THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

CASE NO. SCSL-2004-15-T TRIAL CHAMBER I

THE PROSECUTOR
OF THE SPECIAL COURT

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ISSA SESAY MORRIS KALLON AUGUSTINE GBAO

WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2005 9.42 A.M. TRIAL

Before the Judges:

Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding Bankole Thompson Pierre Boutet

For Chambers:

Ms Peace Malleni Mr Matteo Crippa

For the Registry:

Mr Geoff Walker

For the Prosecution:

Mr Peter Harrison Mr Christopher Santora Ms Millicent Stronge (intern) Mr Mark Wallbridge (Case Manager)

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Mr John Cammegh

- 1 [HS020205A - JM]
- 2 Wednesday, 2 February 2005
- 3 [Open session]
- [The accused Gbao not present]
- 5 [The witness entered court]
- 6 [On commencing at 9.42 a.m.]
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, learned counsel. We're 7
- resuming our session. This would be the 24th Prosecution 8
- 9 witness. Mr Santora, you're leading the
- 10 examination-in-chief this morning?
- 11 MR SANTORA: Yes, Your Honour. It is the 25th Prosecution
- 12 witness.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: The 25th. Yes, it is, you're right. TF --
- MR SANTORA: TF1-012, and the witness will be speaking in 14
- 15 Kono.
- 16 WITNESS: TF1-012 [Sworn]
- [Witness answered through interpreter] 17
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Santora, you may proceed.
- 19 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Your Honour.
- EXAMINED BY MR SANTORA: 20
- 21 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.
- Good morning. How do you do. 22 Α.
- Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you questions. I want you 23 Q.
- 24 to listen to the questions carefully. And if you don't
- understand a question, please say you don't understand it 25
- and I will rephrase it. 26
- Ask me. 27 Α.
- Q. Mr Witness, where were you born? 28
- 29 Α. I was born in xxxxx.

- 1 Q. And what chiefdom in xxxx were you born in?
- 2 Α. XXXXXXX.
- 3 Q. Mr Witness, what is your profession?
- 4 Α. I am a farmer.
- 5 Q. Mr Witness, what languages do you speak?
- 6 Α. I speak Kono. I speak Kono, I speak Krio, but I'm going
- 7 to testify in Kono.
- 8 Q. Mr Witness, where were you living --
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: He says he speaks Kono and Krio?
- 10 MR SANTORA: Yes, Your Honour.
- Mr Witness, where were you living during the war in 11 Q.
- 12 Sierra Leone?
- 13 Α. I was in xxxxx.
- Do you remember the time during the war that Tejan Kabbah 14 Q.
- 15 was thrown out of power?
- 16 Α. Yes.
- Where were you living --17 Q.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do the Defence teams find any difficulty
- 19 with leading, asking a leading question on issues like
- 20 that?
- 21 MR JORDASH: No.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Please, there are certain issues 22
- 23 which are established which we should know already in
- 24 this Court. You should feel free to put the date, you
- 25 know, to the witness.
- MR SANTORA: Okay. Thank you, Your Honour. 26
- Where were you living at this time? 27 Q.
- 28 Α. The time when they overthrew Tejan Kabbah, I was in
- 29 XXXXXXX.

- 1 Q. Can you tell us what happened after Tejan Kabbah was
- 2 thrown out of power?
- 3 Α. I can explain it. Let me explain.
- 4 Q. Go ahead and explain.
- [No interpretation] 5 Α.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora --
- 7 MR SANTORA: I'm not getting English. I'm hearing just the
- 8 translator.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: We all do. He's not shutting off his
- 10 microphone.
- 11 MR HARRISON: I apologise for interrupting, but I think this
- 12 is a problem we've faced before. My recollection was
- 13 that in the interpretation unit, the microphones may be
- left on for a longer period. I'm just wondering if that 14
- 15 could be checked by the audiovisual staff.
- 16 MR CAMMEGH: I'm not getting Your Honours on my headphones at
- all. I'm getting the witness and I'm getting 17
- Mr Harrison, but not the Bench. 18
- 19 JUDGE BOUTET: Are you on right channel?
- 20 MR CAMMEGH: Well, I'm on English, which is the one I was
- 21 advised.
- JUDGE BOUTET: It should be. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you getting us now? 23
- MR CAMMEGH: I'm getting you now. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Right, okay. 25
- MR SANTORA: Okay, I'm hearing myself now, so I'll proceed. 26
- If there's any problem, we'll stop. 27
- 28 Okay, Mr Witness. I'd like you to explain to the Court
- 29 what happened after Tejan Kabbah was thrown out of power?

- 1 Α. At one time, we were in xxxx. Then we heard -- when we
- 2 all voted for him, at one time we heard that they had
- 3 overthrown him. It was a surprise to many people. We
- said having elected this man only for one year, now he
- 5 has been overthrown? Not even up to a week, we heard
- 6 that Corporal Bori [phoen] was going up to xxxx.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: You heard that what? 7
- MR SANTORA: He said Corporal Bori. 8
- 9 Q. Before you proceed, who is Corporal Bori?
- 10 Α. He was a soldier, but he had been killed. But they'd
- 11 started everything. That is what we heard.
- 12 Q. So you said that you heard Corporal Bori was coming?
- 13 Yes. We went. We went to community. We went for a Α.
- 14 meeting.
- 15 Q. Where was this meeting?
- 16 Α. Community centre, xxxxx.
- 17 Q. And what happened when you got to the community centre in
- xxxxx? 18
- 19 Α. We went there with Mosquito, Superman, Colonel Bunema [phoen],
- Gullit, Five-Five, Issa. By then, Issa was not a 20
- 21 general. Mosquito was in charge.
- Were these individuals all present? 22 Q.
- All those that I've named were all in that convoy. They 23 Α.
- attended that meeting. 24
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can he take that list again, please,
- 26 Mr Santora.
- MR SANTORA: Yes, can you remember all of the people --27
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let him repeat the names.
- 29 MR SANTORA:

- 1 Q. Repeat the names of the people that were present with
- 2 Bori. The names you just mentioned, can you repeat them?
- 3 Α. Let me go over it again.
- 4 Q. Yes, please.
- 5 Α. Corporal Bori, Superman, Gullit, Five-Five and Issa. By
- 6 then there were so many I cannot name them all.
- 7 Q. These people were at the community centre?
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 Q. What happened at the community centre?
- 10 Α. What happened, then Bori said, they now own the
- 11 government and [inaudible]. If anybody says they are not
- 12 going to support the government, they will kill you.
- 13 Having seen the condition at that time in xxxx, you that
- have a good vehicle, they will take it from you. 14
- 15 MR JORDASH: Can we slow down a touch, please.
- 16 MR SANTORA:
- Mr Witness, when you explain, you can speak slowly so we 17 Q.
- 18 can understand and make sure we get your information. So
- 19 go ahead and proceed. What was happening -- what
- 20 happened at the community centre. You said Bori was
- 21 addressing people; is that correct?
- Yes, he held a meeting and spoke to people. He told them 22 Α.
- that they own the government now. He said whosoever says 23
- 24 he will not support them, except he goes to Guinea or
- else they will kill you. 25
- Q. Who do you mean by "they"? 26
- Them, like who now? 27 Α.
- You said that "they owned the government." Who is 28 Q.
- 29 "they"?

- 1 Α. Those who did the overthrow, Corporal Bori and the RUF,
- 2 they all came together. By then, you don't call them
- 3 RUF, you call them soldiers.
- 4 Q. Aside from Bori, did anybody else say anything at this
- 5 community centre meeting?
- 6 Α. Yes. Most of them gave speeches. But the way they were
- 7 doing things now, it was not pleasing to people.
- 8 Whosoever have good cars, they take it from you.
- 9 Q. After this meeting, did they leave?
- 10 Α. Yes, they all returned. Some came to Freetown, and we
- 11 went to our villages.
- 12 Q. Where did you go specifically?
- 13 At that time, I returned back to my village where I came Α.
- from, after the meeting. 14
- 15 Q. What village is that?
- 16 Α. XXXXXX.
- 17 Q. Mr Witness, do you remember the time that the ECOMOG
- 18 forces in 1998 entered Freetown and removed the AFRC and
- RUF? 19
- Yes. 20 Α.
- And where were you at this time? 21 Q.
- 22 THE INTERPRETER: Your Lordships, can the witness go slower
- than this. 23
- MR SANTORA: 24
- 25 Q. Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you to speak slowly so the
- 26 translation person can understand exactly what you say.
- 27 Okay. I'm going to repeat the question.
- 28 You said that you remember the time -- or I'm asking
- 29 you, do you remember the time that ECOMOG forces entered

