



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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Justice Julia Sebutinde
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Terry Munday
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Ms Simitie Laval

1 Wednesday, 25 November 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:26:22 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Appearances please,
6 Mr Koumjian.

7 MR KOUMJIAN: Good morning, your Honours. For the
8 Prosecution this morning Brenda J Hollis, Maja Dimitrova and
9 myself Nicholas Koumjian.

09:30:27 10 MR GRIFFITHS: Good morning, your Honours. Madam
11 President, for the Defence today are myself Courtenay Griffiths,
12 my learned friends Mr Terry Munyard, Mr Morris Anyah and
13 Ms Simitie Lavalay.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other matters
09:30:45 15 I will remind the witness of his oath.

16 Mr Witness, good morning.

17 THE WITNESS: Good morning, sir.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I again remind you that you are under
19 oath, you are obliged to answer questions truthfully. Do you
09:31:01 20 understand?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please proceed.

23 WITNESS: TF1-579 [On former oath]

24 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR GRIFFITHS: [Continued]

09:31:08 25 Q. Yesterday when we rose, Mr Witness, you had agreed with me
26 that for the 13 years or so you spent from 1990 up until 2003 you
27 were for the most part a bodyguard. Do you agree?

28 A. Yes. I said most of the times I was a bodyguard, fighter
29 and security at the same time.

1 Q. Now, before we go on to deal in a little bit more detail
2 about your role as a bodyguard can I ask you, please, about the
3 training you received at Gborplay. Can you help us as to when it
4 was in 1990 that you went to Gborplay to be trained?

09:32:04 5 A. I said 1990, but I could not remember the month.

6 Q. I know you couldn't remember the month, but I'm asking
7 about the month for a very good reason. Can you help us, please,
8 as to which month or part of the year it was?

9 A. I keep giving you the answer that I could not remember, but
09:32:31 10 it was in 1990 from Ivory Coast to Gborplay.

11 Q. Let me try it this way then. Was it at the beginning of
12 the year or the end of the year?

13 A. It was at the beginning of the year 1990.

14 Q. The reason why I was hoping that you would be able to help
09:32:58 15 us with a bit more specificity is this: That training base at
16 Gborplay did not open until July 1990. You're telling us now,
17 are you, that it was at the beginning of 1990 that you entered
18 that base for training. Is that right?

19 MR KOU MJIAN: Excuse me, your Honour, the question assumes
09:33:25 20 facts not in evidence. If counsel is asking the witness when the
21 training base opened he may do that, but counsel cannot testify
22 when there has been no evidence as to that.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: He is putting a counter-proposition to
24 the witness, Mr Koumjian. The witness has said that it was at
09:33:45 25 the beginning of the year and counsel is saying it didn't open
26 and was putting a counter. I allow the question.

27 MR GRIFFITHS: I am merely making a suggestion,
28 Mr Koumjian. You can later correct me if I'm wrong:

29 Q. What I'm suggesting, Mr Witness, is this: That that base

1 didn't open until July 1990. Do you agree or disagree?

2 A. No, but that is the reason why when you asked me I kept
3 telling you that I couldn't remember the month, but I remember
4 going to the base in 1990, but you kept asking me about the year
09:34:23 5 and month.

6 Q. That's my job and eventually you said it was the beginning
7 of the year and what I'm suggesting is that's quite wrong. Now,
8 do you agree with that?

9 A. I disagree because you asked me and I told you I couldn't
09:34:43 10 remember the month. I only remember that I went to the base in
11 1990 at Gborplay.

12 Q. Very well. Do you know the name Joe Tuah, spelt T-U-A-H?

13 A. I know that very well.

14 Q. Did he have a significant role to play at that training
09:35:08 15 base at Gborplay?

16 A. I saw Joe Tuah at the base. He never trained me but he was
17 one of the Special Forces on the base.

18 Q. Was he involved in training at the base at all?

19 A. Yes.

09:35:31 20 Q. Was he not the person who trained you?

21 A. Joe Tuah never trained me. He trained people but he was
22 specialising in artillery at that time. He had his own special
23 area during the training at the base. That was where he was
24 training.

09:35:57 25 Q. Whilst we are on the topic of personalities, let me ask you
26 about another personality. Does the name Dupo Mekazon mean
27 anything to you?

28 A. Yes, I know him to be one of the Special Forces.

29 Q. Was he not the first SSS man?

1 A. No. During the days of Gborplay I did not know whether
2 they had SSS. I only went there as a recruit and I was trained
3 as a recruit and later I left Gborplay. So whether Dopoe was SSS
4 I do not know.

09:36:46 5 Q. Let me put the question differently. Who was the first
6 head of the SSS?

7 A. Counsel, you asked me. I said I don't know whether they
8 had SSS in existence at Gborplay. I only knew about training.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, could you address the Bench
09:37:15 10 in your answers, please. Do not carry out a conversation. The
11 questions are asked by counsel, but your answers are to the
12 Bench.

13 THE WITNESS: Okay.

14 MR GRIFFITHS:

09:37:28 15 Q. Let me try my question again and it's very simple. Who was
16 the first head of the SSS?

17 A. I knew the SSS director to be Benjamin Yeaten in Gbarnga,
18 but at the training base at Gborplay I never knew about the SSS.
19 That is what I kept saying.

09:38:01 20 Q. Please forget completely about Gborplay. The question is
21 very simple: Who was the first head of the SSS?

22 A. I said I knew Benjamin Yeaten. At that time I had got to
23 the mansion he was the SSS director. Dopoe Menkarzon that you
24 are asking me about, he was one of the generals controlling the
09:38:29 25 mansion at that time in Gbarnga and I knew Benjamin Yeaten to be
26 the SSS director. They had a mansion brigade.

27 Q. Was Benjamin Yeaten the first head of the SSS?

28 A. When I got to that area or that particular session I knew
29 him to be the SSS director. That is what I keep saying.

1 Q. Do you know if there was a director before Benjamin Yeaten
2 became head?

3 A. I never knew whether or not there was another director, but
4 I knew Benjamin Yeaten to be the director when I got to Gbarnga.
09:39:26 5 That is what I keep saying, because from Gborplay I never went to
6 Gbarnga. I went to Bomi Hills before proceeding to Gbarnga.

7 MR GRIFFITHS: For the record, Dupo Mekazon is D-U-P-O
8 M-E-K-A-Z-O. I am told there is an N on the end. It is Mekazon.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I do recall that name being
09:39:59 10 mentioned earlier.

11 MR GRIFFITHS:

12 Q. Now, as I understand what you told us, you were first
13 assigned as a bodyguard to one Oliver Varney, weren't you?

14 A. Yes.

09:40:25 15 Q. And how did that come about?

16 A. It happened after my training. That was when I graduated
17 from the training from Gborplay. They moved - they brought us to
18 Tapeta and I was on standby to go to the front line. That was
19 the time they assigned Oliver Varney at Tapeta as the adjutant
09:40:53 20 within that brigade - that battalion at that time and he chose me
21 to serve as one of his bodyguards.

22 Q. So he selected you rather than you being assigned to him,
23 is that right?

24 A. Yes, yes.

09:41:09 25 Q. Now, if I understand what you are telling us, having been
26 assigned to Oliver Varney you were then posted, were you not, to
27 Buchanan?

28 A. I said Oliver chose me. We were in a formation. He stood
29 right under where the flag was flying and he counted four

1 persons, one, two, three and four, and I was the fourth person.
2 He said, "These four people from today's date they are going to
3 serve as bodyguards for me", and he chose me {
4 Redacted } and so I was with him. He was the general.

09:41:56 5 MR KOUMJIAN: Your honours, I would ask that the last line
6 be redacted as we are in public session and this was something we
7 elicited in private session. The very last - the first word on
8 what is for me line 5 of page 7, right after "bodyguard".

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Griffiths, you have heard the
09:42:20 10 application.

11 MR GRIFFITHS: I have no difficulty with that.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will direct the redaction of the words
13 which start on my font in the middle of line 1 of page 7 to the
14 end of line 2.

09:42:48 15 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Koumjian, was it just that one word you
16 wanted redacted; the word that comes off "bodyguard"?

17 MR KOUMJIAN: I believe, your Honours, that to protect the
18 record probably the best thing is to redact after the phrase "he
19 chose me", otherwise I think it would be quite apparent, and then
09:43:08 20 to begin again publicly with "and so I was with him".

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, I will amend that. Madam
22 Court Officer, you have heard that application. Please prepare
23 the redaction order. Please proceed, Mr Griffiths.

24 MR GRIFFITHS:

09:43:31 25 Q. Can we now please try my question. After you were
26 assigned, you were then posted to Buchanan, am I right?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. And you spent something like two months in Buchanan?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Doing what?

2 A. I was still with my chief.

3 Q. Doing what? Were you fighting? Were you guarding a base?

4 Were you studying? What were you doing during that two month

09:44:14 5 period as a bodyguard?

6 A. I was guarding my commander.

7 Q. Did you do anything else apart from guarding your

8 commander?

9 A. Oh, I used to be with him at any time he was going to the

09:44:38 10 front line. I would go with him and then, when coming back, I

11 bring him back home. Besides that, nothing else.

12 Q. Now, after Buchanan, is it right that you were then

13 assigned to Bomi Hills?

14 A. Yes.

09:45:08 15 Q. For how long?

16 A. I was - I went with my commander to Bomi Hills. We got to

17 Robertsport and from Robertsport to Bomi Hills. We were in Bomi

18 Hills from '90 up to '91.

19 Q. Doing what?

09:45:37 20 A. He was the commander at that time who took over Bomi and I

21 was with him. I was keeping guard on him.

22 Q. Were you engaged in any fighting?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who were you fighting?

09:46:01 25 A. I fought against the AFL and later the forces from Prince

26 Johnson.

27 Q. What were his forces called?

28 A. Who?

29 Q. Prince Johnson?

1 A. INPFL.

2 Q. And how long did you stay in Bomi Hills?

3 A. I said I was in Bomi Hills from 1990 to '91.

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4 Q. Now, did you meet anyone whilst you were in Bomi Hills
5 during that period?

6 A. Yes, I met someone.

7 Q. Who was that?

8 A. I met one Foday Sankoh, but I had first met with him in
9 Gbarnga even before Bomi Hills.

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10 Q. So just so that I'm clear, you first met Foday Sankoh in
11 Gbarnga and then you met him again in Bomi Hills. Is that right?

12 A. Yes, yes.

13 Q. When was it that you first met him in Gbarnga?

14 A. It was in the same '90.

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15 Q. Had you already been assigned to your commander at that
16 time?

17 A. I was still with my commander in Bomi.

18 Q. So, help me. You'd been posted to Buchanan and then Bomi
19 Hills, so how did you come to be in Gbarnga with your commander
20 in 1990?

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21 A. I did say that when they assigned my commander I never used
22 to go anywhere on my own. When they assigned my commander from
23 Tapeta to Buchanan, from Buchanan Mr Taylor recalled him to take
24 over Bomi and so I went with him to Bomi Hills and we attacked
09:49:00 25 from Bomi to open up the road because Monrovia had been blocked
26 by the AFL. So we opened the road from Gbarnga - I mean from
27 Bomi Hills to Lofa. That is the road leading to Gbarnga. That
28 was the time I went with him.

29 Q. So it was just a visit, was it?

1 A. No, it was not just a visit. It was for us to go and meet
2 Mr Taylor.

3 Q. And did you meet Mr Taylor on that occasion?

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4 A. I saw him, but I never met him for - to have a discussion
5 with him because I was with my commander. I was standing. He
6 went inside with Mr Taylor and later he came out and Mr Taylor
7 too came out. He was standing. Everybody was watching at him.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, could I request you in your
9 answers to go a little slower --

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10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: -- to allow the transcribers to write
12 what you say.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can repeat it. Okay.

14 MR GRIFFITHS:

09:50:12

15 Q. Now, we've reached the stage in your bodyguard career where
16 you are guarding your commander in Bomi Hills. Where did you go
17 after that?

18 A. From Bomi Hills they moved my commander to Maryland and I
19 went with him to Maryland.

09:50:36

20 Q. Are you sure you went with him to Maryland?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You are quite sure, are you, that Oliver Varney was
23 assigned to Maryland?

24 A. Yes.

09:51:01

25 Q. I'm going to suggest that Oliver Varney was never assigned
26 to Maryland. He was always assigned to Bomi Hills. Isn't that
27 the truth?

28 A. No, I drove with Oliver Varney in a Starlet - a black
29 Starlet car. He and I, both of us, rode in the same Starlet car

1 from Gbarnga - I mean from Bomi Hills. First of all, I collected
2 some of his things from Bomi Hills to Gbarnga and he and I drove
3 alongside one lady from Tapeta. We went straight to Maryland and
4 we met a gentleman called Takpor Liway. He, Oliver, made him
09:51:58 5 deputy commander general to him. Liway is presently assigned
6 with Moses Blah.

7 Q. Can you spell that Takpor Liway for us?

8 A. No, I don't know how to spell Takpor Liway.

9 MR GRIFFITHS: I don't know if the interpreters can help us
09:52:20 10 at least with a phonetic spelling?

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, can you help us with the
12 spelling of that place [sic] name?

13 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honours.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do so.

09:52:30 15 THE INTERPRETER: Takpor is T-A-K-P-O-R and Liway is
16 L-I-W-A-Y.

17 MR GRIFFITHS: Thank you, Mr Interpreter:

18 Q. So, help us then. How long did you stay in Maryland?

19 A. When we got to Maryland we spent about a month, or like
09:53:04 20 two, and then Bomi came under attack.

21 Q. By whom?

22 A. It was the ULIMO.

23 Q. ULIMO-K or ULIMO-J?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Koumjian?

09:53:27 25 MR KOUMJIAN: Your Honours, I don't know quite how to say
26 this without leading the witness --

27 MR GRIFFITHS: Please don't.

28 MR KOUMJIAN: -- and so perhaps I will sit down.

29 MR GRIFFITHS: Thank you:

1 Q. Was it ULIMO-K or ULIMO-J?

2 A. ULIMO was together as K. They only divided later when
3 Roosevelt Johnson left the other.

09:54:12 4 Q. So it was a unified ULIMO that you were fighting at that
5 time, yes? Is that right?

6 A. Yes, I never fought against them at that time I am talking
7 about because I was in Maryland with Oliver.

8 Q. So ULIMO are attacking the NPFL in Bomi Hills, is that
9 right?

09:54:43 10 A. It was not in Bomi Town itself. I said when we got to
11 Maryland, where Oliver took over as commanding general, later an
12 order came from Gbarnga, from Mr Taylor, that his controlled area
13 is under attack. He said he should return back to Bomi.

09:55:15 14 Q. So you agree with me then that Oliver Varney's sphere of
15 control was indeed Bomi Hills. He was in charge of that area,
16 wasn't he?

17 A. Come again with the question.

18 Q. Oliver Varney had been instructed to maintain control of
19 Bomi Hills, hadn't he?

09:55:39 20 A. Yes. I said Mr Taylor called him to return to Bomi because
21 Bomi was under another attack.

22 Q. And is it not the case that it's because Oliver Varney
23 deserted Bomi Hills and went off somewhere else and ULIMO were
24 able to attack and gain control of it, that's why he was
09:56:10 25 executed. Isn't that right?

26 A. He never deserted that area. An order came directly to
27 Oliver that your assignment has been changed from Bomi. And he
28 was given time to collect his property from Bomi and to turn the
29 command over and he did before he left. He had nothing to do

1 again with Bomi .

2 Q. But, in any event, he went back to Bomi to repel the ULIMO
3 attack, did he?

4 A. Yes.

09:56:49 5 Q. Was he successful?

6 A. Very successful .

7 Q. And did you go with him?

8 A. He left me in Maryland with his wife and all his properties
9 that were there because one of the cars got a breakdown on the
09:57:10 10 highway on a town called Kpatuo, so he and I came from Maryland.
11 I stopped there to collect the car and take it back to Maryland,
12 so he left me in Maryland.

13 Q. I think there was a name there which again I can't assist
14 with the spelling. Mr Witness, can you assist us with the
09:57:27 15 spelling of that place. Is it Peita?

16 A. I said a town. A Gio town called Kpatuo. Kpatuo.

17 Q. How do you spell that town?

18 A. It's supposed to be K-P-A-T-U-O.

19 Q. Did you ever meet up with Oliver Varney in Bomi Hills after
09:58:04 20 he had left?

21 A. I never went to Bomi. I only collected Oliver's property
22 from Maryland and I took some to his home and the remaining - the
23 other bodyguards brought them to Gbarnga where he had his house
24 right around the rubber factory area.

09:58:30 25 Q. In any event, did there come a time when Oliver Varney
26 returned from Bomi Hills and you linked up with him again?

27 A. I never met Oliver until when I heard about his death.

28 Q. So you never saw him again after he left Maryland to go and
29 fight ULIMO in Bomi Hills. Is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And ULIMO did capture Bomi Hills, didn't they?

3 A. Yes, I heard it.

4 Q. Now help us with this for a moment, please. From where had
09:59:20 5 ULIMO come to attack Bomi Hills?

6 A. I told you that I was not in Bomi. My commander - my
7 commander's assignment was changed and I only heard that Bomi was
8 under attack and they sent for my commander to go to Bomi. I
9 stayed in Maryland, so I was not there. Whether they came from

09:59:45 10 Freetown or Guinea, I do not know.

11 Q. So you weren't listening in to any radio communications,
12 you weren't speaking to any senior officers who might have given
13 you some information?

14 A. The information was flowing all over because we had base
10:00:11 15 radio. People were leaving from Gbarnga, Maryland in cars all
16 over.

17 Q. So that's why I'm asking. If there was information all
18 over, help us. Where did ULIMO come from?

19 A. That is what I am saying. I said I was not there. I only
10:00:30 20 heard about the ULIMO - the ULIMO attack on Bomi.

21 Q. So thereafter I take it from what you've told us you left
22 from Maryland and went to Gbarnga?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, Gbarnga was being used as, in effect, the capital by
10:00:55 25 the NPFL, wasn't it?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And help us. Did they have any newspapers in Gbarnga?

28 A. I never saw a newspaper in Gbarnga.

29 Q. Because the NPFL did not have access to a printing press in

1 order to produce newspapers, did they?

2 A. I was not that kind of senior officer that could have had
3 access to all of those things.

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4 Q. I know you weren't. That's why I'm asking you about your
5 role as a bodyguard. So help me. When you got to Gbarnga, what
6 happened to you then?

7 A. When I got to Gbarnga I was in hiding.

8 Q. For how long?

9 A. I was in hiding for almost two weeks.

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10 Q. So, effectively, you went AWOL?

11 A. I was not on AWOL. They had already arrested my commander
12 and I was finding means to get information. I cannot call that
13 AWOL. I did not desert my oath.

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14 Q. But you went missing for two weeks. That looks like AWOL
15 to me. What do you call it?

16 A. AWOL is when you are under assignment and you leave your
17 assignment area and go on your own business, that is AWOL. But
18 it was not in that case. When I had heard that they had arrested
19 - that my commander had been arrested, so I was supposed to take
20 precaution. I do not call that AWOL.

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21 Q. Let's not call it AWOL then. You went into hiding for two
22 weeks. Now, during that two week period did you maintain any
23 contact with other members of the NPFL?

24 A. Yes.

10:03:23

25 Q. Who?

26 A. It was later when I got in contact with General Yeaten.

27 Q. How?

28 A. Good. First of all, when I got to Gbarnga and I was in
29 hiding I managed to get to Oliver's house. That was how I came

1 across one of the bodyguards { Redacted } and he
2 was called Macarthy. He told me that Oliver had been arrested
3 and he too was with Oliver and later he was released and Oliver
4 was in the arms of the task force in Gbarnga. After that - after
10:04:23 5 they had executed him, that was the time I had nowhere to go to
6 but to report myself to Yeaten.

7 MR KOUMJIAN: Excuse me, your Honour. A redaction request,
8 please. In the last answer I would ask the Court to redact what
9 for me is third line of the answer, "I came across one of the
10:04:44 10 bodyguards", redact after the word bodyguards and begin again
11 with, "and he too was with Oliver".

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have got a name after that.

13 MR KOUMJIAN: No. Just between - on the third line for me
14 of the answer, the third sentence, I believe, "That was how I
10:05:07 15 came across one of the bodyguards". I would ask to redact the
16 next five words and then begin, "And he was called Macarthy".
17 That's fine.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Griffiths?

19 MR GRIFFITHS: I have no difficulty with that.

10:05:24 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Officer. You have heard the
21 words referred to by counsel. We are granting the application.
22 On my font, which I think is the same as yours, it's page 17,
23 line 11. For those members of the public or monitors that are
24 within the precincts of the Court and may have heard this, those
10:05:53 25 particular words are not to be repeated outside the precincts of
26 the Court. Mr Griffiths, please continue.

27 MR GRIFFITHS: I apologise for turning my back on the
28 Court. I was just taking some quick instructions from Mr Taylor:
29 Q. Mr Witness, have you ever come across the name Black

1 Gadaffa?

2 A. I heard about Black Gadaffa.

3 Q. And it's right, isn't it, that Black Gadaffa was an
4 anti-NPFL army?

10:06:34 5 A. I never set eyes on the Black Gadaffa. I only heard about
6 the Black Gadaffa as Black Gadaffa.

