'Base 1 for Planet 1' if
6 Planet 1 was on, Planet 1 will say, 'Planet 1 receiving
7 from Base 1'. They will either say, 'Let's get there' or,
8 'Let's proceed'".

9 Madam President, I'm afraid that the time might be up and
11:02:18 10 we'll have to come back.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. We will come back. We will
12 take a break until half past 11.

13 [Break taken at 11.02 a.m.]

14 [Upon resuming at 11.32 a.m.]

11:33:17 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please continue.

16 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

17 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

18 A. Good morning.

19 Q. Before Court adjourned for the 30-minute break, I had read
11:33:59 20 to you a transcript from 8 September 2008, starting at page
21 number 15650 to 15651. This is the evidence of the Prosecution
22 witness TF1-585. And that witness was describing for the Court
23 the manner in which Planet 1 communicated with Base 1, and I read
24 to you some of that description that was provided by the witness.

11:34:40 25 In particular, the witness said - this is at page 15651 - that
26 "we knew a particular frequency that was a secret frequency
27 between Sam Bockarie's operators and Base 1 operators."

28 Mr Witness, the frequency that was used to communicate
29 between Base 1 and Planet 1 - and correct me if I use the

1 singular frequencies if there were more than one frequencies;

2 correct me - but whatever frequency or frequencies was used, was
3 it, to your knowledge, a secret frequency?

4 A. Yes. There was a secret frequency provided by Bravo Zulu 4
11:35:36 5 to be used between Bravo Zulu 4 and Base 1 without the knowledge
6 of other RUF operators.

7 Q. You have referred to Bravo Zulu 4. The witness who was
8 testifying was referring to Planet 1. Now, when the station in
9 Buedu was called Planet 1, because you've told us at some point
11:35:57 10 in time it was also called Planet 1, was the frequency or
11 frequencies that were used to communicate between Planet 1 and
12 Base 1 secret?

13 A. Beside the general frequency of the RUF, there were other
14 frequencies that were exclusively used by Bravo Zulu 4 and
11:36:32 15 Base 1.

16 Q. Thank you. Let's continue with the transcript, 8
17 September, page 15651. Starting at line number 12, the question
18 was posed to the witness:

19 "Well, the Base 1 station" --

11:36:49 20 Well, the witness was answering:

21 "A. Well, the Base 1 station would come on to the RUF
22 national base and they would call Planet 1.

23 Q. And then what would happen?

24 A. And if Planet 1 was on or monitoring, they will just
11:37:08 25 say, 'Let's get there' or, 'Let's proceed.' Then they will
26 go to the secret frequency that both operators knew so they
27 will discuss whatever they wanted to discuss.

28 Q. Now was it usually only the operators who talked to
29 each other, the operators from Base 1 and the operators

1 from Planet 1 during communications? Was it only these two
2 people that talked to each other?

3 A. No. Sometimes when they said that they would ask for
4 us to report to our father, that is Sam Bockarie, and if
11:37:55 5 Sam Bockarie was around, we will tell them that he is
6 around, and they will say that their father wanted to get
7 on to our father, and that meant that Benjamin Yeaten
8 wanted to get in touch with Sam Bockarie so that they would
9 go ahead and we will switch over to the secret frequency
11:38:19 10 and they will start discussing. If there was anything" -
11 and we go over to the next page, page 15652 - "If there was
12 anything very important that they wouldn't need to discuss
13 on that particular net, Benjamin Yeaten would instruct
14 Sam Bockarie to put on the 21."

11:38:46 15 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, TF1-585 continued to
16 describe the modalities or manner of communication between Base 1
17 and Planet 1. During your time at Base 1, was Benjamin Yeaten,
18 to your knowledge, ever referred to as Father on the radio?

19 A. Not to my knowledge. He was not referred to as Father or
11:39:19 20 on the radio, nor was he referred to as Father by any of his
21 bodyguards in Liberia.

22 Q. How about Sam Bockarie? Was it the practice during
23 communication between Base 1 and Planet 1 to refer to
24 Sam Bockarie as Father?

11:39:41 25 A. No. Like I said yesterday, what I observed from Base 1 was
26 that Sam Bockarie was referred to on the radio communication
27 between Base 1 and Bravo Zulu 4 as Subject or Master, but most
28 times Subject.

29 Q. Well, you have now said Bravo Zulu 4 and we understand your

1 answer, because you consistently refer to it as Bravo Zulu 4
2 although you said it was also Planet 1. Bearing in mind that
3 this witness referred to it as Planet 1, when you give your
4 answer can you indicate whether you are talking about Bravo Zulu
11:40:33 5 4, Planet 1 or something else.

6 Now, forgetting how the operators in Base 1 referred to
7 Sam Bockarie, the focus now is on communications with
8 Sierra Leone. Do you know whether the operators from the Sierra
9 Leonean side, from Buedu, or from Planet 1, referred to
11:40:55 10 Sam Bockarie as "our father" when they communicated with Base 1?

11 A. I don't know that.

12 Q. When you say you do not know, does that mean it never
13 happened?

14 A. It never happened.

11:41:12 15 Q. Was there ever an occasion when Sam Bockarie and Benjamin
16 Yeaten spoke on the radio or discussed something on the radio, as
17 this witness has described? The witness said that Benjamin
18 Yeaten, after indicating that he wanted to get in touch with
19 Sam Bockarie, so they would go ahead and we will switch over to
11:41:45 20 the secret frequency and they will start discussing. Do you
21 recall such an occurrence happening?

22 A. Benjamin Yeaten and Sam Bockarie, to my knowledge, never
23 spoke to each other on the radio.

24 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we please go to page 15719 of
11:42:17 25 the same day's transcript, 8 September 2008, starting at line
26 number 4. Mr Witness, this is the same witness that was
27 testifying. The question is posed:

28 "Q. Do you recall whether anything happened - was there any
29 reaction from Sam Bockarie after the troops entered

1 Freetown?

2 A. Yes, he came on the media and said he was a man of his
3 word, he had given three days that his men would enter
4 Freetown and indeed they had entered Freetown.

11:43:04 5 Q. When you say he came on the media --

6 A. Sam Bockarie came up and spoke.

7 Q. -- what media are you referring to?

8 A. I mean BBC. He came up again and spoke and said he was
9 a man of his words. He had said that within three days'

11:43:27 10 time his men would enter Freetown and indeed they had
11 entered Freetown.

12 Q. How did you know this?

13 A. Well, he put the satellite in the verandah. It was
14 there he said this, happily. The place was full of people.

11:43:44 15 Everybody was dancing around.

16 Q. When you say 'satellite', what are you referring to?

17 A. I mean the satellite phone.

18 Q. Do you recall any communication that went on between
19 Sam Bockarie and anybody else during the course of the -
11:44:05 20 during the times that these troops had entered Freetown.

21 A. Yes. Just after the announcement over the BBC we got a
22 call from Base 1, which was Benjamin Yeaten's radio
23 station, called Sam Bockarie's radio station, that is
24 Planet 1, and the operator inquired if that news that they
11:44:33 25 had got from the BBC was correct, that Sam Bockarie's
26 troops had entered Freetown. The operator responded
27 happily, saying yes, and they asked for Sam Bockarie.

28 Q. Can I ask you to indicate which operator was responding
29 to whose call or whose questions?

1 A. Well, the radio operator at Benjamin Yeaten was called
2 Sunlight and was the one who called Sam Bockarie's radio
3 station to the operator who was on duty that day. I cannot
4 recall the name now.

11:45:23 5 Q. And you said that the operator answered or responded?

6 A. Yes, he responded happily, saying yes, they had entered
7 Freetown.

8 Q. Did anything happen after that?

9 A. Yes, they asked for Planet 1 and that was Sam Bockarie,
11:45:42 10 if he was around, and the operator said yes, so the
11 operator said 50, which was Benjamin Yeaten, wanted to talk
12 to Sam Bockarie.

13 Q. Which operator said they wanted to talk to
14 Sam Bockarie?

11:45:58 15 A. Benjamin Yeaten's operator, who was called Sunlight,
16 said his father, who was 50, Benjamin Yeaten, wanted to
17 talk to our father and that was Sam Bockarie."

18 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, this witness told the Court
19 that after Sam Bockarie's troops had entered Freetown that, first
11:46:30 20 of all, Sam Bockarie went on the BBC, said that he was a man of
21 his words, that he had said that within three days' time his men
22 would enter Freetown, and indeed they had entered Freetown, and
23 that Sam Bockarie put the satellite phone on the verandah, people
24 were there, everybody was dancing. Then the witness went on to
11:46:58 25 say that just after the announcement over the BBC there was a
26 call from Base 1 to Planet 1, the call was from Sunlight,
27 Benjamin Yeaten's operator, who inquired if the news on the BBC
28 was correct that Sam Bockarie's troops had entered Freetown.

29 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, are you aware of any of

1 these events: Sunlight calling Sam Bockarie's radio, Planet 1,
2 to ask whether information heard on the BBC was correct? Did
3 this happen?

11:47:48

4 A. It is not to my knowledge. It never happened. Sunlight,
5 when I was there, did not call Planet 1 to inquire or to
6 ascertain information from any RUF station or Planet 1 regarding
7 the BBC information.

11:48:15

8 Q. The witness in question doesn't give us the name of the
9 operator for Sam Bockarie's radio at that time, but they give us
10 the name Sunlight from Benjamin Yeaten's radio. And the witness
11 went on to say that Sunlight asked whether Sam Bockarie was
12 around and then said that his father, who was 50, wanted to talk
13 to their father, which was Sam Bockarie.

11:48:45

14 Do you recall whether any of this happened, Mr Witness:
15 Troops entering Freetown, specifically Sam Bockarie's troops;
16 there being jubilation, celebration; Sunlight calling Planet 1
17 and asking where Sam Bockarie was and saying that his father
18 wanted to speak to their father, Sam Bockarie? Did that happen?

19 A. No.

11:49:10

20 Q. Let's continue on the same page. We stopped at line 23:
21 "Q. Madam Witness, how did you know this?

22 A. Well, on that day, after the jubilation, I knew because
23 the place was full of people. The verandah was in a
24 verandah. When that thing occurred that day, the place was
25 full. During the jubilation I too went to the radio room.

11:49:40

26 I heard the operator asking.

27 Q. Just to clarify the last answer you gave" - the lawyer
28 then reads to the witness seeking clarification and then the
29 witness said, this is in regards to the verandah:

1 "A. No, I said Sam Bockarie was in the verandah and the
2 radio set - where the radio set was, Planet 1, it was in
3 Issa Sesay's verandah opposite Sam Bockarie's verandah.
4 There is a street in between them. The place was packed
11:50:35 5 full with people. There were soldiers there, civilians, a
6 lot of people jubilating. Everybody was there. That was
7 why I too came to the place and I saw Sam Bockarie and -
8 sorry, I heard Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten talking on
9 the phone.

11:50:58 10 Q. Madam Witness, you said that there were many people
11 there and it was full and they were jubilating. Why were
12 they jubilating?

13 A. Because of the recapture of Freetown, their entry into
14 the Freetown, the entry of the rebels into Freetown.

11:51:17 15 Q. Do you know whether any communication took place
16 between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten?

17 A. Yes, as I had said earlier after the operator had asked
18 for our own father, that was Sam Bockarie, that 50 wanted
19 to talk to him, they called him, Sam Bockarie, and
11:51:42 20 Sam Bockarie - 50 asked Sam Bockarie if the news which he
21 had heard over the BBC was correct. Sam Bockarie replied
22 joyously and he said yes, and 50 congratulated him and
23 he said, 'If that was is the case, then I will be there in
24 two weeks' time and my father would want to talk to you,'
11:52:13 25 and he instructed him to switch on the satellite phone."

26 First pause. Mr Witness, you follow what is happening?
27 There is jubilation, there are many people present, the
28 jubilation was because the rebels had entered into Freetown.
29 This witness then says that the radio set Planet 1 was in Issa

1 Sesay's verandah, opposite Sam Bockarie's verandah.

2 First question, Mr Witness: The radio set Planet 1, to
3 your knowledge, was it a mobile radio station?

4 A. To my knowledge the radio Planet 1 was not a mobile station
11:53:08 5 because I was told by Jungle that this radio was in Buedu, that
6 it was Sam Bockarie's radio in Buedu. So I don't know whether it
7 was a mobile station. I don't have an idea about that.

8 Q. Do you know whether the radio Planet 1 - when I speak of
9 Planet 1, I am of course including Bravo Zulu 4, so correct me if
11:53:40 10 your prior response doesn't apply to Bravo Zulu 4. Does it also
11 apply to Bravo Zulu 4 when I asked about the mobility of the
12 radio?

13 A. Yes, because Planet 1 is the same as Bravo Zulu 4. Those
14 two call signs were used with regards to Sam Bockarie's radio in
11:54:10 15 Buedu.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Excuse me, Mr Anyah, I seek clarification
17 because the witness's answer was, in my view, contradictory
18 inherently. When you asked him whether Planet 1 was a mobile
19 radio station, he first said, "Planet 1 was not a mobile station
11:54:31 20 because I was told by Jungle that the radio was in Buedu." And
21 then in the same breath he says, "I don't know whether it was a
22 mobile station. I have no idea about that."

23 Now, Mr Witness, what exactly is your answer?

24 THE WITNESS: My answer is that I don't have knowledge as
11:54:58 25 to whether that radio could be removed from one point to the
26 other but what I knew was that this radio was Sam Bockarie's
27 personal radio with him in Buedu.

28 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I wonder if that answers
29 your Honour?

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: I suppose the witness's answer is - to
2 your question, is "I don't know", would I be correct?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. The answer is that I don't know whether
4 it was a mobile radio.

11:55:39 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. But what were you told about the location of that radio,
8 Planet 1 or Bravo Zulu 4?

9 A. I was told that this radio was in Buedu and that it
11:55:59 10 belonged to Sam Bockarie.

11 Q. Were you ever told that that radio belonged to Issa Sesay?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Now, you heard what I read. The witness said that she
14 heard Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten talking on the phone. The
11:56:23 15 witness went on to say that Sam Bockarie replied joyously and he
16 said yes, and 50 congratulated him, and 50 said that, "If that is
17 the case, then I will be there in two weeks' time and my father
18 will want to talk to you."

19 Who was 50's father, Mr Witness?

11:56:53 20 A. I knew 50's father to be old man Yeaten and Yeaten is not
21 living, so I don't know who they are talking about.

22 Q. Are you aware of Benjamin Yeaten ever calling Sam Bockarie
23 to congratulate Sam Bockarie on the occasion of Sam Bockarie's
24 troops entering Freetown?

11:57:23 25 A. I am not aware of that.

26 Q. Well, let's continue the question --

27 A. -- and --

28 Q. Yes?

29 A. And, furthermore, the witness mentioned that this

1 congratulations - congratulatory expressions were made on the
2 radio and again I am saying that from the time I was at 50's
3 house, which is Base 1, when Sunlight and Dew were operating
4 there on the radio or even during the time of Base 1 radio
11:58:03 5 communications, 50 never spoke to Sam Bockarie on the radio.
6 Fifty never spoke to anybody, even within the Government of
7 Liberia, he never spoke to anybody on the radio, be it family
8 issues, be it government issues, he never did that.

9 Q. Indeed, the next series of questions will make clear
11:58:27 10 whether the witness was speaking about the telephone or radio
11 because, on this page, the witness says they spoke on the
12 telephone, that the witness heard somebody and Benjamin Yeaten
13 talking on the phone.

14 At line 28 a question is asked:
11:58:44 15 "Q. Madam Witness, were you privy to this communication
16 between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten?"

17 Over to the next page:

18 "A. Yes."

19 Then Justice Sebutinde asked the question:

11:59:00 20 "Which of the two communications, the one on the satellite
21 phone or the one on the ordinary radio?"

22 Answer by the witness, at line 6:

23 "A. It was the one on the radio that I heard. After he
24 had asked him if it was true that his men had entered
11:59:20 25 Freetown and he said 'yes' happily, Benjamin Yeaten
26 congratulated Sam Bockarie and he instructed him to put the
27 2-1 on, that was the satellite phone, and told him that his
28 father would want to talk to him and if that was the case,
29 then he should expect him in two days' time."

1 Then there is a question at line 16:

2 "Q. Who should expect who in two days' time?

3 A. Sam Bockarie was to expect Benjamin Yeaten in two days'
4 time.

12:00:01 5 Q. Who said this to who?

6 A. Benjamin Yeaten spoke to Sam Bockarie that if it was
7 true that his men had entered into Freetown, Sam Bockarie
8 should expect him, Benjamin Yeaten, in two days' time.

9 Q. Expect him where?

12:00:19 10 A. In Buedu within two days' time."

11 Just pause. Mr Witness, apparently, this was said over the
12 radio and TF1-585 heard all of this being said over the radio.