- Freetown and removed the AFRC and RUF? 1
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Where were you at this time?
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, let us take him there.
- 5 THE WITNESS: In xxxx.
- MR SANTORA: 6
- 7 Q. What village in xxxx were you in at this time?
- 8 Α. At that time, we were in xxxxxxx.
- 9 Q. Can you tell the Court, Mr Witness, what happened at this
- 10 time, after the ECOMOG came into Freetown?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- Q. Go ahead and start explaining what happened, to the 12
- 13 Court.
- At one time, we saw vehicles coming in big convoys with 14 Α.
- 15 so many vehicles.
- 16 Q. Coming into where, Mr Witness?
- They entered xxxxxx. 17 Α.
- Q. And about how many vehicles did you see? 18
- 19 Α. There were so many. There were so many. They had
- 20 trucks. Trucks, vans. The vehicles were so many.
- 21 Q. When you first saw this convoy about how long was this
- after you heard that ECOMOG had come into Freetown? 22
- Α. The time when ECOMOG went into Freetown, that was the 23
- time they went to xxxx with Johnny Paul. 24
- Q. 25 Okay. You said you saw a convoy come into xxxxxxx; is
- that correct? 26
- Α. 27 Yes.
- Q. It had many vehicles; is that correct? 28
- 29 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. Then what did you see?
- 2 Α. What I saw, when they came, by then we are now in the
- 3 bushes around the town. Then they asked an old man to
- 4 announce in the town as a crier, town crier. They said
- 5 people should come to Pa Faniya's compound. Then we
- 6 asked what have happened. They said the president has
- 7 come, Johnny Paul.
- 8 Q. Okay. Before you proceed, Mr Witness, you said that you
- 9 were in the bush after the convoy came; is that correct?
- 10 Α. Yes. By then, we weren't sleeping in the town again. We
- 11 sleep in the bush.
- 12 Q. Okay. And while you were in the bush, you said a town
- 13 crier came in and told you to come to Chief Faniya's [phoen]
- compound; is that correct? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Q. Where is Chief Faniya's compound?
- 17 Α. It is in xxxxxxx.
- So, did you proceed to go to Chief Faniya's compound? 18 Q.
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Explain to the Court what you saw when you arrived
- 21 at Chief Faniya's compound in xxxxxxx.
- 22 Α. When we came, we saw them, so many of them. Mosquito,
- Johnny Paul himself, Superman, Rambo, Staff Alhaji. They 23
- call him now Staff Biyoh. There were so many. Then they 24
- explained to us that as for now -- in fact, it was then 25
- Johnny Paul told us that it was a pleasure to him because 26
- -- he's heading from xxxxxxxx. 27
- 28 Q. Okay, Mr Witness, before we go on, I want to make sure we
- 29 have it clear. Can you say all the commanders that you

- 1 remember seeing at Chief Faniya's compound when you
- 2 arrived. Again, just repeat the list so it's clear.
- 3 Α. I said Superman, Mosquito, Rambo, Colonel Bunema,
- 4 Staff Alhaji, Issa. There were so many. Because by
- then, no civilian could be able to understand what they 5
- 6 were really after.
- 7 Q. Mr Witness, you said Issa. Who is Issa?
- 8 Α. Issa Sesay. By then, they called him Povi [phoen].
- 9 Q. And how did you know that these commanders were there?
- 10 Α. They were introduced to us by their followers. At times
- 11 you see them in a big group of men, following them. They
- 12 say, "This is a commander."
- 13 Q. Aside from these commanders, who else was at Chief
- Faniya's compound? 14
- 15 Α. Apart from the commanders, people were there. There were
- 16 so many.
- Q. And what happened at the compound? 17
- What happened, we were there. They captured six people. 18 Α.
- 19 Q. Who captured six people?
- 20 RUF and the soldiers. They were all now united together. Α.
- 21 Q. What did they do with the six people?
- Those six people, they killed them all. 22 Α.
- Who killed them? 23 Q.
- The soldiers. They said they found voters' ID card in 24 Α.
- their pockets. 25
- Q. Who said that they found voters' ID cards in their 26
- pockets? 27
- 28 Α. Their followers who were moving with them went in search
- of those boys. And when they found them, they thought 29

- 1 they had money in their pockets. So they were searching
- 2 in their pockets where they found wallets. In those
- 3 wallets, they found those voters' ID cards. It was
- because of those voters' ID cards that they were killed. 4
- Why were they killed because of their voter ID cards? 5 Q.
- 6 Α. They said they voted for Tejan Kabbah.
- 7 Q. How were they killed?
- 8 Α. They were shot.
- 9 Q. Did you see this?
- 10 Α. I witnessed it. In fact, one of the persons who killed
- 11 those people is Saquee [phoen], a Kono fellow. I know him.
- 12 Q. And the six people that were killed, did you know them?
- Α. I know only one person among them. 13
- And without giving me a name, how do you know that Q. 14
- 15 person?
- 16 Α. We are all in that same town.
- So this person was from xxxxxxxx? 17 Q.
- 18 Α. Yes.
- 19 Q. After these six people were killed, what happened?
- 20 At that time, they moved. They said they were going to Α.
- 21 Guinea.
- 22 Q. Who said they were going to Guinea?
- That convoy which comprised of Mosquito, Johnny Paul, 23 Α.
- 24 Colonel Bunema, Staff Alhaji, they all decided that
- they are going to Guinea. 25
- Q. You said Johnny Paul was present in the convoy? 26
- 27 Α. Yes.
- Q. How did you know that? 28
- 29 Α. The vehicle in which he was sitting, one of his

- 1 bodyguards came to me and held me by my hand and showed
- 2 me -- he said, "This is our president".
- 3 Q. And how did he appear?
- 4 Α. He was dressed like a woman.
- 5 Q. Do you know why he was dressed as a woman?
- Α. Because at that time, ECOMOG had routed them from 6
- 7 Freetown. They were trying to escape with him, so they
- 8 dressed him in that manner so that people could not
- 9 recognise him.
- 10 Q. So at Chief Faniya's compound when these events were
- 11 going on, which commanders actually spoke to the people
- 12 there?
- That commander, I could not remember his name now because 13 Α.
- there were many, and even Johnny Paul himself spoke to 14
- 15 us.
- 16 Q. And with regards to the incident about the civilians who
- were killed with the voter ID cards, how specifically did 17
- you learn that they were killed because of their voter ID 18
- 19 cards?
- 20 They took it from their pockets. They took it from their Α.
- 21 pockets and displaced it, and said, "You see, these are
- 22 the people who are going to vote for that foreigner." So
- we who had ours in our pockets removed it and threw it 23
- 24 away.
- 25 Q. So they did this in front of other people; is that
- correct? 26
- 27 Α. Yes.
- Q. And after they removed the voter ID cards and spoke to 28
- 29 the people, what happened right after that?

- 1 Α. At that time, after they've killed those people, they
- 2 just order that the bodies be taken away for burial.
- 3 Then they went away.
- 4 Q. Okay. You said then that the convoy started departing
- 5 towards Guinea; is that correct?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you go with the convoy?
- 8 Α. Yes. In that convoy were the people who were carrying
- 9 loads for them.
- 10 Q. Were you carrying a load?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- Q. About how many people went on the convoy? 12
- 13 Α. The people were many because the civilians which they
- captured from xxxxxxx, xxxxx, and xxxxxx there were all 14
- 15 in that convoy. It was the last convoy. The people were
- 16 so many.
- Were other people carrying loads too? 17 Q.
- Α. Yes. People like that cannot hold you -- you say you 18
- cannot hold loads for them. 19
- 20 Q. What do you mean by that, Mr Witness?
- 21 Α. What?
- 22 Q. You said that people like that -- can you repeat your
- answer to the last question? 23
- What I'm saying is that they cannot capture you without 24 Α.
- putting a load on your head to carry for them. That's 25
- what I mean, the rebels. 26
- Q. So did you proceed towards Guinea? 27
- We didn't reach to Guinea. Α. 28
- 29 Q. Where did you go?

- 1 Α. We stopped at xxxxx [phoen].
- 2 Q. Can you tell the Court where xxxxxx is?
- 3 Α. xxxxxx is in xxxxxx.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, do you know how to spell xxxxxx, the name of
- 5 this place?
- 6 Α. I cannot read and write.
- 7 Q. Let me ask you this question: xxxxxx is in which
- chiefdom again? 8
- 9 Α. It is in xxxx. xxxxx, xxxxxx Chiefdom.
- 10 Q. Okay. This convoy that you were with, with the other
- 11 civilians, where were the commanders in this convoy?
- 12 Α. Most of the commanders were in vehicles. Some were
- 13 walking on foot. And the rest of us were walking on
- foot. Some in vehicles again, as I said. 14
- 15 Q. Can you remember the types of vehicles that the
- 16 commanders were in?
- Yes. Land Cruiser, Land Rover. 17 Α.
- How long did it take for the convoy to get to xxxxxx? 18 Q.
- 19 Α. It was a day's walk, just a day's walk. We were not
- 20 running, neither walking.
- 21 Q. Can you tell Court what happened when the convoy got to
- xxxxxx? 22
- Yes. When we arrived at xxxxxx, at that time the man 23 Α.
- who showed us the road to go, he was called Pa Mara. It 24
- 25 was from him we came to know that the motor road didn't
- 26 go through. When we reached at that point, the vehicles
- 27 could not go further. So they killed that man, saying
- 28 that he wants to betray them.
- Okay. Why couldn't the vehicles go further? 29 Q.

- There was no bridge. There was no thoroughfare. That 1 Α.
- 2 was the end of the road for vehicles.
- 3 Q. And you said that Kamara was shot because they thought he
- 4 betrayed them; is that correct?
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did I hear him say Pa Mara? What was the
- 6 name?
- MR SANTORA: 7
- Was the name Pa Mara or Kamara? 8 Q.
- 9 A. Hmm?
- 10 Q. The name of the person who was shot, who showed the road,
- 11 what was his name again?
- Α. 12 His name, I said Pa Mara. Mara, Mara.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pa Mara?
- THE WITNESS: Pa Mara, yes. That was what the wife told us. 14
- MR SANTORA: 15
- 16 Q. Who killed him?
- Α. One boy they called T. 17
- 18 Q. Who was T?
- 19 Α. He is a soldier.
- 20 Q. Do you know who T's boss was?
- 21 Α. All of them at that time were under one command.
- Whose command was that? 22 Q.
- It was Johnny Paul's command at that time. 23 Α.
- Q. So after the convoy reached xxxxxx and the bridge was 24
- out, what happened? 25
- 26 After they found out that there was no bridge, the convoy Α.
- returned again. 27
- Returned to where? 28 Q.
- 29 Α. They returned as far as xxxxxx.