7 Q. Now, from what you heard, Black Gadaffa was an anti-NPFL
8 force, wasn't it?

9 A. You see the Black Gadaffa, there were so many people using
10:07:11 10 that name. Any fighter could look at himself and refer to
11 himself as Black Gadaffa. The one that I knew that was called
12 Black Gadaffa, they were fighting for the NPFL. Whether they had
13 some other group or some other men I do not know.

14 Q. I am talking about an organisation called Black Gadaffa
10:07:33 15 rather than an individual. Now that organisation was
16 anti-Charles Taylor, wasn't it?

17 A. No, I never heard about an organisation called Black
18 Gadaffa.

19 Q. And it was Oliver Varney who helped to organise Black
10:07:56 20 Gadaffa. That's right, isn't it?

21 A. But I don't know about Black Gadaffa and whilst we were in
22 Bomi, together with Oliver, there was no organisation called
23 Black Gadaffa. And even when we left, we went to Maryland, there
24 was no organisation called Black Gadaffa. Oliver was one of the
10:08:25 25 men who actually used to say that Mr Taylor was the only --

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be
27 advised to reduce his speed and then repeat what he said.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, I remind you of what Justice
29 Sebutinde has told you. Everything you say is being interpreted

1 and it's being written down. If you go too quickly the
2 interpreters cannot keep up with you and we cannot get an
3 accurate record. Please speak more slowly. Pick up your answer
4 where you said, "Oliver was one of the men who actually used to
10:09:04 5 say that Mr Taylor --" Continue from there, please.

6 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, sir. I said when I was with
7 Oliver, he used to say Mr Taylor is - he is the only jacket tail
8 that he held fast to and nobody should go against him or against
9 the NPFL. So for that reason I never saw Oliver not a day
10:09:48 10 funding or forming a group in Bomi and even in Maryland, because
11 I was with him everywhere he went to.

12 MR GRIFFITHS:

13 Q. Did they have or hold court martials in the NPFL?

14 A. What? Did they have what?

10:10:13 15 Q. Court martials.

16 A. Yes, yes, yes, in Gbarnga.

17 Q. That's where members of the NPFL who had broken the law
18 would be tried and, if found guilty, punished. Is that right?

19 A. Yes, that was what the tribunal was set for.

10:10:45 20 Q. And Oliver Varney was tried, wasn't he?

21 A. Oliver was not tried at the tribunal. The information
22 about Oliver was going all around Gbarnga and everywhere that
23 NPFL controlled. Oliver, from the task force office he was taken
24 straight to the place where he was executed. He was not tried at
10:11:26 25 the tribunal.

26 Q. I suggest he was and that you are not telling us the truth
27 about that?

28 A. I swore on the Bible here and I think that was my second
29 time that I did it. Oliver was not tried at the tribunal. The

1 person that I recall that was tried in Gbarnga at the tribunal
2 was one of the Special Forces by the name of Sam Larto, the one
3 who shot one of the INPFL soldiers. Mr Taylor sent him to that
4 tribunal and the tribunal at that time - the chairman at that
10:12:16 5 time was one of the Special Forces called Maduna Bwua.

6 Q. And I further suggest that following his trial that's when
7 he was executed. That's Oliver Varney. That's the truth, isn't
8 it?

9 A. Who?

10:12:40 10 Q. Oliver Varney?

11 A. I keep telling you Oliver was never tried at the tribunal.
12 Oliver was arrested along with one of his bodyguards. They tied
13 him and they took him straight to the task force section. He was
14 there and from there he was taken to the Bong Mines road where he
10:13:21 15 was executed.

16 Q. Did you witness any of that yourself?

17 A. I said when I got to Gbarnga I was told by the man {
18 Redacted }. He told me, because he too was arrested along
19 with Oliver.

10:13:47 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could we have spelling of the surname of
21 Maduna, please? Maduna who?

22 THE WITNESS: Bwua.

23 MR GRIFFITHS:

24 Q. How do you spell it?

10:14:05 25 A. I don't know.

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, do you think you could
27 help us?

28 MR GRIFFITHS: I am told by Mr Taylor that it's already on
29 the record, Justice Sebutinde:

1 Q. But in any event --

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Griffiths. I note that
3 the terms used by this witness which have been redacted I think
4 have been repeated. Please pause to allow me to check that.

10:14:38 5 Yes, Mr Koumjian?

6 MR KOUMJIAN: Madam President, I see exactly the same issue
7 involving the same person as far as redaction. This is in an
8 answer - I think it's the very last answer the witness gave. He
9 says, "I was told by the man", and then I would ask to redact the
10 rest of that sentence. The answer begins, "I said when I got to
11 Gbarnga I was told by the man", and I would ask to redact the
12 last five words of that sentence.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is at page 21, lines 18 to 19, on my
14 font. Mr Griffiths?

10:15:11 15 MR GRIFFITHS: I have no difficulty with that.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Accordingly, there will be a redaction of
17 the five words that - the last two on page 21, line 18, and the
18 first three on page 21, line 19. Please proceed, Mr Griffiths.

19 MR GRIFFITHS: I am grateful, Madam President:

10:15:33 20 Q. Now, Mr Witness, I need - despite your denial - to ask you
21 some more questions about what I suggest was a court martial
22 which took place in order that these matters are put on the
23 record. What I am suggesting is that at the same time that
24 Oliver Varney was arrested others were arrested as well. Do you
10:15:59 25 remember that also arrested was one De Gbun, is that right?

26 A. Yes, yes, I heard about De Gbun.

27 Q. And can you spell that name for us?

28 A. I don't know most of those names. For your record's sake,
29 I do not want to misspell any name.

1 MR GRIFFITHS: Madam President, I am informed by Mr Taylor
2 that the spelling should be D-E and a separate word G-B-U-N.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Unless I hear an objection from the
4 Prosecution side, I will accept that spelling. No. Please, that
10:16:41 5 will go on the record then.

6 MR GRIFFITHS:

7 Q. And just so we are sure that we are talking about the same
8 incident, he was arrested at the same time as Oliver Varney,
9 wasn't he?

10:16:53 10 A. I heard that De Gbun and Oliver were arrested together.
11 That was what I heard.

12 Q. Also arrested was another individual called One Man One?

13 A. No, they arrested De Gbun and others and later they
14 arrested One Man One. One Man One was arrested after they had
10:17:29 15 already executed Oliver and the others.

16 Q. Also arrested, am I right, was one Anthony Mekunagbe?

17 A. Anthony Mekunagbe was arrested later in Lofa and at that
18 time they had already killed Oliver and De Gbun. The One Man One
19 that you are talking about, I even met him in Gbarnga and he was
10:18:04 20 over a motorbike and he stopped by me and at that time they had
21 already killed Oliver and De Gbun. He himself told me that he
22 was in tears because Oliver was their commander at the time they
23 entered Bomi and all of them struggled together, they suffered
24 together, and for them to just grab Oliver and De Gbun to kill
10:18:30 25 them he said he was in tears. That was what he told me.

26 Q. Also arrested was one Sam Larto, am I right?

27 A. I told you that Sam Larto was later arrested when Prince
28 Johnson's men joined the NPFL, and later one of the body - I mean
29 the soldiers for the INPFL was shot by Sam Larto. That was how

1 Sam Larto was arrested in Gbarnga and at that time Oliver and
2 others had already been killed.

3 Q. Just so that you are clear, what I'm suggesting to you is
4 that the five men whose names I've called out were all put on
10:19:30 5 trial for involvement with Black Gadaffa, they were tried, found
6 guilty and executed. Isn't that the case?

7 A. No. The tribunal that you are talking about in Gbarnga,
8 before they take anybody to that tribunal - because they were
9 based right at the intersection. When coming from Ganta and
10:20:04 10 going towards the Gbarnga park, the tribunal was located right on
11 top of the hill and opposite the tribunal they had the G2 office
12 and behind that they had the Methodist compound. When they were
13 trying anybody at the tribunal, people around there will come
14 together and go there to see who had been brought to the tribunal
10:20:37 15 to be tried. So Oliver never appeared at that place.

16 Q. Let me move on. In any event, if I understand what you are
17 telling us, when you emerged from hiding after two weeks you
18 linked up with Benjamin Yeaten, is that right?

19 A. Yes, I met him and he told me that I shouldn't be afraid.
10:21:13 20 I should be with him.

21 Q. And were you then assigned to him?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And can you help us with a month and a year?

24 A. It was in '92.

10:21:35 25 Q. The beginning or the end of '92?

26 A. It was in the middle part of '92. At that time they had
27 already killed Oliver.

28 Q. Now, if I understand again what you've told us, from 1992
29 until 1997 you remained in Gbarnga. Is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And during that five year period you were involved in
3 guarding the Executive Mansion in Gbarnga, weren't you?

4 A. Yes.

10:22:19 5 Q. And can you describe the Executive Mansion for us?

6 A. Very well. The mansion, when you enter Gbarnga, that is
7 coming from the Ganta side, first of all you meet an

8 intersection. The place is called the GSA Road. Now, that
9 particular road led to Benjamin Yeaten's place where he was

10:23:01 10 staying. They call it Sugar Hill area. When you get here at

11 Benjamin Yeaten's house you will see another road leading, going
12 towards the left, going on top of the hill. When you climb the

13 hill and you go down the slope, you will meet a main road there
14 going to the county field. You will stay right there on the main

10:23:27 15 road and see the mansion on top of the hill.

16 MR KOU MJIAN: Your Honour, on the transcript I believe the
17 transcriber did not understand the area where Benjamin Yeaten's
18 house was. He said, "They called it ...", and perhaps the
19 witness could repeat it because I think the interpreter slightly
10:23:50 20 garbled it.

21 THE WITNESS: Sugar Hill. Sugar Hill, where Benjamin
22 Yeaten was living.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: That will be noted for correction.

24 MR GRIFFITHS:

10:24:05 25 Q. And was the Executive Mansion on a large plot of land, or a
26 small plot of land, or what?

27 A. The mansion was on a big plot of land. It was not that
28 big, but it could have been an acre.

29 Q. Wasn't it more like two acres?

1 A. Yes, because there were two mansions. The first mansion
2 that got burnt, where the rocket dropped, before Mr Taylor moved
3 to the other mansion, that one was on an acre, one acre. And
4 then the last one that I am talking about, it was also something
10:25:02 5 like one acre too.

6 Q. And for those five years when you were guarding the
7 mansion, you would go to the mansion, meet your commander and he
8 would assign you to guard either the gate or the fence, wouldn't
9 he?

10:25:27 10 A. Not all the five years I was assigned for to the mansion.
11 I told you at first I was with Yeaten and later they sent me for
12 an training, an in-service training in Gbarnga, the SSS training
13 before I took assignment at the mansion.

14 Q. Yes. So help us then. When were you assigned to the
10:25:51 15 mansion?

16 A. After my training in 1993.

17 Q. And did you remain as a mansion guard until 1997?

18 A. No. I was part of the mansion as security, but later
19 Yeaten recalled me to be assigned with him.

10:26:25 20 Q. Let's just tie down what your duties were at the Executive
21 Mansion when you worked there. You would go to the mansion and
22 your commander would assign you to either the gate or the fence.
23 Is that right?

24 A. Yes.

10:26:44 25 Q. And when you were assigned to the fence, basically you
26 would walk around the fence and make sure that no-one jumped over
27 it. Would that be fair?

28 A. Yes. To protect the area.

29 Q. And when you were assigned at the gate, when people arrived

1 you would ask them why they were there, name and so on and let
2 them in if they had the right to pass through. Is that right?

3 A. First of all, when I meet you I used to take instruction
4 directly from my commander. Orders will come from inside, from
10:27:32 5 Mr Taylor to the director, from the director to the commander
6 that they were expecting a guest. So we would have the list with
7 us and if that person appeared we would watch at the list, we ask
8 for the name and if the name was on the list that person would be
9 allowed to enter.

10:27:54 10 Q. And please understand, Mr Witness, why I am asking you
11 about these details. I'm trying to understand the extent of your
12 role and who you might have come in contact with. Do you follow
13 me? That's why I'm asking you about your duties. So we can sum
14 it up in this way, can't we: When you were at the Executive
10:28:15 15 Mansion you would guard the fence and sometimes you would be at
16 the gate to let people in who were on a list of names of people
17 who would be arriving that day. That was the extent of your
18 duties. Am I right?

19 A. Yes.

10:28:40 20 Q. Now, after the elections in 1997 you then moved to
21 Monrovia. Is that true?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. By that stage you had received training to become a member
24 of the SSS?

10:28:56 25 A. In Monrovia, yes.

26 Q. And you were assigned to the motorcade, weren't you, the
27 presidential motorcade?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. And what did you do as part of the motorcade?

1 A. To protect - to protect the VIP who was the President,
2 Mr Taylor. To take him from White Flower at his residence,
3 straight to the mansion and after work bring him back to White
4 Flower.

10:29:42 5 Q. Now, we've all seen on television presidential motorcades
6 with men on motorbikes and others in cars. Which one were you?

7 A. On the motorcade we had three shifts. I could be in one of
8 the jeeps, because they had the first car called the Pilot and
9 another car, the SSS car, they call it Adjustment and there was
10:30:20 10 another jeep called Extension and it was up to the commander to
11 either tell you to take care of the Pilot or the Adjustment or
12 the line position.

13 Q. I am grateful for all of that because the fact of the
14 matter is around the President at any one time there were
10:30:48 15 different levels of security, weren't there?

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 Q. Immediately around the president was close security. Is
18 that right?

19 A. Yes, yes, yes.

10:31:05 20 Q. Beyond that close security ring there were other
21 securities. Is that right?

22 A. Yes, within the SSS.

23 Q. And you were involved in the outer security, weren't you?

24 A. The motorcade, the second circle around the President after
10:31:36 25 the special bodyguard was the motorcade.

26 Q. And that's the level where you were. Is that right?

27 A. Yes. The second cycle.

28 Q. And you would only be involved when the President was in
29 transit from point A to point B. Am I right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. At other times you had no bodyguard or security role to
3 play with the President. That's right, isn't it?

4 A. I had a role to play because I was on the motorcade.

10:32:20 5 Q. Yes, but beyond the motorcade you did nothing else in terms
6 of security for the President, did you?

7 A. No, no. I could only do that maybe if instruction came.

8 Q. Remember, Mr Witness, I am asking you these questions in
9 order to establish how close you claim you were to President
10:32:49 10 Taylor. Do you follow me? That's why I'm going into this kind
11 of detail and the bottom line is from 1997 until the end of 1999
12 you were involved in the motorcade and nothing else. That's
13 right, isn't it?

14 A. From - yes, yes.

10:33:12 15 Q. And just to give us an idea of how this security works, I
16 wonder if we can put up, please, photograph P-122F, exhibit.

17 MS IRURA: Your Honour, we would require some time to
18 locate it, but it is within the courtroom.

19 MR GRIFFITHS: Would your Honour give me a moment. I can
10:34:26 20 speed this process up. I have a colour copy and I have a black
21 and white copy I can work from. So if we put this up on the
22 screen we need not delay and we can find the document in due
23 course:

24 Q. Can you see that photograph?

10:35:17 25 A. Very well.

26 Q. Now, what we see in this photograph is President Taylor
27 meeting a guest at Roberts Field International Airport. Am I
28 right?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. To the right of the photograph is a man you know to be
2 Joseph Montgomery. Is that right?

3 A. Yes, yeah.

10:35:53

4 Q. At the rear of the President is another man you know as
5 General Gibba, yes?

6 A. Yes, at the back in uniform.

10:36:21

7 Q. To the left of the President, to the President's left, is
8 another man in a light suit called Musa N'jie and to the right of
9 the President would be another bodyguard forming a diamond shape
10 around the President. That's right, isn't it?

11 A. Yeah, the first person that you called right here is
12 Montgomery. The second person there on the left is Musa N'jie.
13 That's true.

10:36:43

14 Q. No, the point I am asking you about is this: Do you know
15 anything at all about close security, the roles that these three
16 men we see in the photograph are playing? Do you know anything
17 about that?

10:37:09

18 A. Yeah. What I was told by this same Montgomery - because he
19 taught me VIP. The first man, the role he is playing here is F1.
20 We called it F1. Then at the back is Mikko, so they were giving
21 him a diamond wax [phon] position. We call it wax position.

22 Q. So, were it not for the photograph we should see another
23 man standing to the right of the President to form the diamond
24 close security around him, shouldn't we?

10:37:42

25 A. I didn't hear that.

26 Q. Let me hold it up and I'll show you. Mr Witness, if you
27 could look this way for a moment. This is just a black and white
28 copy.

29 A. I have of seen it here.

1 Q. We are talking about close security. There is the point
2 man, F1, at the front?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. There is the backstop behind the President?

10:38:06 5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. There is another man to his left. And to complete the
7 diamond there should be another man just off the photograph to
8 his right?

9 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's right. Yeah, yeah.

10:38:20 10 Q. And that's what you call close personal security?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Now, just to be clear, you never ever fulfilled that role,
13 did you?

14 A. No, I was not. Sometimes I took up right here in this
10:38:41 15 position when the director, the aide-de-camp - because Gibba was
16 the aide-de-camp and Musa N'jie was the deputy to Momoh Gibba.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, pause please. The witness is
18 pointing to his monitor and therefore presumably to the picture
19 on his monitor, but none of us can see what he is pointing at.

10:39:07 20 So, Mr Witness, I want you to move slightly and make the same
21 indications again on that photo, please don't go outside. Yes,
22 make that same indication on the ELMO.

23 MR GRIFFITHS: Madam President, through an excess of
24 caution and although I don't want to deny the public sight of
10:39:28 25 this, I see that the witness wears a distinctive ring. I am
26 wondering whether through an excess of caution, perhaps just for
27 the purpose of this demonstration, we should cut the live feed
28 from the overhead.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: That would be wise in the circumstances.

1 MR GRIFFITHS: Or he can take it off, of course.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will have the live feed of the picture
3 cut temporarily, please.

4 MR GRIFFITHS:

10:40:10 5 Q. Now you were explaining something to us, Mr Witness, and
6 can you recall now what it was you were explaining to us?

7 A. Here.

8 Q. Well, can you explain it to us on the screen now please.

9 Do you follow me?

10:40:27 10 MS IRURA: Your Honours, it has been - it will be
11 implemented.

12 THE WITNESS: Here. Can I explain?

13 MR GRIFFITHS:

14 Q. Yes, please.

10:40:47 15 A. I said at the back here.

16 Q. Yes?

17 A. Right here this is Momoh Gibba, the senior aide-de-camp to
18 Mr Taylor. Then standing on the left in the coat suit is Musa
19 N'jie, deputy to Momoh Gibba, and standing right in front here is
10:41:22 20 Joseph Montgomery, 52, director for operations. That was what I
21 said.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I understood - put your question again,
23 Mr Griffiths, because I understood a slightly different
24 variation.

10:41:44 25 MR GRIFFITHS:

26 Q. You were telling us, were you not, about you operating as
27 close security on an occasion, or other occasions, weren't you?

28 A. Yes, any SSS personnel sometimes comes close to this area
29 when the director, or the senior aide-de-camp, was not around to

1 take the President sometimes to the airport or to an area where
2 there is a programme. You can play that role at times. That's
3 the trained SSS personnel.

4 Q. Tell me, did you ever play that role?

10:42:37 5 A. Yes, that's what I'm saying.

6 Q. That's a lie and I will tell you why it's a lie. Have a
7 look at the three men in close proximity to the President. Do
8 you notice something? They are all taller than him, because they
9 all have to be over six feet tall to fill that role. Stand up,
10 please. Stand up, please.

10:43:05

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do not go any further than you are.

12 MR GRIFFITHS:

13 Q. Tell me, five foot five? Is that how tall you are?

14 MR KOUMJIAN: I think this should be in private session.

10:43:22

15 THE WITNESS: I even had --

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please pause a moment.

17 Mr Griffiths, you have heard that.

18 MR GRIFFITHS: I totally disagree with that. How does the
19 height five foot five identify this man? How many five feet five
20 people are there on this planet?

10:43:42

21 MR KOUMJIAN: Your Honours, according to Mr Griffiths there
22 are no others who are on close protection to the President and so
23 it is rather inconsistent, the Defence position.

24 MR GRIFFITHS: No, no, my position is that he would never
25 have fulfilled that role because of his height. Please listen,
26 Mr Koumjian.

10:43:54

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I allow the question. Please complete
28 the question.

29 MR GRIFFITHS:

1 Q. How tall are you?

2 A. We were not -

3 Q. How tall are you?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please answer the question.

10:44:16 5 THE WITNESS: I do not know my height.

6 MR GRIFFITHS:

7 Q. You are not six feet tall, are you?

8 A. I said I do not know my height.

9 Q. You are not six feet tall, are you?

10:44:37 10 A. I have not checked my height.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, do you know if you are six
12 foot tall?

13 THE WITNESS: I have not checked my height whether I am six
14 feet or five feet tall. Can I explain something, sir?

10:44:56 15 MR GRIFFITHS: No, I will tell you what we will do. We
16 have actually got a tape measure in Court and so let's measure
17 him. I wonder if we could put a marker. You are probably six
18 feet tall, Mr Usher, and so perhaps you can do it. If we can
19 borrow the measure and measure him, please.

