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THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
ALEX TAMBA BRIMA
BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA
SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

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TRIAL

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3 [Open session]
4 [The accused present]
09:26:54 5 [Upon commencing at 9.24 a.m.]
6 ACCUSED ALEX TAMBA BRIMA: [Continued]
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will remind Mr Brima that he is still
8 on his former oath. Yes, Mr Graham. Mr Graham, are you ready to
9 commence?
09:28:23 10 MR GRAHAM: Good morning. Yes, Your Honour.
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm not sure whether I had my microphone
12 on before so I had better say it again. Mr Brima, I'm just
13 reminding you you're still on your former oath to tell the truth.
14 EXAMINED BY MR GRAHAM: [Continued]
09:28:48 15 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to start this morning
16 by referring to the transcript of September 22nd, 2005. We have
17 circulated copies to our learned friends on the other side and I
18 think we have also given some copies to Court Management as well.
19 Page 17.
09:29:14 20 JUDGE DOHERTY: Just pause, Mr Graham. It would appear
21 that Mr Brima is opening some form of folder and appears to have
22 a paper with him. Is my eyesight deceiving me or is that
23 correct?
24 MR GRAHAM: My Lord, I can see something like a file or a
09:29:34 25 document on his table. I don't know exactly what it is. I stand
26 to be guided by Your Honours.
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, Mr Brima, are you using some
28 document to help you answer the questions you're being asked?
29 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: No, My Lord. I have blank sheet that

1 has some names that I spell. At times I used to have some
2 problems so when I am spelling the names I write them. That is
3 why I have them. They can check the files. They are only blank
4 sheets that I have. When the lawyer referred to the transcript
09:30:15 5 for a particular date, I write it down.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I understand. Thank you, Mr Brima.

7 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: Thank you, My Lord.

8 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, back to the transcript of the
9 proceedings on September 22nd, 2005, page 17. Your Honours, I'll
09:30:46 10 be reading from line 7 and this is in respect of the testimony of
11 Prosecution witness TF1-153. Your Honours, I read from line 7.

12 Q. Mr Brima, I would want you to listen because I will have a
13 few questions for you after this. Reading from line 7:

14 "Q. If you would tell the Court what happened when you met
09:31:14 15 with SAJ Musa.

16 "A. Well, when SAJ came I heard a rumour that he had come,
17 but when he came Alex Tamba Brima, with all the other
18 council members, took SAJ Musa to go and rally in town so
19 as to gain popularity."

09:31:49 20 That ends my reference. Mr Brima, what do you have to say
21 in response to the statement I just read out?

22 A. This statement that you've read is not true. I never went
23 with SAJ Musa for a rally.

24 Q. Mr Brima, yesterday you told this Court you attended
09:32:46 25 council meetings when you were on admission at the hospital. How
26 did you do that? How did you manage to get to the meetings from
27 the hospital?

28 A. Well, I told this Court that when the people who invited me
29 to go for this meeting, I told them to go. But they did not go

1 and they had a vehicle that went with me.

2 Q. Did you attend any other meetings whilst you were on
3 admission apart from the one you just made reference to?

4 A. No. Apart from this meeting that I have made reference
09:33:44 5 about, any meeting that I attended, I had left the hospital
6 before I went to the meeting or I had discharged before I went
7 for the meeting.

8 Q. Mr Brima, do you know an organisation called the
9 Revolutionary United Front, the RUF?

09:34:19 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What do you know about the RUF?

12 A. I know that the RUF was the rebel faction which the army
13 was fighting against the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

14 Q. How do you know?

09:34:57 15 A. Well, during the time I enrolled into the army, the
16 instruction that they gave out before we went to the front said
17 that the Revolutionary United Front, the rebels, were fighting
18 against the Government of Sierra Leone. And during that time I
19 was fighting with the Government of Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

09:35:33 20 Q. Mr Brima, you just made reference to being given
21 instructions to the front. What do you mean by when you were
22 being given instructions to the front?

23 A. By that I mean that any officer in the army who takes
24 troops to the front will tell you why he is taking you there for,
09:36:03 25 because during the time that I was training all what my platoon
26 commander, training commander, who was the training commandant,
27 when he was addressing us at muster parade always told us, me,
28 that, he said from Daru and Pujehun, the side where the
29 government troops were, all the other areas which the government

1 troops did not have access to are rebel-held areas. And the
2 rebels that were in that area were the RUF rebels. So from
3 training school they tell you that if you go to the front you
4 should not sleep. You go there to fight to defend, first, your
09:37:14 5 life, before ever you defend anybody's life.

6 Q. Mr Brima, did you ever go to the front?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What role did you play when you were at the front? What
9 role?

09:37:52 10 A. Well, as I told the Court yesterday, I was first as a coast
11 guard, a base fighter, then I fought as an infantry. But all
12 this fighting that I was fighting, it was under the command of
13 commanders.

14 Q. Mr Brima, where did you fight as infantry? Where?

09:38:26 15 A. I fought as an infantry in Kono District; that was in
16 Sewafe, Gandorhun, Woama and many other places in Kono District.
17 I fought in Kailahun District, which was Pendembu, Moigboi,
18 Nyandehun, Kailahun Town itself, Segbwema and other places that I
19 could not recall their names. Then I fought in Bonthe.

09:39:24 20 Q. Mr Brima, can you remember when you went to the front in
21 Kono and these other places you mentioned?

22 A. Well, in Kono, I went there in 1992, after the first attack
23 that the RUF captured Kono. And the commander with whom I went
24 was Captain Koighor Amara.

09:40:00 25 Q. Can you please spell that for the Court, please?

