

Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF THE SPECIAL COURT CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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9: 30 A. M. TRI AL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Justice Teresa Doherty, Presiding Justice Richard Lussick Before the Judges:

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Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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For the accused Charles Ghankay Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC Taylor:

Mr Terry Munyard
Mr Morris Anyah

	1	Tuesday, 9 September 2008
	2	[Open session]
	3	[The accused present]
	4	[Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]
09:29:29	5	PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Mr Bangura, can I have
	6	appearances from your Bar, please?
	7	MR BANGURA: Good morning, Madam President, good morning
	8	your Honours and counsel opposite. Your Honours, for the
	9	Prosecution this morning: Ms Brenda J Hollis; myself, Mohamed A
09:29:52	10	Bangura; Mr Christopher Santora; and Ms Ruth Mary Hackler. Thank
	11	you, your Honours.
	12	PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. Mr Anyah, good
	13	morning.
	14	MR ANYAH: Yes, good morning Madam President, good morning
09:30:07	15	your Honours, good morning counsel opposite. For the Defence we
	16	have Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC, Mr Terry Munyard, myself Morris
	17	Anyah and we are joined by an intern in our office Mr Colin
	18	Witcher. Witcher is spelt W-I-T-C-H-E-R. Thank you, Madam
	19	Presi dent.
09:30:31	20	PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah, and I welcome
	21	Mr Witcher to the Court. Now, am I going to remind the witness
	22	of her oath unless there are some other preliminary matters? No.
	23	Madam Witness, again this morning I remind you as I did
	24	yesterday that you are still under oath, the oath continues to be
09:30:49	25	binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you
	26	understand?
	27	THE WITNESS: Okay.
	28	PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.
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- 1 WITNESS: TF1-585 [On former oath]
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, please proceed.
- 3 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.
- 4 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR BANGURA: [Cont.]
- 09:31:06 5 Q. Good morning, Madam Witness.
  - 6 A. Good morning.
  - 7 Q. We shall continue with your testimony this morning and we
  - 8 will pick up from where we left off yesterday, okay?
  - 9 A. Okay.
- 09:31:33 10 Q. Madam Witness, just before the break are you all right?
  - 11 Can you speak up?
  - 12 A. Yes.
  - 13 Q. Just before the break yesterday you were telling the Court
  - 14 about a formation a parade which you said had been summoned
- 09:32:06 15 by 50, that is Benjamin Yeaten, and he was addressing the
  - 16 fighters of Sam Bockarie in that formation. Do you recall that?
  - 17 A. Yes.
  - 18 Q. Essentially 50 was saying to the fighters of Sam Bockarie
  - 19 that they had to defend LURD forces who defend Ganta where LURD
- 09:32:43 20 forces were attacking before any one of them could enter
  - 21 Monrovia. Is that correct?
  - 22 A. Yes.
  - 23 Q. After that formation, Madam Witness, on that day did
  - 24 anything happen?
- 09:33:11 25 A. On that day, just after the formation, everybody went about
  - 26 his business.
  - 27 Q. You said that Yeaten had promised in his address to the
  - 28 fighters that he would send I'll just read from what you said.
  - 29 Your Honours, for the record I'm reading from page 15758, line

- 1 29. "He said, 'But I will ...'" and it continues to page
- 2 15759:
- 3 "'But I will come back and when I'm ready I will call for
- 4 formation so that I will be able to deploy all of you. The
- 09:34:03 5 vehicles will come and pick you up'. So all the boys answered,
  - 6 they said okay".
  - 7 Do you recall that?
  - 8 A. Yes.
  - 9 Q. Did Yeaten come back at all?
- 09:34:19 10 A. Yes, he came back after two days.
  - 11 Q. What happened after two days when we came back?
  - 12 A. Well after those two days he came and called formation
  - again, so all the fighters who had come from Ivory Coast under
  - 14 Sam Bockarie's command assembled again. I saw three pick-ups
- 09:34:58 15 which they loaded with manpower and Benjamin Yeaten said he was
  - 16 going to send them to the various front lines and that day they
  - 17 | left. Just after they left that morning was when I decided to go
  - 18 to Monrovia. From the school compound where everybody was
  - 19 assembled it was not very far from the village and just after the
- 09:35:37 20 village there is a big town.
  - 21 Q. Madam Witness, can I just interrupt to ask you this. You
  - 22 said Yeaten came and there were vehicles that took these men
  - 23 away. Now you said you then left where you were, the compound,
  - 24 and went to Monrovia. Did you leave on the same day that these
- 09:36:11 25 men went away in pick-ups?
  - 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?
  - 27 MR ANYAH: Madam President, just to be more accurate the
  - 28 witness said "manpower", not men, and the witness said
  - 29 "pi ck-ups".

- 1 MR BANGURA:
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, when you said "manpower" what do you mean?
- 3 A. I mean the fighters who came from Ivory Coast and came to
- 4 Nimba. They're the ones I'm referring to as manpower, Sam
- 09:36:52 5 Bockarie's fighters from Ivory Coast.
  - 6 Q. So the question was, "Did you leave on the same day that
  - 7 these men were taken in pick-ups?"?
  - 8 A. Yes, I told my brother that I was moving on that day and I
  - 9 did.
- 09:37:20 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, you've used the term "men"
  - 11 again when the witness has said "manpower" and has defined it as
  - 12 Sam Bockarie's fighters from the Ivory Coast, so it may not be
  - 13 exclusively men at all.
  - 14 MR BANGURA: I take the point, your Honour. I do apologise
- 09:37:41 15 for the slip:
  - 16 Q. Madam Witness, the fighters that were taken in pick-ups,
  - 17 were they of different sexes or were they of just one sex?
  - 18 A. They were just men.
  - 19 Q. Thank you. You said that you left on the same day. Can
- 09:38:21 20 you describe how you left?
  - 21 A. Well, I left from the school compound where we were all
  - 22 assembled. Just from that school compound there is a small
  - 23 village nearby. I went to the village, but right ahead of that
  - 24 small village there is a big town whose name I cannot recall now.
- 09:38:49 25 I cannot recall the small villages around there and even the big
  - town because that was my first time. In that big town commercial
  - 27 vehicles used to ply used to come there and they used to have
  - 28 trade fairs there, so on that very day that I went to that small
  - 29 village was a trade fair day in that big village that was ahead

- 1 of the small village. The big village is situated at the main
- 2 junction, so when you get to the big village you would branch off
- 3 and go to the small village before you could ever enter to the
- 4 school compound where we were all assembled.
- 09:39:41 5 Q. Madam Witness, let's be clear about these locations you're
  - 6 describing. You were based in a school compound at a particular
  - 7 place, correct?
  - 8 A. Yes.
  - 9 Q. And you have mentioned two other locations: a big village
- 09:40:02 10 and a a big town, I should say, and a small village, correct?
  - 11 A. Yes.
  - 12 Q. How far were these locations from your location if you
  - 13 were heading to Monrovia, where would you go first of these two
  - 14 Locations?
- 09:40:24 15 A. Well, from the school compound where we were you would come
  - 16 to the small village first before you could get to the big town
  - 17 which was at the junction that branched off to where we were in
  - 18 the village before you could enter into the school compound where
  - 19 we were.
- 09:40:44 20 Q. Now you talked about a market day, that there was a market
  - 21 day on the day you left, and it was observed in one of these
  - 22 locations. Which one of the two? The small village, or the big
  - 23 town?
  - 24 A. It was in the big town.
- 09:41:10 25 Q. Before you left did anything happen at all?
  - 26 A. Yes. As I got to the small village there was a mango tree
  - 27 in that particular village, so under that mango tree I saw High
  - 28 Command who had been with 50 in Monrovia.
  - 29 Q. When you say you met High Command, can you describe in what

- 1 circumstances you met him?
- 2 A. I met him there with a pick-up one barrel pick-up. In
- 3 that one barrel pick-up I saw Nyande, one of Superman's former
- 4 fighters who had been to Liberia with Superman and others. He
- 09:42:07 5 was with Benjamin Yeaten. He was called Nyande.
  - 6 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned High Command and you said he
  - 7 was somebody with 50. Is there something else you knew about
  - 8 this person called High Command?
  - 9 A. Yes, they were the ones I met at that junction, so I asked
- 09:42:39 10 High Command --
  - 11 Q. Madam Witness, the question is is there something else you
  - 12 knew about High Command? You are trying to describe him. You
  - said he was one of the men with Benjamin Yeaten, 50. Is there
  - 14 something else you knew about High Command? Did you know him
- 09:42:53 15 before you knew that he was with 50?
  - 16 A. Yes, at that time I knew him. He was a small boy. He was
  - 17 with Superman. He was one of Superman's fighters before that
  - 18 time when they were in Sierra Leone and they all travelled
  - 19 together with Superman to Liberia and later he was now with
- 09:43:18 20 Benjamin Yeaten.
  - 21 Q. You also mentioned Nyande as one of the fighters with
  - 22 Superman I'm sorry, with Benjamin Yeaten. Who was this person
  - 23 called Nyande?
  - 24 A. He too was one of Superman's former fighters in Sierra
- 09:43:44 25 Leone and so he, Superman and others went to Monrovia, but at
  - that time now they were all with Benjamin Yeaten.
  - 27 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, for the record the spelling for
  - 28 Nyande is N-Y-A-N-D-E.
  - JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, are you on channel 1 like the

- 1 rest of us?
- 2 MR BANGURA: I'm sorry, your Honour.
- 3 JUDGE LUSSICK: Another thing, Mr Bangura, I could have
- 4 missed this in previous evidence, but what is a one barrel
- 09:44:21 5 pi ck-up?
  - 6 MR BANGURA: I am actually going to come to that. Thank
  - you, your Honour:
  - 8 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned that you saw High Command with
  - 9 a one barrel pick-up. What is a one barrel pick-up?
- 09:44:42 10 A. Well, a one barrel BZT was mounted in the pick-up. One
  - 11 barrel BZT. It's an arm. It was mounted in the pick-up.
  - 12 Q. And when you say a pick-up, what is a pick-up really?
  - 13 A. It's a vehicle pick-up vehicle.
  - 14 Q. Apart from High Command and Nyande who you saw, did you see
- 09:45:15 15 anybody else in the one barrel pick-up?
  - 16 A. Well, they were many there, but those two were the ones I
  - 17 spoke to. I asked High Command to give me a ride to Monrovia.
  - 18 Q. Did you get the ride? Were you offered the ride?
  - 19 A. Well, he did not talk to me nicely. He just asked me what
- 09:45:49 20 I was doing there the place where I was talking to him, what I
  - 21 was doing there and I told him that I was on my way to
  - 22 Monrovia. He told me that they would not put women in their
  - 23 vehicle, in that particular vehicle, that one barrel BZT vehicle,
  - because it was an escort vehicle for 50.
- 09:46:22 25 Q. Did you learn anything else from High Command during this
  - 26 exchange you had with him?
  - 27 A. Yes. He further went on to tell me that Benjamin Yeaten,
  - 28 50, Sam Bockarie, Joe Tuah and other high commands in the
  - 29 Charles Taylor government had just left that village, the village

- 1 where I met them with the one barrel BZT. They had gone for a
- 2 meeting, so they were waiting for them at that particular place
- 3 where I met them.
- 4 Q. Did you do anything after you had been refused a lift which
- 09:47:16 5 you asked for? Did you do anything after that?
  - 6 A. Yes, so I went to the big town that was ahead where
  - 7 commercial vehicles stopped and it was in the same village where
  - 8 they held the trade fair. As God would have it, that same day
  - 9 there was a market day so there were so many vehicles going to
- 09:47:44 10 Monrovia.
  - 11 Q. And did you can you just continue. What happened?
  - 12 A. So that very day I travelled to Monrovia.
  - 13 Q. Where did you go when you got to Monrovia?
  - 14 A. Well, when I went I went straight to Papay Moriba's house.
- - 16 A. He too was one of the Liberian fighters who came from
  - 17 Liberia at that time under Charles Taylor's government and they
  - 18 went to Sierra Leone. They were fighting there, but he was an
  - 19 advisor to Sam Bockarie in Buedu.
- 09:48:48 20 Q. How long were you with Papay Moriba?
  - 21 A. Well, I knew him in Buedu.
  - 22 Q. I am talking about your stay with Papay Moriba in Monrovia.
  - 23 When you arrived in Monrovia, your evidence is that you went to
  - 24 stay with Papay Moriba. How long were you with him?
- 09:49:23 25 A. I was with him for two to three days.
  - 26 Q. And during the period you were with Papay Moriba, did you
  - 27 Learn anything from anybody?
  - 28 A. Yes, because it was almost it was at night because when
  - 29 we moved from that place that night where I boarded the vehicle

- 1 to Monrovia, we arrived in Monrovia at night so in the morning
- 2 Papay Moriba went to Benjamin Yeaten's house in Congo Town,
- 3 Monrovia. As he went, he did not take long and he came back and
- 4 he asked me, he said --
- 09:50:09 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has --
  - 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Madam Witness.
  - 7 THE INTERPRETER: The witness has called her name.
  - 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter says
  - 9 you've called a name. I want to remind you that it's important
- 09:50:25 10 you think of your own security and not call names that could
  - 11 identify you. If that is on the Krio channel and broadcast it
  - 12 will have to be redacted. Please implement that.
  - 13 MR BANGURA:
  - 14 Q. Madam Witness, you have heard the admonishment from Madam
- 09:50:50 15 President. Will you please try and answer without mentioning
  - 16 names that could identify you. Just continue your evidence.
  - 17 A. So he told me that if I knew that Sam Bockarie and his
  - 18 family had been killed.
  - 19 Q. Did he tell you, or was he asking you?
- 09:51:20 20 A. He told me.
  - 21 Q. Were you able to confirm this news this information -
  - 22 that Papay Moriba gave to you?
  - 23 A. Yes, I confirmed it later.
  - 24 Q. How did you confirm this information?
- 09:51:47 25 A. Ma Toasty told me.
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, could you give us the name again of the
  - 27 person who told you?
  - 28 A. Toasty.
  - 29 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, Toasty is spelt T-0-S-T-Y [sic].

- 1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Spell it again, Mr Bangura.
- 2 MR BANGURA: T-O-A-S-T-Y:
- 3 Q. Madam Witness, can you tell the Court how you got to learn
- 4 from Toasty or how Toasty confirmed this information to you, the
- 09:52:51 5 information about the killing of Sam Bockarie and his family?
  - 6 A. He met me because at that time I was I was now in
  - 7 hiding, so he too was hiding. They were in the hiding place and
  - 8 they left there because they had lacked some things where they
  - 9 were, so he came to me where I was hiding and he told me that,
- 09:53:26 10 "Do you know that Master and every other person has been
  - 11 killed?", and then he said, "Even myself I'm hiding with my
  - 12 family". He said, "Those pick-ups which were full with manpower,
  - 13 our brothers who were in those vehicles that were taken he said
  - 14 all of them had been killed". He said, "Even Master has been
- 09:54:01 15 killed". He said, "I'm in a hiding place". He said, "I just
  - 16 have come to tell you because they are searching for us, all of
  - 17 us". He said, "I am going back to my hiding place and my family
  - 18 where we are hiding. I am going back to them", and he left.
  - 19 Q. Madam Witness, when you got this information first from
- 09:54:30 20 Papay Moriba, did he tell you who had killed Sam Bockarie and his
  - 21 family?
  - 22 A. Well he told me that it was 50, but he said it was an order
  - 23 from Charles Taylor.
  - 24 Q. When you spoke to Toasty and he also he confirmed this
- 09:54:59 25 information to you, did Toasty tell you who killed Sam Bockarie
  - 26 and his family as well as all the other fighters that he told you
  - 27 had been killed?
  - 28 A. Yes. He told me that it was 50, but it was
  - 29 Charles Taylor's order.