10:45:57 20 MS IRURA: Your Honour, the height is 166 centimetres.

21 MR GRIFFITHS: I am old fashioned. How much is that in
22 feet and inches?

23 MS IRURA: Your Honour, I would have to get a converter.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I would estimate it to be five foot and
10:46:16 25 six inches. Can I have another estimate?

26 JUDGE LUSSICK: I know, Mr Griffiths, to convert you simply
27 divide by 30. There are 30 centimetres to one foot.

28 MR GRIFFITHS: I am grateful for that, Justice Lussick. So
29 I wasn't that far off, was I, when I said five foot five:

1 Q. Sit down, please.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What I am suggesting, so you are quite clear about it, is
4 that you never fulfilled the role of close security with

10:46:47 5 President Taylor?

6 A. I did. They had shorter people than me that played the
7 role of Mikko and F1. As long as you've graduated from the SSS
8 and the police academy anybody can play this role, but they had
9 the close bodyguard unit as I have explained it in Court here.

10:47:20 10 Sometimes I came very close to Mr Taylor when on a programme,

11 like church - like a church.

12 Q. You see, I'm just going to show you another couple of
13 photographs so that we can cement this idea. I hope we can
14 re-establish the feed for the public gallery.

10:47:40 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was going to instruct that, Mr Witness,
16 please move back to your normal seat. Thank you for those
17 indications.

18 MR GRIFFITHS: Yes, can we have another look at another
19 photograph please. This is exhibit P-122E and can I have my one
10:48:16 20 back, please, before it goes missing. Thanks. Could we have
21 that up on the screen please:

22 Q. I am just going to give you a couple more examples.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In this photograph, who is in the point position again?

10:48:50 25 A. Montgomery.

26 Q. So the same man who was playing point at the airport is
27 playing point in this photograph, do you agree?

28 A. Yeah, yeah.

29 Q. Let me give you another example. I'm sorry, but I only

1 have a --

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is this an exhibit?

3 MR GRIFFITHS: It's an exhibit. I have the exhibit. The
4 black and white copy will do because it's a short point and I
10:49:30 5 don't want to delay. Ignore the writing on the photograph. I'm
6 only asking about the position of One Man One. Can we just put
7 that quickly up on the screen, please, and maybe if we can have
8 the writing at the bottom obliterated. I am merely interested in
9 the man at the front. I see Mr Koumjian standing.

10:49:59 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause. Yes, Mr Koumjian?

11 MR KOUMJIAN: Your Honour, we haven't heard the exhibit
12 that is being shown to the witness.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ah, yes. Has it an exhibit number?

14 MR GRIFFITHS: It has an exhibit number of 154C. I am
10:50:15 15 grateful to Mr Anyah. In fact I'm corrected. It's 122C:
16 Q. Again we see close security in operation, don't we,
17 Mr Witness?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Who is point?

10:51:22 20 A. Montgomery.

21 Q. Again. Who is backstop?

22 A. Momoh Gibba.

23 Q. He is in the white suit with the [microphone not
24 activated]?

10:51:35 25 A. Yes, here.

26 Q. Who is on the right?

27 A. Mr Yeaten.

28 Q. Now, we can put that photograph away now.

29 A. Yes, your Honour.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness?

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Counsel asked me a question and he
3 kept asking me and I tried to make it very clear regarding the
4 picture that he just showed me. You see, at times, when we came
10:52:35 5 from the VIP, just to make it clear for the Court to know - when
6 we came from the VIP protection training the role that Montgomery
7 is playing right here, Montgomery was a director. He was not
8 always with the President. At the time that he maybe played this
9 role and this picture was taken other people had their own
10:53:02 10 picture that they took with the President. Even myself here, I
11 was standing with Mr Taylor, I took a picture at the same airport
12 that he is talking about along with Director Yeaten.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. We have note of that.

14 MR GRIFFITHS:

10:53:18 15 Q. Well, help me with this, please: Where is that photograph
16 now?

17 A. I never travelled with the photograph, but I presented some
18 photographs. I did not travel with it. I have it in my album in
19 Liberia. I never travelled with.

10:53:41 20 Q. Help me with this: In October --

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Griffiths.

22 MR KOUMJIAN: Your Honours, I hesitate to interrupt but I
23 understood counsel to be making the point that all those on close
24 protection were over six feet. It would be helpful to ask the
10:53:56 25 witness the height of Benjamin Yeaten.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sure you can deal with that in
27 re-examination, Mr Koumjian. Please proceed, Mr Griffiths.

28 MR GRIFFITHS:

29 Q. We are talking about a photograph that you claim you have

1 taken with Mr Taylor. Now, do you recall in October of last
2 year, over the course of four days you were interviewed by,
3 amongst others, Brenda Hollis who sits opposite. Do you see her
4 sitting opposite? Mr Witness, do you see her sitting opposite?

10:54:45 5 MR KOUMJIAN: Perhaps the witness should not be leaning
6 forward.

7 MR GRIFFITHS: I am still going to ask the question,
8 Mr Koumjian:

9 Q. Can you see Brenda Hollis in Court?

10:55:00 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, do you understand the
11 question?

12 THE WITNESS: From the area that I am sitting I am not
13 seeing Brenda. But I was interviewed. I can remember I was
14 interviewed.

10:55:24 15 MR GRIFFITHS:

16 Q. Lean forward a little bit now, please, Mr Witness. Can you
17 see Brenda Hollis in Court?

18 MR KOUMJIAN: The Prosecution will stipulate that Brenda
19 Hollis is in Court. I don't think it's wise to ask the witness
10:55:37 20 to go outside the area. That's what it's there for; to protect
21 him.

22 MR GRIFFITHS:

23 Q. You see, I am seeking to remind you of an occasion in
24 October of last year when over the course of four days you were
10:55:52 25 interviewed by Brenda Hollis and you were shown 50 photographs
26 during that time. Help me. Did you see your face in close
27 proximity to Charles Taylor in a single one of those photographs?

28 A. No. I was not - I was not close in any of the photographs
29 because the part of the area that they took that photograph, I

1 was not around there.

2 Q. Because the fact of the matter is, and this is the point
3 that I'm seeking to underline, you were never close to Charles
4 Taylor, were you?

10:56:37 5 A. I was close to him. I took training and I was given a
6 diploma in police academy - from police academy certificate and
7 they gave me an ID card of the SSS.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he kindly repeat his
9 answer slowly.

10:57:05 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you are going too quickly
11 again for the interpreter.

12 THE WITNESS: Sorry, sir.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please slow down and please repeat your
14 answer picking up from where you said, "They gave me an ID card
10:57:18 15 of the SSS." Continue from there and speak slowly.

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I said I took - I undertook a training.
17 I did basic police course in VIP at the police academy. The same
18 Joseph Montgomery taught me VIP protection. From there he gave
19 me a certificate, a diploma. From there they gave me an SSS ID
10:57:47 20 card which I have here with me. Then I was taking a cheque. I
21 have the stub here. So anybody for that matter, when you were on
22 the motorcade you can go very close to the President and protect
23 him.

24 They even had short people within that close protection
10:58:15 25 that he is talking about that were protecting Mr Taylor that
26 played the role of that F1 position, that point man. And I was
27 even taller than them. Some guys that were even protecting
28 Mr Taylor as special bodyguards, I was even taller than some of
29 them and anybody could play that role at that time.

1 MR GRIFFITHS:

2 Q. How much were you paid as a member of the SSS?

3 A. The SSS. After my training - before going for training the
4 pay that we received from finance, some people used to take 1,000
10:59:07 5 Liberian dollars, some people took 1,200 Liberian dollars. But
6 when you graduate from the SSS training then you will be put on
7 the payroll and you will be receiving 250 United States dollars.
8 They have the special bodyguard unit that were receiving 400
9 dollars US.

10:59:33 10 Q. What was the most you were ever paid monthly as a member of
11 the SSS?

12 A. The most?

13 Q. Yes, please.

14 A. I said 250 US.

10:59:56 15 Q. Now, some were paid more than that, weren't they? So if
16 you were in the close protection bodyguard category, how much
17 were you paid a month?

18 A. Let me make it very clear here. I said we had two circles.

19 They had the close protection bodyguards. Then the motorcade in
11:00:28 20 the second cycle. This close cycle, they paid them \$400. The
21 second cycle, the motorcade and the advance team were making
22 \$250. But this particular close circle, anybody at that time, if
23 the commander placed you, saying today Mr Taylor is going on a
24 programme, for instance, in church, you are supposed to play that
11:00:58 25 role, you are supposed to come close to him. It was not a place
26 of assignment.

27 Q. You were never paid as much as 400 US dollars, were you?

28 A. I said I received 250. That was what I said.

29 Q. And my question is very different. You were never paid the

1 going rate for a close protection bodyguard, were you, which is
2 400 US dollars?

3 A. No, no, no, no.

4 Q. And that's because you never played that role. That's
11:01:33 5 right, isn't it?

6 A. But I've made it clear. I said that area - it was special
7 bodyguard. It was an assignment. That was their assignment.
8 But when we talk about coming close to President Taylor,
9 Mr Taylor --

11:01:50 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please answer the question.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question is you were not paid 400 US
13 dollars because you never played the role of a close protection
14 bodyguard. Is that the correct question?

11:02:04 15 MR GRIFFITHS: That's correct, Madam President.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, that was not my assignment.

17 MR GRIFFITHS:

18 Q. Thank you very much. Because this is right, isn't it: You
19 have never been alone in a room with Charles Taylor?

11:02:27 20 A. Your Honour, if you say I should just answer the question -
21 because I was trying to make something clear. We are talking
22 about roles played and we are talking about assignments.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I again instruct you to answer the
24 question, Mr Witness.

11:02:42 25 MR GRIFFITHS:

26 Q. Have you ever been alone in a room with Charles Taylor?

27 A. Room, no. I never went in a room with Mr Taylor.

28 Q. Have you ever spoken directly to Mr Taylor?

29 A. Yes. Yes.

1 Q. When?

2 A. During many occasions. I took someone to Gbarnga, to
3 Mr Taylor's farm, and I spoke to him. Even when he was building
4 his house, when we got to Monrovia, I spoke to Mr Taylor. I was
11:03:32 5 standing right by Mr Taylor at his house when he was in the
6 swimming pool. I was assigned right at the gate and I spoke to
7 him.

8 Q. What about?

9 A. Talking to him, meaning to call a commander. And the one
11:03:56 10 that was on his farm was the same person that I was assigned with
11 that was giving me instructions. The one that was assigned to
12 him when he was taking his bath right in his swimming pool, at
13 the back of the gate at which time they gave us a black suit that
14 the police were using and we were using it. I was standing right
11:04:21 15 at the gate and Mr Taylor was in the swimming pool. He sent me
16 to call the commander from outside. These were some of the ways
17 I spoke to him.

18 Q. So if I understand what you are telling us, the extent of
19 the conversations you had with Mr Taylor was, "Go and fetch
11:04:46 20 so-and-so. Go and do this. Go and do that." Is that right?

21 A. Yeah, yeah.

22 Q. But you never had any conversations with him along the
23 lines of, "I'm being given diamonds from Sierra Leone." Anything
24 like that? Did you have that kind of conversation with
11:05:08 25 Mr Taylor?

26 A. No. I had it with my commander, not him.

27 Q. On this same note, bearing in mind, and I don't mean this
28 in a derogatory way - bearing in mind the somewhat insignificant
29 role you played, do you think President Taylor should remember

1 you?

2 MR KOUMJIAN: Calls for speculation.

3 MR GRIFFITHS:

11:05:45

4 Q. Let me put it differently. Were you close enough to him
5 for him to remember you?

6 A. Mr Taylor can remember me because I was very close to him
7 at that time where I was taking assignment in his house. He saw
8 me and he built that confidence in me, standing. He saw me.
9 He's supposed to remember me.

11:06:21

10 Q. I want to move on to another topic now. You told us about
11 a man called Cassius Jacobs who was also executed. Do you
12 telling us that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Why was he executed?

11:07:02

15 A. Cassius Jacobs was executed because he was accused of
16 selling out Gbarnga to ULIMO at that time.

17 Q. Now there was a time, wasn't there, when ULIMO captured
18 Gbarnga?

19 A. Yes.

11:07:21

20 Q. When was that?

21 A. It was in 1993, 10 September, on a Wednesday.

22 Q. And for how long did you ULIMO remain in control of
23 Gbarnga?

11:07:56

24 A. ULIMO was in Gbarnga for almost a month, two months plus,
25 but I was not taking note of the months because we were all busy,
26 but I can remember the day that it fell into their hands, which
27 was in 1993, 10 September, on a Wednesday, because Thursday was
28 supposed to be the Ganta market day, so it was on a Wednesday.

29 Q. And during that period when ULIMO were in control of

1 Gbarnga, what were you doing?

2 A. I was assigned directly to Benjamin Yeaten and we were
3 fighting at Grand Gedeh.

4 Q. And where was Mr Taylor during that time?

11:08:50 5 A. Mr Taylor was not in the country. He was not in Gbarnga.
6 He had travelled.

7 Q. Where to?

8 A. I heard that he travelled to Ghana.

9 Q. What for?

11:09:06 10 A. I don't know. No, I don't know because I was directly with
11 Yeaten.

12 Q. Yes, but according to you Yeaten was telling you
13 everything, so what did he go to Ghana for?

14 A. It was not - I said some of the more important things
11:09:28 15 Yeaten used to tell us as bodyguards. When we were sitting
16 together he used to explain to us. But when we were in Grand
17 Gedeh, when Gbarnga came under attack, Taylor was not there. All
18 of us moved from there to Ganta and we were there when Mr Taylor
19 came, so I did not know what he went for.

11:09:50 20 Q. And Cassius Jacobs was tried, wasn't he?

21 A. Cassius Jacobs was not tried in Ganta. We left - we were
22 in Ganta when Mr Taylor gave an order and they executed Cassius
23 Jacobs along with two other Gio - I mean, one other Gio man
24 called Ojuku Larry. Right at the Ganta-Gbarnga Highway. There
11:10:27 25 was also little town there called Neingben. Right there on the
26 road.

27 Q. Was Cassius Jacobs tried before he was executed?

28 A. I never saw it. That's what I'm saying.

29 Q. Did you hear whether he was tried before he was executed?

1 A. No. Most of the executions that were taking place --

2 Q. I'm not interested in most of the --

3 A. No, no. Cassius, no. No, he was not tried.

4 Q. How do you know?

11:11:06 5 A. We were all in Ganta. We were all in Ganta.

6 Q. I just want to be clear in light of what you said a moment
7 ago that you didn't see it. If you didn't see it, how do you
8 know it didn't happen?

9 A. I said we were all in Ganta. We were all in Ganta when we
11:11:36 10 came from Grand Gedeh. When Gbarnga fell all of us were based in
11 Ganta, fighting Gbarnga. And Cassius was in jail. When
12 Mr Taylor - I mean when Mr Taylor came he said they should arrest
13 Cassius and information around the mansion at that time was that
14 why he had left there and the enemy had taken over the place,
11:12:04 15 because he was chief of staff for Gbarnga. So for that reason it
16 was negligence of duty.

17 Q. I am asking a very simple question and I am asking it for a
18 good reason, because according to Mr Koumjian this shows that
19 Mr Taylor is a terrorist. So let me ask you again. Was there a
11:12:29 20 trial of Cassius Jacobs?

21 A. I keep saying no.

22 Q. Were you in Ganta at the time he was executed?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Did you witness the execution?

11:12:54 25 A. I was there that morning when they took him to the area
26 where they executed him, but I did not go.

27 Q. From where did they take him to execute him?

28 A. I called the name of the area. I said Neingben. From
29 Ganta to Neingben, right on the road.

1 Q. What had been happening to him in the days before that
2 execution?

3 A. I can't remember whether something was happening to him.
4 When he was in jail? You mean when he was in jail?

11:13:35 5 Q. No. What was happening to him - it's a simple question -
6 in the days before he was executed?

7 A. I just know that that morning if something was happening to
8 him I did not see that, but that particular morning I saw
9 Cassius, they took him and put him in a pick-up and took him to
11:14:02 10 the highway to be executed along with Ojuku.

11 Q. Let me try the question once more. What was happening to
12 him in the days before he was executed?

13 A. That was what I said. If something was happening to him I
14 can't remember.

11:14:26 15 Q. So for all you know he could have been on trial, couldn't
16 he?

17 A. No, no, no, no. They never tried him to say - like the way
18 the tribunal was in Gbarnga. They brought him in Ganta, they
19 investigate somebody to say that you did this or you did that, I
11:14:47 20 never saw that in Ganta. At that time any mistake resulted in
21 execution.

22 Q. Let's move on.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Now, ULIMO's incursion into Liberia in 1993 which resulted
11:15:10 25 in the loss of Gbarnga, it also had resulted prior to that in the
26 closure of the Liberian-Sierra Leone border, hadn't it?

27 A. Yeah. That was the intention.

28 Q. And that border between Liberia and Sierra Leone was closed
29 from like 1992 right through until like 1997, wasn't it?

1 A. The border - when we entered in 90 I knew that the border
2 was closed, but when the RUF hit the border --

3 Q. Yes. When the RUF hit the border, what?

4 A. When the RUF crossed to attack Sierra Leone the border was
11:16:25 5 open. There was a free movement for the RUF and the NPFL.

6 Q. But thereafter the border was closed in about 1992, wasn't
7 it?

8 A. Yeah, when ULIMO hit, yeah.

9 Q. And the border remained closed until about 1997, didn't it?

11:16:55 10 A. The border at Lofa, I was not there. I only visited there
11 once. I can remember that. When it was hit, manpower went to
12 open up the border. At that time I was - at the time that I was
13 in Gbarnga with Yeaten I never used to go there. I was in
14 Gbarnga with him throughout until we came to Monrovia.

11:17:22 15 Q. But ULIMO was present in Lofa from '92 right through until
16 1997, weren't they?

17 A. Yeah, ULIMO was in Lofa, yeah.

18 Q. And you appreciate, don't you, that one of the objectives
19 of ULIMO was to keep that Sierra Leone-Liberian border closed?

11:17:51 20 You know that, don't you?

21 A. The border was not just closed altogether. There was a
22 route used by the NPFL to go to Lofa. To go to the RUF
23 controlled area, sorry.

24 Q. What route was that?

11:18:23 25 A. That same Lofa route. There was an area where to take a
26 bypass from Voinjama, you go to Foya and you take a route to
27 enter. That was the route that we used - I mean, the rebels used
28 to take to get into the RUF controlled areas, then Gbarnga.

29 Q. When was that route available?

- 1 A. Within that same '93 we are talking about. When Taylor
2 came and when we captured Gbarnga, we pushed the enemy, the
3 ULIMO, all the way to the bridge that is called Gbalatuah. That
4 is where General Postent was based in Lofa. ULIMO had left him
11:19:24 5 and hit. So he was based on that side and that was directly in
6 between him and RUF. He used to bulldoze his way, come to
7 Gbarnga to get supply.
- 8 Q. For how long was he there in '93?
- 9 A. Postent left - was there until all of us came with
11:19:49 10 Mr Taylor to Monrovia and then later the road was opened for him.
- 11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Do we have that name on the record? I
12 don't recall it, Toasty or Posting?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Postent. Postent.
- 14 MR GRIFFITHS:
- 11:20:07 15 Q. How do you spell that name, Mr Witness.
- 16 A. General Postent.
- 17 Q. How do you spell the name?
- 18 A. It's supposed to be P-O-S-T-E-N-T.
- 19 Q. Now, let me ask you about another matter now.
- 11:20:31 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. Do you remember the period of disarmament in Liberia?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Where were you during disarmament?
- 24 A. During disarmament I was in Monrovia.
- 11:20:57 25 Q. When did disarmament start?
- 26 A. The disarmament started - I can't remember the time, but I
27 was in Monrovia.
- 28 Q. Can I suggest that disarmament started in 1996 to pave the
29 way for elections in '97. Isn't that right?

1 A. I can remember that the disarmament was in, yeah, '96.

2 Yeah, '96.

3 Q. And disarmament was still going on up until like 1998,
4 wasn't it?

11:21:55 5 A. Disarmament? Disarmament took place, I said I would have
6 to think about it, because I can't remember the time and I don't
7 want to give you a wrong date.

8 Q. Well, take your time.

9 A. Yeah.

11:22:15 10 Q. You agree with me now that disarmament in Liberia started
11 in 1996. And it went on until after the election of President
12 Taylor, didn't it?

13 A. Yeah. When disarmament started it went on up to
14 Mr Taylor's election, when it took place before he became
11:22:44 15 President.

16 Q. But it was still going on after he was elected, wasn't it?

17 A. Yeah, it was still going on after his election and even up
18 to the time that he left and Moses Blah took over.

19 Q. So, just so that we're clear, this process of disarmament
11:23:15 20 was a protracted process, beginning in about 1996, continuing
21 until Mr Taylor left in August 2003. Is that right?

22 A. You said before Mr Taylor left if disarmament was going on?
23 Is that what you're asking?

24 Q. No. I am saying, based on what you've just told us, that
11:23:47 25 disarmament continued until Mr Taylor left in August 2003?

26 A. The first disarmament went on and Mr Taylor became
27 President. The government had its own weapons and I can remember
28 that another disarmament took place when Moses Blah was there.