26 A. Captain Patrick Koighor Amara. Well, the Koighor name, I
27 cannot spell it. But Patrick Amara, I have spelt it yesterday.
28 He was the chief security officer to Captain Strasser. Then in
29 Kailahun I went there again with Captain Koighor Amara. Later I

1 went there with Captain Strasser, Colonel Mondeh, Captain Tom
2 Nyuma and many other officers.

3 Q. Can you spell those names for the convenience of the Court?

4 A. Captain Tom Nyuma, T-O-M N-Y-U-M-A. During that time
09:41:21 5 Tom Nyuma was the defence minister during NPRC.

6 MR AGHA: Your Honours, if I may interrupt my learned
7 friend. Could we have some foundation as to his knowledge of how
8 he knows the position of Mr Tom Nyuma.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Prosecution is objecting to that last
09:41:40 10 part of the answer, Mr Graham, on the basis that no foundation
11 has been laid.

12 MR GRAHAM:

13 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know that he was the minister for
14 defence? How do you know?

09:42:01 15 A. Well, during the NPRC government, 1992, Tom Nyuma was the
16 resident minister in the east, and --

17 Q. How do you know that? How do you know that he was the
18 resident minister for the east? How do you know that?

19 A. I knew about that when I was with Captain Strasser. Then I
09:42:28 20 know that again through the radio about the appointment that he
21 was given. And when they used to hold meetings, when Tom Nyuma
22 attended and I used to mingle with his bodyguards who were my
23 squad mates, so this is how I came to know about most of NPRC
24 ministers. So it was how I knew that Tom Nyuma was the resident
09:43:11 25 minister for the east. Later, when they changed, or they
26 reshuffled the government, they appointed him as defence
27 minister. So any operation which the soldiers make against the
28 RUF, Tom Nyuma used to go at that battle. As long as the head of
29 state, Captain Strasser, went --

1 MR AGHA: May I object again, Your Honours. How does he
2 know that Tom Nyuma was at this battle? He seems to be going on
3 without laying particular foundations for the statements he's
4 making.

09:44:08 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

6 MR GRAHAM:

7 Q. Yes, Mr Brima, these incidents that you're referring to on
8 the front, when did this happen?

9 A. This took place in 1992.

09:44:25 10 Q. Then what about when you -- what happened when you went on
11 to the front at Pendembu?

12 MR GRAHAM: Excuse me, Your Honours, I'm sorry.

13 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know that Mr Tom Nyuma was appointed
14 the minister of defence? How do you know?

09:45:07 15 A. I have told this Court that I was a personal bodyguard to
16 Captain Valentine EM Strasser, who was the chairman of NPRC, and
17 as a personal bodyguard, when I was on duty, when they had their
18 meeting, any minister who went for that meeting, they would
19 announce his name to we, the bodyguards -- to us, the bodyguards.

09:45:48 20 And I have used with them. So that was how I knew that Tom Nyuma
21 was the defence minister when he had been changed as resident
22 minister for the east.

23 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, you've told us about Kono
24 and Kailahun and what happened on the front. I'm going to move
09:46:17 25 on to the other places you mentioned, but before that I need you
26 to tell me how do you know Tom Nyuma? How do you know Tom Nyuma?

27 A. Tom Nyuma, as an officer, we trained in the army the same
28 year. Then, as an officer, and as a minister in the NPRC
29 government, when we were fighting in Kono when he was a resident

1 minister for the east, we will not just move and fight. We
2 met -- when Kono fell, it was the resident minister for the east
3 that controlled Kono. When they sent us from Captain Strasser's
4 lodge with Captain Koighor Amara, who was the chief security
09:47:31 5 officer, Captain Koighor Amara was directly reporting to Tom
6 Nyuma.

7 There is an incident that I would like to make to this
8 Court. The time that Kono fell, that was when the RUF captured
9 Kono in 1992, when we left Freetown with Captain Koighor Amara,
09:47:53 10 who is the chief security officer, we met Captain Tom Nyuma at
11 Sewafe bridge. We joined him --

12 MR AGHA: Your Honours, can I suggest that when the accused
13 refers to "we", we can actually understand who it is. Is he a
14 part of "we" and who are the others?

09:48:27 15 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I believe the proper way to do it
16 is to let the witness finish his sentence and then I can follow
17 up with the questions that will lay the foundation. Otherwise I
18 may end up having to interrupt him.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right, well. You haven't overlooked
09:48:43 20 that point, Mr Graham.

21 MR GRAHAM: [Indiscernible] development we'll react
22 accordingly.

23 Q. Mr Brima, this Court would want to hear the evidence from
24 you so try as much as possible to restrict yourself to what you
09:48:54 25 know instead of referring to "we", and how you got to know them.
26 So you --

27 A. Well, if I refer to "we," I am referring to myself and my
28 comrade soldiers.

29 Q. Mr Brima, can you also tell us what happened -- have you

1 completed with your account of what happened at the front at
2 Kailahun? If you haven't, you can continue.

3 A. Well, in Kailahun, the head of state by then, who was
4 Captain Valentine EM Strasser, he was the commander of that
09:49:49 5 operation to capture Kailahun and Pendembu. What happened at
6 that front that I could recall, we lost one of the senior
7 colonels who was Colonel late Kawo Kamara. His vehicle fell in a
8 mine which the RUF buried.

9 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know the RUF buried the mine that you
09:50:38 10 just referred to? How do you know?

11 A. Well, the RUF was the enemies who the Republic of Sierra
12 Leone Armed Forces and the Government of Sierra Leone by then
13 were fighting against. So it was the enemy only that we knew
14 were planting -- were burying mines.

