



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2008  
9:30 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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Before the Judges:

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Justice Richard Lussick  
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Christopher Santora  
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay  
Taylor:

Mr Terry Munyard  
Mr Morris Anyah

1 Thursday, 11 September 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:29:19 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I will take appearances,  
6 Mr Bangura, please.

7 MR BANGURA: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning  
8 your Honours and counsel opposite. Your Honours, for the  
9 Prosecution this morning appearing are Ms Brenda J Hollis, myself  
09:29:37 10 Mohamed A Bangura, Mr Christopher Santora and Ms Maja Dimitrova.  
11 Thank you, your Honours.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Good morning, Mr Anyah.

13 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,  
14 your Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. For the Defence  
09:29:54 15 we have Mr Terry Munyard, myself Morris Anyah and we're joined by  
16 an intern from our office, Mr Piers Von Berg. Thank you, Madam  
17 President.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. We welcome  
19 Mr Von Berg to the Court and we hope he has a positive  
09:30:17 20 experience. If there are no other matters, I will remind the  
21 witness of her oath.

22 Good morning, Madam Witness. It's good to see you looking  
23 much better today and I again remind you of your oath that you  
24 have taken to tell the truth in this Court. That continues to be  
09:30:37 25 binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you  
26 understand?

27 WITNESS: TF1-585 [On former oath]

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please proceed.

29 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR ANYAH: [Continued]

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Q. Madam Witness, when we left off yesterday we were discussing how much money you made during your last employment.

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Do you recall that, Madam Witness?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And you told us that each month you made 250,000 leones, yes?

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A. Yes.

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Q. You also confirmed for us that you had indeed received money from the Office of the Prosecutor since you became a witness in this case, yes?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And you became a witness in this case in November last, as in November 2007, correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Do you know the total amount of money you have received from the Office of the Prosecutor since you became - well, let me rephrase that. Do you know the total amount of money you have received from the Special Court since you became a witness in this case?

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A. No.

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MR ANYAH: May I have the assistance of Madam Court Officer, please. Your Honours, and for the benefit of counsel opposite, I will be referring to a document in the Defence set of documents. It is to be found in tab number 10:

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Q. Madam Witness, there is a section of the Special Court called Witnesses and Victims Section and they keep records of money that the Court gives to you. Do you see the document that

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1 is being displayed on the screen you are looking at?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. If you look where it says "Subject" it says "Witness  
4 Expense Policy - Expenses made on TF1-585". That number, 585, is  
09:33:37 5 associated with you and counsel opposite would object if I was in  
6 error in saying so. Now, this indicates that you first arrived  
7 or became a witness in this case on 14 November 2007. Do you  
8 agree, Madam Witness?

9 A. Yes.

09:34:01 10 Q. This document indicates that for what is called Witness  
11 Attendance Allowance you were paid 384,000 Leones. Does that  
12 sound about right, Madam Witness?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The document further indicates that for Subsistence  
09:34:21 15 Allowance you were paid 9,434,000 Leones. Does that sound about  
16 right, Madam Witness?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You were also given money for Medical in the amount of  
19 324,000 Leones, yes?

09:34:48 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You were given money for Transportation in the amount of  
22 689,000 Leones?

23 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, just an  
24 observation here. I'm not sure whether the document actually  
09:34:59 25 says that the witness was given these monies, particularly with  
26 regards to Medical or Transportation. Although it says "Witness  
27 first arrived on 14th November 2007. To date, she has been paid  
28 a total of ...", I mean that broadly perhaps suggests that money  
29 was - these sums were paid to her, but I'm not so sure whether

1 the area of Medical and Transportation clearly indicate that  
2 these were monies that she was paid.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, she has actually answered the  
4 first question relating to Medical in the affirmative and, as you  
09:35:46 5 correctly said, it states she has been paid, so I think counsel  
6 is entitled to put the wording as he has put it and I allow the  
7 question.

8 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

9 Q. Madam Witness, this document indicates your were paid money  
09:36:10 10 for Child Care and it indicates that you received the sum of  
11 1,434,000 leones. Is that correct, Madam Witness?

12 A. Well, like I said earlier yesterday, I am not actually  
13 feeling well. I am just trying. I'm not feeling well and the  
14 necessary medication that is supposed to be given to me I have  
09:36:35 15 not got that as yet, so I'm not feeling well health wise.

16 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, I'm in the Court's hands.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we understand you did get  
18 medical treatment yesterday. You visited the doctor and were  
19 given medication and I'm sure the medication has to be spaced  
09:37:14 20 out. I note you say you're not feeling well. When you say that,  
21 are you able to answer this question? It is not a difficult  
22 question.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, we went yesterday, but I was only given  
24 Panadol's by the doctor and I had those for myself.

09:37:43 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was asking if you are going to answer  
26 the question put by counsel for the Defence.

27 THE WITNESS: Well, you asked me and I will try to answer.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good.

29 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

1 Q. Madam Witness, the question I posed had to do with money  
2 given to you for Child Care. Do you agree that you've received  
3 from the Special Court's Witnesses and Victims Section since  
4 November last the amount of 1,434,000 Leones for Child Care?

09:38:33 5 A. Well, they spent all of these monies on my behalf.

6 Q. That's fair enough. And does that hold true for the  
7 category Miscellaneous and the amount 1,661,450 Leones?

8 A. Yes, they spent all of these monies on my behalf.

9 Q. And the same is true for Rent paid on your behalf totalling  
09:39:09 10 6,940,000 Leones, yes?

11 A. Yes, because even before I joined the Court I had a place  
12 for myself and I was paying rent and I was working. I used to  
13 get my salary. Also I have got a husband and the husband was  
14 taking care of me, so if the Court had requested me do something  
09:39:36 15 for them then it was their responsibility to take care of me.  
16 And I have children, I was taking care of them and being that  
17 though I was working I was taking care of my children, but being  
18 that I am now with them doing something for them it is their  
19 responsibility to take care of me and my children.

09:39:59 20 Q. Madam Witness, when you say it's the Court's responsibility  
21 to take care of you and your children, it is true, is it not,  
22 that if you were not a witness in this case you would have had to  
23 pay for your childcare during the last ten months?

24 A. Yes, because I was working and I was receiving a salary and  
09:40:26 25 my husband support the children, but because I have not been with  
26 him for some time now and I have not been working for some time  
27 and I was working for the Court it is then the responsibility of  
28 the Court to take care of me.

29 Q. You have just said in your last response that you were

1 working for the Court. When you mean you were working for the  
2 Court, do you mean your role in this case as a witness?

3 A. That is what I meant.

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4 Q. This work you do for the Court, Madam Witness, is it  
5 something that you do five days a week, seven hours a day?

6 A. Well, I had been with them - 24 hours I had been with them.

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7 Q. Without telling us where you have been with them - and I'm  
8 assuming "them" means the Special Court - are you saying to this  
9 Court that 24 hours a day you have been with Special Court  
10 representatives since November 2007?

11 A. What I mean is that they have taken up my responsibility;  
12 that is we had arranged that as long as they wanted me to do what  
13 they wanted me to do for them then they were to take my  
14 responsibility to up to such a time that they will have completed  
15 with me totally.

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16 Q. Do you see the total amount of money that this document  
17 indicates has been spent on you in ten months? It says  
18 20,866,450 leones. Do you agree with that amount, Madam Witness?

19 A. Yes.

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20 Q. 20 million in ten months. If you were to times your  
21 monthly salary, 250,000 leones, by ten months you would get  
22 2,500,000 leones. Does that sound about right to you,  
23 Madam Witness?

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24 A. Well, the salary I used to receive was out of my personal  
25 business. The money I used to receive as salary it was for me,  
26 so I was the only person who knew what I did with it or what I  
27 did not do with it. My responsibility was up to my husband. He  
28 took care of me, he was responsible for me, he took care of my  
29 medication, my children's welfare, my children's schooling, but

1 because they had taken me and I was now with them it was their  
2 responsibility to do all of those things.

3 Q. My question is not whether it was their responsibility to  
4 do all of those things. You have your view on that and others  
09:43:32 5 have other views. My question is when you total the amount of  
6 money you make each month and you times it by 10, it adds up to  
7 about 2,500,000 Leones, yes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So since November last until now it is fair to say that had  
09:43:56 10 you been working you would have earned 2,500,000 Leones, but from  
11 the Special Court alone you have made in excess of 20 million  
12 Leones, right?

13 A. Well maybe it would have been more than that because when I  
14 was working I used to get - I used to get extras and my husband  
09:44:27 15 was taking care of me, so if we had totalled all that I used to  
16 get maybe it would have been more than this.

17 Q. Madam Witness, just be careful when speaking about your  
18 work not to go into too much detail. You are suggesting to us  
19 that you also received money from your husband, or you also would  
09:44:46 20 have received money from your husband, in the last ten months,  
21 and I am focusing on amounts paid to you and money that you could  
22 have earned by yourself excluding your husband. Do you  
23 understand that, Madam Witness?

24 A. Yes, I understand that.

09:45:06 25 Q. Indeed do you understand that, in addition to this 20  
26 million Leones that the Special Court has given you in the last  
27 ten months, you have received money and financial support from  
28 others perhaps including the father of your children, yes?

29 A. No.



1 Q. So this 20,866,000 leones is the total source of income, or  
2 the total sum of income, you have received during the last ten  
3 months?

4 A. Yes.

09:45:53 5 Q. Is the fact that you have received this money something  
6 that has affected what you say in court, Madam Witness?

7 A. Well, I said they spent it on my behalf. They did not  
8 physically give it to me. They spent it on my behalf.

9 Q. Very well. Madam Witness, when you testified on Monday -  
09:46:32 10 indeed perhaps you also spoke about this on Friday, the 5th - you  
11 spoke about three meetings that were held in Buedu by Sam  
12 Bockarie, correct?

13 A. Yes, I spoke about three meetings.

14 Q. These were meetings called by Sam Bockarie and you said the  
09:46:58 15 first one took place some time in June of 1999, true?

16 A. Some times around that, yes.

17 Q. And in respect of the second one you said it occurred  
18 around September 1999, yes?

19 A. It was in September that it took place, not in - all took  
09:47:32 20 place before 6 January. All took place before 6 January, the  
21 meetings.

22 Q. Are you saying they took place in another year before 1999?

23 A. Yes, that is what I said. The last one took place in  
24 December, even before the 6 January invasion in Freetown.

09:48:00 25 Q. When you say December, Madam Witness, in which year are you  
26 referring to?

27 A. I mean '98. 1998.

28 Q. Were the other two meetings also in the year 1998, the ones  
29 in June and September that we've just discussed?

1 A. Well, those meetings took place in the same year. In the  
2 same year.

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3 Q. It would therefore be the case that the meetings in June  
4 and August - and September, rather, took place in 1998 as well,  
5 yes?

6 A. Well, I recall it that way.

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7 Q. Now the first meeting you said was attended by Johnny Paul  
8 Koroma and you said it was a meeting during which Sam Bockarie  
9 spoke about there being unity between the various warring  
10 factions, in particular the AFRC and the RUF, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The second meeting you said was attended by some vanguards,  
13 including Superman, Issa Sesay and others, yes?

14 A. Mm-hm

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15 Q. Madam Witness, you have to give an affirmative response yes  
16 or no and not say things like "mm-hm" and the like. They cannot  
17 take that down correctly for the record. Do you understand that?

18 A. Well, the last meeting was for all vanguards and the second  
19 meeting was a mixed one. It included the AFRC and the RUF.

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20 Q. And what was the first meeting?

21 A. Well you yourself have said that it was to coordinate the  
22 two groups, that is the AFRC and the RUF, for them to come  
23 together and how to work together.

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24 Q. Madam Witness, was the second meeting held at a place  
25 called Waterworks?

26 A. Well, I know that the Waterworks meeting was the first one.

27 Q. And the last meeting you said was the vanguards meeting.  
28 Is that correct?

29 A. Yes.

1 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, may I have your assistance,  
2 please. I'll be referring to documents in the Defence set of  
3 documents, the first one being in tab 2 at page 13:

4 Q. Madam Witness, these are notes taken by the Prosecutor from  
09:52:01 5 meetings with you. In paragraph 54 it speaks about a meeting you  
6 told them about. It says:

7 "A meeting was called by Sam Bockarie in Buedu and all the  
8 Vanguard's attended including Superman, Isaac Mongor, Alfred Brown  
9 and others. Also present were Abu Keita and Senegalese. The  
09:52:25 10 meeting was held in the open and witness was there as she was  
11 instructed ...", and it goes on to say, "Witness said Senegalese  
12 was a ULIMO-J fighter and his commander was Commander Abu Keita".

13 Madam Witness, did you tell the Prosecution this  
14 information?

09:52:51 15 A. Yes, but I think we had corrected that area.

16 Q. That's fair enough. Madam Court Officer, shall we go to  
17 tab 4, page 5, please. Madam Witness, at the bottom of tab 4,  
18 page 5, these are notes taken from a later interview with you in  
19 March of this year and you made corrections to what appeared in  
09:53:33 20 the previous paragraph and this is paragraph 25 of this document.  
21 It refers to the ERN number of the previous page I've just read  
22 and although it says paragraph 34 that should be paragraph 54,  
23 but the ERN numbers are the same and the ERN number of the page I  
24 previously read ended in 4975 and the ERN number that this page  
09:53:59 25 refers to also ends in 4975. It says you made corrections to the  
26 information I just read and it says:

27 "Witness clarifies that the meeting that Superman came to  
28 was the one held at Waterworks outside and not in Sam Bockarie's  
29 house. This was after Issa Sesay lost the diamonds in Monrovia

1 and before the Fitti -Fatta mission. The witness did not attend  
2 this meeting."

3 Madam Witness, this is the correction you're speaking of  
4 that you did not attend that meeting, yes?

09:54:39 5 A. I did not attend that meeting.

6 Q. And if you read on it says, "It was at this meeting that  
7 discussion about Issa's punishment and the plans to retake Kono."  
8 Then it goes on on page 6 to say:

9 "The witness's information on the contents of the meeting  
09:54:58 10 came from hearing Sam Bockarie discussing these issues before the  
11 meeting. The witness is not certain whether other issues were  
12 raised but recalls these issues being mentioned by Bockarie."

13 Paragraph 26:

14 "There were other meeting held months later with all  
09:55:23 15 vanguards. Superman was not present. This second meeting, which  
16 was held at Sam Bockarie's house. Abu Keita was present in this  
17 meeting."

18 Did you say that to the Prosecution, Madam Witness?

19 A. I recall.

09:55:43 20 Q. So in two of these meetings Abu Keita was present, yes?

21 A. Well at that time Abu Keita was in Buedu and I recall, yes.

22 Q. When you say yes, let's be specific. Yes means Abu Keita  
23 was present at two of these meetings, correct?

24 A. Well, I do not recall any more.

09:56:09 25 Q. But you have told the Prosecution in the past Abu Keita was  
26 present, true?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. You confirmed to us yesterday in court Abu Keita is a  
29 Mandingo by tribe, yes?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You also mentioned to the Prosecution that Senegalese was  
3 present, yes?

4 A. Yes.

09:56:36 5 Q. And he was present at the vanguards meeting, correct?

6 A. Who?

7 Q. Senegalese. He was present with Abu Keita at the vanguards  
8 meeting, yes?

9 A. Well, I do not recall that any more.

09:56:51 10 Q. But at one of the meetings Senegalese was present, yes?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you told the Prosecution that Senegalese's commander  
13 was Abu Keita, true?

14 A. Well, I do not recall any more.

09:57:08 15 Q. Well, Madam Witness, I just read you what you told the  
16 Prosecution and I read you corrections you made to your original  
17 statement. Your original statement in tab 2, page 13, it says,

18 "Witness said Senegalese was a ULIMO-J fighter and his commander  
19 was Commander Abu Keita", and then we get to the corrections, tab

09:57:29 20 4, page 5, and you do not retract that information that

21 Senegalese was present and his commander was Abu Keita. Do you  
22 agree you did not take that information back?

23 A. Well, I had changed that information.

24 Q. You did later on change parts of your information with

09:57:53 25 respect to whether or not Senegalese was a ULIMO-J fighter, yes?

26 A. Yes, I changed it.

27 Q. But at no point in time did you change the fact that you  
28 told the Prosecution Abu Keita was his commander?

29 A. Well, I recall that I said that.

1 Q. You recall that you said what; that Abu Keita was  
2 Senegalese's commander, yes?

3 A. Well, I do not recall that.

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4 Q. Well, I just read it to you five minutes ago. Did that  
5 refresh your recollection?

6 A. Well it appears as if I had made correction in that area,  
7 but I do not recall any more.

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8 Q. Well, we will do this again. Madam Court Officer, could  
9 you put back tab 2, page 13, please. Madam Witness, paragraph  
10 54, I just read it, last sentence, "Witness said Senegalese was a  
11 ULIMO-J fighter and his commander was Commander Abu Keita."  
12 That's what the Prosecution has you telling them between 19  
13 November and 27 November. Do you agree, Madam Witness?

14 A. Well I told them, but I later made correction in that area.

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15 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, shall we go to tab 6, page  
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17 Q. Madam Witness, in paragraph 6 you made corrections to  
18 information previously provided about Senegalese to the  
19 Prosecution. This was in June of this year. Referring to the  
20 previous document I just read, which ends in ERN 4975, you told  
21 the Prosecution this in June:

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22 "Witness states that she does not know whether Senegalese  
23 was a ULIMO fighter or an NPFL fighters, however the witness  
24 knows that he was a Liberian fighter and had come to Sierra Leone  
25 to fight alongside the RUF. The witness states that she first  
26 met Senegalese in Kenema when Sam Bockarie was based there. At  
27 the time, Senegalese came to Kenema with Jungle, Sampson and  
28 Junior. The witness does not know why Senegalese and others had  
29 come to Kenema. The witness states that Senegalese moved to

1 Buedu with Sam Bockarie at the time the Kamajors pushed the  
2 AFRC/RUF out of Kenema Town."

3 Madam Witness, this is what you told the Prosecution in  
4 June of this year, do you agree?

10:01:36 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I go back to the issue. At no time did you correct your  
7 original statement that Abu Keita was the commander of  
8 Senegalese. Do you agree, Madam Witness?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I did say to you yesterday  
10:01:57 10 you must sit up properly and speak into the microphone. Please  
11 do so and please answer the question.

12 THE WITNESS: Well, I am not well.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you well enough to answer that  
14 question?

10:02:17 15 THE WITNESS: I'm not feeling well. I am not feeling my  
16 health. I'm just managing.

17 JUDGE LUSSICK: Look, I'm a little puzzled as to what's  
18 going on here, Madam Witness, because we were quite concerned  
19 about your health yesterday and we obtained a medical report and  
10:02:38 20 the doctor says that there were no alarming symptoms, no fever,  
21 all you require is some Panadol and all you're suffering from is  
22 a minor viral infection and the doctor told us that there is no  
23 need to interrupt court appearances. Now, are you saying the  
24 doctor is incorrect and that you feel you should have further  
10:03:06 25 medical examination?

26 THE WITNESS: Well I am not saying the doctor is lying, but  
27 the way I feel now - since I came I have been attending court.  
28 This is - it's my body, my very self, so I don't know. He did  
29 not - I did not go through tests. I did not go through proper

1 medication. I have been coming to court, but actually I'm not  
2 feeling well and I am not a doctor. I cannot prescribe anything  
3 to the doctor. I don't know actually, but I'm not feeling good.  
4 I am not well. Even my appearance will make that clear to you.