29 Q. But, in any event, the disarmament which began in 1996,

1 that involved disarming ULIMO-J and K and also the NPFL, didn't
2 it?

3 A. Yeah. They disarmed ULIMO, ULIMO-K, because ULIMO-K and
4 the NPFL joined together, I can remember that. So they disarmed
11:24:47 5 both the ULIMO-K and the NPFL.

6 Q. Now, it was widely known during that period of disarmament
7 that many former combatants were burying their arms and
8 ammunition. That was known, wasn't it?

9 A. Mm-hmm.

11:25:11 10 Q. Try yes or no, please.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that was particularly the case in Lofa County, wasn't
13 it?

14 A. Yes. Not Lofa alone.

11:25:28 15 Q. And one of the reasons why people were doing that was they
16 were suspicious as to whether or not the peace would hold?

17 A. Best known to themselves.

18 Q. Also another reason was that people wanted to make money by
19 selling their weapons and ammunition?

11:26:00 20 A. Yeah, that was what I said. Those that did it knew why
21 they did it.

22 Q. And some did it, that is sold their weapons and ammunition,
23 in order to make some money, didn't they?

24 A. That was what I said, that those that did it knew why they
11:26:22 25 did it. I did not know.

26 MR GRIFFITHS: I note that the signal has gone that there
27 is two minutes remaining, Madam President, but I am moving on to
28 another topic, and it might be more logical for us to terminate
29 now.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will do that. It sounds sensible.
2 Mr Witness, we are now going to take our mid-morning adjournment.
3 We will be resuming court at 12 o'clock. Please adjourn court
4 until 12.

11:27:02 5 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

6 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Griffiths, please proceed.

8 MR GRIFFITHS:

9 Q. Before we adjourned I was asking you about the period of
12:00:11 10 disarmament in Liberia. Do you recall that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, bearing in mind what you have now told us, that
13 disarmament was a continuing process beginning in 1996, I want to
14 ask you about another matter. You have told this Court that you

12:00:43 15 made two trips to Sierra Leone in which you took arms to the RUF.
16 Is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you made those trips in what year?

19 A. The first one was made during the time we were fighting -
12:01:20 20 that was before we fought against Roosevelt Johnson. I remember.
21 That was the Roosevelt Johnson war in Monrovia.

22 Q. Yes, can you give us a year or a month for that?

23 A. I do not recall the month but the Roosevelt Johnson war was
24 before '96. That was the time we fought Roosevelt Johnson. And
12:02:06 25 the next trip was at the time Mr Taylor had been elected
26 president.

27 MR GRIFFITHS: Now I would like, please, for a bundle to be
28 given to the witness.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard you ask for a bundle to be given

1 to the witness but also to the Bench?

2 MR GRIFFITHS: Also to the Bench, as that is the normal
3 practice.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Thank you.

12:04:33 5 MR GRIFFITHS:

6 Q. Now, could we first of all please go behind divider --

7 THE INTERPRETER: Could counsel activate his microphone.

8 MR GRIFFITHS:

9 Q. Could we go, please, first of all behind divider 2. Now,
10 behind divider 2 we should have a page numbered 1 bearing the
11 date 12 May 2007. I hope we are all on the same page. And just
12 so that we can get an idea of what is behind this divider, if we
13 go to page 13, behind that divider there is another copy of the
14 same interview but the difference is in the bottom right-hand

12:05:41 15 corner there is a handwritten "11/10/07". If we go on again to
16 page 25, in addition to the handwritten "11/10/07" there is
17 another date of 30 October 08 and, just for everyone's
18 understanding, including the witness, what we have here is a
19 statement initially made on 12 May, reviewed and gone through and
12:06:32 20 corrected by the witness on 11 October 2007, reviewed and
21 corrected for a second time on 30 October 2008. Do you follow
22 me, Mr Witness?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, can we please turn to page 4 behind that divider.

12:07:06 25 This page can go on the screen because there is no identifying
26 mark upon it. Page 4. Mr Usher, I think we need to come back.
27 Behind divider 2, the handwritten page 4 in the bottom right-hand
28 corner. Let's start at the third line from the top:
29 "It was during this period" - no, I think perhaps to put

1 everything in context we should start at the top line:

2 "The witness stated that he remained in Gbarnga until 1997
3 when he was transferred to the presidential motorcade in
4 Monrovia, where he remained until 1999. It was during this
12:08:24 5 period that the witness was assigned by Benjamin Yeaten to
6 accompany arms and ammunition shipments from Monrovia to Buedu".

7 Is that correct, Mr Witness?

8 A. During that time I left Gbarnga for Monrovia, that was the
9 time Mr Yeaten instructed me, along with the names made mention
12:09:00 10 of here, to take - to escort ammunition, not arms, to Buedu.

11 Q. So where it says on this page "arms and ammunition", we
12 should cross out "arms" because it was only ammunition. Is that
13 right?

14 A. I carried ammunition because the people already had arms.

12:09:37 15 Q. My question is should we therefore cross out "arms" so that
16 it reads only "ammunition"?

17 A. Yes, with regards my trip. My trip.

18 Q. Now, help us with this: If we go to page 16 behind that
19 same divider - 16 at the bottom - when we look at that same
12:10:40 20 fourth line, bearing in mind you were now being taken through
21 this interview for a second time, why didn't you correct it and
22 cross out "arms" and leave just "ammunition"?

23 A. I said ammunition. Maybe during the ammunition a mistake
24 was made, I do not know, but I said I escorted ammunition and I
12:11:16 25 named the ammunition that I escorted.

26 Q. My question is different. When we look at page 16, we know
27 that what was happening was you were going through that initial
28 interview and you were being asked to correct it. Now, my
29 question is when in October 2007 you were going through this

1 interview again why did you not cross out "arms" so that it read
2 only "ammuni ti on"?

3 A. Yes, that was why I said maybe it was a mistake that was
4 made by the interviewer, because I said ammunition was escorted.

12:12:07 5 So the mistake might have come from those who interviewed me.

6 Q. The mistake could not have come from them, because
7 initially when you were being asked about this back in May 2007
8 you were the one who must have said arms and ammunition. Now in
9 October 2007, they are giving you an opportunity to correct it
10 and you don't and my question is why not?

12:12:39

11 A. Yes, that was why I said that the mistake might have come
12 from the moment they asked me what and what were escorted at that
13 time and I said arms and ammunition. But in the case of my trip
14 that I made, they were just ammunition and I even started naming
15 the ammunition.

12:13:07

16 Q. Well, go to page 28. This is the second time you are going
17 through this same interview. Look at line 4. Why do we still
18 see "arms and ammunition" in 2008? Why?

19 A. The question that was posed to me was, "What do you know
20 about arms and ammunition leaving Liberia?" And I told them that
21 arms and ammunition used to leave Liberia for Buedu, but the ones
22 that I escorted were ammunition. That was how the question was
23 asked of me. So it was not wrong for me to have mentioned arms
24 there, because arms too went there.

12:13:53

25 Q. But just carry on reading that passage:

26 "To accompany arms and ammunition shipments from Monrovia
27 to Buedu. The witness would have travelled with" - and three
28 people are named - "transporting these shipments into Sierra
29 Leone."

12:14:17

1 So, Mr Witness, I am simply asking you if that is wrong why
2 is it that you are given two opportunities to correct it and you
3 don't?

12:15:04 4 A. The arms that we were - I was carrying were the arms that
5 we used to protect ourselves, including the ammunition that were
6 on board. Those were not arms meant for us to take to them and
7 turn them over to them. At any time we used to go we used to go
8 with those arms. So maybe that was the reason why arms appeared
9 here to be carried to Buedu.

12:15:21 10 Q. You're making this up as you go along, aren't you? If you
11 were talking about arms you were taking to protect yourselves,
12 why is it that you include arms and ammunition in the shipments?
13 Why?

12:15:45 14 A. I still continue to say that any time we were leaving
15 during our trips to Buedu we would carry arms to protect
16 ourselves and the ammunition that we carried. So that was the
17 reason why maybe they took it to be arms and ammunition that we
18 took along, but I took along ammunition.

12:16:10 19 Q. So you actually said to the investigator, "We would carry
20 ammunition to Sierra Leone and we would also carry our arms to
21 protect ourselves", and somehow the interviewer transferred that
22 into, "We carried arms and ammunition to Sierra Leone". Is that
23 what you mean?

12:16:35 24 A. They asked me, they said, "How many times or what did you
25 see going to Sierra Leone?" I said, "Before making my trip to
26 Sierra Leone there were people who used to go there with arms and
27 ammunition, but during my trip I escorted ammunition to Buedu",
28 to make it clear for you, sir.

29 Q. Well, it's not clear, but I'll move on. It continues on

1 that page:

2 "The witness stated that around the end of 1999 that he was
3 at his house when Sampson called him and Sampson said that he was
4 called by Benjamin Yeaten and the witness was asked to come on
12:17:19 5 the mission because he was able to drive a motor vehicle. He was
6 informed that the mission was to travel to Buedu for the purpose
7 of carrying ammunition to General Mosquito."

8 Is that right?

9 A. Yes, Sampson called me and he told me this.

12:17:41 10 Q. And is the date right?

11 A. Where is the date?

12 Q. If you look at the second bullet point in the right-hand
13 margin.

14 A. Yes, yes, yes.

12:17:57 15 Q. Do you see that date?

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 Q. Is that date right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So you took arms from Monrovia to Sierra Leone to deliver
12:18:12 20 to Mosquito at the end of 1999. Is that right?

21 A. Yes, because this particular one was already loaded in the
22 car.

23 Q. So would this be round about, what, December 1999, the end
24 of '99?

12:18:42 25 A. No, it was not. It was at the end of '99 that the
26 gentleman came inside.

27 Q. That's the point, you see, because in December 1999
28 Sam Bockarie left Sierra Leone, so how could you be taking arms
29 to him at the end of 1999? Do you follow?

1 A. That was why I explained. I said it was at the end of '99.
2 I explained that to the Court here very clearly that at the end o
3 '99 General Mosquito left Freetown to Liberia. I stated that
4 here very clearly.

12:19:29 5 Q. Which is why I am asking how could you, according to this
6 statement, be transporting arms to him in Sierra Leone at a time
7 when he had moved to Liberia?

8 A. This supply was given - it was escorted to Mosquito before
9 the end of '99 when he left Freetown for Liberia.

12:20:00 10 Q. So why does this record say that this happened at the end
11 of '99?

12 A. We escorted these weapons - I mean the ammunition to
13 Mosquito in '99 and then at the end of this same '99 Mosquito
14 left Sierra Leone for Liberia to YWCA. That was where he was
15 staying.

12:20:31 16 Q. But, help me, when we go to page 16 we see that even though
17 you had an opportunity to correct this in October 2007 we see the
18 same phrase "around the end of 1999". If we go to page 28 we see
19 on page 28 that you make numerous corrections on that page, but
12:21:30 20 guess what. It still says "the end of 1999". Help me. Why did
21 you not correct it?

22 A. The reason for this was that after escorting these weapons
23 to Buedu it did not take long that Mosquito crossed over into
24 Liberia. So they asked me and I told them I couldn't remember
12:22:01 25 the month, but it was at the end of '99 that Mosquito left
26 Freetown. And that is when we escorted these ammunition, it did
27 not take long when he left.

28 Q. How long before he left did this trip take place?

29 A. When I left Buedu?

1 Q. No, how long before Sam Bockarie left Sierra Leone did this
2 trip take place?

3 A. It did not take a long time, but it's a matter of the fact
4 that I was being asked, but I never recorded the date and when we
12:22:54 5 took it it did not take long and Sampson said, oh, the brother
6 had crossed over to Voinjama.

7 Q. Was it weeks or months before he came to Liberia?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you say "he" do you mean Mosquito?

9 MR GRIFFITHS: I mean Mr Bockarie:

12:23:19 10 Q. Was it weeks or months before Bockarie came to Liberia?

11 A. No, it did not take up to a month any more. I said after
12 we had left it did not even take long when Sampson told me, he
13 said, oh, Master had crossed, he is now based in Voinjama and he
14 and Issa had a conflict.

12:23:44 15 Q. Right. So we are to understand that this first shipment
16 taken by you was taken to Mosquito about a month before Mosquito
17 went to Liberia, is that right? Or less than a month?

18 A. No, this was not the first trip.

19 Q. Well, if you just give me a moment whilst we go through
12:24:10 20 this you will see that in the account you were giving back in May
21 this was the first trip. In fact for your benefit let's go
22 through the three trips that you record in this interview and
23 then we will come back.

24 A. Yes.

12:24:31 25 Q. So let's just continue reading, shall we:

26 "The witness stated that around the end of 1999 he was at
27 his house when Sampson called him and Sampson said that he was
28 called by Benjamin Yeaten and the witness was asked to come on
29 the mission because he was able to drive a motor vehicle.

1 Sampson informed him that the mission was to travel to Buedu for
2 the purpose of carrying ammunition to General Mosquito. The
3 witness knew General Mosquito to be an RUF commander and he had
4 met Mosquito at the YWCA compound in Monrovia in the early part
12:25:12 5 of 1999. The witness stated that it was the same day that they
6 would have left Monrovia."

7 Pause there. When was the first time you met Mosquito?

8 A. Mosquito came to Monrovia. I met him at YWCA just as it is
9 written right here.

12:25:44 10 Q. Was that the first time you met him?

11 A. It was the first time.

12 Q. Good. Let's continue reading, shall we:

13 "The witness stated that Sampson picked him up in a white
14 Toyota pick-up truck. The pick-up was already loaded with
12:26:08 15 ammunition. The witness was told that they had just arrived from
16 loading the pick-up at the warehouse of White Flower. The
17 pick-up's box was loaded and a tarpaulin covered the load. The
18 load would have consisted of wooden boxes placed in the box of
19 the pick-up in the following manner: RPG rounds were in boxes on
12:26:36 20 the bottom, then the AK-47 rounds, then 106 rockets and grenades.

21 The witness was not present when it was loaded but stated that
22 the load was stacked well over the top of the pick-up's truck's
23 cab. The witness stated that there would have been four people
24 travelling in this double cab truck: the witness; Sampson; the
12:27:03 25 Late Jungle and another man who was a bodyguard to Sampson, who
26 sat on top of the cab of the pick-up truck. The witness stated
27 that they all took turns driving. The witness drove the truck
28 from Foya to Buedu".

29 Let's pause there. That is the first trip you mentioned?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Let us go over to page - let's go over now, please, to page
3 6. The second paragraph, "The witness stated that within the
4 next week there was another trip to Buedu", and you go on to
12:28:07 5 describe that trip. And then when we go over to the next page,
6 page 7, the last paragraph, "The witness stated that the final
7 trip he made to Buedu was approximately two weeks after the
8 second trip."

9 So, you see I have taken you through pages 4, 6 and 7 where
12:28:43 10 you describe three trips?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now let's go back to page 4. Would you agree with me now
13 that what you are saying on page 4 is you are describing the very
14 first trip and you are describing that as taking place at the end
12:29:22 15 of 1999 and then you go on to describe two further trips. Do you
16 agree?

17 MR KOUMJIAN: Excuse me, your Honours, but an accurate
18 quotation of what counsel read was "around the end of 1999".

19 MR GRIFFITHS: I do wish Mr Koumjian would stop trying to
12:29:42 20 lead the witness, Madam President. That is precisely what he is
21 seeking to do, to direct the witness's attention to the word
22 'around' to get out of the corner he has boxed himself into that
23 it was the end of 1999 and the juxtaposition with the leaving of
24 Bockarie to Liberia. He is deliberately, that man, trying to
12:30:04 25 lead the witness.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please refer me to the line in question.

27 MR GRIFFITHS: The line is line 7 on page 4. He is seeking
28 to direct the witness's attention to the word "around the end of
29 1999" to deliberately lead the witness and provide him with an

1 escape route from the rest of what he has committed himself to
2 and I think it is quite wrong for Mr Koumjian to be constantly
3 behaving in this way.

12:30:40 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Griffiths, in fairness to the witness
5 that is what is recorded at line 7.

6 MR GRIFFITHS: I appreciate that is what is recorded, Madam
7 President, but it is not for counsel opposite to point it out to
8 the witness. In our submission, the witness - I have gone
9 through the passage. It is for the witness to make that point,
12:31:01 10 not Mr Koumjian.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me look at the question put.
12 Mr Koumjian, are you making another point? The question as put
13 is "You are describing that as taking place at the end of 1999".
14 It is not an exact paraphrase of the record of interview.

12:31:36 15 However, it is allowable in that form and can be put.

16 MR GRIFFITHS:

17 Q. Do you remember, Mr Witness, telling me that that trip was
18 less than a month before Bockarie left Sierra Leone? Do you
19 remember telling me that about ten minutes ago?

12:31:59 20 A. No. I said it was - yes, yes, it was less than a month and
21 it was at the end of 1999 that Bockarie crossed into Liberia and
22 that was after this trip.

23 Q. Now just so that we are all clear about what you are
24 saying, the first trip you made to Sierra Leone to carry arms was
12:32:24 25 less than a month before Bockarie left Sierra Leone. Is that
26 correct?

27 A. I have problem with the year right here because the very
28 first day I met Bockarie, and the trip that I made, I explained
29 that here. I said it was at the end of 1999 that Bockarie

1 crossed but I made a trip to Buedu - those three trips - and they
2 were before the end of '99 even before Bockarie crossed over into
3 Liberia. And they - after the last trip it did not take long.
4 It was just about two weeks after that that Sampson told me that
12:33:14 5 "Oh, master had crossed over to Voinjama."

6 Q. Let me try my question again: The first trip to Sierra
7 Leone with arms was how long before Bockarie crossed to Liberia?

8 A. My first trip was not in '99; it was in '98.

9 Q. Oh, I see. So, when in October 2007 and November 2008 you
12:33:57 10 went through this interview, you should have corrected this and
11 said, "This trip was in '98 not '99", shouldn't you?

12 A. No, not that one. Through the interview I made it very
13 clear. That was why when I saw the year here I told you that I
14 had problem with the year, because I told them what I observed
12:34:28 15 and the year that I made my trip I made that very clear and I
16 made it clear to them that at the end of '99 was the time
17 Bockarie crossed because, after my last trip when I went with a
18 tactical jeep I told them - I make it very clear to the Court
19 here - it did not take long after that that Bockarie crossed
12:35:00 20 over.

21 Q. So just to be clear, the first trip was in '98, is that
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In what year was the second trip?

12:35:19 25 A. The second trip was in the same end part of '98 and the
26 last trip was '99.

27 Q. And that last - so two trips in '98, one trip in late 1999,
28 a couple of weeks before Bockarie left Sierra Leone; have I
29 summarised that correctly?

1 A. Before Bockarie crossed?

2 Q. The last trip was a couple of weeks before Bockarie
3 crossed?

4 A. Yes, yes, yes.

12:35:59 5 Q. Mr Witness, I don't want you to agree to something which
6 you will disagree with in a moment so let me just be sure. Two
7 trips in '98, one trip in late 1999 a couple of weeks before
8 Bockarie crossed. Is that right?

9 A. I said my first trip was at the time Roosevelt - we were
12:36:28 10 fighting against Roosevelt Johnson right on Camp Johnson Road.
11 That was the time I made the first trip. And the second one, I
12 made that in the same end part of '99 - I mean '98 - and the last
13 one was in '99. That was before Bockarie crossed. And all of
14 those things that happened, we were not taking record of dates or

12:37:02 15 months to say we had pens or papers to be recording the dates,
16 months or the year. I would only think about an incident that
17 took place at that time before I will be able to tell you that
18 before I made so and so trip, so and so event was taking place.

19 Q. Let me make my position quite clear: The reason why I am

12:37:28 20 quite deliberately going into detail on this is because I suggest
21 you are lying about this. Do you understand?

22 A. About my trip to Buedu?
23 Q. About carrying arms on behalf of Charles Taylor to Sierra
24 Leone. I suggest you are a liar.

12:37:51 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are referring to all three trips now,
26 Mr Griffiths?

27 MR GRIFFITHS: Your Honour, yes.

28 MR KOUMJIAN: Excuse me, I would just point out that
29 counsel has asked the witness if he carried arms to Liberia. Is

1 that the question he intends to ask or did he slip up perhaps in
2 meaning ammunition, like many of us do?

3 MR GRIFFITHS: I am always grateful to Mr Koumjian for
4 assistance with small details like that, so I will correct my
12:38:16 5 question:

6 Q. Based on what you have told us, Mr Witness, what I am
7 suggesting is that you are lying when you told the investigators
8 that you carried either arms, as said in your interview, or
9 ammunition as also said in your interview to Sierra Leone. Do
12:38:38 10 you follow me?

11 A. Yes, I am following you. I said I escorted ammunition to
12 Buedu and in which case I was asked by the lawyer, I described
13 Buedu and even in the case of my last trip that was the time they
14 had captured a war tank they had in Buedu and Mr Taylor requested
12:39:09 15 that General Mosquito should send the war tank over to him. I
16 was standing right at the side of Mosquito when he was trying to
17 fix a ferry to put the tank over it. So my trip to Buedu was not
18 something even hidden away from the RUF fighters because most of
19 them might have come here to this Honourable Court and they might
12:39:32 20 have made explanations about those and they must have mentioned
21 that.