09:51:12 15 MR AGHA: Your Honour, this is speculation. Can the
16 witness kindly stick to what he knows and sees and observes as a
17 matter of fact.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, I don't know if it is speculation.
19 If he says the enemy planted the mine and he's in a position to
09:51:27 20 know whether his own forces planted it or not, I think is a
21 matter of the process of logical omission; you can say it's the
22 enemy. What was your objection on that?

23 MR AGHA: My objection was that it is an assumption. It
24 may well have been planted by his own troops in a defensive area.
09:51:51 25 That is not something the witness knows.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, we'll find that out. I don't think
27 he's finished answering the question yet. Go ahead, Mr Graham.

28 MR GRAHAM:

29 Q. Mr Brima, please continue.

1 A. Yes, as I am just saying, during the time that we were
2 fighting the RUF, the army knew that the enemy forces, which was
3 the RUF, used mines. And I myself, I was a victim of that mines
4 explosion.

09:52:55 5 Q. Mr Brima, when was this? When did this happen?

6 A. This happened in 1993.

7 Q. Did you sustain -- could you explain further, Mr Brima?

8 A. Yes. The vehicle that fell on this mine was a vehicle
9 which -- the fighting platoon with which I was was using this
09:53:47 10 vehicle. But later we had instruction from Captain Koighor Amara
11 that we should hand over the vehicle to the colonel who was the
12 mine expert who was Colonel Kawo Kamara. And the colonel was the
13 one that led the operation. And the next vehicle that was behind
14 was the vehicle of Captain Tom Nyuma. So I was in there as an
09:54:30 15 infantry who was advancing on foot. So when they fell on the

16 mine and the mine exploded, I can say it was a close distance of
17 hundred or hundred and fifty metres. We, the infantry that were
18 on the ground, we had an infliction of a lot of casualties. I'm
19 saying again, when we talk of infantry, I'm talking of we, the
09:55:14 20 infantry of the SLA soldiers. When we had those casualties, they
21 withdrew us to Daru Barracks and they flew us to Freetown.

22 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know casualties were inflicted on
23 members of your platoon? How do you know?

24 A. Well, I was one of the victims and we were having one, by
09:55:52 25 then he was a sergeant, Sergeant Delvin Bell. And the third
26 accused, Corporal Kanu, he too was a victim of that explosion.

27 Q. Did you receive any treatment as a result of the injuries?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Where did you receive the treatment at?

1 A. I received my first treatment at Moa Barracks in Daru.

2 Q. Could you spell Moa Barracks for the Court?

3 A. M-A-O [sic].

4 Q. Please continue.

09:56:48 5 A. Then my second treatment, I got it in Freetown at 34
6 military hospital. Excuse me, if I can recall my spelling again.
7 It is M-A-O -- M-O-A, Moa. As I have just said, my second
8 treatment, I got it at 34 military hospital in Freetown.

9 Q. Where did the other members of your platoon who sustained
09:57:44 10 injuries -- where did they receive treatment, do you know?

11 MR AGHA: I don't think the witness has mentioned any
12 platoon, Your Honour.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, he did. I'll overrule that. You go
14 ahead, Mr Graham. Go ahead, Mr Graham.

09:58:01 15 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: The other members of the platoon, all
16 of us received the first treatment at Daru, that is the Moa
17 Barracks in Daru. From there, we were flown to Freetown and we
18 received our second treatment at the 34 military hospital.

19 MR GRAHAM:

09:58:30 20 Q. How were you flown to Freetown, Mr Brima?

21 A. We were flown through the military helicopter.

22 Q. Mr Brima, do you have anything further to say about
23 Kailahun, about your account of what happened at the front at
24 Kailahun?

09:58:55 25 A. Well, as far as I know, when I was injured at the front, I
26 was withdrawn. The only thing I can say is that except I can
27 show to the Court where I was damaged by the fragment.

28 Q. Mr Brima, where did you sustain the injuries? Where did
29 you sustain the injury as a result of the mine blast? Where?

1 A. I sustained the injury on my --

2 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, there is a problem here.

3 The interpreter would like the attorney to ask the witness at the
4 particular part of the leg because, in Krio, when a witness says

10:00:00 5 foot, it refers to the entire leg. So here it is interpreted as
6 it is said, there is no specific area. That's why the
7 interpreter is taking some caution, so that he knows where to
8 locate the situation.

9 MR GRAHAM: Thank you.

10:00:19 10 Q. Mr Brima, could you tell this Court precisely where you
11 sustained your injuries? Was it to the left or the right foot?

12 A. I have told you that I incurred the injury on my right
13 foot. If the Court so desires to know, well, I'll show the area.

14 Q. Which part? Is it the area below your knee?

10:00:42 15 A. Yes.

16 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I will proceed. Your Honours,
17 respectfully the record may reflect the description given by the
18 accused in respect of where he sustained the injury.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Graham, there is no description given.
10:01:03 20 Anything below the knee, there's so much it could be.

21 MR GRAHAM: Very well, Your Honour.

22 Q. Mr Brima, could you be a bit more precise as to where you
23 sustained the injury? If you could, please, with Your Honour's
24 permission, stand and then show the Court which part of your
10:01:25 25 right foot that you sustained the injuries.

26 A. It is here. [Witness indicated]

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness is pointing to an area --

28 MR GRAHAM: His shin. I think he's pointing to the left
29 side of his shin.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was just about to describe what part of
2 the shin, Mr Graham. He's pointing to about halfway along the
3 shinbone between the knee and the ankle. I don't know whether
4 Mr Agha and Mr Hardaway wanted to have a look at the --

10:02:12 5 MR AGHA: No, thank you, Your Honour.