- 1 Q. And were all the commanders still present with the
- 2 convoy?
- 3 Α. They were all in the same convoy again.
- 4 Q. What happened after the convoy returned to xxxxxx?
- 5 Α. The time when the convoy returned to xxxxx, it was then
- 6 Mosquito selected a few commanders to go with Johnny Paul
- 7 to Kailahun.
- Can you tell the Court which commanders went with Johnny 8 Q.
- 9 Paul and Mosquito to Kailahun?
- 10 Α. The commanders were so many. In fact, most of them have
- 11 died. At that time, they had no proper name.
- 12 Q. Did some commanders stay in xxxxxx, or did they all go
- 13 to Kailahun?
- Some remained in xxxxxx and gave an order that whatever 14 Α.
- 15 town they capture, they must leave soldiers there. They
- 16 shouldn't leave it empty.
- Q. Do you remember which commanders stayed in xxxxxx after 17
- the others went to Kailahun? 18
- 19 Α. Yes. Commander that remained was Staff Alhaji, Savage,
- 20 and the small small boys.
- 21 Q. So the other commanders went to Kailahun. Is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- And did they proceed in vehicles? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. Yes.
- After they left, what happened? 26 Q.
- At that time, Savage remained. At that time we were 27 Α.
- 28 there now, they told us there is an order. At that time,
- 29 Superman, they came.

- 1 Q. Okay. Before you proceed, you said Superman came. Is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did Superman come to xxxxxxx?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did any other commanders come to xxxxxx with Superman?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 Q. Do you remember which commanders came?
- 9 Α. Rambo came. Bunema came. Gullit came. Five-five.
- 10 They came to xxxxxx.
- 11 Q. And where were they coming from?
- They came from Kailahun. 12 Α.
- 13 Q. And you said there was an order. What do you mean "an
- order"? 14
- 15 The order they were talking of was that they said they Α.
- 16 had seen xxxxxxx as a place wherein people don't want to
- cooperate with them, that people are running away from 17
- 18 them going in the bushes, and that whosoever is now
- 19 caught in the bush will be killed. That was the order
- 20 they gave.
- 21 Q. Who gave this order?
- 22 Α. At that time, Mosquito was in charge.
- How did you hear about the order? 23 Q.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, please, please.
- MR SANTORA: Sorry, Your Honour. 25
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Anybody running into the bush will be
- 27 killed. The order was given by who? The order was given
- 28 by who?
- 29 MR SANTORA: The witness said Mosquito.

- 1 Q. How do you know Mosquito gave this order?
- 2 Α. Staff Alhaji brought the paper. He read the paper to us,
- 3 indicating to us that it was Mosquito who gave the order
- 4 that whosoever goes into the bush now must be killed.
- 5 Q. Did the order say anything else?
- He said they should set houses on fire because we didn't 6 Α.
- 7 support them. We were leaving the town going to the
- bushes. Therefore, we don't need houses. 8
- Was this order carried out? 9 Q.
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 Q. Can you explain?
- Yes. That was the time now, when Savage and Staff Alhaji 12 Α.
- and Superman and Five-Five, that was the very day they 13
- started burning xxxxxx. 14
- Q. Mr Witness, before this order from Mosquito was Savage 15
- 16 burning houses in xxxxxxx?
- No, at the time they left them in xxxxxx and went to 17 Α.
- Kailahun there was no burning of houses yet. Nobody 18
- 19 touched any house.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor, I heard the witness say that the 20
- 21 order was carried out, and I'm not sure I fully
- understood. He gave a series of names; Savage, Staff 22
- Alhaji, Five-Five, and so on. I would like to understand 23
- a little bit more what's the meaning of that. 24
- MR SANTORA: I will clarify that with the witness, 25
- Your Honour. 26
- Mr Witness, you said that Savage, Staff Alhaji, Superman, 27
- 28 and Five-Five, that this was the time then that burning
- 29 of houses started; is that correct?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Q. What do you mean by naming these four commanders?
- 3 Α. Who are they? I didn't get you clear about these four
- 4 commanders.
- 5 Q. You named these four commanders. Why did you name them?
- Α. They started burning houses in xxxxxxxx. 6
- 7 Q. Okay. When you say "they", do you mean them personally
- 8 or do you mean their men?
- 9 Α. They have boys behind them. They only pass instructions
- 10 to them, say, "Burn this house, burn this house, burn
- 11 this house." And that very evening they burned 36
- houses. 12
- Q. Mr Witness, did you see them burning houses? 13
- If you go to xxxxxxx now, you will see the evidence of 14 Α.
- 15 what they did. This is known by everybody now,
- 16 worldwide.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: That does not answer the question. 17
- MR SANTORA: I will repeat the question, Your Honour. 18
- 19 Q. Mr Witness, when the burning of the houses started did
- 20 you see it?
- 21 I saw them. I saw them burning these houses. Α.
- Where were you exactly? 22 Q.
- By then I was now in their hands, in captivity. After 23 Α.
- 24 they killed my friend, they had empathy for me. They
- were now using me as an errand boy, sending me anywhere. 25
- Mr Witness, you also said that the order that came from 26 Q.
- 27 Mosquito said that civilians who were hiding in the bush
- should be killed. Did this happen? 28
- 29 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. Can you explain?
- 2 THE INTERPRETER: Your Lordship, the witness is going so
- 3 lengthy in his testimony that we cannot translate.
- MR SANTORA: 4
- 5 Q. Mr Witness, I want you to repeat what you just said but
- 6 very slowly so the translation unit can understand you,
- 7 okay. Now, the question I asked you was whether or not
- 8 the order for people in the bush to be killed was carried
- 9 out.
- 10 Α. Yes, it was carried out. Anybody now caught in the bush,
- 11 as long as you are brought before them. They kill you,
- threw you in the water. There is a place now they call 12
- 13 Savage Water.
- There is a house with four rooms and a parlour. At 14
- one time, he and Staff Alhaji, they said the boys should 15
- 16 go out on an errand. They said whosoever is found in the
- bush, let them bring him. By then we were now in the 17
- town. The boys went out that day. So many people were 18
- 19 captured that day. As they brought them, Savage gave an
- 20 order. He said they should all be lodged in that house.
- 21 That four rooms were all filled with people. Also the
- parlour. Nobody knows the count. They set fire to it. 22
- 23 They were all burnt.
- When we went there, if you see the oil of human 24
- being coming out, it took two months, the oil was running 25
- out. The house is still there. 26
- Okay, Mr Witness, I want to ask you about this incident 27 Q.
- with the people who were put in the house. These people, 28
- 29 were they men and women?

- 1 Α. Men and women. There were so many. The person who
- 2 himself killed them never knew their count.
- 3 Q. This house, was it in Tombodu?
- 4 Α. Right now UN have said, they said they are going to
- 5 transform it in a sort of museum.
- 6 Q. When this happened with the people in the house, this was
- 7 after the order that Staff Alhaji read from a piece of
- 8 paper?
- 9 Yes. When the order came, then the killing started now Α.
- 10 in Tombodu.
- 11 Q. About how long was this incident in the house after the
- 12 order was read from the paper? Was it -- about how many
- 13 days or weeks?
- The day they read that letter, some of us didn't sleep in 14 Α.
- 15 the town. We slept in the bush. It was that same day,
- 16 the evening, that they burnt that 35 houses.
- Q. And was that the same day they put the people inside the 17
- house with four rooms? 18
- 19 Α. No. There came a time now, they went out in search of
- 20 men in the bush as how hunters go in search of animals.
- 21 Q. Okay. What was this time? Was it in the dry season
- still? 22
- 23 Α. It was almost to the end of the dry season because the
- place were now dried. 24
- Was this the same year that ECOMOG threw out the AFRC and 25 Q.
- RUF from Freetown? 26
- When ECOMOG routed them from Freetown, they went to Kono, 27 Α.
- 28 they went to Kuchero. They couldn't see a way to go
- 29 through. They came to Tombodu and went to Kailahun.