10:03:53 5 This is not the way I used to appear. I'm not well.

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, what's the situation? Do you feel as  
7 though you can continue in court, or do you feel you need some  
8 more medical attention?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, I need more medical attention.

10:04:36 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, would it help if we had a  
11 short break, let's say half an hour? You could get a cup of tea,  
12 or something, to help you and talk to the people in Victims  
13 Support and Witnesses Support. Just pause, Mr Anyah, and I'll  
14 hear you out. Did you hear me, Madam Witness?

10:05:12 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I heard you. I heard you, yes.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'll ask Mr Anyah what he wanted to say  
17 while you're thinking of your answer.

18 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President. I just thought this  
19 might assist her in coming to terms with the circumstances with  
10:05:30 20 which she is faced. I do not expect that my examination of her  
21 will go longer than today and if she were able to it might  
22 actually be to her benefit to conclude this and then she would be  
23 free from the proceedings, rather than there being perhaps an  
24 adjournment and then she has to return at a later time.

10:05:54 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's most helpful, Mr Anyah.

26 Madam Witness, did you understand what Mr Anyah said?

27 THE WITNESS: I will manage up to the time he has - you  
28 have spoken about, so maybe after that when we come back I will  
29 be able to complete today.



1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Good. Mr Anyah is the one who knows how  
2 many questions he has to ask and if we take a short break now,  
3 say 30 minutes to 25 to 11, and then Mr Anyah will be able to  
4 proceed and you yourself have heard his estimate. So we'll  
10:06:38 5 adjourn court for 30 minutes to 25 to and allow the witness to  
6 have a short break. Please adjourn court for 30 minutes.

7                               [Break taken at 10.07 a.m.]

8                               [Upon resuming at 10.36 a.m.]

9           PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please proceed.

10:36:04 10           MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

11 Q.    Madam Witness, before we took the break I had left pending  
12 a question regarding your prior comments to the Office of the  
13 Prosecutor to the effect that Abu Keita was the commander of  
14 Senegalese. Do you recall that discussion, Madam Witness?

10:36:36 15 A.    Well, I don't recall.

16 Q.    Did you ever tell the Prosecution that Abu Keita commanded  
17 Senegalese?

18 A.    Well, I don't recall that.

19 Q.    Did you hear me read you notes from an interview between  
10:37:01 20 you and the Prosecution that confirmed you told them that Abu  
21 Keita commanded Senegalese?

22 A.    I heard you read it.

23 Q.    Are you saying that the notes the Prosecution took down are  
24 in error, Madam Witness?

10:37:24 25 A.    Well, it could be a mistake.

26 Q.    This meeting during which Senegalese and Abu Keita were  
27 present, was it the second or was it the third meeting of the  
28 three meetings you've testified about?

29 A.    Well I don't recall now, but I know that Senegalese and Abu

1 Keita were in one of those meetings.

2 Q. Do you recall what the subject matter of discussion was in  
3 the meeting where the two of them were present?

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4 A. Well, there were three meetings. I can recall the last  
5 meeting where the two of them were present. There were three  
6 meetings.

7 Q. We appreciate the fact that there are three meetings and  
8 you're saying it was the last one during which Keita and  
9 Senegalese were present. My question is what was discussed  
10 during that meeting, Madam Witness?

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11 A. I did not attend the meeting.

12 Q. We appreciate you did not attend the meeting, but when you  
13 spoke about the meetings in this court on Monday you explained to  
14 the Court what happened or what was said at the meetings because  
15 you heard so from others who were present. So I ask you now what  
16 was said during that third meeting?

10:39:02

17 A. The meeting that I can recall was the last one where they  
18 spoke about unity amongst the vanguards.

19 Q. Was that the same meeting during which they spoke about the  
20 Fitti-Fatta operation, Madam Witness?

10:39:29

21 A. Well, I can't recall now. No, it was not the same meeting  
22 that the Fitti-Fatta operation was discussed. It was in the  
23 second meeting that the Fitti-Fatta operation was discussed.

24 Q. Was it during the third meeting that the invasion of  
25 Freetown on 6 January 1999 was discussed?

10:39:52

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And this was the meeting both Keita and Senegalese were  
28 present at, yes?

29 A. Well, I can't recall. I can't recall that now.

1 Q. Was it around the time of this meeting that the 40 to 50  
2 Liberian fighters you spoke about on Monday, the 8th, that's  
3 Monday this week you told us about that, was it during this third  
4 meeting that they were present at?

10:40:36 5 A. Well, it was in the last meeting.

6 Q. Who was the commander of these 40 to 50 men?

7 A. They were answerable to Abu Keita and it was in his  
8 compound that they were lodged. They were there.

9 Q. On Monday you told us you knew that they were Liberian  
10:41:08 10 because they spoke Liberian English, yes?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It is a fact however, is it not, that they also spoke Krio,  
13 yes?

14 A. Well, I don't recall saying that they spoke Krio. I said  
10:41:32 15 Sam Bockarie addressed them both in Liberian English and in Krio,  
16 but I didn't hear them speak Krio.

17 Q. They did understand Krio, yes, Madam Witness?

18 A. Yes, they understood a little bit, but not very well.

19 Q. When you spoke with the Prosecutor outside of court, you  
10:42:18 20 said that Sam Bockarie addressed them in both Liberian English  
21 and in Krio and you said that the Liberian fighters were able to  
22 understand Krio. Do you recall telling the Prosecution that,  
23 Madam Witness?

24 A. Yes, it's the same thing that I have said here. I said  
10:42:40 25 they understood it, but not very well.

26 MR ANYAH: For counsels' benefit I have just read from tab  
27 6, page 2 and that would be paragraph 8:

28 Q. Madam Witness, the difference between what you've just said  
29 here and what you told the Prosecution before is that here you

1 are suggesting that they did not understand Krio well, but when  
2 you spoke out of court you did not qualify their understanding of  
3 Krio. You just said that they understood Krio. Today you're  
4 saying they didn't understand Krio well.

10:43:27 5 A. Yes, it's the same thing that I am saying, the same  
6 statement. Somebody can understand something, but cannot  
7 understand it very well. You can understand something, but to  
8 the level. There are two ways. You can understand a language  
9 but you may not understand somebody very well, but when the  
10:43:52 10 person may be speaking you could understand some of them but not  
11 everything or not the way that the person actually meant it.  
12 That was why he addressed the group in both English and Krio,  
13 because there were RUF fighters there, Sierra Leoneans.

14 Q. It is possible, Madam Witness, that these men were  
10:44:19 15 Liberians who had lived in Sierra Leone for a long time before  
16 the day of this meeting, yes?

17 A. Well, no, I did not know that.

18 Q. These men, you told us on Monday, the majority of them  
19 spoke Mandingo, yes?

10:44:44 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Senegalese spoke Mandingo, true?

22 A. Well, I don't know that.

23 Q. But the commander of these men, Abu Keita, was Mandingo,  
24 yes?

10:45:02 25 A. Yes, that was my understanding.

26 Q. The Mandingo tribesmen and women are also to be found in  
27 parts of Sierra Leone, yes?

28 A. Yes, there are Mandingos in Sierra Leone.

29 Q. There are Mandingos in the entire Mano River Union area,

1 Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone going up the West African coast to  
2 Gambia and Senegal, yes?

3 A. Well, I don't know about that. It could be correct, but I  
4 don't know.

10:45:44 5 Q. Have you ever heard - well, one more question about these  
6 40 men. These 40 men were said by Sam Bockarie to be going to  
7 join Superman in Kono, yes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. These 40 men were going to be commanded by Superman, true?

10:46:12 10 A. Well, they were to report to him.

11 Q. You told the Prosecution that the Liberian fighters would  
12 be going to join Superman in Kono and they would operate under  
13 him, meaning commanded by him, yes?

14 A. Yes.

10:46:37 15 Q. And you've told us before Superman was Liberian, yes?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Have you ever heard the name General Bropleh, before?

18 A. Yes, I heard the name, but I never saw the person.

19 Q. General David Livingstone Bropleh. Where did you hear  
10:47:08 20 about General Bropleh before, Madam Witness?

21 A. Please repeat that.

22 Q. You just said you've heard the name General Bropleh. Tell  
23 us where you heard that name before and in what context,  
24 Madam Witness?

10:47:29 25 A. Well I don't recall now where I was or what the context  
26 was, but I think that I have heard the name before. I can't  
27 recall now the incident around which I heard that word, but I can  
28 - I think I have heard the name once.

29 Q. Have you ever heard of a group called the Special Task

1 Force, Madam Witness?

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. In all your years as a radio operator for the RUF, did you  
4 ever hear any information over the RUF radio communications

10:48:18 5 network concerning General Bropl eh?

6 A. I don't recall now.

7 Q. In all your years as a radio operator for the RUF, did you  
8 ever hear any information over the RUF radio network concerning  
9 the Special Task Force?

10:48:48 10 A. I don't recall. It's been a long time now.

11 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, and for the benefit of counsel  
12 opposite, I'll be reading from Defence exhibit D-26. Madam Court  
13 Officer is aware that I will be referring to this. She might  
14 publish it for everyone's benefit, but it will be brief. For the

10:49:47 15 record, this is Defence exhibit D-26. It's a document excerpted  
16 from the final report of the Sierra Leone Truth and

17 Reconciliation Commission. In particular it is a statement by  
18 His Excellency President Alhaji Dr Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, dated 5  
19 August 2003, former President of Sierra Leone. I'll be reading

10:50:15 20 from paragraphs 58 and 62. The subject matter above those  
21 paragraphs is the Special Task Force:

22 Q. In paragraph 58, Madam Witness, President Kabbah said to  
23 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission the following:

24 "The NPRC inherited from the APC regime the problem of

10:50:38 25 ULIMO, but it too never settled it or attempted to settle it.

26 All it did was to insist on the dropping of the J and K from the  
27 names of the two factions and to collectively rename them Special  
28 Task Force. The Special Task Force was then almost incorporated  
29 into the Sierra Leone Army and they received salaries, allowances

1 and their supplies were regularly replenished. The two leaders  
2 of ULIMO-K and ULIMO-J factions, Alhaji Kromah and General  
3 Johnson, respectively, later became members of the interim  
4 government of Liberia headed by Charles Taylor."

10:51:24 5 And I'll just briefly read from paragraph 59, even though I  
6 had said I would omit it. "59. The Special Task Force" - I'm  
7 sorry, your Honours, I missed the last sentence of 58. 58 states  
8 in the last sentence, "Brigadier David Livingstone Bropleh  
9 eventually became the new head of the Special Task Force." Then  
10:51:51 10 the first two sentences of 59 read:

11 "The Special Task Force had its own command line separate  
12 from that of the Sierra Leone Army. Their personnel were  
13 attached to the army units throughout the country."

14 And then paragraph 62:

10:52:08 15 "General Bropleh and his STF followers fled together with  
16 other AFRC junta personnel when the ECOMOG led force removed the  
17 junta from Freetown in February 1998. Together they played an  
18 active role in all the attacks that displaced ECOMOG and  
19 government troops in such places as Koidu, Makeni, Kamakwie and  
10:52:32 20 Lunsar. They supported the 6 January 1999 attack of Freetown.  
21 On the recall of all military personnel in 2000 after the  
22 granting of the amnesty in the Lomé Peace Agreement, 1999, the  
23 STF resurfaced with General Bropleh still at the helm of the  
24 force."

10:52:52 25 Madam Witness, the former President of Sierra Leone spoke  
26 about a group called STF commanded by General David Livingstone  
27 Bropleh as participating in the attacks in Freetown in 6 January.  
28 Are you aware of the fact that the STF played a role in the 6  
29 January attacks?

1 A. Well, I don't know.

2 Q. Are you aware that the membership of the STF were mostly  
3 Liberians?

4 A. Well, I don't know.

10:53:27 5 Q. Do you agree with President Kabbah that the membership of  
6 the STF derived from ULIMO-K and ULIMO-J?

7 A. No, that would be difficult for me to say. I cannot say he  
8 was telling a lie, he was a President, but I don't know. It  
9 could be so, but I don't know. If I don't know something, I will  
10:53:53 10 not say something about it.

11 Q. But Abu Keita was ULIMO, yes?

12 A. Yes, I knew he was a ULIMO.

13 Q. And Abu Keita was the commander of these 40 to 50 men, yes?

14 A. Yes, they were lodged at his place.

10:54:20 15 Q. You are aware of the fact that ULIMO were enemies of  
16 Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia, NPFL, yes?

17 A. Well I don't know, but I understood that ULIMO was fighting  
18 in Liberia.

19 Q. And when they were fighting in Liberia they were fighting  
10:54:45 20 against Charles Taylor's forces, yes?

21 A. That's what I heard.

22 Q. Have you ever heard the name Varmuyan Sherif?

23 A. Well, I have used to hear it for a long time. I heard it  
24 for a long time now, but I don't know when and in what  
10:55:09 25 circumstance. I heard that name. I used to hear that name.

26 From when I was in Liberia I used to hear that name.

27 Q. Madam Witness, do you see the point I am trying to make?

28 You led this Court to believe that it was Charles Taylor that  
29 sent these 40 to 50 men, yes?



1 A. I don't know that one. All that I know is that they were  
2 Liberian soldiers and they came from Liberia.

3 Q. Then you would agree with me that the fact that they spoke  
4 Liberian English and as you've characterised them you claim they  
10:55:45 5 were Liberians does not mean they were sent by Charles Taylor?

6 A. I wouldn't know that, but because at that time  
7 Charles Taylor was the President in Liberia I think - that is  
8 what I know because at that time he was the President of Liberia  
9 and he had the authority to know whatever was going on in  
10:56:11 10 Liberia.

11 Q. So you're telling the Court that you surmised or deduced  
12 that because Charles Taylor was President of Liberia it is  
13 possible that these men were sent by him?

14 A. Well, he had the power to do that and the right.

10:56:36 15 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, when my learned  
16 friend makes - asks the question that the witness may have  
17 surmised or deduced, I don't know where he is basing this  
18 question on, on what fact, whether it's on facts that have been  
19 testified to by the witness in court. I'm not so clear.

10:57:05 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, the witness herself has said  
21 that he had the authority to know whatever was going on in  
22 Liberia, therefore I think counsel is entitled that - she has  
23 based that statement or that supposition on the fact that he was  
24 President and I think he's entitled to put the question as he has  
10:57:33 25 done, so I allow the question.

26 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

27 Q. Madam Witness, as you sit there now you do not know whether  
28 it was Charles Taylor that sent these 40 to 50 men to Buedu,  
29 true?

1 A. Well at that time, as long as Charles Taylor had contact  
2 with Sam Bockarie and he used to send his soldiers to Sierra  
3 Leone or to Buedu to Sam Bockarie, if I saw armed people or any  
4 group who were soldiers who had come from Liberia and they came  
10:58:15 5 to Sierra Leone to Buedu at that time I would think - I would  
6 just think that Charles Taylor had sent them.

7 Q. That was the conclusion you always made whenever you saw  
8 troops you believed came from Liberia, yes?

9 A. Well, I wouldn't just think that way. They themselves said  
10:58:41 10 so, that they had come from Liberia. I wouldn't just say so like  
11 that on my own.

12 Q. But the fact is they never said to you - and you haven't  
13 told us this before - that it was Charles Taylor that sent them.  
14 They said they came from Liberia. Is that your evidence?

10:59:00 15 A. Well that is what I still stand on, that they came from  
16 Liberia.

17 Q. The fact is you don't know for a fact whether it was  
18 Charles Taylor that sent them. You just assumed it was  
19 Charles Taylor that sent them, true?

10:59:15 20 A. Well, I don't know.

21 Q. When you say you don't know, you mean you don't know  
22 whether or not it was Charles Taylor that sent them, yes?

23 A. I don't recall that.

24 Q. Madam Witness, the invasion of Freetown was a massive,  
10:59:41 25 massive attack against Freetown, yes?

26 A. Well, I was not in Freetown and I wasn't with the group  
27 that attacked Freetown. I was in Buedu.

28 Q. I didn't ask you where you were. I'm asking you about what  
29 you know. You have told us during your examination that you used

1 to listen to the BBC. You have told us you heard Sam Bockarie  
2 speak on the BBC about the 6 January invasion. You have told us  
3 about Gullit and radio communications between him and Bockarie  
4 regarding 6 January. I am asking you as a Sierra Leonean the  
11:00:20 5 attack against Freetown on 6 January was a massive attack against  
6 Freetown, true or false?

7 A. Yes, it was a big attack.

8 Q. A lot of people died during that attack, yes?

9 A. Yes, many people died.

11:00:41 10 Q. The fighting that went on between the various warring  
11 factions in Freetown was fierce and several fighters died, yes?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When you speak of these 40 to 50 Liberian fighters and you  
14 say they came from Liberia, does it make sense to you that for  
11:01:06 15 such a massive attack Charles Taylor would send as his  
16 contribution 40 to 50 fighters?

17 A. Well, that was not more than what Charles Taylor was doing.  
18 The 40 manpower was not as much as the arms and ammunition he  
19 used to send to Sierra Leone.

11:01:32 20 Q. Let's stick with troop contribution, if you will. Let's  
21 call it that, contribution of manpower. Forget supplies for a  
22 minute. Does it make sense to you that his contribution to the  
23 attack on Freetown would be 40 to 50 men?

24 A. I don't understand that question.

11:01:57 25 Q. I will repeat it. It's not complicated. As you sit there  
26 now does it make sense to you that, given the massive scale of  
27 the 6 January attack, Charles Taylor's contribution to the RUF  
28 forces would be only 40 to 50 men?

29 A. Well, I think it would even be more than that.

1 Q. But what you know are these 40 to 50 men. That's what you  
2 know about, yes?

3 A. At that time the group that came from that place, I know  
4 about the 40 to 50.

11:02:57 5 Q. Madam Witness, before the death of SAJ Musa it is true, is  
6 it not, that there was little or no communication between Sam  
7 Bockarie and the forces of Alex Tamba Brima, also known as  
8 Gullit, as they approached Freetown, yes?

9 A. Before SAJ's death there was no communication between Sam  
11:03:28 10 Bockarie and SAJ Musa, or Sam Bockarie and Gullit.

11 Q. And this was during the lead up to 6 January 1999, yes?

12 A. Yes, before they attacked Freetown.

13 Q. SAJ Musa died some time after 24 December 1998, yes?

14 A. Well I know that it was in December that he died, but I  
11:04:10 15 don't know the date. I cannot recall that. I don't recall the  
16 date, but I know that he died before they entered Freetown. That  
17 was on 6 January. He died before they entered Freetown on 6  
18 January, but I don't recall the date.

19 Q. But you are sure and you do know he died in December 1998,  
11:04:38 20 yes?

21 A. Well that's what I think, but I really don't recall now  
22 exactly, but he died before 6 January.

23 Q. A witness has appeared before this Court, TF1-334 --

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think yesterday it was agreed or  
11:05:02 25 indicated that we just use the word "witness", Mr Anyah. Am I --

26 MR BANGURA: That is correct, your Honour.

27 MR ANYAH: Yes, but I believe this person was in open  
28 session. I led this witness. I will get the name. I am free to  
29 say his name actually. I'm just being cautious.

1 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, my understanding is that the  
2 agreed way to go about it generally, whether open session witness  
3 or closed session witness, is to simply refer to testimony of a  
4 previous witness in court and then say what was said.