22 Q. Now that you have managed to explain that there were two
23 trips in '98 and the final trip in late 1999 before Bockarie
24 crossed, let us turn please to page 30. Let us have a look at
12:40:13 25 the handwriting on the right-hand side of the page: "The
26 deliveries that witness took part in all took place in 1998, not
27 1999".

28 Help us. I thought the last one was just before Bockarie
29 crossed in '99. According to this all of them are in '98. Which

1 is right?

2 A. But that was why I told you from the beginning that those
3 trips were not made in '99. Maybe it was a mistake that was made
4 there and I stated that and now you see the '98 there.

12:41:00 5 Q. What I am asking you about, though, is this: You have just
6 told me a moment ago two in '98, one end of '99. Why are you
7 saying here, in October 2008, that all of the deliveries were in
8 '98? Why?

9 A. Yes, they asked me from the beginning and I explained.
12:41:32 10 They asked me for the month and I said it was during the rainy
11 season because the road was in bad shape. So I can recall it was
12 during the rainy season, so I suggested that it was supposed to
13 have been in October and those trips were made in '98 and I
14 recall that my last trip was made in '99 before Mosquito crossed.

12:41:58 15 And most of those thing that happened, it was during action time
16 and we are human beings. It is possible anybody can make
17 mistakes over years. But I know that I made those trips to Buedu
18 like they are written.

19 Q. Let's try and get an answer to my question. Do you see
12:42:19 20 handwritten on the right-hand side of that page the word A-L-L
21 which means "all"?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Which refers to everything. Now you were saying there all
24 the trips were in '98. Now you are telling us the last one was
12:42:39 25 in 1999. So what I am asking you is which of those two versions
26 do you want us to accept?

27 A. Accept my - accept that my two trips were in '98 and the
28 last one was in '99 before Mosquito crossed over.

29 Q. So, please, for the final time, try and help me with this:

1 Why when in October 2008 when for the second time you are going
2 through this interview - why do you say all of the trips were in
3 '98 when you're telling us something completely different now?
4 Why?

12:43:26 5 A. No, I am not saying something different. I am saying that
6 should you take this for consideration now, because here I have
7 said my two trips were in '98 and we have got to the page and you
8 are now seeing all of my trips. That means I am quoting this
9 particular thing that is here now and if I had wanted to lie you
10 wouldn't have seen '98 here.

12:43:48 11 Q. Well, I suggest that is precisely what you are doing, you
12 are lying, and because you don't have a good memory, that's why
13 you are having difficulty recalling which lie you told. Do you
14 follow me?

12:44:08 15 A. I am not lying. Something I did that I took part in and I
16 explained it to the Court and in which case I even provided a
17 picture here of the last trip we took with a jeep.

18 Q. Let's go back to page 4, shall we. Let's pick it up on the
19 final line, "The witness drove the truck from Foya to Buedu".

12:45:00 20 Let's go over the page, please, Mr Usher. We need to highlight
21 the top of the page:

22 "The journey took a full day. They left in the morning and
23 they had to drive slowly due to the bad roads and the size of the
24 load. They arrived in the late evening, around 8 p.m."

12:45:31 25 Pause there. Is that correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And is it correct that you all travelled with a single
28 pick-up?

29 A. Yes, I travelled with a single pick-up.

1 Q. And on each of the three occasions that you delivered
2 matériel to Sierra Leone you travelled in one pick-up and one
3 pick-up alone, is that right?

12:46:13

4 A. Yes, the last one was in a jeep and the preceding two trips
5 were in pick-ups.

6 Q. But on each of the three trips only one vehicle travelled
7 to Sierra Leone. Whether it be pick-up or jeep, only one
8 vehicle, is that right?

9 A. Yes, yes.

12:46:33

10 Q. Mr Witness, I want you to think very carefully about your
11 answer. On the three trips that you made, is it right that on
12 each occasion only one vehicle went?

13 A. I said I remember a pick-up loaded - one pick-up loaded
14 with ammunition to be taken to Buedu.

12:47:20

15 Q. Can we go behind divider 1, please, and can we have a look
16 at page 4. Just for your benefit, this is the first account you
17 gave to the Prosecution. Third to last paragraph:

18 "The witness was present in 1999" - whoops - "when
19 instructions were given by Charles Taylor to Benjamin Yeaten and
20 the instructions were to give supplies of ammunition to Jungle to
21 carry to Sam Bockarie in Sierra Leone. This conversation took
22 place at White Flower. The witness then went with the group of
23 Jungle and Sampson Wyee to Buedu where he would have met
24 Sam Bockarie for the first time. In this trip he would have
25 travelled with two pick-ups filled with ammunition."

12:48:33

26 When did you travel to Sierra Leone with two pick-ups?

27 A. That was why I made the thing very clear here in '98. This
28 pick-up that you are talking about that I stated here, we never
29 went in convoy wherein you will have one pick-up in the front and

1 one at the back. I personally travelled with Zigzag - I mean
2 Sampson, in one pick-up along with Jungle, but we did not travel
3 in the convoy that I recall. To say one pick-up behind and one
4 in front going in convoy, no.

12:49:28 5 Q. That's the point. You have just told me moments ago on
6 each of the three trips just one vehicle. Here in the very first
7 account you give to the investigators back in April 2007 you're
8 claiming it was two pick-ups. How did you make that mistake?

9 A. Through the interviews they asked me and I explained that
12:49:58 10 before I went to Sierra Leone, Zigzag, Jungle and Sampson, they
11 had been going with ammunition to Sierra Leone before I got on
12 board and they asked me the type of car I used to go and I
13 explained into details that we used to use pick-ups to go to
14 Freetown - I mean Buedu.

12:50:26 15 Q. Are you quite deliberately avoiding answering my question?

16 A. No, no, no.

17 Q. What is the difference between one and two?

18 A. The difference is one is different and two is quite
19 different also and I stated that very clearly that --

12:50:53 20 Q. Thank you very much. So do you agree you're saying two
21 completely different things to the investigators? On one
22 occasion one, on the other occasion two. Now, help us. Which of
23 the two is right?

24 A. Yes, the one that I witnessed right here or that I saw here
12:51:19 25 that I explained was that I was standing right at White Flower
26 when Jungle was instructed in '99. My first trip was not in '99.
27 That was what I said. And Jungle and Sampson, I stated that in
28 my statement that they were the very first people that used to go
29 and our very first time going they took me to a club at --

1 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the name of the club did
2 not come very clear to the interpreter.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, two things. First the
4 interpreter has not heard the name of a club that you have said.

12:51:59 5 THE WITNESS: Transit. Transit.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: And, secondly, you have speeded up again
7 and, as I have explained already, it is difficult for the
8 interpreter to keep up with you.

9 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Sorry, sir.

12:52:12 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pick up your answer where you
11 said, "And our very first time going through they took me to a
12 club".

13 THE WITNESS: I said my trips that I made to Buedu, my very
14 first one was not in '99. It was in '98. To make it very clear
12:52:37 15 it was in 1998. And I witnessed Mr Taylor giving orders to
16 Jungle at White Flower to take arms - I mean ammunition to Buedu,
17 to take the pick-up right behind his house where the warehouse
18 was located, Mr Taylor's house. And they went and loaded the car
19 and it was then that Jungle and Sampson took me to Transit on Old
12:53:10 20 Road. That was what I said.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, you have said a whole lot,
22 but you have not answered the question. You have not answered
23 the question posed to you and we are waiting for an answer to the
24 question that simply asked --

12:53:26 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, what is it?

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Just give me a chance to quote exactly
27 what the question was. The question was:

28 "So do you agree you are saying two completely different
29 things to the investigators? On one occasion you said one

1 pick-up and on the other occasion you said two. Now, help us.
2 Which of the two is right?"

3 The question relates to whether on your trip you took one
4 pick-up or you took two pick-ups. That is the question.

12:54:03 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I said my trip - my first trip I used
6 one pick-up and the second one there was also one pick-up. The
7 third one was - there was a tactical jeep. There was no
8 ammunition on board. There were only jeans trousers, T-shirts.

9 MR GRIFFITHS:

12:54:34 10 Q. So my question still is why on this first occasion did you
11 say two when in fact it was one?

12 A. During the interview sometimes people used to make - I
13 think you saw the corrections and things like that on the paper.
14 Sometimes when they make mistakes they would ask me to make

12:55:01 15 corrections and I will make it very clear to them that this never
16 happened this year, this never happened this way. So some of
17 these things, they made mistakes as well, these particular two
18 people. You saw on the paper there that my trip all were in 1999
19 and later when we went back it was in '98 and '99, so the
12:55:28 20 correction was made.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you are still talking about
22 years and corrections to years. The question is why on this
23 first occasion did you say two when it was one? We are not
24 talking about years now.

12:55:43 25 THE WITNESS: I said one pick-up loaded with ammunition to
26 Buedu and I met Mosquito on the highway before getting to Buedu.

27 MR GRIFFITHS:

28 Q. So are we to understand that your evidence is you actually
29 said one and the investigator wrote down two? Is that what

1 happened?

2 A. Yes, I am trying to say that there was a mistake. I said
3 one pick-up.

12:56:25

4 Q. So someone made a mistake, but it certainly wasn't you. It
5 was whoever wrote this down. Is that right?

6 A. Yes, the mistake - I believe they made the mistake because
7 some questions they posed to me, I used to answer it and mistakes
8 were made and when we met again we will go over them and make
9 corrections and I don't want to lie about the trip that was made
10 to Buedu which in fact I did not make.

12:56:49

11 Q. Well, help me with this and we are going to come back to
12 this page. Let's just flick on to page 8, shall we? There is
13 the same passage which you are now being shown in October 2007.
14 No corrections. Why didn't you cross out "two" and put "one"

12:57:27

15 when you that the chance to?

16 A. That was what I said, that most of the time mistakes were
17 made during the interview. Mistakes were made during the
18 interview and sometimes when we met they asked me and I corrected
19 them. If this one was not corrected then it was a mistake, but
20 my trip that I made, that I can remember making, was the one I
21 explained.

12:57:57

22 Q. Well, help us with this: Go to page 12. The very same
23 paragraph. You have got a second chance now to correct it and in
24 fact you correct certain words in that sentence, but guess what?
25 You haven't crossed out "two" to make it "one". Why?

12:58:35

26 A. That is what I continued telling you, that these things,
27 during the interview, these were things I was taking my time to
28 explain, to remember what I did - my involvement - because there
29 were so many things that we did. The major ones that I could

1 remember were those I was explaining. Some of the things were
2 mistakes.

3 Q. You will note that on both further occasions when you have
4 an opportunity to correct you don't cross out "99" and you don't
12:59:25 5 cross out "two". Let's go back to page 4 now and have a look at
6 the full account you gave initially about these trips. Firstly,
7 let's go back to bullet point number 3 from the bottom:

8 "The witness was present in 1999", note that, 'when instructions
9 were given by Charles Taylor to Benjamin Yeaten", note that too,

13:00:12 10 "and the instructions were to give supplies of ammunition to
11 Jungle to carry to Sam Bockarie in Sierra Leone. This
12 conversation", and I bear in mind the correction you made on 30
13 October 2008, "took place at White Flower. The witness then
14 would have gone" and you correct that again in October 2008 to

13:00:36 15 say, "The witness then went with the group of Jungle and Sampson
16 Wyee to Buedu where he would have met Sam Bockarie for the first
17 time."

18 Point number 3:

19 "In this trip he would have travelled with two", point
13:00:57 20 number 4, "pick-ups filled with ammunition. The ammunition would
21 have been collected at White Flower and then carried to Sierra
22 Leone. The witness is also aware of a", one, that is point
23 number five, "previous trip by Jungle, Sampson Wyee (the
24 witness's spelling) and Zigzag Marzah to Buedu in Sierra Leone to
13:01:22 25 carry ammunition. This trip would have been about three weeks
26 before the witness's trip to Sierra Leone.

27 The above trips will be discussed in detail in a subsequent
28 meeting."

29 Now taking them in turn, firstly, do you see that the date

1 you give there is 1999?

2 A. No, I continue to say that my first was not in 1999.

3 Q. Just answer the question: Do you see on that page that it
4 says 1999?

13:02:06 5 A. Yes, it is here 1999, but that is what I am making clear.

6 Q. That is good enough for me.

7 A. Yes, but my first trip was --

8 Q. Secondly, do you see on the page that it says the
9 instructions were given by Charles Taylor to Benjamin Yeaten? Do
10 you see that?

11 A. Yes, yes.

12 Q. Thirdly, do you see that you say here that you met
13 Sam Bockarie for the first time on that delivery? Do you see
14 that it says that?

13:02:41 15 A. I did not say I met him for the first time.

16 Q. Do you see that is what it says on the page?

17 A. I have seen it on the page but that was on the first time
18 of meeting him.

19 Q. We will come back to it. Do you see on the page that you
13:03:01 20 only mention one other trip, a previous trip by Jungle? Do you
21 see that on the page?

22 A. What?

23 Q. Do you see on the page that, apart from that trip when you
24 went, you describe only one other trip on a previous occasion.

13:03:26 25 Do you see that?

26 A. I said three trips.

27 Q. No, no, no, no, let's stop you there. I want an answer.
28 Do you see that in the passage we have read out you are talking
29 to the investigators about only two trips? Do you see that?

1 A. I said three trips. I have seen this one, but I said three
2 trips.

3 Q. Just answer the question. Do you see that in this passage
4 - this very first interview with you - you describe only two
13:04:06 5 trips. Don't you agree?

6 A. With ammunition, yes.

7 Q. But you describe yourself as only going on one and you
8 describe another trip which you didn't go on. Isn't that right?

9 A. Yes. I said the trip before then Sampson, Zigzag and
13:04:36 10 Jungle were going on that. I made that clear. They used to go
11 with arms - I mean with ammunition before my involvement.

12 Q. The point I make is this, you see. In this first interview
13 conducted with you on 12 April 2007 you describe only two trips.

14 A. With ammunition.

13:05:02 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Don't interrupt, Mr Witness.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes.

17 MR GRIFFITHS:

18 Q. Yet a month later, in May 2007, those two trips of which
19 you only participated in one becomes three trips involving you
13:05:22 20 and several other trips involving Jungle and others. What
21 fertiliser was sprinkled on these trips to get them to grow that
22 much in one month. Can you help us?

23 A. No, they never placed anything I said. My very first trip
24 was with Jungle and Sampson, I made that clear, and as I stated
13:05:57 25 it it was three trips but the first two were with ammunition.

26 The last one there was no ammunition. There was only jeans
27 trousers, T-shirts in a tactical jeep. That is why you see here
28 two trips.

29 Q. But two trips, one of them not involving you. That is

1 right, isn't it?

2 A. No, no, no. I said Jungle and Sampson used to go. Each
3 time they were getting ready to go they will come to my house,
4 sometimes with their car loaded, and they will tell me that they
13:06:43 5 were going in, but these particular two trips with ammunition I
6 was involved in all and this last one in the tactical jeep, with
7 the jeans trousers and the T-shirts and the Timberland mountain
8 climbers, I was also there.

9 Q. So tell me: In this first interview conducted with the
13:07:07 10 investigators, were you deliberately lying to them, or seeking to
11 hide the truth?

12 A. No, no, no, no, I could not lie to them. What I was
13 involved in, when they asked me I directly told them that I was
14 part of this one, but when they asked me about something that I
13:07:29 15 did not know about I will tell them that I was not there but I heard
16 it.

17 Q. So a truthful witness being interviewed by the
18 investigators on 12 April should have said something like this:
19 "I went on three trips to Sierra Leone and I know of many other
13:07:48 20 trips by others." That is what it should have read, shouldn't
21 it?

22 A. Oh, yes. The way the question was posed to me that was how
23 I answered it. "How many trips did you make? When was your
24 first trip?" That was how I started explaining in detail that my
13:08:12 25 first trip was made at so and so time. My second trip was made
26 at so and so time. They never asked me how many trips you made,
27 but they started with a question: "How was your first trip made
28 to Buedu?" And I explained. The second one I explained. It
29 included three.

1 Q. So help me: Why, if you were telling the truth, did you
2 say to them, "Went to Buedu where he met Sam Bockarie for the
3 first time"? But the first time you have told us you met
4 Sam Bockarie was at the YWCA in Monrovia. Monrovia is hundreds
13:08:52 5 of miles away from Buedu, so how did you end up saying this?

6 A. Right. They asked, "Your first trip to Buedu, where was
7 the first place that you met Bockarie?" They did not say my
8 first time of meeting him in person. "Where was the first area
9 that you met him?", that was the question and I answered that I
13:09:19 10 met him on the road on a motorbike.

11 Q. So you actually remember the question you were asked. So
12 if you were asked that question why did you say, "I met
13 Sam Bockarie for the first time"? Why did you say that?

14 A. Listen to the question. I said they asked me, "Where was
13:09:47 15 the first place during the time for Buedu, where was the first
16 place that you met Sam Bockarie?" They did not say "When was the
17 first time that you met Sam Bockarie?"

18 Q. Can you tell me the question I asked you ten minutes ago?

19 A. Oh, yes. You said - you said, they asked where was the
13:10:13 20 first place that I met Sam Bockarie.

21 Q. That was two minutes ago. I am asking you about ten
22 minutes ago, because you have a wonderful memory such that you
23 can remember the question you were asked in 2007 and so I am
24 testing that memory. What did I ask you ten minutes ago?

13:10:41 25 A. You asked me that I met Sam Bockarie for my first time at
26 YWCA. You asked me again that it was on the base that I met -
27 that I stated here that I met Sam Bockarie during my first time
28 in Buedu and I said "No, I never met him. That was not my first
29 time". My very first time of meeting Sam Bockarie was at YWCA

1 and at that time I was not close to him.

2 Q. And help us with this: You see year you give is '99 and I
3 don't need to go there, but in May of the same year in a passage
4 I have already directed your attention to you say "end of '99"
13:11:32 5 and it's not until October 2008 that you say all of them were in
6 '98. Now, help me. How does your evidence keep shifting in this
7 way?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Why is it constantly shifting?

13:11:48 10 A. No, you asked me for the first time. I said my two trips -
11 you showed me a page right here that I made a trip in 1999 and I
12 said no, my very first trip was in '98. The second one was also
13 in '98, the ending part of '98. And the last one was in '99. It
14 did not take long when Sam Bockarie crossed over to Liberia.

13:12:23 15 Q. Let me explain the point that I am making. On that same
16 page you do see 1999, don't you? Do you see 1999 on that page?

17 A. Yes, I am seeing 1999 here.

18 Q. Right. Let's go behind divider 2, page 4. Seven lines
19 from the top of the page do you see "end of '99" there?

13:13:17 20 A. Where?

21 Q. Seven lines from the top of the page, do you see "around
22 end of 1999"? Do you see that?

23 A. I am seeing '99 here. It was at that time. I said at the
24 end of '99 Mosquito crossed over to Liberia.

13:13:41 25 Q. And then when we go to page 30 we see handwritten in the
26 right-hand column that all of these trips took place in '98 and
27 we know that correction was made on 30 October 2008. Do you see
28 that?

29 A. It's the same area that we were when you asked me and I

1 said I made two trips.

2 Q. I know, but the question I am asking is this: Why are the
3 dates constantly changing if you're telling us the truth?

13:14:45

4 A. No, during the interview I told the Prosecution that most
5 of the times I cannot remember the year or the month, but
6 sometimes I can remember the year but cannot remember the month
7 or the day. So if I called sometimes the year and I sit down and
8 think of what was happening at the time before my trip, then I
9 will tell them exactly that this one happened at so and so time.

13:15:09

10 That is what I said.

11 Q. Just so that you understand my position, I suggest that the
12 reason why your account is constantly changing is because you're
13 a liar. Do you follow me?

13:15:31

14 A. I would not lie. I will not sit here and swear on the
15 Bible. And my involvement even with the RUF and General Mosquito
16 in Liberia, it was not a secret. Mr Taylor himself sitting down
17 there knew about it. And my going to Buedu, it was live. Even
18 the picture that I took with Mosquito I presented here. So
19 something that I do not know about - something that somebody
20 explains to me - I will not quote and explain exactly all of
21 this.

13:15:57

22 Q. Can we please now go back behind divider 2 to page 5.

23 Let's take it up at the first bullet point:

13:17:28

24 "The witness stated that at the border between Sierra Leone
25 and Liberia there was a gate and after the gate they came across
26 Mosquito's group who was stuck in the mud. Mosquito was
27 travelling on bike (motorcycle) and there was a Land Cruiser jeep
28 stuck in the mud. The group pushed the jeep out of the mud and
29 then planks were put down in the mud so that their vehicle could

1 pass safely. The group then continues to Buedu.

2 The pick-up truck was parked at Mosquito's house. The
3 ammunition was unloaded by Mosquito's men and stored inside
4 Mosquito's house. The witness cannot state how many boxes would
13:18:08 5 have been on the truck as he did not stand there and take note of
6 the quantity.

7 The witness stated that they stayed the night in Buedu.
8 The group spent two days in Sierra Leone. The witness stated
9 that during this time there was a serious battle going across the
13:18:30 10 Moa River around Kenema and the RUF needed these supplies. The
11 witness stated that Mosquito was very happy that the supplies had
12 arrived because they were almost out of ammunition. Two days
13 later the witness returned with the same group to Monrovia."