13 And TF1-585 said that Benjamin Yeaten said Sam Bockarie should
14 expect him in Buedu in two days' time, if the news was true. Are

12:00:50 15 you aware of Benjamin Yeaten taking any trip to Buedu, period,
16 when you were assigned at Base 1?

17 A. I am not aware of Yeaten making the trip to Buedu during
18 the time I was there.

19 Q. Was there a time when Yeaten took off for Buedu shortly
12:01:24 20 after speaking to Sam Bockarie on the radio, as far as you can
21 recall?

22 A. As far as I remember, Benjamin Yeaten and Sam Bockarie
23 never spoke to each other on the radio and, furthermore, I am not
24 aware of Benjamin Yeaten making a trip to Buedu.

12:01:53 25 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now that's all I have for TF1-585.

26 I want to go back to something that you said yesterday, because a
27 question arose this morning, Justice Lussick had asked you a
28 question about whether you had seen the President of Liberia
29 before. Yes?

1 A. Excuse me please, can I use the rest room?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, indeed, the witness may be shown
3 out.

4 [In the absence of the witness]

12:02:32 5 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Anyah, I did not ask the witness whether
6 he had seen the President before. I was referring him to his own
7 evidence that he had never seen the President while he was -
8 while he, the witness, was stationed in the Executive Mansion.

9 MR ANYAH: Yes, your Honour, I was going to ask that the
12:02:48 10 transcript from yesterday be pulled up and also to look at the
11 LiveNote to quote your question more precisely, but I appreciate
12 the distinction, and I will quote your Honour's question more
13 precisely.

14 [In the presence of the witness]

12:05:19 15 MR ANYAH:
16 Q. Mr Witness, I want to go back to a question that was posed
17 by Justice Lussick to you this morning. It is at page 23 of my
18 LiveNote, from lines 1 to 5, and I use a 14 point font. The
19 question was:

12:05:49 20 "Q. Mr Witness, yesterday you told us that in all the time
21 you served in the Executive Mansion, you never even got to
22 see the President. So how would you know who he saw and
23 who he didn't see?"

24 Now, let's look at what you told us yesterday, because I
12:06:10 25 have a question about you and whether or not you saw the
26 President of Liberia.

27 At yesterday's transcript, 31 August 2010, at page 47525.
28 That's 47525. Mr Witness, I asked you a number of questions
29 about access to the President and I went on to say:

1 "Q. At the time you were at the Executive Mansion can you
2 tell us, for example, how many times you, Mr Witness, saw
3 the President of Liberia at the mansion?"

4 And then you gave this response, at line 4:

12:07:00 5 "A. During the time that I was assigned to the mansion, I
6 never had the opportunity to see the President because he
7 was very far away from us, the radio operators. We may
8 sometimes have the privilege to see his convoy from the
9 window of our office, but we were a distance away from the
12:07:22 10 Presidents - the President."

11 Now, Mr Witness, in the entire period of time when you were
12 in Monrovia, from 1997 until 2003, did you ever see the President
13 of Liberia face-to-face?

14 A. Yes.

12:07:52 15 Q. When was that?

16 A. This was in 2003. This was in 2003, when LURD had taken
17 over almost the entire Lofa and Gbarpolu, and LURD was now
18 occupying Bomi. Before the LURD occupation of the entire Lofa,
19 the Jungle Fire had men in an area called Vahun, and they were
12:08:42 20 driven from Vahun, and for over a long period of time they did
21 not know their location because they were missing in action. And
22 then in late - almost going towards the period of the ceasefire
23 in 2003, they called. They called Base 1 from an area called
24 Camp Israel. So when they called Base 1 from an area called Camp
12:09:16 25 Israel and said they were in Israel, their commander called and
26 said that they were in Israel, that is the batch of Jungle Fire
27 that were missing in action, they are the ones I was talking
28 about. They called that they were in Camp Israel and that they
29 had run out of food and they had run out of footwears because

1 they had been running through the bushes and they did not have
2 footwears. So when that happened, Sunlight informed Benjamin
3 Yeaten that, "Oh, our men have resurfaced at Camp Israel." So
4 Benjamin Yeaten then asked, "Say, how can we get over to you
12:10:04 5 people?" Because Bomi hills, which is Tubmanburg, was occupied
6 by LURD and there was no ground route - there was no ground
7 routes to go to them. After all, Benjamin Yeaten came back and
8 said that the government wants to send food and communication to
9 those people. That is a Thuraya for the commander. But Israel
12:10:37 10 was not on the map that the ATU chopper pilot was using. So
11 Sunlight put in place a kind of a strategy through which the
12 pilot could locate those people. There was a logging camp called
13 Anthen - called, it is either Athen or Anthen. I don't know what
14 language is that, but that is how it is called. Okay. Anthen
12:11:19 15 was on the map, and the pilot knew Anthen but did not know Camp
16 Israel. So after Sunlight had discussed with the commander in
17 the bush and they had all arranged the strategy through which
18 those people could be located, Ben then said that, "Okay. The
19 government wants to send you food supply and communication, and
12:11:43 20 that since you have discussed with them, it is better that you go
21 with them and deliver this Thuraya phone to the commander, then
22 teach him how to use the Thuraya phone." That was the time
23 Sunlight was taken - I mean, I was taken out too, after the
24 conversation between Sunlight and Benjamin Yeaten, because I was
12:12:08 25 there, I knew it, so I went along, and that was when I saw the
26 President face-to-face since he took power as a President. But
27 this was the time I saw the President face-to-face at - I do not
28 know how they call it - at White Flower, at White Flower. So he
29 then asked me about the mechanism that has been put in place. I

1 explained to him, and then he allowed me to go with the Thuraya
2 phone. And that was the time that I ever saw the President of
3 the Republic of Liberia after the election face-to-face.

12:13:02 4 Q. What was the name of the logging camp again? Can you spell
5 it for us, if you know?

6 A. Yes, sir. Let me try. Anthen, I think it is A-N-T - I
7 think - H-E-N, A-N-T-H-E-N, Anthen, something like that, but I
8 stand to be corrected.

9 Q. And what year was this again when you saw - let me finish
12:13:26 10 the question please. What year again was it when you say you saw
11 the President for the first time since his ascendancy into
12 office?

13 A. I said 2003, 2003, close to the ceasefire when ECOMOG moved
14 to Liberia. Not ECOMOG. It was ECOMIL at the time before it was
12:14:01 15 turned to UNMIL, the first advance force that I led, I don't know
16 if it was from Nigeria, but it was in 2003.

17 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. That's all I have about that.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: For the record, the witness referred to
19 ECOMIL, that is the acronym E-C-O-M-I-L. And he said before it
12:14:26 20 turned to UNMIL. That is the acronym U-N-M-I-L.

21 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President, for that
22 observation.

23 Q. Now, may we continue with the transcripts of evidence given
24 by Prosecution witnesses. May we go to the transcript of 12
12:14:45 25 September 2008, starting at page 16126. That's 12 September
26 2008, page 16126, starting at line number 17.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Incidentally, Thuraya phone, the spelling
28 of Thuraya is already on the record.

29 MR ANYAH: Yes.

1 Q. Mr Witness, listen to this. This is another Prosecution
2 witness's evidence. The name of the witness is Mohamed Bereteh
3 Kabbah, TF1-568. This witness also went by the code name of
4 Tourist, T-O-U-R-I-S-T, Tourist.

12:15:56 5 Now, Mr Witness, the question was asked of Mr Kabbah:

6 "Q. Now, how long did you remain in Buedu for?

7 A. I was in Buedu up to the time Sam Bockarie left for
8 Liberia."

9 Mr Witness, you now have an idea of the time frame. This
12:16:20 10 witness is saying they remained in Buedu through the time when
11 Sam Bockarie left for Liberia.

12 Continuing, the question at line 20:

13 "Q. And did you have any particular assignment in Buedu
14 during this time?

12:16:34 15 A. Yes. When we went to Buedu after the commander, the
16 overall signal commander died in Liberia, Sam Bockarie
17 appointed me as the overall signal unit commander for the
18 RUF/SL.

19 Q. Do you know when Sam Bockarie left for Liberia? What
12:17:02 20 time are you referring to?

21 A. That was in December 1999.

22 Q. And you said you were appointed as overall signal unit
23 commander for the RUF/SL when the overall commander, signal
24 commander, died in Liberia. Who are you referring to?"

12:17:30 25 We are now at the following page, line 2:

26 "A. CO Sellay.

27 Q. Do you know approximately when he died?

28 A. That was after we had come and based in Buedu. When
29 the LURD rebels came to Foya to fight there, that was the

1 time he died."

2 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, do you know somebody called
3 Mohamed Kabbah?

4 A. I don't know that name, Mohamed Kabbah.

12:18:09 5 Q. Do you know somebody called Tourist?

6 A. No, I don't remember that name Tourist. I don't know
7 Tourist.

8 Q. During the time when there was communication between Base 1
9 and Planet 1/Bravo Zulu 4, was there ever a radio operator on the
10 Sierra Leonean side with the code name Tourist, to your
11 knowledge?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Who do you say took over from CO Sellay, or Sellay, as you
14 knew him, when Sellay died?

12:18:57 15 A. When Sellay died, it was Daf, Daf, who later I realised
16 that his name was - it was later revealed that his name was Dauda
17 Fornie here.

18 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Let's continue, same page, 16127,
19 line 20:

12:19:27 20 "Q. Now, can you describe generally the situation in terms
21 of radio operations during this time period?

22 A. Yes. After we had retreated and whilst we were now in
23 Buedu, we used to communicate to the various front lines,
24 and even to Liberia, we used to communicate, because we had
12:19:46 25 a radio station, Base 1, in Monrovia, and we operated with
26 Sunlight, who was at Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground. He
27 used to communicate with us.

28 Q. First of all, how many radio operators were working in
29 Buedu during this time, approximately how many radio

1 operators?"

2 We are over at the next page. They asked the witness how
3 many radio operators during the time period when the witness was
4 based in Buedu:

12:20:27 5 "A. At the time I was in Buedu, we had about three radio
6 stations: We had Planet 1, that was the mobile station for
7 Sam Bockarie; we had Marvel that I was in charge of and it
8 was also mounted in a vehicle; and the third one was the
9 welfare station, which was Lemon, or Mike November, which
12:20:59 10 was stationed at the court barri. That was the welfare
11 station where the commanders and the other soldiers who had
12 their husbands at the front line, when they wanted to speak
13 with them, that was where they went to. Those were the
14 three stations we had."

12:21:20 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, it was Lemon, Mike November 5.
16 You said Mike November.

17 MR ANYAH: Yes, the testifying witness said it was:

18 "Lemon or Mike November 5 which was stationed at the court
19 barri. That was the welfare station where the commanders and the
12:21:46 20 other soldiers who had their husbands at the front line, when
21 they wanted to speak with them, that was where they went to.
22 Those were the three stations we had."

23 Q. Mr Witness, are you following?

24 A. Yes.

12:22:01 25 Q. Planet 1, Marvel, and the third one being Lemon, also known
26 as Mike November 5. Continuing at line 11:

27 "A. And the operators who were at those three stations, I
28 can recall some of their names, like in the case of Mike
29 November 5, it was Agama, and there was another boy that we

1 used to call Generation, and there was Cool Rebel. They
2 were at the welfare station. And in the case of Marvel 1 -
3 in the case of Marvel, I was there, Zedman was there,
4 because that was a station that the other stations used to
12:22:51 5 interact with because we were the senior man and we manned
6 the station. At Planet 1, we had Tiger, who was there,
7 Pascal, and we had Seibatu, but Seibatu's operation was not
8 that much effective because she would always be at the
9 kitchen with Mosquito's wife. Her operation was not that
12:23:19 10 much effective, but she was still an operator.

11 Q. Now, you referred to a welfare station and you referred
12 to it as Lemon or Mike November 5. Which one was it?

13 A. That was the call sign that the station had. At first
14 - in fact, we used to change the call signs. A certain
12:23:46 15 time would come that, if we know that the enemies had known
16 that so-and-so station was based in a particular area, we
17 would also change the name of those stations. That was how
18 we came to get that call sign name for that station."

19 We are now at the next page:

12:24:09 20 "Q. So are you saying that this particular station's name
21 changed?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And, if you remember, which name was it first and which
24 name did it change to it?

12:24:22 25 A. At first it was Lemon, and later it became Mike
26 November 5."

27 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, Mohamed Kabbah said a lot
28 here and let's start with the first page I read - well, the
29 second page I read, page 16127. Kabbah said there at line 23:

1 "And even to Liberia we used to communicate because we had
2 a radio station, Base 1, in Monrovia and we operated it with
3 Sunlight who was at Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground. He used to
4 communicate with us."

12:25:11 5 Now, you heard the reference there to Charles Taylor's
6 Mansion Ground. To your knowledge, Mr Witness, was, let's start
7 with the radio station with call sign Base 1, ever located at
8 Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground, wherever that may be?

9 A. No.

12:25:34 10 Q. How about the operator Sunlight? To your knowledge did
11 that operator Sunlight ever work out of Charles Taylor's Mansion
12 Ground?

13 A. Please can you take me to that question.

14 Q. Yes. This witness has referred to a place called
12:26:01 15 Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground. The witness says it was during
16 the time period when the RUF was in Buedu. The witness has told
17 us how he assumed the position of overall signal commander for
18 the RUF/SL after Sellay died.

19 Now, are you aware of operator Sunlight working out of a
12:26:30 20 place called Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground during the time
21 period when Base 1 was in communication with Buedu?

22 A. No. And, again, I do not know an area that is called
23 Charles Taylor's Mansion Ground.

24 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. On the following page, ending with
12:27:00 25 28, you heard the witness indicate that there were three radio
26 stations that they had in Buedu at that time: One the witness
27 said was Planet 1 and this was the mobile station for
28 Sam Bockarie. Do you remember us discussing the issue of whether
29 Planet 1 was a mobile or fixed based radio? Do you recall that?

1 A. Yes. Yes.

2 Q. And then the witness mentions another radio station called
3 Marvel, that the witness says he was in charge of and that it was
4 also mounted in a vehicle. Mr Witness, are you aware of any
12:27:48 5 radio stations that were in Buedu with the call sign Marvel?

6 A. No.

7 Q. The witness went on to say about Marvel that that station
8 was sort of senior to the other stations. The words used by the
9 witness were, "Other stations used to interact with it because we
12:28:20 10 were the senior man and we manned the station." That is the
11 radio station Marvel. And the "we" there was the witness Mohamed
12 Kabbah and somebody called Zedman.

13 Now, Mr Witness, this witness is suggesting that Marvel,
14 mounted in a vehicle, was the important station there - well, the
12:28:46 15 senior station there. While you were at Base 1, was there ever
16 communication between Base 1 and a radio mounted in a vehicle in
17 Buedu with the call sign Marvel?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you know who Zedman is?

12:29:11 20 A. Yes. I heard the name Zedman but I don't know who Zedman
21 is.

22 Q. Was there ever communication between Base 1 and a radio
23 operator in Buedu called Zedman?

24 A. There was a radio communication from Base 1 with Zedman but
12:29:44 25 I did not know where Zedman was calling from, but Zedman and
26 Memunatu Deen - I was present once when Memunatu Deen was
27 communicating with Zedman and she said that Zedman was her
28 boyfriend's friend, that is Tolo, he was Tolo's friend, and they
29 were discussing issues concerning Tolo and Memunatu's

1 relationship.

2 Q. Do you know the real name of Zedman?

3 A. No. I only heard Zedman.

4 Q. Apart from this instance, this example when Zedman and
12:30:31 5 Memunatu were discussing Memunatu's private relationship with
6 Osman Tolo, was there ever another occasion when there was
7 communication between Base 1 and Zedman?

8 A. I do not remember, but what I noticed concerning some of
9 the operators was that whenever there was a call from Base 1 to
12:31:04 10 Planet 1 or to Bravo Zulu 4, that means whenever Base 1 wanted to
11 get in touch with Buedu, Sam Bockarie's radio to be specific,
12 okay, some of these guys will come on the net and say I'm
13 operator so and so, without indicating where they were calling
14 from, and will say they've come up to help Base 1 and connecting
12:31:38 15 Base 1 with Bravo Zulu 4. You know, sometimes Bravo Zulu 4 will
16 be on another frequency that Base 1 did not know. And so these
17 guys will call and then bring Bravo Zulu 4 on the frequency or on
18 their national frequency or the general frequency. That was how
19 I got to know some of these names.

12:32:05 20 Q. Besides assisting Base 1 to get in touch with Bravo Zulu 4,
21 was there any substantive exchange of information, or exchange of
22 substantive information, between the radio operators at Base 1
23 and these various radio operators elsewhere that would come on
24 the net to assist Base 1 get in contact with Planet 1 or Bravo
12:32:33 25 Zulu 4?