6 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honours.

7 Q. Mr Brima, you've told this Court about your account of what
8 happened at the front in Kono and in Kailahun as well. Could you
9 go on and tell us about the other places that you've mentioned as
10:02:41 10 well? Gandorhun, if you may take Gandorhun.

11 A. Well, at Gandorhun, which is in Kono District, we, the
12 Sierra Leone Army personnel that were at Gandorhun, lost that
13 area to the RUF. When we repelled the attack and captured the
14 area, that was the time we found a soldier called Tamba Ngauja
10:03:37 15 [phon].

16 Q. Could you spell that for the Court, please?

17 A. I cannot spell Ngauja.

18 Q. Can you then probably --

19 MR GRAHAM: Probably at this point, I think we could make
10:03:59 20 do with a phonetic spelling.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

22 MR GRAHAM:

23 Q. Mr Brima, if you could please just mention it a little bit
24 clearly and slowly, we could probably pick it up a little bit
10:04:14 25 better -- the name?

26 A. Tamba Ngauja.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: The phonetic spelling sounds to me as
28 though it may be N-G-A-U-J-A.

29 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: When we discovered that soldier by

1 Owama --

2 MR GRAHAM:

3 Q. Could you spell Owama?

4 A. O-W-A-M-A.

10:05:08 5 Q. Mr Brima, before you continue, could you tell the Court
6 when this was, when this operation in Gandorhun took place?

7 A. This very operation which occurred in Gandorhun occurred in
8 1992.

9 Q. Thank you. Please continue with your account.

10:05:35 10 A. When we found Tamba Ngauja, we discovered him -- we
11 discovered that his two hands had already been cut off. Since he
12 was a soldier and he was a Kono man --

13 Q. How do you know he was a Kono man?

14 A. His name, then I spoke with him. He told us that it was
10:06:17 15 the RUF that cut off his hands. And, up to now, that soldier is
16 alive.

17 Q. Mr Brima, you just made reference to "us". Who is "us"?

18 A. I'm referring to us, the SLA soldiers.

19 Q. Thank you. Please continue.

10:06:57 20 A. Okay. So I, who was a Kono man, who speaks Kono, I was
21 chosen to speak with the soldier.

22 Q. Who chose you to speak with the soldier?

23 A. It was my commanding officer Patrick Koighor Amara. But
24 apart from this soldier, who was a Kono man, anywhere we went to
10:07:54 25 fight, or any district we went to fight, if we met a Temne man
26 there who doesn't speak Krio very well, or a Mende, a Limba, or
27 any other person from another ethnic group, a person from among
28 the group would be chosen. If you are a Temne, you'd be
29 appointed to speak to the Temne man that you met there.

1 Q. Mr Brima, have you finished with your account of events at

2 Gandorhun?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you have anything further to tell this Court about what

10:08:55 5 happened at the front in the other places you've mentioned this

6 morning?

7 A. Yes. Still in Kono, the second attack in Kono --

8 Q. When was this attack?

9 A. This attack happened in '93.

10:09:21 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Graham, I don't want to interfere with

11 your questioning of the witness if this is going somewhere, but I

12 note the dates and the battles your client has been describing

13 are in 1992 and 1993. That's well before the relevant period

14 that we're looking at. Can you tell us what the relevance is of

10:09:46 15 going through these particular incidents in detail?

16 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, the focus of this morning was to

17 go into the relationship between the RUF and the AFRC, and this

18 is an attempt to -- an effort to try to establish the background

19 information in respect of that relationship. But, Your Honours,

10:10:07 20 I have taken the cue and I will try and restrict the scope in

21 respect of this matter.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm not preventing you. I just wanted

23 you to point out the relevance. Having said what you've said,

24 we'll let you go on further.

10:10:22 25 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful, Your Honours.

26 Q. Mr Brima, please continue.

27 A. 1993, the enemy forces, that is the RUF, captured the

28 entire Kono District and we made an advance in Kono. When we met

29 the former resident minister, Captain Tom Nyuma, at the Sewafe

1 Bridge, we joined him there. From the Sewafe Bridge all of us
2 moved together and captured the entire Kono District.

3 Q. Mr Brima, when you say "all of us," what do you mean by all
4 of us?

10:11:35 5 A. We, the SLA soldiers. We had another force that fought
6 along with us, that was the Guinean troop.

7 Q. How do you know they were Guinean troops?

8 A. Well, as a soldier, we interacted and, during that period,
9 the Sierra Leone Army was not well equipped. We were backed up
10:12:22 10 by this group. And their language, except when we had an
11 interpreter that was interpreting between us and the Guinean
12 army.

13 Q. Mr Brima, do you know who the leaders of the RUF
14 organisation are? Do you know?

10:12:55 15 MR AGHA: Your Honours, I don't think we've established if
16 there were any leaders of the RUF organisation as yet.

17 MR GRAHAM: Very well.

18 Q. Mr Brima, you described the RUF as rebels in your prior
19 testimony before this Court. Do you know any members of the RUF?

10:13:26 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you still referring to 1993 or 1992,
21 or it's some other period?

22 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, this is a general question.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question is does he know any leaders
24 of the RUF at any time? Is that what you're asking?

10:13:42 25 MR GRAHAM: I think I will put it within a time frame.

26 Q. Mr Brima, from the time when you were appointed -- before I
27 go on to that, do you know when the RUF came into being? Do you
28 know?

