

Case No. SCSL 2011-02-T THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

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HASSAN PAPA BANGURA, SAMUEL KARGBO, SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU AND BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA

Before the Judge:

Justice Teresa Doherty

For Chambers:

Elizabeth Budnitz

For the Registry: Elaine-Bola Clarkson

Thomas Alpha

For WVS: Tamba D. Sammie

For the Prosecution: Robert L. Herbst

For the accused Hassan Papa Bangura: Melron Nicol-Wilson

For the accused Samuel Kargbo: Charles Taku

For the accused Santigie Borbor Kanu: Kevin Metzger

For the accused Brima Bazzy Kamara: Abdul Serry-Kamal

Wara Serry-Kamal

For the Principal Defender: Claire Carlton-Hanciles

1	[Tuesday, 28 August 2012]
2	[Open session]
3	[The accused present]
4	[Upon resuming at 9.23 a.m.]
5	JUSTICE DOHERTY: Good morning. I should explain that the
6	delay in starting this morning was due to an unexpected
7	administrative problem or procedural problem that I will deal
8	with as soon as I take appearances. So I'll take I appearances
9	first, deal with that, and then we will proceed with the
10	evi dence.
11	Mr Herbst and Kigali generally, are you hearing me?
12	MR HERBST: Yes, we are, your Honour, Loud and clear. Good
13	morning to you and everyone in Freetown.
14	JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Herbst.
15	MR METZGER: Indeed, your Honour, good morning to you and
16	everyone in Freetown.
17	JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'll take appearances. Mr Herbst.
18	MR HERBST: Robert Herbst, independent counsel for the
19	Prosecution. And after your Honour deals with the administrative
20	matter, I have one very brief preliminary matter.
21	JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well. I'll take appearances and
22	then we'll deal with that.
23	In Freetown, appearances, please.
24	MR NICOL-WILSON: Your Honour, Melron Nicol-Wilson for
25	Hassan Papa Bangura. I also have one brief preliminary matter to
26	deal with.
27	JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very good. Yes.
28	CHIEF TAKU: May it please your Honour, Chief Charles Taku
29	for Mr Samuel Kargbo. I have a brief preliminary application to

- 1 make, your Honour, with regard to the record of yesterday.
- 2 JUSTICE DOHERTY: My goodness. We've all got
- 3 administrative matters. And in Kigali.
- 4 MR METZGER: Good morning, your Honour. Kevin Metzger for
- 5 Santigie Borbor Kanu. I have no preliminary matters but may be
- 6 required to deal with those raised by others. I also hold a
- 7 watching brief for Mr Brima Bazzy Kamara this morning,
- 8 Mr Serry-Kamal being, as it were, in transit.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Metzger. I will now deal
- 10 with my preliminary administrative matter. And then I will go to
- 11 the others in succession that they were noted to me.
- 12 On the 23rd of August in the morning, I issued an order for
- 13 expedited filing in this case. It was an order relating to
- 14 counsel for Kanu's motion which was filed on 22nd of August in
- 15 the afternoon. In that order, I ordered expedited filing, got
- 16 the response by independent counsel would be filed by 1500 hours
- 17 Hague time, being 1700 Freetown time, and the reply would be
- 18 filed by 12 o'clock The Hague time, 1400 Freetown time on
- 19 Tuesday, 28th of August. The response was to be filed on 27th
- 20 August.
- 21 When we inquired last night for the response, we were
- 22 informed that it became apparent that, in fact, this order for
- 23 expedited filing, although given, was not filed at all, and it
- 24 would follow, therefore, that it was not served, and it would
- 25 also follow that no response could have been filed because the
- independent counsel not being served, would not be aware of it.
- 27 The filing will be rectified, but I still need to get a response
- and a reply filed.
- 29 So Mr Herbst, I'm not sure if you're aware of this order

now, because this came to light this morning - very late last 1 2 night and this morning. So first of all, I want you to advise 3 (A) first, are you aware of this order; and secondly, how much time you will require to conform by filing a response? I 4 5 will then ask Mr Metzger the same question. 6 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I was just handed a few minutes 7 ago the order for the first time and I became aware only at that 8 time, a few minutes ago, as to what even the issue was, even 9 though an inquiry was made of me last night, as to what filing 10 was expected of me, I can only respond that --11 JUSTICE DOHERTY: If you've only received it this minute, I 12 would assume that Mr Metzger has likewise only received it this 13 So in fairness to both of you, I will stand both your mi nute. 14 replies down to my inquiry until you both consider and review the 15 So I will stand any reply down to allow you to think about it. We'll deal with it after the first break. So that is 16 now deferred. 17 18 I will now turn to Mr Nicol-Wilson's preliminary matter. 19 MR NICOL-WILSON: Your Honour, this is an issue that I was 20 going to deal with in a different manner, but I have received 21 instructions from my client to notify the Trial Chamber. I was 22 instructed on Friday and I did not because I wanted to deal with 23 it in a different manner which I think was going to be the right 24 way to deal with it, and yesterday again I was instructed and I 25 did not also notify the Trial Chamber. But I have realised I'm

and I agreed to act upon his instructions.

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Chamber because I wanted to deal with this issue in a different

So this morning I visited my client again at 7.30 a.m.,

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           During the cross-examination of Mr Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara,
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     the learned independent counsel referred to the statement
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     attached to the Defence pre-trial brief which was made by my
     client on 26 May 2012 and signed by him. Immediately the
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     independent counsel put certain questions to Mr Kamara about my
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     client having stated in the statement referred to that he
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     instructed him to go and see lawyer Mansaray.
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     me from the dock and said there is a mistake in this statement,
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     that the person who called him and instructed him to see lawyer
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     Mansaray is Tamba Alex Brima. So it should have been Brima and
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     not Bazzy.
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           So I told him that since he had consented to testify, I
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     will put him in the witness box and then we'll clarify this
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     situation with regards to the statement. But he has insisted
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     that at the earliest opportunity the Trial Chamber should be
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     notified, notwithstanding the fact that I want to clear this
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     issue up once I put him in the witness box.
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           I also told him that there is a likelihood he will not get
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     into the witness box before Monday when certain changes will
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     occur in the proceedings. So he insisted that this is the right
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     time for me to notify the Court, even though it will clarify
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     the ambiguity or the -
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           THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the telephone and the Krio
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     interpreters both has not been connected.
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     that it has not been connected. We would like to connect with
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     Kigali now.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Have you been able to interpret what
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     Mr Nicol-Wilson has been saying?
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THE INTERPRETER: Some of it.

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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'll just ask Mr Nicol-Wilson to have a
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            Apparently the telephone for the Krio interpreters was not
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     properly connected, so not everything you have said has been
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                They are going to inform me when it's connected and
     recorded.
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           MR METZGER:
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     can hear me.
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     also have to wait for interpreters to make sure that they --
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            THE INTERPRETER:
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     connected.
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            JUSTICE DOHERTY: The phone has been connected.
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     Mr Metzger, were you going to say something about the
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     translation? Because Mr Nicol-Wilson has not finished his
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           MR METZGER:
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     instructions from my client and for Mr Kamara, whose brief I hold
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                  They are both content that there has to be no
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     repetition of what Mr Nicol-Wilson has said. They are content
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     that between myself explaining and what they have heard, they are
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     content for the matter to continue from here on.
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     Mr Metzger, it's very helpful.
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            Mr Nicol-Wilson, there is no need to repeat what you've
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Yes, please continue.

I have a few more statements to make.

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said, just continue - I think I've got the gist of your

- 1 to starts from the third to the last paragraph, which starts with
- the word, "After some time Bazzy called me and said if I know any
- 3 lawyer Mansaray." My client has indicated to me and has insisted
- 4 that it was Tamba Alex Brima that called him and asked if he knew
- 5 any lawyer Mansaray, and it was not Bazzy.
- 6 Also the next paragraph no, the next page which starts
- 7 that, "Mr Mansaray told us that TF1-334 has nothing to say that
- 8 will make this Court release", it should be "Brima and others",
- 9 not "Bazzy".
- 10 Your Honour, like I said, this is an issue I wanted to deal
- 11 with in my examination-in-chief, but the client is not
- 12 comfortable with that position and has instructed me to notify
- 13 the Trial Chamber now that it was not Bazzy who instructed him to
- 14 go over to the office of lawyer Mansaray, it was Tamba Alex
- 15 Brima.
- Those are my submissions. I have already taken a
- 17 supplemental statement from my client this morning with regards
- 18 to this position, which he will sign sometime today.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: First, Mr Nicol-Wilson, I can readily
- 20 appreciate the professional conflict you find yourself in and
- 21 that you have acted upon instructions quite properly.
- This may or may not, I do not know, cause independent
- 23 counsel to seek to re-examine Kamara. What I will do is ask
- 24 independent counsel to consider the situation and indicate if he
- 25 wants to have Kamara recalled. In view of the fact that Kamara's
- 26 counsel is not here, it would not be proper to have him recalled
- 27 today.
- 28 Mr Herbst, you've heard both Mr Nicol-Wilson's submission
- 29 to the Court and my comment. I think this is another matter --

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                        [Overlapping speakers].
           MR HERBST:
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: -- which you may wish to consider, weigh
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     up, and give the Court an indication if you wish to take any
     action in the light of the factual submissions put before us.
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     Again, I think I will visit that after the break.
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           MR HERBST: Your Honour, may I make a [overlapping
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     speakers].
           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, please do.
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           MR HERBST:
                       If I might make a suggestion, your Honour, it
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     seems to me that Mr Nicol-Wilson also has now for the first time
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     expressed an intention to have his client take the witness stand.
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     And it seems to me that any decision about recalling Kamara, in
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     light of the extraordinary circumstance that we just heard,
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     should probably await that testimony, if in fact [indiscernible]
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     call for cross-examination that --
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           MR METZGER:
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Metzger, I would be grateful if you
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     would not speak.
                      Your voice is being transmitted and I can't
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     hear Mr Herbst clearly.
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           Mr Herbst, you mentioned any decision to call Kamara would
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     probably await, and then I didn't hear the rest of what you said.
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     Please repeat it.
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           MR HERBST:
                      Certainly, your Honour. I had said that I
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     think that decision would more properly await both Mr Bangura's
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     testimony, should my understanding of what his counsel said be
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     accurate and should also await any cross-examination that would
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     occur in connection with this change of statement. So it seems
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     to me that that would make the most sense and be the most
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efficient way to handle this situation because I probably would

- 1 not be able to make an informed decision on whether to recall
- 2 Mr Kamara until I hear the answers in both direct and
- 3 cross-examination.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I will therefore not make any ruling on
- 5 this matter. Recalling Kamara obviously would have to be the
- 6 subject of an application, and by asking you to comment I am not
- 7 pre-empting an application or indicating how I would react to
- 8 such an application. But in the light of your statement that it
- 9 should await, I will not take further action.
- 10 I note that Mr Nicol-Wilson intends to file some documents.
- 11 Again, he's under no obligation to do so, but if he does it will
- 12 be dealt with accordingly.
- So basically, the change is noted and no further action
- 14 will be taken at this time. Any applications from either side
- 15 will be entertained in the normal way.
- 16 So that's your matter, Mr Nicol-Wilson. Now we come to -
- 17 sorry, Mr Nicol-Wilson, you wish to say something?
- MR NICOL-WILSON: No, I just wish to say grateful,
- 19 your Honour.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: You're welcome.
- 21 Chi ef Taku.
- 22 CHIEF TAKU: Yes, your Honour, thank you very much and good
- 23 morning. Your Honour, as I've done over a period of twelve
- 24 years, every morning before coming to Court I read the
- 25 proceedings of the previous day.
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very wise, Chief Taku. I keep
- 27 discovering little things too late in the day to do anything
- about them myself.
- 29 CHIEF TAKU: Yes, your Honour. And I read the transcripts

- of the proceedings of yesterday, and I discovered, your Honour,
- that these transcripts my entire cross-examination of Mr Bazzy
- and part of your Honour's further investigation did not appear.
- 4 And I think it might have been done when they said they were
- 5 changing the tape. And therefore I'm cognisant of the fact that
- 6 any amendment of the transcripts one issue has to be done
- 7 pursuant to an application, I'm applying that your Honour's order
- 8 that if it didn't appear in the tape, then they should that
- 9 they should get the video recording of the proceedings and use
- 10 that to assist the court reporters and those involved with this
- 11 to transcribe what was said during my cross-examination and parts
- 12 of your Honour at the end of the trial yesterday.
- 13 It would be very difficult now to recall Mr Kamara just to
- 14 put the same questions or to repeat what he said.
- 15 [Indiscernible] your notes. But in addition to your notes, if
- there's a video recording of the proceedings, that may assist.
- 17 In similar circumstances we had that at the ICTR and the video
- 18 recording assisted in resolving the problem.
- 19 Your Honour would look at I can't see the page here. The
- 20 pages are not mentioned. But it is the proceedings of
- 21 yesterday. Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 22 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Chief Taku. As you know, our
- 23 transcribers are very efficient and they have to cope with so
- 24 many different accents and pronunciations, but I do recall
- 25 yesterday we were under some pressure because the detailnees had
- to be taken back to the centre in Kigali and there was a time
- 27 limit. So it is quite possible that owing to the changing of the
- 28 tape, something was omitted or overlooked.
- 29 I will ask, during the course of the break, our CMS

- 1 facilities how this can be rectified and because if there is part
- of the transcript omitted, then it is important that it is in and
- 3 I will make an order accordingly under Rule 81B.
- 4 So Mr Court Attendant, you heard the application. I would
- 5 ask that you liaise with the transcribers and make the video
- 6 recording, if that is what is required, available.
- What will be necessary, I suspect, is for you to identify
- 8 which page or which line or which time because there's a time
- 9 on the side of the transcripts as well so that that can be
- 10 clearly identified. Perhaps you could liase with Mr Court
- 11 Officer during the course of the break so as they can be
- 12 identified and come back to me if necessary.
- 13 CHIEF TAKU: Most obliged, your Honour.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: If there's no other matters, we will now
- 15 go into --
- 16 MR HERBST: Your Honour.
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, Mr Herbst.
- 18 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I did have one application.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: You did indeed. You're quite right.
- 20 Please proceed.
- 21 MR HERBST: Thank you very much, your Honour. Your Honour
- 22 will recall that I think sometime early last week I had explained
- 23 the contents of a letter that I had received from the office of
- 24 the Prosecutor relating to disclosures that the Prosecutor wished
- 25 to make in connection with the outstanding matter from Mr Saffa's
- 26 testi mony.
- 27 I have thereafter I sent the two versions of disclosures
- 28 that the Prosecutor had attached to their letter to our very
- 29 helpful Court Officer, who has sent the two different versions of

- 1 the information to the Court in Freetown so that they can be
- 2 given to your Honour to look at in camera to make a determination
- 3 as to which should be disclosed. I believe that that was how we
- 4 left the matter early last week. So I wanted to just make
- 5 mention of the fact that it had been delivered today to Freetown
- 6 for your Honour's perusal.
- 7 JUSTICE DOHERTY: And it has been disclosed to the parties,
- 8 is that correct, under the Rules?
- 9 MR HERBST: No, your Honour, because it was my
- 10 understanding what I had said was that the Prosecutor had
- offered two versions: One a full version of the entry and
- 12 because of the protected the security --
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Sorry, you're quite right, Mr Herbst. I
- 14 recall that now. Yes. So basically [overlapping speakers].
- MR HERBST: So [overlapping speakers].
- 16 JUSTI CE DOHERTY: Go ahead.
- 17 MR HERBST: I'm sorry, your Honour. So basically what I
- 18 have sent to you via the offices of the Court is the full contact
- 19 detail and the proffer that the Prosecutor wished to make.
- 20 Your Honour, at the first break I will just look at these
- 21 two documents again to make sure that they accord with what I had
- 22 sent. I just want to make sure that in fact they are the two
- 23 different versions. So I will do that at the first break.
- 24 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well, Mr Herbst. We will revisit
- 25 this issue after the first break. I will ensure that I've got
- Rule 75 and 66 and so on in front of me when we do revisit it.
- 27 MR HERBST: Actually, your Honour, I've just looked again
- 28 at it and they are fine. So they can be handed to your Honour.
- 29 The first one is the full contact entry, it's two pages, and then

- 1 the third page is the proffer, and the proffer is one page and
- 2 it's headed by the words "in relation to the security concerns
- 3 expressed, the Prosecution proffers the following." So that one
- 4 is the proffer, and your Honour will be able to see it.
- 5 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Once I have it, I will
- 6 consider it, as I said, in the light of the Rules relating to
- 7 both disclosure and protection, and I'll make a ruling on it.
- If there's no other preliminary issues, then we will now
- 9 proceed on to evidence. Mr Metzger, you have indicated that
- 10 Mr Kanu is likely to give evidence, it wasn't definite, but
- 11 please advise us of the situation.
- 12 MR METZGER: The time has come to be definite. He will be
- 13 gi vi ng evi dence.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well
- MR METZGER: Although in fairness, I believe that I had
- been more than simply preliminarily on the point that he was
- 17 going to give evidence. I had indicated that he would when
- 18 required.
- 19 Your Honour, just before we go to that, may I just address
- 20 very briefly the point that has just been raised by Mr Herbst?
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes. I haven't seen the document, so I'm
- 22 not sure if this is the time. But tell me what you want to say.
- 23 MR METZGER: I can say it very succinctly, I hope. I had
- 24 understood that the Prosecution's proffer would have been by now
- 25 been proffered and that it would be the second document which
- 26 contained fuller information that would require assistance from
- 27 your Honour. But I'm not sure whether I got that right or the
- 28 Prosecution is simply seeking to put both of these before
- 29 your Honour in case none of them ought to be disclosed.