- 1 There the order came from Kailahun. It was from that
- 2 time they began the atrocity now.
- Okay. You mentioned something called Savage Water. What 3 Q.
- 4 is this?
- 5 Α. That water, it's sad to say something about. When he
- 6 killed those people by burning them in that house most of
- 7 his colleagues became worried. They called him and said,
- 8 "The way you are doing things will make us be alarmed
- 9 outside." Then he promised that he will not do it again,
- 10 but he will find another place. That was the time he
- 11 called that water Savage Water. He killed people and
- threw them in there. 12
- 13 Q. Do you know about how many people were killed and thrown
- in that water? 14
- 15 Α. Even ourselves, we don't know. That is all the reason
- 16 the white man has said that they were going to dry up
- that water to even count how many people were thrown in 17
- that water, for them to know exactly, because so many 18
- 19 people are in that pit.
- 20 Q. Can you explain to the Court where exactly Savage Water
- 21 is?
- 22 Α. Yes. If you enter into Tombodu while going to Bendu II,
- 23 at that junction, there the water is. In fact, it has
- been fenced by UNAMSIL that nobody goes there again. 24
- You said that Mr Witness while you were in xxxxxxx, 25 Q.
- people were killed and thrown into Savage Water. Did you 26
- actually see people being killed? 27
- That which I didn't see, I would not talk about it. I 28 Α.
- 29 saw it for myself. They killed somebody. A stone was

- 1 tied at his back and thrown into the water. The other
- 2 day again, they killed about three people and tied stone
- 3 on their back and throw them into the water.
- 4 Q. Aside from seeing these killings and the burning of
- 5 houses, did you see anything else while you were in
- 6 Tombodu when Savage was there?
- 7 Α. Yes, because we were there. Even Savage, when he killed
- 8 those people, he became off head. He begun acting like a
- 9 mad man.
- What did he do? 10 Q.
- 11 Α. He became mad. They took him and carried him to the
- imbarmara [phoen] at Masofiniya. 12
- Q. Before they took him away, did he do anything else in 13
- xxxxxx that you saw? 14
- 15 Anything about Savage is hard to explain because all what Α.
- 16 he did in xxxxxx is so many that to explain it it's very
- difficult, so hard to explain. 17
- Q. While Savage was in xxxxxxx, where were you exactly in 18
- 19 xxxxxx?
- 20 We're all in xxxxxx. While they were up in the town, we Α.
- 21 were down towards the riverside, but it was in the same
- 22 town.
- 23 Q. And what were you doing at this time?
- By then I was a farmer, but, because I have been 24 Α.
- 25 captured, I had nowhere to go. I was just there with
- 26 them doing nothing again.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said he was an errands man. It's on
- 28 record. He had been captured and he was running errands
- 29 for them, unless you have something else you were heading

- 1 towards.
- 2 MR SANTORA: No, I was actually going to explore that,
- 3 Your Honours.
- 4 Q. You said before, Mr Witness, that when you were captured
- 5 in Tombodu at this time when Savage was there you were an
- 6 errands man. What do you mean by that?
- 7 Α. I was there with them --
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: The interpreter is complaining. He's going
- 9 too fast, he is saying too long. Let him proceed --
- 10 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Your Honour.
- 11 [HS020205B 11.00 a.m. - EKD]
- Q. Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you the question again and I 12
- 13 just want you to speak slowly and let the translator hear
- it so he can translate it for us to understand exactly 14
- 15 what you say, okay. You said that while you were there
- 16 in xxxxxxxx, while Savage was there, you were captured and
- were an errands man. Now, I'd like you to explain slowly 17
- what you mean by that? 18
- 19 Α. There was no other job. In the morning they will ask us
- 20 to come to headquarters, we the civilian who were in
- 21 their captivity. When you come, they will send you --
- some of you who will go and find food for them, like 22
- cutting banana for them, you go. When they bring loads 23
- to be taken to the headquarters you who have to carry it, 24
- you carry it. If it happens that you are appointed to go 25
- to Kailahun with motor battery you have to take it there. 26
- What do you mean by "motor battery"? Q. 27
- The actual batteries which motor cars use. It is those 28 Α.
- 29 kind of batteries which they use for wireless operation

- 1 for signals.
- 2 Q. What do you mean by "signals"?
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, you don't understand that? You
- 4 think it's not fully understood?
- 5 MR SANTORA: I want to clarify because he said motor batteries
- 6 used in cars used for signals and I didn't know if it was
- understood. 7
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: For wireless operations, that's what we
- 9 heard from the translation.
- 10 MR SANTORA: Okay.
- 11 Q. I want to ask you about the motor batteries that were
- used for signals. Was this happening in xxxxxxx? 12
- Α. Yes. 13
- Can you explain what you know about that? 14 Q.
- 15 Α. Where the signal was positioned it was like whatever is
- 16 happening in Guinea, Freetown and everywhere, we get it
- 17 from them in the morning. At that time we were advised
- 18 that nobody hang clothing outside even if you learn that,
- 19 because when the jet is coming, from there it will pick
- 20 it up that there are people in there. It was through
- 21 that signal we got all that information.
- Mr Witness, this signal -- this radio, was this in 22 Q.
- 23 xxxxxxx?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- Who operated the radio? 25 Q.
- 26 Α. Abraham Signa [phoen].
- Q. Do you know what group Abraham Signa is with? 27
- Yes, he was an RUF. 28 Α.
- 29 Q. Mr Witness, this radio was there at the same time Savage

- was in Tombodu? 1
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 MR JORDASH: Can we be careful? Communications are of -- it
- 4 is just an objection, Your Honours. Communications are
- 5 obviously important in the case. The question, I
- 6 respectfully submit, should have been: When did this
- 7 signal exist? Not was it in existence when Savage was
- 8 there?
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sustained. Mr Santora, you can rephrase
- 10 your questions in other ways.
- 11 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Your Honour.
- 12 Q. This radio in Tombodu, when was it there?
- 13 Α. I cannot remember the exact date, but in the time the
- convoy came and went back to Kailahun, from then the 14
- 15 radio was established.
- 16 Q. And where exactly in Tombodu was the radio located?
- It was located at Mansaray compound. 17 Α.
- Q. Did you personally see the radio at Pa Mansaray's 18
- 19 compound?
- 20 Yes. It was a small gadget, it wasn't heavy. Only the Α.
- 21 battery was heavier, with a solar panel they were
- 22 operating on.
- Did you see people talking on the radio? 23 Q.
- Every morning we went there to see how they operate. 24 Α.
- 25 Every evening we went there to the headquarters and saw
- 26 them operating it. In fact, when messages came for us to
- 27 carry loads here to Njagbema, it was through that radio
- 28 we'll get it.
- 29 Q. Mr Witness, from your position could you see who they

- 1 were talking with on the radio?
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: I beg your pardon, Mr Santora.
- 3 MR SANTORA: I can rephrase the question a little more
- 4 eloquently.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please.
- MR SANTORA: 6
- 7 Q. From where you were could you determine who they were
- 8 talking with on the radio?
- 9 Α. I didn't know exactly whom they were talking with, but I
- 10 knew that they were talking to their big men from
- 11 headquarters, Koidu, Buedu and other areas.
- 12 Q. Mr Witness, I want to take you now ahead in time a little
- 13 bit. I want to talk about the time around the Lome Peace
- Accord. Do you remember this time? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Q. Where were you around the time of the Lome Peace Accord?
- Α. I was in xxxxx. 17
- Q. What town? 18
- 19 Α. At that time I was in xxxxx.
- 20 Q. Can you tell us what happened around the time of the Lome
- 21 Peace Accord in xxxxxx?
- Yes, I can explain. At one time we were in xxxxx when we 22 Α.
- heard that Pa Sankoh was going to Kono -- [translation 23
- 24 interrupted]
- PRESIDING JUDGE: When you heard that who was going to Kono? 25
- 26 MR SANTORA: I believe he said Pa Sankoh.
- 27 THE WITNESS: Pa Sankoh, Foday Sankoh.
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: That Pa Sankoh was going to where?
- 29 THE WITNESS: He was coming to xxxxx.

- 1 MR SANTORA:
- 2 Q. Then what happened after you heard this?
- 3 Α. They said we should go to our community centre for a
- 4 meeting. We went.
- 5 Q. What happened at this meeting at the community centre?
- 6 Α. We went there, Pa Sankoh went there, we saw him. At that
- time he showed us Akim to be his CSO. 7
- 8 Q. Can you repeat that again, Mr Witness? He showed you
- 9 what?
- 10 Α. He showed us Akim, Akim, that he was his CSO. He also
- 11 showed Issa, Issa Sesay.
- Q. What exactly did he say about Issa Sesay? 12
- 13 At that time he told us that Issa Sesay was now the Α.
- 14 general.
- 15 Q. What else did Sankoh say?
- 16 Α. [Translation interrupted]
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Too long. Too long. 17
- MR SANTORA: 18
- 19 Q. Go ahead and explain again slowly what else Sankoh said.
- 20 Α. That was the time he introduced Issa to us that he is not
- 21 an extra somebody, he is a Sierra Leonean. At that time
- there were so many, lot of big men were there, and Pa 22
- Sankoh spoke to us. 23
- Did Pa Sankoh say anything else? 24 Q.
- Yes, they said they have no food. Then he said, "How can 25 Α.
- you say this?" 26
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Who said they have no food? 27
- 28 THE WITNESS: "When you're in Kono you say you don't have food
- 29 here."

- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, when you're talking say who said
- 2 what. Say, "This man said we have no food," "this one
- 3 said," you know. We want to know who said what.
- 4 THE WITNESS: His soldiers. Because when they came to the
- 5 meeting he said, "You can't tell me that you don't have
- 6 food here, because Kono here, you have diamonds here,
- 7 then you are telling me that you don't have food here."
- 8 MR SANTORA:
- What else did he say, Mr Witness? 9 Q.
- 10 Α. He said they should get themselves in mining, diamond
- 11 mining. They should work for the government.
- Q. Who said this? 12
- Sankoh, Foday Sankoh. 13 Α.
- And what exactly did he say about diamond mining? 14 Q.
- 15 The whole of Kono is diamondiferous, everywhere you find Α.
- 16 diamond. And, therefore, they should start mining
- diamonds anywhere and at any time. 17
- Q. Who did he say this to? 18
- 19 Α. He said this to Issa, Akim, Staff Alhaji, and most of
- 20 their members.
- Q. After he said this, what happened? 21
- 22 Α. Having said so, we returned to our villages because that
- 23 was the end of the meeting.
- 24 Q. Then what happened after you returned to your villages?
- We're there now. As we returned we sat down. Then at 25 Α.
- 26 one time Issa sent people: Colonel Gibbo, Colonel Lion,
- 27 Officer Med. They came to Tombodu, they said we should
- 28 work for the government. The small boy who asked which
- 29 sort of government, they kept him in a back boot for the

- 1 whole day.
- 2 Q. Who kept him in the back boot?
- 3 Α. Officer Med.
- 4 JUDGE BOUTET: Why was it that he was kept in that place?
- 5 MR SANTORA:
- 6 Q. Why did they put him in the back boot?
- 7 Α. The mere fact that boy asked the question. When they
- 8 said we should work for the government and he said what
- 9 government, they said if the boy doesn't know that there
- 10 is a government now operating within them, that was the
- 11 reason they kept him in the back boot. Then the work
- 12 started.
- 13 Q. Mr Witness, before you proceed, how do you know that
- Officer Med and Colonel Gibbo were sent by Issa? 14
- Issa himself went there. He himself went there and 15 Α.
- 16 called up a meeting with us. Went and spoke to us that
- the war had come to an end, no more firing of gun. The 17
- only thing now, we shall find money. 18
- 19 Q. Do you know what he meant by "find money"?
- 20 Yes, he said if we do mining, we'll be able to get money Α.
- 21 because that's the only occupation in Kono.
- Q. So what happened? 22
- Then we asked a question, "How are we going to do this 23 Α.
- 24 work?"
- 25 Q. Then what happened?
- Then we started the work. 26 Α.
- Q. Who started working? 27
- 28 Α. Officer Med, Gibbo had mining there.
- Who actually did the mining? 29 Q.