26 A. Negative.

27 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Mohamed Kabbah mentions a third
28 radio station in Buedu, the name being Lemon or Mike November 5.
29 He went on to specify that it was first called Lemon and then

1 Later it took the name Mike November 5.

2 Mr Witness, are you familiar with either call sign, Lemon
3 or Mike November 5?

12:33:18

4 A. When I was at Base 1, when Dew and Sunlight were operating
5 and sometimes communicating with Bravo Zulu 4, I did not hear the
6 name or call sign that has been named, Mike November what, or
7 what, I don't know. It's not to my knowledge.

8 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we go to the next page, page
9 16129, the bottom of the page, line 29. The question asked of

12:33:51

10 Mr Kabbah:

11 "Q. You said Marvel and Planet were both in Buedu. Is that
12 correct?"

13 We are now over to page 16130:

12:34:29

14 "A. Yes. Both stations were in Buedu. In the morning
15 Marvel was the ground station, by that I mean the base
16 station for Buedu, and Planet 1 was Sam Bockarie's mobile
17 station. It was mounted in a vehicle. And once
18 Sam Bockarie was on the ground he was the commander. We
19 would always be with him and at any time we received
12:34:42 20 situation reports in the morning from the various stations,
21 at the time the operators at Planet 1 would be there and I
22 and Zedman would be at Marvel to monitor what the situation
23 report was. We would go to the ground. All of us would go
24 there. We would sit with Sam Bockarie. At times we would
12:35:07 25 take Marvel to a house going towards Foya, it was something
26 like a hut, because we used to get threat from the jet and
27 we used that hut to install the radio. That was where we
28 used to work.

29 Q. So when you received a threat from the jet, which radio

1 would you take to this hut?

2 A. During those times when the jets persistently disturbed
3 us we used to get calls from Sunlight from Monrovia at any
4 time the jet wanted to move, because by then the ECOMOG
12:35:51 5 base was in Liberia and the jets will move from Monrovia
6 and at any time the jet will move from Monrovia he will
7 tell us that the 448 or the iron bird is coming - is moving
8 from Monrovia and so we would inform all our stations to be
9 alert."

12:36:21 10 And then there is a question at line 27:

11 "Q. And what's a 448, Mr Witness?

12 A. That is the jet, the iron bird."

13 Now, Mr Witness, you have heard what I have read. Mohamed

14 Kabbah first says that in the mornings Marvel would be a ground

12:36:43 15 station, a base station for Buedu, and Planet 1 was Sam

16 Bockarie's mobile station mounted in a vehicle. And then he goes

17 on to say that when there would be persistent bombardment from

18 the jets they would move Marvel to a little hut, that is to a

19 house going towards Foya, and that they would also receive calls

12:37:16 20 from Sunlight from Monrovia at any time the jet wanted to move.

21 Mr Witness, while were you at Base 1 were there ECOMOG jets

22 in the city of Monrovia that were making flights into Sierra

23 Leone, to your knowledge?

24 A. No, and I want to comment on a few things here.

12:37:46 25 Q. Yes. Please do.

26 A. Okay. I will first begin with the code mentioned, 448, and

27 that of iron bird as he said, as the witness referred to the

28 ECOMOG jet. First of all, I do not know the code 448 to be a

29 reference to an ECOMOG jet. In our communication, I mean the

1 Government of Liberia, we do not have a code like that. And when
2 Base 1 was operating with Buedu, there was no communication
3 concerning a jet. In our communication, in the Government of
4 Liberia VHF communication code, we do not use the code 448 to
12:38:47 5 refer to a plane or an ECOMOG jet. We had our own code that
6 represented a plane as a whole, essentially an enemy plane, and
7 that code was 15-2. Because 15-7 was referred to as an enemy,
8 and 15-2 was a plane, an enemy plane. Okay. Then the term "iron
9 bird", during the NPFL days when an ECOMOG - when ECOMOG was
12:39:35 10 carrying out air raids against the NPFL, okay, there was a
11 code --

12 Q. Please continue.

13 A. Okay, the NPFL radio communication used the word "iron
14 bird" to refer to a plane but this was not expedient because it
12:39:59 15 could reveal the meaning. When you say an iron bird it could
16 reveal the meaning of what you are referring to. Later it was
17 changed. Later - I mean, when we got into the government, the
18 entire code was cancelled. The term "iron bird" was cancelled
19 and we used our a new code that was provided, that is, 15-2,
12:40:26 20 referring to an enemy jet. So the code 440 or 449, I don't know,
21 with respect to an iron bird, that's the comment.

22 Now, the question of information from Base 1 or from
23 Sunlight to the RUF, in terms of information about jets. Okay,
24 Base 1 was situated in Congo Town in Monrovia. The Roberts
12:41:02 25 International Airport, where ECOMOG planes were, is far away from
26 Base 1, where in Margibi County. The next airfield, which is at
27 the James Spriggs Field Airport in Sinkor is far away from
28 Base 1. Base 1 did not have any knowledge of a movement of a
29 plane, be it an ECOMOG jet or a commercial plane that flies.

1 Yes, we could see or hear planes overhead in the air, but we did
2 not know where it was coming from or where it was going. So
3 there was no time that communication ever came from Base 1 to the
4 RUF in relation to the movement of a plane.

12:41:54 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, in terms of kilometres, how
6 far is Roberts International Airport from Congo Town?

7 THE WITNESS: Let me guess, from Roberts Field to Congo
8 Town, maybe 15 to 20 kilometres. I'm just guessing.

9 MR ANYAH:

12:42:28 10 Q. Mr Witness, if you drove the distance between the two, I
11 ask you this because the last time you gave us an estimate with
12 kilometres it was the distance between White Flower and Benjamin
13 Yeaten's house and you said something like one quarter mile or
14 something to that effect. But let's disregard that now.

12:42:50 15 A. Yes. I said metre.

16 Q. Yes, you said one quarter metres or something to that
17 effect, but let me ask you this: If someone were to drive from
18 Base 1 in Congo Town in Monrovia, in Montserrado County, all the
19 way to Roberts International Airfield or airport in Margibi
20 County, Liberia, how long would it take them, if you drove a car?

21 A. It would be close to an hour. I can remember that I drove
22 - I rode with Yeaten from Congo Town to the RIA, it took about
23 forty minutes and he was at breakneck speed, 40 minutes. On a
24 normal driving it would take you an hour or an hour plus.

12:43:51 25 Q. What if you were to walk on foot, how long would it take
26 you to go from Base 1 in Congo Town to Roberts International
27 Airport in Margibi County?

28 A. Almost a whole day walk, and it depends on the physical
29 strength of that person, but it would take you a whole day's

1 walk. Then if the person was not physically fit, he would walk
2 one and a half days.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

12:44:42

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: One and a half days to walk 15
5 kilometres? Really?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said I was guessing. I
7 do not know the actual kilometres or distance. What I know was
8 that it took me - it took me 40 minutes when I rode with Benjamin
9 Yeaten from Congo Town to RIA. Forty minutes and on excessive
10 speed.

12:45:10

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: And you mean for all your stay in Liberia
12 you do not know the distance between Congo Town and RIA? You do
13 not know the distance in terms of kilometres?

12:45:32

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour, because the distance in
15 between from - in between one point and another is not only
16 measured or posted on a sign board that you can see, you see. It
17 is not posted on a sign board on the highway.

12:46:04

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: I just wanted to ask: Was it possible for
19 somebody at RIA to get in touch with Base 1, either by radio or
20 telephone?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes. There was radio at RIA. They had a
22 communication set at RIA. It was possible.

23 MR ANYAH:

12:46:28

24 Q. Mr Witness, was there ever an occasion when a radio
25 operator of the Government of Liberia, stationed at RIA, radioed
26 or called other radio operators based at Base 1 to tell them that
27 an ECOMOG jet had just taken off from RIA?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Basically, you understand what I'm asking. Were there

1 times when operators at RIA would alert Government of Liberia
2 operators at Base 1 that ECOMOG jets had taken off from RIA and
3 were headed towards Sierra Leone? Are you aware of that sort of
4 event taking place?

12:47:13 5 A. To my knowledge, at no time did a Base 1 operator receive
6 information from an RIA operator concerning a jet.

7 Q. To your knowledge, were the operators who were based at
8 RIA, aware of this communication that was going on between Base 1
9 and Buedu, Planet 1/Bravo Zulu 4?

12:47:48 10 A. Absolutely no.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we go to page 1613 of the same
12 day's transcript, please, starting at line 23. Mr Witness, this
13 is still Mohamed Kabbah's evidence. A question was asked of him:

14 "Q. Now if there was, if you were communicating every day
12:48:20 15 but if there was no particular attack or operation would
16 you communicate about anything else?

17 A. Communications went on from our front lines and also we
18 communicated with Liberia. At times, when they had attacks
19 they would call to us - the brother would call us, that is,
12:48:45 20 Sunlight, or from Base 1 where Tolo and others were. That
21 was the RUF station which was based at Pa Musa's place.
22 They also would call us and tell us so that we would also
23 tell Sam Bockarie about it. A typical example of that was
24 when the LURD forces came to Foya, Kolahun and Voinjama we
12:49:24 25 assembled a reinforcement and then we went there."

26 Let's pause. Mr Witness, Mohamed Kabbah was trying to tell
27 the Court that whenever they had attacks they would call us, the
28 brother would call us, that is Sunlight, or from Base 1 where
29 Tolo and others were. The witness went on to say: "That was the

1 RUF station which was based at Pa Musa's place."

2 Mr Witness, let's try and understand this. Was Osman Tolo
3 ever assigned to Base 1?

4 A. Osman Tolo was never assigned to Base 1.

12:50:25 5 Q. How about somebody with just the name Tolo, was there ever
6 a time when there was an operator called Tolo at Base 1?

7 A. There was no operator at Base 1 called Tolo.

8 Q. Was Base 1 the RUF station which was based at Pa Musa's
9 place?

12:50:51 10 A. I don't know whether - at Pa Musa's place, I don't know
11 which Musa they are referring to as Pa Musa. I don't know of
12 another station in Liberia belonging to the RUF or even the
13 Government of Liberia with the call sign Base 1, with the
14 exception of Base 1 at Yeaten's house.

12:51:18 15 Q. We appreciate the fact that you don't know which Pa Musa is
16 being referred to, but let's just say, Musa Cisse. Was Base 1 a
17 radio station based at Pa Musa - at Musa Cisse's place?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Were there ever occasions when calls would be made to RUF -
12:51:44 20 to the RUF by Sunlight during the time LURD was attacking Liberia
21 to ask for reinforcement from the RUF?

22 A. There was no time that Sunlight ever called the RUF to
23 request for manpower from them.

24 Q. Was there ever a transmittal of a message to Sam Bockarie
12:52:20 25 where LURD forces came to Foya, Kolahun and Voinjama seeking
26 reinforcement from Sam Bockarie?

27 A. At no time was there a communication from Base 1 to
28 Sam Bockarie requesting manpower.

29 Q. Let's continue at line 19 on that same page, another

1 question to Mr Kabbah. It says:

2 "Q. As a general matter, describe what was going on in
3 terms of the communication between Buedu and Liberia.

4 A. A communication was a daily free-flow activity that
12:53:11 5 took place between the RUF and the NPFL, so at the time we
6 were in Buedu if, for any reason, Sam Bockarie wanted to
7 talk to Charles Taylor, and at that time Sam Bockarie had
8 visited Monrovia and he had a satellite phone - because by
9 then his own dialogues were not conducted through the VHF.

12:53:41 10 He used his satellite phone. He would tell us to tell
11 Sunlight" - listen to this now, Mr Witness - "He would tell
12 us to tell Sunlight to tell Charles Taylor that he should
13 put on his 2-1 so that he would talk with him, and" - over
14 to the next page - "Equally so when Charles Taylor wanted to talk

12:54:07 15 with Mosquito, Sunlight will call us and tell us that, 'The
16 Pa wants to talk to your own Pa'. So that was the kind of
17 communication that took place between us and, if there was
18 any threat of enemy attack, he would send the same message
19 to us at Buedu."

12:54:46 20 Question to the witness:

21 "Q. Just describe who you are talking about when you are
22 referring to he.

23 A. Sam Bockarie would say, 'Our father wants to talk to
24 your father', that means we were talking to Sunlight.

12:55:05 25 Q. Where was Sunlight?

26 A. Sunlight was at the Mansion Ground in Monrovia.

27 Q. How do you know that?

28 A. The operators who moved with Sam Bockarie and Issa at
29 the times they visited Monrovia, they were located at that

1 particular area - they located that particular area. They
2 said that was where it was based, because I never went to
3 Monrovia."

4 Let's pause. Do you remember telling us that during

12:55:46 5 Sam Bockarie's second visit to Liberia in late 1998, you saw him
6 with the satellite phone?

7 A. Did you say May?

8 Q. I said in late 1998.

9 A. Because the interpreter said "May." Yes, I said that.

12:56:06 10 Q. Well, this witness is speaking about a time when
11 Sam Bockarie had visited Monrovia and he had a satellite phone,
12 and the witness speaks of communication between the RUF and the
13 NPFL. Mr Witness, was the NPFL in existence as an entity in
14 1998?

12:56:33 15 A. In 1998, there was no group or force within Liberia called
16 the NPFL.

17 Q. Now, the witness speaks of Sunlight being based at the
18 Mansion Ground in Monrovia. Remember, we have covered this
19 already. And you hear the witness say, "I never went to

12:57:04 20 Monrovia." But the witness says that "he would tell us to tell
21 Sunlight to tell Charles Taylor that he should put on his 2-1 so
22 that he would talk with him." This is Sam Bockarie.

23 Mr Witness, were you ever present when there was a call
24 from Sam Bockarie, either via satellite phone or through the
12:57:37 25 radio, to Sunlight asking Sunlight to tell Charles Taylor that
26 Charles Taylor should put on his 2-1? Are you aware of any such
27 event happening?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Were you ever present when a radio call came to Sunlight

1 with an instruction to Charles Taylor to put on his 2-1?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Was Sunlight the radio operator for the President of the
4 Republic of Liberia?

12:58:19 5 A. No.

6 Q. Did Sunlight have access to the President of the Republic
7 of Liberia?

8 A. Sunlight did not have access to the President of the
9 Republic of Liberia.

12:58:35 10 Q. The witness says, "Sunlight will call us and tell us that
11 'The Pa wants to talk to your own Pa'," meaning communication
12 between Bockarie and Taylor. Was it a practice of those at
13 Base 1 to refer to Charles Taylor as "The Pa"?

14 A. Okay. Before answering that, let me say something.

12:59:05 15 Sunlight, as I know, never received any information, either
16 directly or indirectly, from the President, or directly or
17 indirectly for the President. Sunlight never received
18 information that had to do with the President. And to answer
19 your question - what was your question again?

12:59:38 20 Q. Yes, I will repeat the question.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. The question was: Was it a practice of those at Base 1 to
23 refer to Charles Taylor as "The Pa"?

24 A. No.

12:59:55 25 Q. How about Sam Bockarie? During the flow of communications
26 between Base 1 and Buedu, was Sam Bockarie referred to as "The
27 Pa"?

28 A. I never heard anyone referring to Sam Bockarie as "The Pa".

29 Q. Let's continue, same page where we were, if we could go to

1 line 26. This is page 16133. It is a question asked of the
2 witness. The witness is asked to explain slowly. It says:

3 "Q. Explain slowly how you know that Sunlight was at the
4 Mansion Ground in Monrovia.

13:00:44 5 A. I said the operators who were assigned with
6 Sam Bockarie, like for instance Pascal, who used to go to
7 Monrovia, and Elevation, who used to go with Issa to
8 Monrovia, they were the ones who gave the information to me
9 that the station where Sunlight was was at the Mansion
10 Ground with Charles Taylor."

11 Continuing at line number 9 on that page:

12 "Q. Now, aside from Sunlight, were you in communication
13 with any other radio operators in Liberia?"

14 A. Yes, we had one radio operator in Foya that we used to
13:01:36 15 communicate with, and he was US-1. That was how we used to
16 call him. He was based in Foya. Beside that, we sent a
17 radio operator and a radio to Foya at the time Benjamin
18 Yeaten was there, and that was Mortiga. He was based in
19 Foya with Benjamin Yeaten as a radio operator.

13:02:08 20 Q. Now, you also referred to two individuals. First of
21 all, you said somebody named Tolo. Who is he?

22 A. Osman Tolo was the RUF operator who was based in
23 Monrovia with the RUF set.

24 Q. How do you know that?

13:02:34 25 A. That was a deployment that the RUF did there. The
26 operator, Sam Bockarie, was - appointed Tolo to go there
27 because by then his wife was there at first, Memunatu Deen,
28 and it was later that Tolo himself went there after we had
29 retreated to Buedu.

1 Q. So are you saying that Sam Bockarie appointed Tolo?

2 A. Yes."

3 Now, let's pause there, Mr Witness. You heard this witness
4 explain how he knew that Sunlight was based at the Mansion Ground
13:03:25 5 and he says "with Charles Taylor." He refers to Pascal and
6 Elevation, who used to go with Issa. So Pascal used to go to
7 Monrovia, and Elevation used to go with Issa to Monrovia, and
8 they were the ones who gave Mohamed Kabbah this information.