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           MR HERBST: Your Honour, that was not my understanding.
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     was my understanding that I was to submit both possibilities to
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     your Honour for a determination as to which one would be offered.
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     the concerns of the Prosecution, that the full version be
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     disclosed, it would be unnecessary and incomplete to offer the
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     proffer.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes.
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     the protection of the witness and I have to look and compare both
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     of them to see if both the concerns and rights of the protected
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     witness and the rights of the accused to disclosure, how they can
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     be contrasted and weighed up. So I will look at both documents
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     and I'll undertake to do that as quickly as I can, given the
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     other matters that are pressing as well.
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           So I will look at both, and I will reach a decision.
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           Mr Metzger, please put your --
           MR METZGER: In the circumstances, your Honour, I hope to
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     make, one, a brief statement, and secondly, to place, as it were,
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     a caveat should anything turn on it, because I'm now calling my
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     client, and I don't know if there's anything that he can deal
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     with in that information, I wouldn't have taken instructions on
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          I just raise that at this point. And with your Honour's
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     leave, I will open the case for Mr Kanu.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, I'll just comment that the practice
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     of this Court and this Trial Chamber has been to allow counsel
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     for an accused person time to consider disclosure, and I will
     bear that practice in mind when I look at these documents.
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     your caveat is noted. Please call Mr Kanu. Will Mr Kanu give
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- 1 MR METZGER: Indeed, your Honour.
- 2 JUSTICE DOHERTY: And which language, so as we can ensure
- 3 the interpreters are in place?
- 4 MR METZGER: In Krio, your Honour.
- 5 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. I think the Krio interpreters
- 6 are in position. Is that correct, Mr Interpreter?
- 7 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour.
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very good. Please proceed and have the
- 9 witness sworn.
- 10 MR HERBST: Your Honour, while the witness is being sworn,
- 11 I assume that Mr Metzger is waiving his opportunity to make a
- 12 preliminary statement at the outset of his case, but I didn't
- 13 know whether that ought to be formally noted or not on the
- 14 record.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: First of all, we'll have no talking and
- 16 running around during the taking of the oath. Proper regard must
- be had to the oath; it is a sacrosanct procedure.
- So I will say there's no obligation on counsel to make a
- 19 statement. If Mr Metzger wished to do so, he is at liberty to do
- 20 so. It's not mandatory. And if he wishes to proceed with his
- 21 evidence, which is quite often the normal course in this Trial
- 22 Chamber, then he's equally at liberty to do that.
- 23 Mr Metzger, are you going to proceed with [overlapping
- 24 speakers].
- 25 MR METZGER: Your Honour --
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, Mr Metzger, please.
- 27 MR METZGER: I am content to make a brief opening
- 28 statement, but I'm also content and was going to take the
- 29 opportunity to waive that, shall we say, privilege, in view of

- 1 the constriction of time that we have in this case. I will, of
- 2 course, have the opportunity to address your Honour at the end of
- 3 the case, and that I will fully take advantage of.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well then. That deals with that
- 5 matter. Please have Mr Kanu sworn, and we will proceed on into
- 6 his evidence.
- 7 SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU
- 8 SWORN AND EXAMINED:
- 9 MR METZGER:
- 10 Q. Mr Kanu, could you give your full name and your current
- 11 address for the Court record?
- 12 A. My full name is Santigie Borbor Kanu. I am presently
- 13 staying in the Mpanga Prison in Rwanda.
- 14 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. I'm going to ask you to try and speak
- 15 slowly so the interpreters can hear you, and so that they can
- then translate to the relevant parties who need to hear you.
- 17 Thank you, Mr Kanu. First of all, Mr Kanu, I don't think there's
- any dispute that you were in the Sierra Leone Armed Forces; is
- 19 that the case?
- 20 A. Yes, I was in the Sierra Leone Army. I said I was in the
- 21 Si erra Leone Army.
- 22 Q. Now, can I ask you how and when you came to join the army?
- 23 A. First of all, I joined the army on 1 December 1990. How
- 24 did I join the army? It was through my sister's boyfriend,
- 25 Mr Scott. First of all, I met him and he asked me to apply at
- 26 the bank. When I applied to the *NDD Bank, I was unfortunate. I
- 27 didn't go through. I went back to his office and told him that I
- 28 was not accepted. Then he asked me if I would like to join the
- 29 military, and I said yes. Then he said, "Well, I have one of my

- 1 friends called Colonel *Lymon. Then he took out his
- 2 complimentary card. Then he wrote on it, and he gave it to me.
- 3 And he said I should go to him and tell him that he sent me to
- 4 him.
- 5 Early in the morning at 5.30, I got up and went. He was
- 6 sleeping. I waited for him until he woke up. Then I met him and
- 7 greeted him. Then I told him that I was sent to him by Mr Scott,
- 8 because I didn't know him. Then I gave him the complimentary
- 9 card, the card that had been given to me by Mr Scott to give to
- 10 him. He went back inside. Then he called Mr Scott on his land
- 11 phone. Then Mr Scott said, "Yes, that's my boy. I send him to
- 12 you." I never knew Colonel Lymon, nor did he know me. That was
- 13 the first time he said I should come to the house. He said I had
- 14 spoken I had spoken to Mr Scott. I attended college with him.
- 15 I was I was with him now and in military terms, I was his *bat
- 16 man, and in civilian terms we call that houseboy. I was helping
- 17 him. At the end of the month, they would pay me. That was in
- 18 1989.
- Then at one point he asked me if I would like to join the
- 20 military. Then I said yes. He said, "Don't go to the military.
- 21 Stay with me." At that time the war was raging in Liberia. I
- 22 told him, "Pa, I would like to join too so that I'll be someone."
- 23 Then he said, "Okay, here is the card. Go." That was in
- December 1990. December 1, 1990. That is what happened, sir.
- 25 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. Before we move on to the next phase,
- 26 can I ask you immediately before you went to see Colonel Lymon,
- 27 before you applied for the *NDP, what were your ambitions?
- 28 A. Well, I attended West African Methodist *collegiate
- 29 secondary school. I sat to my O level in 1986. I had passes in

- 1 accounting, business method, commerce, economics, and I applied
- 2 to be admitted in form 6. But my caretaker Mama *Mason died, so
- 3 I couldn't go to form 6. The woman who was bringing me up died,
- 4 so I was unable to go to the form 6.
- 5 Q. What did you do then between 1986 and 1989 since you were
- 6 not able to go to the sixth form?
- 7 A. It was in 1986 that I sat to my O levels. I was not doing
- 8 anything. I was staying with my sister, who was selling. I was
- 9 staying with her until 1989, when I went to Pa Lymon.
- 10 Q. So Mr Kanu, you join the army or enlisted on the 1st
- 11 December 1990. How long did your training last?
- 12 A. Well, it was in December 1, 1990, that we went to the
- 13 training school at the *Benguema training centre. We were under
- 14 training, and the man who gave me the card, Colonel Lymon, to
- join the army, came with the boat. They came to give us numbers,
- and I had the most senior number, 18164955, which is my soldier
- 17 number. Most of my friends at the training school did not know
- 18 my name, so they were calling me Five Five. Five Five. That is
- 19 how I got the name Five Five.
- 20 Q. What happened when you finished training at Benguema and
- 21 when was that?
- 22 A. Thank you very much, sir. It was in 1990. We were on this
- training in December January of '91, February '91, March '91,
- 24 and on 23rd March 1991 there was a rebel *incursion into Sierra
- 25 Leone.
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Metzger, before you continue with your
- 27 evidence, I would ask Mr Witness to spell some of the names that
- 28 we have had. I would ask him to spell Colonel Leeman Lymon, I
- 29 think was the pronunciation. Also the lady who was looking after

- 1 him, he referred to as his caretaker Mama Mason, and the name of
- 2 the training school Benguema. Mr Kanu, can you spell those for
- 3 the record, please.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Colonel Lymon is spelled as C-O-L-O-N-E-L.
- 5 That's colonel. And Lymon is spelled as L-Y-M-O-N. Then my
- 6 younger sister's name is Isatu Baby Khanu. I-S-A-T-U B-A-B-Y
- 7 K-H-A-N-U. Isatu Baby Kanu. She's my younger sister. When Mama
- 8 Mason died, she was taking care of me.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Is Mason spelled M-A-S-O-N?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, Mrs Mason. M-A-S-O-N, your Honour.
- 11 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. And Benguema?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Benguema is spelled as B-E-N-G-U-E-M-A.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you very much, Mr Kanu.
- 14 Please proceed, Mr Metzger.
- 15 MR METZGER: Your Honour, there was one name that he
- 16 mentioned, which was Major Thoronka. Do you want him to spell
- 17 that as well?
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, indeed. I overlooked that. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Major M-A-J-O-R. Thoronka is
- 21 T-H-O-R-O-N-K-A.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you for that reminder, Mr Metzger.
- We'll proceed.
- Yes, Mr Herbst.
- MR HERBST: As long as we've stopped, I didn't catch his
- 26 training number that he gave. I know it ended in 55, but could
- 27 we have once again the full number? He gave it, but I didn't
- 28 catch it.
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes. Mr Kanu, please give us your number

- 1 again. You did read it out once.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. My number at the training
- 3 school, I was the most senior man at the training school. The
- 4 number is SLA 18164955. That's my number, ma'am.
- 5 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Please proceed, Mr Metzger.
- 6 MR METZGER: Thank you.
- 7 Q. Mr Kanu, I think we got to the point where you told us that
- 8 the rebel incursion commenced on 23 March 1991. What happened to
- 9 you after that?
- 10 A. When the rebel incursion started on 23rd of March 1991, in
- 11 the eastern province in Kailahun. On 24th of March 1991, they
- 12 took they took two companies from Benguema, the A Company and
- 13 the B Company. I was in the A Company and I was the most senior
- 14 man. They came at night and they blew a fire alarm. And in the
- 15 military way they blew that alarm, they would ask us to fall in,
- 16 and we all fell in. All of us fell in.
- 17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat this part of
- 18 his answer slowly.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kamara, the interpreter needs you to
- 20 repeat what you said. Pick up where you said "we all fell in".
- 21 THE WITNESS: They blew fire alarm. In the military, they
- 22 will blow a fire alarm for all of us to fall in.
- 23 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Continue.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Then all of us fell in, those of us who were
- 25 at Benguema. All the companies we had eight companies so all
- of us fell in.
- 27 MR METZGER: Your Honour, may Mr Kamara be excused
- 28 [overlapping speakers].
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, under escort, certainly.

- 1 Proceed, Mr Metzger.
- 2 MR METZGER:
- 3 Q. Mr Kanu, you just said all eight companies fell in. What
- 4 happened after that?
- 5 A. Six companies were asked to fall out. It was only the A
- 6 and B Company that were asked to board the vehicle. The man who
- 7 went for us was Major Jah Tucker.
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell the name the surname.
- 9 A. J-A-H T-U-C-K-E-R, Tucker. We boarded the four vehicles
- 10 and the military truck. We left Benguema for Kailahun in the
- 11 Daru barracks. From Daru Barracks in the morning they took us to
- 12 a place near the Liberia border.
- 13 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he call the name of the
- 14 place again?
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please name the place that you
- 16 were taken to at the Liberian border so the interpreter can hear
- 17 it clearly.
- THE WITNESS: When we got to Daru Barracks, in the morning
- 19 we were asked to fall in again. Then we were divided into
- 20 platoons. We went from Jabama, from Jabama to Mogbama and from
- 21 there we went to the Liberian border.
- 22 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell the two places you have
- 23 named witness.
- MR METZGER: Start with Daru? Or does ma'am know Daru
- 25 al ready?
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: D-A-R-U but Jabama.
- 27 MR METZGER:
- 28 Q. Can we start with Jabama, please?
- 29 A. Jabama. J-A-B-A-M-A. Jabama.

- 1 Q. The next one?
- 2 A. From Jabama we went to M-O-G-B-A-M-A.
- 3 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. Now, I don't need to ask you if
- 4 anybody wants to ask you questions about what happened during the
- 5 war, I'm sure they will. I understand there's no dispute that
- 6 you were arrested in the year 2003; is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes, your Honour, 2003, January 18 I was arrested for a
- 8 coup attempt at Johnny Paul's compound by cassava farm at 5.30 in
- 9 the evening Sierra Leone time. That is what happened, sir.
- 10 Q. From 1991 that you've told us about when you went to like
- 11 until 2003, were you a member of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces?
- 12 A. Of course, up to now I am receiving my pension from the
- 13 Sierra Leone Army. From 1991 I was a soldier and we were
- 14 fighting against the RUF. We fought in the eastern province in
- 15 Kailahun against the RUF. They came to Jabama, but luckily I was
- 16 in Liberia. We withdrew and came back to Daru to reorganise and
- 17 prepare for another attack.
- 18 Q. Mr Kanu, I won't ask you any more about that at the moment.
- 19 You know why you are before this Court; is that the case?
- 20 A. Presently, sir, they said --
- 21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is breaking up. I
- 22 can't hear him clearly.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Kanu. Pause, Mr Kanu, the line
- 24 is not working clearly. Can you start again repeating your
- 25 answer. Repeat it slowly, and I can see you're close to the
- 26 microphone, but keep close to the microphone.
- 27 Mr Interpreter, if it's still breaking up, please tell me.
- 28 THE INTERPRETER: I will, your Honour.
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Proceed, Mr Kanu.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I and my brother have been charged for
- 2 contempt of Court, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara. That's why I'm here
- 3 presently.
- 4 MR METZGER:
- 5 Q. Can you tell us about how you came to know Ibrahim Bazzy
- 6 Kamara?
- 7 A. Well, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, if I'm not mistaken, I can say
- 8 he's my relative. I was born in the Wilberforce Village, but I
- 9 was not bred there. I grew up in Tengbeh Town, but when I joined
- 10 the army --
- 11 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell it, please.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I said when I joined the army --
- THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line was breaking up. I
- 14 did not get some of his answer.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, again there's a problem with the
- 16 line. You said when you joined the army. Please continue from
- there, and please also spell Tengbeh town.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Tengbeh Town. Tengbeh Town is spelled as
- 19 T-E-N-G-B-E-H T-O-W-N. Tengbeh Town.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Now continue with your
- 21 answer, please.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said when I joined the
- 23 army during the NPRC days, that's when I saw Ibrahim Bazzy
- 24 Kamara. At that time I was with Captain Strasser as his personal
- $\,$ 25 $\,$ bodyguard. I saw him I saw him at the Kabassa Lodge with the
- 26 Attorney-General, and I asked him if he had joined the army and
- 27 he said yes.
- 28 MR METZGER:
- 29 Q. Did you develop any sort of relationship with Mr Kamara in

- 1 the army?
- 2 A. Well, the only relationship I had with Mr Kamara was that
- 3 during the NPRC he was with the Attorney-General, and I was with
- 4 the chairman of the NPRC, Captain Strasser.
- 5 Q. Do you know Mr Alex Tamba Brima?
- 6 A. Yes, I know Alex Tamba Brima.
- 7 Q. How did you come to know him?
- 8 A. Well, Tamba Brima, we were all with Captain Strasser. I
- 9 knew him during the NPRC.
- 10 Q. Do you know the witness Samuel Kargbo, also known as Ragga?
- 11 A. That man, let the world know the truth today, I never knew
- 12 him. I only saw him on screen. I never saw him in my life. I
- only saw him on this screen that he's Sammy Ragga. Even as he's
- 14 sitting there, I don't know him. I only saw him on screen.
- 15 Q. Have you ever spoken to Mr Samuel Kargbo also known as
- 16 Ragga?
- 17 A. Pa, I never knew that man. I've never spoken to him. I
- only saw him on this screen, so he and I I've never known him,
- 19 sir. Look at him sitting in front of that screen. Let him ask
- 20 him. I only saw him on this screen.
- 21 Q. You heard him give evidence in previous proceedings of this
- 22 case that he spoke to you over the telephone; is that correct
- 23 whilst you were in Mpanga Prison?
- 24 A. That man, Pa, I've never spoken to that man. Never. I
- 25 don't even know him, sir. I've never spoken to him. I have
- 26 people that I talk to. I have never known him, sir.
- 27 Q. We'll come back to people you speak to when you are at
- 28 Mpanga Prison. Let me ask you, do you know the defendant Hassan
- 29 Papa Bangura?