29 A. Well, from what I learnt, I'm aware that the RUF started

1 attacking the Sierra Leone territory -- I heard about the RUF
2 since 23 March 1991.
3 Q. Do you know who led them?
4 A. Well, I know that their leader was corporal -- late
10:14:55 5 Corporal Foday Saybana Sankoh.
6 Q. Before I go on, I want to ask you whether you know what the
7 RUF stands for?
8 A. The RUF, Revolutionary United Front.
9 Q. Do you know why it was set up?
10:15:37 10 A. No.
11 Q. Do you know any other members apart from the name you just
12 mentioned before the Court?
13 MR AGHA: In which time period, may I ask, is this?
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I've already asked that.
10:16:00 15 MR GRAHAM: From the period May 1997.
16 Q. From the period May 1997.
17 A. Yes, I'm aware of Sam Bockarie.
18 Q. Mr Brima, Sam Bockarie, do you know whether he had any
19 aliases?
10:16:23 20 A. Yes, they used to call him alias Mosquito. I know Mike
21 Lamin.
22 Q. Could you spell that for the Court, please?
23 A. M-I-K-E L-A-M-I-N. I know of Gibril Massaquoi, Denis
24 Mingo. I know of Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon, Augustine Gbao,
10:17:39 25 Rashid Sandy, Sheku Coomber.
26 Q. Could you please spell that for the Court, Sheku Coomber?
27 A. S-H-E-K-U C-O-M-B-A [sic]. I know of Peter Vandi, of
28 Lawrence Romandia.
29 Q. Could you please spell that for the Court?

1 A. L-A-W-R-E-N-C-E R-O-M-A-N-D-I-A. Peter Vandi, P-E-T-E-R
2 V-A-N-D-Y [sic]. I know of Fayia Musa.
3 Q. Could you please spell that for the Court?
4 A. F-A-Y-I-A M-U-S-A.
10:20:08 5 Q. Okay, Mr Brima, are you done?
6 A. Well, these are the names which, at least, I'm able to
7 recall.
8 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Foday Sankoh?
9 A. Yes.
10:20:29 10 Q. How do you know Foday Sankoh?
11 A. Foday Sankoh, I knew him to be the RUF leader.
12 Q. Have you met him before?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Where did you meet him?
10:20:49 15 A. We met in one meeting.
16 Q. When was this?
17 A. This was 2000 before the May 8th incident.
18 Q. Was that the first time you had met him?
19 A. Yes.
10:21:23 20 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Sam Bockarie?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. How do you know Sam Bockarie?
23 A. Sam Bockarie, I knew him as the RUF deputy leader and I
24 knew him as well as Supreme Council leader in the AFRC. In the
10:22:08 25 absence of Foday Sankoh, he was the RUF leader. He was
26 representing the RUF.
27 Q. Mr Brima, the meeting that you have just referred to, was
28 that the first time that you had met Sam Bockarie?
29 MR AGHA: Your Honour, that's a leading question.

1 MR GRAHAM: I will rephrase.

2 Q. Mr Brima, when did you first meet Mr Bockarie?

3 A. Sam Bockarie, I first met with him in one meeting.

4 Q. When was this?

10:23:16 5 A. This was in 1997.

6 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, my learned friends have just
7 drawn my attention to -- I think when Mr Brima was giving
8 evidence in respect of Mr Sam Bockarie, he did say he was a
9 Supreme Council member, but I am informed the interpreter said
10:23:49 10 Supreme Council leader.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's what we got from the interpreter,
12 Supreme Council leader. You'll need to obviously clear that up
13 with some evidence.

14 MR GRAHAM: Thank you.

10:24:02 15 Q. Mr Brima, I need a clarification from you. Was Sam
16 Bockarie a member of the Supreme Council or the leader -- a
17 Supreme Council leader?

18 A. Sam Bockarie was a member of the Supreme Council.

19 Q. Mr Brima, I had asked you when was the first time that you
10:24:35 20 met Sam Bockarie?

21 A. The first time I met with Sam Bockarie, it was in one
22 meeting.

23 Q. Where was this meeting?

24 A. This meeting took place at Lower BOP at Major Johnny Paul's
10:25:14 25 residence.

26 Q. When was this?

27 A. This was in 1997, but I cannot recall the month.

28 Q. Did you meet him after that? Did you meet him any time
29 after that?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Issa Sesay?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How do you know him?

10:26:09 5 A. Issa Sesay, I know him as an RUF rebel.

6 Q. Have you met with Issa Sesay before?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, before he proceeds I am informed

9 the third accused wants to use the restroom.

10:26:42 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, he's permitted to leave, Mr Graham.

11 MR GRAHAM:

12 Q. Mr Brima, I will come back to Mr Sam Bockarie before I

13 continue with Issa Sesay. Did you meet Sam Bockarie any time

14 again after your meeting you just referred to at Johnny Paul

10:27:24 15 Koroma's residence?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Where did you meet him?

18 A. At one time we met at Lumley Beach. Again we met at

19 Kailahun.

10:27:52 20 Q. What was the purpose of your meeting at Lumley Beach?

21 A. Lumley Beach, I went to train volleyball.

22 Q. Where is Lumley Beach?

23 A. Lumley Beach is located at the western part of Freetown,

24 towards Aberdeen, using the Lumley direction.

10:28:36 25 Q. Did you meet Sam Bockarie again after the Lumley meeting in

26 Freetown?

27 A. In Freetown, after that meeting except I can recall one

28 time we met, he had an accident with one military officer.

29 Q. When was this?

1 A. Well, it was in '97, but the month I cannot recall.

2 Q. Was this in Freetown?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Mr Brima, during the period under reference when
10:29:39 5 Sam Bockarie was in Freetown do you know where he lived?