- 1 Q. Madam Witness, who was Toasty?
- 2 A. Toasty was one of Sam Bockarie's big fighters and he was a
- 3 bodyguard to him also.
- 4 Q. Madam Witness, let me ask you about Sam Bockarie's family.
- 09:55:53 5 At the time that you came across from Ivory Coast, did you know
  - 6 where his family was? Where Sam Bockarie's family was?
  - 7 A. Well, they took the entire family. Benjamin Yeaten's wife
  - 8 at that time was Baby Girl. He took Sam Bockarie's wife from
  - 9 Monrovia, his children, Sam Bockarie's mother and everybody to
- 09:56:30 10 that village where Sam Bockarie was put.
  - 11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I'm just seeking
  - 12 clarification. The witness has described Toasty as one of Sam
  - 13 Bockarie's big fighters as a he, a bodyguard, but earlier she
  - 14 referred to him as "Ma Toasty". Is this one and the same person,
- 09:56:54 15 or is Ma Toasty the wife of Toasty.
  - 16 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I believe I got the witness to
  - 17 correct that name. When it came up as "Ma Toasty" I asked the
  - 18 witness again to say what the name of the person was and I
  - 19 believe the witness said "Toasty". Unless that's not too clear I
- 09:57:13 20 can go back to that and I am of the view that that's the name
  - 21 that we have, Toasty rather than Ma Toasty, but I will get the
  - 22 witness to correct that:
  - 23 Q. Madam Witness, the name that you mentioned Toasty came up
  - 24 before as "Ma Toasty". Can you be clear about that name. What
- 09:57:41 25 is it? Is it Toasty, or Ma Toasty?
  - 26 A. I never said Ma Toasty. I said Toasty. The name is
  - 27 Toasty.
  - 28 Q. And this person is a male, or female?
  - 29 A. Male.

- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Another confusing point, Mr Bangura, at
- 2 page 12 around line 16, "Benjamin Yeaten's wife at that time was
- 3 Baby Girl. He took Sam Bockarie's wife".
- 4 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour. I will pursue that:
- 09:58:28 5 Q. Madam Witness, you talked about Benjamin Yeaten's wife and
  - 6 what we have here is that, "Benjamin Yeaten's wife at that time
  - 7 was Baby Girl. He took Sam Bockarie's wife". Can you clarify
  - 8 exactly what you said? You said Baby Girl Benjamin Yeaten's
  - 9 wife was Baby Girl. What do you mean?
- 09:58:50 10 A. Well that was the name of the wife he had, Baby Girl. That
  - 11 was the name. That was how she was called.
  - 12 Q. Your evidence is that Baby Girl took Sam Bockarie's wife.
  - 13 Is that correct?
  - 14 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness specify the
- 09:59:09 **15** gender.
  - 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, when you answer can you
  - 17 please tell the interpreter if you're referring to a man or a
  - 18 woman.
  - 19 THE WITNESS: Okay, ma'am.
- 09:59:23 **20** MR BANGURA:
  - 21 Q. We are talking of Benjamin Yeaten's wife, Baby Girl. What
  - 22 did she do?
  - 23 A. She took Sam Bockarie's wife and Sam Bockarie's mother and
  - 24 all of his children to that village where Sam Bockarie was kept
- 09:59:45 25 in that rubber plantation village.
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, did you know the name of the village where
  - 27 Sam Bockarie was kept in the rubber plantation?
  - 28 A. No, because I had never been there before.
  - 29 Q. How did you know that Baby Girl took Sam Bockarie's family

- 1 to the village where Sam Bockarie was?
- 2 A. Well Sam Bockarie's wife's elder sister, we were all
- 3 assembled at that school building and she had access to go to
- 4 where Sam Bockarie was kept and Sam Bockarie also had some
- 10:00:36 5 bodyguards like Toasty who had access to go there. There was
  - 6 another called War Face. He too had access to go to where Sam
  - 7 Bockarie was kept and they had the access too to return from
  - 8 where Sam Bockarie was kept to come back and give us the
  - 9 information. That was where we were in that village at the
- 10:00:58 10 school building at the school compound.
  - 11 Q. Did they tell you when Baby Girl took Sam Bockarie's family
  - 12 to that village?
  - 13 A. Yes, that was the time all of us together with Sam Bockarie
  - 14 we left Ivory Coast and we went and he was kept in that village.
- 10:01:22 15 By then we were on the school compound there. That was the time
  - 16 they went and collected his family from Monrovia and brought them
  - 17 to that village.
  - 18 Q. When you say "they", we have been talking about Baby Girl,
  - 19 but you say "they went". Can you clarify what you mean?
- 10:01:48 20 A. It was Baby Girl, Benjamin Yeaten's wife, who went and
  - 21 collected Hawa and the family. By that I mean Sam Bockarie's
  - 22 mother, his children and his wife Hawa, it was Baby Girl who went
  - and collected the family from Monrovia and brought them to the
  - 24 village where Sam Bockarie was kept. That was the rubber
- 10:02:12 25 plantation village.
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, have you seen Sam Bockarie since the time
  - 27 that he was taken after you crossed over from Ivory Coast into
  - 28 Liberia? Have you since seen him?
  - 29 A. Well, since then I have not seen the person.

- 1 Q. Have you since you last since you last saw or knew about
- 2 the family of Sam Bockarie, have you since seen them? I mean his
- 3 wife and children.
- 4 A. Well, since then I have not seen anybody from that family.
- 10:03:11 5 Q. Toasty, who came to Monrovia and confirmed to you the news
  - 6 about the killing of Sam Bockarie, his family and fighters of
  - 7 his, is he still alive today?
  - 8 A. Well, he too was killed. They killed him later.
  - 9 Q. How did you know that he was killed later?
- 10:03:37 10 A. Well it was after I had returned to Sierra Leone that I
  - 11 knew, because Sam Bockarie's wife's elder sister Kadie, she was
  - 12 blessed. She was able to hide and escape. Up to this moment she
  - 13 is alive. She is in Freetown. She told me that when I saw her.
  - 14 Q. Madam Witness, in your earlier testimony this is going
- 10:04:10 15 back to the formation which you said Benjamin Yeaten addressed
  - and when he talked about Bockarie's men having to go to fight in
  - 17 Ganta against LURD you mentioned that somebody and the
  - 18 transcript says, "His brother was there. He called three of his
  - 19 colleagues". Your Honours, I'm reading from page 15759 and line
- 10:04:47 20 4 continuing: "His brother was there. He called three of his
  - 21 colleagues. He said, 'Please listen very well to that song'".
  - 22 Now, whose brother were you referring to in that statement?
  - 23 A. Well, I was talking about my own brother.
  - 24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I'm not very clear as to the
- 10:05:16 25 exact time when Sam Bockarie's family is supposed to have been
  - 26 taken away. Was that when the witness before the witness moved
  - 27 to Monrovia? It's not very clear from what she's stated at page
  - 28 I think 14 and 15. I'm looking at her testimony and I can't work
  - 29 out exactly when this family is supposed to have been collected.

- 1 MR BANGURA:
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, I asked you earlier about when Sam
- 3 Bockarie's family was taken from Monrovia to the place the
- 4 plantation.
- 10:05:55 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: They were not taken from Monrovia. Were
  - 6 they taken from Monrovia?
  - 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, I said from the house in Monrovia. That
  - 8 was where Sam Bockarie's family was taken from and they took them
  - 9 to the rubber plantation. They took them first to Sam Bockarie
- 10:06:16 10 at the rubber plantation before I moved from Nimba to go to
  - 11 Monrovia.
  - 12 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I suppose that clarifies the
  - 13 point.
  - 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think Justice Sebutinde asked about the
- 10:06:42 15 time they were taken. I haven't got a time yet.
  - 16 MR BANGURA:
  - 17 Q. Madam Witness, you have said that you learnt that Sam
  - 18 Bockarie's family was taken from they were taken from Monrovia
  - 19 to the place where Sam Bockarie was at the plantation. When did
- 10:07:03 20 this happen?
  - 21 A. Well, like I have said, I do not recall the month or the
  - 22 date that it happened, but what I know is that I was at the
  - 23 school compound there when Baby Girl took Sam Bockarie's family
  - 24 to that village. I cannot tell the exact month, the time or the
- 10:07:36 25 date. That I do not recall.
  - 26 Q. Just to be clear, Madam Witness, was it before you moved
  - 27 from the village to come to Monrovia that this event occurred, or
  - 28 was it after you came to Monrovia?
  - 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which event is this, Mr Bangura?

- 1 MR BANGURA:
- 2 Q. The taking of Sam Bockarie's family from Monrovia to the
- 3 plantation, did that happen before you came down to Monrovia from
- 4 the school compound or did it happen after that?
- 10:08:10 5 A. Well, it happened before I left the school compound to go
  - 6 to Monrovia.
  - 7 Q. Are you able to tell the Court how long you were at the
  - 8 school compound before you came to Monrovia?
  - 9 A. Well, I spent more than one week there before I left.
- 10:08:32 10 Q. Was it up to two weeks?
  - 11 A. Roughly up to that.
  - 12 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned that one of the persons who
  - 13 was present when 50 addressed the fighters at the school compound
  - 14 was your brother. Is your brother alive today?
- 10:09:04 15 A. No, he too was killed.
  - 16 Q. How did you learn that he was killed?
  - 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, are you feeling all right?
  - 18 Tell us if you need a break.
  - 19 MS I RURA: Your Honour, the witness requests a break.
- 10:10:20 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: We'll take a short adjournment to allow
  - 21 the witness to compose herself and feel a little better. Please
  - 22 adjourn the Court temporarily.
  - 23 [Break taken at 10.10 a.m.]
  - 24 [Upon resuming at 10.30 a.m.]
- 10:29:08 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I hope you're feeling
  - 26 better now.
  - 27 THE WITNESS: Yes.
  - 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: And, Mr Bangura, perhaps it might be best
  - 29 if you re-ask the question to allow the witness to answer it.

- 1 MR BANGURA:
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, the question I asked was how did you know
- 3 that your brother was one of those who was killed?
- 4 A. Well, where I was, where I went to Monrovia to hide at that
- 10:29:58 5 time, I was there and people used to visit me there. One or two
  - 6 people used to come to me there. They were the ones who used to
  - 7 go to Benjamin Yeaten's compound and they would bring any
  - 8 information they got and whatever killing that the boys did, when
  - 9 they would come to Monrovia they would say it. They said that we
- 10:30:30 10 had killed this and this people and these others escaped, so I
  - 11 was in that hiding when I learnt that my brother had been killed
  - 12 before I left there for Sierra Leone.
  - 13 Q. Madam Witness, where was it that you were hiding?
  - 14 A. Well, I was hiding in Monrovia around the Red Light area.
- 10:31:05 15 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the
  - 16 Location.
  - 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, please pause. The
  - 18 interpreter asks that you repeat the location you're giving. You
  - 19 said, "I was hiding in Monrovia around the Red Light area."
- 10:31:22 20 Please pick up your answer from there.
  - 21 THE WITNESS: Daybreak Mouth Open.
  - MR BANGURA:
  - 23 Q. How long were you in hiding?
  - 24 A. That Daybreak Mouth Open, it was a chicken soup factory.
- 10:31:52 25 It's around Red Light. Chicken Soup Factory.
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, the answers you're giving are not quite
  - 27 clear. You mentioned initially the Daybreak Mouth Open and you
  - 28 said this was in the Red Light area and then you have also now
  - 29 mentioned Chicken Soup Factory. Are we talking of a place, or

- 1 are we talking of just an area?
- 2 A. Well, I combined everything. You will go by Red Light when
- 3 you get to Chicken Soup Factory, just like how they will say when
- 4 when you get to Chicken Soup Factory, that is the area, then
- 10:32:42 5 from Chicken Soup Factory you will go to Daybreak Mouth Open,
  - 6 just like how you would say PZ or those or some other smaller
  - 7 streets around there. That is the name of the area. The name of
  - 8 the street is Daybreak Mouth Open where I was hiding.
  - 9 Q. Did you eventually leave the area where you were hiding?
- 10:33:09 10 My question was how long were you in hiding in this location?
  - 11 A. I was there for complete two weeks. I was indoors. I did
  - 12 everything indoors. I never went out.
  - 13 Q. And after two weeks did you go anywhere?
  - 14 A. Yes, I went to the Sierra Leone embassy in Monrovia. From
- 10:33:30 15 there I went to the refugee camp, that is Biojah camp in Liberia.
  - 16 From there I boarded the ship and I came to Sierra Leone. That
  - 17 was in 2002.
  - 18 Q. Madam Witness, did you have any idea of the number of
  - 19 people who were killed during this period that you have been
- 10:34:03 20 talking about, the fighters of Sam Bockarie, as well as Sam
  - 21 Bockarie and his family? Do you have any idea how many people
  - 22 were killed?
  - 23 A. Well, that one only very few people came back. Those who
  - 24 came back those of us who came from Sierra Leone from Buedu and
- 10:34:38 25 who were able to return, we were not up to eight.
  - 26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: That doesn't really answer the question.
  - 27 Does the witness know, or doesn't she know?
  - 28 MR BANGURA:
  - 29 Q. Madam Witness, the question was whether you had any idea.

- 1 If you do not have an idea of the number that was killed, please
- 2 say so.
- 3 A. I don't know the number.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before we move on, Mr Bangura, can you
- 10:35:10 5 help us with the spelling of the refugee camp, Biojah refugee
  - 6 camp? It's referred to at page 21, line 1.
  - 7 MR BANGURA:
  - 8 Q. Madam Witness, can you again name the refugee camp where
  - 9 you said you went to? After you went to the embassy, you said
- 10:35:31 10 you then went to a refugee camp. What's the name of that refugee
  - 11 camp?
  - 12 A. Biojah, Biojah, something like that.
  - 13 Q. Are you able to help with a spelling? If you cannot, just
  - 14 say you cannot.
- 10:36:02 15 A. B-I-O-J-A-H. That's the way I will spell it, Biojah.
  - 16 Q. Madam Witness, I am going to take you back briefly to an
  - 17 answer you gave yesterday. Actually you were answering to a
  - 18 question and had given and had gone outside what I had asked
  - 19 and I did say that I would get back to that at a certain point.
- 10:36:42 20 | I will give you the reference. Your Honours, I'm referring to
  - 21 page 15663 reading from lines 6 to 14 of the transcript for
  - 22 yesterday. Madam Witness, yesterday I had asked there was a
  - 23 question about how arms were loaded from White Flower and there
  - 24 was the point about pick-ups and trucks, do you recall?
- 10:37:53 25 A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. And I had asked for clarification about when were they
  - 27 loaded in trucks and when were they reloaded into pick-ups and
  - your answer went thus. You said:
  - 29 "So it was in that same December that they loaded up to

- 1 five trucks. They had food. There was rice, onions, used
- 2 clothing, sneakers, bails of sneakers, arms and ammunition in
- 3 five trucks from Monrovia to Buedu. So during that time two
- 4 trucks entered Buedu and that coincided with the time when
- 10:38:36 5 Charles Taylor had told Mosquito to go to Monrovia and at that
  - 6 time Mosquito had sent his wife and children together with his
  - 7 mother, three days before we left Buedu for Monrovia. So all of
  - 8 them had gone."
  - 9 And then I cut in and said, "Madam Witness, we are going
- 10:39:01 10 far into an area that I actually did not ask about", and we then
  - 11 continued with the particular points that I had asked the
  - 12 questi on on.
  - Now, let me ask you about these five trucks that you
  - 14 mentioned in this statement that you gave in your evidence. You
- 10:39:21 15 said that there were five trucks and you mentioned things that
  - 16 were loaded in these five trucks and you said this was in
  - 17 December. Can you explain exactly what you were referring to?
  - 18 Do you understand what I've just said to you?
  - 19 A. Yes.
- 10:39:47 20 Q. Please answer.
  - 21 A. All of these things that you've mentioned they were all in
  - 22 those five trucks, but two trucks had already entered Buedu
  - 23 before ever we took off for Monrovia. As we moved from Buedu and
  - 24 we got to Foya airfield, we met another truck there which Sam
- 10:40:15 25 Bockarie had stopped that it should not enter into Buedu after
  - 26 the two trucks had entered Buedu and so that was where they
  - 27 waited for us until we entered Foya airfield with the other one
  - 28 truck that he had stopped. So the one truck which he stopped
  - 29 returned and it was that same truck that I boarded to Monrovia,

- 1 so while we were going we met another truck after we passed Foya
- 2 airfield going towards Voinjama on the road. The truck had
- 3 broken down. And the last truck we met that one on the highway
- 4 and things were loaded in it, like rice and all of those things I
- 10:41:03 5 have just mentioned were in it. It had a problem with tyres.
  - 6 The truck which had the tyre problem, some people I mean
  - 7 soldiers and civilians who were Sam Bockarie's people Loaded
  - 8 into these two trucks that I have mentioned which were on the
  - 9 highway even before we met the one that had the tyre problem.
- 10:41:29 10 The one which had that problem which was broken down on the
  - 11 road, people came there, that is Sam Bockarie's people, and they
  - 12 repaired it and people boarded it and it was not in that
  - 13 particular truck that I am talking about. That one did not
  - 14 arrive in Monrovia. Those people who went in there stayed in
- 10:41:51 15 Gbarnga, because there was no space in Monrovia for everybody to
  - 16 be accommodated in Monrovia and so some of them stopped in
  - 17 Gbarnga and the balance went to Monrovia.
  - 18 Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Now your evidence is that there
  - 19 were five trucks, correct?
- 10:42:15 20 A. Yes.
  - 21 Q. One of those trucks you said was had entered Buedu before
  - 22 you left. Is that correct?
  - 23 A. Two already had entered.
  - 24 Q. And where were these trucks coming from at the time?
- 10:42:34 25 A. They all came from Monrovia.
  - 26 Q. You said that they were all loaded with the items that
  - you've described, arms, ammunition, clothing, shoes.
  - 28 A. Yes, food, everything was in those trucks.
  - 29 Q. But where were these trucks headed for?