9 Now, do you know a radio operator by the name called
13:03:55 10 Elevation, Mr Witness?

11 A. I know the name Elevation, but I don't know the person who
12 possesses that name, Elevation.

13 Q. How did you come to know that name, Elevation?

14 A. Okay. Elevation I remember from Base 1. Sunlight dealt
13:04:27 15 with him twice, once from Buedu. He was there when Sunlight
16 wanted to communicate with, I think - I think Daf. Elevation was
17 on the set and Sunlight told him to get Daf on the set.

18 Secondly, Elevation called from another direction. He
19 intercepted the communication between Base 1 - he intercepted
13:05:01 20 Base 1's communication whilst Base 1 was in search of Bravo
21 Zulu 4, that is Sam Bockarie's radio in Buedu. Elevation
22 intercepted this call and had Base 1 to connect with Bravo
23 Zulu 4.

24 Q. Was Elevation privy to any of the information that Base 1
13:05:28 25 exchanged with Bravo Zulu 4 during this communication?

26 A. Not at all.

27 Q. Did a radio operator called Elevation ever visit Base 1
28 while you were located at Base 1?

29 A. No.

1 Q. How about the radio operator --

2 A. I said I heard the name Elevation, and I said Sunlight
3 spoke with Elevation twice, but I don't know the individual who
4 has - who had the name Elevation.

13:06:10 5 Q. Well, the question was whether any radio operator from the
6 RUF with that name ever visited Base 1 when you were there.

7 A. When I was there, there was no operators from the RUF with
8 that name who ever visited Base 1.

9 Q. How about the operator with the name Pascal? Did that
13:06:34 10 person ever visit Base 1?

11 A. Also no.

12 Q. Are you aware of Issa Sesay ever visiting Monrovia with a
13 radio operator called Elevation or Pascal?

14 A. I am not aware of that.

13:06:55 15 Q. The witness referred to a radio operator in Foya by the
16 name of US-1. Are you aware of such an operator operating out of
17 Foya on behalf of the Government of Liberia?

18 A. Yes. US-1 once operated in Foya for the national police,
19 but he was also - he was using the navy's radio, Amphibian Base.

13:07:35 20 He was a police officer. But because the police never had their
21 own radio in Foya, when the navy moved there, he used to work
22 along with Tango Julia, or Seria Foxtrot of the navy division.

23 Q. Tango Julia or - did you say - who did you say besides
24 Tango Julia?

13:08:12 25 A. I said Tango Julia and Seria Foxtrot. Those were the navy
26 division's radio operators.

27 Q. Can you spell Seria Foxtrot for us, the first name?

28 A. Seria, S-E-R-I-A, Seria.

29 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. How about the assertion by Mohamed

1 Kabbah that the RUF sent a radio operator and a radio to Foya and
2 that was when Benjamin Yeaten was there and that radio operator
3 was called Mortiga, that he was based in Foya with Benjamin
4 Yeaten as a radio operator? Did this ever happen, that the RUF
13:09:20 5 sent a radio operator and a radio to be based with Benjamin
6 Yeaten in Foya?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Was the Government of Liberia short of radios, that they
9 needed a radio from the RUF?

13:09:39 10 A. No.

11 Q. To your knowledge, was a radio operator called Mortiga ever
12 a radio operator for Benjamin Yeaten?

13 A. I stated this here yesterday, and I will say it again:

14 There was no radio operator with Benjamin Yeaten called Mortiga.

13:10:10 15 Q. Now, do you know why, if US-1 was a radio operator in Foya
16 and there was already a radio in Foya, why there was the need for
17 the RUF to send a radio to Benjamin Yeaten in Foya?

18 A. Please repeat your question.

19 Q. Yes. You told us that US-1 once operated in Foya for the
13:10:39 20 national police. It was the navy's radio, Amphibian Base. So
21 there was already a radio in Foya, according to you, and my
22 question is: Why would the RUF need to send a radio operator and
23 a radio to Benjamin Yeaten in Foya when the Government of Liberia
24 already had a radio in Foya? Do you know why that would happen?

13:11:08 25 A. I don't know.

26 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, continuing. Mohamed Kabbah
27 said Osman Tolo was the RUF operator who was based in Monrovia
28 with the RUF set. Says with the RUF set. That Memunatu Deen was
29 first in Monrovia and then afterwards, by the time the RUF was in

1 Buedu, Osman Tolo went to Monrovia. Says he was appointed by
2 Sam Bockarie.

3 Mr Witness, at any time during the period of time when
4 Memunatu Deen was in Liberia using Base 1, did Osman Tolo join
13:12:11 5 her in Liberia with the RUF set?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we go to the next page,
8 16135:

9 "Q. Do you know approximately how long after you arrived in
13:12:39 10 Buedu that this appointment occurred?"

11 This is the appointment of Osman Tolo by Sam Bockarie that
12 Tolo should be based in Monrovia.

13 "A. When we retreated to Buedu at that time, in about two
14 months' time Memuna came to Buedu and when she came that
13:13:01 15 was the time the discussion took place. On her return it
16 was the time Sam Bockarie said that the two of them should
17 go, because he said the husband should go and live together
18 with his wife.

19 Q. You said the name Memunatu Deen and then you said
13:13:23 20 Memuna Deen. Which one is it?

21 A. Memuna Deen.

22 Q. Who was she? Who was Memuna Deen?

23 A. Memuna was an RUF operator - radio operator, I mean.

24 Q. And where was she based?

13:13:43 25 A. She was based in Monrovia to a Pa called Pa Musa. They
26 said the radio was at his house. That was where they were
27 based.

28 Q. Do you know why she was based in Monrovia?

29 A. Yes. She was based there because she too was to be

1 giving us information that related especially to the time
2 Pa Sankoh had been arrested in Nigeria, and also for her to
3 be giving us updated activity reports in Monrovia when they
4 heard about anything, be it good or bad. So that was our
13:14:27 5 station.

6 Q. What do you mean when you say 'when they heard about
7 anything'? Who is 'they'?

8 A. The operators who were there, Memuna and Tolo. That
9 was their mission there, for them to be updating us with
13:14:47 10 information about anything that was happening in Monrovia."

11 Let's pause. Mr Witness, Mohamed Kabbah said Memuna was
12 based, and he refers to the person as Memuna Deen - was based in
13 Monrovia at Pa Musa's house. The radio was at his house and
14 that's where they were based. And then the explanation is given
13:15:19 15 later on that the "they" means Memuna and Tolo.

16 Now, at the time when you were in Base 1, when the person
17 you refer to as Memunatu Deen used to come to Base 1, was there
18 an occasion when that person went to Sierra Leone, returned and
19 advised those at Base 1 that they had been to Sierra Leone and
13:15:44 20 returned with their husband?

21 A. No. And let me clarify something concerning Tolo, because
22 the witness had said Tolo was at Base 1. I never knew or I never
23 saw Tolo, with the exception of the time that I saw him during
24 Sam Bockarie's final stay in Liberia. But if this Tolo, or Osman
13:16:28 25 Tolo, or any Tolo had been in Liberia before as an RUF operator,
26 or had been living in Liberia before, I don't know.

27 Q. But the person you saw when Sam Bockarie finally came to
28 Monrovia, or Liberia, had you ever seen that person before in
29 Monrovia?

1 A. No. This is what I am saying.

2 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we go to the following page -
3 actually let's stay on the same page, line 29. There is a
4 question there:

13:17:17 5 "Q. I want to talk about the frequency of your radio
6 stations in Buedu communication with Sunlight during the
7 time period you were based in Buedu. Approximately how
8 frequently were you in communication with Sunlight?

9 A. I had said that this process was a continuous flow. By
13:17:44 10 that I mean it was a daily activity. It was not a hidden
11 programme. It was quite clear that every day we
12 communicated with Sunlight.

13 Q. What were the content - what were some of the things
14 you remember about the content of those communications?

13:18:06 15 A. The communications that we used to have with Sunlight
16 were: One, in the morning, after receiving reports from
17 our various front lines and at times when he called he
18 would ask us about news on the ground and then we would
19 tell him that things are good, but at any time we got
13:18:30 20 attacks we would also tell him that we had an attack. That
21 besides, if at any time Charles Taylor needed to talk to
22 Sam Bockarie, then Sunlight would tell us that his Pa,
23 Charles Taylor, said Sam Bockarie should go. That happened
24 at all times that he needed him and if at all from within
13:18:57 25 the RUF Sam Bockarie wanted to move to go to Monrovia, he
26 would tell us that and we would tell Sunlight that
27 Sam Bockarie wanted to go and meet the Pa, Charles Taylor,
28 and they would go and they would give the go-ahead and
29 Sam Bockarie's movement was a free movement. At any time

1 he wanted to go to Monrovia he was welcome."

2 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, Mohamed Kabbah discussed
3 two things: One, the frequency of communication. He said, "It
4 was a daily activity. It was not hidden. Every day we
13:19:42 5 communicated with Sunlight." While you were at Base 1, was it
6 the case that every day Base 1 communicated with Buedu?

7 A. No. Base 1 was not in a daily communication with Buedu.
8 Base 1 - Buedu was not part of Buedu station. Base 1 - even
9 though it communicated with Buedu or the RUF, but Base 1 had her
13:20:26 10 own job to do. That is, Base 1 was the radio of the Republic of
11 Liberia. So Base 1 was not engaged in a daily conversation with
12 Buedu. Base 1 only connected with Buedu whenever she received
13 information from her boss for Sam Bockarie.

14 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Mohamed Kabbah suggested to this
13:20:53 15 Court that reports from the various front lines, that is RUF
16 front lines, were conveyed to Sunlight when they would have this
17 radio communication. The witness said that Sunlight would ask
18 them about news on the ground and they would tell Sunlight if
19 they got attacks. They would also tell Sunlight that things were
13:21:21 20 good.

21 The nature of communication between Base 1 and Buedu, was
22 it in a similar vein? That is, the transmittal of situation
23 reports or operational reports from Buedu to Base 1, advising
24 Base 1 about what was happening at the front lines in
13:21:45 25 Sierra Leone?

26 A. Base 1 was never receiving situation reports from the RUF.
27 Base 1 was not charged with the responsibility to do that. Those
28 operators at Base 1 never received situation reports or asked the
29 RUF for their situation reports.

1 Q. And now listen to this. Mohamed Kabbah said to the Court
2 another aspect of this, which is that Sam Bockarie was free to
3 move into Monrovia at any time, he was welcome. And the manner
4 in which that would occur would be at any time Charles Taylor
13:22:37 5 needed to talk to Sam Bockarie, Sunlight would tell the RUF that
6 Charles Taylor said Sam Bockarie should go to Monrovia. And vice
7 versa. Within the RUF, if Sam Bockarie wanted to go to Monrovia,
8 he would tell Kabbah and the others and they would tell Sunlight
9 that Sam Bockarie wanted to go and meet the Pa, Charles Taylor.

13:23:05 10 Now, Mr Witness, were the operators at Base 1 the
11 facilitators of Sam Bockarie's movement in and out of Monrovia?

12 A. Those operators - it would have been a blessing for them if
13 they had access to the President at that time. There was nothing
14 like that.

13:23:27 15 Q. Which operators are you referring to when you say --

16 A. I'm speaking of the operators at Base 1, Dew and Sunlight.
17 I'm sorry, Romeo Tango. That is to say that Sunlight or any of
18 those operators at Base 1 never had direct or indirect access to
19 the President in terms of receiving information from him or even
13:24:05 20 in terms of seeing him or speaking to him on the telephone or on
21 a radio communication set. Never. It never happened.

22 Q. Thank you Mr Witness, if we go to the next page, 16137 at
23 line 28, there is a question posed to the witness there, starting
24 at line 27:

13:24:30 25 "Q. Earlier you said that Sunlight would receive reports
26 from your stations in Buedu. Is that correct?

27 A. Yes."

28 We are now at 16138:

29 "Q. Explain what you mean. What exactly were you - what

1 exactly was in the messages that you were sending to
2 Sunlight?

3 A. The war that we fought in Sierra Leone the RUF and the
4 Government of Liberia were like brothers and sisters, and
13:25:08 5 whatsoever thing that went on within the RUF, be it good or
6 bad, we would have to inform Sunlight because we
7 communicated every day for him to have knowledge of it so
8 that Charles Taylor too would know, because whatever
9 information our station, that is the headquarters station,
13:25:29 10 that Sunlight received from us, Charles Taylor too would be
11 able to know.

12 Q. Why did you say 'we would have to inform Sunlight'?

13 A. I have said this. I said the operation that went on in
14 Sierra Leone, let me say materials in terms of ammunition,
13:25:51 15 we got it from that country through Charles Taylor, so
16 whatever operation that took place within the RUF was not
17 anything hidden from them. We had communication with them
18 every day.

19 Q. Now, you said that 'in Sierra Leone, let me say
13:26:13 20 materials in terms of ammunitions, we got it from that
21 country through Charles Taylor'. Explain what you know
22 about this.

23 A. When we needed - that is, when the RUF needed
24 ammunition, Sam Bockarie would give us a message, or he
13:26:29 25 would tell Sunlight - we would communicate directly with
26 Sunlight for him to inform Charles Taylor that we needed
27 ammunition. So the response that came, it would be based
28 on that, that Sam Bockarie would go to Monrovia to bring
29 ammunition, food, used clothing and some other things.

1 Q. Now, in terms of this, that you've just described, what
2 time period are you referring to?

3 A. That was the time we were in Buedu that I am speaking
4 about.

13:27:07 5 Q. Now, can you, estimate about how often this would
6 occur; this being what you've just described, in terms of
7 the message to Sunlight requesting ammunition?

8 A. I said at any time we were short of ammunition - I
9 cannot estimate whether it was one time or two times, but
13:27:30 10 at any time we were short of arms, that was the area from
11 which we got supplies. We would always ask."

12 Let's stop there. Mr Witness, a couple of things. Going
13 back to the previous page, this witness, Mohamed Kabbah, referred
14 to the RUF and the Government of Liberia like brothers - that
13:27:56 15 they were like brothers and sisters. Is that a characterisation
16 that you accept?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Why do you not accept it?

19 A. Because the connection between Benjamin Yeaten and
13:28:19 20 Sam Bockarie was a personal connection. It was a personal
21 connection. It was not based - it was not because - he was not
22 doing it in the interests of the Government of the Republic of
23 Liberia. And then, also to my knowledge, the Government of
24 Liberia did not have any link, or never had a link with the RUF,
13:28:53 25 in terms of the movement of the RUF. There was no cooperation
26 between the RUF and the Government of Liberia, to my knowledge.

27 Q. But listen to what the witness said. He said:

28 "They communicated every day, for him", that is Charles
29 Taylor, "so that Charles Taylor would know what was going on in

1 the RUF, whether it was good or bad he said we would have to
2 inform Sunlight. It was as if it was a requirement that they
3 would have to inform Sunlight every day for him to have knowledge
4 of it so that Charles Taylor too would know."

13:29:38 5 To your knowledge, did Sunlight have, on a daily basis,
6 knowledge of what was happening to the RUF?

7 A. No. Sunlight never had, on a daily basis he never
8 communicated with the RUF. He never required a situation report
9 from the RUF. And Sunlight, one thing, again, Sunlight being
10 used by Benjamin Yeaten to communicate with the RUF was not to
11 the knowledge of the President of the Republic of Liberia. So as
12 to enable him to receive information from the President of the
13 Republic of Liberia to Sam Bockarie or from Sam Bockarie to the
14 President of the Republic of Liberia. It was not to his
15 knowledge. It was not to the knowledge of the President. He did
16 not know anything, absolutely anything.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I have my eye on the clock. It
18 is now half past one. We will take our luncheon break and
19 reconvene at 2.30.

13:30:59 20 [Lunch break taken at 1.31 p.m.]

21 [Upon resuming at 2.34 p.m.]

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good afternoon. Mr Anyah, please
23 continue.

24 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

14:34:56 25 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness.

26 A. Good afternoon, sir.

27 Q. Before Court adjourned for the lunch break, we were
28 reviewing evidence given to the Court by a Prosecution witness
29 named Mohamed Kabbah; do you recall that?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. I had read to you transcripts from Mr Kabbah's evidence,
3 the transcript of 12 September, we were at page 16138, and I have
4 a question or two in respect of what I read to you.

14:35:33 5 Mr Kabbah said at line 21:

6 "When we needed" - that is, when the RUF needed -
7 "ammunition, Sam Bockarie would give us a message or he would
8 tell Sunlight, we would communicate directly with Sunlight, for
9 him to inform Charles Taylor that we needed ammunition. So the
10 response that came, it would be based on that, that Sam Bockarie
11 would go to Monrovia to bring ammunition, food, used clothing and
12 some other things."