6 A. I did not know where he lived.

7 Q. Mr Brima, coming back to Issa Sesay. Mr Brima, before I go
8 to that I'm going to ask: Do you know whether at any point in
9 time, and I'm referring specifically to the last time you said
10:30:22 10 you met Sam Bockarie here in Freetown -- do you know whether he
11 continued to be in Freetown or left at some point in time?

12 A. Well, during the time I met him after the accident, after
13 that he left Freetown.

14 Q. How do you know he left Freetown?

10:30:52 15 A. How I came to know that he left Freetown? Firstly, when I
16 met with some RUF people they told me that Sam Bockarie had left
17 Freetown for Kenema and when he and the officer --

18 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter is sorry, the name of the
19 officer is not clear to him.

10:30:40 20 [AFRC07JUN06 - EKD]

21 MR GRAHAM:

22 Q. Mr Brima, just a second. I think the interpreter didn't
23 hear you well. You were talking about Sam Bockarie with an
24 officer. Can you tell this Court who the officer was?

10:31:34 25 A. I said Lieutenant-Colonel Yemmeh Marah.

26 Q. Could you please spell that?

27 A. Y-E-M-M-E-H, Yemmeh. Marah, M-A-R-A-H.

28 Q. Do you know why Sam Bockarie left Freetown?

29 A. Well, from what he said, after this accident he was taken

1 to the military hospital. That was where he met me. When I
2 heard that he had had an accident, I was able to leave my ward
3 and went to his own ward to pay him a visit. And when he was
4 undergoing treatment, Sam Bockarie had said his officer had
10:32:48 5 wanted to kill him.

6 Q. Which officer was he referring to?

7 A. He was referring to the officer that they both had the car
8 accident, that is Lieutenant-Colonel Yemmeh Marah.

9 Q. Did he tell you anything else?

10:33:20 10 A. Well, he did not explain to me personally, but he was
11 explaining to the doctor that was treating him.

12 Q. So how do you know that he left Freetown for Kenema?

13 A. Well, when he was speaking with the doctor and said that
14 the officer had wanted to kill him, he said that he was not going
10:33:52 15 to stay in Freetown any longer. And later I was made to
16 understand from my colleagues that the man had left Freetown.
17 He, Sam Bockarie, had left for Kenema.

18 Q. Did you hear about any other reason why he left Freetown?

19 A. Well, it is beyond my understanding.

10:34:30 20 Q. Do you know the doctor that was attending to Sam Bockarie?

21 A. It was the physician, who was Dr Cliff. Dr Major Cliff at
22 the 34 military hospital.

23 Q. Could you please spell the name for the convenience of the
24 Court?

10:35:02 25 A. C-L-I-F-F.

26 Q. Is it the same doctor that was treating you?

27 A. Yes, because he was the physician specialist at the
28 military hospital during 1997.

29 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court whether there was any

1 personal relationship between you and Sam Bockarie?

2 A. Well, there was no kind of personal relationship to some
3 extent.

4 Q. I'm going to move on. Mr Brima, earlier on I had asked you
10:35:58 5 about Mr Issa Sesay. I'm going to continue with that line of
6 questioning. Mr Brima, do you know Issa Sesay?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How do you know Issa Sesay?

9 A. I know Issa Sesay as another RUF personnel.

10:36:31 10 Q. Was he a member of the RUF?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you know his position in the RUF?

13 A. No. I was not much interested in the RUF regarding
14 positions.

10:37:01 15 Q. Have you met Issa Sesay prior to your arrest and detention
16 by the Special Court?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you please take your time and tell us when, if you
19 recall, was the first time that you met Issa Sesay?

10:37:26 20 A. Repeat the question.

21 Q. I'm saying do you recall when you met Issa Sesay for the
22 first time?

23 A. The first time I met with Issa Sesay it was in '97. 1997.

24 Q. Was this during the period of the AFRC regime, after May
10:38:16 25 25, 1997?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Where did you meet Issa Sesay?

28 A. Issa Sesay, I met him at the residence of Chairman Major
29 Johnny Paul Koroma.

1 Q. At this point in time, where was the residence of
2 Johnny Paul Koroma?

3 A. During that time, it was at Lower BOP, close to the office
4 of the British High Commissioner.

10:39:07 5 Q. Did you meet him again in Freetown after the first meeting
6 you just referred to?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Where did you meet him?

9 A. We met at one time at Hill Station and, the other time, he
10:39:36 10 went and visited me at my house.

11 Q. I want you to answer, first, why did you meet him at
12 Hill Station?

13 A. Well, Hill Station, I went to pay a visit to a friend
14 there. So we met -- well, he himself was around that area the
10:40:08 15 time I went to pay that visit to the friend.

16 Q. So did you meet him at your friend's house?

17 A. No, no.

18 Q. Did you meet Issa Sesay again after your meeting at
19 Hill Station?

10:40:33 20 A. Yes. At one time Mr Sesay paid me a visit at my home.

21 Q. When was this?

22 A. This was in 1997 during the AFRC regime.

23 Q. Where was your home located?

24 A. By then I was at Loop, Spur Loop. I'm saying the
10:41:15 25 Wilberforce loop.

26 Q. Is this area in Freetown?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Why did he come to visit you at your home?

29 A. Well, I think Issa can explain that better to you, but as

1 far as I'm concerned, it because just a personal visit.

2 Q. Within this period, did you receive any further personal
3 visit from Issa Sesay?

4 A. No, no, no. That was the only visit.

10:41:58 5 Q. Did you meet him again after this personal visit to your
6 home?