- 1 A. Those trucks, all of them came from Monrovia. They were to
- 2 stop in Buedu. All of them were to enter Buedu. They were
- 3 headed for Buedu.
- 4 Q. Do you know how these trucks came to be conveying all these
- 10:43:19 5 items from Monrovia to Buedu?
  - 6 A. Well that particular group, that particular trip, I don't
  - 7 know.
  - 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I am not quite sure what you
  - 9 mean by that question how these trucks came to be conveying all
- 10:43:44 10 these items. What do you mean by that question?
  - 11 MR BANGURA:
  - 12 Q. Do you know who sent the trucks from Buedu sorry, from
  - 13 Monrovia, Madam Witness?
  - 14 A. Well those trucks I just heard from Sam Bockarie that
- 10:44:13 15 Jungle was to come with five trucks, but I didn't know who
  - 16 particularly sent those trucks.
  - 17 Q. Thank you.
  - 18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I'm a little confused. When
  - 19 this witness gives this evidence relating to these trucks did she
- 10:44:42 20 see these trucks when they were on their way from Monrovia before
  - 21 they arrived at Buedu, or is all this evidence based on what she
  - 22 was told?
  - 23 MR BANGURA:
  - 24 Q. Madam Witness, you said that of the five trucks first of
- 10:44:58 25 all you said two of them came to Buedu before you left. Did you
  - 26 see those trucks yourself?
  - 27 A. Well, yes, the two which entered Buedu I saw them and the
  - 28 three that were to come I saw all of them, because the three
  - 29 which were to enter we met one at Foya airfield, that was the one

- 1 that I myself boarded to Monrovia, and the other two which were
- 2 to follow the one that we met at Foya airfield that I boarded I
- 3 saw both on the highway when we were going to Monrovia.
- 4 Q. Madam Witness, how did you know that these trucks came from
- 10:45:34 5 Monrovia?
  - 6 A. Well, Sam Bockarie was the one who said five trucks were
  - 7 coming and they were bringing food and materials to Buedu. He
  - 8 said Jungle was the one who would be escorting those trucks.
  - 9 Q. When did Sam Bockarie say this?
- 10:46:00 10 A. Even before we left. Even before we left from Buedu.
  - 11 Q. Did Sam Bockarie say this to you, or did he say it to
  - 12 somebody else?
  - 13 A. Well he was telling Eddie Kanneh and I heard it, because at
  - 14 that time he was angry. He said if he had known he would have
- 10:46:26 15 stopped those trucks. They wouldn't have come because he had
  - 16 already sent his people. He said if he had known that things
  - 17 were going to turn out like that he wouldn't have okayed the
  - 18 coming of those trucks to Buedu.
  - 19 Q. When you say he said if he had known that things were going
- 10:46:42 20 to turn up like that he would not have let the trucks come to
  - 21 Buedu, what do you mean? What did he mean when he said if things
  - 22 were going to turn out like that?
  - 23 A. He said if at all he had known that things were going to
  - 24 turn out to be like that with him at that particular time he
- 10:47:07 25 knew that he was going to Monrovia and that Charles Taylor had
  - 26 already invited him, but if he knew that was around that
  - 27 particular time that he was to go to Monrovia he wouldn't have
  - 28 allowed those trucks to enter into Buedu.
  - 29 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, at this point I had indicated

- 1 before that towards the end of the witness's testimony I shall be
- 2 applying to the Court to have the rest of her testimony in
- 3 private session. I have just a few questions that I would like
- 4 to ask this witness in private session, your Honour. May
- 10:47:48 5 respectfully apply that the Court moves into private session to
  - 6 enable this.
  - 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the reason, Mr Bangura?
  - 8 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the reasons are those that I
  - 9 canvassed before at the beginning of this witness's testimony and
- 10:48:07 10 they are that the evidence that is to be elicited from this
  - 11 witness through this line of questioning will have the effect of
  - 12 revealing her identity and the witness has expressed concern
  - 13 about her security and the Prosecution is desirous not to
  - 14 compromise the witness's security.
- 10:48:27 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you've heard the application.
  - MR ANYAH: Well, in theory we have no objection to the
  - 17 application. As and when opportunities arise that we do disagree
  - 18 with the propriety of particular items of evidence being heard in
  - 19 private session, then we would make the objection at that time.
- 10:48:51 20 MR BANGURA: Please, your Honour, just before we move, I've
  - 21 just been reminded there were some documents photographs that
  - 22 I had intended to show the witness. I think those ones should be
  - 23 dealt with in open session, your Honour.
  - 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Proceed with that then first,
- 10:49:08 **25** please.
  - 26 MR BANGURA:
  - 27 Q. Madam Witness, you mentioned a number of people that you
  - 28 said came from Liberia, do you recall, in your testimony?
  - 29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And one of those persons that you mentioned was Zigzag
- 2 Marzah, do you recall?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you yourself see Zigzag Marzah when he came to Buedu?
- 10:49:52 5 A. Yes
  - 6 Q. Do you recall how long he was in Buedu on that visit?
  - 7 A. Yes
  - 8 Q. How long was he there?
  - 9 A. Well, I saw him there once and that it was just on that
- 10:50:15 10 day that I saw him.
  - 11 Q. During the time that he was in Buedu, was he in the company
  - 12 of anybody?
  - 13 A. Well, at the time that he went there he went there together
  - 14 with 50 and others. They went to Sam Bockarie.
- 10:50:43 15 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, at this stage I would like the
  - 16 witness to be shown a photograph. It's D-1. It's already in
  - 17 evidence as an exhibit, a Defence exhibit. It's D-51, sorry.
  - 18 D-51.
  - 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's on the display, Mr Bangura.
- 10:51:45 20 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:
  - 21 Q. Madam Witness, do you see the photograph which has been
  - 22 displayed on the screen?
  - 23 A. Yes.
  - 24 Q. Do you recognise anybody in that photograph?
- 10:52:02 **25** A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. Who do you recognise in it?
  - 27 A. Well, on my left is Sam Bockarie.
  - 28 Q. And on your right?
  - 29 A. Marzah.

- 1 Q. When you say Marzah, can you give the full name please?
- 2 A. Zi gzag Marzah.
- 3 Q. Does the background in that photograph say anything? Is
- 4 there anything in the photograph that you are able to speak
- 10:52:40 5 about?
  - 6 A. Well, I can see a truck.
  - 7 Q. Are you familiar with anything else in the photograph apart
  - 8 from the two persons that you have identified?
  - 9 A. Well except the road that I am seeing, bad road.
- 10:53:10 10 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the Prosecution would
  - 11 respectfully apply that this document be introduced be marked
  - 12 for identification.
  - 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's already an exhibit.
  - 14 MR BANGURA: I'm sorry:
- 10:53:35 15 Q. Madam Witness, can you mark the names of the persons who
  - 16 you identified on the photograph?
  - 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?
  - 18 MR ANYAH: Nothing, your Honour.
  - 19 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, may the record reflect that the
- 10:55:32 20 witness identified two persons in exhibit D-51 as marked, the
  - 21 person on the left being Sam Bockarie and the person on the right
  - 22 Zi gzag Marzah.
  - 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that has been noted, Mr Bangura.
  - 24 MR BANGURA: Thank you.
- 10:55:53 25 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I rose initially to make an
  - 26 observation and I think it's appropriate I make it now given that
  - 27 the witness is likely to be presented two additional pictures.
  - 28 The concern we have is the possibility of leading the witness in
  - 29 the context of photographs where you have very few people

1 depicted. If counsel is trying to lay foundation about the 2 witness's familiarity with a person in circumstances where only 3 one or two persons are pictured and not several persons, I would 4 propose that the proper approach is to put the picture first before the witness and to ask the witness, "Who is pictured 10:56:29 5 there?", rather than as was just done to elicit questions about 6 7 Zigzag Marzah and then the witness has only a 50 per cent chance of being inaccurate when presented with a picture of two persons. 8 In light of the possibility that similar photographs will be shown in the next few minutes, I make this observation on the 10:56:49 10 record. 11 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, Mr Anyah, I think you have made a 13 very valid observation, although I'm sure Mr Bangura has in mind 14 the previous days when there was objections about foundation. 10:57:11 15 But I think in the light of the numbers in these photographs, Mr Bangura, you should proceed in that way. 16 17 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I take the direction from your Honour, but the point is it leaves the Prosecution a little 18 19 uncertain about which way to go at what particular time. 10:57:34 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is somewhat exceptional. These are 21 exhibits already and a foundation has to be laid when putting 22 things to your witnesses, but Mr Anyah himself has not exactly 23 varied his previous objections but he has certainly raised a 24 different issue and I have ruled that on this particular limited 10:57:59 25 situation, given the particular facts and the particular photos, 26 that this it would be appropriate to put in the way he has on 27 this occasion. 28 MR BANGURA: The point is taken, your Honour. May the witness be shown photograph P-68C. It's already an exhibit. Your 29

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2 mark the previous exhibit and it's already an exhibit, but the 3 Prosecution would like it to be identified as marked as a 4 document identified by the witness and so may I respectfully ask your Honour that it be given a marked for identification number. 10:59:37 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is an exhibit as marked by the 6 7 witness and it will be MFI-1. Mr Anyah? 8 9 MR ANYAH: Yes, I don't have the exhibit, or we don't have it in front of the overhead projector again. I can't recall if 11:00:03 10 the witness was asked to sign and date it and as such I don't 11 know if they wish to make it a confidential exhibit. 12 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Also now that it's been asked that it be 14 marked for identification it should have been shown to both counsel and the Bench really first, so let us go through that 11:00:24 15 exercise of showing it to counsel and the Bench and then it 16 17 should be signed by the witness and dated. 18 MR ANYAH: I just point out we're in open session, I 19 believe, and she's signing this document on the overhead 11:01:14 20 projector. I don't know if it's being broadcast, but if there 21 are concerns about her security and her signature is being 22 transmitted there might be a problem. MR BANGURA: Your Honour, we are certainly concerned about 23 24 the fact that the signature came up on the overhead projector. 11:01:33 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. We will have that --26 MS IRURA: Your Honour, the signature has not been 27 broadcast. 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Does that allay your

Honour, just on a point of correction here, I had had the witness

- 1 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour. Your Honour, the
- 2 Prosecution asks that the document be marked as a confidential
- 3 exhi bi t.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's not been moved as an exhibit yet,
- 11:02:25 5 but we will note that at the moment it's confidential. We will
  - 6 deal with exhibits, tendering, et cetera when you make the
  - 7 application.
  - 8 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.
  - 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: That MFI-1 will be confidential.
- 11:02:51 10 MR BANGURA: May the witness be shown the photograph P-68C,
  - 11 pl ease:
  - 12 Q. Madam Witness, just a few questions. Do you recognise
  - 13 anybody in the photograph that has been shown to you?
  - 14 A. Yes.
- 11:03:20 15 Q. Who do you recognise in the photograph?
  - 16 A. Well, I recognise Issa Sesay and Jungle.
  - 17 Q. And who is Issa Sesay of the two persons that are shown on
  - 18 the photograph?
  - 19 A. Well, Issa Sesay is by my right and Jungle is by my left.
- 11:03:51 20 Q. Can you now proceed to write the names of these persons
  - 21 that you have identified on the photograph?
  - 22 A. Yes.
  - 23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Witness, please do not sign on the
  - 24 machi ne.
- 11:04:26 25 THE WITNESS: Okay.
  - 26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Why is the witness signing on the
  - overhead? She is writing the names, okay.
  - 28 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honour, may I respectfully
  - 29 move that the document be marked for identification and to be

- 1 kept confidentially.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document, a photograph
- 3 showing two male persons as identified by the witness, and it
- 4 will be confidential MFI-2.
- 11:06:27 5 MR BANGURA: May the witness be shown the photograph marked
  - 6 P-122A:
  - 7 Q. Madam Witness, again I'll ask you to look at the photograph
  - 8 which has been shown to you and say whether you recognise anybody
  - 9 in it?
- 11:07:11 10 A. Yes.
  - 11 Q. Who do you recognise in the photograph?
  - 12 A. Well it's 50, Benjamin Yeaten.
  - 13 Q. Can you describe 50 as you see him in the photograph?
  - 14 A. Well, he is in a military uniform with a facing cap and he
- 11:07:49 15 has a handset over his ears.
  - 16 Q. Madam Witness, do you recognise anybody else in the
  - 17 photograph?
  - 18 A. No, I don't recall any other person here.
  - 19 Q. Can you proceed to write the name of the person whom you
- 11:08:13 20 recognise in this photograph. When the witness signs and dates,
  - 21 can that be done away from the projector.
  - 22 May it please your Honours, may I respectfully apply that
  - 23 the document which has been marked by the witness be the
  - 24 photograph which has been marked by the witness be marked for
- 11:09:55 25 identification and kept confidentially.
  - 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document showing a
  - 27 group of persons with one person in the foreground identified by
  - 28 the witness. It becomes MFI-3 and is confidential. Mr Bangura,
  - 29 please proceed.

	1	MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I earlier moved the Court for a
	2	private session to complete the testimony of the witness and $\boldsymbol{I}$
	3	believe that application was still being considered.
	4	[Trial Chamber conferred]
11:10:46	5	PRESIDING JUDGE: We grant the application for a private
	6	session, bearing in mind Mr Anyah's caveat. For purposes of
	7	record and the rules, the Court is now moving into a private
	8	session. Members of the public will be able to see into the
	9	Court, but will not be able to hear what is being said. This is
11:11:09	10	for reasons of the security of the witness. Please implement
	11	that.
	12	[At this point in the proceedings, a portion of
	13	the transcript, pages 15791 to 15825, was
	14	extracted and sealed under separate cover, as
11:11:15	15	the proceeding was heard in private session.]
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- 1 [Open session] Your Honour, we are in open session. 2 MS I RURA: MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President: 3 4 Q. Madam Witness, in Kenema do you know how many radio operators Sam Bockarie had at the relevant time in Kenema? 5 Well, I recall two to three of them. Α. 6 7 0. And what are their names, Madam Witness? 8 Α. I recall CO Sellay. Q. Is that the only name you recall, Madam Witness? Ebony. Ebony and Bra Tourist. I recall those three. 13:08:03 10 Α. Tourist is Mohamed Kabbah, right? 11 Q. 12 Well, I knew him by the name Tourist. Maybe it's as you 13 said it. 14 Well, it cannot be maybe as I said it. It's either it is or it is not. Have you heard people ever refer to Tourist by the 13:08:33 15 name Mohamed Kabbah? 16 17 Α. Well, I knew that name. 18 What name are you referring to, Madam Witness? Tourist. 19 Α. 13:08:49 20 The person you knew as Tourist, have you ever heard or did 21 you ever hear someone else refer to him as Mohamed Kabbah? 22 Well, I heard people call him Kabbah, but I did not know
- 13:09:19 25 A. Yes.

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Q. Real name Samuel Lamboi, true?

whether he had the Mohamed name.

27 A. Yes.

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- 28 Q. And then there's CO Sellay, yes?
- 29 Α. Yes.

The person you referred to as Ebony, it's a man, correct?