13 Now, Mr Kabbah makes it quite specific here that the
14 message they would communicate directly to Sunlight was for
14:36:20 15 Sunlight to inform Charles Taylor that they needed ammunition.
16 While you were at Base 1, Mr Witness, was there ever an occasion,
17 to your recollection, when Sunlight transmitted this sort of
18 message, which amounts to a request for ammunition and supplies,
19 from the RUF to the President of Liberia, Charles Taylor?

14:36:46 20 A. To my knowledge, when I was there, Sunlight did not receive
21 any message from Sam Bockarie for the President, Charles Taylor.

22 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. How about the request for arms,
23 because there is a passing reference, perhaps it's a
24 typographical error but it appears nonetheless on the transcript
14:37:23 25 in relation to arms, when the witness says on the following page,
26 page 16139:

27 "I said at any time we were short of ammunition, I cannot
28 the estimate whether it was one time or two times, but at any
29 time we were short of ammunition - of arms, that was the area

1 from which we got supplies. We would always ask."

2 Was there an occasion to your knowledge when Sam Bockarie
3 made a request for arms, through Base 1, to Charles Taylor?

14:38:11

4 A. To my knowledge, at no time did Sam Bockarie ever make a
5 request for arms or ammunition through Base 1, or through the
6 operators at Base 1, for the President, Charles Taylor.

7 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we please go to the same day's
8 transcript, to page 16142, five pages below the current page.

14:38:55

9 Well, it's four pages below the current page. 16142. Thank you,
10 Madam Court Manager. Going to line 25 of that page. The
11 question is posed to Mr Kabbah:

12 "Q. Now, you also mentioned somebody called Liberian
13 Mosquito. Who was that?

14:39:19

14 A. Liberian Mosquito was an NPFL. He too was tall,
15 because in Liberia, when somebody was a thin person, they
16 would refer to that person as Mosquito. They used to call
17 him also General Mosquito, but he used to stammer. He was
18 a thin, black, tall man, but he used to stammer."

19 We are now on the following page:

14:39:44

20 "Q. Now, when you referred to radio communications, you
21 said that you would talk to Sunlight, is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Just to be clear, when you're saying 'you', are you
24 referring to you, the radio operator, or you as in the
25 group in Buedu?

14:40:17

26 A. Not me alone. Those of us who were at the station at
27 Buedu, the headquarters station, we used to talk directly
28 to Sunlight. I used to talk to him, Zedman used to talk to
29 him, Tiger used to talk to him, Pascal used to talk to him.

1 Those of us who were at the headquarters station, all of us
2 used to talk to him.

3 Q. Did anyone else, aside from you and the other
4 operators, talk on the radio?

14:40:55 5 A. Do you mean to Sunlight?

6 Q. To anyone in Liberia.

7 A. Some of the stations used to do that, but in hiding,
8 because it was a kind of restriction. We called it net
9 discipline. That was an outside station. It was only the

14:41:18 10 control station that had the mandate to do those things.

11 We never used to allow such.

12 Q. Did anyone, aside from Sunlight, get on the radio from
13 Liberia?

14 A. Yes. Benjamin Yeaten used to talk to Sam Bockarie and
14:41:36 15 the other commanders in Sierra Leone in the RUF,
16 especially at the time Mortiga was now assigned to him, he
17 used to communicate with us directly.

18 Q. So who exactly would Benjamin Yeaten be talking to on
19 the radio? "

14:42:01 20 Over to the next page:

21 "A. At the time that Sam Bockarie was in power, he used to
22 talk to Sam Bockarie; when Issa was in power, he used to
23 talk to Issa."

24 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, a couple of questions. We
14:42:19 25 have been through some of them before. One, starting from where
26 we just left off with the transcript: To your knowledge, while
27 you were at Base 1, did Benjamin Yeaten have any communication
28 with Issa Sesay on the radio?

29 A. Not to my knowledge. And, like I said, and I will repeat,

1 during my stay at Base 1, Benjamin Yeaten never spoke to anyone
2 on the radio.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. How about this suggestion by
4 Mohamed Kabbah that although only the control station had the
14:43:08 5 mandate to speak to Sunlight in Liberia, some of the stations
6 used to do that, but in hiding because it was a kind of
7 restriction.

8 Were there occasions to your knowledge, Mr Witness, when
9 other RUF radio stations would contact Base 1 without the
14:43:31 10 knowledge of Planet 1 or Bravo Zulu 4?

11 A. To my knowledge, no other stations in the RUF, besides
12 Bravo Zulu 4 or Planet 1, as it was called, ever had
13 communication or that had a private talk or any kind of
14 communication with Base 1 in secret. No.

14:44:16 15 Q. Now, you heard the names mentioned by this witness, the
16 names of operators who were at the headquarters station in Buedu,
17 the witness mentioned Zedman, Tiger and Pascal, saying that
18 "those of us who were at the headquarters station, all of us used
19 to talk to him." That is Sunlight. You were at Base 1 with
14:44:42 20 Sunlight. To your knowledge, did Sunlight discuss any matters of
21 substance, that is, matters conveying information from Benjamin
22 Yeaten to Sam Bockarie or from Sam Bockarie to Benjamin Yeaten
23 with persons like Zedman, Pascal or Tiger?

24 A. To my knowledge, Sunlight did not convey any information to
14:45:15 25 any of those names mentioned from Benjamin Yeaten to
26 Sam Bockarie.

27 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. One last question. This witness
28 said that Liberian Mosquito was an NPFL. You remember yesterday
29 telling us about somebody called Christopher Varmoh and you

1 remember telling us that that person's name?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. Mohamed Kabbah says that Christopher Varmoh was NPFL. Do
4 you know if that is true?

14:45:53 5 A. That who was NPFL?

6 Q. That Liberian Mosquito was NPFL; the person, known as
7 Liberian Mosquito, was an NPFL. Do you know whether the person
8 you referred to yesterday as Liberian Mosquito, also known as
9 Christopher Varmoh, whether it was NPFL also?

14:46:26 10 A. No, the Christopher Varmoh that I referred to yesterday was
11 a member of the Armed Forces of Liberia. He was the commander of
12 the Armed forces of Liberia there, the AFL.

13 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we continue where we left
14 off, page 16144, line 4:

14:46:52 15 "Q. And do you recall the subject of the communications
16 between Benjamin Yeaten and Sam Bockarie?

17 A. Yes. At times, just like I am talking about this,
18 these attacks that we carried out, because they were
19 military operations. It was not an ordinary civilian talk.

14:47:14 20 In the morning sometimes he will talk on those issues of
21 development on the front lines and at one time when,

22 in fact, the 6 January invasion took place in Freetown when
23 ECOMOG was pushing the men. At that time Mosquito spoke
24 with Benjamin Yeaten, and so he said 'the situation is

14:47:39 25 becoming bad at the front line. The enemies were pushing
26 our men out of the town'. So Benjamin Yeaten told him why

27 he was not trying to reinforce the men in the city. He
28 said, 'You know the city is big. You need to reinforce
29 them'. So that was one communication that I can cite as an

1 example that went on between Benjamin Yeaten and
2 Sam Bockarie, but they used to talk on military issues.
3 When sometimes there was an attack on us - on their side" -
4 sorry - when sometimes there was an attack on their own
14:48:27 5 side, even in Liberia, when they used to attack them he
6 will send to us. He used to send to Sam Bockarie to send
7 manpower and manpower used to go to assist them really.
8 Q. During the time you were in Buedu, do you know why
9 Sam Bockarie was talking to Benjamin Yeaten?
14:48:53 10 A. Yes, I said this was - how would I put it really? It
11 was a sort of a joint operation that was going on.
12 Everybody wanted to know the successes and the failures
13 that each had at a particular time, so they used to talk on
14 those things."
14:49:14 15 Let's pause. The witness Mohamed Kabbah refers
16 to January 6 invasion that took place in Freetown. The witness
17 says that there was a communication between Mosquito and Benjamin
18 Yeaten. And Yeaten said something to the effect that "you know
19 the city is big, you need to reinforce them". This is Yeaten
14:49:47 20 speaking to Sam Bockarie. Mr Witness, are you aware of Benjamin
21 Yeaten having this sort of communication with Sam Bockarie around
22 6 January 1999?
23 A. I am not aware of such a communication, and it is not to my
24 knowledge.
14:50:05 25 Q. You remember testifying that Benjamin Yeaten listened to a
26 BBC broadcast from the radio within the jeep that he owned, that
27 this jeep was in front of his house, and you also heard the BBC
28 broadcast regarding an occurrence in Freetown, that you heard
29 this BBC broadcast around the 7 January 1999? You recall

1 mentioning that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. After you and Yeaten heard that broadcast, are you aware of
4 Yeaten making contact with Sam Bockarie, whether by radio or by
14:50:48 5 satellite telephone, to discuss what was happening in Freetown
6 with Sam Bockarie?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you hear whether any such thing happened; that Yeaten
9 had found out some more information, directly from Sam Bockarie,
14:51:05 10 about what was happening in Freetown?

11 A. I did not hear that.

12 Q. Shall we please go to the transcript of 15 September 2008,
13 that's September 15, 2008, starting at page 16175. Thank you,
14 Madam Court Manager. I'll start at line number 14. Mr Witness,
14:52:00 15 this is still Mohamed Kabbah testifying. A question was posed to
16 Mohamed Kabbah:

17 "Q. You also said that Sam Bockarie was in communication
18 on a satellite phone with Charles Taylor. Before you
19 explain that, first of all, how do you know that?

14:52:20 20 A. That was not any hidden thing, particularly with
21 regards to communication, that was not hidden to me
22 particularly because I was in charge. Once when
23 Sam Bockarie went to Liberia, he brought a satellite phone,
24 just like handset that people use, that security guards
14:52:50 25 use. That was what he communicated with always whenever he
26 wanted to talk to Charles Taylor. When he would want to
27 talk to Charles Taylor he would tell like me or the
28 operator who would be on duty to tell Sunlight, because
29 Sunlight was the one who worked at Charles Taylor's radio

1 station, the Mansion Ground. He would say, 'Tell Sunlight
2 that I want to talk to Father,' because we used to call him
3 Father or Pa, so he would say, 'I want to talk to Pa or
4 Father.' So Sunlight would tell Charles Taylor that,
14:53:32 5 'Sam Bockarie wants to talk to you,' and he would switch on
6 the phone and call. At that time, Sam Bockarie would be on
7 the stand-by. It was not any secret. It was not hidden or
8 that the satellite phone was not there. No, he had it. He
9 used to hang it on his pants walking around with it. It
14:54:01 10 was not hidden. And for communications, it was - I would
11 either be present or not, but I will know."
12 Just pause there. Mohamed Kabbah again referring to
13 Sunlight as the one who worked at Charles Taylor's radio station.
14 Is that true, Mr Witness?
14:54:24 15 A. That's not true.
16 Q. Mohamed Kabbah's saying that communication between
17 Sam Bockarie and Charles Taylor was not a hidden matter; that it
18 was not any secret. Are you aware of such an open secret,
19 Mr Witness; something that everybody knew?
14:54:48 20 A. I don't know about communication between Sam Bockarie and
21 President Taylor.
22 Q. Did you ever hear that Sam Bockarie was in communication
23 with the President of Liberia in this manner; where one would
24 tell the other one to turn on the telephone and Sam Bockarie
14:55:10 25 would be on stand-by?
26 A. I never heard about communication between Sam Bockarie and
27 President Taylor in any way.
28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. We continue at line 10:
29 "Q. At the time of the Freetown invasion, how do you know

1 he was - Sam Bockarie was in communication with a satellite
2 phone with Charles Taylor?

3 A. All along communication on the VHF went all other
4 commanders, but the satellite phone communication went on
14:56:02 5 directly to Charles Taylor. The night that the dialogue
6 took place, that was at the MP headquarters in Buedu, the
7 operator who was on duty, Tiger, Sam Bockarie told him to
8 tell Sunlight to tell his Pa that he wanted to talk to him,
9 and that is Charles Taylor. And that very night, Tiger
14:56:35 10 passed a message to Sunlight, and where the satellite phone
11 would receive call radios up at the MP and Sam Bockarie
12 went into the vehicle and they went. That was the Planet 1
13 and the - we too were at the" - and then there was an
14 interruption. The witness went on to say at line 28:

14:57:03 15 "Sam Bockarie, I said he went into his vehicle, that was -
16 that was having the mobile radio. We referred to that radio as
17 Planet 1. The base radio, that was Marvel, too was in a vehicle
18 and we went into that vehicle, we and the - myself and the other
19 operators and some bodyguards, we went to the MP. That was where
14:57:33 20 we were that night when he called and this discussion took
21 place."

22 And then some follow-up questions.

23 "Q. Were you present when Sam Bockarie this call?

24 A. I was present. I said it was up at the MP station,
14:57:51 25 because there is where you - there was the hill and that
26 was where the satellite got coverage.

27 Q. Who else was present in this particular instance when
28 Sam Bockarie made this satellite call?

29 A. I was present, Tiger who was on duty was present,

1 Pascal who was with Planet 1, that is, Sam Bockarie's
2 station, was there. His bodyguard commander Foday too was
3 there".

4 Mr Witness, this appears to be an event that was observed
14:58:32 5 or undertaken in the presence of many people: Mohamed Kabbah was
6 there; Tiger was there; Pascal was there; a bodyguard commander
7 called Foday was there. It was at the MP station, up on a hill
8 and they passed this message to Sunlight and that is how there
9 was a communication between Charles Taylor and Sam Bockarie. Are
14:59:08 10 you aware of any of this happening, Mr Witness?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Thank you. Now, can we consider the testimony of another
13 witness. I will leave Mr Kabbah's testimony for the time being.
14 This is a transcript from 2 December 2008, at page 21440. That's
14:59:56 15 page 21440, 2 December 2008. Thank you, Madam Court Manager.

16 Mr Witness, this is TF1-274. This witness gave his name to
17 the Court as Dauda Aruna Fornie. That was given in open session
18 at page 21292 of the transcript of 1 December 2008. This
19 witness's nickname is Daf, or radio code name Daf. Line 27 of
15:00:47 20 that page, 2 December's transcript, a question was asked of Daf:

21 "Q. Now, why were you with Mosquito? Why were you with
22 Sam Bockarie along on this - to these locations, such as
23 Daru? Why were you there?

24 A. I was with him for communication purposes, to
15:01:16 25 coordinate communication.

26 Q. Who were you in communication with?

27 A. I communicated with stations in the various front
28 lines, like when Issa and others were towards the Freetown
29 area, together with Superman, Johnny Paul Koroma and the

1 others who were retreating, and I was communicating also
2 with stations in Monrovia. I communicated with a
3 particular station, to be specific, in Monrovia.

4 Q. What station was that?

15:01:58 5 A. The station was Base 1. Base 1, which was operated -
6 actually, there were two operators who were there, but the
7 one that I can recall now was operator Sunlight. Sunlight.
8 Sunlight was Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator.

9 Q. Now, the time we were discussing, was this period when
15:02:29 10 the day after you stayed in Pendembu and you were
11 travelling with Sam Bockarie to several locations including
12 Daru and Kui va. Now, I'm asking you specifically about
13 this time period. Who were you in communication with?

14 A. I was in communication with the entire RUF radio
15:02:53 15 stations, including a radio station in Liberia, Monrovia.

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

19 A. Well, yes, I can recall that Base 1, it was from
15:03:22 20 Pendembu - it was from Pendembu that I started
21 communicating with Base 1, from Pendembu."

22 Let's pause there. Mr Witness, you have spoken during your
23 testimony of an RUF radio operator called Daf. You have
24 indicated today that you've learnt through these proceedings that
15:03:49 25 his name was Dauda Forni e. The witness's evidence that I'm
26 reading was Dauda Forni e. Do you recall when you were based at
27 Base 1 having radio communication contact with Daf while Daf was
28 at Pendembu?

29 A. No.

1 Q. If we were to go to page 21441, about three or four pages
2 ahead, the witness gives us a time frame for this. The witness
3 says it was early in 1998. That was when the witness moved with
4 Sam Bockarie through these areas, early 1998. Does that assist
15:04:36 5 you, Mr Witness? In early 1998 --

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: What page are you on now?

7 MR ANYAH: Sorry, your Honour. I left briefly the page I
8 was on, which was 21441, and I made a reference to page 21444.

9 JUDGE LUSSICK: You didn't make any reference to that page.
15:04:58 10 That's why I asked you what page you were on.

11 MR ANYAH: Oh, I see. I apologise for that. Yes. I
12 actually repeated the same - the page number for the very page I
13 was on when I said, "If we were to go to page 21441." I actually
14 meant page 21444, just three pages ahead. It gives us a
15:05:24 15 time frame for when Daf was in the vicinity of Pendembu because
16 on that page at line 23, in response to a question, "Can you put
17 a time frame on this now, is it possible for you to put a month
18 and year?" Daf said, "That was early 1998."