- 1 A. Yes, I know Hassan Papa Bangura, sir. We were all
- 2 sol di ers.
- 3 Q. How did you come to know him during the army or otherwise?
- 4 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura, it was during the army. From
- 5 there we all became honourables during the AFRC, so we are all
- 6 coll eagues.
- 7 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I'm sorry, but I did not hear all
- 8 of that translation. I wonder if I could get that repeated.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer so it
- 10 can be interpreted again and given to into the record. You
- 11 said you were asked how you came to know Hassan Papa Bangura.
- 12 You said it was during the army. Please continue your answer.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said Hassan Papa
- 14 Bangura, I knew him during the army.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: I think I heard you say something also to
- 16 the effect that you were all honourables in the AFRC. Did I hear
- 17 that correctly?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Of course. Of course during the AFRC, all of
- 19 us became honourables. He's my colleague.
- 20 MR METZGER:
- 21 Q. Do you know the witness TF1-334, Mr Alimamy Bobson Sesay?
- 22 A. Yes. TF1-334, Alimamy Bobson Sesay, I know him, sir.
- 23 Q. How did you come to know him?
- 24 A. TF1-334? I knew him through Papa. He was his boy.
- $\,$ Q. For the avoidance of doubt, could you tell the Court who
- 26 you knew as Papa?
- 27 A. Hassan Papa Bangura is my colleague. He's Papa. That's
- 28 how we call him.
- 29 Q. Thank you, now, was that during the army time or through

- 1 some other means?
- 2 A. Who, sir?
- 3 Q. Sorry, you're quite right. Mr Bobson Sesay Alimamy
- 4 Bobson Sesay?
- 5 A. Yes, sir. I said I knew him through my colleague Hassan
- 6 Papa Bangura. He was with him, sir.
- 7 Q. Did you have any relationship --
- 8 MR HERBST: Excuse me, I didn't hear the last word of that
- 9 translation. He was something.
- 10 MR METZGER: He was with him.
- 11 MR HERBST: Thank you.
- 12 MR METZGER:
- 13 Q. Did you have any relationship with Alimamy Bobson Sesay?
- 14 A. What? That man? I want the world to know the truth today.
- 15 Let the entire Sierra Leone know the truth about what happened
- 16 between myself and that man. That man caused me and my brother
- 17 to fight each other. What happened, sir, during May 8, 2000,
- 18 after Foday Sankoh's incident in Freetown, sir, luckily one of my
- 19 friends who was a civilian had come from America to visit his
- 20 people. He came with two vehicles, but he had sold one and it
- 21 had remained one. He came with vehicles, but he had sold two,
- 22 and it remained one that he had given to me for safekeeping. It
- 23 was a jeep. It was a jeep. I took I took that car and kept it
- 24 at Kabassa Lodge because that was where we were staying during
- the NPRC days.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell Kabassa Lodge.
- THE WITNESS: K-A-B-A-S-S-A L-O-D-G-E.
- 28 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Please continue, Mr Kanu.
- 29 THE WITNESS: Luckily, I was not at home. I was with Tamba

- 1 Brima at Juba Hill. When I came Tamba said, "Papa has taken the
- 2 vehicle." Then I said, "Okay, I'll meet him and take it away
- 3 from him." It took about two or three days. The man who gave me
- 4 the vehicle for safekeeping came and asked me to return it. I
- 5 said it was with my friend, and I will take it from him and give
- 6 it to you. After a week, the man came again and I told him to
- 7 hold on.
- 8 MR METZGER:
- 9 Q. [Indiscernible] technical people need to look at it. Are
- 10 we okay now?
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [In Kigali] Yes.
- 12 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour. I think the offending
- 13 article has been taken from the building.
- 14 MR HERBST: I wonder though, could we the last thing I
- 15 got was two or three days a man came to ask for the car. I
- 16 wonder if we could have the testimony from there so I can --
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Just before I ask the witness to repeat,
- 18 what offending article are we talking about?
- 19 MR HERBST: It was a small battery, your Honour.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I see.
- 21 MR HERBST: But it was a very loud crack.
- 22 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I see. Very well, that's sorted out.
- 23 Mr Witness, Mr Kanu, you said the man came after a week.
- 24 He came again. And continue from there.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Witness when the man came back, I told him
- that the vehicle was with my friend and that I will take it away
- 27 from him. The man too was a civilian.
- 28 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat his answer
- 29 slowly.

- 1 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer for
- 2 the interpreter. Please repeat it slowly.
- THE WITNESS: I said the man who gave me the vehicle for
- 4 safekeeping, after a week or so, he became impatient and made a
- 5 complain about me to Johnny Paul. Then Johnny Paul called me and
- 6 asked me if I had the man's vehicle, and I said yes, sir. I said
- 7 but the vehicle was with Papa, but that I would take it away from
- 8 him and give it back to him. That evening then I drove to Papa's
- 9 house in Babadorie.
- 10 Q. Could you spell Babadorie, please.
- 11 A. B-A-B-A-D-O-R-I-E. When I went at Papa's house in
- 12 Babadorie, luckily Papa was in his bedroom. I met TF1-334,
- 13 Alimamy Bobson Sesay at the gate. Then I told him that I had
- 14 come to see Papa. Your Honour, I want you to excuse me to tell
- 15 the world what that man told me.
- 16 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, you continue.
- 17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he just repeat?
- THE WITNESS: He insulted my mother. He insulted my mother
- 19 in a very bad way.
- 20 MR METZGER:
- 21 Q. Mr Kanu, I think you told the Court that he abused your
- 22 mother in a very bad way, and for the record certainly in Krio,
- 23 you repeated those words that were used; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes, sir. That is what he said, he was having a gun. Then
- I said, "Eh, Bobby, are you insulting my mother?" I was mute:
- Then he started again, "You're mother's a cunt. You wouldn't
- 27 take this vehicle from here." Luckily, sir, a boy was with him
- 28 called Issa came down and said, "Eh, Bobson, are you the one
- 29 insulting *Brah's mother?" He said, "Bobby, --

- 1 Q. Can you slow down, Mr Kanu. I can hear both languages, and
- 2 it's very difficult for the interpreter. I know you are a bit
- 3 under pressure at the moment and you feel upset, but take your
- 4 time and give your evidence. Pause to allow the interpreter. If
- 5 you start again from where --
- 6 MR METZGER: Your Honour, may he start again from where he
- 7 was talking about Issa?
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, I think that would be an appropriate
- 9 pl ace.
- 10 MR METZGER:
- 11 Q. Mr Kanu, start from where you were explaining what Issa
- 12 said to you after this incident you have just described?
- 13 A. Luckily, sir, Issa came down. I think he heard the noise.
- 14 He met Bobby insulting my mother.
- 15 MR METZGER:
- 16 Q. [Indiscernible] who is this Bobby you are referring to?
- 17 A. This TF1-334, Alimamy Bobson Sesay, he is the Bobby.
- 18 Q. Please continue, Mr Kanu.
- 19 A. Then Issa said, "Bobby, are you the one insulting Brah's
- 20 mother?" Then I asked Issa about Papa. He said Brah was
- 21 sleeping. I said, "Okay, I'm going." Then I went away. Luckily
- 22 because even in Sierra Leone when somebody insults your mother,
- 23 you'll be annoyed. Let the world know the truth today.
- 24 MR HERBST: I'm sorry, your Honour, but because the two men
- 25 were speaking at the same time, witness and the interpreter, I
- 26 could not hear the translation.
- 27 MR METZGER:
- 28 Q. Mr Kanu, can you take it slowly. Start again sentence by
- 29 sentence. Explain what you were saying about Sierra Leone and

- 1 abusing one's mother?
- 2 A. Yes, sir. The man came to this Court and said he would
- 3 like the world to know the truth. I too would like the world to
- 4 know the truth. Then I said, "Issa, I am going." Then I left
- 5 him and made complaints to Johnny Paul. I said, "Pa, the vehicle
- 6 you asked me to go and take, I went there and I did not meet
- 7 Papa, but I met Papa's boy." I said, "That man has insulted my
- 8 mother today." On that day Johnny Paul said he would call Papa.
- 9 Then I said, "I will go back there to get the vehicle." That was
- 10 the following morning. When I went there, I did not meet my
- 11 brother. They said he had gone to Cockerill to get his salary.
- 12 Because that is where they were paying West Side. I met his --
- 13 Q. I think the interpreter may like you to repeat what you
- 14 understood Mr Bangura had gone to do at Cockerill. Start from
- there, please, slowly.
- 16 A. I said during that piece he was in care of he was in charge
- 17 of Cockerill West Side. He used to take salary.
- THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, this answer is not very
- 19 clear from the witness.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Why is that, Mr Interpreter?
- 21 MR METZGER: I'll try it again. I'll try and take it
- 22 slowly.
- 23 Q. Mr Kanu, you say that Mr sorry. You say that Mr Bangura
- was in charge of what? Just give us that answer for the moment.
- 25 A. He was in charge of West Side.
- 26 Q. Who was it that appointed him to be in charge of West Side?
- 27 A. The government knew. It was even Keru, because it was Keru
- who was CDS. [Overlapping microphones]
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell Keru.

- 1 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I am sorry to interrupt. The
- witness jumped on the interpreter, and I did not hear the answer.
- 3 And I apologise, but they were both speaking at the same time.
- 4 MR METZGER: Your Honour, can I try and prevent anybody
- 5 being jumped on?
- 6 Q. Mr Kanu, you say that Mr Bangura was appointed by the
- 7 government, and then you mentioned a name. First of all, can you
- 8 tell us that name and spell it and then stop?
- 9 A. I said the government. It was the CDS the Sierra Leonean
- 10 Army Brigadier Keru. He put him in charge of the West Side to
- 11 be paying the boys at the West Side.
- 12 Q. Can you spell the name Keru for us, please?
- 13 A. Well, I spell it as K-E-R-U.
- 14 Q. Just in terms of note, your Honour, there is a more common
- spelling for the name Keru, but I don't propose to give evidence.
- 16 If you ask, I'm happy to give it.
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I have seen it spelled differently, but
- 18 unless the identity of this Keru becomes an issue, then the
- 19 record will speak for itself in the way that the witness has
- 20 spelled the name.
- 21 MR METZGER:
- 22 Q. You told us that Brigadier Keru was the CDS, and he had
- 23 placed Mr Bangura in charge of payment for the West Side; is that
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.
- 26 Q. You also mentioned Mr Bangura was also in charge of
- 27 something else in relation to the West Side so payment of the
- West Side and what else?
- 29 A. He used to come for ration. And in the military when we

- 1 talk about ration, we are talking about logistics; things like
- 2 rice and the salary to pay them.
- 3 Q. Thank you. So to continue with where we were, you had told
- 4 this Court you understood that Mr Bangura had gone to Cockerill
- 5 in order to carry out those duties; that is correct?
- 6 A. Yes, sir. So I drove to the place but did not meet him
- 7 there. Luckily for me, I met one of his boys Foday Bah. I asked
- 8 him for Papa.
- 9 Q. Keep [microphone not activated]?
- 10 A. Then Foday Bah said, "Papa is not here. He's gone to
- 11 Cockerill."
- 12 JUSTICE DOHERTY: The name was Foday Bah; is that correct,
- 13 Mr Kanu?
- THE WITNESS: Foday Bah, F-O-D-A-H B-A-H. Foday Bah.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, please continue.
- 16 THE WITNESS: When we went to Johnny Paul, luckily in the
- evening some minutes to 5, then Papa came.
- THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat his answer
- 19 more slowly.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I saw Bobby.
- 22 MR HERBST: I'm sorry to interrupt, but I can't really
- 23 understand the testimony the translation because two men are
- 24 speaking at the same time.
- 25 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Does this mean, Mr Herbst, you're hearing
- 26 both the interpreter and the witness? Because I hear the witness
- in the background, but the interpreter's voice is coming across
- 28 very clearly. So are you hearing something else? It may require
- 29 recti fi cati on.

- 1 MR HERBST: Your Honour, because the witness is right here
- 2 at the same table. If the witness is not speaking, then I only
- 3 hear the interpreter. But what's happening is that the witness
- 4 is not pausing sufficiently, and the interpreter starts to
- 5 interpret and then both men are speaking at the same time.
- 6 That's the problem. I understand the problem, but --
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, as you know, everything you say
- 8 is interpreted. The interpreter needs time to speak, and the
- 9 transcribers need time to write down what is said. So it's
- 10 important that we fully understand what you're saying, and
- 11 therefore it is important that you stop at the end of each
- 12 sentence. Otherwise, we will lose some of what you're saying. I
- 13 know you're anxious to tell us the story, but you must try and
- 14 pause. Did you understand me?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.
- 16 MR HERBST: What I heard was at 10 of 5 in the afternoon,
- 17 and then I didn't hear anything more or understand anything more.
- 18 He said happened something at 10 of 5.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, I think you should pick up your
- 20 evidence where you said so you went to Johnny Paul, and then you
- 21 explained about the time and who you saw. Repeat that answer.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said I went to Johnny
- 23 Paul to make a complaint.
- 24 MR METZGER:
- 25 Q. And then what happened?
- 26 A. Then I went to Papa's house in Babadorie, but I did not
- 27 meet him there. But Foday Bah, who is deceased now, I met him at
- the house and asked him. Then we went. I think when Papa came,
- 29 they went to meet at Juba Hill together with 334, Alimamy Bobson

- 1 Sesay. They started shooting at me and I hid away. I was in the
- 2 bush. I was behind Momoh's house at Juba Hill. I saw Bobby with
- 3 the RPG, and he was saying that they will kill me today. I ran
- 4 up to UNAMSIL who were at Kabassa Lodge. That's where I hid.
- 5 Johnny Paul too was at Juba Hill. He sent for Papa and others to
- 6 be arrested. He said all of us should be arrested. Luckily,
- 7 they arrested them first. Then they took them to Pademba Road.
- 8 When I came to him, he said I too should go to Pademba Road.
- 9 Then I asked him, "Pa, should I go to Pademba Road? They took my
- 10 car." Luckily, one man who was with him, Pa Nicol, said "Let's
- 11 take this man to Cockerill." He and Mandereh.
- 12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat this last name
- 13 slowly.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Baba Kandeh.
- MR METZGER: Can you spell those names for us?
- 16 A. Pa Nicol is Pa we called him Pa Nicol. He was a Krio Pa
- 17 with Johnny Paul. P-A, Pa, N-I-C-O-L. Pa Nicol. Mandereh,
- 18 M-A-N-D-E-R-E-H, Mandereh. That's how we called him.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Kanu. I note the time. I
- 20 think it is time for the Kigali break. So we will adjourn for 45
- 21 minutes and resume Court --
- 22 MR METZGER: Will your Honour take the last name first.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Certainly. That was Pa yes, certainly
- 24 I'll take that name.
- 25 MR METZGER: Baba Kandeh.
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, I will take the spelling of that for
- 27 the record.
- THE WITNESS: B-A-B-A, Baba, K-A-N-D-E-H. Baba Kandeh.
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Kanu. I heard that

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clearly. We will now take the break, and we will resume Court at
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     11.50 Freetown time, which I think is 1.50 Kigali time.
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           Mr Kanu, you are now under oath, and you should not discuss
     your evidence with anyone else. Did you understand?
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           THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Please adjourn Court to 11.50
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     Freetown time.
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                       [The Court adjourned at 11.05 a.m.]
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                      [The Court resumed at 11.39 a.m.]
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Good morning. Can Kigali hear us
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     cl earl y?
           MR HERBST: Yes, your Honour, good afternoon.
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           MR METZGER: Good afternoon, your Honour.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Metzger and Mr Herbst.
     Perhaps before I ask you to continue, I did stand down that
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     matter of the expedited filing order to allow both counsel to
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     look at the order and to ask Mr Herbst - really the ball is in
     your Court as to how much time you will require. I had allowed
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     you five days. I'm obviously very concerned that this is going
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     to cause a delay, so can you give me an indication of how much
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     time you will require to file a response?
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                       Your Honour, I've just had some of the previous
           MR HERBST:
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     briefs and decisions printed out for me and I've had a chance
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     to - after gulping down a quick lunch - to take a look at some of
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            I haven't made my way through it, but it's apparent to me
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at what was filed. But apparently some of the references that

were made with respect to some of the defence filings that were

made after your Honour's decision. I will try to get a response

- to your Honour today is Tuesday by Thursday, if not earlier.