7 A. Yes. I met him in Kailahun, 1998. Yes, Kailahun, 1998.

8 Q. Mr Brima, did you attend any council meetings at which
9 Issa Sesay was present?

10:42:35 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Can you patiently tell this Court when this meeting was?
12 If it's a series of meetings, you can take your time and tell
13 this Court one after the other, but tell us when you first met
14 Issa Sesay at the council meeting.

10:43:08 15 A. The first time I met with Issa Sesay at the council
16 meeting, it was at Johnny Paul Koroma's residence. Since then,
17 we met at another time that I cannot recall.

18 Q. Before you go on to the next meeting that you cannot
19 recall, the meeting at Johnny Paul Koroma's house, was it a
10:43:46 20 council meeting?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you recall which other council members were present at
23 this meeting?

24 A. Yes.

10:43:58 25 Q. Can you please tell this Court, to the best of your
26 knowledge, which council members were present at this meeting?

27 A. I myself was present. Sergeant Brima Kamara was present.
28 Sergeant Ibrahim Kamara was present there. Corporal Hassan
29 Bangura was present there, and many other council members.

1 Q. Do you recall who chaired this meeting?

2 A. That meeting, it was chaired by SAJ Musa.

3 Q. Do you recall whether any of the names of the RUF members
4 you just mentioned were present at the meeting?

10:45:27 5 MR AGHA: Objection, Your Honour. That's leading.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, you haven't established any RUF were
7 there as such, Mr Graham.

8 MR GRAHAM:

9 Q. Mr Brima, subsequently to that, did you meet Mr Issa Sesay
10:45:46 10 again?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Where did you meet him?

13 A. At one time we met at State House in a meeting.

14 Q. Was this an official meeting?

10:46:08 15 A. It was the same council meeting, but how do they call it?
16 It was an emergency council meeting.

17 Q. Do you recall those who were present at this meeting?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Can you tell this Court?

10:46:35 20 A. Chairman Johnny Paul Koroma was present in that meeting.
21 Morris Kallon was present in that meeting.

22 Q. Mr Brima, the Morris Kallon you just mentioned, is this the
23 same Morris Kallon that you mentioned earlier on to this Court as
24 a member of the RUF?

10:47:09 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Please continue with the names of those who were present at
27 the council meeting?

28 A. RUF Denis Mingo was present at the meeting.

29 Corporal Santigie Kanu was present at the meeting.

1 Staff Sergeant Abu Sankoh was present at the meeting, and other
2 council members.

3 Q. Any other RUF members?

4 A. Well, so far, these are the names that I'm able to recall.

10:48:24 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: We'll leave it, Mr Graham, and we'll take
6 our usual morning break. Mr Brima, once again, don't talk about
7 the evidence, nor about the case with anybody. Court will
8 adjourn now until 11 o'clock.

9 [Break taken at 10.45 a.m.]

11:06:18 10 [Upon resuming at 11.03 a.m.]

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

12 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful, Your Honour.

13 Q. Mr Brima, you had earlier on mentioned a number of names
14 whom you know as RUF members. I'm going to go on to

11:06:41 15 Mr Denis Mingo. Mr Brima, do you know Denis Mingo? Mingo,
16 Denis Mingo?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How do you know him?

19 A. I knew him as an RUF rebel.

11:07:08 20 Q. How do you know he's an RUF rebel? How do you know?

21 A. Well, this is one of the council members -- one of the RUF
22 members who was on the council.

23 Q. Have you met Mr Denis Mingo before?

24 A. Yes.

11:07:50 25 Q. When was the first time you met him?

26 A. The first time I met him was in 1997.

27 Q. Where did you meet him?

28 A. We met at a meeting.

29 Q. Which meeting?

- 1 A. A council meeting.
- 2 Q. Where did this meeting take place?
- 3 A. This meeting took place at the house -- at
- 4 Johnny Paul Koroma's house.
- 11:08:34 5 Q. Mr Brima, do you know whether Denis Mingo had any aliases?
- 6 A. Yes, he was called Superman.
- 7 Q. Could you please spell that for the convenience of the
- 8 Court?
- 9 A. S-U-P-E-R-M-A-N, Superman.
- 11:09:10 10 Q. Apart from meeting him at the council meeting you just
- 11 referred to, did you meet him any other time?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Where did you meet him?
- 14 A. We met at the beach, at Lumley Beach.
- 11:09:39 15 Q. Where is Lumley Beach?
- 16 A. Lumley Beach is at the western part of Freetown, going
- 17 towards Aberdeen through Lumley.
- 18 Q. Mr Brima, why did you meet him?
- 19 A. Well, when I was feeling better in terms of my health, on
- 11:10:12 20 Sundays I used to go and play volleyball at Lumley Beach.
- 21 Q. When you met Mr Denis Mingo at Lumley Beach, what was he
- 22 doing?
- 23 A. Well, the time that I met him at Lumley Beach, he went to
- 24 swim.
- 11:10:35 25 Q. Did you talk to him?
- 26 A. Just greetings.
- 27 Q. Did you meet him again after this meeting at Lumley Beach?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. Where did you meet him?

1 A. We met at a meeting in State House.

2 Q. When was this, do you recall?

3 A. This was in 1997 again. I cannot remember the month.

4 Q. But was this during the period of the AFRC rule?

11:11:22 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you meet him again?

7 A. Repeat the question.

8 Q. Did you meet him again after your last meeting you just

9 referred to?

11:11:45 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Where did you meet him?