19 Q. So now going back to the page I was at, page 21441,
15:05:53 20 2 December 2008. Mr Witness, I was asking you a question: Does
21 it assist you to remember whether this type of communication took
22 place between Daf and Base 1 if you were told it happened around
23 early 1998?

24 A. In early 1998 there was no station called Base 1 at that
15:06:29 25 time in early 1998, so there was no communication between Daf and
26 Sunlight during that time.

27 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Well, let me read line 28:

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

1 Over to the next page, page 21442, Daf responds:
2 "A. The content. I received orders from CO Mosqui to to
3 contact the other side, that is Liberia. That was one of
4 the ways we referred to Liberia as 'the other side', that
15:07:17 5 is, Liberia, to contact and inform Papay Musa and Benjamin
6 that the situation had got out of hands, that ECOMOG had
7 flushed us out of most of the areas that we occupied and
8 that we had retreated to as far as Kailahun District and
9 that the other people were still retreating and they were
15:07:41 10 in the Northern Area, some of our colleagues, some of our
11 colleague fighters who were in the Western Area were on the
12 run retreating towards the Kono area, and that we needed
13 material, we needed material, that is, ammunition, to stop
14 the ECOMOG advance into our territory.

15:08:04 15 Q. What happened?
16 A. From there, Sunlight told Five-Zero that message and
17 Five-Zero in turn, told Mosqui to that he will get on to
18 him, that he will get on to him.

19 Q. How do you know that Sunlight told Five-Zero that
15:08:27 20 message?
21 A. Sunlight came back. He came back on the net and
22 contacted me, and he contacted us and said he had passed
23 the message on to Five-Zero, and Five-Zero had said
24 Mosqui to should be on the standby and that he would get a
15:08:50 25 response from him later. But on that very day, we did not
26 get any response in respect of that message until the
27 following morning when we were in Pendembu. That was when
28 we got a response with regards that message.

29 Q. What was that response?

1 A. The response was for Mosqui to to travel to Monrovia.
2 It was for Mosqui to to travel to Monrovia on the
3 instructions of Mr Taylor according to Benjamin Yeaten."
4 Let's pause. Mr Witness, you are following. Daf was
15:09:30 5 essentially telling the Court that they contacted Monrovia, at
6 the request of Sam Bockarie, and it was to inform somebody called
7 Papay Musa and Benjamin that the situation was out of hands, that
8 they needed material, and the material in question, ammunition,
9 to stop the ECOMOG advance into the RUF territory. From there,
15:10:01 10 Daf says Sunlight told Five-Zero this message. They did not get
11 a response on the same day from Five-Zero. On the following day
12 they got a response; that was when they were in Pendembu. And
13 the response was for Mosqui to to travel to Monrovia on the
14 instructions of Mr Taylor. Can you help us make sense of this,
15:10:30 15 Mr Witness? Was there such an exchange of information that while
16 Daf and the others were at Pendembu, they received a message
17 asking Sam Bockarie to travel to Monrovia, all of this in early
18 1998, at the request of Charles Taylor to come and receive
19 ammunition?

15:11:01 20 A. I will begin again by saying that there was no Government
21 of Liberia VHF communication station at that time, early 1998,
22 that was called Base 1. In early 1998, Sunlight was assigned at
23 the Executive Mansion of the Republic of Liberia. And again,
24 there was no time that Sunlight ever received communication from
15:11:32 25 the RUF wherein they made requisition for arms and ammunition to
26 the President of Liberia or to Benjamin Yeaten. And, lastly,
27 throughout the time that I was at Base 1 at Benjamin Yeaten's
28 house, Sunlight or Dew never received an instruction from
29 Benjamin Yeaten in which he told them to ask Sam Bockarie to come

1 to Liberia. There was no such message received.

2 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, over to the next page.

3 Page 21443, starting at line 7, there's a question asked of Daf:

15:12:36

4 "Q. With regard to this particular set of communications
5 between Sunlight and you and Sam Bockarie, specifically
6 what were you doing in relation to these communications?

7 A. I received messages and I also transmitted messages at
8 that time from Mosquito to Benjamin Yeaten and from
9 Benjamin Yeaten to Mosquito, from Mosquito to the various
10 front lines, and from the various front lines to Mosquito.

15:13:00

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

12 A. The operators would contact and sometimes Mosquito
13 himself would talk.

14 Q. Mr Witness, referring specifically to this set of
15 communications that you are talking about after you
16 arrived in Pendembu, and you have referred to
17 communications with Base 1 and an operator named Sunlight,
18 who specifically was doing the talking on the radio?

15:13:24

19 A. I did the talking. I did the communication with
20 Sunlight directly.

15:13:46

21 Q. Was there anybody else involved in the actual talking
22 on the radio?

23 A. Yes. There were other radio operators. Then one
24 morning, when I received that response from Sunlight,
25 Mosquito spoke directly to Sunlight. He spoke directly to
26 Sunlight."

15:14:03

27 Now, Daf has further explained that there were other radio
28 operators involved and that on the morning when they received the
29 response from Sunlight, Mosquito spoke directly to Sunlight. Did

1 that happen, Mr Witness?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Over to the next page --

4 A. Then he said "several operations". And I want to make it
15:14:42 5 clear again that in late 1998, that is, from September, when
6 Base 1 was installed, Sunlight was the only operator there during
7 that time up to November when Memunatu came, and then in
8 late December or January, that is, late December 1998
9 or January 1999, was when Dew joined Sunlight.

15:15:19 10 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, to the next page, page 21444,
11 at the top of the page, line 1:

12 "Q. Now, after you received this response from Sunlight,
13 what happened?

14 A. On that day, that morning, we went back to the front
15:15:41 15 line to settle the defensive problem, to make sure that the
16 defensive was well set on the front line, and when we came
17 back, we passed directly. We did not pass the night in
18 Pendembu any more and we went to Buedu. It was in Buedu
19 that we passed the night on that day.

15:16:03 20 The following day --"

21 And then another question is posed:

22 "Q. When you say 'we', who do you mean exactly?

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

15:16:22 25 Q. Now, how many people moved to Buedu? Who went - when
26 you went with Mosquito, aside from you and Mosquito, about
27 how many others were moving?

28 A. Well, we were - we had many vehicles, but in that
29 convoy, those of us who were going to Buedu, it was about

1 four vehicles that we used, about four vehicles that we
2 used to go to Buedu.

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

4 A. Yes.

15:16:55 5 Q. Can you put a time frame on this now? Is it possible
6 for you to put a month and year?

7 A. That was early 1998.

8 Q. You spoke earlier of an ECOMOG intervention occurring
9 in Freetown. By the point you reached Buedu, about how
10 much time had passed between the ECOMOG intervention and
11 the time you reached Buedu? Can you approximate?

12 A. Well, it was in the same month. It was in the same
13 month.

14 Q. Can you approximate how many days?"

15:17:34 15 And we go over to the next page:

16 "A. Because no, Freetown did not just fall and we went to
17 Buedu immediately, no. We were still in Kenema keeping the
18 defensive for about at least a week. We were still in
19 Kenema keeping the defensive. It was not just after
15:17:59 20 Freetown had fallen to ECOMOG that we left Kenema. We were
21 still keeping the defensive.

22 Q. Okay. You said you passed the night in Buedu. Then
23 what happened?

24 A. The following day, I took off for Monrovia, together
15:18:20 25 with Mosquito.

26 Q. Who else was with you?

27 A. One Rashid Sandy was there; one Shabadu was present,
28 Shabadu, together with some other bodyguards of Mosquito.
29 There was a Sellay Duwor, Sellay.

1 Q. Who is - okay. Before I ask you about these
2 individuals, about how many - how did you - by what means
3 were you travelling?

4 A. We used about three vehicles to go, about three
15:19:02 5 vehicles or so, yes."

6 And then he says they were jeeps and vans. And he says he
7 cannot give an approximate number and - but he says they were
8 around 15, that is, the individuals who went. And then line 29,
9 there is a question, which is:

10 "Q. Now, you mentioned Sam Bockarie of course, you
11 mentioned Rashid Sandy" - and we're over to page 21446 -
12 "and you mentioned Shabadu. Is there anybody else you
13 remember specifically?

14 Q. Yes. Those of us who took off from Buedu, I have just
15:19:58 15 named a few of us, and along the way we met Jungle, one
16 Colonel Jungle who was one of the Liberian securities,
17 and all of us travelled together.

18 Q. Where did you meet Jungle?

19 A. In Voinjama, because on that day we met him in Voinjama
15:20:21 20 and we spent the whole day in Voinjama until late in the
21 evening. That was when we took off from Voinjama.

22 Q. You mentioned an individual called Shabadu. Who was
23 he?

24 A. He was Mosquito's bodyguard commander at the time - or
15:20:43 25 at that time.

26 Q. Now, you also mentioned somebody called Sellay Duwor.
27 Who was that?

28 A. Sellay Duwor was a Liberian. At that time Sellay was
29 the overall signal commander.

1 Q. Overall signal commander for who?

2 A. For RUF/SL."

3 Now, let's pause there, Mr Witness. You follow what Daf
4 was testifying to here? Daf was saying that they left Pendembu,
15:21:24 5 did not spend the night, they went to Buedu, they spent the
6 night. The next day they took off for Monrovia, about 15 of
7 them, in about three vehicles. Daf, Sam Bockarie, Rashid Sandy,
8 Shabadu, Sellay Duwor, referred to here as a Liberian, who was
9 the overall signal commander for the RUF/SL, and on the way, in
15:21:56 10 Voinjama, I o and behold, they met Jungle.

11 Now, Mr Witness, you told us when you testified that the
12 first time Jungle was brought to Base 1 by Sampson was in late
13 1998. Do you recall that?

14 A. Yes.

15:22:16 15 Q. In early 1998, had you and anyone at Base 1, to your
16 knowledge, met Jungle before then? Sorry, let me rephrase the
17 question. Before meeting Jungle in late 1998 at Base 1, had you
18 heard of or known of this person called Jungle before then?

19 A. Never.

15:22:48 20 Q. Now, the names that were mentioned just now, Shabadu,
21 Rashid Sandy, have you heard those names before?

22 A. No.

23 MR ANYAH: I'm trying to look for the judicially noted fact
24 about the ECOMOG intervention, because that may help put a
15:23:15 25 time frame on this.

26 MR ANYAH: Madam President, may I have a minute, please.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Certainly.

28 MR ANYAH: Thank you.

29 Q. Yes, thank you. Judicially noted fact AD reads:

1 "ECOMOG ousted the AFRC/RUF junta from power on or about
2 14 February 1998."

3 Mr Witness, that's important, in the sense that this quote
4 has found that as a fact, it happened, on or about
15:23:55 5 14 February 1998.

6 Now, you recall Daf saying that they were still in Kenema
7 keeping the defensive and it was not just after Freetown had
8 fallen to ECOMOG that they left Kenema, that they were still
9 keeping the defensive. But you went on to say that they were in
15:24:19 10 Kenema for at least about a week. So we're still talking about
11 the month of February 1998 or thereabouts. And it's sometimes in
12 the vicinity of that month that all of this is occurring, leading
13 towards the end of the month. And he speaks of these convoy of
14 three vehicles with Sam Bockarie going to Monrovia.

15:24:48 15 Now, the Sellay Duwor that you knew, did that person, to
16 your knowledge - well, not the Sellay Duwor, you referred to him
17 as "Sellay" - the Sellay that you knew - the Sellay that you said
18 that you met when Sam Bockarie visited Monrovia for the first
19 time in late 1998, had that person, to your knowledge, been to
15:25:15 20 Liberia earlier that year, around February/March of 1998?

21 A. No.

22 Q. I'll continue to read page 21446, line 19:

23 "Q. So you said there were three vehicles leaving Buedu
24 and proceeding to Liberia. Describe what happened then.
15:25:48 25 Where did you go?

26 A. We went through Voinjama and Gbarnga, then to Monrovia.
27 And on the way, that is between Gbarnga and Kakata, we met
28 with Benjamin Yeaten and Mosquito entered his vehicle, and
29 all of us travelled together back to Monrovia. He went

1 back to Monrovia. All of us travelled to Monrovia.

2 Q. When you say all of you, when you meet Benjamin Yeaten
3 between Gbarnga and Kakata, first of all, describe exactly
4 what you observed. What did you see when you met him?"

15:26:33 5 Over to the next page:

6 "A. When we met Benjamin Yeaten, we turned the vehicle and
7 Mosquito got into Benjamin's jeep, and Mosquito left us in
8 the other jeep and he entered into Benjamin's jeep -

9 Benjamin's jeep. And all of us travelled, that is

15:26:59 10 ourselves, Mosquito, Benjamin Yeaten, the others; all of
11 us travelled to Monrovia. On the way, you know, there was
12 no security threat. Nobody disturbed us. The moment they
13 saw Mosquito - sorry, the moment the security post saw
14 Benjamin's vehicle they will just give him away.

15:27:21 15 Q. How did you know the person you were meeting there was
16 Benjamin Yeaten? How did you know that?

17 A. I did not know. In fact, I never knew that Benjamin
18 Yeaten was coming to receive us on the way. I did not have
19 any communication like that. We just saw him on the way
15:27:45 20 and he said he had come to receive us, and he said the
21 Papay had sent him to receive us. And that was when Jungle
22 said, 'This is Benjamin Yeaten, Papay's chief security'.
23 That is Charles Taylor's chief security. He said he was
24 the SS director.

15:28:08 25 Q. Who said that?

26 A. Jungle. Jungle."

27 Mr Witness, Daf told the Court that not only did they
28 happen upon Jungle in Voinjama, between Gbarnga and Kakata, all
29 of us sudden they ran into Benjamin Yeaten. Daf had not received

1 any communication that Yeaten was on his way to receive them but
2 Yeaten said he was there, he had come to receive them. He said
3 the Papay had sent him to receive these people, the Papay being
4 Charles Taylor.

15:28:52 5 Are you aware of Benjamin Yeaten receiving RUF delegates,
6 Sam Bockarie and others, somewhere in the vicinity of Gbarnga and
7 Kakata at the direction of Charles Taylor?

8 A. It's not to my knowledge.

9 Q. Are you aware of Benjamin Yeaten being in the company of
15:29:22 10 Jungle and RUF members in the early part of 1998?

11 A. I'm not aware of that.

12 Q. Shall we go to the next page, page 21448. Now, starting at
13 the stop of the page, question, to Mr Fornie. Well, this is
14 Mr Fornie giving an answer to a previous question which was,

15:30:00 15 "What happened after you got to Monrovia?" And Mr Fornie
16 responded:

17 "A. When we arrived in Monrovia, we were - Benjamin
18 distributed us to - Jungle took some people and he lodged
19 them at a particular place, and it was at Benjamin's house
15:30:21 20 with Sunlight and Mosquito" - sorry - "and I was at
21 Benjamin's house with Sunlight and Mosquito. Mosquito too
22 went to a different place, that was where he slept and
23 early in the morning he came."

24 And if we jump a few lines to line 12:

15:30:47 25 "Q. Later you said, 'I was at Benjamin's house with
26 Sunlight and Mosquito, Mosquito too went to a different
27 place,' what do you mean? Was Mosquito with - was Mosquito
28 with you or not?

29 A. Well, Mosquito was just with us during the day because

1 when we arrived at that night, we arrived late in the
2 night and so we needed some rest and so everybody went to
3 where he was to sleep. So early in the morning Mosquito
4 came and met with Benjamin Yeaten and I gave him updates
15:31:27 5 from the various front lines. And Mosquito, Benjamin
6 Yeaten and one" - sorry - "Mosquito, Benjamin and one
7 Rashid, they went out and they left me at Benjamin's house
8 that morning. Rashid, Mosquito and Sellay - Rashid,
9 Mosquito, Sellay and Benjamin Yeaten, there were four who
15:31:58 10 went out that morning and they left me at Benjamin's house.
11 Q. Now, you said you gave Sam Bockarie an update from the
12 various front lines, is that correct?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. How were you able to do that?
15:32:23 15 A. Well, that was the purpose why I travelled with
16 Mosquito to monitor the front lines and give him updates.
17 When I arrived that very night, I contacted them and, in
18 the morning, very early in the morning I went to radio
19 room, that is Base 1. I even used the Base 1 radio to
15:32:40 20 contact that morning, and I contacted the various front
21 lines to get updates. Then I fed Mosquito with the
22 information.
23 Q. Who did you contact on the front lines?
24 A. Almost all the front lines. I contacted Issa's
15:33:04 25 station. I contacted the various stations, Superman and
26 others. I contacted Eagle - I contacted Eagle's station.
27 There were other stations that I contacted. I contacted
28 many stations and I collected information from the various
29 front lines."

1 Let's pause. So, Mr Witness, Mr Fornie says they arrived
2 in Monrovia, they arrived late at night, they were tired - or at
3 least people needed some rest - that he, Mr Fornie, stayed at
4 Benjamin's house with Sunlight, that Mosquito left to stay at a
15:33:50 5 different place; in the morning Mosquito came and met him and Daf
6 gave Mosquito updates from the various front lines, and then four
7 persons left: Somebody named Rashid, Mosquito, Sellay and
8 Benjamin; they left. Daf remained at Yeaten's house.