- 1 Q. And we are speaking of Kenema and Sam Bockarie, true?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What was Sellay's last name, do you know, Madam Witness?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 13:09:51 5 Q. Have you ever heard him referred to as Sellay Duwor,
  - 6 D-U-W-O-R?
  - 7 A. Well, I used to hear that but it's a long time ago. I
  - 8 might have forgotten, except that you have called it now that I
  - 9 recalled.
- 13:10:14 10 Q. But you recall people referring to the person you knew as
  - 11 CO Sellay by the name Duwor, yes?
  - 12 A. I remember that name as his code name.
  - 13 Q. Still in Kenema, are you aware of Sam Bockarie receiving
  - 14 any radio communications while he was in Kenema from Liberia?
- 13:10:48 15 A. Yes.
  - 16 Q. And from whom in Liberia did these communications come?
  - 17 A. From Base 1.
  - 18 Q. Not all of the radio operators present in Kenema were
  - 19 allowed to speak to Base 1, yes?
- 13:11:24 20 A. Whilst somebody was on duty they would come up and call and
  - 21 they would ask for CO Sellay and if CO Sellay was around the
  - 22 radio operator in the radio room would make CO Sellay available.
  - 23 But you as another operator had no right to communicate more than
  - that or to go beyond that, except for CO Sellay.
- 13:11:55 25 Q. It was only CO Sellay who was authorised to have complete
  - 26 conversations with Base 1 over the radio, correct?
  - 27 A. In Kenema, yes.
  - 28 Q. And if CO Sellay was not on the radio or Sam Bockarie was
  - 29 not on the radio the radio operators calling from Base 1 would

- 1 not reveal any information, yes?
- 2 A. Well, they would give an information that at any time
- 3 Sellay or Sam Bockarie is around they would want to talk to them.
- 4 Q. And they would insist on speaking to either Sam Bockarie or
- 13:12:46 5 Sellay before they would impart the substance of what they wished
  - 6 to discuss, correct?
  - 7 A. I have said yes, Sellay.
  - 8 Q. The key operators in Base 1 at that time were Sunlight or
  - 9 Dew, right?
- 13:13:10 10 A. Yes.
  - 11 Q. Base 1 you say is in Monrovia, right?
  - 12 A. Yes.
  - 13 Q. Madam Witness, while these conversations were going on in
  - 14 Kenema you yourself never heard any of these communications
- 13:13:33 15 between Liberia and Sam Bockarie, did you?
  - 16 A. No.
  - 17 Q. You were not involved at all in any of these
  - 18 communications, correct?
  - 19 A. Well, I did not hear them talk, but sometimes I will be at
- 13:13:57 20 the radio station when they will say that Base 1 came up and they
  - 21 asked for CO Sellay, but apart from that I was never present when
  - 22 further communications went on between CO Sellay and Base 1.
  - 23 Q. My question was you were not involved in any of the
  - 24 communications between Base 1 and CO Sellay in Kenema, yes?
- 13:14:28 25 A. I was not involved.
  - 26 Q. When Base 1 would call the operator in Kenema and Benjamin
  - 27 Yeaten was said to want to speak to Sam Bockarie they would say
  - 28 something to the effect, "My father wishes to speak to your
  - 29 father"? Is that fair to say, Madam Witness?

- 1 A. I do not understand that area.
- 2 Q. Have you ever heard the phrase, "My father wants to speak
- 3 to your father"?
- 4 A. In Kenema?
- 13:15:18 5 Q. The question was have you ever in your lifetime heard that
  - 6 phrase, Madam Witness?
  - 7 A. So many times.
  - 8 Q. Did you hear it used in the context of Kenema and
  - 9 communications from Liberia?
- 13:15:35 10 A. Well, I heard it in Buedu.
  - 11 Q. Are you saying you did not hear it in Kenema?
  - 12 A. I said I did not monitor such conversations in Kenema and I
  - 13 was not involved.
  - 14 Q. That was not my question. I'm asking you about the
- 13:16:04 15 particular phrase and whether or not you heard it in Kenema. Did
  - 16 you hear that phrase in Kenema?
  - 17 A. Well, what I heard is what I have already said. They will
  - 18 call and ask for CO Sellay in Kenema, but that phrase, I did not
  - 19 hear it in Kenema.
- 13:16:22 20 Q. When you heard it in Buedu that phrase, "My father wants to
  - 21 speak with your father" referred to who?
  - 22 A. The father talk goes two way and that is if Benjamin Yeaten
  - 23 himself was on the radio set in Monrovia whilst Sam Bockarie
  - 24 himself would be on the radio set in Buedu, if Benjamin Yeaten
- 13:16:53 25 referred to his father he meant Charles Taylor, but if the radio
  - operators in Monrovia at Base 1 told the radio operators in Buedu
  - 27 at Planet 1 that, "My father would want to be on to your father",
  - it meant that Benjamin Yeaten wanted to talk to Sam Bockarie.
  - 29 But if Benjamin Yeaten himself was on line talking to Sam

- 1 Bockarie and refers to his father, he meant Charles Taylor. So
- 2 those are the two points.
- 3 Q. And who was Dapa? D-A-P-A, Dapa. Whose nickname was that
- 4 or code name?
- 13:17:50 5 A. Well, I don't recall. I don't recall that code name.
  - 6 Q. In explaining what this phrase, "My father wants to speak
  - your father" what it meant in explaining it to the Office of
  - 8 the Prosecutor have you explained it before simply to mean
  - 9 Benjamin Yeaten wanting to speak to Sam Bockarie?
- 13:18:19 10 A. I did not understand.
  - 11 Q. You just gave a response to a question I posed where you
  - said when Benjamin Yeaten says father Benjamin Yeaten means
  - 13 Charles Taylor. Right? That's what you said a few minutes ago.
  - 14 A. I did not just say that. You asked me a question whether I
- 13:18:36 15 have ever heard that phrase before that, "My father wanted to be
  - on to your father", and I said yes. That is, your father goes
  - 17 two ways. That if Benjamin Yeaten himself was on the radio and
  - 18 wanted to and was talking to Mosquito, Benjamin Yeaten will
  - 19 tell Sam Bockarie that his father wanted to talk to Sam Bockarie
- 13:19:05 20 and he will instruct Sam Bockarie to put on the 21. And if other
  - 21 operators operating under Benjamin Yeaten spoke to Sam Bockarie's
  - 22 operators in Buedu and if they said, "My father wanted to get on
  - 23 to your father" it meant that Benjamin Yeaten wanted to talk to
  - 24 Sam Bockarie. So those are the two ways that the issue of the
- 13:19:30 25 father goes. As far as I am concerned those are the two ways
  - 26 that the issue of father goes. It is not one way.
  - 27 Q. Now my question is this, Madam Witness: In your interviews
  - 28 with the Prosecution before you testified in court you explained
  - 29 that phrase in only one way and not in the two ways you've

- 1 explained it. You explained it as simply meaning Benjamin Yeaten
- 2 speaking with Sam Bockarie. True or false?
- 3 A. Well, it's false. I explained it in two ways.
- 4 MR ANYAH: May I have the assistance of Madam Court
- 13:20:13 5 Officer, please. I don't know if this will be published to the
  - 6 public, but I would ask that it not be published and so we don't
  - 7 have to put it on the overhead, unless it's not being published.
  - 8 I don't know if it is or it isn't.
  - 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: As I understand from previous witnesses
- 13:20:43 10 it need not be published if it is not put on the overhead. Am I
  - 11 correct?
  - 12 MS IRURA: Your Honour, it can be put on the overhead and
  - 13 not published not broadcast.
  - 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
- 13:21:03 15 MS IRURA: Your Honour, it will be broadcast within the
  - 16 courtroom but not to the public.
  - 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Thank you.
  - 18 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, I will be referring to a document
  - in the Defence bundle at tab 2. The relevant page is page 7.
- 13:21:21 20 The relevant paragraph is paragraph 23:
  - 21 Q. Madam Witness, last November, between 19 and 27 November
  - 22 2007, there was an interview there were several interviews you
  - 23 had with the Office of the Prosecutor and they recorded the
  - 24 information you provided to them and they gave it to us, the
- 13:21:56 25 Defence. If you look at paragraph 23 and I will read it, it
  - 26 says well, perhaps I should paraphrase it. I think everybody
  - 27 can see it and this is just so we do not get into shaky territory
  - 28 with protective measures.
  - 29 Witness, this says that Benjamin Yeaten would communicate

- 1 with Sam Bockarie over the radio. It says that you were not part
- of this conversation. It gives Yeaten's operator's name as
- 3 Sunlight and it says that Sunlight would tell witness that Yeaten
- 4 wanted to talk to Sam Bockarie, then Sam Bockarie would come over
- 13:23:22 5 and the two of them would talk and the conversation would take
  - 6 place on a special channel over the radio and then we get to this
  - 7 phrase, it says: "Most often Sunlight would say 'my father wants
  - 8 to talk to your father' which meant Yeaten wanted to talk to
  - 9 Bockarie". Did you hear what I just said, Madam Witness?
- 13:23:55 10 A. Yes, I heard you.
  - 11 Q. When you spoke to the Prosecution in October [sic] why
  - 12 didn't you tell them that this phrase, "My father wants to talk
  - 13 to your father" meant sometimes Charles Taylor?
  - 14 A. Well, that is supposed to be in the document. There is
- 13:24:15 15 somewhere that we will have to go to. I recall that after the
  - 16 January 6th when troops entered Freetown and when Benjamin Yeaten
  - 17 came on the net and he discussed with Sam Bockarie, after that
  - 18 Benjamin Yeaten instructed Sam Bockarie to put on the 21 and that
  - 19 his father wanted to talk to him. When we get to that area you
- 13:24:38 20 will see it.
  - 21 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam Court Officer:
  - 22 Q. We are back to Kenema now and messages that were coming to
  - 23 Kenema. Did you know a radio operator by the name of Memunatu
  - 24 Deen, Madam Witness?
- 13:25:11 25 A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. Who was she, Madam Witness?
  - 27 A. Well, she was an RUF radio operator.
  - 28 Q. What was her nationality, Madam Witness?
  - 29 A. She was a Sierra Leonean.

- 1 Q. Was she in Kenema or was she somewhere else at the relevant
- 2 time?
- 3 A. Well, she was assigned in Monrovia in Monrovia.
- 4 Q. Where exactly in Monrovia was she assigned?
- 13:26:09 5 A. Well, by then I had not yet gone to Monrovia. I did not
  - 6 know actually. But she was not assigned at 50's house and I do
  - 7 not know whether she was assigned at Sankoh's house in Monrovia,
  - 8 because by then I had not gone there, I did not know. But I did
  - 9 not actually see her at 50's house.
- 13:26:34 10 Q. Do you know the call sign or call name of the radio she
  - 11 operated?
  - 12 A. Well, I don't recall any more, but sometimes she will go to
  - 13 Base 1 and call.
  - 14 Q. You're saying sometimes she would go to Base 1, which is in
- 13:26:58 15 Benjamin Yeaten's residence, and call, true?
  - 16 A. Yes.
  - 17 Q. You are also saying, however, that Base 1 was not her
  - 18 primary radio for communications, yes?
  - 19 A. Yes.
- 13:27:15 20 Q. And you do not know the radio that was her primary radio
  - 21 for communications from Liberia, correct?
  - 22 A. I said I do not recall any more.
  - 23 Q. Have you heard the name Osman Tolo before?
  - 24 A. Yes.
- 13:27:40 25 Q. Have you heard the names Memunatu Deen and Osman Tolo used
  - together in the same context before?
  - 27 A. Yes, I knew that he was her husband.
  - 28 Q. Was Memunatu Deen a radio operator for Jungle?
  - 29 A. Well, I wouldn't know that. I cannot be specific on that

- 1 because we used to get information regarding most of the
- 2 movements that Jungle undertook from Sunlight, so I wouldn't tell
- 3 actually if she was specifically based with Jungle as a radio
- 4 operator.
- 13:28:41 5 Q. Did any of the radio messages regarding Jungle come from
  - 6 Dew?
  - 7 A. Well, most times it was Sunlight.
  - 8 Q. We're speaking of Kenema now. Have you told the
  - 9 Prosecution before that Memunatu Deen transmitted messages
- 13:29:16 10 pertaining to Jungle from Liberia to Kenema?
  - 11 A. Well, I do not recall that I said that.
  - 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I note the time. We're up to
  - 13 the usual lunchtime adjournment, so I hope this is a convenient
  - 14 time to take the break.
- 13:29:35 15 MR ANYAH: That's fine, Madam President. Thank you.
  - 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we are now taking the
  - 17 I unchtime adjournment. We are going to resume court at 2.30.
  - 18 Please adjourn court.
  - 19 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]
- 14:21:25 20 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]
  - 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I note a change of
  - 22 appearance.
  - 23 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, for the Prosecution this
  - 24 afternoon we have been joined by Mr Nicholas Koumjian and
- 14:30:12 25 Ms Brenda Hollis has left the Prosecution Bench. Thank you, your
  - 26 Honour.
  - 27 MR ANYAH: Madam President, there is no change to our
  - 28 composition on the Defence Bar.
  - 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Anyah.

- 1 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, before Lunch Lasked you this question and
- 3 you gave a response. I would like to follow up on your response.
- 4 For counsels' benefit for the Chamber's benefit the question was
- 14:30:49 5 posed on page 85 starting at line 8 with the response going
  - 6 through line 11. The question was, Madam Witness:
  - 7 "Q. We are speaking of Kenema now. Have you told the
  - 8 Prosecution before that Memunatu Deen transmitted messages
  - 9 pertaining to Jungle from Liberia to Kenema?
- 14:31:14 10 A. Well, I do not recall that I said that."
  - 11 Madam Witness, do you stand by that answer that you don't
  - 12 recall telling the Prosecution that Memunatu Deen transmitted
  - 13 messages pertaining to Jungle coming from Liberia to Sierra
  - 14 Leone?
- 14:31:33 15 A. I don't recall at all.
  - 16 Q. Also before the break and still concerning Memunatu Deen I
  - 17 asked you a question about your knowledge of the radio that she
  - 18 operated and you also said you could not recall, but then you
  - 19 added that sometimes she would call from Base 1, right?
- 14:31:59 20 A. Yes.
  - 21 Q. Have you ever seen Memunatu Deen, Madam Witness?
  - 22 A. Yes, I used to see her.
  - 23 Q. How often, if at all, did you see her in Kenema when you
  - 24 were there?
- 14:32:33 25 A. I saw her in the Western Area sorry, western jungle
  - 26 before ever she came to Zogoda for the training. Also I saw her
  - in Buedu after she had completed the training. She was then
  - 28 working in Monrovia as radio operator. She used to come from
  - 29 Monrovia to Buedu and when we went to Monrovia, Sam Bockarie and

- 1 I and others, I used to see her in Monrovia.
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, you have told us you saw her in Buedu, you
- 3 have told us you saw her at the western jungle, you have told us
- 4 you saw her at Monrovia. My question was about Kenema. How many
- 14:33:32 5 times, if at all, did you see her in Kenema?
  - 6 A. Well, I am still saying that I don't ever recall saying
  - 7 that I saw Memunatu Deen in Kenema.
  - 8 Q. Perhaps I confused you, Madam Witness. I wasn't asking you
  - 9 whether you have said before that you saw her in Kenema. The
- 14:34:00 10 question that I posed about what you said before was with respect
  - 11 to her transmitting messages about Jungle. So let's stay with
  - 12 you seeing her in Kenema. I am not asserting that you have said
  - 13 it before. I am asking you a question. Have you ever seen
  - 14 Memunatu Deen in Kenema?
- 14:34:26 15 A. Well, I just understood it that when or where I saw
  - 16 Memunatu Deen. That was my understanding.
  - 17 Q. Have you ever seen Memunatu Deen in Kenema?
  - 18 A. Well, I am still responding that I don't recall saying that
  - 19 I ever saw Memunatu Deen in Kenema.
- 14:34:51 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, it's not about what you
  - 21 said. Did you see her in Kenema?
  - 22 THE WITNESS: I am still saying that I don't remember
  - 23 seeing Memunatu Deen in Kenema.
  - MR ANYAH:
- 14:35:14 25 Q. Very well. Going back to my question, Madam Witness, about
  - 26 whether Memunatu Deen transmitted messaging pertaining to Jungle
  - 27 in Kenema, do you wish to reconsider your response? Did you hear
  - 28 any messages transmitted by Memunatu Deen regarding Jungle coming
  - 29 to Kenema?