11:05:42 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm afraid I do not recall the name of  
6 the --

7 MR ANYAH: I know the name. I led this witness.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: You led?

9 MR ANYAH: I'm sorry, I examined.

11:05:53 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: So we are in the Prosecution, Mr Anyah?

11 MR ANYAH: Yes, madam president.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: But I'm leading up to asking did this  
13 witness testify under his or her own name? That's the question  
14 I'm going to ask.

11:06:05 15 MR ANYAH: Yes, they did, in open session, there were no  
16 protective measures and I cross-examined that witness, Madam  
17 President.

18 [Trial chamber conferred]

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: In those circumstances, if you assure me  
11:06:24 20 that is the situation, then the name - you can approach it as you  
21 are doing.

22 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

23 Q. Madam Witness, a former AFRC member, Alimamy Bobson Sesay,  
24 testified before this Court starting on 16 April and he testified  
11:06:43 25 through 29 April this year, and Sesay said that SAJ Musa died on  
26 or about Christmas Eve 1998 at an explosion in Benguema barracks.  
27 Are you aware of this, Madam Witness?

28 A. Well, I don't know about that. He could be correct,  
29 because I was not with them. I don't know.

1 Q. As you sit there now, do you recall when Brigadier Mani  
2 began to facilitate communications between Sam Bockarie and  
3 Gullit after the death of SAJ Musa?

4 A. Well I don't recall the month, but it was after SAJ's death  
11:07:41 5 that they entered Freetown. I don't recall the exact month now.

6 Q. The troops that were in the company of Gullit, these were  
7 AFRC troops, correct?

8 A. Well, it was a mixed group. There were some RUF fighters  
9 under Gullit's command, but a majority of them were AFRC. It was  
11:08:13 10 a mixed group. It was not exclusively AFRC. There were RUF  
11 fighters there as well.

12 Q. The most senior RUF members of that delegation or group  
13 heading to Freetown were actually radio operators King Perry and  
14 Alfred Brown, yes?

11:08:37 15 A. Yes, at that time they were the ones I can recall.

16 Q. The most senior RUF person in Freetown was actually not in  
17 the company of this group during the invasion. He was released  
18 from Pademba Road Prison and his name is Gibril Massaquoi, true?

19 A. Well it could be true, because when Gullit was going to  
11:09:09 20 Freetown he was the commander. He had the command to enter  
21 Freetown even before Gibril Massaquoi and others were released  
22 from the prison, and even when Gibril Massaquoi was released from  
23 Pademba he was also a boss in the RUF.

24 Q. Madam Witness, Superman - Denis Mingo - never made it into  
11:09:37 25 Freetown during the 6 January invasion, correct?

26 A. Yes, from what I know they did not get to Freetown. They  
27 met around the Waterloo area.

28 Q. And as you sit there now you do not know whether the 40 or  
29 50 men you saw in Buedu in December 1998 who went to Kono to join

1 Superman - you don't know whether they reached inside Freetown on  
2 6 January?

3 A. Well Alice Pyne told me that all of them went with that  
4 group to Waterloo, but I don't know if they entered or not. She  
11:10:29 5 said they all went together with that group around the Waterloo  
6 area.

7 Q. But those men were with Superman and Superman never made  
8 into Freetown, you agree, correct?

9 A. Yes, I have said so that Superman, they met around the  
11:10:55 10 Waterloo area with the others.

11 Q. Madam Witness, you spoke about Sam Bockarie's departure  
12 from Buedu to Monrovia in December 1999. You recall telling us  
13 about that?

14 A. Yes.

11:11:22 15 Q. But before his departure you mentioned that he went on a  
16 trip to Liberia and upon his return there were about five trucks  
17 with arms and ammunition that he brought back with him, yes?

18 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, may counsel refer  
19 us to that portion of the evidence on which he has based this  
11:11:55 20 question?

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, can you assist, please?

22 MR ANYAH: I will try and look for it. I do recall that an  
23 issue arose when Justice Lussick sought clarification about the  
24 five trucks, whether they were trucks or pick-ups. That may have  
11:12:20 25 been in connection with White Flower and Benjamin Yeaten's house,  
26 but I think it also arose again in connection with the five  
27 trucks, but I am looking for it and I will be able to find it  
28 very shortly I suspect.

29 Yes, there is discussion of this in Monday's transcript I

1 believe on page 15662. Actually it begins - well, let me be sure  
2 of this because there are two issues being discussed here.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have some notes on it on 9 September  
4 just before we went into private session.

11:14:24 5 MR ANYAH: Yes, I have found it, Madam President. On 9  
6 September counsel was asking the witness questions referring to  
7 the previous day's testimony, and on page 15778 counsel refers to  
8 the previous day's testimony about the five trucks and then the  
9 witness answers providing more information about the five trucks  
11:15:03 10 and Foya airfield and so on. I don't know if that assists  
11 counsel. Is that the reference counsel was in need of?

12 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the reason I asked for a  
13 reference is because I do not recall and I am unable to get it  
14 clearly from the reference given, but I do not recall that the  
11:15:27 15 five trucks that the witness testified about had anything to do  
16 with the previous visit by Sam Bockarie to Liberia. That's the  
17 point I was trying to make. That's why I asked for a reference.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just allow me to re-read the -  
19 Mr Bangura, the question was before his departure he went on a  
11:16:02 20 trip to Liberia and upon his return there were about five trucks  
21 with arms and ammunition that he brought back with him. That is  
22 the question. I note from my notes that five trucks left but my  
23 understanding is five trucks did not reach Buedu, and if it's  
24 that difference that you're objecting to then I will ask counsel  
11:16:33 25 to put that more precise fact that was adduced.

26 MR ANYAH: I appreciate the point and I do see in the  
27 transcript - I do see where the distinction can be made. The  
28 point is - and I will get the witness to clarify this - I stand  
29 by the propositions I am making:



1 Q. Madam Witness, first of all it is true that you have told  
2 us that in late 1999, after Sam Bockarie knew that he was going  
3 to be based in Monrovia, he first went on a trip during which he  
4 came back to Foya with five trucks containing arms and  
11:17:13 5 ammunition, right?

6 A. No, I said --

7 Q. Did Sam Bockarie go to Monrovia in the late part of 1999  
8 before his final departure in December 1999?

9 A. He went to Monrovia in December before ever he finally left  
11:17:41 10 for Monrovia late in December 1999.

11 Q. So we're on the same page in respect of that. Now the  
12 second question, when he went to Monrovia this time before his  
13 final departure did he return back to the vicinity of Foya,  
14 somewhere in Lofa County, with five trucks of arms and  
11:18:03 15 ammunition?

16 A. No, I said that he went to Monrovia. When he returned, he  
17 returned by air and disembarked at Foya airfield where we  
18 received him with the vehicle. Jungle was the one who escorted  
19 the trucks and not all of the five trucks entered Buedu. It was  
11:18:34 20 only two that entered Buedu.

21 Q. But the overall point is that on the eve of his departure  
22 from Liberia - from Sierra Leone, knowing that he was going to  
23 leave Sam Bockarie went to Liberia ending part of 1999 and  
24 shortly after he visited Monrovia Jungle brought five trucks of  
11:19:00 25 arms and ammunition to the vicinity of Foya, yes?

26 A. No, I did not get that one clearly.

27 Q. These five trucks that Jungle brought, he brought them  
28 shortly after Sam Bockarie went to visit Monrovia, right?

29 A. Yes, but not all of them entered Buedu.

1 Q. We appreciate that. Only two of the five entered Buedu,  
2 yes?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. This was in the last part of 1999, yes?

11:19:49 5 A. It was in the month of December.

6 Q. Do you know that a few months before in October -  
7 September/October 1999 Charles Taylor was mediating peace efforts  
8 between Foday Sankoh and Johnny Paul Koroma in Monrovia?

9 A. No, I don't know about that.

11:20:24 10 Q. Do you know that in the late part of 1999 Charles Taylor on  
11 behalf of the Liberian government was part of the Committee of  
12 Six on Sierra Leone within ECOWAS?

13 A. Well, I don't know about that.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, can we show the witness  
11:20:53 15 Defence exhibit 23, please:

16 Q. Madam Witness, this is an article from the BBC. It's dated  
17 1 October 1999 and pictured there appear to be Foday Sankoh and  
18 Johnny Paul Koroma, but that might be open to - Foday Sankoh and  
19 I believe Tejan Kabbah, but that might be open to dispute. There  
11:22:06 20 is no indication underneath the photograph, but it says, "The  
21 peace accord was signed in Lomé in July". The BBC is reporting  
22 that around this time, if you go down on that page above the  
23 subheading "Jovial mood", it says:

24 "Neither Mr Sankoh nor Major Koroma, erstwhile allies, have  
11:22:40 25 returned to Sierra Leone since a peace pact was signed with the  
26 government of President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah on 7 July, putting an  
27 end to a bloody eight year civil war."

28 Then the next paragraph:

29 "The two men held more than three hours of reconciliation

1 talks in Monrovia mediated by Liberian President Charles Taylor  
2 on Thursday. Afterwards the two rebel leaders appeared in a  
3 jovial mood as they spoke to reporters. I am satisfied  
4 everything is fine now, Major Koroma said."

11:23:19 5 Madam Witness, a few weeks before this time you say  
6 Charles Taylor was sending arms, or you imply that Jungle was  
7 getting arms from Charles Taylor to send into Sierra Leone,  
8 Charles Taylor was mediating peace between the warring factions  
9 in Sierra Leone. Are you aware of that, Madam Witness?

11:23:46 10 A. Well, all of these times that they're referring to that  
11 those are the times Charles Taylor used to send arms, or Jungle  
12 and others, to Sierra Leone, I don't know. I didn't know. I  
13 didn't know if that was the time, or even this one that you've  
14 just shown to me. I'm happy to have seen it today, but I didn't  
11:24:04 15 know at that time. I didn't know anything about it, but I'm  
16 happy to have seen it today.

17 Q. Are you saying, Madam Witness, that it was not from  
18 Charles Taylor that Jungle got these trucks of arms and  
19 ammunition?

11:24:28 20 A. I'm referring to the picture, or the document, that you've  
21 shown to me. I said I was not aware of it, but the arms and  
22 ammunition that Jungle used to bring to Sierra Leone, Charles  
23 Taylor was involved in that.

24 Q. That is what I'm asking you. BBC is saying that  
11:24:43 25 Charles Taylor was brokering peace between Foday Sankoh and  
26 Johnny Paul Koroma. You, Madam Witness, you are saying  
27 Charles Taylor was sending arms and ammunition. Do you see the  
28 contradiction in those two things, Madam Witness?

29 A. Okay, now I have seen the problem, but BBC would do that,

1 or even Charles Taylor would do that, making peace between Foday  
2 Sankoh and Johnny Paul and still he could still send arms and  
3 ammunition to Sierra Leone during that time because that was in  
4 secret. It was not in public that whenever he wanted to send  
11:25:24 5 arms and ammunition he would announce it on the radio like when  
6 he would do when he wanted to make peace between Johnny Paul  
7 Koroma and Foday Sankoh, no.

8 Q. But there is still a problem with your story,  
9 Madam Witness. According to you, Sam Bockarie knew he was

11:25:43 10 leaving Sierra Leone for Liberia in a few weeks. In fact you  
11 told us his wife and his children were already being sent to  
12 Monrovia when these events with these trucks happened, yes?

13 A. I said Sam Bockarie sent his wife, his children and his  
14 mother three days before Sam Bockarie left for Monrovia finally.

11:26:16 15 The night that the trucks started entering Monrovia it was the  
16 following morning that he finally left for Monrovia, but three  
17 days before then he had sent his family before he finally left on  
18 that day.

19 Q. But the point is around the time these trucks were heading  
11:26:36 20 towards the border Sam Bockarie knew he was going to return back  
21 to reside in Liberia permanently, yes?

22 A. Well, yes. When the trucks entered, the time they started  
23 entering he knew he was going to Monrovia permanently, but he  
24 didn't know - according to him, he didn't know that he was to go  
11:27:01 25 there at that particular time. Do you understand what I mean?  
26 He didn't know that that was the particular time, that was the  
27 particular - that the nights that the trucks would arrive in  
28 Buedu it was just the following day that he would be going to  
29 Monrovia finally. He didn't know that at that time.

1 Q. But at the time that this was happening Sam Bockarie and  
2 Foday Sankoh were having a feud, or a conflict, yes?

3 A. Yes, they had a problem.

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4 Q. And Foday Sankoh at that time was regaining leadership of  
5 the RUF in Sierra Leone, true?

6 A. Yes, at that time he had returned. Yes.

7 Q. And it would be fair to say that these two trucks that made  
8 it into Buedu would be supplying Foday Sankoh's men with arms and  
9 ammunition and not necessarily Sam Bockarie's men, yes?

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10 A. Well, the ones which entered first - because even before  
11 Sam Bockarie left for Monrovia he had arms and ammunition in the  
12 store. He didn't go with everything to Monrovia.

13 Q. Madam Witness, that is not my question. If Sam Bockarie is  
14 leaving Sierra Leone to go to Monrovia and he knows he is

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15 leaving, then whatever arms and ammunitions are going into Sierra  
16 Leone he knows he will not be commanding the men who get to use  
17 those arms and ammunition, correct?

18 A. I don't know about that.

19 Q. But the fact is shortly after these two trucks entered

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20 Buedu, Sam Bockarie left Sierra Leone permanently for Liberia,  
21 yes?

22 A. Yes.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I've been watching the time  
24 here. We don't have our normal alert, but it is just about up to  
25 the time and this would be appear to be a convenient time, I  
26 hope, in your cross-examination to take the mid-morning break.

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27 MR ANYAH: It is, but I did have the impression that we  
28 would proceed as usual. I mean - well, I understand.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I trust you didn't get that impression

1 from me --

2 MR. ANYAH: No.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- because I bear in mind that also  
4 Mr Taylor I'm sure has a routine that cannot be easily

11:29:32 5 interrupted, as well as counsel and the parties. So we will take  
6 the normal mid-morning break now, Madam Witness, and we will  
7 resume court at 12 o'clock.

8 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

9 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

11:58:35 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please proceed.

11 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

12 Q. Madam Witness, before the break we were talking about a  
13 visit made by Sam Bockarie to Monrovia shortly before his final  
14 departure from Sierra Leone to Liberia in December 1999 and I had  
11:59:10 15 asked you this question and you gave this answer:

16 "Q. But the fact is shortly after these two trucks entered  
17 Buedu Sam Bockarie left Sierra Leone permanently for  
18 Liberia, yes?

19 A. Yes."

11:59:25 20 I'd like to pick up on that discussion. These two trucks  
21 that went to Buedu, do you know what happened to the arms and  
22 ammunitions that they carried?

23 A. Well, I just saw them off-load everything and they were put  
24 into the warehouse. I didn't know what happened to them  
11:59:57 25 thereafter.

26 Q. How soon after these arms and ammunitions were off-loaded  
27 into the warehouse did Sam Bockarie leave Sierra Leone  
28 permanently for Liberia?

29 A. Well, it was at night that the two trucks entered and the

1 following morning they were off-loaded even before we left in the  
2 afternoon.

3 Q. Did Sam Bockarie leave for Monrovia permanently the day  
4 after these two trucks were off-loaded in Buedu?

12:00:39 5 A. The day the trucks were off-loaded was that very afternoon  
6 that he left finally.

7 Q. Madam Witness, what you're telling this Court is that two  
8 trucks of arms and ammunitions are off-loaded and that very day  
9 Sam Bockarie leaves permanently for Liberia, correct?

12:01:07 10 A. I did not say the two trucks were loaded with arms and  
11 ammunition, no. The five trucks contained food, clothing and  
12 arms and ammunition.

13 Q. We appreciate that, but I go back to my question. These  
14 trucks that contained supplies, food, clothing, arms and  
12:01:39 15 ammunitions, the two of them that arrived in Buedu, on the day  
16 after their arrival Sam Bockarie left Buedu permanently - left  
17 permanently for Liberia, correct?

18 A. The trucks arrived at night and the following day Sam  
19 Bockarie left.

12:02:00 20 Q. And when Sam Bockarie left you said he left with his  
21 fighters, approximately 200 to 250 of them, correct?

22 A. About that.

23 Q. He left with those men, yes?

24 A. Which men?

12:02:24 25 Q. Sam Bockarie left with the 200 to 250 fighters of his,  
26 correct?

27 A. About that.

28 Q. I'm not asking you about the size of the men and your  
29 answers have been about that. I am asking you whether it is a

1 fact that he left one place with these men to another place, the  
2 other place being Monrovia?

3 A. Yes, the group left Buedu for Monrovia.

4 Q. So neither Sam Bockarie nor the men he was leaving with had  
12:03:03 5 the benefit of using these supplies that came in the two trucks,  
6 correct?

7 A. Well, before ever he left, he distributed some food and  
8 some clothing that the two trucks had brought to some soldiers  
9 who had relatives in Sierra Leone at that time and he also gave  
12:03:33 10 some food to the MP commanders to distribute them to old people  
11 in Buedu and shoes. He distributed most of the food items, but  
12 some still remained in the warehouse when we left.

13 Q. Did you tell the Prosecution this when you spoke with them  
14 outside of court, Madam Witness?

12:03:57 15 A. No. The question that you have just asked me, the  
16 Prosecution did not ask me such a question and I only responded  
17 to questions that were asked of me.

18 Q. Are you saying to this Court that Sam Bockarie knows he is  
19 going to Monrovia with his men, about 250 of them, and yet he  
12:04:21 20 allows trucks with supplies that his men might need to be driven  
21 all the way from Monrovia to Buedu and they off-load the trucks  
22 in Buedu and that's when they distribute the supplies and carry  
23 the supplies back into Liberia? Is that what your evidence is,  
24 Madam Witness?

12:04:40 25 A. Well, the question is not clear.

26 Q. I'll be happy to repeat it. Two trucks with supplies,  
27 food, clothing, arms and ammunition, are on the Liberian side at  
28 a time when Sam Bockarie knows in a few days he will be heading  
29 permanently to stay in Monrovia. You are telling us that he



1 allowed those trucks to go to Buedu, into another country, and it  
2 was only when he was in Sierra Leone they off-loaded the supplies  
3 and distributed to some of his soldiers and their families and  
4 then he crossed back into Liberia with the same soldiers and  
12:05:24 5 families with those same supplies that could have been off-loaded  
6 and distributed in Liberia. That's your evidence, isn't it?

7 A. No, I don't think you got me clearly. He went with some  
8 soldiers. Those that he went with he went with them together  
9 with their wives and children, and those soldiers had parents

12:05:53 10 there. They were elderly people. He couldn't go with all of  
11 them, because he said it was Taylor who had invited him and he  
12 didn't know the reason why he had been invited and those people  
13 were elderly people. He wouldn't just go with everybody and they  
14 couldn't go. That was why he distributed those items to them.

12:06:13 15 Those people whom he distributed the items to, they did not go  
16 with the items. The items were in Buedu.

17 Q. Then why did you not answer my original question, which was  
18 Sam Bockarie and his 250 fighters did not have the benefit of  
19 those supplies that were brought in the trucks to Buedu?

12:06:38 20 A. Well, I wouldn't say they were - they did not benefit from  
21 it, because if you don't get something but your mother or father  
22 or your sister or brother got the same thing that means  
23 indirectly you get benefit from it.

24 Q. Neither Sam Bockarie nor the 200 to 250 men that he crossed  
12:07:01 25 over from Sierra Leone into Liberia with directly received any of  
26 those supplies, correct?