9 Mr Witness, do you recall this type of an event: Daf
15:34:28 10 arrives at night, stays at Benjamin Yeaten's house; in the
11 morning he goes to the radio, he uses Base 1, the radio station
12 there, contacts all of the RUF front lines, or several of them,
13 including Superman's front line, Issa's station, and Eagle's
14 station, and then he first debriefs Sam Bockarie about the
15:34:57 15 information he obtained. Do you recall this happening?

16 A. No, and --

17 Q. Yes?

18 A. Yes. I do not recall such, and I would say it did not
19 happen that way. And in early 1999, there was no radio at
15:35:23 20 Benjamin Yeaten's house called Base 1, and in early 1999 I was
21 not at Benjamin Yeaten's house.

22 Q. Mr Witness, your responses are in relation to the year
23 1999. This witness was speaking about --

24 A. I'm sorry.

15:35:42 25 Q. -- early 1998. What do you say about early 1998?

26 A. Sorry, when I said 1999. That is in early 1998. My
27 assignment was at the Executive Mansion of Liberia in early 1998.
28 There was no radio at Benjamin Yeaten's house called Sunlight in
29 early 1998, there was no radio within the government radio

1 communication's system called Base 1. And then I personally
2 never saw Daf until in 1999 when he said, according to him, he
3 was part of the RUF delegation to Togo, and it was upon his
4 return that he called Sunlight and it was through that that I saw
15:36:43 5 him. So what has been explained by him did not happen that way.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

7 A. And one more. Even when I took up assignment at Base 1,
8 prior to the LURD attack in 1999, prior to LURD invasion in
9 mid-1999, Sunlight never slept in Benjamin Yeaten's house by the
15:37:16 10 radio at any point in time, so as to accommodate his friend or
11 other operators to sleep with him there. Sunlight never slept
12 there, as the witness said, that he and Sunlight spent the night
13 in Yeaten's yard. I think I heard something like that - in
14 Yeaten's house.

15:37:37 15 Q. Well, let me ask you this: Is it possible that Daf spent
16 the night at Benjamin Yeaten's house and then Sunlight would not
17 know about it?

18 A. It's not possible. It's not possible. Besides that,
19 spending the night at Benjamin Yeaten's yard - it's not possible
15:38:04 20 that Daf, being a radio operator of the RUF, Sunlight had been
21 dealing with him beginning late '98 and he would enter Benjamin
22 Yeaten's house where Sunlight was present without him seeing him
23 or knowing about it, it's not possible.

24 Q. And you told us the persons who resided with Benjamin
15:38:27 25 Yeaten in his house. Who were those persons again?

26 A. Those that lived in the house with Benjamin Yeaten were his
27 three wives, and his five children. Those were the people who
28 lived with Benjamin Yeaten in his house; his wife - his wives and
29 children.

1 Q. You had said previously two wives, if my memory serves me
2 right. Did Yeaten have two or three wives?

3 A. I think I made that clear. Benjamin Yeaten - I said
4 Benjamin Yeaten had two wives from the beginning. And later one
15:39:12 5 was added to them. Maybe I have not gone into that yet. Later
6 on in 2000 he had three. He had three wives and five children.

7 Q. But as of 1998 how many wives did he have?

8 A. As of 1998, he had two wives.

9 Q. And how many children did he have in 1998?

15:39:44 10 A. I don't know when the last one was born. Roughly he had up
11 to three or four children in 1998.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can I seek a clarification from the
13 witness. Mr Witness, counsel asked you, "Is it possible that Daf
14 spent the night at Benjamin Yeaten's house and Sunlight would not
15:40:07 15 know about it?" And your answer was, "It's not possible because
16 Sunlight had been dealing with Daf in the beginning of '98." Now
17 my question to you is: Do you know who Daf is? Have you ever
18 met Daf, in person? You, yourself, let alone Sunlight, but you,
19 yourself, have you ever met Daf, Dauda Fornie?

15:40:37 20 THE WITNESS: I personally met Daf before once. But for -
21 as a matter of correction, I never dealt with Daf in 1998. I
22 think I heard something like that. I, personally, saw Daf once.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I didn't say that you dealt with him. I
24 said Sunlight dealt with him. So would you recognise Daf if you
15:41:09 25 saw him today?

26 THE WITNESS: No, because I met him during that time. We
27 did not stay together for long. So if I see him today actually I
28 don't think I would easily make him up.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: You mean easily identify him?

1 THE WITNESS: To identify him - maybe I would recognise
2 him, but I'm not too sure because it's taken a very long time.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Thank you.

4 MR ANYAH:

15:41:53 5 Q. Mr Witness, just to make the record clear. I'm looking at
6 page 130 of the LiveNote transcript, my lines 6 through 10, using
7 a 14 point font. There's a part that reads:

8 "It's not possible. It's not possible. Besides that,
9 spending the night at Benjamin Yeaten's house, it's not possible,
10 Daf being a radio operator of the RUF, Sunlight had been dealing
11 with him in the beginning of late 1998 and he would enter
12 Benjamin Yeaten's house where Sunlight was present without him
13 knowing."

14 Now, Mr Witness, this part of the transcript that says,
15:42:49 15 "Sunlight had been dealing with him in the beginning of late
16 1998", can you clarify that for us? What time frame did Sunlight
17 begin to deal with Daf? When?

18 A. Sunlight started dealing with Daf after the death of
19 Sellay.

15:43:23 20 Q. What year was that?

21 A. Sellay died in '99. I heard of Sellay's death in 1999.

22 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, continuing from the same page,
23 page 21449, line 29, the question was posed to Dauda Fornie:

24 "Q. Now, you said you went to Benjamin Yeaten's house.
15:44:01 25 Where exactly was this house?

26 A. It was one area in Monrovia town called Congo Town.
27 That is at the back, that is behind Mr Taylor's place,
28 where Mr Taylor was. They referred to the place as White
29 Flower. That was where Benjamin Yeaten was."

1 Let's pause for a second. Mr Witness, we looked at
2 photographs two days ago of Benjamin Yeaten's house. Daf here
3 refers to it as being the place behind Mr Taylor's place where
4 Mr Taylor was, they referred to the place as White Flower. In
15:44:50 5 early 1998, was Mr Taylor already residing at White Flower?

6 A. No.

7 Q. When we looked at photographs of Benjamin Yeaten's house,
8 was there a photograph of White Flower in front of Benjamin
9 Yeaten's house?

15:45:14 10 A. No.

11 Q. Thank you. At line 17 of that same page, question posed:
12 "Q. So you said that when you got to the house then that -
13 well, first of all, you also have referred to a occasion
14 that you contacted the front lines from Base 1. Where was
15:45:42 15 Base 1 located?

16 A. Base 1 was at Benjamin's house. It was at Benjamin's
17 house that Base 1 was. It was a radio station that was
18 called Base 1.

19 Q. And can you describe this radio station? Well, when
15:46:04 20 you saw it, was this the first time you had seen it?

21 A. That was the first time. It was a VHF radio set. It
22 was in one of the rooms at Benjamin's Yeaten's backyard in
23 Benjamin's compound. That was where it was. There was a
24 radio set with stationery and the radio set was a Yaesu
15:46:34 25 radio set."

26 Mr Witness, you heard the reference to Base 1 being in "one
27 of the rooms at Benjamin Yeaten's backyard. In Benjamin's
28 compound. That was where it was." Was Base 1, to your
29 knowledge, ever in Benjamin Yeaten's backyard?

1 A. No. And I - let me clarify another thing. During the time
2 that I was there, with the exception of the little house, the
3 small house where the radio Base 1 was later transferred, there
4 was no house behind Benjamin Yeaten's house as referred to as a
15:47:33 5 house in the fence - in Benjamin Yeaten's fence, besides the one
6 that he was living in. There was no other house there at the
7 time.

8 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Continuing:
9 "Q. Now, you said that Sam Bockarie, Jungle, Rashid and
15:47:55 10 Benjamin Yeaten went off somewhere that day and you
11 remained. Is that correct?"
12 Over to the next page. Madam Court Manager, I wonder if
13 this is being displayed.

14 MS IRURA: Yes.

15:48:17 15 MR ANYAH: Yes. Thank you.

16 Q. Over to the next page:

17 "A. Yes.

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

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

15:48:33 20 Q. Do you know where those four individuals went?

21 A. Well, they told me that they were going to meet with
22 the Papay directly. Master told me that - I mean,
23 Mosquito. He told me that they were going to see the
24 President. At that time it was Mr Taylor.

15:48:54 25 Q. Now, you, yourself, you have also - who was in the
26 radio room? Who was in Base 1? Who was there besides
27 yourself?

28 A. That morning, that particular morning, I was in the
29 radio room with Sunlight. I was in the radio room with

1 Sunlight that particular morning.

2 Q. Was this the first time you met Sunlight?

3 A. Yes, yes.

4 Q. Do you know his real name?

15:49:25 5 A. No."

6 Mr Witness, two questions. We have Dauda Fornie telling
7 the Court that Sam Bockarie, Jungle, Rashid and Benjamin - well,
8 let me put it this way because the person who asked the question
9 gave those names, Sam Bockarie, Rashid, Jungle and Benjamin. The
10 four names that were mentioned before by Dauda Fornie were
11 Sellay, Sam Bockarie, Rashid and Yeaten.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. So the questioner has added Jungle to this list. So let's
14 stay with the names that Dauda Fornie gave the Court: Rashid;

15:50:15 15 Mosquito; Sellay and Benjamin. He was asked the question:

16 "Q. Do you know where those four individuals went?

17 A. Well, Mosquito told him that they were going to see the
18 President, who was Charles Taylor."

19 Now, did you ever hear of such an event occurring around
15:50:38 20 the early part of 1998 where the radio operator named Sellay,
21 Sam Bockarie, somebody named Rashid and Benjamin Yeaten went to
22 see Charles Taylor?

23 A. I did not hear that.

24 Q. You also listened to the reference made by Daf that he was
15:51:03 25 in the radio room in the morning with Sunlight together. Do you
26 know whether that ever happened that Sunlight and Daf met for the
27 first time, not, as you tell us, much later when Sam Bockarie -
28 sorry, much later after the Lome peace talks in 1999 --

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. That they met earlier, as far back as 1998? Did you follow
2 the question?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I can repeat it.

15:51:40 5 A. Repeat it.

6 Q. Yes. Do you know whether Sunlight and Daf had their first
7 meeting in early 1998 as opposed to after the Lome peace talks in
8 1999?

9 A. No. Sunlight and Daf did not meet in early 1998.

15:52:14 10 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, continuing at line 19:

11 "Q. So you said that Sam Bockarie and the others left. How
12 long were they gone for?

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

15:52:42 16 Q. What happened after they returned?

17 A. From there, Mosquito told me to pack up and that we
18 were to return to Sierra Leone.

19 Q. Continue.

15:52:59 20 A. From there Mosquito told me to pack up - to pack up my
21 things and we were to return to Sierra Leone, so after I
22 had completed packing, I went out and got into the vehicle
23 and we left." We are now at page 21452. "On our way we
24 met a truck loaded with ammunition and the other securities
15:53:29 25 who were with Mosquito. All of them, I met them now on the
26 way along the highway, on the outskirts of Monrovia, going
27 towards - going towards - going towards Kakata - going
28 towards Kakata.

29 Q. So just to be clear, how many nights did you actually

1 spend in Benjamin Yeaten's house?

2 A. One. That was the night that we arrived, and the
3 following day we left."

4 Mr Witness, do you know anything of a truck loaded with
15:54:10 5 ammunition that met Dauda Fornie and others as they were on the
6 outskirts of Monrovia, going towards Kakata, this being the early
7 part of 1998?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. Did you hear of any such thing happening?

15:54:30 10 A. I didn't hear of that.

11 MR ANYAH: May we please go to the same day's transcript -
12 well, I need to cover this. The same page we were at,
13 page 21479, which is the next page. Yes. The next page,
14 page 21479.

15:55:26 15 I'm sorry, Madam Court Manager, it's not the next page. We
16 were previously at 21452 and I wish to go to 21479. Thank you.

17 Q. Question posed:

18 "Q. Now, you also said that the station situated across
19 Sam Bockarie's house was in communication with stations in
15:55:45 20 Liberia. Do you recall saying that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Describe what you mean by this.

23 A. Well, that was the station that Sam Bockarie used to
24 communicate with Benjamin Yeaten, because at the time we
15:56:04 25 were now in Buedu, Sam Bockarie had a satellite phone. He
26 had satellite phones anyway. The first satellite phone was
27 from Johnny Paul, that was the one he took from Johnny
28 Paul, and then later Mr Taylor sent - I mean, Mr Taylor
29 gave him another satellite phone. Yes.

1 Q. I'm specifically asking you about the radio station
2 across from Sam Bockarie's house that you said was in
3 communication with stations in Liberia. Which stations in
4 Liberia was this radio station in communication with?

15:56:47 5 A. The leading station was Base 1.

6 Q. When you say 'leading station', what do you mean by
7 that?

8 A. It means there were other stations that we communicated
9 with, but the most important amongst the stations that we
10 always contacted was Base 1.

11 Q. How often was the contact between Sam Bockarie's
12 station and Base 1?

13 A. Well, that sometimes depended on the nature of the
14 security threats on the various front lines, or the
15 developments at the various front lines. Sometimes for the
16 whole day we will only have one communication with them.
17 But sometimes when we were in full force or full offensive,
18 we will communicate with them almost every day, sometimes
19 on an hourly basis here, but there is actually no specific
15:57:33 20 time duration that I can refer to to say whether it was
21 either after every two days that we spoke with them or
22 every three days or every hour. It all depended on the
23 prevailing situation on the ground. So it was all based on
24 that.

15:58:00 25 Q. Why were you in communication with this station,
26 Base 1? Why was Sam Bockarie's station in communication
27 with this station, Base 1?

28 A. Well, Base 1 was the station that coordinated
29 communications between Sam Bockarie directly to Mr Taylor.

1 It was not through Base 1. For example, if Benjamin
2 Yeaten wanted to talk to Mosquito on the - but that
3 Mosquito's satellite phone was not switched on, Benjamin
4 would tell Sunlight to contact Bravo Zulu 4 to inform
15:59:03 5 Mosquito to switch his satellite phone on. So in the
6 inverse, Mosquito too would tell the operators at Bravo
7 Zulu 4 to tell Benjamin Yeaten to call him on the sat
8 phone so they would discuss whatever he wanted to tell him.
9 Sometimes if Mosquito - sometimes when Mosquito does not
15:59:31 10 travel to Monrovia for ammunition and if he decided to send
11 someone else, he, Mosquito, will communicate with Mosquito
12 throughout until he or she gets to Monrovia and returns to
13 Buedu, so that was how the communication used to flow."
14 Let's pause there. If we went on to the next page, we
15:59:54 15 would see that the witness said he didn't mean to say that
16 Mosquito would communicate with Mosquito. We will come to that,
17 but, Mr Witness, you heard what I just read.
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. This witness first says, in the previous page, that other
16:00:14 20 stations were communicated with, that is, the people in the RUF
21 station would communicate with other stations within Liberia but
22 that Base 1 was the most important. Are you aware of Planet 1 or
23 Bravo Zulu 4 having radio communication contact with any other
24 Government of Liberia radio station during the time you were in
16:00:44 25 Base 1, that is, besides Base 1?
26 A. Besides Base 1, I was not aware of Bravo Zulu 4 being in
27 contact with any other Government of Liberia VHF communication.
28 Q. How about the duration of contact between Planet 1 and
29 Bravo Zulu 4? Planet 1/Bravo Zulu 4 and Base 1? Dauda Fornie

1 said it depended on the prevailing situations, that there would
2 be instances when they would communicate on an hourly basis. He
3 says, "We would communicate with them almost every day, sometimes
4 on an hourly basis."

16:01:42 5 Now, was it the case when you were at Base 1 that there
6 were occasions when every hour there would be communication from
7 Planet 1/Bravo Zulu 4?

8 A. Base 1, no. There was no communication between Base 1 and
9 Bravo Zulu 4 on an hourly basis or every hour.

16:02:06 10 Q. Was there a logbook at Base 1 to keep track of this
11 number of communications coming from Buedu? And if you had a
12 logbook, how many did you keep over the course of the duration of
13 contact with Buedu?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, several questions in one.

16:02:29 15 Please break it down.

16 MR ANYAH: Yes.

17 Q. Mr Witness, at Base 1, was there a logbook or logbooks that
18 were used to record communication from Buedu, either Planet 1 or
19 Bravo Zulu 4?

16:02:46 20 A. No.