- 1 A. Well, I am still saying that I never handled communication
- 2 from Liberia to Kenema the time Sam Bockarie was there. I said
- 3 this before.
- 4 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, if I could have your
- 14:36:10 5 assistance, please. Your Honour, I will be referring to
  - 6 documents in the Defence bundle. The relevant document is in tab
  - 7 2. The page in question is page 3:
  - 8 Q. Madam Witness, these are notes from interviews conducted
  - 9 with you and the Office of the Prosecutor in November last year,
- 14:37:12 10 specifically the 19 through 27 November 2007. At page 3 in
  - 11 paragraph 8 it states:
  - "There were times when witness was on duty and received
  - 13 messages from Jungle telling Sam Bockarie that he, Jungle, was
  - 14 leaving his base to come to Mosquito's base. Witness understood
- 14:37:40 15 Jungle's base to be Monrovia. The message would be sent by
  - 16 Jungle himself, or members of the Memuna Deen, a RUF operator
  - 17 based in Liberia, would send the message. Witness states that
  - 18 one or two days after the communication Jungle would come to
  - 19 Kenema or Buedu."
- 14:38:09 20 Madam Witness, let's consider that paragraph. Did you tell
  - 21 the Office of the Prosecutor that when you were on duty you
  - 22 received messages from Jungle? True or false?
  - 23 A. Well, when I was on duty in Buedu I received messages from
  - 24 Jungle or Memunatu Deen.
- 14:38:42 25 Q. Are you saying you never received any messages from
  - 26 Memunatu Deen when you were in Kenema?
  - 27 A. No.
  - 28 Q. If you look at the preceding paragraph in this same
  - 29 statement, paragraph 7, that speaks to the location you were

- 1 based at when all of these events that are recorded on the next
- 2 page took place and paragraph 7 starts, "Witness states that when
- 3 she was based in Kenema with Sam Bockarie". That's how it starts
- 4 and then you get to paragraph 8 and it speaks of the messages you
- 14:39:18 5 received. Do you agree that what I have just read to you
  - 6 pertains to Kenema and not Buedu?
  - 7 A. Yes, it does not deal with Kenema alone. At the end of the
  - 8 message it talks about Buedu. Buedu is included, not just
  - 9 Kenema.
- 14:39:42 10 Q. It does include Kenema, yes?
  - 11 A. Well, it could even be that it was in Buedu that I received
  - 12 the message, because it is not specific that the message was in
  - 13 Kenema, or from Kenema. Buedu too is inclusive, but if I say I
  - 14 received a message from Buedu you should not say I am not saying
- 14:40:07 15 the truth and it was not in Kenema.
  - 16 Q. Well, we know it includes Buedu. Do you agree that your
  - 17 comments to the Prosecution indicate that when you were in Kenema
  - 18 you received messages from Memunatu Deen?
  - 19 A. No, the message does not directly say Kenema. The message
- 14:40:37 20 involved both Kenema and Buedu, not just Kenema.
  - 21 Q. But it does involve Kenema, right?
  - 22 A. Yes, it involves Kenema in one sense, because it was from
  - 23 Kenema that we came to we came from Kenema together with
  - 24 Sam Bockarie to Buedu.
- 14:40:59 25 Q. Do you agree that some of the messages you received
  - 26 concerning Jungle coming to Kenema came from Memunatu Deen?
  - 27 A. I am still saying that I did not personally receive a
  - 28 message from Memunatu Deen, or for any other operator from
  - 29 Liberia to Sam Bockarie in Kenema. I am still saying it.

- 1 Q. Do you see at the end of that page, Madam Witness, that
- 2 your signature appears on that page? Do you see your signature
- 3 on the bottom right-hand corner?
- 4 A. I have seen my signature, but I don't agree what you are
- 14:41:52 5 trying to feed me with. What I am talking about, the message
  - 6 that I am talking about involves both Kenema and Buedu and from
  - 7 the early stages I spoke about the communication that was going
  - 8 on when we were in Kenema with Sam Bockarie, but I never handled
  - 9 communication from Liberia at the time that we were in Kenema
- 14:42:12 10 from any of the operators or from Memunatu Deen when we were in
  - 11 Kenema.
  - 12 Q. Would you agree, Madam Witness, that you reviewed that page
  - 13 before you were asked to sign your signature and date it?
  - 14 A. I read it very well and I understand it.
- 14:42:44 15 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, can we go to tab number 6,
  - 16 page 1. For your Honours' benefit I will be referring to
  - 17 paragraph 2 on that page:
  - 18 Q. Madam Witness, these are notes from your interviews with
  - 19 the Prosecution on 6, 9 and 10 June this year, 2008. Paragraph 2
- 14:43:22 20 indicates that the statement we just looked at, the statement
  - 21 from November Last, 19 through 27 November, you read that
  - 22 paragraph I just read to you and you made a correction and it
  - 23 says that in the particular paragraph I read to you it says:
  - 24 "Witness clarifies that message would be sent by Jungle
- 14:43:42 25 himself, Memuna Deen or Sunlight and not just Jungle and Memuna
  - 26 Deen and Jungle as stated."
    - 27 Do you see that, Madam Witness? This is saying you read
    - 28 the prior statement and you added Sunlight as one of the radio
    - 29 operators who would send messages to you, right?

- 1 A. What I am still saying, I disagree with you that I handled
- 2 communication from Liberia to Kenema with Sam Bockarie. I am
- 3 still saying it. Messages used to come from either Memunatu
- 4 Deen, Sunlight, or Jungle himself to Sam Bockarie that were
- 14:44:35 5 received by other operators. I monitored them, but I personally
  - 6 did not talk directly to those people that you are mentioning. I
  - 7 did not personally talk to them. I monitored some of the
  - 8 messages.
  - 9 Q. I understand the distinction you are trying to make. Let's
- 14:44:53 10 accept it for the sake of argument. Let's say you yourself did
  - 11 not handle a message from Memunatu Deen. You did tell
  - 12 Prosecution, did you not, that in Kenema messages regarding
  - 13 Jungle's movement from Liberia came from Memunatu Deen, yes?
  - 14 A. It could be so, but I cannot recall the things that you are
- 14:45:21 15 saying now because you are confusing me. You are asking me the
  - same question over and again. You are confusing me.
  - 17 Q. It is our right to ask you questions, Madam Witness, and I
  - 18 have another one for you.
  - 19 A. I am prepared to answer them and I am in place to answer
- 14:45:38 20 any question that is asked of me.
  - 21 Q. You agree, do you not, that, seven months after this
  - 22 November interview last year with the Prosecution, in June of
  - 23 this year you added Sunlight as one of the transmitters of
  - 24 messages regarding Jungle's movements from Liberia, yes?
- 14:46:03 25 A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. And you told us before Sunlight is one of Benjamin Yeaten's
  - 27 radio operators, right?
  - 28 A. Yes.
  - 29 Q. Memunatu Deen on the other hand you said occasionally would

- 1 transmit a message from Base 1, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. If I told you that most of your references in your
- 4 statement to Jungle's movements involve communication from
- 14:46:42 5 Memunatu Deen would I be lying?
  - 6 A. It is true that's involved.
  - 7 Q. And when I asked you before lunch whether Memunatu Deen was
  - 8 Jungle's radio operator you said you did not know, correct?
  - 9 A. Yes, because I never knew if she was assigned to Jungle as
- 14:47:09 10 a special radio operator. I never knew that.
  - 11 Q. Madam Witness, I am proposing to you that there is a
  - 12 problem in your story and the problem is this: You want this
  - 13 Court to believe that Benjamin Yeaten was somehow connected with
  - 14 Jungle and that is why you are saying Sunlight sometimes
- 14:47:42 15 transmitted messages about Jungle's movement, true or false?
  - 16 A. It is true. What I witnessed I was not told. I was not
  - 17 told. I witnessed it. Benjamin Yeaten was involved.
  - 18 Q. How is it that none of Yeaten's operators, either Dew or
  - 19 Sunlight, are often said to be the ones communicating about
- 14:48:12 20 Jungle's movements?
  - 21 A. Can you please repeat your question. I didn't understand
  - 22 it.
  - 23 Q. Madam Witness, let us look at your statement and let us try
  - and ascertain who transmits messages about Jungle's movements.
- 14:48:31 25 Madam Court Officer, could we please go to tab 4, page 4?
  - 26 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I don't know whether my learned
  - 27 friend is abandoning the question, but the witness was not clear
  - about the question and asked that the question be repeated.
  - 29 MR ANYAH: Well, Madam President, with all due respect,

- 1 unless your Honours direct me I think I can be satisfied with her
- 2 particular response in line with what I seek to elicit.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura is merely asking are you
- 4 pursuing that question. Is the answer no, you are not pursuing
- 14:49:04 5 that question?
  - 6 MR ANYAH: The answer is I may come back to it, but for now
  - 7 I am digressing.
  - 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see.
  - 9 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, this is tab number 4. Can
- 14:49:14 10 we go to page 4, please. Paragraph 21 at the bottom:
  - 11 Q. Madam Witness, in March of this year, 5 and 6 March, you
  - 12 met with the Office of the Prosecutor, they took down notes of
  - 13 what you said and they disclosed it to us. In paragraph 21 they
  - 14 have you saying as follows:
- 14:49:49 15 "Witness states that Memuna Deen in Liberia had the RUF
  - 16 codes. During the time the witness was in Buedu, the witness
  - 17 would hear that Memuna Deen would be in communication often. The
  - 18 subject of these communications included information about CO
  - 19 Jungle coming with supplies to Buedu or about Sam Bockarie
- 14:50:18 20 travelling to Monrovia on trips already described."
  - 21 Did you tell the Prosecution that when you spoke in March
  - of this year, Madam Witness?
  - 23 A. Yes.
  - 24 Q. So here is another example of you speaking about CO
- 14:50:34 25 Jungle's movements and the radio operator that you said
  - 26 transmitted this information was Memunatu Deen, correct?
  - 27 A. I don't understand. Go over that.
  - 28 Q. What I have just read to you confirms that you told the
  - 29 Prosecution that Memunatu Deen would often be the operator that

- 1 transmitted information about Jungle's visits from Liberia, true?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In fact on one occasion in Kenema, Memunatu Deen
- 4 accompanied Jungle to Kenema to visit Sam Bockarie, right?
- 14:51:41 5 A. Well, it could be so, but I don't recall.
  - 6 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, on the previous page of the
  - 7 same tab, that would be page 3, paragraph 13:
  - 8 Q. Madam Witness, you told the Prosecution about a visit to
  - 9 Kenema by Jungle as follows:
- 14:52:17 10 "With regard to the time in Kenema with Sam Bockarie the
  - 11 witness explained that CO Jungle would visit Sam Bockarie in
  - 12 Kenema frequently. In addition coming from Liberia on occasion
  - 13 was Sampson and Memuna Deen."
  - Do you recall telling the Prosecution that, Madam Witness?
- 14:52:42 15 A. I can remember, but I don't recall that particular time,
  - 16 but I remember saying so, but I don't recall the time. I don't
  - 17 remember that particular time.
  - 18 Q. Madam Witness, the fact is that Memunatu Deen was not
  - 19 Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator, correct?
- 14:53:08 20 A. Well, I have already told you that I don't know who
  - 21 Memunatu Deen was specifically assigned to. I don't know if she
  - 22 was assigned to Jungle as a special radio operator or Benjamin
  - 23 Yeaten as a special radio operator. What I said was that she
  - used to come to Base 1, which was Benjamin Yeaten's radio
- 14:53:34 25 station, to transmit messages. She used to talk through Benjamin
  - 26 Yeaten's radio set. That was what I said.
  - 27 Q. Did you say that to the Prosecution in any of your prior
  - 28 statements out of court, namely that Memunatu Deen used to
  - 29 transmit messages through Base 1?

- 1 A. Through Base 1, yes, I said so.
- 2 Q. During which of your interviews did you tell the
- 3 Prosecution that?
- 4 A. Well, you can go through the documents. I cannot recall
- 14:54:11 5 the exact document now, but I can recall saying that.
  - 6 Q. Your answer is you do not recall which interview you told
  - 7 the Prosecution that Memunatu Deen used to transmit messages
  - 8 through Base 1, yes?
  - 9 A. I don't recall which of the documents or what part of the
- 14:54:32 10 document, but I can recall saying that.
  - 11 Q. Madam Witness, I am not asking you about the document. I
  - 12 am asking you about an interview, meetings you had may I finish
  - 13 my question. Meetings you had with the Prosecution. Do you
  - 14 remember which meeting you told them that Memunatu Deen --
- 14:54:53 15 A. Well, as I am saying, I do remember saying that, but I
  - don't recall which one of the meetings I said that. In which one
  - 17 of them, I don't recall.
  - 18 Q. In the same paragraph that I just read to you, Madam
  - 19 Witness, about Jungle's visit to Kenema, there is something else
- 14:55:26 20 I wish to read to you in that paragraph.
  - 21 A. Okay.
  - 22 Q. And a few lines down speaking of the same context, Jungle
  - 23 visiting Kenema, it says: "The witness was not familiar with the
  - 24 purpose of their visits". Do you stand by that statement, Madam
- 14:55:48 25 Witness?
  - 26 A. At that time when she started going to Kenema newly I did
  - 27 not know what she was going there for.
  - 28 Q. When you say "she" we are speaking of Jungle, yes, who is a
  - 29 he, correct?

- 1 A. Well, I don't know how you are asking your questions.
- 2 Please repeat your question so I can answer you properly.
- 3 Q. Madam Witness, the visits by Jungle to Kenema that you told
- 4 the Prosecution about, I am asking you whether you also told them
- 14:56:27 5 that you were not aware of the purposes behind the visits?
  - 6 A. Well, I have answered that question. I answered that
  - 7 question long ago that I did not know initially what he used to
  - 8 go there for, but later I came to know that it was 50 who used to
  - 9 send him, that is Benjamin Yeaten.
- 14:56:53 10 Q. In the same paragraph, the last sentence, it reads:
  - 11 "The witness is not aware of any supply they brought from
  - 12 Liberia during these visits and did not accompany them to the
  - 13 Tongo when they visit there."
  - 14 That is what you told the Prosecution, right?
- 14:57:17 15 A. Well, I spoke about the arms and ammunition. At that time
  - 16 both the arms and ammunition, I never saw Jungle brought arms and
  - 17 ammunition in Buedu at that time.
  - 18 Q. You also never saw Jungle bring arms and ammunition to
  - 19 Kenema, correct?
- 14:57:43 20 A. Yes.
  - 21 Q. Let's talk briefly about Buedu, Madam Witness. In Buedu
  - 22 you worked only three days a week as a radio operator, correct?
  - 23 A. Yes.
  - 24 Q. Indeed, there were several other radio operators in Buedu
- 14:58:10 25 at the time you were there, correct?
  - 26 A. Yes.
  - 27 Q. And the three days you worked you would start work at about
  - 28 6.30 in the morning and you would conclude at about 12 midnight,
  - 29 yes?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. That means for four days of the week you were not
- 3 communicating over the radio, true?
- 4 A. Well --
- 14:58:43 5 Q. True or false, Madam Witness?
  - 6 A. False. False. I had access to talk on the radio even when
  - 7 I was not on duty.
  - 8 Q. Having access is not the same thing as communicating on the
  - 9 behalf of Sam Bockarie over the radio, would you agree?
- 14:59:05 10 A. Well, I only did that when I was on duty, for Sam Bockarie,
  - 11 regarding Sam Bockarie.
  - 12 Q. And that is my point. Your communications on behalf of
  - 13 Sam Bockarie when you were on duty were limited to three days a
  - 14 week, correct?
- 14:59:24 15 A. You are right.
  - 16 Q. It is the case, Madam Witness, is it not, that not all
  - 17 communications between commanders were recorded in your radio
  - 18 I ogbook?
  - 19 A. Yes.
- 14:59:46 20 Q. So if you were not on duty and certain communications came
  - in and they were not recorded in the logbook, when you look in
  - 22 the Logbook you obviously would not know about certain
  - 23 communications, correct?
  - 24 A. Well, I would know without reading the message in the
- 15:00:06 25 logbook. We, the operators --
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, let's stick with the logbook. If messages
  - 27 are not written in the logbook you would not know the contents of
  - 28 those messages from reading the logbook, yes?
  - 29 A. I would know.