14 Then this:

13:18:53 15 "The witness stated that Mosquito gave Sampson and Jungle
16 2,000 US dollars for them to thank them for bringing the
17 supplies. The witness received 200 US dollars."

18 Pause there. 2,000 US dollars at that time in Sierra Leone
19 and Liberia was a lot of money, wasn't it?

13:19:24 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And that 2,000 US dollars was the purchase price of the
22 ammunition, wasn't it?

23 A. No, no, no, it was just a token from Mosquito.

24 Q. So Mosquito could afford to give what I suggest is the
13:19:55 25 considerable sum of 2,000 US dollars just for transporting the
26 arms as a gift?

27 A. Mosquito used to give money more than that, but what I
28 observed was 2,000 dollars US cash.

29 Q. You see, what I am going to suggest to you is that if you

1 did take ammunition to Sierra Leone it was a private enterprise
2 operation. You and your mates were making money. That's what it
3 was about, wasn't it? That's why you were paid the 2,000 US
4 dollars. That's the case, isn't it?

13:20:45 5 A. No, I had nothing to do on my own to go to Sierra Leone
6 with ammunition to make contact for money. We used to go
7 directly while communication was going on. We will meet
8 Mosquito, he will welcome us and from there he will send
9 sometimes his men to come with us to Monrovia. So I was not
13:21:13 10 doing business.

11 Q. That's why I was asking you earlier this morning about the
12 disarmament process in Liberia and the fact that people
13 considered making money by selling arms and that is precisely
14 what you were doing. You were making some money on the side,
13:21:34 15 weren't you?

16 A. No, I never went to Buedu on my own without instruction.

17 Q. Bearing in mind, of course, you were someone who at the
18 time - as a member of the motorcade you were earning 250 US
19 dollars a month and you have just earned for a two day trip to
13:22:01 20 Sierra Leone almost a month's salary. This was a cash
21 enterprise, wasn't it? You were making money. That's what this
22 was about, wasn't it?

23 A. No. The money - this particular 2,000 - Sampson himself,
24 when they came from Buedu for the very first time, even the
13:22:28 25 second time, he and Zigzag Marzah they showed me over 3,000 US
26 where - I mean Zigzag Marzah bought one small sports car that was
27 given to them by Mosquito. Sampson and myself and I went to
28 Waterside and he took his own money and bought clothing. So it
29 was not business and nobody could leave Monrovia at that time

1 without Mr Taylor's instruction to go to Buedu.

2 Q. So on a previous occasion you had seen Sampson in
3 possession of \$3,000 which he had got for making a trip carrying
4 ammunition to Sierra Leone. Is that right?

13:23:16 5 A. I said when they used to come they would tell us Mosquito
6 gave them money, he and Zigzag.

7 Q. Now, help us with this. On this trip that we are talking
8 about, how many people went? Sampson, Jungle and yourself, is
9 that right?

13:23:35 10 A. My trip?

11 Q. On this trip that you're talking about, how many people
12 went?

13 A. I said the first time, Sampson, Jungle and I. Then again
14 Sampson, Jungle, Zigzag and I. And the last one, Sampson and I
13:24:03 15 in a tactical jeep.

16 Q. So on that first occasion there were three of you to whom
17 was given 2,000 US. You get 200 out of it. That means Sampson
18 and Jungle divided the rest between them, yes?

19 A. Yes, yes, they divided. They only gave me 200.

13:24:31 20 Q. That means that their cut was what? They had a half share
21 of 1800 US dollars, 900 each, yes?

22 A. They gave me 200, that's what I knew, and they divided the
23 balance between the two of them because they were always on their
24 trip. They only gave me the 200 and I took it, I did not
13:25:04 25 complain.

26 Q. Right. So I guess you only got paid 200 because you were
27 the new boy on the block, this was your first trip and they were
28 old hands at this, so they were making more money out of it than
29 you were, weren't they?

1 A. That's what I want to believe, yes.

2 Q. And for how long had they been making that kind of money,
3 \$900 for a two day trip to Buedu?

13:25:37

4 A. I said when they used to come from in they used to bring
5 money, Zigzag, Sampson. They will show me the money and say, "My
6 man, this was what Master gave to us." And Sampson most of the
7 time stayed with me right at my house around White Flower. So
8 when he came he and I would go on shopping to buy clothes,
9 sneakers. Zigzag bought a car with his own money. And later
10 when he crossed and came in I used to see him spend money.

13:26:06

11 Q. I'm sure he did buy a car, because he was making loads of
12 money, wasn't he, Zigzag, and your other friends like Jungle and
13 Sampson. You were all making a lot of money selling ammunition
14 to the RUF, weren't you?

13:26:33

15 A. We were not selling ammunition to the RUF. I continue to
16 say this. It was Mr Taylor's instruction to take the ammunition
17 to Buedu. Nobody - absolutely nobody - would leave Monrovia
18 without instruction from Mr Taylor to Benjamin Yeaten to go to
19 Buedu. You can't go alone. You can't go on your own, sorry.

13:26:59

20 Q. Now, I want to get an idea of what we are talking about
21 when we talk of a pick-up. We are talking of a vehicle which is
22 much smaller than a lorry, aren't we?

23 A. Smaller than what?

13:27:25

24 Q. When we are talking about a pick-up truck, we are talking
25 about one of those trucks with a cabin and a flat deck at the
26 back, aren't we, yes?

27 A. Yes, four doors pick-up with a cabin at the back.

28 Q. So for the most part you can take, what, five boxes or so
29 in the back of a pick-up of that size?

1 A. It can take more than that. You loaded the back with the
2 boxes, you put one down, another on top of it and just like that
3 until it gets to the end part and all the way up and then you put
4 a tarpaulin - those big tarpaulins - and tie it.

13:28:13 5 Q. But such a vehicle cannot carry a huge load, can it?

6 A. Oh, yes, that is what I have said. Beside me going with a
7 load, other people used to carry loads. That was my first time
8 and that was the only supply that I knew.

9 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness complete
13:28:40 10 the last part of this answer. It is not very clear.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter has not heard
12 all of your answer clearly. Pick up where you said "That was my
13 first time" and continue from there.

14 THE WITNESS: He asked - the counsel asked me that the
13:29:04 15 pick-up cannot carry enough load and I said it was not the only
16 load that I carried. Other people used to carry supplies for
17 Mosquito as well. It was not only that that I used to carry.
18 People were also going before my involvement.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am watching the time, Mr Griffiths. At
13:29:33 20 what point - are you still on the same line of questioning?

21 MR GRIFFITHS: I am still on the same line of questioning.
22 Do you want me to continue, Madam President?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could I clarify one thing. When the
24 witness said - Mr Witness, when you said it was four doors, does
13:29:46 25 that mean it was a double cabin, two rows of seats?

26 THE WITNESS: Yes, a double cabin pick-up.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we have time for one question,
28 Mr Griffiths.

29 MR GRIFFITHS:

1 Q. Now, it may be that my use of the word "lorry" confused
2 you. Let's just go up the range, shall we? You have a car and
3 then you have a four-wheel drive like a Land Cruiser. Then you
4 have a pick-up truck and then you have like those big ten wheeler
13:30:17 5 trucks, don't you?

6 A. I do not understand the question. You said I had a
7 pick-up, four doors, a Toyota jeep. I don't understand the
8 question.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, I may have confused you by
13:30:38 10 trying to work out what kind of a vehicle you had.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Now Mr Griffiths is putting what I might
13 call a theoretical question, one that is describing the range of
14 vehicles that are on the road. Would that be a correct
13:30:52 15 paraphrase?

16 MR GRIFFITHS: It may be that I can assist the witness with
17 a photograph, Madam President, but I don't think I have got
18 enough time to do that now.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think we do. We are up to our
13:31:06 20 time limit, Mr Griffiths.

21 Mr Witness, we are now going to take the lunchtime
22 adjournment. We will be resuming court at 2.30. Please adjourn
23 until 2.30.

24 [Lunch break taken at 1.31 p.m.]

14:28:37 25 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed, Mr Griffiths.

27 MR GRIFFITHS:

28 Q. We were endeavouring just before we adjourned for lunch to
29 understand what it was that you meant by pick-up and in

1 particular two door pick-up. I wonder if the witness could be
2 shown, please, exhibit P-27B. Can we put it on the overhead,
3 please, and hopefully magnify it so we can all see. I think
4 that's good enough. Now, witness, do you see in that photograph
14:31:02 5 a vehicle to the left?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is that a photograph of a pick-up?

8 A. Yes. This is the four door double cabin that I was talking
9 about.

14:31:20 10 Q. Right. So we now have an idea of the size of vehicle we're
11 talking about when you say pick-up, don't we, yes?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Have you seen that particular pick-up before?

14 A. There's something shining over it. I don't know.

14:31:49 15 Q. Well, I wonder if the original can be handed to the witness
16 and then it can be replaced on the screen.

17 A. Yes, I saw a pick-up like this.

18 Q. Where did you see a pick-up like this?

19 A. I saw this particular pick-up in Monrovia.

14:32:20 20 Q. Who did it belong to?

21 A. No, this is a camouflage pick-up and I see General Sherif
22 standing here, so I used to see so many camouflage pick-ups in
23 Monrovia.

24 Q. Who do you see standing here?

14:32:47 25 A. Sherif.

26 Q. Where did you see Sherif?

27 A. I saw Sherif in Monrovia.

28 Q. Which Sherif are we talking about?

29 A. General Sherif from ULIMO-K and he later joined NP - I mean

1 he later joined Mr Taylor.

2 Q. What's his first name?

3 A. Varmuyan. Varmuyan Sheriff.

4 Q. Which one in this photograph is Varmuyan Sheriff?

14:33:36 5 A. The one who is held onto the car door.

6 Q. Who else is in that photograph?

7 A. I have not seen the other people before, so I don't know
8 them.

9 Q. Okay. Now that we've established the dimensions of the
14:34:03 10 vehicle we can put that photograph away and I'm grateful,
11 Mr Usher. And before we go back to conclude what you were
12 telling us about that first trip I was asking you before lunch
13 about the money that was paid. Now Sampson and Jungle, you told
14 us, divided the remaining \$1,800 between them, is that right?

14:34:47 15 A. Yes, I said they divided it. They only gave me 200.

16 Q. Now, did you object to that and say, "Why are you guys
17 taking 900 and I'm only getting 200?"

18 A. No, no.

19 Q. Why not?

14:35:06 20 A. Because they had been on that and Jungle was one of
21 Mosquito's main men and they had been doing their trip even
22 before I joined them, so whatever they gave me I think I was to
23 receive it.

24 Q. Was Jungle a member of the RUF?

14:35:34 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. And there were a number of Liberians who had crossed over
27 into Sierra Leone and effectively became members of the RUF,
28 weren't there?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now, please, can I direct your attention back to page 5
2 behind divider 2. Now, you'll see the penultimate paragraph
3 there which makes reference to the 2,000 US dollars which we've
4 dealt with. Let's go on to the last paragraph:

14:36:49 5 "The witness stated upon returning to Monrovia he was told
6 by Benjamin Yeaten that he was happy that there were no problems
7 along the road and that the supplies were delivered safely."

8 Pause there. What kind of problems could there have been
9 on the road?

14:37:09 10 A. The problem that would be on the road that I think about is
11 that sometimes in the case of an accident, or to go safely and
12 arrive without accident, so when the supply arrived to Mosqui to
13 he would always be happy.

14 Q. Now, was one of the anticipated possible problems that you
14:37:46 15 might run into an ECOMOG patrol?

16 A. ECOMOG truck?

17 Q. ECOMOG were in Liberia at the time in '97, '98, weren't
18 they?

19 A. Not to run into an ECOMOG truck per se, but to move freely
14:38:13 20 and when the ammunitions arrived he would be happy, but not to
21 run into ECOMOG patrol.

22 Q. I'm asking you something different now. Was there a
23 military force in Liberia in '97, '98 called ECOMOG?

24 A. Yes, in Monrovia.

14:38:41 25 Q. Had they not set up checkpoints in other parts of the
26 country?

27 A. Yes. In Monrovia they had checkpoints.

28 Q. What about elsewhere in the country?

29 A. No, I was not aware of checkpoints mounted in any part of

1 the country. At Bomi, on the Bomi Highway, there was a
2 checkpoint at that time, on Bomi Highway.

3 Q. Why were ECOMOG in Liberia at that time?

14:39:40

4 A. Well, because after the disarmament - I mean they came in
5 for peace and - they came in for peace.

6 Q. And one way for them to maintain the peace is to prevent
7 the shipment of arms, wouldn't you agree?

8 A. Yes, yes.

14:40:02

9 Q. And one way they would prevent the shipment of arms would
10 be to maintain road blocks, or checkpoints, and stop suspicious
11 looking vehicles and search them, wouldn't you agree?

12 A. I never suspected them on that and I never came across them
13 that they did that to me.

14:40:36

14 Q. I'm not asking about - we'll come to you personally in a
15 moment, but speaking in general terms that was the purpose of
16 ECOMOG being in Liberia, wasn't it?

17 A. I said "Yes".

14:41:03

18 Q. But you're saying that despite your [sic] presence you and
19 your comrades, Jungle, Sampson and Marzah, were making numerous
20 trips to Sierra Leone carrying arms, yes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Where in Monrovia were ECOMOG situated? Were they at the
23 airport at Roberts Field?

24 A. They were based at Roberts Field.

14:41:28

25 Q. Why were they at Roberts Field?

26 A. I don't know.

27 Q. Think about it. You've received military training. Did it
28 ever cross your mind that they might be there to see if
29 suspicious aeroplanes might come in carrying arms? Did that

1 cross your mind?

2 A. They came to Roberts Field later. That was when - I only
3 saw ECOMOG later at Roberts Field after all of those things had
4 happened.

14:42:11 5 Q. Did you notice them at Spriggs field in Monrovia - Spriggs
6 Payne in Monrovia?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you know Spriggs Payne, don't you?

9 A. I know there very well.

14:42:30 10 Q. Because you've been there many, many times, haven't you?

11 A. Yes. I have been to Spriggs Payne several times, yes.

12 Q. Thank you. And where else in Monrovia were ECOMOG?

13 A. You mean what year, because I want you to make it very
14 clear because you are going according to the year?

14:43:03 15 Q. Very well, let's try 1997 to begin with?

16 A. In '97 - in '97 ECOMOG was based around the Old Road
17 junction and the airfield junction, those were the type of areas,
18 and across after the Vai Town bridge.

19 Q. Now the route that you would take from Monrovia to go to
14:43:46 20 Buedu, did that take you past any of the ECOMOG checkpoints in
21 Monrovia?

22 A. In '98 I never passed through ECOMOG checkpoints. From
23 Monrovia, it was straight to Gbarnga. From Gbarnga, before you
24 divert to take the Voinjama road, that was the dusty road, in '98
14:44:15 25 and that was not '97.

26 Q. What about '99?

27 A. '99 I used the same route to go and I never came across
28 ECOMOG checkpoints at which I was stopped.

29 Q. Very well, let's go back to page 5:

1 "The witness stated that he did not receive any money from
2 Benjamin Yeaten, but before leaving Sampson received 300 US
3 dollars for the trip and this money was to buy food and other
4 personal supplies."

14:45:01 5 Is all of that true?

6 A. Yes, he gave Sampson money, General Yeaten.

7 Q. Now when Sampson and Jungle returned to Monrovia, did they
8 give money to General Yeaten?

9 A. Whether - no, no, they never told me about money being
14:45:29 10 given to General Yeaten.

11 Q. Listen to my question. To your knowledge, was any money
12 given to General Yeaten out of the 2,000 US given to Sampson and
13 Jungle by Mosquito?

14 A. That is what I am saying. I was aware of the 2,000 given
14:46:00 15 to Sampson and Jungle and it was Jungle who went inside to
16 Mosquito and he was the one who received the money and he brought
17 the money outside, so whether he was given money to be brought to
18 General Yeaten he never briefed me on that.

19 Q. Very well. We're on page 6 now, "The witness stated that
14:46:28 20 within the next week there was another trip to Buedu." Is that
21 true?

22 A. In what year? In '99?

23 Q. Well this is the second trip you're describing and your
24 case is trip one and trip two took place in '98, so which year is
14:46:52 25 this we're talking about?

26 A. '98.

27 Q. And is it true that within the next week after the first
28 trip you went back to Buedu? Is that true?

29 A. Yes, when I returned for the first time within the

1 following week I went back to Buedu.

2 Q. And that was in '98, yes?

3 A. Yes, yes, '98.

4 Q. What part of '98, the beginning or the end?

14:47:36 5 A. I said it was at the end part of '98.

6 Q. Right, so let's just make sure I'm clear about this so that
7 we can move forward. At the end part of '98 you make your first
8 trip to Buedu and within a week you make your second trip to
9 Buedu, is that right?

14:48:08 10 A. I made my two trips in '98. You asked for the first time
11 and I said whether - it might have been that it was at the
12 mid-time, because the first trip I made in '98 I described that
13 it was during the rainy season and the road was very bad. When
14 the Prosecution asked me I told them that I could not remember

14:48:37 15 the month and the day, but I remember that the road was very,
16 very bad because when we were going the vehicle used to get stuck
17 on the way and people would be called upon to assist us to move
18 the car from outside the mud.

19 Q. That's all well and good, but what I'm concentrating on now
14:48:57 20 is the time gap between the first and the second trip and in this
21 statement dated May 2007 you are saying this second trip happened
22 the next week after the first trip and I'm asking you is that
23 correct?

24 A. Yes, I made the first trip and it did not take long that I
14:49:29 25 made the second one.

26 Q. And both trips were in the rainy season in 1998, is that
27 right?

28 A. Those two trips were done in the rainy season because the
29 roads were very, very bad.

1 Q. Thank you. Now let's see what happened on this trip, shall I
2 we:

3 "The witness stated that within the next week there was
4 another trip to Buedu. The witness stated that Benjamin Yeaten
14:50:04 5 told him directly that he would be returning to Buedu to carry
6 more ammunition. This conversation took place during the
7 evening, down the hill at Benjamin Yeaten's house behind White
8 Flower. The witness arrived at Benjamin Yeaten's house and met
9 Sampson and Zigzag Marzah.

14:50:30 10 The witness stated that the majority of the trips to Buedu
11 to deliver supplies were conducted in the night and this was done
12 for security reasons."

13 Is that right?

14 A. Yes, yes, yes.

14:50:46 15 Q. So when you left for that first trip you left at night, did
16 you?

17 A. Yes, it was at night that we left from Yeaten's house. He
18 was in a Nissan Patrol and he said we should follow him.

19 Q. It's a simple question. All of the trips - the majority of
14:51:08 20 the trips to carry supplies to Buedu were at night, were they?

21 A. The majority were at night, yes.

22 Q. So the first trip you made that was in the night, was it?

23 A. The first trip I made I remember it was in the evening
24 hours when we left the town.

14:51:36 25 Q. Go back to page 5 then, please. At this point on page 5
26 you're describing the first trip. Look at the first line, "The
27 journey took a full day." According to you that should say, "We
28 drove all night", shouldn't it?

29 A. I said, yes, it took a full day and we drove all through

1 the night. It took - we would move and we would be on the road
2 and, when we got stuck in the mud, we would stop there and we
3 would manage to pull the car off from there and continue the
4 journey. The only concern was to leave Monrovia Town.

14:52:34 5 Q. Mr Witness, please try and concentrate on the point of the
6 question. You told me a moment ago that the first trip you left
7 in the evening.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Look at this page, "The journey took a full day. They left
14:52:54 10 in the morning." Now which of those two is right; what you told
11 me a couple of minutes ago that you left in the evening, or did
12 you leave in the morning as it says here? Which of the two do
13 you want us to believe?

14 A. One of the trips was in the evening that we left and the
14:53:20 15 other was in the morning, I remember, and we went to Moses Duo to
16 get the supply, that was early in the morning. The other I
17 remember was in the evening when we left Banana Bush from the ten
18 houses.

19 Q. Let's go back to page --

14:53:44 20 A. And it's on the something here. You can see it here.
21 "Late in the evening around 8", right below that same line.

22 Q. That's when you arrived, not when you left. "They arrived
23 in the late evening around 8 p.m." Don't you see the difference?

24 A. Yes, that was why I made it clear. I said during one of
14:54:13 25 the trips we left in the evening.

26 Q. Right, so help us. That first trip, did you leave in the
27 evening or did you leave in the morning?

28 A. The first trip it was in the morning from Foya straight to
29 Buedu when we left.

1 Q. So when you told me a moment ago that the first trip you
2 left in the evening, that was quite wrong, wasn't it? When you
3 told me - do you remember telling me a few moments ago that you
4 left in the evening?

14:54:55 5 A. No, no, I said one of the trips we took off in the evening
6 and the other it was in the evening hours. All of the things
7 that I am explaining here those happened during action times,
8 when we were in action.

9 Q. Mr Witness, not long ago at page 105, line 21:

14:55:25 10 "Q. So the first trip you made, that was in the night, was
11 it?

12 A. The first trip I made, I remember it was in the evening
13 hours when we left the town."

14 That's what you told me a few minutes ago. When you told
14:55:49 15 me that were you telling me the truth or were you guessing?