 And although I do note, I guess, that perhaps I should --
- 3 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Maybe that will be wise. I give the
- 4 following indication. If you require more time to look at the
- 5 documentation and there is a bit of a history of documentation
- 6 leading up to this particular motion then I will revisit my
- 7 inquiry later in the day when you've had a chance to look at it.
- 8 Alternatively, I will provisionally set it for Friday afternoon
- 9 and a reply by I'll reword it. Provisionally set it for
- 10 Thursday afternoon and reply by Friday noon Freetown time, unless
- 11 you raise the issue again either today or first thing tomorrow
- 12 morning after you've had an opportunity to look at all the
- 13 documents.
- 14 MR HERBST: That sounds fine, your Honour. Could you just
- 15 repeat the time on Thursday that you had provisionally set for
- 16 us?
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: 4:00 Freetown time.
- 18 MR HERBST: And would it be possible to reply orally on or
- 19 before that time as opposed to in paper, since we're all here
- 20 assembled? That might make it a little easier.
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: My initial reaction is that that should
- 22 not cause a problem, as we have proper records here and official
- 23 transcribers, and we could extract such a response from the
- 24 transcriber's record and I could put it in as an annexure to a
- written decision, and likewise a reply could be catered for in
- 26 that way. I would observe the time limits unless Mr Metzger
- indicated to me that he was going to waive any time limits.
- 28 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I thank the Court for its courtesy
- 29 in that.

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           MR METZGER: Your Honour, I'm content with whatever your
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     Honour finds expedient. But as things stand at present, I am due
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     to leave Kigali tomorrow night for Thursday morning.
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     more hopeful than practical, but obviously I am now in the
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     situation that Mr Serry-Kamal was in when he had to make his
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     arrangements, and I'm very concerned on the fiscal front if I
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     should have to go much beyond Wednesday. That may affect - if I
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     were travelling on the Wednesday night/Thursday morning, I would
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     be arriving in Freetown pretty close to the time when your Honour
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     wishes to deal with this.
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           MR HERBST:
     logistics and the travel issue, but I think that may be best
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     taken up in chambers.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well. What I'll say is this:
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     delay cannot be attributed to either counsel, and therefore
     either counsel must not be prejudiced by the delay in the service
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     of the document. We are all anxious to get the evidence
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     completed, and this has to be dealt with before that evidence can
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     be considered completed. So I will retain the Thursday
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     expectation, let me call it, for an oral argument from Mr Herbst,
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     and dependent upon the practical situation on Thursday with
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     regard to you, Mr Metzger, I will then allow you the time, plus
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     the travel or whatever else, and have a reply thereafter.
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     obviously very concerned about this, because I also have to do a
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     decision and this is really is going to be a difficult matter to
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     deal with as far as time is concerned.
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           So I'm going to leave it at Thursday for Mr Herbst's oral
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     response and see how things go with you, Mr Metzger.
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MR METZGER: I appreciate your Honour's considerations and

- 1 I thank you.
- 2 JUSTICE DOHERTY: The other practical application was from
- 3 Chief Taku this morning, and again I invited counsel to check
- 4 with the transcribers to ensure that the record is available. Is
- 5 there any other order or direction required from the Bench, Chief
- 6 Taku, in relation to that application of yours?
- 7 CHIEF TAKU: Your Honour, I met the court reporter, and
- 8 they said they will look into the system and try to correct the
- 9 transcript, perhaps by the end of the day.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Fine. I have notes, of course, of all of
- 11 what you said and what the witness said, but not everything I
- 12 said. I will certainly make those notes available to the
- 13 transcribers if it should assist them, with the obvious caveat
- 14 that my notes are not an official record; they're my notes. But
- they will be available if required.
- 16 CHI EF TAKU: Thank you, your Honour.
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: If there is no other if the
- administrative matters are dealt with this morning, we will now
- 19 proceed on with the evidence of Mr Kanu.
- 20 Mr Kanu, I would again remind you that you're under oath.
- 21 You're obliged to tell the truth by that oath, and I will ask
- your counsel to continue with his questions.
- 23 Mr Metzger, please proceed.
- 24 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour.
- 25 Q. Mr Kanu, may I also take the opportunity of reminding you
- to speak slowly, remembering that what you're saying is being
- 27 translated into English and what is said in English is translated
- 28 into Krio for you; yes?
- 29 A. Okay, sir.

- 1 Q. Just before we broke up for the short adjournment, you were
- telling us that you were being taken to Cockerill after the
- 3 incident at Juba Hill?
- 4 A. Yes, sir. After what happened at Juba Hill, I was taken to
- 5 Cockerill.
- 6 Q. Yes?
- 7 A. I was at Cockerill whilst my brother and the other men were
- 8 at Pademba Road.
- 9 Q. By your brother, you said Papa; is that correct?
- 10 A. Of course. Hassan Papa Bangura, sir.
- 11 Q. And you said there were others. Are you at this point able
- 12 to tell us who the others were that were in Pademba Road with
- 13 Papa?
- 14 A. Yes, sir, TFI-334, Alimamy Bobson Sesay, and one Eddie, who
- 15 is also called Maf, Pastor Eddie.
- 16 Q. Well, let's move on, please. What happened with you when
- 17 you were taken to Cockerill?
- 18 A. What happened, sir, after this firing at Cockerill sorry,
- 19 at Juba Hill, then the Pa said all of us should be arrested. But
- 20 like I said, Pa Nicol said I should be taken to Cockerill, and I
- 21 was taken to Cockerill. I was at Cockerill in detention with the
- 22 military police. I was there for about nine months when I was
- 23 released after they begged for me.
- 24 Q. After those nine months when you were released, what did
- you do?
- 26 A. After the nine months when I was released --
- 27 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is breaking up, I
- 28 can't hear him clearly.
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Kanu. There is a problem with

- 1 the line. Please repeat slowly what you've said.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said after the nine
- 3 months when I was released from Cockerill, I went back to Johnny
- 4 Paul at CCP.
- 5 MR METZGER:
- 6 Q. Where were you from the time you went back to the Johnny
- 7 Paul until you were arrested in 2003?
- 8 A. Where I was? I was at Juba Hill, sir.
- 9 Q. Did you continue to work in the Army, or did you do
- 10 something else?
- 11 A. From then on I was not working in the Army any longer. I
- 12 just used to go to Cockerill for my pension. Because when we
- 13 came, they told us that all of us should go to DDI.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, you've used two sets of
- 15 initials: CCP and DDI. Please explain what those two separate
- 16 sets of initials stand for.
- 17 THE WITNESS: CCP means Commission For The Consolidation Of
- 18 Peace.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. And the other one?
- 20 MR METZGER:
- 21 Q. DDR?
- 22 A. DDR is Disarmament And Demobilisation Program, I think.
- 23 Something like that.
- 24 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please continue, Mr Metzger.
- 25 MR METZGER:
- 26 Q. Does the R perhaps stand for --
- 27 MR HERBST: Just one minute, your Honour. It does occur to
- 28 me that part of my problem in hearing may be that I'm listening -
- 29 I'm not hearing the witness through the ambient air, which I

- 1 thought might be the problem. I'm actually getting the channel
- 2 rather than just the interpreter's channel. I don't know whether
- 3 that can be remedied, but I just want that out there.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Can it be checked with our technical
- 5 staff in Kigali first? Then if that cannot be rectified there,
- 6 please contact Mr Court Attendant here and we'll do something
- 7 this end if we can. Mr Metzger, please continue.
- 8 MR METZGER: I was going to suggest if there is no
- 9 objection, that the R in DDR is reintegration.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Certainly that's what it was called in
- 11 other trials. I'm not sure if it's a judicial matter or not, but
- 12 I think I can put it in record.
- 13 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour.
- 14 Q. Mr Kanu, just to answer that question in relation to DDR,
- on reflection can you remember what the R stands for?
- 16 A. D stands for disarmament, the other D is for
- 17 demobilisation, and the R for re-integration.
- 18 Q. Now, Mr Kanu, as we know you were arrested in 2003, and you
- 19 ended up in the Special Court.
- 20 A. Yes. I was arrested in 2003 and taken to Pademba Road,
- 21 sir.
- 22 Q. In due course you were tried before the Special Court?
- 23 A. Of course, sir.
- 24 MR METZGER: Sorry, your Honour, we were just having a tape
- 25 change.
- 26 Q. You were convicted and sent to serve your sentence at
- 27 Mpanga Prison in Rwanda; is that correct?
- 28 A. Yes, sir. I was convicted and given 50 years and sent to
- 29 Rwanda to serve my prison term.

- 1 Q. Can you remember when you arrived in Rwanda?
- 2 A. Yes, sir. We left Freetown on 31 October on Saturday, and
- 3 we arrived in Rwanda on the 1st of November 2009.
- 4 Q. And since then have you been incarcerated at Mpanga Prison?
- 5 A. Yes, sir. Up until now that is where I am.
- 6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the rest of the witness's
- 7 answer was not clear because the line was breaking up.
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat the last part of
- 9 your answer after you said "up to now that is where I am".
- 10 THE WITNESS: Your Honour, I said up until now I am staying
- 11 at Mpanga Prison. It was for this case that we were brought to
- 12 Kigali from prison.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Metzger, please continue.
- MR METZGER: We have heard evidence, Mr Kanu, that you were
- 15 allowed to make and receive telephone calls while in Mpanga
- 16 Prison. Do you agree with that?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Now, can you tell us, first of all, since you have been
- 19 imprisoned at Mpanga, whether you have ever called Mr Samuel
- 20 Kargbo?
- 21 A. Like I said, I only knew that man on this screen. I have
- 22 never known him.
- 23 Q. Just for the record, please, Mr Kanu, can you say whether
- or not you ever called on the telephone Mr Samuel Kargbo?
- 25 A. I never had his number.
- 26 Q. Can I ask you the same question about Mr Hassan Papa
- 27 Bangura. Have you ever telephoned him from Mpanga Prison?
- 28 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura, sir, like I told you, he's our
- 29 colleague and brother. His brother, Tamba Brimer, when he called

- 1 him they will talk. Then Tamba will tell him not to forget his
- 2 sister and children because they were girls. Because they were
- 3 staying close because they are staying close, I used to hear
- 4 Tamba tell him that.
- 5 MR HERBST: I'm sorry, your Honour, it was because they
- 6 were something I didn't hear the interpretation.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Is it because they were girls, is that
- 8 the bit you're referring to, Mr Herbst?
- 9 MR METZGER: So close, your Honour.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: And they were close. Continue, Mr Kanu.
- 11 Or Mr Metzger, if you have another question of the witness.
- 12 MR METZGER: Yes. You've just told us that you heard
- 13 Mr Brimer speaking to Mr Bangura sometimes. Do carry on. Have
- 14 you ever spoken to Mr Bangura on the telephone?
- 15 A. Like I said, when Tamba finish talking to him, he will call
- 16 me and Bazzy and say, "Your man is on the line, come and talk to
- 17 him."
- 18 Q. Have you ever called Mr Bangura yourself?
- 19 A. No, sir. Most times it is Tamba who called him telling him
- 20 to take care of his children at home.
- 21 Q. During the times that you have spoken to Mr Bangura, have
- 22 you ever mentioned a review of your case, sentence, or
- 23 conviction?
- 24 A. No, sir.
- 25 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line was breaking up. I
- 26 didn't hear the beginning of the answer.
- 27 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer for
- 28 the interpreter as the line was not clear. Please repeat.
- 29 THE WITNESS: I said when I usually spoke to Papa, I'll

- 1 tell him that you are close to the part now. That is I mean
- the president. I usually told him not to forget us.
- 3 MR HERBST: I'm sorry, your Honour. I think Mr Metzger was
- 4 speaking and the interpreter was speaking. I am sure that was
- 5 inadvertent, but I cannot hear the interpretation.
- 6 MR METZGER: I was trying to slow the witness down because
- 7 I can hear the interpretation from Kelson, as well as the Krio
- 8 interpretation, and sometimes Mr Kanu tries to speak after he
- 9 hears his interpretation while Kelson is interpreting. And
- 10 that's a little bit of a problem.
- 11 HER LADYSHIP: Mr Herbst, did you get the part Mr Herbst,
- 12 did you hear the answer when he was asked to tell him you are now
- 13 close to the Pa, that is the president, did you get this part of
- 14 the answer? Because I would like the witness to continue from
- 15 there.
- 16 MR HERBST: What I heard was I tell him, meaning Bangura,
- 17 that you were close to the president. That's the only thing I
- 18 heard, your Honour.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: That's on record. Please continue from
- 20 there, Mr Kanu.
- 21 MR METZGER: Please continue, Mr Kanu. Again, slowly and
- 22 stop after every sentence and wait for the translation into
- 23 English to finish.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I usually told him you are close to the Pa
- 25 now. Do not forget about us. Put our case across to the Pa. He
- told me yes, you should keep praying, he would say we would try
- 27 to put your case across to the Pa.
- 28 MR METZGER: When you asked him, in that way, to put your
- 29 case across to the Pa, what was it that you were trying to

- 1 achi eve.
- 2 A. Well, yes, sir, when I say to put the case across to the
- 3 Pa, because this Court say the president of the day has the power
- 4 to grant pardon. That is what Pa *Kaba said.
- 5 MR HERBST: I didn't hear who had said that. I know he
- 6 identified it, but I did not hear the person in the translation
- 7 as to who said that, your Honour, I apologise.
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, repeat your answer, please.
- 9 THE WITNESS: What answer, your Honour?
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Who was the person who said the president
- 11 has the power to grant pardon? Name the person again.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Well, according to the statute, it said the
- 13 president of the day has the power to grant pardon. The
- 14 presi dent.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Please continue, Mr Metzger.
- MR HERBST: Your Honour, I'm sorry, but I also realise now
- 17 that I'm hearing three channels. I'm hearing the witness, I'm
- hearing the female interpreter, and I'm hearing Kelson at the
- 19 same time. I don't know if everybody is hearing that but that's
- 20 part of my problem. And I didn't hear the name of the person who
- 21 even translation, the reclarification, I didn't hear who.
- 22 JUSTICE DOHERTY: He said it was the statute, the statute
- 23 was what he said. We're going to have to try and sort this out.
- 24 Mr Court Officer.
- THE COURT OFFICER [in Kigali]: I just want to listen to
- 26 his earphones to see what's going on with his channels. Just
- give me five minutes, please, ma'am.
- 28 [Technical difficulties]
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, Mr Metzger. I've heard the