- 1 Α. We are doing the mining, but we are later made
- 2 organisers. They used to go out now in search of people,
- 3 capture them, bring them for the mining.
- 4 Q. Who would -- sorry.
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor, the witness said, "We asked a
- 6 question how to do the work", and we moved from there.
- 7 We didn't get any answer to that.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was no reply to that question.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: The witness said, "We asked a question how do
- 10 we do the work?", and then he talked about Officer Med
- 11 and so on.
- MR SANTORA: The work started. I will clarify, Your Honours. 12
- Q. When Issa came and spoke with you and you asked him, "How 13
- are we going to do this work?", what was the response? 14
- He said we are going to work for the government. They 15 Α.
- 16 said it was going to be government mining.
- Q. Mr Witness, you said people were captured to work in the 17
- mining; is that correct? 18
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: What does he mean by "government mining"?
- 20 What is government mining?
- 21 MR SANTORA:
- When you said "government mining," did you know what he 22 Q.
- meant? 23
- Yes, because at that time they were there, they said they 24 Α.
- 25 had a government. So it was their government, yes. So
- 26 whatever proceeds we got from there was their own -- for
- their own government. That was what I made to 27
- understand. 28
- Mr Witness, you said that people were captured and 29 Q.

- 1 brought to mine. Where were they captured from?
- 2 Α. From Sandor. Even from Kabala, they brought people from
- 3 there. Makeni also, they brought people from there.
- 4 Even at Tongo, as long as you come there they will gather
- 5 you to be taken to Kono.
- Q. And who brought these people to mine exactly? 6
- 7 Α. I didn't get you clear.
- 8 Q. Who actually captured these people and brought them to
- 9 mine?
- 10 Α. RUF.
- 11 Q. Mr Witness, can you describe for the Court the conditions
- of what it was like to mine at this time? 12
- 13 Α. The condition under which we are working was this: No
- food and the type of mining they introduced was only 14
- 15 their own style. I've never seen it before. 200 people,
- 16 200 shovels. No tiring; you can't rest. If our people
- had not planted plantain or banana in Kono, people would 17
- have died and died so much because there was no food. If 18
- 19 you say you are tired there were smaller boys - short,
- 20 short ones - [inaudible]. Some had guns they could
- 21 not carry, they go dragging it. If you say you are
- 22 tired, they fire you, you are dead.
- Explain what you mean when you say, "If you said you were 23 Q.
- tired, they would fire you, you were dead." Did you see 24
- 25 this happen?
- 26 Α. Yes, it happened. One commander, Sherriff, fired one boy
- because he said he was tired and want to go to toilet. 27
- 28 He was killed because of that.
- 29 JUDGE BOUTET: The witness, when he first talked about small

- boys, he mentioned something about guns too heavy or 1
- 2 something along those lines. I'd like to understand a
- 3 bit more what was it he was attempting to describe. Will
- 4 you take him over that, please?
- MR SANTORA: Yes, Your Honour. 5
- 6 Q. You said that some of these boys that were there, that
- 7 the guns were too big for them. What do you mean by
- 8 that?
- 9 They were small boys -- small, small boys. A small boy, Α.
- 10 you go and hang G3 on him, will he be able to carry it?
- 11 He'll going on dragging it. So that was what I meant.
- 12 JUDGE BOUTET: When you were talking of small boys -- the
- 13 witness testified that you were tired, you were dead.
- Does that mean you were dead from the small boys? 14
- 15 THE WITNESS: Those small boys were staying together.
- 16 MR SANTORA:
- What did you mean when you said, "If you were tired, you 17 Q.
- 18 were dead"?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: He has demonstrated it. 19
- 20 MR SANTORA: Okay, I was clarifying because --
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right, okay. Go ahead, please. Let him
- provide the answer. 22
- 23 THE WITNESS: That which you have asked me is what I should
- explain? 24
- MR SANTORA: 25
- Yes, explain what you mean when you say, "If you were 26 Q.
- 27 tired you were dead"?
- 28 Α. In our own way, the way we do mining was on a shift
- 29 basis. If you have five or six, you go down by turns.

- 1 But in their own case, there was no resting. If they
- 2 give you shovel you be on that shovel for a month with no
- 3 rest.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, these conditions which you're describing,
- 5 which mining pit exactly were you at and are referring
- 6 to?
- 7 Α. We were in charge of the mining. There were machines.
- 8 There was a Caterpillar, there are drag lines. We are in
- 9 charge of the mining.
- You had stated before that there were civilians with 10 Q.
- 11 shovels. You said there were 200 civilians and 200
- 12 shovels at the time that the mining started. Where
- 13 exactly were you when the mining started, which mining
- 14 pit?
- 15 Was between Tombodu and Bendu II; the bridge that linked Α.
- 16 them was what was cut. The bridge was cut, cut off.
- Q. Mr Witness, who was in charge of the mining where you 17
- were? 18
- Our commander whom we had with us was Officer Med. 19 Α.
- 20 After the diamonds were mined, where did they go? Q.
- 21 At times Issa himself came over to us, we gave him the Α.
- diamonds. At times myself and Officer Med went to 22
- Koakoyima to meet Issa, where we gave him the diamonds. 23
- 24 Q. Mr Witness, do you have any knowledge as to what Issa did
- 25 with those diamonds after you gave them to him?
- 26 Α. Well, we only gave him the diamonds. When we carried the
- 27 diamonds to him, we give him. But at times, there came a
- 28 time when I was made to understand that he took those
- 29 diamonds to Charles Taylor.

- 1 Q. Mr Witness, how were you made to understand that these
- 2 diamonds were taken to Charles Taylor?
- 3 Α. One typical reason, an example I can show, there was no
- 4 road to come to Freetown. From observation we realised
- 5 that all his business was towards Liberia and not to
- 6 Freetown again.
- 7 Q. Mr Witness, you said that Issa came several times to
- 8 visit Tombodu; is that correct?
- 9 Α. There he used to have his meals; one of our mothers
- cooked for him. 10
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: That did not answer the question.
- MR JORDASH: Could we just get the answer to that, though, 12
- 13 Your Honour, just before he does answer the question. I
- just missed the answer. 14
- MR SANTORA: 15
- 16 Q. Can you repeat that again, Mr Witness?
- 17 Α. Say let me hear.
- Q. You stated that Issa came to Tombodu several times to 18
- 19 visit; is that correct?
- 20 Α. Yes, every day he used to come there, he had mining
- 21 there.
- 22 JUDGE BOUTET: He answered that, Mr Jordash, something to do
- with mother used to cook for him, but mother of whom I 23
- don't know. 24
- MR SANTORA: He can explore perhaps later or if -- okay. 25
- Mr Witness, when Issa came, do you remember if anybody 26 Q.
- else came with him? 27
- 28 Α. He had companions with him with whom he came. Moses
- 29 Kallon -- Morris Kallon, Colonel Gbao, they used to come

- 1 there in the mining.
- 2 Q. Did anybody else come with Issa?
- 3 Α. He came there every day because that was their government
- 4 mining. Most of the authorities came there. CO Lion
- 5 also came there.
- 6 MR TOURAY: Sorry, Your Honour, did you get the name of Kallon
- 7 properly? Was it Moses Kallon?
- 8 JUDGE BOUTET: He didn't say, he just said Kallon.
- 9 MR TOURAY: I heard the word Moses.
- 10 MR HARRISON: I think if it is helpful for Mr Touray, the
- 11 transcript can be read back to him. I don't know if he
- 12 wants it to be done.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's verify it. We don't want to go back
- to transcript, please. Ask him. We don't have very much 14
- 15 time for this. Yes, ask him.
- 16 MR SANTORA:
- You said Kallon? 17 Q.
- Kallon, Moses Kallon. I cannot just say the word better, 18 Α.
- but I know him. 19
- 20 How do you know Kallon? Q.
- The day he came there was the very day he was introduced 21 Α.
- to me by one of his boys called Tactica [phoen]. 22
- MR SANTORA: Can I request a retranslation of that, because I 23
- know I distinctively heard something that was not 24
- translated. I don't profess to be conversational in 25
- Kono, but I did hear a phrase that was not translated and 26
- I was wondering if we can get a retranslation of that 27
- 28 answer.
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness has to --