16 A. I am not guessing. I said it clearly that most of the
17 trips we made were in the evening, at night. But this particular
18 trip that we made, what I can remember to be the first trip from
19 Yeaten's house when he told us "drive behind me" and we drove
14:56:17 20 behind him, I recall that it was in the morning at that - I
21 remember. And we had the supply list in his hands and he turned
22 that over to Moses Duo.

23 Q. If you're telling us the truth about any of this can you
24 help us why you're constantly getting confused about the year,
14:56:40 25 the number of pick-up trucks, even the time of day you left? Why
26 are you getting confused about details like that, Mr Witness?

27 A. No, no, I'm not confused. I am telling you something that
28 I took part in and I was involved in it and I explained - I am
29 explaining to you into details. I'm not confused. You asked me

1 and I said the trips - the trips that we were making, for
2 security reasons they were at night. But the very first trip
3 that we made, I remember when we got to Benjamin Yeaten's house,
4 he told us to drive behind him. He was in a Nissan jeep and we
14:57:24 5 all drove to the warehouse.

6 Q. Let's go back to page 6, please:

7 "The majority of the trips to Buedu to deliver supplies
8 were conducted in the night and this was done for security
9 reasons. Benjamin Yeaten called the witness, Zigzag Marzah and
14:58:00 10 Sampson to this location. The witness, Zigzag Marzah and Sampson
11 were together in a" - singular - "pick-up and Benjamin Yeaten was
12 in a Nissan Patrol jeep and he said to follow him to the
13 warehouse."

14 Pause there. The location where you met up with Yeaten,
14:58:28 15 where's that?

16 A. I met Yeaten right at his house. There was a banana garden
17 that he planted where he used to sit and he built his hut around
18 there. We met him right there. And it was after the discussion
19 that he got into his jeep.

14:58:56 20 Q. Then it goes on:

21 "Sampson, Marzah and the witness followed Benjamin Yeaten
22 to the warehouse at White Flower and this warehouse was located
23 behind Charles Taylor's house on the left-hand side. The witness
24 stated that upon arriving at the warehouse Moses Duo was present.
14:59:26 25 Benjamin Yeaten gave instructions to Moses Duo that he had
26 directives from President Taylor that he was to provide the
27 supplies that were on a list. Benjamin Yeaten gave the list of
28 supplies to Moses Duo. On this list there were AK-47 ammunition,
29 RPG rockets, LAR ammunition, mortar rockets and a few boxes of

1 grenades. There were people present who helped to load the boxes
2 into the pick-up truck and in total there were approximately
3 seven LAR boxes, eight boxes of RPG and approximately six boxes
4 of AK-47 rounds. After the truck was loaded there was a
15:00:20 5 tarpaulin placed over the boxes. Benjamin Yeaten was present
6 during the entire procedure and then when everything was secured
7 he told them to leave.

8 The witness stated that he left with Sampson, Zigzag Marzah
9 and they went to Buedu. The witness stated that there were three
15:00:42 10 armed men who rode along with them and provided security for the
11 delivery. These men were all assigned by Benjamin Yeaten and the
12 witness remembers one of the men to be the late Enforcer and the
13 witness does not remember the names of the other two men. These
14 three men were bodyguards of Benjamin Yeaten."

15:01:03 15 Do you agree with all of that so far?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. "The witness stated that they travelled all night and
18 reached the border around 1.30 a.m. Upon arriving at the border
19 they crossed into Sierra Leone and drove on to Buedu. The
15:01:22 20 witness stated that there was no escort provided upon arriving in
21 Sierra Leone. The witness stated upon arriving they met Mosquito
22 who was in the radio room in his house. Mosquito said that he
23 was very happy to be receiving the supplies and his men unloaded
24 the supplies. The witness stated that they slept there that
15:01:45 25 night after listening to some music and eating. The following
26 day they left Buedu at around 4 p.m. and returned to Monrovia."

27 Is all of that correct?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Did you receive any money from Mosquito on that occasion?

1 A. During this particular trip?

2 Q. That's what I'm asking you about.

3 A. Mosquito gave money.

4 Q. How much?

15:02:23 5 A. I remember he invited Sampson inside and gave him about
6 \$1,000 and Sampson came out because I was in the radio room - I
7 mean with the radio commander that was there, the late CO Sellay
8 and Sampson later called me.

9 Q. For what?

15:02:49 10 A. It was just money because any time someone went there he
11 will give you that and he will say sometimes "Take this, go and
12 buy what you want to buy. It's for you."

13 Q. So on each occasion that matériel was taken to Mosquito,
14 payment was received by those bringing that matériel. Is that

15:03:16 15 right?

16 A. It was not payment for the material. Just for me to make
17 something clear to you. In fact Mosquito rented a house for
18 Jungle in Monrovia, so whatever supply was taken there was not
19 for pay. It was just something like he was happy and he used to
20 give some money.

15:03:39

21 Q. What's the relevance of Jungle's house in Monrovia?

22 A. You said money that was given. I said he gave money to
23 Jungle to rent a house in Monrovia, but it was not for the
24 ammunition that we used to carry.

15:04:01

25 Q. So Jungle, a member of the RUF, was housed in Monrovia at
26 Bockarie's expense, is that right?

27 A. Yes. The RUF and the government by then, they were one.

28 Q. And why was Bockarie paying for Jungle to live in Monrovia?

29 A. Yes, because Jungle had his family living in Monrovia, so

1 he asked Bockarie to do that for him and he did it.

2 Q. Was Jungle Bockarie's agent in Liberia?

3 A. Jungle was the chief liaison officer between the RUF and
4 the NPRG government.

15:05:08 5 Q. Was Jungle a business agent of Bockarie in Monrovia?

6 A. No. Jungle was one of the top brass for the RUF, serving
7 as chief liaison officer.

8 Q. Bockarie was interested in business though, wasn't he?

9 A. Yes, yes.

15:05:38 10 Q. Because when Bockarie eventually came to Liberia he started
11 a mining business and a timber business, didn't he?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So Bockarie was interested in making money, wasn't he?

14 A. Yes.

15:05:59 15 Q. And he was making money when you were taking ammunition to
16 Sierra Leone, wasn't he?

17 A. I don't know whether he was making money. I only knew him
18 to be a leader.

19 Q. Well, if he's in a position to be handing out sums of 2,000

15:06:23 20 and 1,000 US dollars at a time he's got to be making money,
21 wouldn't you agree?

22 A. Well, the man was a whole leader for the RUF.

23 Q. You appreciate the point I'm making, don't you, because
24 I've made this suggestion to you before. This was a money-making
15:06:53 25 enterprise, wasn't it?

26 A. No. You asked me whether the ammunition was given for
27 money. I said no. He was just giving help.

28 Q. Tell me, when you went on these missions did you wear your
29 uniform?

1 A. No, during those days we did not wear uniforms for security
2 reasons.

3 Q. What did you wear when you went on these trips to Buedu?

4 A. I wore my jeans trousers with a jacket.

15:07:41 5 Q. And why did you not wear your uniform on these occasions?

6 A. But we were told by the commander who used to send us that
7 we should not wear uniforms to prevent people from knowing that
8 we were taking - or, no, the government was in connection with
9 the RUF.

15:08:10 10 Q. But help me: You were effectively, given what you've told
11 us, doing a - you were, if we're to believe a word of what you're
12 telling us, acting on the orders of your President
13 Charles Taylor. This was official business. So why weren't you
14 wearing your uniforms?

15:08:42 15 A. The person who sent me told me not to wear uniform. Why
16 should I put on uniform?

17 Q. Remember in that photograph I showed you of the four door
18 pick-up --

19 A. Yes.

15:08:59 20 Q. -- you remember the men in that photograph were wearing
21 uniforms, weren't they?

22 A. Yes. Those were SOD uniforms that they were wearing.

23 Q. SOD standing for what?

24 A. They were police, police officers.

15:09:20 25 Q. Including General Sheriff?

26 A. No, I only saw that uniform on him but I never knew whether
27 he was a police. General Sheriff was not a police.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, what does SOD stand for, do
29 you know? SOD?

1 THE WITNESS: Special Operations Duty within the police
2 section.

3 MR GRIFFITHS: I'm sorry, Mr Usher, to trouble you once
4 again but I think just to clarify what we're talking about
15:10:00 5 perhaps we ought to put the photograph up on the screen, exhibit
6 P-27B, please:

7 Q. Now taking things in stages, are the two men wearing
8 uniforms in that photograph wearing the same uniform?

9 A. Yes.

15:10:48 10 Q. And what uniform is that?

11 A. I said this uniform was used by the SOD.

12 Q. Now the SSS uniform was quite different, wasn't it?

13 A. Yes. To make something very clear for you, sir --

14 Q. Please do.

15:11:12 15 A. -- this particular - yes, this particular uniform, when
16 Mr Taylor took over when we went to Monrovia for the very first
17 time it was the SSS that were using this black suit, but later it
18 was turned over to the police and it was after that we started
19 using the navy blue and the blue in the SSS.

15:11:38 20 Q. So this uniform was no longer worn by the SSS after
21 Mr Taylor became President?

22 A. No, this uniform was now used by the police and sometimes
23 even some militia men used it.

24 Q. So either General Sheriff at the time that this photograph
15:12:07 25 was taken was in the SSS but wearing this uniform, or
26 alternatively if it's taken after Mr Taylor became President
27 Mr Sheriff is a member of the SOD, would you agree?

28 A. No, I don't know why he had on this uniform, because I knew
29 Sheriff to be a member of the SSS.

1 Q. So according to what you're telling us Mr Sherif should not
2 be wearing this uniform, is that right?

3 A. Yes, because he was direct - it was directly for the
4 police.

15:12:56 5 Q. Now from what you've told us about being on these trips and
6 wearing civilian clothing, you wouldn't expect people to be on a
7 trip to deliver arms, bearing that in mind, and be wearing
8 official uniforms, would you?

9 A. Please redirect the question for me, sir.

15:13:24 10 Q. From what you've told us, when people were involved in
11 shipping ammunition to Sierra Leone they wouldn't wear their
12 uniforms, would they?

13 A. Yes, you wouldn't wear your uniform to go to Sierra Leone
14 to prevent people from knowing that Mr Taylor was involved with
15 the RUF movement.

15:13:50 16 Q. So, as a result, uniforms were never worn when you were
17 going on these missions?

18 A. Yes, we did not wear uniforms at all.

19 Q. So looking at this photograph it's unlikely that General
15:14:13 20 Sherif and the other man wearing uniforms would be delivering
21 arms because they're wearing uniforms, would you agree?

22 A. No, I don't know the reason why they were here.

23 Q. But the logic of what you've told us is if these men were
24 delivering arms they should be in civilian clothes, shouldn't
15:14:38 25 they?

26 A. Yes, but what I know is what I have explained; my
27 involvement and what I was told that nobody should wear uniforms
28 to go to Buedu.

29 Q. Thank you. We can put that photograph away, please. Can

1 we go back to page 7, please. Thank you, Mr Usher. Now, in this
2 account that you've given the investigators we've now reached the
3 end of the second trip towards the bottom of page 7. Now, have a
4 look at the final paragraph, "The witness stated that the final
15:15:46 5 trip he made to Buedu was approximately two weeks after the
6 second trip." Pause there. What's wrong with that?

7 A. Yes, I said in '98 when I made the first trip, the second
8 one it did not take long when I made the second trip. That was
9 what I said.

15:16:18 10 Q. And the third trip was "approximately two weeks after the
11 second". Please concentrate. What is wrong with that?

12 A. The third trip, yes, there is nothing wrong with this. The
13 third trip was made and immediately after that Mosquito crossed
14 into Liberia.

15:16:47 15 Q. But the first two trips you told us earlier today were in
16 '98 and the third was just before Mosquito crossed, so that
17 sentence should read, "The final trip was approximately a year
18 after the second trip", shouldn't it?

19 A. The third trip I said was in '99 and it was immediately
15:17:21 20 after that that Mosquito crossed into Liberia.

21 Q. And we know that he crossed into Liberia on or about 13
22 December 1999, so that third trip would have been round about end
23 of November/beginning of December 1999. Now you've already told
24 us that the first two trips were in the rainy season in 1998, so
15:17:48 25 why are you saying here that that third trip was only
26 approximately two weeks after the second? Why are you saying
27 that? Don't you follow?

28 A. Yes, I'm following you, but you asked me from the beginning
29 that during those days I could not remember the months, so I told

1 the Prosecution that it was during the rainy season that I made
2 my trip, immediately after my two trips I later made the third
3 trip and it did not take long that Mosquito crossed over. I was
4 very bold to tell the Prosecution that I could not remember the
15:18:38 5 months, because those were action times and we were not recording
6 months.

7 Q. Let us try to put it together to assist you to try and
8 answer this question. Go back to page 4, the beginning of the
9 second paragraph on that page, "The witness stated that around
15:19:09 10 the end of '99 he was at his house when Sampson called him", and
11 you then go on to describe the first trip.

12 Let's go now, please, to page 6. On page 6, second
13 paragraph, "The witness stated that within the next week there
14 was another trip to Buedu."

15:19:52 15 Then let's go finally to page 7, "The witness stated ...",
16 last paragraph, "... that the final trip he made to Buedu was
17 approximately two weeks after the second trip."

18 So here you're describing all three trips taking place
19 within a matter of weeks, yet this morning you told us trips
15:20:20 20 number one and two are in '98 and trip number three is just
21 towards the end of '99. Now, what I want to know is which of
22 those two versions is correct?

23 A. Yes, my two trips were in '98, the third one was in '99 and
24 immediately after the third one Mosquito crossed.

15:20:54 25 Q. Did you hear my question? Mr Witness, did you hear the
26 question?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What was it? What was it that I asked you?

29 A. Except you bring the question again.

1 Q. Well, please listen carefully.

2 A. Yes, okay.

3 Q. Do you remember telling me this morning that the first two
4 trips were in '98 and the final trip was shortly before Bockarie
15:21:28 5 arrived in Monrovia? Do you remember telling me that?

6 A. Yes, I said my final trip was made and it did not take long
7 that Bockarie came to Monrovia - my final trip.

8 Q. Now, do you agree that in this interview with the
9 investigators for the Prosecution you were telling a completely
15:21:54 10 different story? You were saying here that all three trips
11 happened in a matter of weeks towards the end of 1999. Now, the
12 simple question is this. Did all three trips happen in a matter
13 of weeks, or was it two in '98 and one in '99? Which of those
14 two versions do you want us to accept?

15:22:27 15 A. Two in '98, one in '99.

16 Q. So, help me. Why were you giving a completely different
17 account to the Prosecution in May 2007?

18 A. No, I was not giving them a different account. They were
19 obtaining statement from me and sometimes when we met we would
15:22:58 20 read over the statements and if there were mistakes I would
21 correct them, then sometimes if they met with me again we would
22 go over it again so that these trips that I made that I am
23 talking about to make sure and to tell you and to be exact about
24 my trip, because any other witness who came here to testify must
15:23:21 25 have mentioned what I am saying here. So these two trips were
26 made in '98, to be exact, and the last one that I remember
27 immediately after we came from Buedu we left the jeep with
28 Mosquito and it did not take long that he crossed over to
29 Liberia.

1 Q. I'll be corrected if I'm wrong, but on two further
2 occasions on 11 October 2007 and 30 October 2008, a month ago,
3 you went through this same interview and you didn't correct
4 anything at all about the time sequence dividing the three trips.

15:24:08 5 Why didn't you?

6 A. Yes, they asked me to give the month that I made my trip
7 and I told them that I couldn't remember the month except the
8 year, because during those days I was not recording neither
9 months nor days.

15:24:31 10 Q. It really is very simple you know, Mr Witness, and I'm
11 going to suggest that you're quite deliberately avoiding
12 answering the question because you don't have an answer which
13 involves telling the truth. That's what I'm suggesting. Because
14 don't you agree - let's just see if we can take it slowly - that

15:24:55 15 there is a big difference between two trips in the rainy season
16 in '98, one trip a matter of weeks before the end - before
17 Bockarie comes to Monrovia in 1999. That's one account. Now the
18 other one account which you're giving in May is that all three
19 trips happened in a matter of weeks. Now the simple question is:
15:25:26 20 Which of those two accounts do you want us to accept?

21 A. I made my trips. I made my trips to Buedu and I remember
22 what I carried and I remember the time I left. I said the two
23 trips that I made were in '98 and the thing that made me remember
24 the last trip is that it was immediately after the last trip and
15:25:54 25 that it did not take long when Mosquito crossed.

26 Q. Let me put it differently. Why did you give a completely
27 different account to the Prosecution in May 2007?

28 A. I never gave them a different story. We were thinking
29 about the months. They asked me about the month. After going

1 through the interview they used to ask me about the months and if
2 I wouldn't remember the months I would tell them that I wouldn't
3 remember the months, but if something - and if an event took
4 place during that time that would help me remember the months, so
15:26:47 5 all of these things that I explained, nobody helped me about
6 them. I took part in them myself.

7 Q. Mr Witness, aren't you even prepared to accept that what
8 you said in the statements which we've gone through laboriously
9 is completely different from what you're telling us now? Aren't
15:27:10 10 you willing to accept that?

11 A. No. But you are seeing the year here that I told you I
12 made my two trips, in 1998, and it clear on the paper 1998. Why
13 should I answer yes that I never made trips in 1998?

14 Q. But can't you see that in this interview you're saying all
15:27:34 15 three trips happened within a month or so in '99? Now you're
16 telling us two were in '98, one was the end of '99. Why did you
17 tell something completely different in May 2007?

18 A. No, this is a major, major thing that happened, so it was
19 not anything that people play fun around with. It was a major
15:28:06 20 thing that was happening. So the major things that happened that
21 I recall was the one I explained to the Prosecution because I
22 couldn't go into details to explain everything that happened in
23 the past. So if I wouldn't remember the months or the year it is
24 not something like to say I'm lying.

15:28:23 25 Q. That's exactly what I suggest you're doing, because when
26 you tell a lie you need to have a good memory and obviously you
27 don't have a good memory which is why you have forgotten the lies
28 that you told in April and May 2007. That's the truth of the
29 matter, isn't it?

1 A. An explanation that you give to somebody that is written,
2 you cannot go through all of them because it was something that
3 was written down, so you can't expect me to explain everything
4 that was written here because it was an interview that we went
15:29:03 5 through. I do not have the paper in front of me here now to say
6 I was taking the statistics of everything to have been marking
7 October or November. So the time that I remembered was that it
8 was in the rainy season because I recall the roads were very bad.

9 Q. Let us just pause for a moment and take stock of your
15:29:25 10 evidence about these trips. First time you ever speak to the
11 Prosecution in April it's two trips, end of '99. A month later
12 in May 2007 it's three trips, end of '99. Now you're telling us
13 it's two in '98, one in '99. Why does your story keep changing?

14 A. No. I told the Prosecution that I made three trips to
15:30:02 15 Buedu. That was what I exactly told them. I never told them
16 about two trips. If it was something I was lying about I would
17 have explained a different thing, whether or not I was living in
18 Buedu or I made five trips. But the things that I recall was
19 three trips, so I never told them something differently about
15:30:26 20 '99.

21 Q. Very well. Let's go back to page 7. Last paragraph on
22 page 7:

23 "The witness stated that the final trip he made to Buedu
24 was approximately two weeks after the second trip. The witness
15:30:56 25 was told by Benjamin Yeaten that he was to go with Sampson and
26 the purpose of the trip was to bring jeans, T-shirts and mountain
27 climber boots to Mosquito. The witness stated that they
28 travelled in an open top green jeep. The witness stated the
29 jeans, T-shirts in bags and the boots were in bags. The witness

1 stated that he remembers there were 16 pairs of boots. The
2 witness stated that they left" - what does that next couple of
3 words say? When did they leave? Do you see what it says,
4 Mr Witness?

15:31:39 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What does it say?

7 A. That was the last trip that you have just spoken about.

8 Q. Have a look at the top line on page 8. Does it read, "The
9 witness stated that they left in the morning and arrived in the
10 afternoon in Buedu"? Do you see that?

11 A. Yes, but we were not carrying ammunition. That was the
12 last trip that you are talking about when we carried jean
13 trousers, T-shirts and mountain climbers. They were not
14 ammunition.

15:32:17 15 Q. Yes, but you told us the majority of these trips were at
16 night, but here you are for the second time leaving in the
17 morning.

18 A. Yes, because this was not something to hide away from
19 people. They were T-shirts, jean trousers and mountain climbers
20 that maybe someone could see them and think differently.

21 Q. But look what you say in the very next sentence: "The
22 witness stated that this clothing was for military purposes." So
23 surely there'd be a reason to hide it if it was being used for
24 military purposes, so why are you leaving in the morning?

15:33:09 25 A. Yes. We left in the morning because those things were in
26 bags, they were just T-shirts, nobody could see them to say
27 someone was escorting ammunition. The reason why the ammunition
28 was escorted at night was for security reasons. Like I said, for
29 people to be prevented from knowing the involvement of Mr Taylor

1 with the RUF.