- 1 exchange, and I hope the problem is resolved. Please continue
- 2 and Mr Herbst no doubt will tell us if there continues to be a
- 3 problem. Your next question, please.
- 4 MR METZGER:
- 5 Q. Mr Kanu, you mentioned a name when you were talking about
- 6 the president. What name was that?
- 7 A. The current president, his Excellency Ernest Bai Koroma.
- 8 Q. And who was the president at the time of the statute?
- 9 A. At that time it was the former president, Alhaji Tejan
- 10 Kabbah.
- 11 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. I hope that clarifies the issue. I'm
- 12 intending to move on, your Honour.
- 13 JUSTI CE DOHERTY: Yes, please do so.
- 14 BY MR METZGER:
- 15 Q. It has been alleged, Mr Kanu, that you have spoken to
- 16 people with a view to getting witnesses who testified at your
- 17 trial at the AFRC to come and change their testimony. Have you
- 18 ever done so?
- 19 A. To no one, sir, no one. I never spoke to anybody.
- 20 Q. It has also been particularly suggested that a telephone
- 21 was passed to you some time in late November and that you spoke
- 22 to Alimamy Bobson Sesay and asked him to help you. Is that true?
- 23 A. That's a great lie, sir. Bobson Sesay since Pandemba Road.
- 24 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is breaking up, I
- 25 can't hear him clearly.
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Kanu. You'll have to repeat
- 27 your answer because the line is unclear. Pick up where you said
- 28 "Bobson Sesay since Pandemba Road".
- 29 THE WITNESS: I said mommy, since the time we were at

- 1 Pandemba Road, Bobson Sesay and I were not talking to each other.
- 2 It was only my brother and I who made peace because it was Kalla
- 3 and Beyor who prevailed on us.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please spell the two names, Kalla and
- 5 Beyor that you mentioned. Mr Interpreter, I'm not hearing
- 6 anything from you so are we connected or not.
- 7 THE INTERPRETER: I'm not hearing anything from the
- 8 witness, your Honour.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I see. Mr Court Officer, please check
- 10 what is happening with our line.
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: Very well, your Honour. We lost the
- 12 link to Kigali and the technicians are trying to redial.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: We'll just have to wait.
- 14 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can the interpreter use this
- 15 time for a quick bathroom break?
- 16 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Certainly, Mr Interpreter. Please let me
- 17 know when you get back.
- 18 [Technical difficulties]*
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: The last matter I note was my request for
- 20 a spelling of the two names mentioned by the witness, Kalla and
- 21 Beyor. Let him spell them.
- 22 Mr witness.
- 23 MR METZGER: Your Honour, before we do that, can I just
- 24 check where before that, what the evidence was before that?
- $\,$ Because we didn't hear that request, but we know that he had
- 26 given an answer. What the witness's answer was that you
- 27 recorded?
- 28 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I have made this is my note. That is a
- 29 great lie. Bobson Sesay, since Pademba Road, Bobson Sesay and I

- 1 were not talking to each other. Only my brother and I made peace
- 2 because it was Kalla and Beyor, or another name, who prevailed on
- 3 us. That is what I have recorded in my notes.
- 4 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour. I'll take it from
- 5 there.
- 6 Q. Mr Kanu, can you spell the names Kalla and Beyor slowly for
- 7 us, please?
- 8 A. Yes, sir. Kalla is spelled K-A-L-L-A. K-A-L-L-A, Kalla.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. And the other name?
- 10 A. Beyor is B-E-Y-O-R.
- 11 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Kanu. Mr Metzger, proceed.
- MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour.
- 13 Q. So, Mr Kanu, you say that these two people prevailed on you
- 14 and your brother to make peace. Did you make peace?
- 15 HER LADYSHIP: Mr Metzger, I would like to be clear about
- which brother we're talking about.
- 17 MR METZGER: I'm sorry. Your Honour maybe you didn't hear
- 18 the answer before. Can you start by saying which brother was it
- 19 they helped you to make peace with?
- 20 THE WITNESS: My brother that I'm talking about is Hassan
- 21 Papa Bangura with whom I had some problems.
- 22 MR METZGER:
- 23 Q. And what is the problem, or what were the problems that you
- 24 had with Papa Bangura that you needed to make peace about?
- 25 A. Well, it was during that firing when we were taken to
- 26 Pandemba Road.
- 27 Q. Did you make peace?
- 28 A. Yes. When I was taken there, like I said, Beyor and Kalla
- 29 called us, and they asked us to put everything behind us and to

- 1 make peace. So I usually went to his cell, and he would also
- 2 come to my cell.
- 3 Q. What about Mr Bobson Sesay, what was the situation with
- 4 him?
- 5 A. Mr Bobson Sesay, since I went to Pandemba Road, we never
- 6 spoke. It was at Pandemba Road that they were recruiting them to
- 7 testify against us at the Special Court. That's where they took
- 8 him, Bobson Sesay, Albama, and another man who is deceased now,
- 9 we called him Ranger, he's called Fattomah.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Does your Honour want the spelling for
- 11 Albama and Fattomah? I think Albama we might have already had,
- 12 but just in case it's different.
- MR HERBST: Your Honour, before we get to the spelling,
- 14 again because the two men were speaking at the same time, I heard
- but with 334 we never spoke, and then there was another sentence,
- and then they took him and Albama.
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: My note again, it's my note, that is
- 18 where at Pademba Road they were recruiting them to testify
- 19 against us. They took Albama and Ranger. And then the witness
- 20 gave Ranger's proper name, Fattomah and Mr Metzger is arranging
- 21 to have that spelled.
- 22 BY MR METZGER:
- 23 Q. Can you spell for us Albama?
- 24 A. Albama is spelled A-L-B-A-M-A, Albama.
- 25 Q. And can you spell Fattomah for us?
- 26 A. Fattomah is spelled F-A-T-T-O-M-A-H.
- 27 MR METZGER: Does your Honour want Ranger spelled?
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: I think that's a fairly common English
- 29 term, so proceed, Mr Metzger.

- 1 MR METZGER:
- 2 Q. Mr Kanu, you can be asked about that in due course. I want
- 3 to concentrate on your relationship, if any, from that time with
- 4 Mr Alimamy Bobson Sesay. You say you have never spoken to him
- 5 since that time. Can you tell us why that is?
- 6 A. Yes, sir. Alimamy Bobson Sesay, he incited my brother to
- 7 fight against me --
- 8 MR HERBST: Sorry to interrupt. Two men were speaking and
- 9 I can't hear. I apologise.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst, the answer was, "Yes, he
- incited my brother to fight against me."
- 12 Continue, Mr Kanu.
- 13 THE WITNESS: And secondly, when he insulted my mother,
- 14 since then I avoided him. Even at Pademba Road I did not go
- 15 close to him.
- 16 MR METZGER:
- 17 Q. Mr Kanu, you explained earlier in your evidence about
- 18 Sierra Leone culture and the abuse that you suffered in relation
- 19 to your mother at this man's hands. What does that mean to you?
- 20 How did you feel about that incident?
- 21 A. Well, the Sierra Leone people [indiscernible] excuse me.
- 22 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat this answer slowly?
- 23 I can't hear him clearly.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, there's a problem with the line.
- 25 Please repeat your answer for the interpreter.
- 26 MR METZGER:
- 27 Q. Can you go very, very slowly, please. I know you're
- affected, Mr Kanu, but as slow as possible.
- 29 A. Yes, your Honour. I said in Sierra Leonean culture when

- 1 somebody says your mother's vagina in Krio "your mammy ^
- 2 bombo, your mammy toto, your mammy pima," it means a lot when a
- 3 subordinate uses verbal invectives against your mother --
- 4 THE INTERPRETER: I did not hear the last word he used.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I was affected. It worried me. So I avoided
- 6 him. Even when we were at Pademba Road, I had nothing to do with
- 7 him. Except my brother, Hassan Papa Bangura, Colleh, Eddie, whom
- 8 we call Maf now he's passed to Eddie they were the ones I
- 9 talked to.
- 10 MR METZGER:
- 11 Q. So as far as Mr Alimamy Bobson Sesay was concerned, was he
- 12 someone that you trusted?
- 13 A. Pa, I do not trust that man. He's the man since that
- 14 time that I was arrested by the Special Court, all of them came
- 15 and told lies. They would take him at 7 o'clock in the morning
- 16 and they would bring them at 7 o'clock in the evening. At that
- 17 time they would have been locked up, all three of them. Since
- 18 then I never trusted him, sir.
- 19 Q. If someone came to you and said Alimamy Bobson Sesay was
- 20 prepared to change his testimony and support you, what would you
- 21 say?
- 22 A. Say that again, sir.
- 23 Q. If somebody came and said that Alimamy Bobson Sesay was
- 24 prepared to change his testimony and give evidence for you in
- 25 this Court, in this court, in the Special Court, how would you
- 26 take that?
- 27 A. That man had a grudge against me. He wouldn't do it. He
- 28 and I never -- I believe that this Court has rules and
- 29 regulations according to the statute. When they talk about

- 1 pardon, from the president of the day, they talk about good
- 2 behaviour, comportment --
- THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, I did not get the last bit
- 4 after comportment.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Early release. That man and I never talked
- 6 about him coming to tell lies. Because he's a man who has a
- 7 grudge against me, sir.
- 8 MR METZGER:
- 9 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. Now, you brought some documents to
- 10 Court. We have the first one which we have marked, your Honour,
- 11 1A, B, and C. Can you take them?
- 12 JUSTICE DOHERTY: For purposes of record, I note that the
- witness is holding what appears to be an A4 sheet of paper.
- 14 THE COURT OFFICER: [In Kigali] Can you give the judge
- 15 Exhibit 1A, B, and C.
- MR METZGER: Your Honour, there will be five exhibits I
- 17 will be referring to.
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'm looking for my Exhibit P1. Exhibit
- 19 1, P1 is a confidential plea agreement. Where does that fit in
- with this?
- 21 MR METZGER: No, this would be an exhibit for Kanu, so
- 22 Defence for Kanu 1. There are five documents which are divided
- 23 into A, B, and C. In the case of 1A and B, in 2A and B, in 3 --
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: So they're not exhibits. In other words,
- 25 they're documents going to be put to the witness that may become
- exhi bi ts.
- 27 MR METZGER: Indeed, your Honour. But I have made copies
- 28 available through the good officers of the Court manager here for
- 29 all parties, at least that was my understanding.

- 1 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, I will ensure that counsel for
- 2 defence of Bangura and Kargbo are supplied with copies. And at
- 3 this point, they cannot be referred to as exhibits. Let me
- 4 ensure that copies are made available.
- 5 Mr Court Officer, can you yes, I have those three pages
- 6 before me now.
- 7 Please proceed, Mr Metzger. And I note that other counsel
- 8 have them also. And can I assume that Mr Herbst has a copy?
- 9 MR HERBST: I do, indeed, your Honour. Thank you.
- 10 MR METZGER: In fact, Mr Herbst I believe has all five
- 11 documents.
- 12 JUSTICE DOHERTY: That's fine. We'll come to the others in
- 13 due course.
- 14 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour.
- 15 Q. First of all, this document before you, Mr Kanu, do you
- 16 have the original in your possession?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Can you tell us what the document is?
- 19 A. This document, sir --
- 20 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is not clear. I
- 21 can't hear him clearly.
- 22 JUSTI CE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Kanu.
- 23 MR METZGER: Can you say it again slowly.
- 24 JUSTI CE DOHERTY: Yes. Thank you.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I said this document, sir --
- THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, it's still not clear to me.
- 27 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Again, Mr Kanu Mr Kanu, you'll have to
- 28 repeat it, as Mr Metzger said, slowly. And please come a little
- 29 closer to the microphone. For purposes of record, I note that

- 1 the witness is waving around more than one page, and the page has
- 2 been folded in the middle -- correction, pages, three pages he
- 3 has shown me.
- 4 Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer. You started off saying
- 5 "this document, sir". Continue.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said this document, it
- 7 was recently that they gave us because they said we are calling
- 8 press man in Sierra Leone. They said we should give -- submit
- 9 numbers to the authorities in Mpanga, and they will send it to
- 10 Sierra Leone. This is the document. Some [indiscernible] is not
- 11 complete. This is mine, sir.
- 12 Q. The numbers reflected in the columns there, can you tell us
- 13 what they actually are?
- 14 A. These are telephone numbers that each of us give, sir.
- 15 Q. Have you ever given Samuel Kargbo's number?
- 16 A. No, sir. Here's the document, sir. Look at the document.
- 17 SBK, the initial.
- 18 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is --
- 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know that man, sir. I only saw him
- 20 on the screen, sir.
- 21 MR METZGER: Thank you.
- 22 Q. I'm going to ask for you to look at another document.
- 23 MR METZGER: Your Honour, I'm content for that to be
- 24 exhibited as Defence for Kanu Exhibit 1.
- 25 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I want to hear responses, et cetera. At
- 26 this point, I'm going to mark it as *MFI-D1, marked for the
- 27 identification D1 because I'll wait to hear submissions. Now,
- 28 the witness referred to SBK initials just now, and I cannot see
- that in the paper in front of me.

- 1 MR METZGER: If your Honour has 1A and Looks on the extreme
- 2 right of the page as you hold the A4 in a horizontal fashion.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: I see. It's a handwritten SBK against
- 4 several numbers, by my calculation there is a total of ten SBKs.
- 5 Is that what you're referring to, Mr Metzger? Or more correctly,
- 6 is that what the witness is referring to?
- 7 Q. You were looking Mr Kanu, I think, at what we see at 3B and
- 8 telling us about this document. Can you continue, please?
- 9 A. Yes, sir. As I said, that this document is from Sierra
- 10 Leone when we were coming.
- 11 Q. There are numbers on this document, that's what I want you
- 12 to tell this Court about. Whose writing is on the document? Not
- 13 the type, the writing.
- 14 A. Well, the writing, if you see on the *Bo Bo Kanu, it's
- 15 like, I wrote it. A number like this. Mr Herbst was
- 16 [indiscernible] the prosecution witness. I just did not want to
- 17 talk, but your Honour, look at it. I can see it. I have never
- 18 known him.
- 19 MR HERBST: I'm sorry, your Honour, but I and I didn't
- 20 want to interrupt the witness when he was talking, but in the
- 21 early part of the answer in terms who have wrote it, I didn't
- 22 hear the translation because both were speaking at the same time.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: The witness was asked whose writing, and
- 24 he said I did, see under Bo Bo Kanu, see I wrote it, look at it.
- 25 And he was holding it up. And I want him to you were holding
- 26 it up for me to see, Mr Kanu. Please do that again and point out
- 27 what you were trying to show me. The witness has held up the two
- 28 pages.
- 29 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour, I said the writing. On my

- 1 side. I wrote it. I said Mr Herbst witness Samuel Kargbo, who
- 2 he said I knew. I want to tell him that I have never known him.
- 3 MR METZGER:
- 4 Q. You said something which the interpreter didn't catch,
- 5 Mr Kanu. You said you did not know Mr Kargbo and you said
- 6 something else. Can you repeat that for the Court record?
- 7 A. I said, Mama Mr Herbst, the prosecutor, this prosecutor's
- 8 witness against me, that I am calling him. I want to give him
- 9 this paper for him to see to prove that Samuel Kargbo even when
- 10 I joined the Army, even in the jungle I never knew him. I only
- 11 saw him on the screen here that this is the Samuel Kargbo. So,
- 12 Mama, this is my paper here. That's why I give it to Mr Metzger.
- 13 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Metzger, I want to put for
- 15 purposes of record, I note that the witness has identified by
- 16 pointing to the upper half of the paper. He also was
- 17 gesticulating and waving the paper while giving his answer.
- 18 Mr Metzger, please proceed.
- 19 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour. Now I would like for
- 20 us to look at the 4 copied for all parties as 4A, B, and C.
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Before you do that, I will mark Kanu 2A
- 22 as *MFI-D2 and 3 as *MFI-D3. Each of those MFIs has two pages.
- 23 MR METZGER: Your Honour, yes. The original is one A4
- sheet with type on the front and back.
- 25 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Oh, I understand. In that case, I will
- amend the record to note that it's one page with writing both
- typed and handwritten on each side.
- 28 MR METZGER: Indeed, your Honour. Thank you.
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please proceed.