27 A. The two trucks that entered, no, but the other food items,  
28 those in the other trucks on the way, they were taken back to  
29 Liberia and when they went back to Liberia before ever they went

1 to the training base every month they were being supplied food  
2 and that was rice. Before ever they went to the training base  
3 every soldier received a bag of rice and 20 dollars, that is US,  
4 that was before they went to the training base.

12:07:47 5 Q. Madam Witness, are you aware of the fact that in November  
6 1999 at the request of ECOWAS Charles Taylor summoned Sam  
7 Bockarie and Foday Sankoh for a conference in Liberia?

8 A. Well, I don't recall saying that.

9 Q. Do you know what the source of the conflict or friction  
12:08:23 10 between Foday Sankoh and Sam Bockarie was? Tell us if you know,  
11 Madam Witness.

12 A. Well, what I heard from Sam Bockarie was that the Pa had  
13 said that he wanted his position and Sam Bockarie said he was not  
14 fighting to become a rebel leader, or even President for Sierra  
12:08:50 15 Leone. He said he was fighting for Foday Sankoh to be released  
16 from the prisons and now that Foday Sankoh had been released from  
17 the prisons he was supposed to be appreciative of his efforts.  
18 He didn't want leadership. He was not fighting for that. That  
19 was what I heard from Sam Bockarie.

12:09:14 20 Q. Are you aware of the fact that the source of the conflict  
21 between Bockarie and Foday Sankoh was the fact that Sam Bockarie  
22 did not wish to disarm?

23 A. Well, I don't know about that. I have told you what I  
24 know.

12:09:32 25 Q. Are you aware of the fact that Sam Bockarie's relocation  
26 from Sierra Leone to Liberia was authorised and widely known  
27 within ECOWAS, the UN and the government of Tejan Kabbah?

28 A. Well, I don't know about that.

29 Q. Are you aware of the fact that when Sam Bockarie indeed

1 arrived in Monrovia, his presence in Monrovia and the RUF  
2 guesthouse in which he initially stayed were facts of common  
3 knowledge publicised in the media throughout Monrovia in December  
4 1999?

12:10:17 5 A. Well, I don't know.

6 Q. Now these 200 to 250 men you told us about, not all of them  
7 initially went to Monrovia with Sam Bockarie, correct?

8 A. Yes, not all of them went to Monrovia with Sam Bockarie at  
9 the initial stage.

12:10:46 10 Q. How many of the approximately 250 went with him to Monrovia  
11 at the initial stage, tell us?

12 A. Well I did not do a head count, but I can say roughly  
13 around 50 stayed in Gbarnga. All the others were taken to  
14 Monrovia. That is just some rough estimate because I didn't do  
15 any head count.

12:11:16 16 Q. If about 50 of 250 stayed in Gbarnga - rather, went to  
17 Gbarnga, then approximately 200 went with him to Monrovia, yes?

18 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Bangura.

12:11:37 20 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, my learned friend has asked the  
21 question about the number of men that went with Sam Bockarie to  
22 Liberia and he's put the number at 200 to 250. Earlier there had  
23 been questions about this same number and referring to men, but  
24 in a rather loose sense and the witness has been answering, but  
12:12:05 25 here counsel seems to be putting it specifically as though men  
26 here refers to the actual number of fighting men. That's my  
27 understanding of the question and that is not the evidence from  
28 this witness in-chief.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps if you could refer us to it,

1 because the witness has on occasion referred to family members.

2 MR BANGURA: That is correct, your Honour, and that is the  
3 point I wish to make. In the witness's earlier testimony - I'm  
4 not immediately able to refer to the transcript, but in her  
12:12:47 5 earlier testimony, and I stand corrected, the number 200 to 250  
6 included family members.

7 MR ANYAH: Madam President, this should not take long. I  
8 can clarify this easily.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that would be very appropriate.

12:13:03 10 MR ANYAH:

11 Q. Madam Witness, how many people left Sierra Leone with Sam  
12 Bockarie in December 1999?

13 A. Well, we were about 250. 250. That is men, women,  
14 children.

12:13:25 15 Q. How many of the approximately 250 were fighters? Men or  
16 women, but people that were fighters?

17 A. Well I would say roughly around 150 to 200, around that.

18 Q. Of this 150 to 200, how many went to Gbarnga?

19 A. Well, it was a mixed group at that time. Some family  
12:13:57 20 members went there and some fighters stayed behind and some  
21 family members stayed behind as well. I cannot estimate that  
22 one.

23 Q. My question was not about the family members. We are  
24 speaking now of the 150 to 200 that were fighters. Speaking only  
12:14:22 25 in respect of the fighters, how many of these fighters went to  
26 Gbarnga and how many went to Monrovia?

27 A. Well, I would say the fighters were around 150. Around  
28 that, yes. Around 150 in number. I did not do a head count, but  
29 it was around that.

1 Q. We appreciate that, 150 fighters. How many of those went  
2 to Gbarnga, Madam Witness, tell us?

3 A. Well if you took 150 from 250, about that, the remaining  
4 all stayed in Gbarnga.

12:15:08 5 Q. Madam Witness, let's be specific here. The total number of  
6 fighters that went with Bockarie you've told us is between 150  
7 and 200. I want to know out of that group how many went to  
8 Gbarnga. Tell us, please, Madam Witness.

9 A. Well, it was that. I did not do a head count, but majority  
12:15:35 10 of them went to Monrovia. It was only few of them that stayed in  
11 Gbarnga.

12 Q. But those who went to Monrovia, were they as many as 100?

13 A. Yes.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: And we're talking here about fighters,  
12:15:52 15 Mr Anyah?

16 MR ANYAH: That's correct, Madam President:

17 Q. Madam Witness, did you hear that? Were there about 100  
18 fighters that went with Sam Bockarie to Monrovia?

19 A. I think so, because at that time I cannot recall the number  
12:16:13 20 now. But around that, I think so.

21 Q. Separate and apart from this 150 fighters, there were  
22 people such as yourself and Sam Bockarie's family members, yes,  
23 that went with him to Monrovia? Yes?

24 A. Yes.

12:16:29 25 Q. Including the non-fighters, the total number of people that  
26 arrived in Monrovia with Sam Bockarie was how many?

27 A. I have given you the number.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, perhaps I'm being pedantic, but  
29 didn't the witness say that the family of Sam Bockarie who you

1 have referred to left three days before him?

2 MR ANYAH: You are accurate, Madam President, and she did  
3 nonetheless respond to my question, but for the accuracy of the  
4 record I can clarify:

12:16:59 5 Q. Madam Witness, besides this 100 or so fighters, how many  
6 other people accompanied Sam Bockarie to Monrovia?

7 A. Well I did not do a head count, but I gave you the number  
8 for the entire group. I did not do an individual counting.

9 Q. And that number again for the entire group that arrived in  
12:17:28 10 Monrovia was how many?

11 A. I gave you the number. I don't want to be as specific as  
12 you want me to be. I said it was around 150. Please give me  
13 time to explain. When you ask me a question, give me time to  
14 explain. I wouldn't just say yes or no and if I have something  
12:17:55 15 to explain I would have to explain. I would have to clarify it  
16 for people to understand.

17 Q. I am being fair to you, Madam Witness, and I don't think I  
18 am cutting you off. It's a simple question. If you say you've  
19 given me a number before, I have the right to ask you to give it  
12:18:11 20 again and I'm asking you to give us that total number again.

21 A. It was around 150 to 200, around that. I am just - from  
22 150 to 200, or around 250. I'm just guessing because I did not  
23 do a head count, but we were not up to 300.

24 Q. Where did all these people stay once you arrived in  
12:18:50 25 Monrovia?

26 A. Well in Monrovia all of us were taken to ELWA Junction on  
27 12 Houses Road where Jungle had first occupied, he and his wife.

28 Q. Was this in Congo Town, or Sinkor in Monrovia?

29 A. It was not in Congo Town. It was Paynesville.

1 Q. Paynesville leading towards Kakata Highway, yes?

2 A. Well I don't understand that area much, because when you  
3 come from the Red Light end you will go down, right at the  
4 junction to go towards the stadium, ELWA Junction. It's a  
12:19:51 5 renowned place. There is a junction, one road leading to the  
6 stadium and the other one going straight down to Congo Town and  
7 the other one going straight back to Red Light. It's a big  
8 junction. The road leading to the right, that is it.

9 Q. Yes, Madam Witness. This junction, one road leads towards  
12:20:13 10 Samuel Kanyon Doe stadium and that's the same road that leads to  
11 Roberts International Airfield and Harbel, yes?

12 A. Yes, that is the junction.

13 Q. The other road leads towards Paynesville and ultimately  
14 into Kakata Highway, correct?

12:20:33 15 A. Well the other one at the back going towards Red Light, it  
16 goes straight.

17 Q. Well, there are three roads at this junction. One goes  
18 towards the stadium - and we've established that - the second one  
19 going to the right goes towards Paynesville and the third one  
12:20:51 20 goes towards Congo Town and Sinkor, yes?

21 A. The straight road, if you come from Red Light and if you go  
22 right ahead of you straight, it goes to Congo Town, Sinkor,  
23 straight. The one at the back, that is the Red Light way going  
24 to Kakata, just like you are saying. It's a small junction, a  
12:21:15 25 small road on the right, on the road leading to where everybody  
26 was assembled. That is this 12 Houses Road.

27 Q. In any event, in the vicinity of Paynesville on the  
28 outskirts of Monrovia these approximately 200 people you said  
29 were housed in a place Jungle had, correct?

1 A. I told you that some people stayed in Gbarnga and I cannot  
2 tell you the exact number now. I cannot give you an exact  
3 number.

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4 Q. Forgetting those in Gbarnga, let's focus on those who went  
5 into Monrovia. You have told us they stayed in a residence or  
6 compound belonging to Jungle, correct?

7 A. That is the official house that everybody went, but most of  
8 the men were not even sleeping in that house because there wasn't  
9 enough accommodation and so they were putting up at some other  
10 places.

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11 Q. You referred to it as the official house. Are you saying  
12 that this was an official RUF guesthouse?

13 A. What I meant is that was the house that we were formally  
14 taken to. We who had come from Buedu, Sam Bockarie's group, that  
15 was the house that everybody was taken to, or that the vehicle -  
16 that was where the vehicle stopped and everybody disembarked. I  
17 was not saying that it was an official RUF house, but that was  
18 the house that Sam Bockarie and his people were taken to. That  
19 was the house that we met Sam Bockarie's mother, his children and  
20 even his wife. That's what I meant.

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21 Q. How big was this house, Madam Witness?

22 A. Well, the house was three bedrooms and a living room.  
23 There was a kitchen in there and there was a bathroom in the  
24 house as well. It was self-contained. It was a big space. It  
25 was - the compound, there was a big compound. It has a very big  
26 compound.

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27 Q. Are you suggesting that some of the people that came with  
28 Sam Bockarie had to take up residence in the premises of this  
29 house? Is that what you're suggesting, Madam Witness, because



1 the house was not big enough to contain everybody?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You also told us that Sam Bockarie and his family stayed  
4 somewhere else in another house near where the former first lady  
12:24:06 5 of Liberia resided, correct?

6 A. No, I said Sam Bockarie and his wife were not residing in  
7 that house that I'm referring to. They used to sleep at YWCA at  
8 the junction right opposite the first lady's house. That was  
9 where he and his wife used to sleep. In the morning his wife  
12:24:30 10 would come, we would cook at the house and in the evening a  
11 vehicle would come to pick her up and she would go and pass the  
12 night.

13 Q. You also told us - and this is the important part now,  
14 Madam Witness. You said to us a few weeks after Sam Bockarie  
12:24:47 15 arrived, Charles Taylor built a compound with four houses for Sam  
16 Bockarie. Do you recall telling us that?

17 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours.

18 THE WITNESS: I did not tell you that.

19 MR BANGURA: Can I ask counsel to give us a reference. He  
12:25:07 20 says the witness said a few weeks after Sam Bockarie arrived  
21 and --

22 MR ANYAH: Is the dispute the weeks, or is the dispute the  
23 houses?

24 MR BANGURA: Basically it's the time period that counsel  
12:25:19 25 has alluded to as coming from the witness.

26 MR ANYAH: I can ask the witness:

27 Q. Madam Witness, you testified about four houses. How soon  
28 after Sam Bockarie arrived in Monrovia did he have a compound  
29 with four houses in it?

1 A. I had earlier told the Court that when Sam Bockarie got to  
2 Monrovia, Charles Taylor bought a house for him and they were  
3 already building that house. We did not just go to Monrovia and  
4 immediately go to the place. We were there for about three weeks  
12:26:11 5 to one month, or even two months, before the construction was  
6 completed, because the house was not very far from where we were  
7 based initially.

8 Q. That was my question and I phrased it as "In a few weeks  
9 after", but let's be more clear. Within three weeks, or about  
12:26:37 10 one or two months as you've said, Charles Taylor built a house or  
11 houses for Sam Bockarie. Do you agree?

12 A. I don't agree. I did not say he built a house. I said he  
13 bought a house for Sam Bockarie.

14 Q. Fair enough. Charles Taylor bought a house for Sam  
12:26:55 15 Bockarie, yes?

16 A. Yes, that was what Sam Bockarie said.

17 Q. And you told us there were four houses in this compound,  
18 true or false?

19 A. True.

12:27:15 20 Q. Madam Witness, another witness testified about this  
21 compound before this Chamber. The compound I'm referring to is  
22 the same one you are describing. That witness testified - and,  
23 your Honours, for everybody's benefit in keeping with the  
24 approach we've decided to adopt I will just give only the page  
12:27:37 25 reference. The page reference in question is page 7402 and I  
26 will be reading from line 8. Madam witness --

27 MR BANGURA: May we be - your Honours, again, just the date  
28 of that testimony that counsel is referring to.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought we were avoiding dates. We got

1 a page number.

2 MR ANYAH: I think that was the approach, Madam President;  
3 just the page number only and not the date.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that's my recollection. I will have  
12:28:16 5 it printed out at some point. Please proceed, Mr Anyah.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Madam Witness, here is what another witness had to say  
8 about Sam Bockarie's residences in Monrovia. Line 8:

9 "Q. You told us previously that Sam Bockarie was staying  
12:28:33 10 at the guesthouse, do you recall that? Correct me if I'm  
11 wrong, Mr Witness, did you say Sam Bockarie was staying at  
12 a guesthouse in Monrovia?

13 A. I said there was a guesthouse that was meant for the  
14 lodging of the RUF personnel in Monrovia.

12:28:53 15 Q. Where was Sam Bockarie staying at this time when you  
16 went to his house?

17 A. There was a compound which Dr Magona told me that was  
18 built or constructed by Sam Bockarie himself.

19 Q. Where was it?

12:29:16 20 A. When was it?

21 Q. No, where. There is Congo Town. There is Sinkor.  
22 Where in Monrovia was it located?

23 A. I will describe the area. I will describe the area.

24 From Congo Town, moving down to Red Light on your left  
12:29:37 25 there the compound was located. I saw the compound. There  
26 were four houses. One, two, three, four, and a barri like  
27 I said last was placed at the centre and it was under  
28 that barri that we met Sam Bockarie."

29 Madam Witness, another witness told this Court that

1 Dr Magona told him that the house or these houses in which Sam  
2 Bockarie stayed at near the Red Light area of Monrovia were built  
3 by Sam Bockarie himself. What do you have to say to that,  
4 Madam Witness?

12:30:27 5 A. Well, as I said earlier to the Court, I don't know the  
6 house that was near Red Light that was built by Sam Bockarie. I  
7 don't know about it. But where Sam Bockarie was right up to the  
8 time he left Liberia was what I was referring to. According to  
9 that witness that is speaking, that witness may be right, because  
12:30:48 10 according to the statement the way I understood it, the witness  
11 said Dr Magona told him or her. But what I am telling you I was  
12 not told by Dr Magona. I lived in that same compound with Sam  
13 Bockarie. What I am telling you is what I experienced, not what  
14 I was told or I was not shown the place. I had lived in the same  
12:31:11 15 compound. That's what I know.

16 Q. But you would agree with me that it appears that this  
17 witness is talking about the same four houses that you are also  
18 telling us about in court today, yes?

19 A. Well, I don't know, because he or she also is talking about  
12:31:35 20 four houses, but when he or she is talking about Red Light area  
21 maybe it's - maybe it's another Red Light. And the way he or she  
22 spoke, maybe it's another Red Light or maybe Sam Bockarie built a  
23 house but I did not see a house that was built by Sam Bockarie.  
24 Even if he built a house I did not see it. The one that I know  
12:31:57 25 about was the one that Charles Taylor bought for him where he  
26 transferred to and all of us lived there for quite a long time  
27 before ever he left the place.

28 Q. Do you know Dr Magona, Madam Witness?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who is Dr Magona?

2 A. Well, as the name goes, I knew a Dr Magona that was a  
3 medical personnel.

4 Q. Are you saying he was a medical doctor?

12:32:40 5 A. That was what I heard him being called and that was the way  
6 I too referred to him, Dr Magona, and I saw him extracting  
7 bullets from soldiers' bodies and fighters.

8 Q. And did you see him doing this in Monrovia when you were  
9 there after 1999?

12:33:13 10 A. Well, he went to Monrovia as a doctor, but I never  
11 witnessed him doing this there. Where I saw this happen was in  
12 Buedu when we were in Sierra Leone. But when all of us went  
13 there, he went there as a medical personnel. That's what he  
14 said, that he was still practicing his medical profession, taking  
12:33:39 15 bullets from - taking bullets out from soldiers' bodies. I did  
16 not see that in Monrovia happen. What I saw was in Sierra Leone.

17 Q. Did you know of a place called the RUF guesthouse in  
18 Monrovia, Madam Witness?

19 A. No, I never went there. I used to hear the name, but I  
12:34:05 20 never went there and I never knew the place.

21 Q. In the place where you stayed at in Monrovia in December  
22 1999, was Osman Tolo present in that premises?

23 A. No. From when I went to Monrovia I heard that Osman Tolo  
24 had been there, but I never saw him in person.

12:34:35 25 Q. Was somebody by the name of Rashid present in the same  
26 house that you were in when you were in Monrovia?

27 A. No. I used to hear that he was at the RUF guesthouse in  
28 Monrovia, but I never saw him there and I never knew the  
29 guesthouse even.

1 Q. Was there somebody inside the RUF guesthouse where you  
2 stayed called Jabaty, Madam Witness?

12:35:18

3 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, before the witness  
4 answers I believe there is a misstatement of the evidence there  
5 in that question.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Take care here, Mr Bangura. Counsel is  
7 putting facts to the witness. It may not necessarily reflect  
8 prior evidence.

12:35:38

9 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, if we go back to the question  
10 which counsel asked, it says, "Was there somebody inside the RUF  
11 guesthouse where you stayed called Jabaty".

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see the point you're making, yes.  
13 Slight rephrasing, Mr Anyah.

12:35:51

14 MR ANYAH: Yes, I can easily do that. I appreciate that:  
15 Q. Madam Witness, in the residence where you stayed at in  
16 Monrovia was there somebody called Jabaty present there,  
17 Madam Witness?

12:36:11

18 A. No. Where - the compound where I stayed, Four Houses,  
19 there was nobody called Jabaty there. I knew a Jabaty person or  
20 all of us went to Monrovia, but he and his family, his wife and  
21 all of his children were in Gbarnga, even though he used to visit  
22 Monrovia and return. Later, after he left Gbarnga, he rented a  
23 place in Monrovia near us, but not in that compound where we  
24 were. It was near our compound. He rented a place there. It  
25 was there that he and his family were.