- 1 MR SANTORA: I will repeat the question and ask the --
- 2 Q. Mr Witness, how do you know Kallon? Can you repeat your
- 3 answer again slowly for the Translation Unit?
- 4 Α. Yes. He was in the mining pit. Then they came with a
- 5 vehicle. They came down. Then the boy Tactica - he is a
- 6 rebel, but they were the guards on the mining - he came
- up and he showed me, he said, "This one of our bosses." 7
- 8 He was standing over the bridge, overlooking the mining.
- 9 There I knew him.
- 10 Q. Mr Witness, you said "rebel". What do you mean by rebel?
- 11 Α. Well, we had rebels, we had soldiers, but that boy was
- 12 not a soldier. But when they all came together as one,
- 13 they called themselves soldier, but that boy was a rebel
- and that's the reason I identify him to be a rebel. 14
- 15 Q. Mr Witness, the people that were mining in the pits, were
- 16 they paid?
- Α. 17 One day, even we ourselves are in charge of the mining,
- we are not paid. Nobody was paid. 18
- 19 Q. Why didn't you leave then?
- 20 Α. Hey, at that time we had nowhere to go again, because
- 21 having killing that of my colleague, I was just among the
- man like a madman. It is only now that I am beginning to 22
- behave myself as a human being. 23
- Did anyone try to leave, Mr Witness? Did any of the 24 Q.
- 25 civilians who were mining leave or try to leave?
- 26 Α. Again, somebody tried to escape. It was this same boy,
- 27 Sherriff, who shot him again. After shooting him dead,
- 28 he wrote in his record that he has killed a Kamajor,
- 29 because that was their usual practice. Anybody they

- 1 killed they said he was a Kamajor.
- 2 Q. Mr Witness, you said that at one point Caterpillar
- 3 machines came into the mining area; is that correct?
- 4 Α. Yes, there was a Caterpillar and a drag liner. All were
- 5 there.
- Q. Do you know where the Caterpillar machines were from? 6
- 7 Α. The Lebanese who were in Kono, those who ran away and
- left their machines behind. It was those machines they 8
- 9 took and repaired. Those were the machines they were
- 10 using.
- 11 Q. And aside from these Caterpillar machines that were
- 12 repaired, was there any other equipment being used to
- 13 mine?
- Except for the pumping machines, baling machines. 14 Α.
- 15 Besides that, only those two machines were there: The
- 16 Caterpillar and the drag liner.
- And do you know where the baling machines came from? 17 Q.
- Most times we did hear them saying that most of the 18 Α.
- 19 things they brought in were from Liberia. They brought
- 20 them in vehicles. Even petrol, they used to get petrol
- 21 from there.
- 22 Q. Mr Witness, who told you that these machines came from
- Liberia? 23
- The stockpiler we had, Tactica, he was in charge of the 24 Α.
- stores. He took record of everything and I was the 25
- supervisor. He told me that these things were coming 26
- from Liberia. 27
- 28 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Mr Witness. That's all the questions
- 29 that I have for this witness at this time, Your Honours.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, we'll rise for 5 minutes.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: And resume for Mr Jordash's 4
- 5 cross-examination. The Court will rise, please.
- 6 [Break taken at 12.00 p.m.]
- 7 [HS020205C - RK]
- 8 [On resuming at 12.25 p.m.]
- 9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Jordash, your witness.
- 10 MR JORDASH: Your Honour, thank you.
- 11 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR JORDASH:
- 12 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness.
- Α. Yes. 13
- Q. Now before I move to ask you questions about the events 14
- 15 you've described, I just wants to ensure that you
- 16 understand what this is about. Can you tell this Court
- who you think I am? Do you understand the question, 17
- 18 Mr Witness?
- I do understand. I don't know you. 19 Α.
- 20 Q. Do you understand what my job is?
- 21 Α. I don't know.
- 22 Q. Do you understand what the gentlemen's job is who was
- 23 asking you questions a moment ago?
- Α. Which one? 24
- Well, there was only one gentlemen asking you questions a 25 Q.
- moment ago and he is sitting to your left. Do you 26
- understand what his job is? 27
- 28 Α. Yes. I don't know his job.
- 29 Q. So, yes, you do understand what his job is or no, you

- 1 don't understand what his job is?
- 2 Α. I don't know his job, except he tell me.
- 3 Q. Except what, sorry, Mr Witness?
- 4 Α. I said I don't know your job unless you tell me.
- 5 Q. Well, I'm just going to ask you first of all what you
- 6 understand before I tell you. Do you understand why you
- have been called to this Court? 7
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you tell us why that is?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 Q. Would you like to?
- Α. Hmm? 12
- Q. Would you like to explain to us, Mr Witness, what you 13
- understand is your role in this Court? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Q. Well, would you like to do it now?
- Yes. I can explain. 17 Α.
- Q. Well, to explain, you'll have to speak to us, Mr Witness. 18
- 19 Α. I want to understand something: If you want me to
- 20 explain to you the reason why they brought me here to
- 21 explain to you?
- Q. Just listen to the question, Mr Witness. Why do you 22
- think you have been brought to this Court? 23
- They've brought me here to testify. 24 Α.
- And what is the purpose of you testifying, as you 25 Q.
- understand it? 26
- The way I understand it, the wrongs that have passed have 27 Α.
- 28 already been passed, for it not to be repeated by any
- 29 other person. That is what I know.

- 1 Q. Is anybody on trial here?
- 2 Α. I didn't understand.
- 3 Q. Is anybody being tried in this Court? Is anybody being
- 4 accused of anything?
- 5 Α. They didn't point finger at anybody, but those who did
- 6 the wrong, some are here, some are not here.
- 7 Q. Who is here that did the wrong?
- Issa is number 1. 8 Α.
- 9 Q. How do you know Issa is number 1?
- 10 Α. Because Issa was now in charge of RUF. We all did obey
- 11 him now.
- 12 Q. When did you learn that Mr Issa Sesay was to be tried in
- 13 this Court?
- The time they were doing these wrongs nobody knew for 14 Α.
- 15 sure that they would bring them to justice. It was of
- 16 late that we heard that they brought them to justice.
- Q. When did you hear that? 17
- It is now quite a length of time. 18 Α.
- 19 Q. Well, this year, last year? Can you estimate, please?
- 20 Last year, it was last year. Α.
- 21 Q. Was that -- let me just start that again. Do you recall
- giving a statement to the Prosecution in November of 22
- 2002, late 2002? 23
- Α. Yes. 24
- 25 Q. Did you know at that time when you gave your statement,
- Mr Sesay would be on trial? 26
- Α. Yes, because the time I was giving out my statement to 27
- 28 them we were told that they will bring them to book,
- 29 because of the atrocities, cutting the hands of people,

- 1 killing people, all the wrongs that they did, they said
- 2 that they will stand for it.
- 3 Q. Right. Now, so you were told by the person -- who told
- 4 you that, Mr Witness?
- 5 Α. We heard it from the radio. There was an announcement we
- 6 said no matter how the lengthy the time may be, they must
- 7 bring those people to book.
- 8 Q. What did the person say -- the person who took your
- 9 statement, do you remember that person?
- 10 Α. The time for the statement taking is a length of time. I
- 11 cannot remember now exactly.
- 12 Q. Do you remember -- well let me start that again. How
- 13 were you first contacted by the Prosecution to give your
- side of the story? 14
- 15 It happened that when they went to our town --Α.
- 16 Q. Don't mention the name of your town, Mr Witness.
- It happened that when we went to our town, they asked us 17 Α.
- 18 that whosoever had suffered in the hands of those people
- 19 by burning your house, cutting your limbs and undergoing
- 20 so much atrocity from them, you can come forward and give
- 21 your story.
- 22 Q. And you went forward to the place you were asked to go
- 23 to; is that right?
- Hmm? 24 Α.
- 25 Q. Was this then that you learned who would be on trial?
- It was the time we came to realise that the time when the 26 Α.
- 27 people were committing those crimes even though you as a
- 28 lawyer you wouldn't be bold to appear before them.
- 29 Q. So you know that I'm a lawyer, do you?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you know that I'm Mr Sesay's lawyer?
- 3 Α. I know that.
- 4 Q. How did you know that?
- 5 Α. Because I can now see you are advocating for him.
- 6 Anybody advocating for somebody is your client.
- 7 Q. When you gave your statement to -- in November late 2002,
- 8 did you receive any money?
- 9 Α. At that time no money was given to us, because they said
- 10 if they give out money the whole thing will become lies,
- 11 so the white men that went there they didn't give us any
- 12 money.
- 13 Q. When did you first receive money?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Jordash, please. 14
- 15 MR JORDASH: I beg your pardon, sorry, Your Honour.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please.
- MR JORDASH: Thank you. 17
- 18 Q. Just let me ask a different question. When you were told
- 19 that, what did you think about that? When you were told
- 20 that no money was to be given, because if money was
- 21 given, it would make -- give -- make people lie?
- [Translation interrupted] 22 Α.
- Okay, Mr Witness, just pause to allow some translation, 23 Q.
- sorry to interrupt? 24
- 25 Α. He gave an example. He said it happened in South Africa.
- 26 That when Special Court went there, they were giving out
- 27 money in the form of hundred dollars. People were coming
- out telling lies on other people. 28
- 29 Q. Do you think that's possible in this type of situation in

- 1 Sierra Leone, Mr Witness?
- 2 Α. Yes, if money was first introduced, it would have
- 3 happened because somebody would have looked at his
- 4 companion and began telling lies on him?
- 5 Q. Is it right, Mr Witness, that you've received, since the
- 6 24th of December until the 31st of January, 2005 a total
- 7 of 576,000 Leones?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Jordash, may we have the time frame,
- 9 please.
- 10 MR JORDASH: 24th of December, 2004 until the 31st of January,
- 11 2005. This is -- Before Mr Harrison leaps up, this is
- 12 from the witness and victims support, and not the
- 13 Prosecution.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: 24/12/04 to? 14
- 15 MR JORDASH: 31st of January, 2005, Your Honours.
- 16 JUDGE THOMPSON: From the victims and witnesses unit.
- MR JORDASH: Your Honour, yes. 17
- Did you understand the question, Mr Witness? 18 Q.
- 19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Give us a figure.
- 20 MR JORDASH: 576,000 Leones. There is more, but this is the
- 21 first aspect.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Whatever happens you have to explain for people
- to understand. I received the money, but not in the 23
- 24 bulk. They gave me in bits because I have children back
- 25 at home whom I have to attend to. That money which was
- 26 given me was left with them.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Jordash, how much money again?
- MR JORDASH: 576,000 Leones. 28
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: 576?