- 1 MR METZGER: I hope that all parties have 4A, B, and C, or
- 2 MFI-D4.
- 3 JUSTICE DOHERTY: No. I'm just getting it from Mr Court
- 4 Officer. I have that before me. There are three parts to it;
- 5 4A, 4B, and 4C. Please proceed.
- 6 MR METZGER: I'm obliged.
- 7 Q. Mr Kanu, you have that paper in front of you, can you tell
- 8 us what it is?
- 9 A. Yes, sir. This paper here --
- 10 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is not clear.
- 11 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Pause, Mr Kanu. The line has gone.
- 12 Start again from the beginning. And please speak slowly.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I said this paper that he gave to me, ma'am,
- 14 it's from Rwanda. You'll see it, ma'am. It has the dates, a
- 15 telephone number, it has a relationship column, it also has an
- 16 address column, and it has a date column. Then from there you
- 17 will you see my signature. You will see that here even Samuel
- 18 Kargbo, I'm giving it back to my lawyer so I show the prosecutor
- 19 that I've never known him. I only saw him here on the screen.
- 20 These are the numbers that were approved recently. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Can you confirm, Mr Kanu, that the document is entitled
- 22 "Application For Prisoners Authorised Call List"?
- 23 A. Of course, sir. This paper, sir, when you give the numbers
- 24 to the authorities, the Rwandan authorities here, Mr *Larry
- 25 *Sengabo, they will send it to Freetown at the Special Court.
- 26 When they approve it, they will send it to a Larry
- 27 [indiscernible] by email. After that, they would give it to us
- and would have permission to call.
- 29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he read the title that

- 1 he was just reading out.
- 2 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please read the title again.
- THE WITNESS: Say again, ma'am.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: The interpreter needs you to repeat the
- 5 title you have read, as it was not clear. Please read out the
- 6 title again.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. I said this is the when you
- 8 give the numbers from Rwanda here to the authorities, for
- 9 example, say Judge Doherty is my aunt, if I give the number in
- 10 Rwanda here, they will send it to the Special Court in Freetown.
- 11 They will call Judge Doherty and ask her if she knows *Santigie
- *Bo Bo Kanu and she'll say yes, she's my nephew. They will
- 13 approve that number and send it to us here. Then they will
- permit us to call. So these are the numbers, sir.
- 15 MR METZGER: Thank you. Your Honour, that would be *NFID
- 16 number 4 with those three pages.
- 17 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes.
- 18 MR METZGER:
- 19 Q. Mr Kanu, I'm going to ask you to be shown Prosecution
- 20 Exhibit P15 at the page for 30th of November 2010. Mr Kanu,
- 21 you've seen this page before? It's from the prison log dated
- 22 30th November 2010. And your name is second down from the top of
- the page under the name of prisoners.
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. There is what looks like relationship, it says brother.
- 26 A. Yes, sir.
- 27 Q. Then immediately after that there seems to be an arrow to
- the line below that entry?
- 29 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Then there is a telephone number.
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. And there is a signature next to that telephone number.
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Is that signature yours?
- 6 A. This signature here between god and man, I have held the
- 7 Bible, this is not mine.
- 8 Q. Can you explain the line there that we have looked at,
- 9 including the arrow, the telephone number, the signature, are you
- 10 able to help us with that?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- MR HERBST: Well, your Honour, I'm going to object to the
- 13 form of that question. I don't know what's being asked.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst, you were objecting to the form
- of the question. Please I didn't hear all of your objection
- 16 because there was another voice. Please restate it.
- 17 MR HERBST: Yes, your Honour. The question can be help us
- 18 with it, it doesn't really reveal what's being asked of the
- 19 witness. I don't understand what's being asked.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: First of all, Mr Metzger, can you give me
- 21 that page that you're referring to because Mr Court attendant was
- 22 giving me [overlapping speakers] pardon?
- MR METZGER: It's the 10th one in, 30th November 2010.
- 24 Much referred to during the cross-examination by Mr Herbst of
- 25 Mr Kamara.
- 26 HER LADYSHIP: Yes. I have it before me now. And I note
- 27 the brother and the arrow that you referred to. Now, there has
- 28 been an objection. When you said --
- 29 *End of Second 7*

- 1 MR METZGER: Mr Kanu, you've heard what the judge has had
- 2 to say. Is that what you're referring to?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. When you say SBK, they are
- 4 initials.
- 5 MR METZGER: What I propose to do, your Honour I'm sorry,
- 6 Mr Herbst.
- 7 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I wonder if it would be
- 8 appropriate at this time for me to request to examine very
- 9 briefly the original of the document with the witness.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I think you should be entitled to look at
- 11 the original.
- MR METZGER: The original will be the Court exhibit. The
- 13 copy is really for the ease of use and Mr Herbst is fully
- 14 entitled to make as much or as little use of it as he wishes.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Whilst Mr Herbst is looking at the
- original, Mr Kanu, I want you to hold up the pages that you have.
- 17 You've got three in front of you. And I want you to point to
- those initials so I can see you pointing to them.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Your Honour, look at them.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I can see Mr Kanu is pointing to --
- [0verlapping speakers]
- THE WITNESS: SBK, SBK, SBK, SBK.
- 23 JUSTICE DOHERTY: -- the handwritten SBKs.
- 24 THE WITNESS: These are the numbers.
- [0verl apping speakers]
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. I have seen that on page Kanu
- 27 1A. Am I correct in noting that there are no initials SBK on the
- 28 pages marked Kanu 1B and Kanu 1C?
- 29 THE WITNESS: It is only on the first side, 10 numbers.

- 1 Ten numbers with SBK.
- 2 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Kanu. For purposes of
- 3 record I will note that the document which I have marked as MFID1
- 4 has 10 initials SBK, what appears to be handwriting, entered on
- 5 the first page which is headed Kanu 1A. There are no initials on
- 6 the other two pages, but there are three pages are the MFI.
- 7 Please proceed. Are counsel in agreement with that record?
- 8 MR METZGER: Yes, your Honour.
- 9 MR HERBST: Yes, I'm in agreement with that. Your Honour,
- 10 the Court Officer is absent from the courtroom and therefore I'm
- 11 reluctant to approach the witness to take a quick look at the
- 12 ori gi nal.
- MR METZGER: May I make a suggestion, your Honour? I'm
- 14 intending to put all these documents in and to offer them as
- 15 exhibits. I don't want to take an awful lot of time. I
- 16 anticipate, if anything, it will be for the prosecution to
- 17 cross-examine on them because they prove something in its absence
- 18 rather than in its presence, in my respectful submission. It
- 19 will be easier simply to produce the documents, identify them,
- 20 exhibit them. The copies are already in the prosecution's
- 21 possession. The originals will be held by the court for
- 22 inspection by the prosecution should be so require, and we can
- 23 sort of move swiftly on. I'm concerned about the time that will
- 24 be consumed if we try to adduce the evidence in another manner.
- 25 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I'm concerned about the time, too,
- 26 which is why I had really requested of Mr Metzger to look at the
- 27 originals. But I --
- 28 [Overlapping speakers]
- 29 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Stop arguing among yourselves. Where is

- 1 the Court Officer? I need those documents that document to be
- 2 handed to counsel for the independent counsel. Can that be done?
- 3 Neither counsel should approach the witness.
- 4 THE COURT OFFICER: [In Kigali] I was actually out of the
- 5 Court answering a question for the registrar. That is why I was
- 6 out of the court.
- 7 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I didn't understand that now. So that
- 8 can be given.
- 9 MR METZGER: Your Honour, for the avoidance of doubt, could
- 10 Mr Herbst look at all the documents originals so that I could
- 11 continue? He has all the copies. He's never asked for the
- 12 originals of these. I have diaries that I don't intend to put as
- 13 exhibits, but Mr Kanu is prepared for him to examine. Your
- 14 Honour didn't rule on that matter, you may recall.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I did rule on it. I said that once it
- 16 would be examined, I would, if there was a requirement for a
- 17 ruling, I would make it.
- 18 Whilst Mr Herbst is examining the original document, I note
- 19 that there is no date on this marked MFI. Mr Kanu, what is the
- 20 date that this document was prepared?
- 21 MR METZGER: Mr Kanu would like to be excused very briefly
- 22 under the normal circumstances.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, he may be escorted out. He's not to
- 24 discuss his evidence when he's outside.
- [^] Format (off the record, Mr Kanu left the room).
- 26 MR METZGER: Mr Kanu is back. May I proceed?
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please do so, Mr Metzger.
- 28 MR METZGER:
- 29 Q. Before we go on to the next document, Mr Kanu, that first

- document that you've talked about, are you able to tell us when
- 2 it was that that document was given to you or came into your
- 3 possessi on?
- 4 A. Yes, sir. This one? It was recently.
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line is breaking up. I
- 6 can't hear him clearly.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, incidentally, Mr Kanu is holding
- 8 up the document. Repeat your answer slowly, Mr Kanu.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said it was in this past
- 10 November that we got this document.
- 11 MR METZGER:
- 12 Q. The last November that has gone past, November 2011?
- 13 A. Yes, sir, this past November, 2011.
- 14 Q. Can you take up the next document, please? Put that to one
- 15 si de.
- 16 MR METZGER: Your Honour, this will be marked 2A and 2B.
- 17 BY MR METZGER:
- 18 Q. Can you tell us, please, Mr Kanu, what this document is?
- 19 And if you like, you can look at the original.
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Tell the Court, please.
- 22 A. This document, when we were coming from Sierra Leone, it
- 23 was the Court that sent it to the other authorities in Rwanda.
- 24 These were the numbers that we were calling, sir. It was the
- 25 Special Court that gave these to the Rwandan authorities.
- 26 Q. There is handwriting on the document, numbers written, and
- 27 perhaps some names. Can you tell us about those, please?
- 28 A. Well, here I can see Kamara, Brima.
- 29 Q. Mr Kanu, I want to ask you about the handwritten items. I

- 1 think we can recognise this as a list from the Special Court.
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Who wrote on this document?
- 4 A. Well, when some of us came, sir, some of us were writing on
- 5 this because some of the numbers we had were not going through.
- 6 Q. But can you say who wrote on this document? Was it you or
- 7 any of the others, all of you, some of you?
- 8 A. Well, I can see Brima. I have the same documents.
- 9 Q. Can you please look at the original?
- 10 A. I have seen the original, sir.
- 11 Q. Having looked at the original, what can you tell us about
- 12 it?
- 13 A. Well, on the original you will see K-H-A-N-U. I wrote some
- 14 of the numbers, sir. ^ Audio
- MR HERBST: I'm sorry, I don't understand what the witness
- 16 is referring to, your Honour, and where on the document he's --
- 17 MR METZGER: I will do my best to assist. From looking at
- 18 the document Mr Kanu is holding up, it will assist all parties to
- 19 I ook at 3A and 3B.
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: This one is marked 2A and 2B.
- 21 MR METZGER: Yes. In fact if you look at 3B --
- 22 ARBITRATOR: I haven't got 3B yet, let me get it. And I'm
- 23 not sure that counsel for the defence have it either. Mr Court
- 24 Officer, have we got a 3B, please?
- 25 MR METZGER: Can defence have all the documents at the same
- 26 time? It will help.
- THE COURT OFFICER: [In Kigali] I think we have.
- 28 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I now have 3A and 3B before me, and so
- 29 have defence counsel here. Mr Kanu is holding a document up in

- 1 his hand. Which document are you holding in your hand, Mr Kanu?
- 2 MR METZGER: He's holding up actually 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B; they
- 3 are three A4 sheets of paper in a deteriorated condition.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I can see that. Indeed, as you say,
- 5 Mr Metzger, they are a bit torn and tatty looking.
- 6 Now, you were going to point something out to us, Mr Kanu.
- 7 Please do so. Answer to Mr Metzger's question.
- 8 MR METZGER: [Overlapping speakers]
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Please respond to the objection.
- 10 MR METZGER: I'm asking him to look at that, if he can tell
- 11 us anything about that, if he can help us as far as this is
- 12 concerned.
- MR HERBST: I have no problem with "can he tell us".
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very well. The problem is can be tell us
- 15 about it. He said it's -- I've got his answer.
- 16 MR METZGER: I don't think he'd answered that particular
- 17 questi on.
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Certainly he has not.
- 19 [Overlapping speakers].
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, that one is on record. Mr Kanu,
- 21 have you heard the question?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Say again, sir.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Repeat your question, Mr Metzger.
- 24 MR METZGER: Your Honour.
- 25 Q. Mr Kanu, can you tell us anything about that line to which
- 26 I have referred you? For the 30 November which bears your name,
- 27 the word "brother", the arrow, the telephone number starting +232
- 28 and ending 8898, which has a signature next to it. Can you tell
- 29 us anything about those entries in that book?

- 1 A. Yes, sir. First of all, sir, if you look under the name
- 2 column, I want Judge Doherty to look there.
- 3 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I am looking at it.
- 4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the line was not clear, I'm
- 5 not getting him clearly.
- 6 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Just a minute, just a minute.
- 7 MR HERBST: I cannot understand what's --
- 8 [Overlapping speakers]
- 9 MR METZGER: Let me do it, I'll try and keep him in check.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Metzger, have the witness repeat his
- 11 answer. He said he wanted Judge Doherty to look at that name,
- 12 and I'm looking at the name. Please pick up from there.
- 13 MR METZGER:
- 14 Q. Take it very slowly. You wanted the judge to look at that
- 15 name and I think a particular portion of that name. Can you
- 16 firstly repeat where you want the judge to look?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. I want Judge Doherty to Look on the name, you
- 18 will see ^ audio-- that's not my handwriting.
- 19 Q. Thank you. Now continue, again, please, keeping it slow.
- 20 A. Yes, sir. They put name calls, the third line, name
- 21 called. This is another example. This is not my handwriting,
- 22 sir.
- Q. Go on to the next column, please.
- 24 A. Then the next one you see "time". There is an arrow there,
- it's not time, there is an arrow there. When we came, sir, the
- officers usually called us. They make the calls for us and when
- they finish, we sign.
- 28 Q. I'm sorry, I was slightly distracted. You explained about
- 29 the arrow and the telephone number and you said when they finish,

- 1 you sign.
- 2 A. Yes, sir. I want Judge Doherty to look on the time. They
- 3 did not put any time there, they just put an arrow. You will see
- 4 the dubious act that is going on. To call a number, they put
- 5 there 232-3325-8898. I'm presenting all my diaries from Freetown
- 6 since 2003 when I went to the Special Court up to the time I came
- 7 to Rwanda. I have all of my diaries. This number here, it is
- 8 God who made human, I have never known this number. I said this
- 9 number, this number, 325-8898, I have never known this number,
- 10 never. Even the signature I want Judge Doherty as the
- 11 presiding judge to look at it well.
- 12 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'm looking at it very closely.
- 13 MR METZGER: Mr Kanu at this point wishes to tender all his
- 14 diaries and notes with all the numbers in them for perusal by
- 15 whomsoever wishes. They're far too voluminous to be made as
- 16 exhibits, but I leave that as a matter for your Honour. They are
- 17 open for inspection.
- 18 BY MR METZGER:
- 19 Q. Mr Kanu, these diaries and books that you are presenting to
- 20 the Court, will Mr Samuel Kargbo's number be found in them?
- 21 A. Please, sir, my diaries from Freetown, since when I was
- 22 arrested in 2003, September 17, up to present, I'll give Judge
- 23 Doherty my diaries, everything, for her to look at them if she
- 24 would find this number. I've never come across this number, sir.
- 25 Q. If she looks at the diaries, will she find Mr Kargbo's
- 26 number inside? Forget that number for the moment. Mr Kargbo's
- tel ephone number.
- 28 A. You mean my diaries, sir? I'll give Judge Doherty, she'll
- 29 never find Samuel Kargbo's number there. Look at them, look at