2 Q. Very well. Let's go on:

3 "The witness stated that after the delivery Mosquito wanted
4 the jeep that they had arrived with and Sampson told Mosquito
15:34:01 5 that the jeep belonged to Benjamin Yeaten and that he, Mosquito,
6 should talk to Benjamin Yeaten before they turned the jeep over.
7 Mosquito did not talk to Benjamin Yeaten but he gave Sampson and
8 the witness 2,000 US dollars and told them that they should leave
9 the jeep. The witness stated that there was nothing else they
15:34:27 10 could do, that they had to leave the jeep there and let Mosquito
11 talk later to Benjamin Yeaten."

12 Taking things slowly, what was the 2,000 US dollars for?

13 A. Right. He gave us the 2,000 US for ourselves. It was a
14 gift. It was not a jeep that he was buying. He only said he
15:34:57 15 wanted the jeep.

16 Q. And so he took it?

17 A. Yes, we left it there with him.

18 Q. Why? It belonged to Benjamin Yeaten.

19 A. Yes, that was his friend and he said he was going to talk
15:35:18 20 to him. He said we should just go and explain to him that your
21 friend has taken the jeep and later we came and we explained to
22 Yeaten, but he was annoyed, but later they settled it amongst
23 themselves after when he had brought the jeep.

24 Q. Later Benjamin Yeaten threatened to kill you because you'd
15:35:39 25 given his jeep away, didn't he?

26 A. Yes. He said we were not supposed to have left the jeep
27 there. He said if we did not bring the jeep we would be killed.
28 So we ran away, we went into hiding and later Mosquito brought
29 the jeep.

1 Q. But some people might say it served you right for giving
2 your boss's jeep away in the first place. Why did you do that?

3 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could counsel kindly repeat
4 his question, please.

15:36:15 5 THE WITNESS: Well, he was his friend and, really, Mosquito
6 really needed the jeep and we couldn't forcibly take it from him
7 and bring it over because we rode with him in the jeep. He said
8 he wanted it. We drove all the way to the crossing point and
9 then we came back and he told us that he is not going to release
10 this jeep. He said we should go and tell his friend that he had
11 the jeep.

12 MR GRIFFITHS:

13 Q. Now you've seen a photograph of a jeep which is identical
14 to the one that Mosquito took, haven't you?

15:36:53 15 A. Where?

16 Q. That one.

17 A. Where is the photograph?

18 Q. That one.

19 A. That is the jeep.

15:37:02 20 MR GRIFFITHS: I wonder if we can put it up on the screen
21 so we can all see and I'm happy to put my copy up. It's MFI-1,
22 Madam President. Very well :

23 Q. Is that the same jeep that you gave away without
24 permission?

15:37:45 25 A. This is the jeep.

26 MR KOUMJIAN: Excuse me. Your Honour, I've just been - I
27 haven't been looking before but I notice for the last few
28 questions that counsel has forgotten to turn off his microphone
29 when the witness is answering. We do have voice distortion. It

1 only works if we all turn off our microphones when the witness is
2 speaking.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is a correct procedural - I think
4 many of us slip into the problem of not switching on and off,
15:38:14 5 Mr Griffiths.

6 MR GRIFFITHS: I think it's old age, Madam President. My
7 arm doesn't move fast enough.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's my excuse, not yours.

9 MR GRIFFITHS:

15:38:23 10 Q. But anyway, Mr Witness, this is the exact same jeep, isn't
11 it?

12 A. This is the jeep.

13 Q. And just so that we all get this clear. The jeep we see in
14 that photograph is a jeep which belongs to Benjamin Yeaten?

15:38:45 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who do we see driving the jeep in this photograph, can you
17 help us?

18 A. Zigzag Marzah. He is sitting right here.

19 Q. Who is sitting next to him?

15:39:05 20 A. That person's face is not clear, so I can't see the
21 person's face.

22 Q. There appears to be someone sitting in the back of the jeep
23 holding a rifle?

24 A. Yes, somebody is sitting there and I do not also remember
15:39:28 25 the person sitting there.

26 Q. And there's a young boy wearing red trousers and a blue
27 T-shirt to the right of the photograph, isn't there?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Can you help us as to where that photograph was taken?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Very well. But, in any event, we can get an idea of the
3 size of load which could be carried in such a vehicle from the
4 size of the box at the back of that jeep, can't we?

15:40:15 5 A. This jeep it actually used to be loaded, because we would
6 put the bags down and then we would bring them up to the brim of
7 the height of the jeep and then we would put the tarpaulin over
8 it and tie it and so the jeep actually used to be loaded.

9 Q. I'm sure it was, but we can get a clear idea of how much
15:40:48 10 load such a jeep could carry, can't we?

11 A. This jeep used to carry - because it depended on the kind
12 of loads that you were carrying. To say how many bags will go in
13 here, if you put it in here and bring them up to the brim of the
14 jeep and then I think up to seven to eight bags will go in there,
15:41:22 15 even up to ten.

16 Q. Very well, let's go back to page 8 and just conclude this
17 account please. So having given away Benjamin Yeaten's jeep, the
18 account continues in this way:

19 "The witness stated that Mosquito provided a driver with
15:41:49 20 his own personal jeep and the driver took both of them to
21 Gbarnga. Upon arriving at Gbarnga they met Benjamin Yeaten at
22 the Charles Taylor farm. They told Benjamin Yeaten that they
23 left the jeep with Mosquito and Benjamin Yeaten was very angry.
24 Benjamin Yeaten told them that they should produce an identical
15:42:10 25 jeep or be executed. The witness and Sampson fled from Gbarnga
26 and went to Monrovia and they called Mosquito."

27 Is all of that true?

28 A. Yeah.

29 Q. "They informed Mosquito about the tension between them and

1 Benjamin Yeaten and that if they did not return the jeep they
2 would be killed and Mosquito told them to remain in hiding until
3 he could come.

4 The witness stated that after two weeks Mosquito came to
15:42:44 5 Monrovia and Mosquito went with Benjamin Yeaten and Benjamin
6 Yeaten told Mosquito to bring back the jeep. After their meeting
7 Mosquito sent one of his bodyguards to return to get the jeep in
8 Buedu and the bodyguard returned with it to Monrovia. Once the
9 jeep was returned the witness and Sampson did not have to fear
15:43:08 10 Benjamin Yeaten.

11 The witness stated that Sampson was the first person who
12 went back to speak with Benjamin Yeaten. Benjamin Yeaten told
13 him that they were fortunate that nothing happened to them for
14 giving away his jeep.

15:43:27 15 The witness stated that he never returned to Buedu nor did
16 he make any other ammunition deliveries after the third trip."

17 Is that true?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. So the only three occasions on which you carried ammunition
15:43:56 20 and clothing to Sierra Leone were those three trips that I've
21 just gone through with you in this interview, is that right?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. On no other occasion did you carry arms to the RUF, is that
24 right?

15:44:17 25 A. No, no, no, I never carried arms.

26 Q. On any other occasion?

27 A. No, I never carried arms to RUF. The trips that I made are
28 those I have mentioned here.

29 Q. Thank you. And all three of those trips began in Monrovia,

1 did they?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. So, help me with this. Why is it that on Wednesday 5
4 November of this year you told this Court this:

15:45:31 5 "When we were in Gbarnga, the RUF, because their supply
6 used to come from Gbarnga to reach them, so that was their
7 supply route, so any attack that would block their route
8 they will come in from in to repel the attack because
9 Mr Taylor used to send them supplies and so that route was
15:45:51 10 not supposed to be blocked.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Taylor used to send them what?

12 THE WITNESS: Ammunition.

13 MR KOUMJIAN:

14 Q. Now, Mr Witness, at what - did you ever leave Gbarnga
15:46:09 15 and receive assignment somewhere else?

16 A. The particular supply that I'm talking of, the
17 ammunition that I'm talking about, we used to take that and
18 return to duty. So I never left Gbarnga to take up
19 assignment anywhere. We only used to take the ammunition
15:46:28 20 along and return."

21 That's page 19816 and 19817 of the transcript from 5
22 November. So there you're talking about taking ammunition from
23 Gbarnga to RUF. Did you do that?

24 A. This one that you are talking about in Gbarnga, it was not
15:47:00 25 in Buedu. It was right in Voinjama, where we used to meet, where
26 I met the commander from Buedu and we turned over the ammunition
27 to them. The three trips here were directly to Buedu itself in
28 Sierra Leone - in Freetown in Sierra Leone.

29 Q. The question I asked earlier was, "On no other occasion did

1 you carry arms to the RUF?", I didn't mention Buedu, and you
2 said, "No". So how did you forget about this one?

3 A. No, the question you asked me was to go inside Buedu and I
4 said I never left Gbarnga to make a trip anywhere inside Sierra
15:47:49 5 Leone.

6 Q. At line 4 on page 131 of the transcript, the question I
7 asked was:

8 "Q. Did you take arms to the RUF on any other occasion?

9 A. No, no, no."

15:48:11 10 So help me --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- how did you forget about these other trips from Gbarnga?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a clarification. Was it arms or
14 ammunition, Mr Griffiths?

15:48:26 15 MR GRIFFITHS: May I be given a moment to find the line
16 that I'm referring to?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Koumjian, you were on your feet.

18 MR KOUMJIAN: It was basically to point out that area,
19 exactly the same, your Honour.

15:48:49 20 MR GRIFFITHS:

21 Q. Page 131 on my LiveNote reads as follows - well, perhaps I
22 ought to start from the previous page. I finished quoting from
23 your interview which said:

24 "'The witness stated that he never returned to Buedu, nor
15:49:16 25 did he make any other ammunition deliveries after the third
26 trip.' Is that true?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. So the only three occasions on which you carried
29 ammunition and clothing to Sierra Leone were these three

1 trips that I've just gone through with you in this
2 interview. Is that right?

3 A. Yeah.

15:49:45

4 Q. On no other occasion did you carry arms to the RUF, is
5 that right?

6 A. No, no, no, I never carried arms.

7 Q. On any other occasions?

8 A. No, I never carried arms to the RUF. The trips that I
9 made are those that I mentioned here".

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10 Maybe it's my fault for using the word "arms", so let me
11 ask you this. Apart from the three trips that you described in
12 that interview, did you carry ammunition to the RUF on any other
13 occasion?

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14 A. Yes, that was in Gbarnga. At that time we were staying in
15 Gbarnga, but it was not in Buedu. I always make this clear. It
16 was in our controlled area, Voijnjama.

17 Q. Now, help me. Why did you not mention of that, about
18 taking ammunition from Gbarnga, in any of the statements you made
19 to the Prosecution, or any of the interviews? Why didn't you?

15:50:57

20 A. I did. I think I explained that to the Court here that I
21 took ammunition from Gbarnga. When the ULIMO used to attack and
22 block the supply route, RUF would come from inside and attack so
23 as to clear their route because that was their only supply
24 route. Then we would carry the ammunition and turn it over to
25 the commander just for them to use it to fight and clear their
26 route, their way, but I never went in.

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27 Q. I'm not talking about the evidence you gave in this Court.
28 I'm talking about on all those previous occasions. Why didn't
29 you mention on all those previous occasions when you were spoken

1 to by the Prosecution taking arms to the RUF in Voinjama? Why
2 didn't you?

3 A. The Prosecution never asked me about that.

4 MR KOUMJIAN: I would, to assist counsel, refer him to the
15:52:11 5 interview. Perhaps I can do it from - the interview of October
6 2007, 11 through 16, paragraph 23.

7 MR GRIFFITHS: I'm grateful to Mr Koumjian. I will come to
8 that passage in a moment:

9 Q. But, in any event, in what year was it that you took arms
15:52:46 10 from Gbarnga to Voinjama for the RUF?

11 A. That was in '92.

12 Q. Can you help us with the month in '92 when that took place?

13 A. I cannot remember the months, but I remember that we
14 escorted ammunition when ULIMO hit Voinjama. We carried the
15:53:22 15 ammunition and turned it over and returned to Gbarnga.

16 Q. What season was it?

17 A. I said I can't remember the month.

18 Q. I didn't ask you about the month. I asked you about the
19 season.

15:53:51 20 A. It was during the dry season. It was not the rainy season.

21 Q. Now can we go back to page 9, the third bullet point:

22 "The witness stated that other people carried ammunition
23 to Buedu. The witness stated that other people involved in
24 bringing ammunition into Buedu were Zigzag Marzah and Daniel
15:54:35 25 Tamba 'Jungle'. The witness stated that they all lived together
26 in the same area. He had seen them with vehicles loaded with
27 ammunition. They would leave for Sierra Leone and they would
28 return to Liberia with bodyguards who worked for Mosquito. The
29 witness stated that these trips were to resupply the RUF. The

1 RUF had plenty of weapons, but were lacking in ammunition."

2 Is all of that true?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And let's examine that a little further, shall we, firstly.

15:55:29 5 The other people who carried ammunition to Buedu to your

6 knowledge were Zigzag Marzah and Daniel Tamba, Jungle. Is that

7 right?

8 A. Yeah, including Sampson.

9 Q. Do you know of any other SSS employee who transported arms

15:55:53 10 to the RUF?

11 A. No, I don't know about any other SSS personnel.

12 Q. So as far as you're aware the only people you know who were

13 involved in making these trips were Sampson, Jungle, Marzah and

14 yourself. Is that right?

15:56:26 15 A. Those were the people with whom we were living together. I

16 used to see them carry, yes.

17 Q. And on each occasion, if I understand what you're telling

18 me and correct me if I'm wrong, they would take an individual

19 pick-up loaded with ammunition, not arms, and take them to the

15:56:51 20 RUF. Is that right?

21 A. Individual pick-ups?

22 Q. By that I mean this: There wasn't a convoy of pick-ups and

23 trucks taking this ammunition, was there? There'd be one pick-up

24 which would make a journey carrying a few boxes of AK-47

15:57:13 25 ammunition and they would come back. That was the procedure

26 you're describing, isn't it?

27 A. Jungle had his own car and when they were going sometimes

28 they would go in a convoy, Jungle's car. Then the government car

29 that they were using to transport the ammunition that they were

1 carrying.

2 Q. So sometimes they would take just a car load of ammunition?

3 A. When they called them to carry the supply that's the time
4 they can go. They didn't just get up on their own to go to

15:57:55 5 Buedu.

6 Q. Just concentrate on the point, please.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And just tell me if you can follow the point. What I am
9 interested in is the quantity of ammunition being carried. Now,

15:58:14 10 bearing that point in mind, are you telling us that your

11 knowledge of these trips is that an individual pick-up would go
12 loaded to Buedu and come back, or a car? Is that right?

13 A. That is why I made it clear. I said they used to go with
14 the individual car and sometimes they go in a convoy.

15:58:43 15 Q. When they went in a convoy on those occasions, firstly, did
16 you see them?

17 A. When I arrived, when they were making their trips I would
18 see them. Sometimes when I'd come from out they would say
19 Sampson and the others have gone to Sierra Leone.

15:59:10 20 Q. What's the largest convoy you've ever seen them going into
21 Sierra Leone?

22 A. I saw a two car convoy, Jungle's pick-up and the other
23 pick-up was the one Sampson and others were using.

24 Q. The largest convoy you saw, how many vehicles composed it?

15:59:53 25 A. I said the one that I witnessed was two cars that I
26 witnessed going. Sometimes I was not around when they were
27 leaving.

28 Q. And also you tell us there were two other pick-ups that
29 were used to transport arms - I mean ammunition. Is that right?

1 A. Yeah. The other pick-up was directly assigned to the late
2 Jungle.

3 Q. So going back to my point, the quantities of ammunition on
4 your account that were being taken to Sierra Leone were of a size
16:00:35 5 for the most part which could fit into a single pick-up or two
6 cars. Is that right?

7 A. Yeah, it is ammunition. It's the quantity that would fit
8 into the car was the one that they would carry.

9 Q. Or the quantity that would fit into a pick-up?

16:01:05 10 A. Yes, the quantity that will fit in the pick-up was the one
11 that they will carry.

12 Q. Now these other trips, can you give us an idea of the
13 number of them?

14 A. No, because I was not usually with them.

16:01:30 15 Q. How regular were these trips?

16 A. Those trips, before I could go, it was regular.

17 Q. How regular?

18 A. When I say regular, they used to go and come back. Maybe
19 two to three weeks he would send them again and they would come
16:01:59 20 back. It was regular. And sometimes Mosquito would come with
21 them.

22 Q. And on each occasion Mosquito would hand over money, yes?

23 A. I was not usually with them. When they came they would
24 explain that Mosquito gave them money.

16:02:27 25 Q. But they would tell you when they returned that they'd been
26 given money for carrying the ammunition to Sierra Leone. Is that
27 right?

28 A. Not for the ammunition. It was Mosquito's personal gifts
29 that he used to give.

1 Q. Whether it's a gift or it's payment they would always come
2 back with money. Is that right?

3 A. When they come, yes, they would bring money, but it was not
4 for the ammunition that they were carrying to say they were going
16:03:12 5 to sell it, no.

6 Q. And the final point I want to make on this passage is this:
7 That as far as you're aware only ammunition was carried, not
8 arms?

9 A. The one that I witnessed was ammunition because they had
16:03:38 10 the weapons already. They only wanted ammunition.

11 Q. There came a time in December 1999 when Sam Bockarie
12 relocated to Monrovia. That's right, isn't it?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. At the time, with Foday Sankoh in prison, Bockarie was
16:05:17 15 effectively the leader of the RUF, wasn't he?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Bockarie - at the time also attempts were being made to
18 bring peace to Sierra Leone, weren't they?

19 A. I was not there in Sierra Leone to know whether they were
16:05:49 20 making peace.

21 Q. Are you not aware that in 1999 - indeed from before that -
22 there were talks going in Lomé to try and bring peace to Sierra
23 Leone? Weren't you aware of that?

24 A. Yeah, Bockarie used to come to Liberia. At that time Foday
16:06:23 25 Sankoh - what I knew was that he was in jail in Togo.

26 Q. Now, Bockarie was opposed to the peace deal which had been
27 reached in Lomé, wasn't he?

28 A. I was not aware.

29 Q. But you used to have long discussions and lectures with

1 Bockarie, didn't you?

2 A. When he crossed he had nothing - when he had nothing to do
3 with the RUF, yes.

4 Q. But did he never say anything to you when you had these
16:07:21 5 lengthy discussions and lectures, "Look, you know why I came to
6 Monrovia? It's because I was opposed to the peace deal." Did he
7 never say anything like that to you?

8 A. He never told me that. What he explained to me I can tell
9 you.

16:07:42 10 Q. Well, I'm sure we'll come to what he explained to you in
11 due course, more than likely tomorrow now, but I'm still asking
12 you about the circumstances of Bockarie's relocation to Monrovia.
13 Charles Taylor played a part in him coming to Monrovia, didn't
14 he?

16:08:12 15 A. Yeah, yeah, he played a great part.

16 Q. And what was the great part that Charles Taylor played in
17 bringing Bockarie to Monrovia?

18 A. According to Bockarie, he said Taylor told him to leave
19 Sierra Leone for Issa Sesay to take over the command because
16:08:42 20 every day there was infighting between himself and Issa, but not
21 in relation to peace talks.

22 Q. Did he not explain to you that Charles Taylor had been in
23 discussion with other Heads of State in West Africa and it was
24 decided in order to promote the Lomé Peace Agreement to extract
16:09:13 25 Bockarie from Sierra Leone where he was causing problems and take
26 him to Monrovia? Did you not know that?

27 A. No. What he told me was that Foday Sankoh had told
28 Mr Taylor that Issa should take over the command because he,
29 Bockarie, did not want to report what he was supposed to be

1 reporting in relation to diamonds, so he was pursuing his own
2 interest, so for that reason he should leave there.

3 Q. Are you not aware of a meeting at Roberts Field airport
4 between President Taylor and President Obasanjo of Nigeria, a
16:10:10 5 meeting monitored by the United Nations and documented by them in
6 which it was agreed that Mr Taylor would take - that Bockarie
7 would come to Monrovia in order to preserve the peace talks in
8 Sierra Leone? Are you saying Bockarie never told you anything
9 about that?

16:10:39 10 A. Bockarie never told me. What he told me is what I am
11 exactly telling you; that Mr Taylor told him that Sankoh had
12 spoken with him, Mr Taylor, that Bockarie and Issa are having
13 problems in relation to diamonds and Bockarie wants to take
14 Sankoh's post, so for this reason Issa is the tribal man to Foday
16:11:09 15 Sankoh, Temne, so for that reason Issa should take over the
16 command and Bockarie should leave.

17 MR GRIFFITHS: Madam President --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Griffiths?

19 MR GRIFFITHS: -- I am going into an area now which deals
16:11:30 20 with a relationship which might be particularly sensitive and
21 those opposite may take the view that it runs the risk of
22 identifying the witness. I wonder if at this stage - and it
23 perhaps might be for the remainder of this witness's
24 cross-examination - whether we can go into private session?

16:11:55 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Koumjian?

26 MR KOUMJIAN: Well, anything that could identify the
27 witness we would obviously appreciate going into private session.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we will go into private session.
29 For those members of the public and for purposes of the rules, we

1 are now going to go into private session. You will be able to
2 see into the Court, but you will not be able to hear what is
3 said. This is for reasons of the security of the witness.

4 Please implement that, Madam Court Officer.

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6 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of
7 the transcript, pages 21146 to 21151, was
8 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as
9 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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11 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.28 p.m.
12 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 26 November 2008
13 at 9.30 a.m.]

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