- 1 Q. How would you know the contents of a message from reading a
- 2 book that does not contain those contents?
- 3 A. Well, my colleague operators would tell me. The radio
- 4 operators they would tell me.
- 15:00:40 5 Q. Madam Witness, when you testified on Friday the 5th, as
  - 6 well as yesterday, you spoke of Sam Bockarie having
  - 7 communications with Benjamin Yeaten over the radio when he was
  - 8 stationed at Buedu. You recall that, yes?
  - 9 A. Yes.
- 15:01:03 10 Q. And speaking of Sam Bockarie's personality, you said that
  - 11 he was a boisterous fellow and that he did not have any secrets
  - 12 and he would speak openly about the substance of his
  - 13 conversations with Benjamin Yeaten, right?
  - 14 A. Yes, when he was pleased.
- 15:01:30 15 Q. It is true, is it not, Madam Witness, that whenever
  - 16 Sam Bockarie would speak on the satellite phone with Yeaten he
  - 17 would go to a quiet corner and do so privately?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. This was the case in both Kenema and in Buedu, correct?
- 15:01:59 20 A. Well, no. It was in Buedu.
  - 21 Q. It would be fair to say, Madam Witness, that there were two
  - 22 ways in which Sam Bockarie communicated with Benjamin Yeaten; one
  - 23 would be a conversation over a radio and the second one would be
  - 24 a conversation over the satellite phone, correct?
- 15:02:31 **25** A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. When they spoke over the radio their communications were
  - 27 usually quite brief, that is short, yes?
  - 28 A. Repeat that.
  - 29 Q. When Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten spoke over the radio

- 1 they would not speak for long, do you agree, Madam Witness?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. A few minutes ago I asked you a question about Kenema and
- 4 whether or not Sam Bockarie spoke to Yeaten in secret and you
- 15:03:16 5 said no. Do you stand by that answer, Madam Witness?
  - 6 A. Repeat that.
  - 7 Q. A few minutes ago I asked you a question about whether when
  - 8 Sam Bockarie spoke with Benjamin Yeaten in Kenema, Sam Bockarie
  - 9 would find a quiet or secret place to have that conversation and
- 15:03:40 10 you said, "No, only in Buedu". Do you stand by that answer?
  - 11 A. Well, what I understood from that question, you said if I -
  - 12 at all I handled any communication between Sam Bockarie and
  - 13 Benjamin Yeaten in Liberia, or between operators from Liberia to
  - 14 Sam Bockarie, and I said no.
- 15:04:04 15 Q. With respect, Madam Witness, that was not my question. I
  - 16 will break my question into two phases. Let's speak of Kenema.
  - 17 When Sam Bockarie would speak to Yeaten in Kenema do you agree
  - 18 that Sam Bockarie would speak to him in a secret location?
  - 19 A. Well, I have never witnessed that. Sellay was the one who
- 15:04:25 20 speak to Benjamin Yeaten over the satellite phone. I never saw
  - 21 Sam Bockarie speak it to Benjamin Yeaten in Kenema or any quiet
  - 22 or open place.
  - 23 Q. Would you describe the communications or conversations over
  - the radio or satellite phone in Kenema between Bockarie and
- 15:04:45 25 Yeaten as being secret communications?
  - 26 MR BANGURA: Objection, your Honour.
  - 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Madam Witness.
  - 28 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, repeatedly counsel has put the
  - 29 question about communication on satellite phone between Bockarie

- 1 in Kenema and Yeaten in wherever and the witness has consistently
- 2 stated that she is not aware of such communications while she was
- 3 in Kenema. My learned friend putting this guestion and premising
- 4 it on the proposition that there was such communication is a
- 15:05:21 5 misstatement of the evidence, your Honour.
  - 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think it's a misstatement. He is
  - 7 putting a proposition to the witness, surely.
  - 8 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the proposition is based on a
  - 9 foundation which does not exist.
- 15:05:36 10 MR ANYAH: Well, that is cross-examination.
  - 11 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the witness has been repeatedly
  - 12 asked about communications between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin
  - 13 Yeaten and from Kenema while she was in Kenema and the witness
  - 14 has said that she is not aware of any such communication. She
- 15:05:58 15 talks about communications by Sellay. The question which my
  - 16 learned friend is asking is based on that very same proposition
  - 17 that there was in fact such communication. My submission is that
  - 18 that is a misstatement of the evidence. It is premised on a fact
  - 19 which does not exist because the witness has completely denied
- 15:06:18 20 that.
  - 21 MR ANYAH: May I respond?
  - 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]. Put your
  - 23 reply, Mr Anyah.
  - 24 MR ANYAH: A number of points. I think the objection comes
- 15:06:31 25 too late for a number of reasons. One, I prefaced this line of
  - 26 questioning by saying, "Let us speak about Buedu briefly and we
  - 27 will actually come back to it in more detail", triggering the
  - 28 implication that I will be asking questions about Buedu. The
  - 29 specific questions being posed right now when the objection is

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2 or confidence with Yeaten. It has nothing to do with Kenema. 3 has everything to do with Buedu and whether or not both men, 4 whenever they spoke, spoke in secret. That is the line of enquiry I have been pursuing and I have not received the 15:07:08 5 responses that I thought were earnest and forthright. 6 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just to be clear in dealing with this, 8 you are now speaking either generally of communications between Bockarie and Yeaten, or, in the alternative, Buedu rather than 15:07:33 10 exclusively Kenema? MR ANYAH: Madam President, if the questions I pose are not 11 clear enough I can rephrase them, but I don't think I have in any 12 13 way misled the witness and I don't think counsel's objection is 14 specific to the particular line of inquiry being pursued at this 15:07:54 15 poi nt. Secondly, it is cross-examination. Propositions don't have to be facts admitted in the record for me to respond to 16 17 that. PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not for a moment suggesting they 18 19 have to be. In cross-examination you have a lot more leeway to 15:08:08 20 put propositions that have not arisen in chief. I am only trying 21 to ensure that the witness is as clear in her mind about the 22 nature of the questions you are asking, because you are entitled to put questions and if you tell me this relates to Buedu or 23 24 generally then you entitled to put these matter and Mr Bangura's 15:08:30 25 suggestion that they refer only to Kenema is misplaced. 26 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I think I can repeat my 27 question as it appears on the record and that will, I suspect, 28 clarify things. The question I posed to the witness appears on

made have to do with whether or not Sam Bockarie speaks in secret

page 101, line 1. The question was this: "Would you describe

- 1 the communications or conversations over the radio or satellite
- 2 phone in Kenema between Bockarie and Yeaten as being secret
- 3 communications?", and that's when the objection was posed. That
- 4 is the question I still wish to ask and I insist on an answer.
- 15:09:13 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: That question can be put.
  - 6 MR ANYAH:
  - 7 Q. Madam Witness, did you understand the question?
  - 8 A. Please ask it again.
  - 9 Q. In Kenema when Sam Bockarie received a call from Benjamin
- 15:09:34 10 Yeaten over the satellite phone, or whenever they spoke over the
  - 11 radio, were their communications secret?
  - 12 A. Well, that one I am telling you that I did not handle
  - 13 communications and I did not witness Sam Bockarie communicating
  - 14 to Benjamin Yeaten in secret or in an open in Kenema. CO Sellay
- 15:10:02 15 was the one who had the satellite phone. He was the one who
  - spoke to Benjamin Yeaten. I don't know what they spoke, because
  - 17 I never listened to them when they were talking.
  - 18 MR ANYAH: May I have the assistance of Madam Court
  - 19 Officer, please. Your Honours, this is from tab 2, the page in
- 15:10:43 20 question is page 2, paragraph 7:
  - 21 Q. Madam Witness, this is what the Prosecution has you saying
  - 22 about the character or nature of communications between Yeaten
  - 23 and Bockarie in Kenema. Paragraph 7:
  - "Witness states that when she was based in Kenema with
- 15:11:11 25 Sam Bockarie ... when she was finished she goes back to the radio
  - 26 room. That most times Sam Bockarie communicated with JPK and
  - 27 Issa Sesay. At this time there were secret communications
  - 28 between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten, aka 50."
  - 29 Did you tell the Prosecution that, Madam Witness?

- 1 A. Yes, I think I have already spoken about this.
- 2 Q. So the same Sam Bockarie that you said was gregarious and
- 3 outspoken and did not hold secrets did have secret communications
- 4 with Yeaten in Kenema?
- 15:12:04 5 A. Well, that is why I said that I did not witness him
  - 6 communicating. It was CO Sellay. Initially I have said that
  - 7 Base 1 used to come on and I said this to the Court, that
  - 8 Benjamin Yeaten's operators used to call Sam Bockarie's
  - 9 operators. I think I said that here today. So they used to call
- 15:12:29 10 them and ask for CO Sellay. I said this here today.
  - 11 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, in the same set of
  - 12 documents, page 7:
  - 13 Q. Madam Witness, I will refer you now to page 7 which speaks
  - 14 of Buedu, Planet 1, and the nature or character of Sam Bockarie's
- 15:12:50 15 conversations with Yeaten as described to the Office of the
  - 16 Prosecutor by you. Paragraph 27, tab 2, page 7. I apologise,
  - 17 paragraph 24. Madam Witness, you told the Prosecution that this
  - is how Bockarie communicated with Yeaten in Buedu:
  - "Sometimes Benjamin Yeaten would tell Sam Bockarie that he
- 15:13:37 20 had sent Jungle to Sam Bockarie to deliver something. They would
  - 21 not talk in details. If they were to discuss some thing very
  - 22 important Benjamin Yeaten would tell Sam Bockarie to put on his
  - 23 satellite phone. Then Sam Bockarie will go to a quiet location
  - 24 and talk over the satellite. Witness did not know what they
- 15:14:06 25 spoke about over the satellite phone."
  - That is what you told the Prosecution, correct?
  - 27 A. Yes, that was in Buedu.
  - 28 Q. So in both Kenema and in Buedu it is clear, is it not, that
  - 29 Sam Bockarie took precaution to find quiet places to speak to

- 1 Benjamin Yeaten?
- 2 A. In Buedu. I am still repeating it was in Buedu. He looked
- 3 for a quiet place to talk on the satellite phone. For Kenema,
- 4 no, I did not see him talk over the satellite phone.
- 15:14:52 5 Q. In Buedu you had no knowledge whatsoever of what Bockarie
  - 6 and Yeaten spoke about over the satellite phone, correct?
  - 7 A. I know, because just after the discussion on the satellite
  - 8 phone he will discuss it with either Eddie Kanneh or Issa Sesay,
  - 9 but when he would be talking on the satellite phone from a
- 15:15:23 10 distance I would not be there, he would be there alone with his
  - 11 bodyguards around him. But after every discussion on the
  - 12 satellite phone he would discuss it with either Issa Sesay or
  - 13 Eddie Kanneh. That was how I knew what they had discussed on the
  - 14 satellite phone.
- 15:15:41 15 Q. Then why did you in paragraphs 23 and 24 say to the
  - 16 Prosecution, paragraph 23, "Witness does not know what they
  - 17 communicated about", this is in reference to the satellite phone,
  - and in paragraph 24, "Witness did not know what they spoke about
  - 19 over the satellite phone"?
- 15:16:04 20 A. When he will be standing talking over the satellite phone I
  - 21 wouldn't know. I am still repeating I wouldn't know because I
  - 22 wouldn't be with him, so I wouldn't know what he would be saying
  - 23 over the satellite phone. But after the discussion over the
  - 24 satellite phone he will tell he will tell Eddie Kanneh or Issa
- 15:16:26 25 Sesay, whoever would be around him or whosoever would be around
  - those two people, he will tell them what he had discussed over
  - the satellite phone.
  - 28 Q. Sam Bockarie treated female radio operators differently
  - than he did men radio operators, correct?

- 1 A. Sometimes.
- 2 Q. He would not allow women radio operators to become privy or
- 3 aware of operations information, right?
- 4 A. No.
- 15:17:07 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I am not sure. Are you
  - 6 agreeing with counsel when you say no, or are you disagreeing
  - 7 with him?
  - 8 THE WITNESS: Well, let him repeat the question.
  - 9 MR ANYAH:
- 15:17:23 10 Q. Madam Witness, Sam Bockarie would not allow a female radio
  - operator to monitor RUF operational issues over the telephone,
  - 12 correct sorry, over the radio, correct?
  - 13 A. You are mixing things up. I am confused. I don't
  - 14 understand what you are saying.
- 15:17:47 15 Q. Do you know what "operations" means, Madam Witness?
  - 16 A. RUF operation I know some, not all.
  - 17 Q. Operations in this context means combat activities. Would
  - 18 you agree, Madam Witness?
  - 19 A. Yes.
- 15:18:11 20 Q. Operations in this context means troop movements. Would
  - you agree, Madam Witness?
  - 22 A. Yes, RUF operations, how troops moved, yes.
  - 23 Q. Operations in this context include war strategies or
  - 24 fighting plans. Would you agree, Madam Witness?
- 15:18:39 25 A. I don't understand that.
  - 26 Q. Operation includes strategy about how the RUF was going to
  - 27 fight its enemies, would you agree?
  - 28 A. I would not agree to that entirely.
  - 29 Q. Do you agree that because you were a woman Sam Bockarie

- 1 would not allow you to monitor RUF operations?
- 2 A. Not all. That's why I initially said it's in my
- 3 statement that during operations, not all RUF operations, but
- 4 during times of operations he would not allow that. He himself
- 15:19:34 5 would come to the radio room and he would serve as operator for
  - 6 himself. Even for the men, he would be the one doing it.
  - 7 Q. The point is there were times, as you say, during
  - 8 operations when you were excluded from the radio room because you
  - 9 were a woman, true?
- 15:19:56 10 A. Yes.
  - 11 Q. And you have told the Prosecution that whenever it was
  - 12 operation time you were not involved much in communication, yes?
  - 13 A. Yes.
  - 14 Q. Madam Witness, you gave us the names of Sam Bockarie's
- 15:20:31 15 radio stations and you gave us the name Planet 1, yes?
  - 16 A. Yes.
  - 17 Q. You gave us the name Marvel, correct?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. Besides Marvel and Planet 1, did Sam Bockarie have any
- 15:20:58 20 other radio stations?
  - 21 A. Yes, he had one other radio station that was called Mike
  - November 5.
  - 23 Q. Where was Mike November 5 based at?
  - 24 A. Well, it was based in Buedu going towards the airfield -
- 15:21:27 25 the airfield in Buedu.
  - 26 Q. Who were some of the radio operators assigned to Mike
  - November 5?
  - 28 A. Well, I can only recall one that was called Agama. The
  - 29 others I have forgotten their names.

- 1 Q. Did you saying Agama or Adama?
- 2 A. Agama. Agama. He was a male.
- 3 Q. Madam Witness, do you know how to spell this Agama?
- 4 A. Well, I don't know. The way I can spell it is A-G-A-M-A.
- 15:23:06 5 That is the way I spell it. I don't know if it is correct.
  - 6 Q. Madam Witness, do you know whether or can you tell us
  - 7 whether Mike November 5 was a stationary or mobile radio station?
  - 8 A. Well, it was stationary. It was not mobile.
  - 9 Q. Planet 1, was it a mobile or stationary radio station?
- 15:23:57 10 A. Well, that one I can explain. Planet 1 was a radio station
  - 11 that was initially mounted. Marvel was the one Sam Bockarie used
  - 12 as his mobile. That was mounted in his in a vehicle. But
  - 13 whenever Marvel had a problem that was up to us, the radio
  - 14 operators, to decide. Whenever Sam Bockarie would want to go
- 15:24:27 15 elsewhere whether it was Pendembu or to the front lines, we would
  - 16 use Planet 1 as his mobile station wherever he was.
  - 17 Q. So your evidence is that Planet 1 was at the same time
  - 18 stationary and could be modified to a mobile radio station, yes?
  - 19 A. Yes.
- 15:24:56 20 Q. And Planet 1 is the same radio in question that was once
  - 21 called Bravo Zulu 4, right?
  - 22 A. Yes, initially.
  - 23 Q. Have you ever heard of a radio station called Lemon?
  - 24 A. What?
- 15:25:27 25 Q. In Buedu when you were in Buedu was there a radio station
  - 26 called Lemon, L-E-M-O-N?
  - 27 A. Well, I never heard the name of that radio station, Lemon,
  - in Buedu, no.
  - 29 Q. Was there a radio station in Buedu through which RUF

- 1 fighters would speak to other radio stations about personal
- 2 family matters?
- 3 A. Well, it was that Mike November 5 that I knew to be the
- 4 radio they used for that purpose.
- 15:26:17 5 Q. So Mike November 5 was never used for official RUF
  - 6 communications?
  - 7 A. They used it as official and as well as the other way that
  - 8 you have just mentioned.
  - 9 Q. Foxtrot Yankee you said was a radio station at Foya
- 15:26:47 10 airfield, right?
  - 11 A. Yes.
  - 12 Q. Who were the radio operators at that station?
  - 13 A. I don't recall that one.
  - 14 Q. It was located in Liberia, you say, correct?
- 15:27:06 15 A. Yes, in Foya airfield.
  - 16 Q. Victor 1, another station you say was located in Liberia,
  - 17 correct?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. Vahun, Liberia, to be specific, yes?
- 15:27:28 20 A. Yes.
  - 21 Q. Tell us the names of the radio operators at Victor 1?
  - 22 A. Well, for now I don't remember any of the radio operators'
  - 23 names in Vahun.
  - 24 Q. You said there was a radio operator at Roberts
- 15:28:05 25 International Airfield called Sky 1, yes?
  - 26 A. Yes.
  - 27 Q. What is the real name of this person?
  - 28 A. Well, I don't know his real name. I only knew Sky 1.
  - 29 Q. What was the call sign of the radio Sky 1 used?