21 Q. Given what Dauda Fornie has said to the Court, the
22 frequency of communication, would it be possible for an operator
23 at Base 1, in the absence of any kind of logbook, to take down
24 information or remember information that came on an hourly basis
16:03:18 25 from Buedu?

26 A. It's not possible.

27 Q. How about Dew? Do you know whether Dew or Sunlight had
28 personal notebooks that were used to record information that came
29 from Buedu?

1 A. Yes. I know that Sunlight had a personal notebook in which
2 he recorded information that he received from Buedu, for Benjamin
3 Yeaten, so that he wouldn't forget. So whenever Buedu calls and
4 tells Sunlight that, "Please inform the subject there that my
16:04:18 5 subject wanted to get in touch with him on the other side," that
6 is on the phone, when Ben was not around, Sunlight would record
7 that so that he won't forget at the time Ben arrives home.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter you said this: You said,
9 "I had a personal note" - or, sorry, "Sunlight had a personal
16:04:42 10 notebook in which he recorded information that he received from
11 Buedu, from Benjamin Yeaten, so that he wouldn't forget." Was
12 Benjamin Yeaten in Buedu? Mr Interpreter, is that what the
13 witness said?

14 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, that's what I heard from the
16:05:00 15 witness. I just repeated exactly what he was saying.

16 MR ANYAH:

17 Q. Mr Witness, this sentence that appears on the record,
18 "Sunlight had a personal notebook in which he recorded
19 information that he received from Buedu, from Benjamin Yeaten,"
16:05:18 20 can you clarify that statement for us ?

21 A. I said Sunlight had a personal notebook in which he would
22 record information or communication.

23 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he repeat it again?
24 He's still repeating the same thing.

16:05:41 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry. Sorry. Pause. Tell us again
26 about the information that was recorded in Sunlight's personal
27 notebook. What kind of information was this?

28 THE WITNESS: That is when Buedu contacts Base 1 and tells
29 Sunlight that the subject, "My subject wanted to get in touch

1 with your subject on the telephone," and when Sunlight receives
2 this information in the absence of Benjamin Yeaten at his house,
3 he would record this communication in his personal notebook so
4 that he will not forget when Benjamin Yeaten returns home.

16:06:34 5 MR ANYAH:

6 Q. For whom did Sunlight record the information?

7 A. Sunlight was recording this information for - to remind
8 himself so that he would deliver the message to Benjamin Yeaten.

9 Q. During the time period when you were in Base 1, how many
16:06:54 10 notebooks in total did Sunlight have?

11 A. He had just one personal notebook with him.

12 Q. And what was the size of that notebook? If you could give
13 us an indication with your hand, your fingers, how big was this
14 notebook?

16:07:13 15 A. It was in a square form of this size. It was not big, but
16 squared.

17 Q. And how high was it, if --

18 A. As wide as this, and this divided into two.

19 Q. Yes. How thick was the notebook?

16:07:37 20 A. It was not that thick. I don't think it had more than a
21 hundred sheets.

22 Q. Thank you. Now, continuing from the transcript.

23 Mr Witness, at that page I read, page 21480, Mr Fornie told the
24 Court that Base 1 was the station that coordinated communications
16:08:15 25 between Sam Bockarie directly to Mr Taylor. Do you recall Base 1
26 serving such a function, that is, as coordinator of
27 communications between Sam Bockarie directly with Mr Taylor?

28 A. Base 1 was never coordinating communication between
29 Sam Bockarie and Mr Taylor.

1 Q. Thank you. May we please go to page 21483 of
2 2 December 2008. Thank you, Madam Court Manager. Starting at
3 line 4, the question was posed to Mr Fornie:

4 "Q. What was Sunlight's role exactly?

16:09:33 5 A. The role that we knew Sunlight for was that he was
6 Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator and he was assigned at his
7 house in Monrovia at the back of White Flower. Sunlight
8 was the operator who received messages from Bravo Zulu 4,
9 that was from Mosquito's station directly, and then
16:10:00 10 Sunlight would pass on the message to Benjamin Yeaten, and
11 Benjamin Yeaten, in turn, will tell him --

12 Q. Continue.

13 A. -- tell him most times that he should tell him to tell
14 Bravo Zulu 4 to be on stand by. He said he will get on to
16:10:19 15 them. And that is according to Benjamin Yeaten, he would
16 have to go and consult with zero-four-seven, and then at
17 any time Benjamin Yeaten would have resolved with
18 zero-four-seven he will come back and then give the message
19 to Sunlight. He will tell him that, 'this is the response
16:10:48 20 to Mosquito', and then Sunlight, in turn, will send the
21 message through Bravo Zulu 4 to Mosquito.

22 Q. Mr Witness, I notice you are starting to use some call
23 signs. What do you mean when you say zero-four-seven?"

24 Now listen to this now, Mr Witness:

16:11:18 25 "A. Zero-four-seven was Mr Taylor. That was one of his
26 code names - one of the code names that he used anyway.
27 That was Mr Taylor's code name, one of it."

28 Mr Witness, did Charles Taylor ever use the code name
29 zero-four-seven, as far as you can remember, during radio

1 communi cations?

2 A. No.

3 Q. I am now speaking of at any time during your membership of
4 the NPFL and when you joined President Taylor's administration;
16:12:03 5 to your knowledge, did he ever use the code name, or was he ever
6 referred to by that code name, zero-four-seven on the radio?

7 A. Not to my knowl edge. To my knowl edge, President Tayl or was
8 not referred to as zero-four-seven on the radio by any NPFL radio
9 operators, or in the government by any government radio operator.
16:12:32 10 We never had that code in our coding system for him.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Wi tness. If we go to the next page, and,
12 ending at 84, starting at line number 5, the question is posed to
13 Mr Fornie:

14 "Q. The time I've asked you about prior to this was your
16:13:04 15 time based in Buedu from early '98 until April '99, about
16 how often would you hear Sunlight's voice during that time
17 - how frequently, I should say?"

18 Now, Mr Wi tness, you're listening to the time period:

19 "Well, early '98 until April '99".

16:13:35 20 You are following me?

21 A. Yes, I'm following.

22 Q. Answer by Dauda Fornie:

23 "A. It was frequent anyway. Almost at any time I went
24 down to the station, at the transmitting station. Any time
16:13:50 25 I went there I used to overhear him contact Mosquito's
26 station or that Mosqui to's station would contact him. That
27 besides, I too used to contact him directly. Like you
28 asked what I meant about most time - most often. I said
29 earlier that it all depended on the prevailing circumstance

1 at the particular time. For instance, if we had launched
2 an offensive operation, and if it was undergoing - and if
3 it was ongoing, the contact would be frequent and often.
4 And also if we were under attack from the ECOMOG forces,
16:14:31 5 the communication would flow frequently.

6 Q. Can you recognise his voice, Sunlight's voice?

7 A. Yes."

8 Mr Witness, let's pause there. Dauda Fornie said from
9 early 1998 until April 1999 that he would hear Sunlight's voice
16:15:06 10 frequently. That sometimes Mosquito's station would contact
11 Sunlight and, besides that, he, himself, Dauda Fornie, used to
12 contact Sunlight directly. And that the communication would flow
13 frequently, for example, if they were under attack from the
14 ECOMOG forces.

16:15:33 15 Now, are you aware of Dauda Fornie contacting Sunlight
16 frequently during this, over a year's period of time, Early 1998
17 to April 1999?

18 A. I am not aware of that. And again, from early 1998 to late
19 1998, that is, from January 1998 - between January 1998
16:16:07 20 and September 1998, Sunlight was not in contact with any RUF
21 station.

22 Q. You notice that Dauda Fornie says that he was based in
23 Buedu during that period of time and, if this testimony's true,
24 then it means that Sunlight, even before Sunlight was at Base 1,
16:16:37 25 was already in communication with Buedu.

26 Now, Mr Witness, Mosquito's station, the reference here to
27 it, to your knowledge, did that station begin communicating with
28 Sunlight in the early part of 1998?

29 A. No. In the early part of 1998 Sunlight was not in contact

1 with Mosquito's station and, in the early part of 1998,
2 Mosquito's station was not in contact with Sunlight.

3 Q. Thank you. If we continue on that page, the last line,
4 there is a question posed to Mr Fornie:

16:17:28 5 "Q. Who, if anyone, do you know as Benjamin Yeaten's
6 commander?"

7 Over to the next page:

8 "A. Benjamin Yeaten's commander that I knew was his
9 leader, I can say our leader, our former leader, Mr Taylor,
16:17:50 10 and he was a CIC. He was Benjamin Yeaten's commander.

11 Q. Why do you refer to Mr Taylor as 'our former leader'?

12 A. Well, now, the RUF is now a defunct organisation, it is
13 no longer existing. We do not have any movement any more
14 referred to as the RUF. It has been completely disbanded.

16:18:18 15 The reason why I referred to him as 'our former leader' is
16 that because most often he was the one that Mosquito
17 consulted with for strategic actions that he wanted to take
18 - that Mosquito wanted to take - and he used to report to
19 him directly. Mosquito used to report to him directly -
16:18:42 20 either directly, or indirectly sometimes - and then really
21 those are some of my reasons why I said so. Even before
22 Issa also took over, he, Mosquito, used to report to
23 Mr Taylor directly.

24 Q. How do you know that?

16:19:05 25 A. I was a contact person that liaised the communication
26 between them. And then I had travelled with Mosquito to
27 Monrovia and he had moved with some gemstones that he spoke
28 about, although he did not show me them directly, but he
29 said he handed them over to Mr Taylor. And, that besides,

1 Mosquito - I said Issa - no, Mosquito, consulted Mr Taylor
2 about certain things that he wanted to do, because for
3 Mosquito to even accept a ceasefire, because there was a
4 point in time when Foday Sankoh called from Freetown and
16:19:55 5 talked about the ceasefire, he consulted with him before
6 he accepted the ceasefire; that is, Mosquito consulted
7 with him before he accepted the ceasefire."

8 Over to the next page:

9 "Q. Consulted with who?"

16:20:21 10 Over to the next page, page 21486:

11 "A. Yes, that is after Foday Sankoh has spoken with
12 Mosquito and before Mosquito accepted the ceasefire that
13 Foday Sankoh had said we should do - he first consulted
14 with Benjamin Yeaten to get Charles Taylor's advice before
16:20:51 15 he accepted, before he agreed with the ceasefire. And
16 even when Mosquito and Foday Sankoh still continued the
17 discussion on that ceasefire, there was a time that
18 Sunlight intercepted a conversation when Foday Sankoh was
19 speaking directly with Mosquito, but Sunlight did not know
16:21:15 20 that it was Foday Sankoh who was talking. He thought
21 Mosquito was just speaking to another commander, just like
22 that, or any other person. So when Sunlight contacted
23 Mosquito, still tried to convince him."

24 Let's pause. Mr Witness, you've heard what I just read?

16:21:37 25 A. Yes, I heard it.

26 Q. Dauda Fornie told the Court a number of things here. One,
27 Dauda Fornie said that that Benjamin Yeaten's commander was
28 Mr Taylor. Dauda Fornie went on to refer to Mr Taylor as "our
29 former leader", that is the former leader of the RUF, and he gave

1 his reasons why he said that. Did you ever know Mr Taylor to be
2 the former leader of the RUF?

3 A. I don't know.

16:22:14

4 Q. Did you ever know Mr Taylor at any point in time to be the
5 CIC or leader of the RUF?

6 A. I don't know and I never heard that.

7 Q. Dauda Fornie said that he was a contact person that liaised
8 communication between Mosquito and Mr Taylor directly.

9 A. Say that again.

16:22:40

10 Q. Yes. Listen to the interpretation. Dauda Fornie said that
11 he, Dauda Fornie, was the person that liaised, that is a liaison
12 person, he liaised the communication between Mosquito and
13 Mr Taylor directly.

14 A. I don't know.

16:23:04

15 Q. Well, he went on to say that Sam Bockarie would first
16 consult with Benjamin Yeaten to get Charles Taylor's advice
17 before, for example, Sam Bockarie accepted a ceasefire. Now,
18 were there ever communications from Buedu to Base 1 asking
19 Benjamin Yeaten to consult with Charles Taylor so that the RUF
20 would know whether or not they should accept the ceasefire?

16:23:31

21 A. No. And there was no communication at any point or at any
22 time where Sam Bockarie ever discussed matters of ceasefire with
23 Benjamin Yeaten or really a message to any operator to give to
24 Benjamin Yeaten in respect of agreeing to a ceasefire or not.

16:24:04

25 Q. And you recall telling us, either yesterday or the day
26 before, of how Sunlight intercepted a communication right before
27 Sam Bockarie moved to Monrovia, that was on the radio between
28 Foday Sankoh and Sam Bockarie. You remember telling us about
29 that?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Now, listen to what Dauda Fornie says and tell me if you
3 know anything about this. Dauda Fornie said, "And even when
4 Mosquito and Foday Sankoh still continued the discussion on that
16:24:38 5 ceasefire, there was a time that Sunlight intercepted a
6 communication, a conversation, when Foday Sankoh was speaking
7 directly to Mosquito. But Sunlight did not know that it was
8 Foday Sankoh who was talking. He thought Mosquito was just
9 speaking to any other commander, just like that, or any other
16:25:05 10 person."

11 Mr Witness, what Dauda Fornie is describing to the Court,
12 have you experienced this event, that is, by hearing what
13 Sunlight said he intercepted?

14 A. Okay. I am aware that Sunlight intercepted communication
16:25:37 15 between Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh, but the topic under
16 discussion - that they discussed that Sunlight monitored was not
17 in relation to ceasefire. Sunlight monitored Sankoh and
18 Sam Bockarie when they were talking about - when Sankoh was
19 saying he wanted Sam Bockarie to move to Freetown and
16:26:05 20 Sam Bockarie refused to go and said it was better for Sankoh and
21 the RUF that he, Sam Bockarie, stays in Buedu while they are
22 there because the Government of Sierra Leone was looking for
23 Sankoh - for Foday Sankoh and Sam Bockarie himself. So if the
24 two of them stayed or lived together in Freetown, they would be
16:26:31 25 apprehended and that would be the end. This was the issue that
26 Sam Bockarie - I mean, Sunlight monitored, and Sunlight also
27 monitored from Sankoh that it was Allah who instructed him to
28 bring war to Sierra Leone, and it was this Allah who had
29 instructed him to stop the war. So if he went against his will,

1 that is, if Sam Bockarie went against his will, he will not
2 succeed. But that Sunlight - but furthermore, during this
3 interception by Sunlight, Sunlight never interrupted their
4 communication. Sunlight never interrupted their communication to
16:27:11 5 call any station. What he did was that he sat by and listened.

6 Q. Mr Witness, there is a part of the record that reads, and
7 we were following you, that reads that "Foday Sankoh said
8 something to the effect that it was Allah who had instructed him
9 to stop the war." Is that what you said?

16:27:43 10 A. I said Foday Sankoh said to Sam Bockarie that it was Allah,
11 and I quoted him, "It is Allah who instructed me to bring war to
12 Sierra Leone, and it is Allah who has told me to stop this war."
13 This is what I heard - this is what Sunlight heard.

14 Q. I heard you the first time. I just asked you because the
16:28:06 15 record said something to the effect of "stop the war" but you've
16 clarified that. Next sentence there says, "So if he went against
17 his will, that is, if Sam Bockarie went against his will, he will
18 not succeed."

19 A. Yes.

16:28:21 20 Q. If Sam Bockarie went against whose will?

21 A. If Sam Bockarie went against Sankoh's will, because he
22 said, "If you go against my will."

23 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Apart from this radio communication
24 between Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh, did Sunlight ever monitor
16:28:51 25 Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh on the radio speaking together?

26 A. This was the one and only communication that Sunlight
27 intercepted between Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

29 A. In December 1999.

1 Q. Shall we go to page 21492 of the same day's transcript,
2 24192. Starting at the bottom of the page, line 29, there's a
3 question asked of Mr Fornie:

4 "Q. Now, Mr Witness, you've been describing the
16:29:48 5 communications between Sam Bockarie's control station and
6 Base 1. Who had the authority to communicate to Base 1?

7 A. Well, within the RUF, it was not everybody who had the
8 authority to just go on the Liberian net and call. Some
9 operators had the authority. It was not every substation
16:30:15 10 that had that authority. So some stations had the
11 authority to communicate directly to the Liberian side.

12 Q. Specifically at Base 1?

13 A. Yes, like Base 1, the late Sellay had that authority.
14 Nya too had that authority. Alfred Brown had that
16:30:42 15 authority. I had that authority."

16 Madam President, I see the time. Do I have a minute to
17 conclude this?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's actually past 4.30, according to the
19 clock.

16:30:57 20 MR ANYAH: Very well.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. I think we'll close for today and
22 reconvene tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

23 Now, Mr Witness, as usual, you are not to discuss your
24 evidence. Court adjourns to tomorrow.

16:31:13 25 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.31 p.m.
26 to be reconvened on Thursday, 2 August 2010 at
27 9.00 a.m.]

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