12:36:34

26 Q. Well, let me be more specific now. Let's do this  
27 piecemeal. Let's start with the first place you stayed at before  
28 you moved to the Four Houses compound. The first place you  
29 stayed at near Painesville, tell us if Osman Tolo was there,

1 Jabaty was there, somebody named Rashid was there and somebody  
2 named Freedom or Ray was there?

3 A. Well, please listen now carefully when I'm talking. The  
4 first house where we were taken to, at that time Jabaty and his  
12:37:17 5 family stayed at Gbarnga. We were the only ones at that house,  
6 even before we transferred to the new four houses that was bought  
7 from Sam Bockarie by Charles Taylor. And the house that I'm  
8 referring to where we transferred to, that is the Four Houses  
9 compound that was bought for Sam Bockarie by Charles Taylor, I  
12:37:39 10 never saw Rashid there or never knew that he lived there or even  
11 saw Osman Tolo there or live there and if - I heard that they  
12 were in the RUF guesthouse in town, but I never knew the place or  
13 I never went there. I think I have made that area clearly.

14 Q. So your evidence is that in the Four Houses compound where  
12:38:12 15 you were Osman Tolo was not there, Jabaty was not there and  
16 Rashid was not there, yes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Was somebody by the name of Ray, also known as Freedom,  
19 present at the Four Houses compound when you were there?

12:38:30 20 A. Well, I don't recall that name even amongst that group that  
21 went, amongst our group. I don't remember that name.

22 Q. Going back to the place where you stayed at in Paynesville,  
23 were any of these four people present in that place when you were  
24 there; Osman Tolo, Rashid, Jabaty and Freedom, also known as Ray?

12:38:55 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, just for purposes of clarity,  
26 are you saying they visited on occasion or they resided on  
27 occasion?

28 MR ANYAH: I can clarify:

29 Q. Madam Witness, at any time when you were at the place in

1 Paynesville did you see any of these four people there; Osman  
2 Tolo, Jabaty, Rashid or somebody named Freedom or Ray?

3 A. Well, let me make it clearer. The whole area where we  
4 were, the first house where we were and the new Four Houses  
12:39:32 5 compound where we later went are all in Paynesville. It is not a  
6 far distance between each other. There were just few houses  
7 between where we were at first and where Charles Taylor bought  
8 for Sam Bockarie. There are just few houses in between. They  
9 are the same area. It is on the same 12 Houses Road. Where we  
12:39:53 10 were at first, Jabaty used to go there. When Jabaty would come  
11 from Gbarnga to Monrovia there was nowhere for him to stay  
12 because at that time his wife and children were in Gbarnga. It  
13 was at that first house that he used to come. They all used to  
14 have food there together. It was at that house that he used to  
12:40:13 15 go. But for Ray or Freedom, I don't know. Rashid - I never saw  
16 them there and I don't recall that they ever go alongside that  
17 group that Sam Bockarie went with to Monrovia.

18 Q. Well, let me ask you this, Madam Witness: When you were in  
19 Monrovia after arriving there with Sam Bockarie in December 1999  
12:40:40 20 you were still close with Sam Bockarie, yes?

21 A. Yes, I was the one who used to prepare his meal. I used to  
22 cook for him. I was close to him before ever he left Liberia.

23 Q. Indeed, you were still functioning as his radio operator in  
24 Monrovia?

12:41:04 25 MR BANGURA: May it please your Honours, I believe - I'm  
26 not so sure how deeply my learned friend intends to go into this  
27 line of questioning. We have heard the witness testifying to  
28 certain facts in private session and those facts relate to roles  
29 that she performed and positions that she occupied, even



1 including her period that she stayed in Monrovia. I'm not sure  
2 how far my learned friend wishes to go. I just wish that he be  
3 mindful of that fact.

12:41:47 4 MR ANYAH: I have not transgressed in any way on any  
5 delicate matters as far as I'm concerned. I am mindful of the  
6 issues that we are all attuned to and I just merely ask this fact  
7 and I believe this is in the public record on this case in any  
8 event, the role she played in Monrovia.

12:42:10 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, I think this is on the public  
10 record, but if you can indicate to me differently I will check  
11 it.

12 MR ANYAH: I think I received an answer to the question and  
13 I believe the question was simply whether or not she was --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

12:42:30 15 MR ANYAH: Yes:

16 Q. Now, Madam Witness, the point is you were very close to Sam  
17 Bockarie and you were working for him when you were in Monrovia,  
18 correct?

19 A. What sort of work are you referring to?

12:42:44 20 Q. Forgetting what kind of work you were doing, my question is  
21 you were close to him, true or false?

22 A. True.

23 Q. You were close enough to him to know the different people  
24 that would come to see him and meet with him, yes?

12:43:06 25 A. No.

26 Q. You were close enough to him to know whether or not  
27 somebody like Dr Magona came to the vicinity where Sam Bockarie  
28 was?

29 A. Well, it was Sam Bockarie who went with Dr Magona to

1 Monrovi a.

2 Q. While you were with Sam Bockarie in Monrovia, at any time  
3 did he receive Osman Tolo as a visitor?

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4 A. I did not see him. I don't know. I never saw Osman Tolo  
5 visit him, no. I did not see that.

6 Q. At any point in time did Jabaty visit Sam Bockarie when he  
7 was in Monrovia?

12:44:14

8 A. Sam Bockarie took Jabaty to Monrovia, so whenever he would  
9 come from Gbarnga where his family was to Monrovia he was at the  
10 house, not just visit.

11 Q. Rashid. Did you see Rashid in the company of Sam Bockarie  
12 in Monrovia at any time?

13 A. No, I never saw Rashid come to Sam Bockarie in Sam  
14 Bockarie's compound, that Four Houses. I never saw that.

12:44:40

15 Q. Did you see anybody by the name of Freedom or Ray, somebody  
16 a former bodyguard of Foday Sankoh, in the presence of Sam  
17 Bockarie when you were in Monrovia?

18 A. Well, I did not see that happen.

12:45:07

19 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, may I have Defence exhibit  
20 18. For the benefit of counsel and your Honours this is an  
21 exhibit, I don't recall if it's confidential or not, but given  
22 the sensitivity of what we have discussed it does have the prior  
23 witness's TF1 number and the date and I am proposing that to  
24 alleviate any concerns we simply put a covering over the TF1  
25 number and the date and have it shown to the witness.

12:45:37

26 Madam President, I'm sorry to --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] I think I see  
28 the part you are referring to.

29 MR ANYAH: Yes.

1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Officer, if you would just  
2 show it to Mr Anyah to ensure that I have covered it as he  
3 intended.

4           MR ANYAH:

12:48:32 5       Q. Madam Witness, do you see the photograph that appears on  
6 your monitor, what it depicts?

7       A. Yes.

8       Q. Have you seen any of the people pictured in that photograph  
9 before?

12:48:55 10      A. Yes, I like Rashid. I knew him to be Foday Sankoh's  
11 bodyguard - his former bodyguard.

12      Q. Who else do you recognise in that picture, Madam Witness?

13      A. Well I recognise Rashid, because the photograph is somehow  
14 - it is Rashid that I'm able to recognise.

12:49:28 15      Q. You mean the person that an arrow has been drawn to and the  
16 name "Rashid" written over, that's the only person you recognise  
17 in that photograph?

18           PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, if the witness is seeing the  
19 same picture as I'm seeing I don't see a name.

12:49:55 20           THE WITNESS: Yes.

21           MR ANYAH: Oh, I see. Madam Court Officer, if you could  
22 hold on and I will switch to the document cam. I think I would  
23 be grateful if the picture actually remained as it was. Madam  
24 Court Officer, could you leave the photograph as it is. Thank  
12:50:15 25 you:

26      Q. Madam Witness, you agree that there are five people shown  
27 on this photograph, correct?

28      A. Yes, I am seeing five people.

29      Q. At the far left is a gentleman holding a teacup with a

1 spoon in it. Do you see that man?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. The man is holding something in his left hand. Can you see  
4 what it is, Madam Witness?

12:50:52 5 A. Well I see both of them having the cups in their right  
6 hands; the two that I see clearly.

7 Q. Let's start with the one that's furthest to the left. That  
8 one's cup has a teaspoon in it, correct?

9 A. Well I see the cup in his hands, but I have not seen  
12:51:21 10 anything like a spoon.

11 Q. Is there something in the cup you see in his hands? We are  
12 talking of the one in the left, Madam Witness.

13 A. Okay, yes, I see a white cup.

14 Q. Well, there's a difference between the two men who are  
12:51:41 15 holding white cups. One is wearing a lighter shirt and the other  
16 one is wearing a brown shirt. Do you see the one with the  
17 lighter shirt, Madam Witness?

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: There's actually three men holding white  
19 cups, Mr Anyah.

12:52:00 20 MR ANYAH: I see the point now, Justice Lussick, but I am  
21 focusing on the one to the furthest left of the photograph.

22 JUDGE LUSSICK: But then you described one in a darker  
23 shirt and one in a lighter shirt.

24 MR ANYAH: Yes.

12:52:15 25 JUDGE LUSSICK: There are two men holding white cups both  
26 in lighter shirts.

27 MR ANYAH: And that's confusing to the witness and I will  
28 be mindful of that, your Honour. Thank you:

29 Q. Madam Witness, there is a man to the furthest left of this

1 photograph sitting on a white chair holding a white cup in his  
2 right hand and something in his left hand wearing a light shirt.  
3 Do you see that man, Madam Witness?

4 A. Yes.

12:52:50 5 Q. Have you seen that man before?

6 A. Well, I do not recall whether I had seen him before. Even  
7 if I had seen him before I do not recall because the photograph  
8 itself is not very clear to me, so I will not be able to  
9 understand him through this photograph.

12:53:11 10 Q. Are you saying to the Court you do not recall whether or  
11 not you have seen that man before?

12 A. Well, even if I had seen him before, I do not recognise him  
13 in this photograph.

14 Q. That's the point. It's not whether you have seen him  
12:53:32 15 before. You do not recognise what you're looking at as far as  
16 that man is concerned in this photograph, correct?

17 A. Yes, I am unable to do that. I don't think I know him and  
18 I don't even believe that if I had seen him before through this  
19 photograph.

12:53:57 20 Q. The man next to him, the man that is directly next to him  
21 in this photograph, can you describe something you see him  
22 wearing, Madam Witness?

23 A. Well, I see something like a black and white T-shirt. It  
24 has a black colour. I don't know whether if that is the one you  
12:54:25 25 are referring to, or if that is how you see it too.

26 Q. Yes, that's the one I'm referring to and that is how I see  
27 it. Have you seen that man before, Madam Witness?

28 A. Well, I do not recognise the face any more even if I had  
29 seen him before.

1 Q. I'm not asking even if you have seen him before. I'm not  
2 asking a hypothetical. It's a straightforward question. Have  
3 you ever seen that man before, yes or no?

4 A. I said no, I do not remember the face.

12:55:05 5 Q. The person immediately to the left of the man with the  
6 white and black T-shirt, a gentleman sitting in blue jeans,  
7 sitting while wearing blue jeans, can you describe what he's  
8 wearing above his jeans?

9 A. Which one are you referring to?

12:55:31 10 Q. The one that is directly next to the man with the blue and  
11 white T-shirt, what kind of shirt is he wearing? He is looking  
12 straight at the person taking the picture.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is this the gentleman in the middle,  
14 Mr Anyah? Right.

12:55:52 15 MR ANYAH:

16 Q. Madam Witness, we are referring to the man in the centre.  
17 He has two men to his left and two men to his right. He is in  
18 the middle. Describe what he's wearing on top.

19 A. Well, I see a white and blue T-shirt with a blue jeans and  
12:56:15 20 a sneakers. I don't know whether that is his foot, but I see  
21 something like a sneakers, a jean --

22 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I don't know whether this might  
23 help, but if there is a way we can have the witness sit and use  
24 the projector but without the projector showing the witness; a  
12:56:39 25 way that the witness can point to the persons that she  
26 recognises. Maybe not the projector, because I am not sure --

27 MR ANYAH: Well, your Honours, if your Honours please,  
28 there are already inscriptions on this photograph and this is the  
29 best way to proceed in the absence of a clean photograph that we

1 do not have. So I would object to that because the inscriptions  
2 would lead the witness to the identity of those pictured.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the whole purpose is not to lead  
4 her, Mr Bangura.

12:57:11 5 MR BANGURA: I get the point, your Honour.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Madam Witness, the man you just described wearing the blue  
8 and white T-shirt, have you seen that man before?

9 A. Well, no, because he does not appear as somebody that I had  
10 seen before, because the photograph itself is not clear.

11 Q. Is it that the photograph is not clear or is it that you  
12 have not seen him before? Which is it?

13 A. Well, the photograph is blurred for me to be able to fully  
14 recognise him. When they placed the photograph in front of me  
15 the one I am able to recognise was Rashid. Just when I saw the  
16 photograph, straight off I was able to recognise him, and that is  
17 Rashid.

18 Q. Rashid is which of the five men? Describe what he's  
19 wearing on top.

12:58:33 20 A. Well, I see him having on a brown shirt.

21 Q. And he is holding a white teacup in his hand, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And he is second if you count from the right of this  
24 photograph, correct?

12:58:58 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. So when I asked you initially when this line of questioning  
27 started which of the five men you recognised in this photograph  
28 the answer is only Rashid, correct?

29 A. Yes, he is the one I am able to recognise in this

1 photograph.

2 MR ANYAH: Your Honours, I just want the record to reflect  
3 again that this is Defence exhibit D-18, Madam President.

4 MADAM PRESIDENT: Yes, that will be noted.

12:59:47 5 MR ANYAH: Thank you, your Honours. Thank you, Madam Court  
6 Officer. Well, I'm sorry, one more question if your Honours  
7 please about the photograph, yes:

8 Q. Madam Witness, do you recognise the inside of that house  
9 that is pictured in that photograph?

13:00:06 10 A. Well, I do not know where this photograph was taken. I do  
11 not know anything about the inside of this house.

12 Q. The RUF guesthouse that you spoke about very briefly early  
13 this morning, or a few minutes ago, rather, have you ever been to  
14 the RUF guesthouse in Monrovia?

13:00:36 15 A. No, I never knew there and I never visited there.

16 Q. And of all the names I mentioned before, Rashid, Osman  
17 Tolo, Jabaty and Freedom or Ray, the only person you told us that  
18 you knew came to meet with Sam Bockarie you said came from  
19 Gbarnga and that was Osman - you said that was Jabaty, correct?

13:01:04 20 A. Yes. The Jabaty that I have been referring to was the same  
21 Jabaty that Sam Bockarie went with to Monrovia and he was the one  
22 I referred to in my statement that he was the one that was in  
23 charge of the second warehouse in Buedu and he was Sam Bockarie's  
24 bodyguard.

13:01:33 25 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam Court Officer:

26 Q. Madam Witness, how long did Sam Bockarie stay in Monrovia  
27 before he went to the Ivory Coast? I'm talking from December  
28 1999 when he arrives, how long did he stay in Monrovia before  
29 leaving for the Cote d'Ivoire?



1 A. Well, I cannot be able to count that now but from December  
2 1999 he was there up to the year 2000. It was around either late  
3 2000 or around 2001 that he left Monrovia.

13:02:41 4 Q. And you recall telling us yesterday that despite what Sam  
5 Bockarie's autopsy report states you hold the position that he  
6 died in 2002, yes?

7 A. Yes, that is what I believe.

8 Q. When Sam Bockarie left Monrovia, do you know if he went  
9 directly to the Ivory Coast?

13:03:07 10 A. Well, I heard that he passed through Ivory Coast and went  
11 to Libya, so I do not know whether he was in Ivory Coast  
12 throughout but that was what I heard. I heard that we went  
13 through Ivory Coast.

14 Q. From whom did you hear that he went through Ivory Coast to  
13:03:36 15 Libya?

16 A. Well, from his wife.

17 Q. Do you know how long he stayed in Libya?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You told us that you went to join Sam Bockarie in the Ivory  
13:03:54 20 Coast, yes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. In what month and in what year did you go to join Sam  
23 Bockarie in the Ivory Coast?

24 A. Well, I recall that it was in 2002, early 2002, that I went  
13:04:17 25 there and met him there, but I do not actually recall the month.

26 Q. Early 2002, the same year that you claim he died in,  
27 correct?

28 A. I recall that.

29 Q. Madam Witness, I'm not asking you if you recall that. I'm

1 asking you if you are saying to us that the year you went to join  
2 Sam Bockarie in the Ivory Coast is the same year during which he  
3 died, 2002?

4 A. Yes.

13:05:04 5 Q. When Sam Bockarie left Monrovia on this trip you said he  
6 passed through the Ivory Coast to Libya how many men, I mean  
7 fighters, fighters, did he leave with?

8 A. Well, I only knew about a boy - a fighter that he went with  
9 who was called Junior. He was a small boy and they used to call  
10 him Small Blood.

11 Q. Did Sam Bockarie's family, his wife and children, leave  
12 Monrovia with him as he left for Ivory Coast and ultimately to  
13 Libya?

14 A. I do not understand that area.

13:06:02 15 Q. On the occasion of Sam Bockarie's departure from Monrovia  
16 to Ivory Coast and then to Libya did his wife and children go  
17 with him when he was leaving?

18 A. No, all of them stayed in Monrovia. He alone went,  
19 together with that small boy.

13:06:21 20 Q. When you went to join Sam Bockarie in the Ivory Coast in  
21 2002 how many people did you go with, whether they are fighters  
22 or not?

23 A. Well, we were up to - because they came with a vehicle, a  
24 pick-up, we were up to eight, between eight and ten, because we  
13:06:53 25 were in a pick-up.

26 Q. And which part of the Cote d'Ivoire did you go to?

27 A. Well, we went passed Danané and we went to Man and I  
28 stopped at Man.

29 Q. And which part of the Ivory Coast was Sam Bockarie at?

1 A. Well, at the time I went, I heard that he was in - I don't  
2 know Kolonko [phon] or Kolombo [phon], but I did not go there, so  
3 I don't know whether it is Kolonko or Kolombo.

4 Q. You said you passed Danané and you went to a place called  
13:07:48 5 Man. Was Sam Bockarie at that place that you went to?

6 A. Well, at the time I went there I did not meet him there.  
7 That was the same time they told me that he was I think - they  
8 said he was, I think, at Kolonko and that was the same night  
9 again that he came passed through Man and went to Danané.

13:08:15 10 Q. Did you and the people you were with end up in Danané with  
11 Sam Bockarie?

12 A. Later, yes, because I was at Man when he came and passed  
13 through there and went to Danané and the following morning we  
14 went there.

13:08:32 15 Q. So it is fair to say that everybody in the company of Sam  
16 Bockarie ended up at Danané, the Ivory Coast?

17 A. No, some stayed at Man and some were in Danané.

18 Q. How many people were with him in Danané and how many stayed  
19 at Man?

13:08:55 20 A. Well, that I cannot tell. I don't know the amount.

21 Q. You told us that some of the people in Sam Bockarie's  
22 company were his fighters, yes? I mean when he was in the Ivory  
23 Coast, yes?

24 A. At Ivory Coast - in Ivory Coast at what time?

13:09:26 25 Q. This occasion in 2002 when you went to join him Sam  
26 Bockarie had fighters with him in the Ivory Coast and they were  
27 engaged in a conflict with the government forces of the Ivory  
28 Coast, yes?