- 1 MR JORDASH: 76, yes.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: 576,000 Leones.
- 3 MR JORDASH:
- 4 Q. Is that right, 24th of December? Do you think that
- 5 figure's about right, Mr Witness?
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: We want to have his explanation, please. He
- 7 explained that he had children.
- 8 THE WITNESS: 24th December last year was the time they
- 9 brought me here.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: First of all he said he didn't receive that 10
- 11 money in bulk.
- 12 MR JORDASH: Yes, he said he received it in small --
- JUDGE BOUTET: In bits. 13
- MR HARRISON: I think he indicated he had children. 14
- 15 MR JORDASH: We're coming to that.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was not given in bulk.
- Q. Would you agree that the amount you've received in that 17
- period is in the region of 576,000 Leones? 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- You are a farmer by profession; is that right, 20
- 21 Mr Witness?
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Jordash, let's be fair to the witness.
- He had an explanation he was making. After he did say 23
- 24 that he did not receive the money in bulk, I think he was
- saying that he has children and so on and so on. 25
- 26 MR JORDASH: Your Honour, I'm going to ask him about that.
- I certainly wouldn't want that answer not to be explored. 27
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. That's okay.
- 29 MR JORDASH:

- 1 Q. You're a farmer by profession; is that right?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. That's is what you do at the moment?
- 4 Α. Even up to now I'm a farmer.
- 5 Q. 576,000 Leones how long do you think it would take you to
- 6 earn that as a farmer?
- 7 Α. That's the reason they say -- that's the reason why they
- 8 say it is not good to be in a conflict situation. What
- 9 I do get for my farming is far above that that you're
- 10 calling here.
- 11 Q. So what would you earn in a month then, Mr Witness, which
- is far beyond 576,000 Leones? 12
- 13 Α. I have a coffee farm. I have a cocoa farm. With the
- advent of the war we came to realise that banana us 14
- 15 survive. I have a banana plantation, over 800 trees. It
- 16 is out of that I pay my children's school fees. For now
- the price of coffee is low, but we still do get money out 17
- of it. 18
- 19 Q. Well, you've told us that you would earn far beyond
- 20 576,000 so could you just give us an estimate in Leones
- 21 as to what you would expect to earn in a month as a
- farmer? 22
- Well, I don't want to become liar, but to say the truth 23 Α.
- in the dry season if I sell all my produce, I would get 24
- above 700,000 Leones. 25
- Q. In one month? 26
- Not within one month, but I say by year. That is only 27 Α.
- 28 for cocoa, the banana has its own.
- 29 Q. I'm trying to work out what it is, Mr Witness, you would

- 1 earn in a month or a year, if that's easier for you?
- 2 Α. For banana, when the NGOs are there with us, if I sell my
- 3 banana, I will get above 100,000. I built my house out
- 4 of my produce, not from mining.
- 5 Q. Mr Witness, concentrate on the question. I'm not asking
- 6 you what do in terms of crops. I'm asking to estimate,
- 7 as best you can, the amount of money you would receive in
- 8 a year or a month, whichever is easiest for you.
- 9 To be frank with you, putting my garden produce all Α.
- 10 together, if I sell, besides what I give out to people
- 11 helping me, I will bank 500,000 per annum.
- 12 Q. 500,000 for the year?
- Yes. 13 Α.
- Thank you. Did you ask the people looking after you in 14 Q.
- 15 Freetown for the 576,000?
- 16 Α. No.
- How did it end up being given to you? 17 Q.
- They brought me here knowing very well that I'm not based 18 Α.
- 19 here and I have children back home so they give me per
- 20 week.
- You received 70,000 Leones for clothes as well; is that 21 Q.
- 22 right?
- Yes. 23 Α.
- Did you ask for those clothes? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. Yes.
- Are those the clothes you're wearing now? 26 Q.
- Α. 27 Yes.
- Q. So you've received 185,000 Leones of either money or 28
- 29 clothes since the 24th of December 2004; do you agree?

- 1 Α. Not for clothes, not for clothing at all.
- 2 Q. Well, 70,000 or clothes and then other expenses which has
- 3 been -- well, I'll come to that. 70,000 for cloths and
- 576,000 for other things; yes? 4
- 5 Α. Yes, that is truth. That is truth. 70,000 Leones for
- 6 clothing and this 576,000 for other things.
- 7 Q. And those are the thing you -- are what? What was the
- 8 money for?
- 9 Well, it is just a humanitarian gesture. They know very Α.
- 10 well I have left my family behind. My children are there
- 11 going to school. It is what I used for lunch for them
- and other things back at home. 12
- 13 Q. Do you accept, though, that the amount of money you've
- received since the 24th of December, 2004 is, when 14
- 15 compared to your annual income, a lot of money?
- 16 Α. It is not a lot of money to me, because while I'm back at
- home in my bush there, what I get out of my bush is above 17
- this that you're talking of. 18
- 19 Q. Well, Mr Witness, according to your annual income that
- you've just given us, of 500,000 a year, you would, on 20
- 21 average have 42,000 Leones a month. Whereas you've
- received since being in Freetown just over a month, 22
- 185,000. You don't accept that you earned a lot of money 23
- from this attending at the trial? 24
- 25 THE INTERPRETER: Your Lordships, let the lawyer also give us
- 26 a space.
- MR JORDASH: Sorry. 27
- 28 Q. Let me re-put that. From your annual income of 500,000
- 29 Leones that works out at 42,000 Leones a months. You've

- 1 received from your attendance here on the 24th, 185,000
- 2 so --
- 3 JUDGE THOMPSON: 185,000 per --
- MR JORDASH: Leones. 4
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Leones per 5
- 6 MR JORDASH: For just over a month from the 24th.
- 7 JUDGE THOMPSON: And you're saying compared with what he would
- 8 earn from his own vocation it's a lot of money.
- 9 MR JORDASH: It's four times as much.
- 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, well, why not say four times as much?
- 11 Because when you say a lot, he's disagreeing with you.
- 12 MR JORDASH: I was just --
- 13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Why not be specific? You just were using
- figures now. We're in the realm of mathematics. Why not 14
- 15 put it to him in that way?
- 16 MR JORDASH: I hadn't calculated it myself until --
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, 185 minus 42. 17
- MR JORDASH: I have now. Well, my learned colleague has 18
- 19 anyway.
- 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: So why not put it that way and then we can
- 21 make progress.
- MR JORDASH: 22
- Isn't it right, Mr Witness, that you've earned over four 23 Q.
- times as much since the 24th of December than you would 24
- ordinarily as a farmer? 25
- You mean here. 26 Α.
- That's what we're talking about, Mr Witness? By attend 27 Q.
- 28 here you've earned over five times what you ordinarily
- 29 earn. Do you accept that?

- 1 Α. I disagree with you. What I get from my farm is far
- 2 above what I'm getting here. If I say I'm a farmer -- if
- 3 I say I'm a farmer, I buy -- I don't buy rice.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: [Microphone not activated] 4
- 5 MR HARRISON: No I think the witness has answered. It's the
- 6 translator who's giving the --
- 7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Oh, I see.
- MR HARRISON: So I would ask if the translator would be 8
- 9 allowed to continue with the response.
- 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay, let's have that.
- 11 THE WITNESS: If I say I'm a farmer, I do rice farming. I
- 12 don't buy rice, I don't buy fish, I don't buy even meat.
- 13 All that I get it from my farm. So what I get from the
- other areas, is far above what you're talking about. 14
- 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: [Microphone not activated] kind of answer
- 16 which will take us into a whole area of argumentative
- cross-examination, because I was thinking that one way of 17
- looking at this thing is that if you put specific figures 18
- 19 to him, he agrees that it is four times in terms of
- figures, four times what he earned, and then you leave it 20
- 21 to the Court to draw the inferences, because when you
- come to the other side, he might still disagree with you. 22
- There are other aspects of his life which do not 23
- necessarily mean that that's all what he is getting, 24
- which he may be missing. It is very possible. 25
- 26 MR JORDASH: Your Honour. Firstly, before I address
- Your Honour, could I just ask for the witness's 27
- translation be turned off. 28
- 29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes. Could we have the witness's translation