- 1 A. I can't recall now.
- 2 Q. So you don't remember the call sign or name of Sky 1's
- 3 radio, you don't remember the names of any radio operators in
- 4 Vahun, you don't remember the names of any radio operators in
- 15:28:53 5 Foya. All you remember is Benjamin Yeaten's operators in Base 1.
  - 6 I am speaking of Liberia now.
  - 7 A. Yes, because we lived together for a long time.
  - 8 Q. Yeaten, how many radio stations did he have, Madam Witness?
  - 9 A. Well, it was just the one that I knew for him.
- 15:29:37 10 Q. When you say just that one, are you referring to Base 1?
  - 11 A. It's Base 1 that I knew for Benjamin Yeaten. I did not
  - 12 know any other radio station. If he had any other radio station,
  - 13 I did not know.
  - 14 Q. Base 1, is it the same radio station as Lima Bravo?
- 15:30:03 15 A. Yes.
  - 16 Q. It was first called Lima Bravo and then it came to be known
  - 17 as Base 1, yes?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. When we say Base 1, that is the name of the radio. It's
- 15:30:30 20 its call sign, correct?
  - 21 A. Well, I knew it as a call sign. That was the call sign I
  - 22 knew.
  - 23 Q. And a call sign is a unique way to identify a particular
  - 24 radio, right?
- 15:30:58 25 A. Yes.
  - 26 Q. A call sign can either be a name with alphabets, or it can
  - 27 be a number, correct?
  - 28 A. Yes.
  - 29 Q. When you spoke with the Prosecution in November last year

- 1 do you remember what you told them were the call signs for
- 2 Benjamin Yeaten's radios?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. When you spoke with them in November you gave them three
- 15:31:37 5 names for Benjamin Yeaten's radios. First you said Lima Bravo,
  - 6 then you said 35B and then you said 35 Bravo. Do you agree
  - 7 that's what you told them in November 2007?
  - 8 A. I think we have corrected that area even before I appeared
  - 9 here.
- 15:32:09 10 Q. That was not my question. I am going to back to November
  - 11 before you made any corrections later on. When you met with them
  - in November 2007, between 19 and 27 November, describing the
  - names of Yeaten's radios you gave them three names; Lima Bravo,
  - 14 35B and 35 Bravo. Do you agree?
- 15:32:34 15 A. I agree. At that time I did not recall well, so I agree.
  - 16 Q. It was only later, this year, that you changed it and you
  - 17 said it was Base 1, correct?
  - 18 A. Well, I thought about it. I sat down and thought about it.
  - 19 We too had the same call sign as an RUF station and at that time
- 15:33:10 20 sometimes when they came up they would just say, "Call our call
  - 21 sign". If there was a message they would give us the message or
  - 22 they would tell us to switch on to a secret frequency. So when I
  - 23 thought over it I recalled that indeed we had that call sign and
  - then I recalled their own call sign.
- 15:33:32 25 Q. Well, Madam Witness, when you gave them this information it
  - 26 was in November last year and I have before me the various
  - 27 interviews you have had with the Prosecution. Your first one was
  - 28 15 November 2007. Then you had four additional meetings in
  - 29 November 2007, the 19th, 20th, 21st and 27th. You met them again

- 1 in November on the 28th. In May of this year, 2008, you met them
- on 5 and 6 March. 14 March 2008 you met them. Three times in
- 3 June 2008, the 6th, the 9th and the 10th. You then met them last
- 4 month in August and your last meeting with them was 2 September
- 15:34:31 5 and do you know when when for the first time you told them
  - 6 Yeaten's radio station was called Base 1? Do you remember when
  - 7 you told them that?
  - 8 A. I recall very well, but the thing was like it was something
  - 9 that happened a long time ago and you know that for most of those
- 15:34:55 10 informations except if somebody is smart enough and we did not
  - 11 keep records of all of those things that happened, so one has to
  - 12 think before you recall. And most of the interviews we went
  - 13 through you will not just answer questions and talk on like that
  - 14 continuously and you will only answer to questions that were
- 15:35:19 15 asked of you.
  - When things happened a long time ago you will want to
  - 17 explain them, but as you will be thinking over that to explain it
  - 18 some other question will come again. So for you to recall very
  - 19 well there should be a question that will jog your mind to that
- 15:35:43 20 particular incident. So it is not possible for one to recall
  - 21 everything that happened in the past in your small brain, because
  - 22 they happened a long time ago. So except if you are asked a
  - 23 question that will make you recall about certain incidents that
  - 24 took place.
- 15:36:05 25 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, can we have the document in
  - tab 8 displayed to the witness, please:
  - 27 Q. Madam Witness, this is from your last meeting with the
  - 28 Office of the Prosecutor, 2 September 2008, paragraph 1.
  - 29 Referring to your prior statements it says:

- 1 "Witness corrected this paragraph to read that Benjamin
- 2 Yeaten had two call signs for his radio station in Monrovia, not
- 3 three. These were Lima Bravo and Base 1, not 35B and 35 Bravo as
- 4 previous stated."
- 15:37:17 5 Did you say that to them --
  - 6 A. Yes.
  - 7 Q. -- about a week ago?
  - 8 A. Yes.
  - 9 Q. In 14 prior interviews with the Prosecution, and you have
- 15:37:29 10 met with them 15 times at least from what we can tell from what
  - 11 they have disclosed, it is only in your last interview this month
  - 12 before you took the witness stand that you recalled the name of
  - 13 Benjamin Yeaten's radio station?
  - 14 A. Yes, that Base 1.
- 15:37:53 15 Q. Paragraph 2, referring to a prior interview you had with
  - 16 them it says."
  - 17 "Witness made clarification to the statement in this
  - 18 paragraph by stating that 'Planet 1' was also sometimes used as a
  - 19 mobile radio."
- 15:38:14 20 Do you recall telling them that on 2 September this year?
  - 21 A. Yes.
  - 22 Q. This was the first time you told them in all your
  - 23 interviews that Planet 1 was also a mobile radio station. Do you
  - 24 agree, Madam Witness?
- 15:38:33 25 A. Yes.
  - 26 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam Court Officer:
  - 27 Q. Madam Witness, do you know when Sam Bockarie got his
  - 28 satellite phone?
  - 29 A. Well, it was when we were in Buedu that I saw it, but I

- 1 don't know the month he got it.
- 2 Q. Do you know the year that he got it?
- 3 A. Well, it was at the time we went to Buedu in early '98 that
- 4 he got it.
- 15:39:46 5 Q. That means, Madam Witness, that at the time you were in
  - 6 Kenema there were no communications by Sam Bockarie with anyone
  - 7 over the satellite phone, would you agree?
  - 8 A. Well, I said I did not see that. I did not witness it. I
  - 9 only saw the satellite phone with CO Sellay. I did not see
- 15:40:12 10 satellite phone with Sam Bockarie in Kenema.
  - 11 Q. Can you describe this satellite phone that Sam Bockarie had
  - in Buedu? Madam Witness, can you describe the satellite phone?
  - 13 A. Well, the satellite phone was in a flat bag.
  - 14 Q. How big was it?
- 15:41:02 15 A. The bag was not that big. It was something like this
  - 16 monitor. It was not that big.
  - 17 MR ANYAH: May I have the assistance of Madam Court Officer
  - 18 with her tape, if your Honours please.
  - 19 MS IRURA: Your Honours, the monitor is 40 centimetres by
- 15:41:52 20 35 centimetres.
  - 21 PRESI DI NG JUDGE: Thank you.
  - MR ANYAH:
  - 23 Q. Madam Witness, the monitor you have just described or
  - 24 indicated is similar to the size, did you mean the size of the
- 15:42:05 25 bag or the size of the satellite phone inside it?
  - 26 A. Well, that is the size of the bag, because there was not a
  - 27 day that I saw him take it out of the bag in my presence. The
  - 28 satellite phone was in the bag.
  - 29 Q. You were shown a photograph this morning of Zigzag Marzah

- 1 and Sam Bockarie. Do you recall that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In that photograph Sam Bockarie held something in his
- 4 hands, do you recall?
- 15:42:56 5 A. Well, I did not look at the picture that well. I only
  - 6 watched at Sam Bockarie on the photo, but not any other thing.
  - 7 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, may MFI-1 be shown to the
  - 8 witness again:
  - 9 Q. Madam Witness, that's the photograph you were shown this
- 15:43:57 10 morning. Do you recognise what Sam Bockarie has in his hands?
  - 11 A. Well, I wouldn't know because I am not seeing it clearly.
  - 12 I cannot tell what he has. I see something like a radio in his
  - 13 hands. I don't know what he's having.
  - 14 Q. Was there a radio room inside Sam Bockarie's house in
- 15:44:34 15 Buedu?
  - 16 A. Well, Sam Bockarie did not have a radio room in his house
  - 17 in Buedu. It was the radio was at Issa Sesay's veranda.
  - 18 Q. Did Sam Bockarie have a room in his house in which he kept
  - 19 a fax machine and a satellite phone?
- 15:45:05 20 A. Well, I knew about the fax machine, but in the case of the
  - 21 satellite phone I did not know whether he kept it in that room or
  - in his bedroom.
  - 23 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, I don't know if you have
  - 24 all your exhibits here, but may I see Defence exhibit D-16,
- 15:45:38 **25** please?
  - 26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Anyah, the previous question you asked
  - 27 the witness I am not sure if she answered. You asked, "Was there
  - 28 a radio room inside Sam Bockarie's house in Buedu?" Now, Madam
  - 29 Witness, what you have answered does not answer that question.

- 1 Was there a radio room inside Sam Bockarie's house, do you know?
- 2 THE WITNESS: I answered that I did not know about the
- 3 existence of a radio room in Sam Bockarie's house.
- 4 MR ANYAH:
- 15:46:36 5 Q. Madam Witness well, I better wait for the exhibit since I
  - 6 requested it. I apologise. Your Honours, I will have your
  - 7 Honours and counsel opposite take a look at the exhibit because
  - 8 it was marked inscribed by a previous witness. I don't think
  - 9 it identifies that witness. It just has the TF1 number, but so
- 15:47:42 10 everyone's concerns are allayed as it should it will be shown to
  - 11 the Bench and to counsel opposite. Your Honour, if it is of any
  - 12 assistance, the names at the bottom of the document are the names
  - 13 of Prosecutor investigators, I believe.
  - 14 Madam Court Officer, if I could also ask in relation to the
- 15:49:45 15 Prosecution's bundle or binder of exhibits for this witness,
  - there are two photographs I would like shown in conjunction with
  - 17 the one you have up there now. And I just have the ERN numbers.
  - 18 One ends in 1167 and the next one, 1168. We were disclosed these
  - in respect of this witness?
- 15:50:48 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Anyah, could you guide us in the
  - 21 Prosecution bundle that we have what tab that might be you are
  - 22 referring to?
  - 23 MR ANYAH: Your Honour, Justice Sebutinde, the way we
  - 24 receive our documents we just have the exhibits at the end, but
- 15:51:02 25 they are exhibits associated with this witness and perhaps Madam
  - 26 Court Officer could assist.
  - 27 MS IRURA: Your Honour, in my bundle the documents are not
  - there.
  - 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: For this witness there is a list of three

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2 morning. If there are some others, they don't appear to be on my 3 list. 4 MR ANYAH: Well, we just have black and white copies of photographs signed by the witness and we would have to make do 15:51:34 5 with our version unless the Prosecution has coloured versions. 6 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you referring to the three this morni ng? 8 MR ANYAH: No, Madam President, these are different 15:51:47 10 photographs. MR BANGURA: Your Honours, just for my clarification as 11 12 well, I don't quite understand which material my learned friend 13 is referring to, but he seems to be indicating that we do have 14 them. Just could be give us a clear idea which ones be is 15:52:07 15 referring to? I would be happy to do so. I would indicate 16 MR ANYAH: 17 that this will not be broadcast out because these photographs have the witness's inscriptions on them and they are different 18 19 from the ones your Honours have. 15:52:25 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, when you say witnesses, do you 21 mean another witness, or the witness before us today? 22 MR ANYAH: Madam President, the witness before your Honours 23 today and I would have Madam Court Officer show these photographs 24 to your Honours and to counsel opposite as well. 15:54:00 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, we have seen the two documents 26 you are referring to and we understand the matters you raised. 27 We have not got these in the list of exhibits that are in this 28 bundle given to us, so this must have been something disclosed to

which are the three that have been presented and identified this

you that we do not have.

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- 1 MR ANYAH: I appreciate that and I understand. I spoke in
- 2 the context of all disclosures we've received.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see.
- 4 MR ANYAH: And potential exhibits. I assumed in that case
- 15:54:34 5 that you had exactly what we had.
  - 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
  - JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Anyah, considering you don't want
  - 8 these photographs put on the overhead, can the Bench at Least
  - 9 keep these to refer to them?
- 15:55:30 10 MR ANYAH: I was operating under the assumption that we
  - 11 could them on the overhead without it being published,
  - 12 alternatively that's published, transmitted outside because we
  - only have one copy and that's the only way we could all go
  - 14 through the photographs.
- 15:55:45 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Okay, I understand. I will give them
  - 16 back.
  - 17 MR ANYAH:
  - 18 Q. Madam Witness, there is a photograph displayed right now on
  - 19 the overhead projector. Do you see that photograph, Madam
- 15:56:08 20 Witness, the one on the monitor, Madam Witness?
  - 21 A. Yes.
  - 22 Q. What is that a photograph of?
  - 23 A. This was Sam Bockarie's house in Buedu.
  - 24 Q. This was the house he lived in during the entire time you
- 15:56:29 25 were in Buedu with him, correct?
  - 26 A. Yes.
  - JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Anyah, for the record we are now back
  - 28 to exhibit D-16.
  - 29 MR ANYAH: Thank you very much, Justice Sebutinde. That is

- 1 correct. This is exhibit D-16 for the record:
- 2 Q. Madam Witness, do you see a pen mark circling a part of the
- 3 building and an arrow drawn to the number TF1-516 on that
- 4 photograph?
- 15:57:07 5 A. Yes.
  - 6 Q. The part of the building that is circled, what was housed
  - 7 inside that part of Sam Bockarie's residence?
  - 8 A. Well, that was where the fax machine was.
  - 9 Q. Besides the fax machine, was there any satellite phone in
- 15:57:35 10 that location?
  - 11 A. Well, I have said it that I do not know whether that was
  - 12 where Sam Bockarie kept it, or in his bedroom. That I don't
  - 13 know, but I knew about the fax machine.
  - 14 Q. Besides the fax machine, was that room used as a radio
- 15:57:59 15 room, Madam Witness?
  - 16 A. I don't recall that it was ever used as a radio room, only
  - 17 that if someone was on duty and if if someone was on duty and
  - 18 if your time was off and the day was off, then you would pack the
  - 19 radio set and then bring them there and keep them there.
- 15:58:27 20 Q. So you do agree that radio sets were stored in that room,
  - 21 yes?
  - 22 A. Yes, after a whole day's job they will pack them and then
  - 23 they will go and store them there. In the morning they will
  - 24 collect them again and take them to the opposite house where Issa
- 15:58:54 25 Sesay was. That was where Planet 1 was normally mounted.
  - 26 Q. Are you saying that this room was used merely to store
  - 27 radi os?
  - 28 A. It was not just used to store radios. I said that was
  - 29 where the fax machine was. That was where the operators operated

- 1 a fax machine. The place was like a store. After the operator
- 2 had used the radio all day and after 10 at night they will pack
- 3 everything and take it there to be stored so that the following
- 4 morning the operator who is supposed to take over will collect
- 15:59:47 5 them from there and take them to the house opposite.
  - 6 Q. Are you saying that at no time you were in Buedu was any
  - 7 part of Sam Bockarie's house used for radio operations?
  - 8 A. Well, I don't recall that. Not at all.
  - 9 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, may she be shown the
- 16:00:16 10 document I think I can't see the ERN number, but if you were to
  - 11 display them on the overhead I would. Thank you. Thank you,
  - 12 Madam Court Officer, I just want to read the ERN number into the
  - 13 record. For the record the first one is P0001167:
  - 14 Q. Madam Witness, is this photograph identical to the
- 16:00:57 15 photograph you just saw as in what is pictured on Defence exhibit
  - 16 D-16?
  - 17 A. Well, yes. There is some semblance between the two
  - 18 pictures because Sam Bockarie was living in this house.
  - 19 Q. Except for the fact, obviously, that one is coloured and
- 16:01:21 20 one is black and white, you do agree that this is the same house
  - 21 that you just looked at that is depicted in Defence exhibit D-16,
  - 22 right?
  - 23 A. Yes, that is the house. I lived there before. Whether it
  - is black and white I will be able the know.
- 16:01:39 25 MR ANYAH: And, Madam Court Officer, if you could scroll
  - 26 down and the proviso is that this will not be broadcast and you
  - 27 could stop there:
  - 28 Q. Madam Witness, written on this document or this photograph
  - 29 it says, "Sam Bockarie's house in Buedu located right opposite