29 A. Yes, I met some of his fighters in Man and some were in

1 Danané and by then they were fighting against the government and  
2 that was the Ivory Coast government.

13:10:09 3 Q. And you said something important when you testified this  
4 week. You said that up until the day you were testifying on, I  
5 believe it was Monday, you still do not know the reason for Sam  
6 Bockarie fighting in the Ivory Coast, yes?

7 A. Well, I think they asked me whether I knew the person Sam  
8 Bockarie was fighting for in Ivory Coast. That is what I recall.

13:10:37 9 Q. Exactly, and your response was up until this day you do not  
10 know the person he was fighting for in Ivory Coast, correct?

11 A. Yes, I did not know who Sam Bockarie was fighting for in  
12 Ivory Coast and up to this moment I do not know.

13 Q. At some point you said Sam Bockarie and his men and all  
14 those that he was with decided to cross the border from the Ivory  
15 Coast back into Liberia, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How long had you been with him in the Ivory Coast before he  
18 decided to cross back into Liberia?

13:11:31 19 A. Well, the day I saw him when he came from Kolonko and went  
20 to Danané, I moved from Man and went to Danané and it was within  
21 three days - I mean, within a week that the infighting started in  
22 Danané.

13:11:54 23 Q. Well, let me rephrase the question. From the day you  
24 arrived in the Ivory Coast, whether you were in Man or Danané or  
25 wherever, from the day of your arrival in the Ivory Coast in 2002  
26 how long were you there before you and Sam Bockarie started  
27 leaving to go back into Liberia?

28 A. Well, I was there for three months. Three months. Within  
29 three to four months. I spent three months there even before I

1 saw him.

2 Q. Did Sam Bockarie and all the people he was with cross the  
3 border from the Ivory Coast into Liberia?

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4 A. Well, not all of them were able to cross over. Some were  
5 killed and some were captured. But those who were able to cross,  
6 they crossed over to Liberian soil.

7 Q. And the part of Liberia they crossed into was Nimba County,  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes.

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10 Q. The main city in Nimba County is Sanniquellie, correct?

11 A. Well, I don't know.

12 Q. Actually have you heard of a town in Nimba County called  
13 Sanniquellie, Madam Witness?

14 A. Well, yes, I have heard that name before.

13:13:26

15 Q. Where exactly in Nimba County did you and Sam Bockarie and  
16 the others end up in when you crossed from the Cote d'Ivoire?

17 A. Well, I do not know the names and I did not go to any big  
18 town together with them. Immediately we crossed the border, the  
19 first village we got to like I had said was an - almost an empty  
20 town. It had an under five clinic where children were treated,  
21 and it was a village immediately after the border and it was at  
22 that village where we were that Jungle came and collected him.

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23 Q. You know where Ganta is in Nimba County, right?

24 A. No, I never went there before. I never knew there. I only  
25 heard the name.

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26 Q. Do you know where Yekepa is in Nimba County?

27 A. Well I heard the name, but I don't know there. To say the  
28 way somebody will know a particular place and to say this is the  
29 name, I did not go there. I do not know there. I heard some of

1 those names, but I did not go to the place. I can only know them  
2 by name.

13:15:13 3 Q. Madam Witness, in any event, when Sam Bockarie and his men  
4 crossed over into Liberia you said that you were met, this group  
5 of people, by senior Liberian government officials near the  
6 border area, yes?

7 A. In the small village where we were, the small village with  
8 the school compound with the school building. That was the  
9 village. That was where we were - we were assembled and that was  
10 where we were when the senior Liberian officers came and met us  
11 in that school building.

12 Q. You seem to be focused on where you were and the building.  
13 My question is focused on whether certain officials came and met  
14 you wherever you were near the border. The answer is yes,  
13:16:13 15 correct?

16 A. Well, I cannot just answer yes. I will have to defend what  
17 I want to say. Troops came to the border area and they were  
18 armed men, they were armed forces, and they said we shouldn't  
19 cross the border to enter into Liberia, but for the senior  
13:16:32 20 Liberian officers it was at the school building that they met us  
21 and that was the moment I saw them.

22 Q. This border village, some of the senior officials from the  
23 Liberian government you referred to were 50, or Benjamin Yeaten,  
24 Joe Tuah and you said they were accompanied by their bodyguards,  
13:16:59 25 correct?

26 A. At the school building. After we had crossed the border at  
27 the school compound.

28 Q. And you said they took Sam Bockarie, correct?

29 A. Well that was what I heard when one amongst Benjamin

1 Yeaten's bodyguard, who had the one barrel BZT in the van, that  
2 was at the small village at the school compound. They told me  
3 that they were waiting for Benjamin Yeaten since they said they  
4 and Sam Bockarie had moved and gone to a village ahead and he  
13:17:41 5 said they are having a meeting there. I did not see Sam Bockarie  
6 with my own eyes, but that was what he told me.

7 Q. I'm not asking you if you saw him. I'm asking you if you  
8 saw him being taken away. Did you see anybody with Benjamin  
9 Yeaten taking Sam Bockarie away when you say he was taken away?

13:18:07 10 A. Well, I did not see with my own eyes. It was High Command,  
11 Benjamin Yeaten's bodyguard, who had the one barrel BZT mounted  
12 in the vehicle. He was the one who told me at the junction and  
13 he said that they have just passed by. I overheard the sound of  
14 the vehicle while they were passing, but I did not see the  
13:18:32 15 vehicle myself because you would have to move from the school  
16 compound going towards the small village and at the junction  
17 there you will see the route to the other side.

18 Q. We recall your reference to High Command and this BZT  
19 mounted on a vehicle. You told us you encountered High Command  
13:18:59 20 at a particular junction after Sam Bockarie had already been  
21 taken, correct?

22 A. Well, it was High Command who told me when he was standing  
23 by the vehicle that it was Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten and  
24 others who had passed by to go and have a meeting. I did not  
13:19:19 25 see. I am still saying that. I did not see Sam Bockarie with my  
26 own eyes, nor did I see Benjamin Yeaten with my own eyes, but I  
27 saw his bodyguards who had the one barrel BZT mounted on the  
28 vehicle who said to me that they were waiting for them.

29 Q. But that is the point. All that you've told us about Sam

1 Bockarie being taken away you learned from - at least one of the  
2 sources was High Command, yes?

3 A. Yes, he was the first person who told me.

4 Q. Another person you heard from was - that somebody you heard  
13:20:07 5 about what happened to Sam Bockarie from was Toasty, yes?

6 A. It was next from Papay Moriba before I heard it from  
7 Toasty.

8 Q. I appreciate the sequence and I know about it, but we are  
9 trying to find out the sources of your information and it would  
13:20:31 10 be fair to say that there were three of them generally, Sam  
11 Bockarie, Papay Moriba and Toasty, yes?

12 A. No, High Command, Papay Moriba and Toasty.

13 Q. Yes, I misspoke. Thank you, Madam Witness. Those three,  
14 High Command, Papay Moriba and Toasty, those are the sources of  
13:20:59 15 your information for what happened to Sam Bockarie around the  
16 time of this episode near the border where it is said he was  
17 taken by Benjamin Yeaten, yes?

18 A. Well, those were the people. At first it was High Command  
19 who told me that they had gone for a meeting, but about his death  
13:21:26 20 it was Papay Moriba who was the first person that told me.

21 Q. I see the distinction and it's an important point. Of the  
22 three people we've spoken about, High Command, Papay Moriba and  
23 Toasty, only two of those, first Papay Moriba and Toasty, told  
24 you about how he died, yes?

13:21:50 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Now, a few minutes ago you said that some of the men Sam  
27 Bockarie entered the Cote d'Ivoire with were killed and did not  
28 return with him into Liberia. What was the total number of  
29 fighting men that were with Sam Bockarie in the Ivory Coast?



1 A. Well they were many, because there were some Liberian  
2 soldiers who moved from Liberia and joined Sam Bockarie in  
3 Liberia - I mean in the Ivory Coast, so I can say the fighters  
4 were around 300, including the Liberian fighters. Also, the  
13:22:42 5 fighters themselves had their wives. Some had wives in Sierra  
6 Leone even before they went with Sam Bockarie to Liberia and then  
7 after they had arrived there they called on their wives to meet  
8 them there, and some of the fighters who even went to the Ivory  
9 Coast also got Ivorian wives there added to what they already  
13:23:02 10 had. So Sam Bockarie's fighters had wives.

11 Q. Madam Witness, please listen to my question carefully and I  
12 know you are doing so. It's a very simple question. We recall  
13 you telling us about soldiers bringing back wives from the Ivory  
14 Coast. That's not what I'm asking you about. I want to know how  
13:23:24 15 many fighting people were with Sam Bockarie in the Ivory Coast.  
16 I am not asking about their wives. I'm not asking about wives  
17 they took with them, or wives they brought back with them. How  
18 many were fighting people with him in the Ivory Coast?

19 A. I can say they were around 300, all the fighters put  
13:23:46 20 together.

21 Q. Of the 300, how many were killed before he crossed over  
22 into Liberia?

23 A. Well, I do not recall all of them. I recall that they  
24 killed one of them and the one that was killed it was the wife  
13:24:17 25 that let me know. I think it was Ishmael even before we crossed.

26 Q. Are you telling the Court - when you said a few minutes ago  
27 that some of the fighters with Bockarie were killed in Ivory  
28 Coast, are you telling the Court that it was only one person that  
29 you know of that was killed in the Ivory Coast? One out of 300?

1 A. Well, I was not very specific when I spoke that they were  
2 just fighters that were killed. I said the group. The group  
3 that Sam Bockarie had with him in Ivory Coast, they killed some  
4 even before we crossed into Liberia. I was not specific that  
13:25:02 5 they were all fighters.

6 Q. Then I ask you a simple question. Of the fighters - and  
7 you said they were about 300 - that were with Sam Bockarie in the  
8 Ivory Coast, how many were killed before he crossed back into  
9 Liberia?

13:25:22 10 A. Well, that is the only one that I recall and he was Sam  
11 Bockarie's bodyguard. That is the one that I recall amongst the  
12 fighters.

13 Q. Are you telling this Court that after a conflict with the  
14 Ivorian government forces, Sam Bockarie's group of fighters  
13:25:45 15 sustained only one casualty? Only one of them died? Is that  
16 your evidence, Madam Witness?

17 A. Well, that is the one that I recall that I can tell the  
18 Court about. He was Sam Bockarie's bodyguard.

19 Q. Did the remaining of the fighters cross into Liberia with  
13:26:14 20 Sam Bockarie?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now going back to when you saw High Command and High  
23 Command told you that they had taken Sam Bockarie, where was his  
24 family at this time - I mean Sam Bockarie's family?

13:26:37 25 A. Well they were all in that village, the small village where  
26 Sam Bockarie was at the rubber plantation.

27 Q. And correct me if I'm wrong, but you told us that Sam  
28 Bockarie's family - indeed, his wife - was in the company of  
29 Benjamin Yeaten's wife; that is Yeaten's wife was taking care of

1 Bockarie's wife and his family. Correct me if I'm wrong, you  
2 said that, right?

3 A. No, no, Yeaten's wife was not taking care of Bockarie's  
4 family. What I am trying to tell the Court is that it was  
13:27:21 5 Yeaten's wife that went to Bockarie's house, that is the Four  
6 Houses in Buedu, collected Bockarie's wife, children and his  
7 family and took them to Nimba.

8 Q. You were in Nimba County when you encountered High Command,  
9 yes?

13:27:43 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you're telling us that the manner in which Sam  
12 Bockarie's family got to Nimba County was with the help of  
13 Benjamin Yeaten's wife, yes?

14 A. She was the one who took them from their house and took  
13:28:06 15 them to Nimba.

16 Q. Yes, she brought them to Nimba County. Yeaten's wife  
17 brought Sam Bockarie's wife and his family to Nimba County where  
18 you and the others were, yes?

19 A. Not where I and the others were. It was another village.  
13:28:28 20 It was a different area in Nimba County. That was in the same  
21 county, but not the same village and not the same town.

22 Q. All the same, Nimba County. Sam Bockarie was in a village  
23 that you say was near or in a plantation, yes?

24 A. Yes, a rubber plantation. That was where the village was.

13:28:54 25 Q. That was the village where Sam Bockarie was at, correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Did either Papay Moriba or Toasty tell you the place where  
28 Sam Bockarie was killed?

29 A. Well, no.

1 Q. Did either Papay Moriba or Toasty tell you how Sam Bockarie  
2 was killed? I'm not asking you why he was killed. I'm asking  
3 you did they describe for you the manner in which he was killed?

13:29:43

4 A. Well, they did not explain to me. They did not describe to  
5 me the manner in which he was killed.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I note the time. Is this a  
7 convenient point to take the lunchtime adjournment?

8 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President.

13:29:58

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good. Madam Witness, we are now  
10 going to take the usual lunchtime adjournment. We will be  
11 resuming court at 2.30. Please adjourn court until 2.30.

12 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

13 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

14:28:33

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I notice a change of  
15 appearance.

16 MR ANYAH: Yes, good afternoon, Madam President. Good  
17 afternoon, your Honours, counsel opposite. For the Defence this  
18 afternoon it is myself Morris Anyah and Mr Piers Von Berg. Thank  
19 you.

14:28:47

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please proceed on with your  
21 questions, Mr Anyah.

22 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

14:29:06

23 Q. Madam Witness, before we went on the lunch break I asked  
24 you a question regarding whether or not Papay Moriba or Toasty  
25 told you the exact manner in which Sam Bockarie was killed. Do  
26 you recall that?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. And your response was no, true?

29 A. I don't understand.

1 Q. Neither of those two people, Papay Moriba or Toasty,  
2 described for you the manner in which Sam Bockarie was killed,  
3 correct?

4 A. Well, they told me.

14:29:43 5 Q. Well, let's start with Papay Moriba. He was the first  
6 person that told you about Sam Bockarie being killed, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Tell us what Papay Moriba, also known as Augustine Moriba,  
9 told you about how Sam Bockarie was killed?

14:30:09 10 A. He told me if I knew that Sam Bockarie and the people who  
11 were around him had been killed.

12 Q. That was not my question. Did they tell you how he died,  
13 how he was killed? Let's start with Papay Moriba.

14 A. Well, Papay Moriba did not tell me how he was killed. He  
14:30:43 15 just asked if I knew that Sam Bockarie and his entire family had  
16 been killed. That was what he told me.

17 Q. And you said no, correct?

18 A. I said I didn't know if he had been killed.

19 Q. And then, when you said you didn't know, what else did  
14:31:09 20 Papay Moriba say?

21 A. No, I said I responded to him that I did not know if he had  
22 been killed.

23 Q. We appreciate that and my question is after you said that  
24 what did he say to you?

14:31:34 25 A. He told me that 50 had killed Sam Bockarie and his entire  
26 family and that it was an order from Charles Taylor.

27 Q. When was the last time you saw Sam Bockarie alive, Madam  
28 Witness?

29 A. Well, from the time we crossed from Ivory Coast into that

1 small village that I told you that we were in that small building  
2 which looked like an Under Fives hospital like, that was the last  
3 time I saw him.

14:32:32 4 Q. I will read to you what the former Vice-President and  
5 President of Liberia, Moses Blah, said to this Court about the  
6 manner in which Sam Bockarie was killed.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. The transcript from 20 May of this year in open session at  
9 page 10299, line 11, the question was posed to President Blah:

14:33:02 10 "Q. Do you recall telling us last week that the  
11 information you received as to the cause of death was that  
12 he had been strangled? Do you remember telling us that  
13 last week?

14 A. Yes, that was the information I got.

14:33:20 15 Q. So far as you were aware, Bockarie had been strangled  
16 to death. That was the information you had?

17 A. That is the information. Bockarie had been killed and  
18 I saw the body and I tried to enquire how and that was the  
19 explanation I got from Benjamin Yeaten".

14:33:48 20 Pause there. Madam Witness, in the entire time since 1992  
21 when you say Sam Bockarie was killed up until now --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: It wasn't '92, Mr Anyah.

23 MR ANYAH: I'm sorry. I understand. I will rephrase it:

14:34:07 24 Q. Madam Witness, in the entire time since the year 1992 when  
25 you say Sam Bockarie was killed until today that you sit there  
26 now has anybody told you he was strangled to death?

27 A. Well, nobody has explained to me in details the way  
28 Sam Bockarie was killed, or the way Sam Bockarie died.

29 Q. So if we understand your evidence, your evidence about the

1 death of Sam Bockarie is as follows: You crossed over from Cote  
2 d'Ivoire into Liberia, Sam Bockarie was taken by Benjamin  
3 Yeaten's men, but you were not present when he was taken by  
4 Yeaten's men. Pause there. Is that correct, Madam Witness?

14:34:51 5 A. I was not present. I was not with Sam Bockarie when  
6 Benjamin Yeaten took him, or when Benjamin Yeaten's men took him.  
7 I was at my own place, another village.

8 Q. And a short while after you say Sam Bockarie was taken by  
9 Benjamin Yeaten's men you had a conversation with Papay Moriba  
14:35:17 10 and Papay Moriba told you Sam Bockarie had been killed, correct?

11 A. After I had come to Monrovia. Not Nimba. After I had got  
12 to Monrovia.

13 Q. When I said a short while, it was within a matter of weeks,  
14 correct?

14:35:45 15 A. Well, it was not up to a week. It was the day - the day I  
16 left Nimba I arrived at night and the following morning was when  
17 I got the news.

18 Q. But you were not present yourself when Sam Bockarie was  
19 killed, of course, yes?

14:36:06 20 A. Well, the same day that they passed to go to the meeting  
21 where they said he was killed was the same day I left Nimba to  
22 Monrovia.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question was were you there when  
24 Sam Bockarie was killed?

14:36:23 25 THE WITNESS: No.

26 MR ANYAH:

27 Q. And you do not know the way in which he was killed, yes?

28 A. I don't know.

29 Q. Madam Witness, when was the last time you saw Papay Moriba?

1 A. Well, it was from that day when I came from Nimba, the  
2 following day that he told me that thing. I was with him for two  
3 days, from then I left the place. I have not seen him since that  
4 time.

14:37:14 5 Q. Madam Witness, have you ever heard since 2002 up until now  
6 that Sam Bockarie was shot to death?

7 A. Well, I did not hear that from anybody. I said from that  
8 time that I was told that he had been killed, I don't know and I  
9 did not get any details about his death.

14:37:41 10 Q. When you were shown the autopsy report about Sam Bockarie's  
11 death, Defence exhibit D-46, do you recall that it showed he died  
12 on or about 6 May 2003?

13 A. Well, I saw it written.

14 Q. Are you aware that Moses Blah, former President of Liberia,  
14:38:13 15 said to this Court on 20 May at page 10295 that Sam Bockarie died  
16 around May of 2003?

17 A. Well, I wouldn't deny that, because I don't know the month  
18 he was killed. I know about the year.

19 Q. But do you disagree with the part of President Blah's  
14:38:50 20 evidence that said he died in 2003?

21 A. I cannot disagree. That was what he said.

22 Q. But you say it happened in 2002?

23 A. Yes, that is what I can recall and I came - because I came  
24 to Sierra Leone in 2002 and I came to Sierra Leone just after his  
14:39:19 25 death.

26 Q. Madam Witness, you referred to a sister-in-law of  
27 Sam Bockarie, correct?

28 A. I don't understand.

29 Q. You referred to, rather - yes, you referred to a



1 sister-in-law of Sam Bockarie when you testified on Monday, the  
2 8th, correct?