- 1 all of them. I've given them to you, sir. Because everyone
- 2 serves God.
- 3 Q. Can I ask you the same question about Mr Hassan Papa
- 4 Bangura, will we find his telephone numbers in his diaries or any
- 5 of those lists?
- 6 A. Of course, sir. That man, I have told you that he's my
- 7 brother, I have his number. Because one day I met a man and I
- 8 told him to give me Papa's number and I entered it in my diary.
- 9 If talking about Papa's number, I have it.
- 10 MR HERBST: Your Honour, when the interpreter is speaking
- and the witness is speaking, it's just impossible.
- 12 [Overlapping speakers]
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I've been watching the time, actually,
- 14 for the last 10 minutes. My intention was to adjourn at the half
- 15 hour in order to take the Freetown break because that would have
- 16 given us an hour and 40 minutes of evidence. I've let it go over
- 17 the time in order to complete this particular part of the answer.
- 18 So we have got two there are two issues that will have to be
- 19 addressed when we'll take a break now, but there are two issues
- 20 that will have to be address when we return. First is whether
- 21 these diaries, et cetera, that the witness has referred to are
- 22 actually being tendered are not, because I cannot be seen to be
- 23 looking at them if they are not being tendered. That's one
- 24 issue. And the other issue is your problem with the hearing and
- 25 clarity, Mr Herbst. So that is partly outside my control, given
- 26 that it's a technical issue.
- 27 I also have in mind that since Mr Kargbo's name is
- 28 mentioned and Mr Bangura's name is mentioned, their respective
- 29 counsels might want to have some comment on these diaries. So

- 1 we'll adjourn now for 45 minutes sorry, Mr Herbst, you were
- 2 going to say something before we adjourn.
- 3 MR HERBST: Yes, before we adjourn, the last answer is of
- 4 some importance and I could not hear any of it.
- 5 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I have it put on record. I think I heard
- 6 it. Mr Kanu, I want you to repeat the last answer when you were
- 7 asked if we will find Mr Hassan Papa Bangura's number in your
- 8 diaries and you started your answer by saying "of course, that
- 9 man is my brother". Continue your answer so Mr Herbst can hear
- 10 it clearly.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. I said Hassan Papa Bangura
- 12 is my brother.
- 13 [Microphone not activated]
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, you also said something about
- one day you met. Continue to give that part of your answer.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I said one day I told Tamba Brima to give me
- 17 Papa's number for me to enter it in my diary.
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst, did you hear the answer?
- 19 MR HERBST: I did, your Honour. If that was all of it that
- 20 he had given previously, I've got it now.
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: It was.
- 22 MR HERBST: I thank the Court.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: I didn't hear anything else.
- MR HERBST: I don't think it's a problem with the line,
- $\,$ your Honour, at this point. I just think that the witness is not
- 26 pausing to let the interpreter interpret, and so that's why I'm
- 27 unable to hear the interpreter.
- 28 JUSTICE DOHERTY: We'll adjourn for the Freetown break.
- 29 The time is creeping up, so we will resume at it's between 20

- 1 and a quarter to 2 on the Court clock. We will adjourn until
- 2 2.25 Freetown time.
- 3 MR HERBST: Your Honour, just before we adjourn, I
- 4 apologise to the Court, but I just want to make sure that at this
- 5 point now it's appropriate for me to examine the diaries, that
- 6 Mr Metzger will make them available to me.
- 7 JUSTICE DOHERTY: That is my understanding because I cannot
- 8 take the diaries in a vacuum. If they're being sought to be
- 9 tendered, I see no good legal reason why they shouldn't be
- 10 examined unless Mr Metzger points me to one.
- 11 MR METZGER: The only reason I can point to your Honour is
- 12 that they're here sitting, waiting, inviting Mr Herbst to spend
- 13 his time perusing them at his will.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very good. It appears that time is the
- 15 issue, not disclosure. I will adjourn until 2.25 Freetown time.
- 16 Please adjourn Court, Mr Court Officer.
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: The Court is adjourned, just now.
- 18 [The Court adjourned at 1.39 a.m.]
- 19 [The Court resumed at 2.37 p.m.]
- 20 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Apologies, counsel. Again this time it's
- 21 matters from The Hague have delayed me getting into Court.
- 22 Mr Metzger, you were taking evidence from your client and
- 23 you were leading evidence relating to Mr Kanu's diaries. Please
- 24 proceed on.
- 25 MR HERBST: Your Honour, could I just raise one very quick
- 26 preliminary matter to inform the Court.
- 27 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, Mr Herbst.
- 28 MR HERBST: Your Honour, over the last break I had a chance
- 29 to look quickly through the diaries and ascertain that it will be

- 1 necessary for me to use them in the cross-examination. So what
- 2 I've asked the Court Officer to do and we're going to try to
- 3 cooperate on this is to make copies this afternoon so that we
- 4 have them. And I would like the Court's permission to withdraw
- 5 those diaries over the evening break. Once the copies are made -
- 6 so we preserve the integrity of the originals I'm going to ask
- 7 the Court's indulgence and permission to permit me to take
- 8 custody of the originals just overnight so that I can prepare my
- 9 cross-examination in the most efficient way possible. It will be
- 10 necessary for me to have both the originals and one copy so that
- 11 I can organise the cross-examination.
- So that's my request to the Court. The books will not be
- in my custody until they are copied so that the integrity isn't
- 14 questi oned.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I will ask Mr Metzger for his views on
- 16 this. My initial reaction and I'll hear what Mr Metzger says -
- 17 is they are not actually within the custody of the Court because
- 18 they haven't actually been tendered. I do know that Mr Kanu said
- 19 several times that he wanted me to look at them. But that's not
- 20 a formal tender to put them within the custody of the Court.
- 21 So Mr Metzger, you've heard Mr Herbst's application. A
- 22 fair bit of this onus will be on you now in your attitude to that
- 23 application.
- 24 MR HERBST: Your Honour, before Mr Metzger speaks, could I
- $\,$ just say that I did hear Mr Metzger say that he was tendering the
- 26 di ari es.
- 27 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I have noted he said his client wants to
- tender all the diaries, but they are too voluminous and they are
- 29 open for inspection. That's my note of what he said. But I'm

- 1 talking about them being taken away by you. Because I don't have
- 2 them as a Court exhibit, I can't I don't have the same control
- 3 over them. I have absolutely no doubt that you're not going to
- 4 be fiddling with them or extracting or adding, but let me hear
- 5 what Mr Metzger says.
- 6 I'm just going to get my reciprocal disclosure Rules in
- 7 front of me while you're speaking, Mr Metzger.
- 8 MR METZGER: Sure, your Honour. I'll wait for your Honour
- 9 to have those ready.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I have the Rules before me. From what
- 11 Mr Kanu has said, I would note that Mr Kanu regard these as
- 12 exculpatory material on his side, but disclosure of exculpatory
- 13 material is a matter under 68 that the onus is on the Prosecutor,
- 14 not the Defence. So, Mr Metzger, what have you to say?
- MR METZGER: I'm grateful indeed to your Honour. It seems
- 16 to me what Mr Kanu has said about this case throughout is that he
- 17 hasn't had any contact at all with Mr Kargbo, nor has he had
- 18 contact with Mr Bobson Sesay, and any contact that he has had
- 19 with Mr Bangura has been limited to social contact. That has
- 20 been disclosed to the Prosecution, as it were, ab initio, ie,
- 21 right from the first, and the reason for producing these diaries,
- 22 if one wants to put it on an exculpatory basis, is to support
- 23 what he says that these numbers are not in his diary.
- 24 Understanding the implications and they are many and varied
- 25 logistically of adducing all his diaries as evidence, it seemed
- to me that to produce all of them in order to prove a negative
- 27 was unnecessary, that is to say, to make them evidence in the
- 28 case.
- 29 But because of what Mr Kanu has claimed, the diaries have

- 1 been disclosed to Mr Herbst. He may, if he wishes, make them
- 2 exhibits. I am considering, as I say, amongst other things,
- 3 costs and logistical implications and to support the evidence
- 4 that Mr Kanu says he doesn't have those notes.
- 5 So from my point of view if Mr Herbst wishes to approach
- 6 the matter in this way, I don't particularly mind and don't take
- 7 strenuous objection. I do note, of course, that as they are
- 8 diaries, they do contain some personal entries and we shall just
- 9 have to, as it were, look at that side of things and I'm sure
- 10 that Mr Herbst will use the utmost discretion when it comes to
- 11 personal matters.
- MR HERBST: Your Honour, let me say and I appreciate the
- 13 fact that Mr Metzger is not essentially objecting. I know what
- 14 he's talking about from having looked at some of the entries.
- 15 And personal entries like things that are written by family,
- 16 those kinds of things I have no intention of adducing. So I
- 17 understand what he's saying. I've taken his concern to heart,
- and those are not going to be the subject of any examination.
- 19 MR METZGER: Thank you. And so the only thing that is left
- 20 for me to say is not being personally the owner of the diaries,
- 21 as to Mr Herbst taking the physical diaries themselves away,
- 22 whilst we may not, as it were, object to it, it must be a
- 23 personal thing for Mr Kanu. If they are introduced as exhibits
- or parts thereof as exhibits, then the matter falls, as it were,
- into your Honour's I use the word advisedly Iap or hands, in
- order for a decision to be made on that question.
- 27 As it stands at the moment, from a Defence point of view
- 28 representing Mr Kanu, I have no objection to the course of action
- 29 suggested by Mr Herbst, but I must stress that I do not and

- 1 cannot, unless permission is given, have my client's consent to
- 2 deal with it in that manner whilst he's in the witness box.
- 3 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Normally, of course, he's in the witness
- 4 box, he's under oath, and he cannot be approached. I would like
- 5 him to fully understand what is being asked. He has emphatically
- 6 put forward that I can read them, and what I think I will do is
- 7 this: I will tell Mr Kanu what Mr Herbst has asked. I will ask
- 8 him to consider it. And I think I will make one very, very
- 9 limited exception to allow you, Mr Metzger, to receive an
- 10 instruction from him on that very, very limited point. It's now
- on record that I've given you that permission.
- 12 Mr Kanu, have you heard all that has been said, both by
- 13 your own counsel, by the prosecuting counsel, and by myself
- 14 concerning your diaries?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.
- 16 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Did you understand that Mr Herbst has
- 17 asked, first of all, to look at them; and secondly, to take them
- 18 from the Court precincts in order to look at them more carefully
- 19 outside Court working hours. Did you understand that?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Your Honour.
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, Mr Interpreter.
- THE INTERPRETER: The line is breaking up, your Honour.
- 23 can't hear him clearly.
- 24 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, Mr Interpreter cannot hear you
- 25 clearly. Please repeat your answer to my question.
- 26 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. What I'm saying, ma'am, I
- 27 said I won't agree --
- 28 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'm not asking you for an answer now.
- 29 I'm asking you to consider it and speak to Mr Metzger on this one

- 1 limited point after the before we adjourn Court. So I'm going
 2 to leave it in your head. You will give instructions on this one
- 3 limited point to Mr Metzger when later. Do you hear me?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.
- 5 MR HERBST: Your Honour --
- 6 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst.
- 7 MR HERBST: I think I've heard what Mr Kanu said. But in
- 8 thinking about it also in the last two or three minutes, it
- 9 occurs to me that it might be preferable and more acceptable if,
- 10 after the documents are copied, I and if the Court Officer is
- 11 willing, to examine the originals in her presence so that I would
- 12 not so that she could assure that I have not altered anything
- in the diaries.
- One of the reasons I say that is because I notice there are
- 15 portions of the diary that some pages that are appear to be
- 16 torn out and so forth. So just so that everybody is assured that
- 17 my examination will not be long with them, I would suggest that
- 18 as a possible alternative that might resolve any --
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst, let's face it, the Court
- 20 officer is working very, very long hours under very considerable
- 21 pressure. She's running around trying to juggle two courts plus
- 22 the administration. I wouldn't impose it upon her unless she
- 23 agreed to do it. Therefore, I will --
- 24 MR HERBST: She has agreed. I'm sorry, your Honour, she
- $\,$ has agreed to do it and I wouldn't have asked without having
- looked over my shoulder and gotten that assent.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: If she's agreeable, it would be my
- 28 preference to have an independent Court official present when you
- 29 Looked at a document that is not an exhibit and has not been

- 1 formally tendered. So if she's willing to do it and I will not
- impose extra work on her, she's got enough to do but if she's
- 3 willing to do it, that would be the much preferable way to have
- 4 it done rather than have the documents taken away. So if she is
- 5 willing to do it, then so be it, it can be examined in her
- 6 presence. If Mr Metzger wishes to nominate a neutral individual
- 7 to be there present as well, he's at liberty to do so.
- 8 MR METZGER: Thank you, your Honour.
- 9 JUSTICE DOHERTY: If that's resolved, Madam Court Manager,
- 10 are you willing to help?
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [In Kigali] Yes, ma'am, I'm willing to
- 12 hel p.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you very much. And if there is
- someone else there, obviously that would be even better.
- We will now proceed. That can be done after our detainee
- 16 witnesses have finished for the day.
- 17 Mr Kanu, your evidence I again remind you of your oath.
- 18 Mr Metzger, please proceed.
- 19 MR METZGER:
- 20 Q. Mr Kanu, before we leave the diaries entirely, I'm going to
- 21 ask for you to look at at least one of the diaries which is still
- 22 in Court.
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. You have told us that Mr Samuel Kargbo's number isn't in
- 25 your --
- 26 A. Yes, sir.
- 27 Q. [Overlapping speakers] you have told us that the number on
- 28 30 November --
- 29 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. [Overlapping speakers] against your name isn't in your
- 2 diaries. I'm sorry if I said form the first time; I meant
- 3 diaries on both occasions.
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 MR HERBST: [Indiscernible] repeated then. I lost the
- 6 [i ndi scerni bl e].
- 7 MR METZGER:
- 8 Q. As a predicate, you have said that Mr Samuel Kargbo's
- 9 telephone phone is not in any of your diaries.
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Nor is it in any of the slips of paper or the pieces of
- 12 paper that are before the Court.
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. You have also said that is the same for the number that
- seems to be recorded against the arrow under your name on 30
- 16 November.
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Now, I have marked a page in your diary which on the
- 19 current diary we'll leave the sticker on so Mr Herbst can
- 20 identify it. Can you tell us if it's on the second or third page
- 21 of that diary, please?
- 22 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I'd just interject for a minute.
- 23 Because there are I think five diaries, if we could just for the
- record note which one we're talking about.
- 25 A. I can say it's on the first page, \sin
- 26 MR METZGER:
- 27 Q. For identification purposes, can you confirm that on the
- very inside of the diary there are some personal pictures no,
- 29 as you open the diary.

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. I know that my learned friend Mr Herbst can see. Can you
- 3 raise it up so the Judge can see, and the other people in Court?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes. For the purposes of record, I note
- 6 a photograph of a young lady a young girl dressed in blue on
- one side, and another picture of a young girl dressed a yellow
- 8 with white socks on the other page.
- 9 MR MFT7GFR:
- 10 Q. For the purpose of record, the one in blue, is that a
- 11 school uniform or is that just in blue?
- 12 A. She's in a school uniform. Convent, sir.
- 13 Q. Now, just turn the pages until you get to the page that is
- 14 fl agged.
- 15 A. The second picture, sir, that's my niece.
- 16 Q. Don't worry about the other pictures. I just want to ask
- 17 you for now you can be asked about that by others [overlapping
- 18 speakers] --
- 19 A. Okay, sir.
- 20 Q. [Indiscernible]. Is there a telephone number on the page
- 21 you are now looking at?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Can you raise that book up again so that all in the Court
- 24 can see either with their own eyes or through the video link?
- 25 A. Yes, sir. Look at it, sir.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: I can see what appears to be some numbers
- on the right-hand side of the right-hand page.
- 28 MR METZGER:
- 29 Q. Can you confirm that in your writing at the top left-hand

- 1 side is written "Santigie" and beneath that "Mpanga"?
- 2 A. Yes, sir. It's my handwriting, sir.
- 3 Q. Can you read out the number that is written there for the
- 4 Court record?
- 5 A. This number +23277683879. That's what is here, sir.
- 6 Q. Can you remember when you wrote that in that diary?
- 7 A. Of course, sir. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Can you tell us about how you came to write it into your
- 9 di ary?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. This was the time you came to investigate me.
- 11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can the witness kindly
- 12 repeat this answer? The line is breaking up.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer, as
- 14 Mr Interpreter is having problems listening. The line is not
- 15 clear.
- 16 MR METZGER:
- 17 Q. [Indiscernible] release my hand when I want you to
- 18 continue.
- 19 A. Yes, sir. This number, sir, when you came to investigate
- 20 me, it was raining, you and Mr James, the Mpanga Prison authority
- 21 --
- 22 Q. Do you mean James Ndemezo?
- 23 A. Yes, the one sitting behind you, sir.
- 24 Q. The spelling is N-D-E-M-E-Z-O-E sorry, no E. I checked.
- 25 He's in Court. So N-D-E-M-E-Z-0?
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you. Continue.
- 27 MR METZGER:
- 28 Q. Please continue.
- 29 A. He was in his office when he called me on his telephone, he

- 1 and Mr James. Then he asked me, he said, "Mr Kanu, I want to
- 2 give you so and so number." Then I said, "Call it out, sir."
- 3 Then he called it out for me. Then I wrote it down. Then I
- 4 said, "Please, sir, I don't know this number, sir."
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can the witness repeat this
- 6 part of his answer slowly.
- 7 JUSTICE DOHERTY: You're going much too fast for the
- 8 interpreter, and also the transcribers must write it down.
- 9 Repeat your answer from where you said that you said to
- 10 Mr James, "I said, 'Call it out' and I wrote it down." Continue
- 11 from there.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Your Honour, I said this number that I wrote
- in this book, my lawyer Mr Metzger came to me together with one
- 14 Mr James Ndemezo at the Mpanga Prison. On that day it was
- 15 raining, so Mr Metzger called and said, "Mr Kanu, I want to give
- 16 you a number to know if you know it." Then I told him to "Call
- 17 it out, sir." Then he called it out. It was on that day that I
- 18 wrote this number, sir.
- 19 MR METZGER:
- 20 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. So you say that's the day you wrote
- 21 that number down. Were you going to say something else?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. When he asked me if I knew the number I said,
- 23 "No, sir, I don't know this number." It was on that day that I
- 24 wrote this number in this book, sir. Even when he went, I looked
- 25 through my diary and I did not find this number and I say, "Oh,
- 26 this number." So it was at that time that you came that I wrote
- 27 this number, sir. So if you ask me about this number, this is
- 28 what happened, sir, if I knew it, and I said no. So that's all,
- 29 sir.