- 1 Issa Sesay's house". Do you see that, Madam Witness?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And that was written by you, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, this is Sam Bockarie's house.
- 16:02:16 5 Q. No, the question is who made the writing on this document,
  - 6 it was yourself, yes?
  - 7 A. Yes, this is my handwriting.
  - 8 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, could we show the second
  - 9 photograph please. The ERN number on this is P0001168:
- 16:02:53 10 Q. Madam Witness, what is this a photograph of?
  - 11 A. This is Issa Sesay's house. This is the photograph of Issa
  - 12 Sesay's house where he was in Buedu. It was right at this
  - 13 veranda that we mounted Planet 1. This was the veranda where
  - 14 Planet 1 was mounted.
- 16:03:17 15 Q. And that is my question. Do you stand by your evidence
  - 16 that Planet 1 was mounted in Issa Sesay's house and not in
  - 17 Sam Bockarie's house in Buedu?
  - 18 A. Not at all and I have said it. I persistently say it and I
  - 19 mean it.
- 16:03:42 20 Q. Issa Sesay was not living in Buedu during the entire time
  - 21 that Sam Bockarie Lived there from 1998 through December 1999,
  - 22 was he?
  - 23 A. Well, he used to come there and return and at that
  - 24 particular house his wife was there, his child was there and his
- 16:04:15 25 bodyguards who were looking after his wife. They were all there
  - 26 in that particular house.
  - 27 Q. I will repeat my question. It is not whether Issa Sesay
  - 28 came and went, my question is he did not live in this house next
  - 29 to Sam Bockarie during the entire time Sam Bockarie was in Buedu

- 1 from early 1998 through his departure in December 1999, correct?
- 2 A. He was based there, just that he was not there permanently.
- 3 He used to go to Kono and return, but that was his base. But he
- 4 was actually not permanently staying there. His wife was there
- 16:04:59 5 permanently. He used to come and return.
  - 6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Witness, the question is not where
  - 7 he was based, but whether he lived in this house. Basing and
  - 8 living are two different things. Did Issa Sesay live in this
  - 9 house from early 1998 until his departure in December 1999? That
- 16:05:21 10 is the question. Was he living in this house?
  - 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. He lived there, yes.
  - 12 MR ANYAH:
  - 13 Q. You are saying the entire time Sam Bockarie was in Buedu
  - 14 Issa Sesay lived next door to him. Is that your evidence, Madam
- 16:05:38 15 Witness?
  - 16 A. Yes.
  - 17 Q. Was Issa Sesay ever based in Kono, Madam Witness?
  - 18 A. Like I said, he used to come and return. Of course he was
  - 19 based in Kono too, but this was his original base. He had
- 16:06:07 20 brought his wife and all his other families to this particular
  - 21 house. They were there before he left and went to Kono. And
  - 22 even when he used to come from Kono to Buedu he used to he used
  - 23 to come and visit Sam Bockarie at Sam Bockarie's house, but he
  - 24 was living in this particular house and he will be there for some
- 16:06:30 25 time before returning to Kono.
  - 26 Q. Madam Witness, we appreciate the fact that Issa Sesay's
  - 27 family may have lived in this house, but when he would go to
  - 28 Kono, Kono was his primary base, wasn't it?
  - 29 A. At the time Issa Sesay and others pulled out of Freetown

- 1 and went to Kono, at that time Mosquito, Sam Bockarie, had come
- 2 and based in Buedu. This was the house that Issa Sesay was,
- 3 together with Mosquito and Sam Bockarie, even before he left and
- 4 went to Kono. So this is his original base.
- 16:07:27 5 Q. Let's say for the sake of argument it is his original base,
  - 6 the point is at some point in time he left this, his original
  - 7 base, and he went to base in Kono, yes?
  - 8 A. Yes, he was not always based in Buedu as permanently as
  - 9 Sam Bockarie was based in Buedu. He would come to Buedu and
- 16:07:53 10 would go back to Kono, so he was in Buedu at the same time he was
  - 11 in Kono.
  - 12 Q. Whenever Issa Sesay was in Kono, is it your evidence that
  - 13 Planet 1 was still mounted across the house across from
  - 14 Sam Bockarie's house?
- 16:08:20 15 A. Yes.
  - 16 Q. Was Planet 1 at any time ever mounted in Sam Bockarie's
  - 17 house, either inside or on the veranda?
  - 18 A. Well, that I do not recall. The vehicle that you see in
  - 19 front of the house under the mango tree, there was a radio
- 16:08:46 20 mounted in it. So at any time there was a problem with Marvel
  - 21 Sam Bockarie will not use the Marvel vehicle as escort. He used
  - 22 this particular vehicle and there was another radio set mounted
  - 23 in this vehicle. So the vehicle that Sam Bockarie used as a
  - 24 mobile vehicle was the one that we used to give the call sign
- 16:09:19 25 Planet 1 to. So the original Planet 1 that was mounted in the
  - 26 house we will use that with the call sign Marvel, but Planet 1
  - 27 will remain in its original position. It will not be moved. We
  - will only change the call sign.
  - 29 Q. Madam Witness, I am not asking you about the vehicle and

- 1 which radio was mounted in the vehicle at different times. I am
- 2 asking a simple question whether at any time the radio you knew
- 3 to be Planet 1 was ever mounted inside or on the veranda of
- 4 Sam Bockarie's house?
- 16:10:08 5 A. I have answered. I have said I do not recall.
  - 6 Q. Did you ever see the fax machine that was inside
  - 7 Sam Bockarie's house?
  - 8 A. Yes, I used to see it in the veranda room.
  - 9 Q. Attached to that fax machine was the satellite phone, true
- 16:10:28 10 or false?
  - 11 A. I don't know. I do not recall. I don't know.
  - 12 Q. The fax machine worked with a phone, did it not?
  - 13 A. Well, that I don't know, because I did not operate the fax
  - 14 machine. I only saw it.
- 16:10:59 15 Q. The satellite phone comes with two numbers, one a phone
  - 16 number and one a fax number, true?
  - 17 A. Well, that I don't know. I do not know about satellite
  - 18 phone number. I have no idea about that.
  - 19 Q. But you know what the 21 is. That's the name of a
- 16:11:21 20 satellite phone, right?
  - 21 A. Yes, it was the code name for it at that time.
  - 22 Q. And you were based with Sam Bockarie for almost two years,
  - 23 early 1998 through December 1999, in this very building in Buedu,
  - 24 right?
- 16:11:55 25 A. I had my own place where I used to sleep at night. I will
  - 26 come and stay with them for all day, but at night I will go to my
  - own place and sleep there.
  - 28 Q. But you told us this morning that you spent virtually the
  - 29 entire day in this building and it was only at night you went

- 1 elsewhere to sleep, correct?
- 2 A. Yes, that is what I have just said. I had my own place
- 3 where I slept, but all day I would be with them at home. If I
- 4 was on duty I will not be all day with them, I will come there
- 16:12:44 5 later, but as long as I was not on duty I would be with them all
  - 6 day.
  - 7 Q. And you were a radio operator for Sam Bockarie receiving
  - 8 communications that called for him to go on the 21, right?
  - 9 A. Say that again, please.
- 16:13:09 10 Q. In the time in Buedu, almost two years, you were one of his
  - 11 radio operators, right?
  - 12 A. Yes.
  - 13 Q. And you told us of those messages about Liberia, or from
  - 14 Liberia, asking Sam Bockarie to get on the 21 which meant
- 16:13:32 15 satellite phone, correct?
  - 16 A. Yes.
  - 17 Q. And you don't know whether his fax machine was also a
  - 18 satellite phone?
  - 19 A. No, because I did not have access to his satellite phone.
- 16:13:51 20 I only had access to the radio set.
  - 21 Q. Were you ever in a vehicle with Sam Bockarie in which he
  - 22 carried his satellite phone?
  - 23 A. Well, the communication radio which was the mobile radio
  - 24 was what I knew about in the vehicle. I did not know whether he
- 16:14:22 25 had a satellite phone in his vehicle in Sam Bockarie's vehicle.
  - 26 That I don't know.
  - 27 Q. That was not my question. My question was at any point in
  - 28 time were you ever inside a car/vehicle that carried Sam Bockarie
  - 29 during which he had his satellite phone?

- 1 A. Well, I do not recall.
- 2 Q. Do you ever remember Sam Bockarie receiving any faxes in
- 3 almost the two years you spent with him in this house in Buedu?
- 4 A. Well, I do not know about fax.
- 16:15:04 5 Q. Does that mean you don't recall him receiving any faxes in
  - 6 Buedu in over two years, or in about two years?
  - 7 A. Well, what I said is that I do not know about faxes. I do
  - 8 not know whether he received them or he did not receive them. I
  - 9 do not know anything regarding fax.
- 16:15:34 10 Q. Besides Planet 1, did Issa Sesay have a radio station in
  - 11 Buedu?
  - 12 A. Well, I do not know about that. The only station that I
  - 13 know about is Planet 1, Mike November 5 and Marvel. At any time
  - 14 Issa Sesay came he would use Planet 1 in Buedu as a radio to
- 16:16:04 15 discuss or to talk with any other person. In Buedu he used
  - 16 Pl anet 1.
  - 17 Q. Do you know who Elevation is, Madam Witness?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. That was a radio operator for the RUF, right?
- 16:16:27 20 A. Yes.
  - 21 Q. That was Issa Sesay's radio operator, correct?
  - 22 A. Yes.
  - 23 Q. Where was Elevation based when you were in Buedu?
  - 24 A. Well, at that time he was assigned with Issa. He used to
- 16:16:48 25 move around with Issa.
  - 26 Q. My question is where was Elevation based his primary base
  - when you were based in Buedu?
  - 28 A. Well, Elevation was in Kono.
  - 29 Q. And when you were in Buedu it is true, is it not,

- 1 Sam Bockarie was head of the RUF, yes?
- 2 A. Yes, at the time I was in Buedu.
- 3 Q. And you have told the Prosecution, have you not, that
- 4 Planet 1 was the central control station for the RUF when you
- 16:17:28 5 were in Buedu, yes?
  - 6 A. Yes.
  - 7 Q. The central control station is one of the most important
  - 8 radio stations in the RUF network, if not the most important,
  - 9 correct?
- 16:17:53 10 A. I did not understand your question.
  - 11 Q. Planet 1 was the most important radio station in the RUF,
  - 12 would you agree, Madam Witness?
  - 13 A. Well, it was important, but the other substations were
  - important too to Planet 1 and even the RUF.
- 16:18:21 15 Q. Was Planet 1 the most important during the time you were in
  - 16 Buedu, as in the most important station within the RUF
  - 17 communications network?
  - 18 A. Well, I have answered that question that it was the control
  - 19 station. It was important, but the other substations too were
- 16:18:44 20 important to Planet 1.
  - 21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Witness, you have been asked
  - 22 whether Planet 1 was the most important. We understand your
  - 23 evidence that other stations were also important, but the
  - 24 question is was Planet 1 the most important radio station, or
- 16:19:06 **25 not?** 
  - 26 THE WITNESS: Yes.
  - 27 MR ANYAH:
  - 28 Q. Yes means it was the most important, correct?
  - 29 A. I mean it was important for the RUF, because it was the

- 1 command station that dealt with the command system in the RUF.
- 2 Q. There were two other important stations in the RUF that
- 3 could be called control stations as well. There was one in Kono,
- 4 yes?
- 16:19:47 5 A. Well, I don't know about a radio station in Kono being a
  - 6 control station.
  - 7 Q. But the radio station in Kono that Elevation transmitted
  - 8 messages from was an important station, right?
  - 9 A. Yes, all stations in the RUF were important.
- 16:20:18 10 Q. There was also an important station in Pendembu, was there
  - 11 not?
  - 12 A. Yes. Like I answered, all stations were important.
  - 13 Q. You spoke on Friday about codes, Madam Witness. Do you
  - 14 recall that?
- 16:20:42 15 A. Yes.
  - 16 Q. All RUF stations used the same codes as in the numbers or
  - 17 letters you use to code a message, yes?
  - 18 A. Yes.
  - 19 Q. These codes could be found in code books, correct?
- 16:21:22 20 A. The codes were in one code book.
  - 21 Q. And that code book, copies of it were circulated to other
  - 22 RUF stations, correct?
  - 23 A. Yes.
  - 24 Q. So if a new code book came out it would be taken by a
- 16:21:47 25 courier or messenger from Let's say Buedu to Kono?
  - 26 A. Well, not just an ordinary messenger. They will send an
  - 27 operator, a radio operator to come and collect it.
  - 28 Q. We appreciate that, but the point is somebody had to
  - 29 physically come to Buedu to get the new code book, correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. The same would happen, for the sake of argument, with
- 3 Pendembu. Somebody from Pendembu would have to come to Buedu to
- 4 get the new codes that had come out, yes?
- 16:22:34 5 A. Yes.
  - 6 Q. Code books were not changed frequently. Is that fair to
  - 7 say, Madam Witness?
  - 8 A. Yes, they did not change it frequently.
  - 9 Q. In the entire time you were in Buedu from early 1998
- 16:22:51 10 through December 1999, how many times did the RUF code book
  - 11 change?
  - 12 A. Well, in Buedu I recall once or twice in Buedu.
  - 13 Q. Can you give us a time frame? Was it in 1998, or in 1999?
  - 14 A. Well, the one that I recall in Buedu was in 1998.
- 16:23:51 15 Q. Was it in the beginning, the middle, or the end of 1998?
  - 16 A. Well, I recall it was at the beginning.
  - 17 Q. Did anyone in Liberia have the RUF code books?
  - 18 A. Yes, Memunatu Deen had it.
  - 19 Q. And as you sit there now you don't know whose radio
- 16:24:36 20 operator she was in Liberia?
  - 21 A. Well, I don't know for Memunatu Deen because she was
  - 22 assigned there by Foday Sankoh, but I do not actually know who
  - 23 Memunatu Deen was assigned to as a radio operator.
  - 24 Q. This is the same Memunatu Deen who went to Abidjan in the
- 16:25:18 25 Cote d'Ivoire with Foday Sankoh, yes?
  - 26 A. Well, I know of only one Memunatu Deen and I do not know
  - whether she went to the Cote d'Ivoire with Foday Sankoh.
  - 28 Q. Do you know when the RUF codes were changed whether or not
  - 29 Memunatu Deen had the new codes when she was in Liberia, as you

- 1 say she was?
- 2 A. Well, I recall that, those days that the RUF codes were
- 3 changed, I recall I think it was about three times and from -
- 4 whether Memunatu Deen received the new code, I really understood
- 16:26:32 5 that Memunatu Deen received the new codes at the time we were in
  - 6 Buedu. The last new codes that were released I believe Memunatu
  - 7 Deen received them.
  - 8 Q. Madam Witness, you just told us now in your last answer,
  - 9 and it reads, "Well, I recall that those days that the RUF codes
- 16:26:54 10 were changed, I recall I think, it was about three times". I
  - 11 asked you this question before and you said once or twice while
  - 12 you were in Buedu the codes were changed. Was it three times, or
  - 13 was it once or twice?
  - 14 A. Well, you asked specifically about Buedu. You said how
- 16:27:21 15 many times do I recall that the code books were changed in Buedu
  - 16 and I told you that it might be once or twice and I recall that
  - 17 it was once that it was changed in Buedu.
  - 18 Q. When it was changed in Buedu, do you know if Memunatu Deen
  - in Liberia was given a copy of the new RUF codes, Madam Witness?
- 16:27:51 20 A. Yes, I have answered your question that she received the
  - 21 new code at the time we were in Buedu.
  - 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, Mr Anyah, to interrupt, I note the
  - 23 time. We have already been alerted to the time and I think we
  - 24 are just about out of time. Is this a convenient point?
- 16:28:13 25 MR ANYAH: Yes, it is, Madam President.
  - 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Madam Witness, we are now
  - 27 going to adjourn the Court until tomorrow morning. I again
  - remind you that you are under oath and that you are not to
  - 29 discuss your evidence with anyone else. Do you understand?

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	1	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
	2	PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please adjourn court.
	3	[Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m
	4	to be reconvened on Wednesday, 10 September
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