3 A. Yes.

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4 Q. Did you learn from that person the manner in which  
5 Sam Bockarie was killed?

6 A. Well, that was not explained to me in details. I was just  
7 told how he was killed.

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8 Q. When you testified on Monday before this Court you said  
9 Sam Bockarie was in the Ivory Coast for about six to seven  
10 months. Do you recall telling us that?

11 A. I said I can recall, yes.

12 Q. When you spoke to the Office of the Prosecutor last  
13 November, 15 November, you told them Sam Bockarie was in the  
14 Ivory Coast for about 12 months, a year. Do you recall saying

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15 that?

16 A. I said around that, but I did not say exactly that, exactly  
17 one year. I said around a year's time.

18 Q. You said he was in the Ivory Coast for about a year, yes?

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19 A. About that, yes. It could be that it was not completely  
20 one year, but within a year's time he was there.

21 Q. Which members of Sam Bockarie's family were killed?

22 A. Well, later I heard that his mother was killed, his  
23 children, his wife, his brother-in-law and his brother.

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24 Q. Were all of those persons you have just mentioned killed at  
25 the same time?

26 A. Well, I heard that not all of them were killed on that day.  
27 They said Sam Bockarie was first killed and later the other  
28 people were killed.

29 Q. How long after the death of Sam Bockarie was his wife

1 killed?

2 A. Well, I understood later that he, his wife and others were  
3 all in the meeting, that his wife was with him.

4 Q. To which meeting are you referring to, Madam Witness?

14:43:07 5 A. Well, the meeting that they went for. They told them that  
6 they were going for a meeting and where he was killed - during  
7 which he was killed.

8 Q. Was his brother in the company of him when he was going for  
9 this meeting, Madam Witness, the brother you have just referred  
14:43:24 10 to that was killed?

11 A. Well, they told me that the brother did not go with the  
12 convoy. That is what I heard.

13 Q. From whom did you get this information, Madam Witness?

14 A. Well, it was the same sister-in-law, his wife's elder  
14:43:56 15 sister.

16 Q. This fellow, Toasty, was also killed, yes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And how long after Sam Bockarie died was Toasty killed?

19 A. Well, I don't know, but they said it was after two weeks  
14:44:31 20 that he was killed, at the later part.

21 Q. You mean two weeks after Sam Bockarie died?

22 A. People told me it was above that.

23 Q. The men that were left behind after Sam Bockarie was taken  
24 to the village within which there was a rubber plantation, those  
14:44:55 25 men you said were taken away by trucks to the front lines by  
26 Benjamin Yeaten's men, correct?

27 A. I don't understand that question.

28 Q. You told us this week that the fighters that were stranded  
29 in the border area between Liberia and the Ivory Coast that

1 fought for Sam Bockarie were taken away by Benjamin Yeaten in  
2 trucks, correct?

3 A. No, it was not by the border. At that time they had  
4 crossed the border. It was that same old school compound that  
14:45:42 5 everybody was. It was there that Benjamin Yeaten came and took  
6 them in up to three pick-ups and he said he was going to send  
7 them to the various front lines.

8 Q. Was it various front lines, or was it the front line in  
9 Ganta?

14:46:05 10 A. Well, I don't know the exact direction that they were taken  
11 to, but they said they were to clear Ganta.

12 Q. These men that Yeaten took away, it is true, is it not,  
13 they were all RUF fighters, correct?

14 A. Yes.

14:46:28 15 Q. Earlier this morning before the lunch break you said some  
16 of the men in the Cote d'Ivoire with Sam Bockarie were Liberian  
17 fighters, correct?

18 A. Yes --

19 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat  
14:46:51 20 this.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, the interpreter is asking  
22 that you repeat your answer. You started off saying yes. Please  
23 repeat it again and speak into the microphone.

24 MR ANYAH:

14:47:10 25 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall the question?

26 A. No, repeat the question.

27 Q. The question was: Earlier this morning before the lunch  
28 break you said some of the men in the Cote d'Ivoire with  
29 Sam Bockarie were Liberian fighters, correct? Your answer was

1 yes and you were about to expand on it. Please continue.

2 A. Yes, some Liberian fighters came from Liberia and they  
3 joined Sam Bockarie in Ivory Coast.

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4 Q. Were those Liberian fighters amongst the men taken away in  
5 trucks to the various front lines?

6 A. Well, no. As we crossed the border, it was only Sierra  
7 Leonean fighters that were encamped in that place. There were no  
8 Liberian fighters. They were free. They used to go up and down.  
9 They were free. They were not encamped.

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10 Q. When you spoke to the Prosecution about Sam Bockarie's  
11 death, I mean when you spoke with them outside of court and you  
12 described the group of fighters that went with him to the Ivory  
13 Coast and came back into Liberia, did you ever mention that some  
14 of them were Liberian fighters?

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15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are you sure of that, Madam Witness?

17 A. Yes.

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18 Q. I am putting it to you that it is in court for the first  
19 time that you are saying that part of the group that went with  
20 Sam Bockarie to the Ivory Coast to fight were Liberian fighters?

21 A. I said that. I said that it was not just the ATUs. Some  
22 Liberian fighters went to Ivory Coast. I said that.

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23 Q. What you said to the Prosecution was that, "The RUF men  
24 that came with Sam Bockarie were forced to undergo ATU training  
25 base at Camp Naama in Gbarnga". This was your first interview on  
26 15 November 2007. Well, do you agree that is what you told --

27 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could counsel go over that  
28 question please.

29 MR ANYAH: I will, Mr Interpreter. For everyone's benefit

1 this is the document in the Defence bundle, tab 1, page 6,  
2 paragraph 28:

3 Q. Madam Witness, these are notes taken by the Office of the  
4 Prosecutor during the interview with you on 15 November 2007.

14:50:41 5 The portion of the interview where you start speaking about  
6 Sam Bockarie and this trip to the Ivory Coast is referred to at  
7 various places, but I will read first from paragraph 28 where it  
8 is said, "The RUF men that came with Sam Bockarie were forced to  
9 undergo ATU training base at Camp Naama near Gbarnga". You then  
14:51:18 10 changed this in March of this year to read that they underwent  
11 training at Gbatala near Gbarnga. Do you recall making the  
12 change from Camp Naama to Gbatala?

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. If we look at the same document, on the next page, page 7,  
14:51:47 15 at paragraph 32, it reads:

16 "In 2002 Sam Bockarie went to Ivory Coast. Witness does  
17 not know why he went. He was there for about a year. The RUF  
18 that had undergone ATU training went to join Bockarie there to  
19 fight in the war that was going on in Ivory Coast. Witness was  
14:52:22 20 called by Bockarie to join him there. She was there for about  
21 four months."

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23 Madam Witness, here you were saying the same RUF men that  
24 were trained by the ATU were the ones who went to join  
14:52:41 25 Sam Bockarie in the Ivory Coast. Do you agree that's what you  
26 said to the Prosecution during your first interview?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. On the next page, paragraph 34, it reads:

29 "Witness states the RUF that retreated to Nimba from Ivory

1 Coast were not allowed to leave Nimba. She states that Benjamin  
2 Yeaten came and was taking them in groups saying he was sending  
3 them to various front lines. That they were loaded into trucks,  
4 driven away and never seen again."

14:53:26 5 Pause. Here you are speaking about the group that  
6 retreated back into Nimba County and here again you refer to them  
7 as RUF fighters, true?

8 A. Well, it was all the RUF fighters who went to Sam Bockarie  
9 or that Sam Bockarie went with to Liberia that underwent the ATU  
14:53:56 10 training.

11 Q. The focus of my question is not who underwent ATU training.  
12 The focus of my question is whether in all your pre-trial  
13 interviews you were describing this group of men that went to  
14 fight in the Ivory Coast with Sam Bockarie as RUF men. It is  
14:54:15 15 true, Madam Witness, that throughout all your pre-trial  
16 interviews you referred to them consistently as RUF men, yes?

17 A. Well, no.

18 Q. At no time did you say there were RUF men and Liberian  
19 fighters. I put that to you. What do you say, Madam Witness?

14:54:43 20 A. Well, I mentioned that, because even Sam Bockarie was an  
21 RUF fighter and his soldiers whom he went with to Ivory Coast  
22 were RUF fighters, but they were also trained as ATU fighters  
23 before ever they went to Ivory Coast.

24 Q. Yes, they were trained as ATU fighters, but the fact is  
14:55:06 25 there is a difference between RUF men trained as ATU fighters and  
26 Liberian fighters. Do you agree, Madam Witness?

27 A. Yes - no, I wouldn't just agree like that, because the same  
28 RUF fighters that Sam Bockarie went with to Liberia were the same  
29 RUF fighters who trained as ATU and they were the same RUF

1 fighters who had been trained as ATU that went to Ivory Coast and  
2 were fighting there.

3 Q. That's precisely the point and the point is this: Neither  
4 Charles Taylor nor Benjamin Yeaten provided any of the fighters  
14:55:41 5 that joined Sam Bockarie to fight in the Ivory Coast, true?

6 A. Well, even Sam Bockarie was invited by Charles Taylor. He  
7 was the one who made him to go to Monrovia, so if he left  
8 Monrovia to any other place he wouldn't just leave Monrovia for  
9 any other place without Charles Taylor's knowledge.

14:56:09 10 Q. The issue is not whether or not Charles Taylor knew where  
11 he was going. The issue is - I will repeat the question because  
12 I see that your headset came off. The issue is not whether or  
13 not Charles Taylor knew where Sam Bockarie was going. The issue  
14 is the source of men that Sam Bockarie fought with in the Ivory  
14:56:34 15 Coast and I am putting it to you that neither Charles Taylor nor  
16 Benjamin Yeaten provided any of those men to Sam Bockarie to  
17 fight in the Ivory Coast. Do you agree, Madam Witness?

18 A. I disagree, because the ATUs were securities at the  
19 mansion. They were trained as special securities at the mansion  
14:56:56 20 at that time. So if at that time ATU people left Liberia from  
21 the mansion and they went to Ivory Coast they will not just go  
22 there unknown to Charles Taylor.

23 Q. Well, you keep insisting that they could not just go there  
24 unknown to Charles Taylor. That is a different thing than  
14:57:18 25 whether or not Charles Taylor contributed men to go and fight in  
26 the Ivory Coast with Sam Bockarie. Do you agree that there is a  
27 difference between whether Charles Taylor knew where Sam Bockarie  
28 was going versus whether Charles Taylor provided men to help  
29 Sam Bockarie fight?

1 A. Well, I don't know if Charles Taylor provided men to join  
2 Sam Bockarie in Ivory Coast to fight, but what I saw was that I  
3 saw some other Liberian soldiers who were not any of  
4 Sam Bockarie's former fighters or who were fighting formerly with  
14:58:02 5 Sam Bockarie. I saw them in Ivory Coast.

6 Q. Madam Witness, this is what you told us on Monday. Monday  
7 8 September, page 15749, starting at line 16. Well, let us start  
8 at line 14. There was a question posed to you:

9 "Q. How did you get to know that Sam Bockarie was fighting  
14:58:30 10 in the Ivory Coast at this time?

11 A. Well, at that time Sam Bockarie had gone on exile for a  
12 long time, for close to a year, so it got to a time  
13 some times in 2002 we had an understanding that he called  
14 for all his former RUF fighters with whom he had crossed  
14:58:58 15 from Sierra Leone to Liberia. He called them to Monrovia  
16 so that they would undergo ATU training. He called on all  
17 those to go and meet him in the Ivory Coast for an  
18 operation."

19 This is what you told us on Monday. When you said that on  
14:59:18 20 Monday, Madam Witness, you were referring exclusively to  
21 Sam Bockarie's men that came in from Sierra Leone into Liberia,  
22 true or false?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And it was those former fighters that he called upon that  
14:59:33 25 joined him in the Cote d'Ivoire to fight against the government  
26 forces of the Ivory Coast, true?

27 A. Yes, but not just them. I clarified it. The answer that I  
28 gave on Monday was based on a question that was asked of me.  
29 That was why I replied in that way. And the question that you



1 asked me today was different. That is why I responded the way  
2 that I did.

3 Q. You mentioned the name Moriba Koroma when you testified  
4 yesterday, rather on Tuesday the 9th, correct?

15:00:30 5 A. Well, I mentioned Moriba, but I was not very sure about the  
6 name Koroma. I mentioned a Moriba. I said it could either be  
7 Moriba Koroma or - I was not sure of the name Koroma, but I can  
8 recall mentioning the name Moriba.

9 Q. Who was the mining commander in Kono in 1998, Madam  
15:00:53 10 Witness?

11 A. Well, I can still recall that name, Moriba.

12 Q. The person's last name was Koroma, correct?

13 A. I mentioned the Koroma, but I am not very sure. I was not  
14 very sure. Even I told you here that I was not very sure of that  
15:01:17 15 name, Koroma.

16 Q. Well, you told the Prosecution outside of court that  
17 somebody named Moriba Koroma was also known as Surprising. Do  
18 you recall that, Madam Witness?

19 A. Yes, I remember that name.

15:01:41 20 Q. Do you recall telling the Prosecution this outside of  
21 Court: That you heard that the RUF were giving diamonds to  
22 Charles Taylor in exchange for arms and ammunition, supplies, but  
23 that you do not know the details about this?

24 A. Yes, I heard.

15:02:08 25 Q. Did you say you heard, or did you say yes, you told the  
26 Prosecution what I have just read?

27 A. What you have just said, I told them.

28 Q. It is also the case, Madam Witness, that you never heard  
29 any conversations between Sam Bockarie and Charles Taylor or

1 Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten regarding Eddie Kanneh taking  
2 diamonds to Charles Taylor?

3 A. Can you please break that question down?

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4 Q. You never heard any conversations between Sam Bockarie and  
5 Charles Taylor or between Benjamin Yeaten and Sam Bockarie  
6 regarding the taking of diamonds by Eddie Kanneh to Charles  
7 Taylor?

8 A. I don't remember that. I don't remember.

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9 Q. What is it you don't remember? You do not remember telling  
10 the Prosecution that or you do not remember --

11 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I believe the witness had on her  
12 own asked that counsel break down the question and I think as it  
13 is phrased still it is double barreled in the sense that counsel  
14 is seeking to elicit information from the witness about what she  
15 may have heard - conversation that she may have heard between two  
16 different sets of people. I think that any answer given there  
17 might be ambiguous in the sense that we are talking of  
18 conversations between two different sets of people.

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19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think there is a point there, Mr Anyah.  
20 You really do have two questions in one, because it relates to  
21 two separate groups, so maybe put the question separately,  
22 please.

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23 MR ANYAH: I appreciate the point and I will:

24 Q. Madam Witness, in all the time you worked as a radio  
25 communications operator for the RUF, you never heard any  
26 conversations between Sam Bockarie and Charles Taylor, true?

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27 A. I never heard that conversation between Charles Taylor and  
28 Sam Bockarie directly.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just allow me to clarify, Mr Anyah.

1 Madam Witness, counsel asked you about any conversation and you  
2 replied "that conversation". What do you mean by "that  
3 conversation"?

4 THE WITNESS: I meant direct conversation between Charles  
15:05:10 5 Taylor and Sam Bockarie.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Madam Witness, with respect to Eddie Kanneh and the taking  
8 of diamonds to Charles Taylor, you never heard any conversations  
9 between Sam Bockarie and Benjamin Yeaten regarding Kanneh taking  
15:05:36 10 diamonds to Charles Taylor, yes?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Before you came into this courtroom had you ever seen  
13 Charles Taylor in person anywhere before, Madam Witness?

14 A. Well, yes, that was from a distance. The time I was  
15:06:07 15 working at Benjamin Yeaten's place as radio operator, there are  
16 times he would come out in the veranda and he will lean on the  
17 window on the veranda, but I will see him from a distance and  
18 people will say, "That is the Pa in the veranda", but I did not  
19 go very close to him except from a distance.

15:06:31 20 Q. How long ago was that, Madam Witness?

21 A. I said the time that I was in Monrovia, when I was working  
22 at Benjamin Yeaten's.

23 Q. And it is true, is it not, that Benjamin Yeaten's house was  
24 behind White Flower in Congo Town in Monrovia, yes?

15:06:57 25 A. Well, I will say yes, I will say at the back of it, because  
26 Benjamin Yeaten is down - down the valley and White Flower is up  
27 the hill.

28 Q. They are quite close to each other, correct, the two  
29 properties?

1 A. They are not - they are not very close to each other, but  
2 you would be at Benjamin Yeaten's place and you will see the  
3 other house.

15:07:34 4 Q. If you were to walk from Benjamin Yeaten's residence to  
5 White Flower how long would it take you to get there?

6 A. Well, I don't know what you want me now to say. Well, it  
7 wouldn't take you up to five minutes. It's a short distance.

8 Q. That's precisely the point. It's a short distance. This  
9 is the same distance that Alpha Jalloh told you trucks would load  
10 ammunition from White Flower and take it to Benjamin Yeaten's  
11 residence, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Let's talk about Alpha Jalloh and what he told you. Alpha  
14 Jalloh told you that arms and ammunition was stored at White  
15:08:36 15 Flower and that at night pick-up trucks would go to White Flower  
16 and collect the arms and ammunition, true?

17 A. Well, I can explain.

18 Q. Madam Witness, I am not asking for an explanation. Let's  
19 get the facts straight first. Correct me if I'm wrong, but you  
15:09:06 20 have told us and you have told the Prosecution pre-trial out of  
21 Court that Alpha Jalloh, driver of Jungle, told you that they  
22 would drive up at night to White Flower and load vehicles with  
23 arms and ammunition, true?

24 A. Yes.

15:09:25 25 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, only for one small reason, I  
26 would ask that counsel give the reference and particularly on the  
27 point that these trucks would load up at night. I am not myself  
28 very clear that that is the evidence and I would ask that counsel  
29 give the reference.

1 JUDGE LUSSICK: I seem to remember it was the evidence, but  
2 I don't have any reference to it.

3 MR ANYAH: I do also add that the witness has answered the  
4 question yes, but I will try and look for the reference as  
15:09:56 5 counsel has requested.

6 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, it is not a big point as such.  
7 I was not too sure that night came out as part of that evidence.  
8 If this is the - if counsel is giving the reference, let's wait  
9 for it.

10 JUDGE LUSSICK: We know that the witness has answered yes  
11 to that question.

12 THE WITNESS: But I commented that I had an explanation,  
13 but I was not allowed.

14 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, again it may be that the witness  
15:10:29 15 said yes, but what is cited as part of her evidence is perhaps  
16 not truly --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was the one that interrupted the  
18 witness in view of the fact that you were on your feet, but since  
19 the witness has started her answer I will allow her to complete  
15:10:47 20 it. Please finish your answer, Madam Witness.

21 THE WITNESS: Well, that area, as I had earlier said, I  
22 would have to explain. I did not talk about trucks. I said they  
23 would load them in pick-ups at night. From there they would go  
24 to Benjamin Yeaten's house and they would be off-loaded and  
15:11:18 25 transferred into other vehicles, then that same night they would  
26 leave for Buedu.

27 MR ANYAH:  
28 Q. The questions were posed to you on Monday, 8 September, the  
29 page number is 15658. Madam Witness, you were asked this

1 question by counsel opposite. Question at line 2:

2 "Q. And did you know how Jungle brought these materials,  
3 the supplies, to Buedu?