- 1 MR METZGER: I will now ask if the witness can be given the
- 2 fifth document, which I hope is available for your Honour and my
- 3 colleagues in Freetown.
- 4 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, I have a document in front of me a
- 5 handwritten document dated 4 November. It has five pages.
- 6 MR METZGER: It should be typed, your Honour.
- 7 JUSTICE DOHERTY: And it's typed and it's got the title of
- 8 the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and it's addressed to the
- 9 witness from the Registrar of the Special Court. There's one
- 10 handwritten page at the back.
- 11 MR METZGER: Yes, the last page should be behind a letter
- 12 dated 19 January 2011.
- 13 JUSTICE DOHERTY: That's correct. That is the document
- 14 I've been given.
- 15 MR METZGER: [Indiscernible] Registrar. The original, for
- 16 your Honour's record, has got the material in handwriting written
- on the back of that letter of 19 January 2011.
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: I understand.
- 19 MR METZGER:
- 20 Q. Mr Kanu --
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. -- these two documents together were sent to you by the
- 23 Registrar; is that correct?
- 24 A. Of course, sir. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Can you tell us briefly in relation to what these documents
- 26 were sent to you?
- 27 A. Well, this document was not sent to me alone. It was sent
- 28 to all eight of us. She copied each man, sir. He said it was
- 29 for a review she said it was for a review, Madam Binta, the

- 1 Registrar.
- 2 Q. Now, we have heard that the Registrar came to visit in late
- 3 2010. Can you tell us whether the first document, dated 4
- 4 November 2010, was received before or after her visit to you at
- 5 Mpanga?
- 6 A. No, sir, it was after she had gone that she sent it.
- 7 Q. If we go to the next document dated 19 January 2011?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. [Overlapping speakers] acknowledges receipt of a letter
- 10 dated 20 December 2010 the 19 January Letter, yes?
- 11 A. 19 January 2011, sir.
- 12 Q. Can you tell us just very briefly what that letter was
- 13 about?
- 14 A. Well, this letter, sir, when you came to the Mpanga Prison
- 15 we were facing some constraints, sir.
- 16 MR HERBST: I apologise for interrupting, your Honour, but
- 17 I did not hear or understand that last answer that portion of
- 18 the answer.
- 19 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, according to my note, is that
- 20 when they came to Mpanga Prison they were facing some
- 21 constraints, and that's what I have heard to date.
- 22 Please, Mr Kanu, continue your answer from that point.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. As I've said, this letter,
- 24 dated 19 January 2011, when we came to Rwanda, we were facing
- $\,$ 25 $\,$ some constraints, Ma'am. They said whatever we wanted, we should
- 26 pass through the Rwandan Legal authorities, the Bar Association,
- 27 and when we came, we investigated. They said the Rwandan gaol
- 28 term is one for one. Then we said, "Let's look for someone."
- 29 Then we called for Pa Serry. We wrote to Madam Binta for a

- 1 lawyer. She said, "The Court hasn't got money." She said if we
- 2 wanted any lawyer, we should find one in Rwanda. We called the
- 3 Principal Defender, Mrs Carlton-Hanciles, to seek her advice,
- 4 that we wanted to take Pa Serry as our lawyer, all of us.
- 5 MR METZGER:
- 6 Q. When you said "Pa Serry", who do you mean?
- 7 A. When I say Pa Serry I'm referring to lawyer, AF
- 8 Serry-Kamal, who is Ibrahim Bazzy's lawyer.
- 9 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu. Now can you turn that letter around.
- 10 There is some handwriting there. Can you tell us about that?
- 11 A. Thank you, sir.
- 12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, I did not get his answer
- 13 clearly. The line is breaking up.
- 14 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat your answer for
- 15 the interpreter.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. Your Honour, I said when
- 17 we see this letter from the Registrar for us to get Pa Serry, she
- 18 told us to find a lawyer in Rwanda. Then we said, "The Rwandan
- 19 people do not know about our case. How could they fight our case
- 20 in Rwanda?" Then I wrote I wrote at the back of this --
- 21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he take this answer
- 22 slowly, the last part.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Kanu, please repeat the last part of
- 24 your answer. You were saying, "The Rwandan people do not know
- 25 our case." Continue from there.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, Ma'am. I said, "The Rwandan people do
- 27 not know about our case. How could we find the people here to
- 28 fight our case?" It was at that time that I wrote at the back of
- 29 this. That is what happened, sir.

- 1 MR METZGER:
- 2 Q. Thank you, Mr Kanu.
- 3 MR METZGER: Your Honour, I proposing to do the last area
- 4 of my examination-in-chief, and I wondered whether it would be
- 5 appropriate at this point to invite all the material that Mr Kanu
- 6 has referred to in the order that they have been presented to the
- 7 Court as Defence for Kanu's exhibits 1 to 5.
- 8 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Mr Herbst, you have heard the
- 9 application. I will go through the documents one by one.
- 10 The first document is three pages of an undated list of
- 11 numbers, ten of which have the initials "SBK" at the side. Have
- 12 you any objecting to the tender of this document as an exhibit?
- 13 MR HERBST: Your Honour, I can't think of any, so I'm not
- 14 going to object.
- 15 JUSTICE DOHERTY: As we already have some Defence exhibits,
- 16 D1 and I think D2 for Mr Kargbo, I will call this exhibit D Kanu
- 17 1 to distinguish it from the other. I don't want to use the
- 18 initial K because there are three accused with the initial K.
- 19 So this will be exhibit D Kanu 1, and the pages will be D
- 20 Kanu 1A, 1B and 1C.
- 21 MR METZGER: Thank you.
- JUSTICE DOHERTY: The next document is a two-page document
- 23 which is a photocopy of a rather battered two pages with lists of
- 24 names, status, relationship, address, and phone numbers, and it
- 25 has a certain amount of handwriting on it.
- 26 Mr Herbst?
- 27 MR HERBST: Your Honour, on this one I guess my objection
- 28 is not to the printed portions. I'm concerned about the
- 29 handwritten additions, because it was not clear to me from the

- 1 witness's testimony as to which ones he said which handwritten
- 2 entries, I guess, for lack of a better word, were in his hand.
- 3 So would it be appropriate to do a brief voir dire of the witness
- 4 on the document? I don't know if that procedure is followed
- 5 here.
- 6 JUSTICE DOHERTY: What I can do is I can stand this one
- down to the very end of his evidence, that is, examination,
- 8 cross-examination and re-examination, and if it's not clarified
- 9 at the end of that evidence, then we can deal with your
- 10 objections and seek further evidence before it can be considered
- 11 again. So that one is stood down to the end of evidence.
- 12 MR HERBST: That's fine. Your Honour, I would have the
- 13 same concern about 3A and B, and I only heard the witness testify
- 14 about B, not A. So those two problems I would flag for future
- 15 elaboration or discussion [indiscernible] again.
- 16 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Well, on that one, my recollection is
- 17 that he referred to his own name, which is on the first page,
- 18 which is not very part of the photocopy hasn't come out on
- 19 ours, but certainly looks like "Kanu 3B" to me. So I will stand
- 20 it down as well, because both the A and the B are being put in,
- 21 and the A doesn't appear to relate to him. But there is quite a
- 22 lot of handwriting. So I will stand that one down also.
- 23 MR HERBST: I just wanted to add that with respect to that
- one, the other two, you know, at the bottom of the page of 3B, do
- 25 not appear to relate to him, but also I didn't hear any testimony
- about the handwritten notations on that.
- 27 JUSTICE DOHERTY: No, I don't recall any. So we'll stand
- 28 that down until the end of his evidence and revisit it.
- 29 MR HERBST: I thank the Court. With respect to 4A, I

- 1 guess, and 4B, as I understood the testimony I thought the
- 2 witness has said but I could be wrong that all of these were
- 3 written by him. If that's true, in other words, that his name is
- 4 written by him and all of the handwriting is written by him. If
- 5 that is the Court's recollection as well, I would not have
- 6 objection to that. Although I would say that, you know, it
- 7 relates to times in 2011. But since some of the diary entries
- 8 also relate to that period of time, and which I do intend to ask
- 9 him about, I'm not going to press that objection.
- 10 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Obviously the dates, et cetera, will go
- 11 to weight, and I will ask Mr Metzger to confirm your recollection
- and mine that this was handwritten by the witness himself.
- 13 Mr Metzger, it was your witness.
- MR METZGER: Your Honour, yes. This was a handwritten
- document by himself by way of application for various people and
- numbers to go on an authorised call list on the date of 7
- 17 November 2011.
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: The witness is the author of the
- 19 document.
- 20 MR METZGER: Yes.
- 21 JUSTICE DOHERTY: So I don't see any great issue there,
- 22 Mr Herbst.
- 23 MR HERBST: I don't, your Honour. And with that
- 24 confirmation, I would not object to that document.
- 25 JUSTICE DOHERTY: This will become exhibit Kanu D Kanu
- 26 2A, B and C.
- 27 I'll just continue now to D5 MFI-D5 which is the
- 28 Letters from the Registrar plus Mr Kanu's handwritten notation at
- 29 the back of one of the pages.

- 1 MR HERBST: Your Honour, again with respect to the November
- 2 4 the 4 November 2010 letter, I don't know if Mr Metzger
- 3 intends to offer the handwritten notation on the left-hand margin
- 4 of the second page. I didn't hear any testimony about that. But
- 5 in terms of the body of the letter, I don't have objection to
- 6 that. So that would be those are the first three pages of
- 7 Exhibit 5.
- 8 With respect to the last two pages, I don't have objection
- 9 to those pages. The witness has testified that the handwritten
- 10 entries are his on the second page. I would request of the
- 11 Court, since that letter refers to a 20 December 2010 letter from
- 12 Mr Kanu to the Registrar, that the Court requests from the
- 13 Registrar or Court Management a copy of the December 20 letter so
- that we can see what that [indiscernible].
- 15 I'm assuming Mr Metzger does not have a copy of that
- 16 letter, so I make that request and application for the Court
- 17 [i ndi scerni bl e].
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Two things: Mr Kanu, I'm going to ask
- 19 you a question. You see the letter from the Registrar addressed
- 20 to you which you said were sent to all eight prisoners? On the
- 21 second page of that letter there's some handwriting at the side.
- One word is "visit"; the others are "Skype", "telephone", and
- 23 "Mpangas do not have any." So who wrote those words?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour, I wrote them. Like number
- 25 4, I put there "visit".
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: [Microphone not activated] have you got a
- 27 copy of the letter that you wrote on 20 December to the
- 28 Registrar? Do you have a copy yourself?
- 29 THE WITNESS: I did not write to her. She wrote to us.

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           MR HERBST: Your Honour, I'm not sure the witness
     understood your question.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'm watching the time, because the two
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     detainees have to leave now to get back before lockdown.
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           Mr Kanu, there's a letter addressed to you from the
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     Registrar dated 19 January 2011. That Letter starts by saying,
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     "I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20 December
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     2010." That means to me that you wrote to the Registrar on 20
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     December 2010. Do you have a copy of the letter referred to?
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           THE WITNESS: This, Ma'am, it was all of us. All eight of
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     us.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY:
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           THE WITNESS: Your Honour, are you getting me?
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                             I am indeed, Mr Kanu. I heard you very
     clearly. You said it was written by all eight of you.
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     makes things a bit different to an individual letter.
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     involves other people, Mr Herbst.
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           MR METZGER: Your Honour, I think his answer was this
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     letter was written to all eight of them, this particular letter.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: I'm conscious of the time.
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     several issues involved in your application, Mr Herbst, one of
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     which applies to the Registrar, who is not represented, and whose
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     confidential documents are in issue.
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           I have to let the two detainees go.
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     back, so I cannot rule on this until I hear further on the status
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     of the letter referred to.
           Mr Metzger, before I direct that Mr Kanu and Mr Kamara be
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taken and brought back to the centre where they are staying, is

there any other matter that you want to put before me now in the

- 1 presence of your witness?
- 2 MR METZGER: Your Honour, no. I simply wanted to ask him
- 3 two questions so that he would be released from his
- 4 examination-in-chief and Mr Herbst would know that he is ready to
- 5 go in the morning [overlapping speakers].
- 6 JUSTICE DOHERTY: That would be great if we could do that
- 7 very quickly. I've recorded my concerns. But if you can do
- 8 those two questions very quickly, please do so.
- 9 MR METZGER:
- 10 Q. Mr Kanu, did you ever offer anyone a bribe to change their
- 11 testi mony?
- 12 A. Mr Metzger, never, sir.
- 13 Q. Secondly, did you try to plead with, threaten, or otherwise
- 14 interfere with anyone to change their testimony against you?
- 15 A. No, sir. Nobody.
- MR METZGER: Your Honour, that is where normally my
- 17 examination-in-chief would finish [indiscernible].
- 18 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Thank you, Mr Metzger. That's a very
- 19 convenient place to adjourn.
- 20 I'm not going to adjourn the Court completely, but first of
- 21 all I'm going to direct Mr Kanu: That is part of your evidence.
- 22 There will be more questions tomorrow. I therefore remind you
- that you are under oath and you must not discuss your evidence
- 24 with any other person. Do you understand?
- 25 A. Yes, your Honour, I will do, Ma.
- 26 JUSTICE DOHERTY: Very good. So I now authorise Madam
- 27 Court Manager that the two detainee witnesses can be taken back,
- 28 and I would ask has any counsel got any other matters that I need
- 29 to deal with that do not directly affect either Mr Kanu or

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     Mr Kamara.
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            Incidentally, Chief Taku, I have checked over the lunchtime
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     break and I understand that your concerns concerning the
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     transcript have now been rectified and that the entire transcript
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     is in order.
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           CHI EF TAKU:
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     the court reporters also for their diligence.
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            JUSTICE DOHERTY: Yes, they acted on it right away.
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           Any other matters that I need to deal with that I can deal
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     with now before we adjourn the Court?
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           Mr Herbst, I have not have an opportunity to look
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     thoroughly at this disclosure issue because of other matters that
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     intervened and took up my time during the breaks, but I will
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     certainly do that as soon as I possibly can to get the evidence
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     moving on. If there's nothing else, we'll adjourn --
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           MR HERBST: I thank the Court.
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           JUSTICE DOHERTY: If there's nothing else, we will - please
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     adjourn Court until tomorrow at 9 o'clock Freetown time.
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     a.m. the following day]
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