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         turned off for the time being?
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     MR JORDASH: The big difficulty --
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     JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
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    MR JORDASH: Your Honour's colleagues are conferring.
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     JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes. My difficulty is really how far can we
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         get with this. First of all you have presented to the
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         witness that what he got from the victims and witnesses
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         unit is in the form of earnings. That can be
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         argumentative. I noted that, you see. And then what he
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         earns from his vocation, which is farming, my difficulty
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         is if you put the figures to him, whether he denies that
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         he's not getting far more than he would have earned, the
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         figures speak for themselves. I mean we can't manipulate
         mathematics. If you're saying what he has got from the
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         victims and witnesses unit is four times what he would
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         have earned from miss own figures. That, from a
         mathematical point of view, is not disputable. What may
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         be disputable is whether he accepts that quantitatively
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         or qualitatively his life as a farmer gives him far less
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         than what he may have received from the OTP. I just
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         wanted to put that in focus, because I don't know when we
         get to that kind of argument how far we can evaluate
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          anything, any answers that you may be getting from him.
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         That's just my own random thinking on it.
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     MR JORDASH: Well, Your Honour, I answer Your Honour's concern
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          in two ways. Firstly that this witness has now
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         backtracked from his original estimation of 500,000 a
         year. If the answer he has given to me, to this Court
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         was that he earned more than the sum he'd received from
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1	the victims and witness unit then it is not consistent
2	with the answer that he only earns 500,000 a year. To
3	that extent I submit a further cross-examination to have
4	him answer the question how much he earns; I don't want
5	to spend much time on this, but I do want this evidence
6	to be before the Court. But the witness, for some
7	reason, is finding it difficult to answer and stick to
8	the answer.
9	The second way I would say is this: That I do
10	not want to be criticized at a later stage for floating
11	suggestions in the Court about motivation without giving
12	witnesses the opportunity to rebut such allegations. Not
13	every witness who I cross-examine and place the expenses
14	before them will be motivated by those expenses; I'm not
15	suggesting they will. Some will, I submit, and it's
16	those witnesses who ought to be given the chance, I would
17	respectfully submit, to say no, it's not true.
18	JUDGE THOMPSON: Right.
19	MR JORDASH: Later on Your Honours can evaluate whether that
20	answer itself was true.
21	JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, with that explanation I think I can
22	understand the line of your cross inquiry. But with the
23	emphasis that the mathematical side of it is a certainty.
24	I mean, whether he denies 42 185 is four times more
25	than 42, it is a mathematical certainty; there needn't be
26	any argument about that. But the other part I would
27	yield to your explanation and let you continue.
28	MR JORDASH: But Your Honours, I certainly want to move
29	through this type of cross-examination as quickly as

- possible, because it is -- it is peripheral insofar as 1
- 2 the substance of the evidence is concerned.
- 3 JUDGE BOUTET: But don't read this evidence the same way as
- 4 you do, Mr Jordash. Because he's trying to give the
- 5 explanation as to why this difference. The difference is
- when he's at home, he gets his own fish, he gets his own 6
- 7 crop and he doesn't have to pay because he gets it out of
- 8 his own plantation. So all of this, if he were to buy,
- 9 it would cost money, so if you add all these costs, to
- 10 what it is he's given you, he's telling you it comes to
- 11 more than that. If you keep pursuing this we're going to
- get into these kind of details for a long, long time. 12
- 13 Because obviously, the witness does not make calculation
- on a daily basis, on a monthly basis as you want him to 14
- 15 give you and he's try to go give these answers. I don't
- 16 have the same problems as you do with this.
- MR JORDASH: Your Honour, in due course I will be submitting 17
- on behalf the first accused that the way in which 18
- 19 payments have been given to the witnesses has in effect
- 20 perverted the whole process. That's where I'm going.
- 21 I'm not seeking to hide that, because if --
- PRESIDING JUDGE: No, you can't hide it. Because, I perceive 22
- it. We perceive it. As a Chamber, we perceive it. Your 23
- cross-examination on this line is geared towards 24
- 25 impeaching the credibility of the witness and sort of
- having accepted or asked for these monies in order to 26
- incriminate your client. 27
- 28 MR JORDASH: Yes.
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is where you're going, we understand

- 1 that. But point is the parameters you are pursuing.
- 2 This is a witness, who, he's a villager and he doesn't --
- 3 he has his farms and he said in my village when I'm at
- home I don't buy fish, I don't buy plantains, I don't buy 4
- 5 this, I don't buy that. If you have to start quantifying
- all those things in terms of cash, I don't know where we 6
- 7 may be able to arrive at.
- 8 MR JORDASH: Well, that's if he's telling the truth. He may
- 9 not have a farm. We may investigate and find he doesn't
- 10 have a farm.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, that is it. Those are matters which
- will come up in your cross-examination. He has said a 12
- 13 number of things. He has a garden which gives him about
- 100,000 Leones, he has bananas and so on. I mean, that 14
- is it. If you can tell him that he doesn't have a farm 15
- 16 and impeach his credibility on that, then that's fine.
- MR JORDASH: Well, I can't tell him he hasn't got a farm at 17
- the moment. But when my investigator attends to where he 18
- 19 lives I'll be able to say yes or no. And I will be
- 20 criticized later on, if I don't turn around to the Court
- and say, "this witness was lying," and had failed to 21
- explore that area in cross-examination. 22
- JUDGE BOUTET: This is not what you're trying to do. At least 23
- that is not my understanding of what you're trying to do, 24
- Mr Jordash. Absolutely not. You are at liberty to 25
- explore that; if you feel this is important for you and 26
- your clients, please do so. 27
- 28 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, I concur in that. I think if you need
- 29 to lay some evidential foundation in the records upon

- which you would need to build some defence in the future, 1
- 2 that is perfectly permissible and legitimate. Otherwise
- the process would not be what it is. And I certainly 3
- 4 feel that you're entitled to go along the line that
- 5 you're going. We don't want you to feel that there is
- any constraint from the Bench. It's just that we want to 6
- 7 satisfy ourselves as to where you're going. It's just
- 8 that I didn't want you to get bogged down in the
- 9 mathematical certainty. Because he cannot, by his
- 10 answers, nor can you, change a mathematical certainty.
- 11 MR JORDASH: I know Your Honours give me plenty of latitude.
- 12 I'm aware of that and I wasn't suggesting otherwise. I
- 13 will finish this though, very, very swiftly, if I may.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was just going to say that, since very
- 15 peripherally in your cross-examination, I was thinking
- 16 that you were virtually closing the chapter.
- MR JORDASH: I am virtually closing the chapter. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: You may proceed, Mr Jordash. 18
- 19 MR JORDASH: Thank you.
- 20 You've told us, Mr Witness --Q.
- MR HARRISON: I'm sorry, if he could just. 21
- 22 MR JORDASH: I beg your pardon.
- Are you getting me, Mr Witness? 23 Q.
- 24 Α. Hmm.
- You told us, Mr Witness, that usually you would not pay 25 Q.
- for such things as meat, rice, I think you said? 26
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Fish. 27
- 28 MR JORDASH:
- 29 Q. Fish; is that correct?

- 1 Α. Yes. I don't buy oil also.
- 2 Q. There's no reason that that situation has changed since
- 3 you came to Freetown on the 24th of December, is there?
- 4 Α. It is not happening now because I'm not there.
- 5 Q. Well, what is happening to your farm then? Nobody
- 6 working on it?
- 7 Α. My younger brothers I left behind to supervise my work.
- 8 Every time I get complaints from them. Even the brushing
- 9 I left them to brush, they say the progress is very slow.
- 10 That has made me become very bitter within myself. I am
- 11 just disappointed -- I am discouraged, rather.
- 12 Q. So your brother's working on the farm now. Other members
- of your family, are they working on it? 13
- Yes, they are working on the farm. I left them there. 14 Α.
- Q. You left food for your family while you were away, did 15
- 16 you not?
- 17 Α. The foot I left with them was very small, so it got
- finished. The money which they give me here is what I 18
- 19 sent to them over there.
- 20 Q. But can your brother not continue to farm for you while
- you are away to produce the rice or to produce the fish? 21
- He is not so strong. He was a student before, so he is 22 Α.
- not accustomed to native works. 23
- Q. Before I move on, Mr Witness, what is not being done on 24
- 25 your farm that would be done if you were there?
- 26 Α. If I'm not there, the work will not function properly,
- 27 because my presence there we encourage everybody within
- 28 my family to go to the farm. When the children come from
- 29 school, they also go to the farm.

- 1 Q. But what is being done -- what is not being done that
- would be done if you were present?
- 3 A. What I know is this is the period for me to brush within
- 4 my coffee farm and to brush my farm. They've brushed my
- farm but nobody has brushed the coffee farm. This
- 6 they've told me just a few days ago.
- 7 Q. Is that the only thing that has not been down, brushing
- 8 your coffee farm, that would ordinarily be done in your
- 9 presence?
- 10 A. I've not heard anything strange again from home. The
- only thing is the farm work which is going down slowly.
- 12 You know farming has a time which that time -- the time
- expires there will be no proper farming.
- 14 Q. No, but just stick to the question and then I'm finished
- 15 with this, Mr Witness. Apart from coffee brushing, is
- there anything else which is not being done on your farm
- 17 since you were gone that would ordinarily be done?
- 18 A. That is the only thing, no other thing has happened in my
- 19 absence.
- 20 MR JORDASH: That's the end of this period, Your Honours.
- 21 I notice the time.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Learned counsel, we would be
- 23 adjourning to tomorrow at 9.30 to continue with
- Mr Jordash's cross-examination of this witness. We will
- adjourn to tomorrow at 9.30. The Court will rise.
- 26 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.22 p.m. to be
- 27 reconvened on Thursday, the 3rd day of February, 2005, at
- 28 9.30 a.m.]

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