4 A. Yes, I can say something about that because Jungle's  
15:11:53 5 driver was with him and he told me that they picked up the  
6 arms and ammunitions from White Flower at night and they  
7 will bring it to Benjamin Yeaten's house in a pick-up and  
8 they will off-load it and reload it in a truck for Buedu  
9 and he said they would move at night."

10 Do you recall telling us that on Monday, Madam Witness?

11 A. I cannot recall talking about a truck. I mentioned  
12 pick-ups. The only place I spoke about trucks were the five  
13 trucks that were to go to Buedu, but that area for trucks I think  
14 I clarified it on that same day. I clarified it on that same  
15:12:40 15 Monday.

16 Q. Let's set aside for a moment whether we are talking about  
17 pick-ups or trucks. The fact is vehicles, things on wheels, were  
18 loaded up with arms and ammunition and moved from one place to  
19 the other, loaded up at White Flower and taken to Benjamin  
15:12:57 20 Yeaten's residence where they were off-loaded, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And after being off-loaded at Benjamin Yeaten's place they  
23 would be reloaded again on to other vehicles on wheels, yes?

24 A. Yes.

15:13:26 25 Q. Arms and ammunition being loaded up at White Flower, less  
26 than five minutes away from Benjamin Yeaten's residence, and then  
27 five minutes later they are being off-loaded again. Does that  
28 make sense to you, Madam Witness?

29 A. Well, I did not talk about five minutes that the trucks or

1 pick-ups were loaded and in another five minutes they were  
2 off-loaded. I said the distance was not up to a five minute  
3 walk, but it's a hilly place and they could not carry that on  
4 their heads. There wasn't that manpower to transport that - to  
15:14:13 5 transport it from White Flower to Benjamin Yeaten's. I think at  
6 that time it was better to use vehicles than to carry it on their  
7 heads.

8 Q. The issue is not whether or not it was better to use  
9 vehicles or to carry it on their heads. The issue is not whether  
15:14:32 10 or not it was a hilly place or a flat place. The issue is the  
11 distance between the two places to go from one to the other took  
12 about five or less minutes, yes?

13 A. Yes, it took up to a five minute walk. You just go down  
14 the hill and within that five minutes you get there.

15:14:58 15 Q. So what was the purpose of loading trucks up with arms and  
16 ammunition and then five minutes or less later off-loading them  
17 and reloading them on to other trucks? Can you explain that,  
18 Mr Witness?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, the witness has stressed that  
15:15:14 20 they weren't trucks, they were pick-ups.

21 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President. I appreciate the  
22 distinction.

23 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, besides I believe that question  
24 has been asked and answered.

15:15:23 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: It has been asked and answered.

26 MR ANYAH: Well, the answer the witness gave was in respect  
27 of the five minutes and my question is about can she explain why  
28 this loading and unloading took place given the distance.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question you asked her was does this

1 make sense that they were loaded and then less than five minutes  
2 away they were off-loaded, does that make sense, and she gave an  
3 explanation. So what is the difference now in the question you  
4 are putting to her?

15:15:59 5 MR ANYAH: Madam President, with respect, and I will of  
6 course abide by whatever ruling the Chamber pronounces, but I  
7 cannot recall having asked her the same question I have just  
8 posed. I cannot recall that and I do not write my questions down  
9 beforehand, but --

15:16:21 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I appreciate that. I am only making the  
11 point, Mr Anyah, because to me they appear the same question. If  
12 you tell me they are different I will of course allow you to have  
13 a cross-examination, but the question I have cited is at page  
14 108, line 2, and the question you asked her is does that make  
15:16:38 15 sense. If there is a difference in the question you have now put  
16 I will of course allow you to put it, but I am asking what the  
17 difference is.

18 MR ANYAH: Yes, I am trying to find the question posed at  
19 108. I suspect we are using different fonts.

15:16:57 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will read it out to you:

21 "Arms and ammunition being loaded up at White Flower, less  
22 than five minutes away from Benjamin Yeaten's residence, and then  
23 five minutes later they are being taken and being off-loaded  
24 again. Does that make sense to you, Madam Witness?"

15:17:13 25 MR ANYAH: And the answer would determine whether or not it  
26 was asked and answered and --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: She then gave an explanation that it was  
28 hilly and that they couldn't have manpower to carry them on their  
29 heads and she said, "I think at that time it was better to use



1 vehicles than to carry them on their heads". That was her  
2 explanation. But, as I have already stressed, if it is a  
3 different question you will of course be entitled to put it.

15:17:42 4 JUDGE LUSSICK: I understand Mr Anyah's point and I don't  
5 think it's an answer to the question at all. The point was why  
6 load up trucks when only five minutes away there are other  
7 vehicles ready to be loaded. Why not just get the same vehicles  
8 to take the one load and take it on to where it is going than  
9 have two loads of trucks. Is that your point?

15:18:02 10 MR ANYAH: That is exactly the point, Justice Lussick.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, if you can put that then it is a  
12 different point.

13 MR ANYAH:

14 Q. Madam Witness, will you agree with me that it makes  
15:18:12 15 absolutely no sense to load up trucks at White Flower with arms  
16 and ammunition and five minutes later to off-load those vehicles,  
17 or whatever you call them, and to reload those arms and  
18 ammunition on to another vehicle? It makes no sense. Do you  
19 agree with that, Madam Witness?

15:18:35 20 A. I don't agree. It makes sense. They did not use - there  
21 were particular vehicles that were used to Buedu. There were  
22 particular types of vehicles that were used to carry arms and  
23 ammunition to Buedu, not just every kind of vehicle.

24 Q. Are you suggesting to this Court that this is the  
15:18:59 25 explanation for loading up arms and ammunition on to one set of  
26 vehicles at Charles Taylor's White Flower and off-loading it at  
27 Benjamin Yeaten's place? Are you suggesting that that is the  
28 explanation for this process of loading and unloading, Madam  
29 Witness?

1 A. Yes, because even the road was one of the problems, because  
2 the road was really bad. From Monrovia going by road to Buedu  
3 the condition of the road was really poor, so not just every  
4 vehicle would go from Monrovia to Buedu. So there were  
15:19:38 5 particular vehicles that were used for them not to break down on  
6 their way to Buedu.

7 Q. Madam Witness, unfortunately that does not cure the  
8 problem. Are you suggesting to this Court that these vehicles  
9 that you say could traverse the roads to Buedu could not make  
15:19:59 10 their way to White Flower to be loaded with the arms and  
11 ammunition? Are you saying they could only reach Benjamin  
12 Yeaten's residence and not White Flower?

13 A. Well, even if they would reach White Flower they would go -  
14 they would not load ammunitions there. That reason was best  
15:20:25 15 known to Benjamin Yeaten and others. I did not know about that,  
16 but that was what Alpha told me. They never loaded ammunitions  
17 there.

18 Q. The point is the same vehicles that could reach Benjamin  
19 Yeaten's property could also reach White Flower. What  
15:20:40 20 explanation do you have for why those vehicles were not taken to  
21 White Flower and loaded just once?

22 A. That reason I don't know. That was best known to them.

23 Q. Madam Witness, on Monday the 8th - your Honours, before I  
24 start this line of questioning, I had begun it before the recess  
15:21:30 25 and I didn't really get into it but counsel made an observation  
26 that it was previously led in private session. It involves her  
27 serving as a radio operator for Sam Bockarie. We have checked  
28 during the break at lunch and the page where it was discussed on  
29 the transcript of the 8th is page 1547, and it was done in open

1 session and so I just point that out so that I can proceed in  
2 open session with this line of questioning.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: If it was put in chief in open session  
4 then it can proceed in cross-examination in open session. We  
15:22:08 5 will of course be alert to any problems that relate to the  
6 security of the witness.

7 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the page reference, I think, we  
8 got only four digits here. Can counsel give us the full  
9 reference again.

10 MR ANYAH: Yes, counsel, it is page 15747:

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16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Madam Witness, I see you have put  
17 your hand up. Is there something you wish to say?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would answer this question, but I  
19 wouldn't want to just answer it like that. I would like my  
15:23:39 20 protection.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you have heard the witness.

22 MR ANYAH: Well, Madam President, I don't know if counsel  
23 opposite made it known to the witness that this was discussed - I  
24 mean, when it was being discussed in open session that we were in  
15:23:56 25 open session.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the witness is speaking about  
27 your second question, Mr Anyah.

28 MR BANGURA: [Redacted]

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4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, we obviously do not know the

15:24:49 5 line of questioning. The witness has raised a concern. It may

6 in the circumstances be wiser to deal with this in private

7 session to avoid any concerns of the witness.

8 MR ANYAH: That is fair enough. I will be happy to

9 respectfully make the application to go into private session.

15:25:09 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. For those members of the

11 public and monitors who are listening, the next questions will be

12 heard in private session. That means people can see in, but

13 cannot hear, and this is to protect the security of the witness.

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15 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of

16 the transcript, pages 16064 to 16070, was

17 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as

18 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

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

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Anyah.

4 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

15:42:56 5 Q. Madam Witness, you told us during examination-in-chief that  
6 Sam Bockarie went to Liberia and that he came back with a  
7 particular type of uniform that led you to believe that he had  
8 been promoted to general, yes?

9 A. I said he returned with a particular type of military  
15:43:33 10 uniform with which he said that Charles Taylor had promoted him  
11 to the rank of a general.

12 Q. You suggested to this Chamber that you could tell from  
13 looking at the uniform that Sam Bockarie had now taken up the  
14 status or rank of general, correct?

15:44:00 15 A. Well, I did not understand that question.

16 Q. You suggested to this Court, Madam Witness, that there was  
17 some sort of decoration or insignia on the new combat uniform  
18 Sam Bockarie wore that led you to believe he had the rank of  
19 general in addition to what he said, yes?

15:44:27 20 A. Well, I did say that I saw something, that the uniform had  
21 something that proved that Charles Taylor had promoted him to the  
22 rank of a general.

23 Q. Madam Witness, do you know the difference between brigadier  
24 general, major general, lieutenant general and general?

15:44:58 25 A. No.

26 Q. Do you know what sort of decoration you saw on  
27 Sam Bockarie's uniform?

28 A. Well, I saw a badge, but I do not recall how the badge  
29 itself was decorated or what type of badge it was. I do not

1 recall.

2 Q. On what part of the combat uniform was this badge to be  
3 found?

4 A. Well, it was on the uniform, but I do not recall whether it  
15:45:45 5 was on the left-hand side or the right-hand side.

6 Q. Was it on the pocket, the sleeves, or the collar of the  
7 uniform?

8 A. Well, I recall that it was on the sleeve.

9 Q. Was it stripes, stars, or what sort of logo was it?

10 A. Well, I do not recall the logo because it has been a long  
11 time.

12 Q. You said to us on Friday the 5th that a badge connotes  
13 general. Do you recall telling us that?

14 A. Yes, I did say that the badge he had on he said it showed a  
15:46:55 15 rank of a general.

16 Q. Was it him saying what the badge showed, or did you see the  
17 badge and recall it saying "General"?

18 A. Well, it was he who said it. He showed us and I also saw  
19 the badge and I did not know at that time whether the badge  
15:47:24 20 connoted a general or a brigadier. He was the one who told us,  
21 so I too concluded from what he told me.

22 Q. Do you know the difference between a one star general, two  
23 star general, three star general and four star general?

24 A. No.

15:47:55 25 Q. And your evidence that the badge connotes general you say  
26 comes from the mouth of Sam Bockarie because that is what he told  
27 you?

28 A. Yes.

29 MR ANYAH: Madam President, may I have one moment, please?

1 Madam President, I have no further questions for the witness. I  
2 tender the witness.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. Mr Bangura,  
4 re-examination?

15:50:50 5 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour, just a couple of questions.

6 RE-EXAMINATION BY MR BANGURA:

7 Q. Good afternoon, Madam Witness.

8 A. Good afternoon, Mr Bangura.

9 Q. I am going to ask you just a few questions in re-direct.

15:51:09 10 These are questions flowing from the questions that counsel for  
11 the Defence has been asking you, do you understand?

12 A. Okay.

13 Q.

14 [Redacted]

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16 MR ANYAH: Madam President --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a minute. Sorry, Mr Anyah.

18 MR ANYAH: I am sorry to interject, but I think the Court  
19 is in line with what I am rising for.

15:52:06 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Bangura, that was in a private  
21 session, that particular thing, and you have actually mentioned a  
22 name that was not mentioned before. We will redact that  
23 question, please. That will be redacted. If you are going into  
24 a line of questioning relating to the type of relationship I  
15:52:34 25 think it may be appropriate to do it in private session.

26 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour. It is just two questions in  
27 that area and then that would be it.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we are going to ask that  
29 question in private session. Please do not answer it now. For

1 those members of the public and monitors who are present in the  
2 court precincts or listening, this next part of the evidence will  
3 be in private session for reasons of security of the witness.

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5 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of  
6 the transcript, pages 16075 to 16077, was  
7 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as  
8 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

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

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please proceed, Mr Bangura.

4 MR BANGURA:

15:58:23 5 Q. Madam Witness, in cross-examination counsel asked you the  
6 following question and you gave him the following answer. I will  
7 read to you what came out and then I will ask you a question.  
8 Your Honours, for the purpose of this question I refer to the  
9 LiveNote page 33 depending again on the font size. I am using -  
15:58:53 10 I think it is a 16 size font. Page 33, lines 21 through to 25.

11 "Q. As you sit there now do you recall when Brigadier Mani  
12 began to facilitate communications between Sam Bockarie and  
13 Gullit after the death of SAJ Musa?

14 A. Well, I don't recall the month, but it was after SAJ's  
15:59:18 15 death that they entered Freetown. I don't recall the exact  
16 month now."

17 In direct examination, Madam Witness, and this was on the  
18 8th, I believe the 8th was Tuesday, and, your Honours, I refer to  
19 page 15714 of the transcript for the 8th, this is what you said  
15:59:45 20 in relation to communications involving Brigadier Mani. The  
21 question was:

22 "Q. Apart from Sam Bockarie saying things in the open  
23 which suggests your knowledge of what you have told us, did  
24 you learn about communications between Bockarie and  
16:00:05 25 Brigadier Mani from any other sources?

26 A. Yes, there were times RUF radio operators were with  
27 Gullit. Those were Waco-Waco and King Perry. They would  
28 come on and any information they passed it on to  
29 Sam Bockarie. There are times Brigadier Mani himself would

1 communicate directly to Sam Bockarie and he would inform  
2 Sam Bockarie about the movement of Gullit and others  
3 towards Freetown and again communication went on between  
4 Sam Bockarie and Brigadier Mani."

16:00:46

5 Now, Madam Witness, just to be clear, did the  
6 communications between Brigadier Mani and Sam Bockarie start  
7 before SAJ Musa's death, or was it after SAJ Musa's death?

8 A. Well, the communication between Brigadier Mani and  
9 Sam Bockarie started - Brigadier Mani and Sam Bockarie used to  
10 communicate. They used to talk. Sometimes he gave updates about  
11 SAJ and others movement, even before SAJ's death, but  
12 Sam Bockarie and SAJ did not have any direct communication at the  
13 time SAJ was alive.

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14 MR BANGURA: Thank you, Madam Witness. Your Honours, that  
15 will be all for the witness in re-direct.

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16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. Just pause,  
17 please. The Bench has no questions of the witness.

18 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, may I respectfully move that  
19 documents which were marked for identification be moved into  
20 evidence as exhibits?

16:02:04

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you taking them one by one,  
22 Mr Bangura, or is this a job lot?

23 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I will take them one by one if  
24 that's a neater way to deal with it.

16:02:29

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed.

26 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I respectfully apply that the  
27 document marked MFI-1 be admitted into evidence as an exhibit and  
28 be kept confidentially.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you have heard the application.

1 MR ANYAH: No objection, Madam President.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document, a photograph  
3 with persons identified by the witness. I think it is  
4 Prosecution exhibit P-168 and it will be confidential. Yes,  
16:03:22 5 please proceed, Mr Bangura.

6 [Exhibit P-168 admitted]

7 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, then I move that the document  
8 marked MFI-2 be admitted as an exhibit and to be kept  
9 confidentially.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you have heard the application.

11 MR ANYAH: Yes, no objection, Madam President.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. This is a one page document,  
13 a photograph showing two persons seated as identified by the  
14 witness, and it becomes Prosecution exhibit P-169 and it will be  
16:03:54 15 confidential. Please proceed, Mr Bangura.

16 [Exhibit P-169 admitted]

17 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I respectfully move that the  
18 document marked MFI-3 be admitted as an exhibit and to be kept  
19 confidentially.

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

21 MR ANYAH: Yes, no objection, Madam President.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document, a photograph  
23 showing several persons with one person in the foreground, the  
24 person identified by the witness, and it becomes Prosecution  
16:04:32 25 exhibit P-170 and it will be confidential.

26 [Exhibit P-170 admitted]

27 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honours, I have no further  
28 matters with this witness.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, my recollection is that you

1 marked two - I notice Madam Court Officer has put them down as  
2 Prosecution, but my recollection is that they were yours.

3 MR ANYAH: That is correct, Madam President, both MFI-4 and  
4 MFI-5 were proffered and tendered by the Defence to be marked for  
16:05:00 5 identification purposes and in respect of MFI-4 we would  
6 respectfully move that it be admitted as a Defence exhibit  
7 confidentially, Madam President.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, you have heard the  
9 application.

16:05:17 10 MR BANGURA: The Prosecution does not object, or oppose the  
11 application.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I do not actually have the document  
13 before me but my recollection, and I would ask to be corrected if  
14 I am wrong, is that it was a one page document, a photocopy of a  
16:05:31 15 photograph showing a house with a vehicle in front of it and that  
16 will become Defence exhibit D-58. Yes, Mr Anyah?

17 [Exhibit D-58 admitted]

18 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President, and we make the same  
19 application in respect of MFI-5. We seek it to be admitted into  
16:05:52 20 evidence as a Defence exhibit confidentially, Madam President.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Mr Bangura?

22 MR BANGURA: Prosecution does not oppose the application,  
23 your Honour.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Well, again I don't have it before  
16:06:03 25 me, but again from my recollection it is a one page document, a  
26 photocopy of a photograph. It shows a house with some young  
27 persons in the front of that house as marked by the witness. It  
28 will become Defence exhibit D-59 and D-58 will be confidential.  
29 If there are no other matters I will release the witness.

1 [Exhibit D-59 admitted]

2 MR BANGURA: No, your Honour.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Madam Witness, that is the  
4 end of all of your evidence before the Court. We thank you for  
16:06:35 5 coming to the Court and giving your evidence and taking your time  
6 to come here and we wish you a safe journey home. Please stay  
7 where you are until the blinds are lowered to allow you to leave  
8 the Court safely.

9 Counsel, I am just looking at the time - I am just starting  
16:07:41 10 to speak without realising the blinds are not up. I will just  
11 wait until the blinds are - in fact, all the blinds can be taken  
12 up since we no longer have a witness. I was just starting to say  
13 that given the time, I wonder if it is practical in such a short  
14 time to start another witness and, unless there is some cogent  
16:08:31 15 argument, I propose we adjourn court now and resume at 9.30  
16 tomorrow.

17 MR ANYAH: We welcome that proposal, Madam President.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

19 MS HOLLIS: And we certainly accept that, your Honour.

16:08:45 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. In the circumstances, please  
21 adjourn court until 9.30 tomorrow.

22 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.10 p.m.  
23 to be reconvened on Friday, 12 September 2008  
24 at 9.30 a.m.]

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