12 A. We met again in Freetown one time at Hill Station.

13 Q. What was the purpose of this meeting?

14 A. Well, that meeting did not have a purpose. At Hill Station

11:12:19 15 I had my friend that I used to visit and during that time,

16 towards Hill Station, at OAU village, was where he lived.

17 Q. Did you meet him again after this meeting at Hill Cot --

18 Hill Station, sorry?

19 A. Yes, we meet another time in Freetown that I cannot

11:12:58 20 remember now.

21 Q. Mr Brima, did you have a personal relationship with

22 Mr Denis Mingo?

23 A. No. Again we met in Makeni. That was in 1999. Again we

24 met at West Side when I was under arrest.

11:13:44 25 Q. When was this? When were you under arrest at West Side?

26 A. This was in 1999. He too was arrested, so we met there

27 again.

28 Q. Mr Brima, who arrested you?

29 A. Junior Lion and Foday Kallay.

1 Q. Who is Foday Kallay?

2 A. Foday Kallay was the leader of the RUF -- the leader of
3 West Side Boys.

4 Q. Sorry to interrupt you, but can you please clarify. You
11:14:44 5 said the leader of the RUF and then you said leader --

6 A. No, no, no. He was the commander at West Side during the
7 time that I was arrested at West Side.

8 Q. How do you know he was the commander at West Side?

9 A. Well, one, when I was arrested, it was to him that they
11:15:18 10 took me. Two, he arrested some British soldiers at West Side.
11 When he went over the media, on the radio, he declared that he
12 was the leader.

13 Q. And, Mr Brima, how do you know that he arrested the British
14 soldiers?

11:15:47 15 A. Well, I knew that he arrested the British soldiers, because
16 the office of the Commission for the Consolidation of Peace used
17 me as one of the people who negotiated with him to release those
18 people.

19 Q. Mr Brima, before you go on, what is the role of the office
11:16:18 20 that you just mentioned?

21 A. The role of that office, Commission for the Consolidation
22 of Peace, after the signing of the Lome Peace Accord, it was the
23 office that was in charge of settling peace between the warring
24 parties. It was that office that was used to consolidate the
11:16:53 25 peace during that time in 1999 to 2002.

26 Q. Mr Brima, do you know whether Foday Kallay has any alias?

27 A. No, Foday Kallay did not have any alias that I know of.

28 Q. Mr Brima, where were you arrested?

29 A. I was arrested between Gberi Bridge and Masiaka.

1 Q. Do you know why you were arrested?

2 A. Well, except when they took me to George Johnson, who was
3 called Junior Lion, he said during the time that they were coming
4 to Freetown, I escaped. He said that was the reason why they
11:18:15 5 arrested me.

6 Q. Where was Junior Lion when you were arrested and taken to
7 him? Where was he?

8 A. He was in the town in which he lived at the junction before
9 ever you went to the base at the junction.

11:18:44 10 THE INTERPRETER: "At the West Side," correction,
11 interpreter.

12 MR AGHA: Your Honours, can I kindly ask for some
13 foundation as to the mentioned escape from Freetown. What is the
14 actual basis of this?

11:19:04 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think the evidence he is trying
16 to lead is dependent on his escape. It was him who escaped. He
17 is giving direct evidence. If you would like to delve into that
18 and inquire further, that is something you can do in
19 cross-examination. Carry on, Mr Graham.

11:19:25 20 MR GRAHAM:

21 Q. Did he give you any other reason why he caused your arrest?

22 A. Well, so far, these are the reasons that Junior Lion told
23 me.

24 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Junior Lion by any other name?

11:20:00 25 A. Yes, I knew him before as Junior Bolo.

26 Q. And Mr Brima, what happened? Sorry. Mr Brima, did
27 anything happen to you when you were arrested?

28 A. When they arrest me at the West Side, I and one of my
29 colleague soldiers, Foday Bah Marah, we put up resistance.

1 Junior Lion fired at me; fired at me and fired at that soldier.

2 Q. What do you mean by he fired at you?

3 A. He shot us -- me with his gun.

4 Q. What happened? Did anything happen to you after he shot at
11:21:21 5 you?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: He didn't say "shot at me", he said
7 "fired at" and then when you pursued that he said, "Junior Lion
8 shot me". Not "at me"; "shot me." That is how the evidence
9 stands at the moment.

11:21:37 10 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honours.

11 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen to you when Junior Lion fired
12 at you?

13 A. When he fired me, the bullet pierced my foot.

14 Q. Mr Brima, which part -- can you tell this Court is it your
11:22:06 15 left foot or your right foot?

16 A. My right foot.

17 Q. Which part of your right foot? Can you please stand, if it
18 is convenient for you, please?

19 A. On my foot here. [Witness indicated]

11:22:29 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness is indicating the top part of
21 his foot, just below the ankle.

22 MR GRAHAM: Mr Brima, you may sit.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's on the right foot.

24 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: And then as I am just saying, he fired
11:22:50 25 at again Foday Bah Marah.

26 MR GRAHAM:

27 Q. Who is Foday Bah Marah?

28 A. Foday Bah Marah was a soldier in the Sierra Leone Army.

29 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall when this shooting by Junior Lion

1 took place?

2 A. This shooting took place in August 1999.

3 Q. Did anything happen to you after your arrest?

4 A. Yes. When he arrested me, as I am just explaining to this

11:23:51 5 Court, when he shot at me, there was one other soldier that was

6 present who was called Tito. He was trying to stop Junior Lion.

7 Q. How do you know he was trying to stop Junior Lion?

8 A. I was close to him.

9 Q. Please continue.

11:24:13 10 A. Yes. When he fired at us the soldier said, "I have told

11 you not to do that to those men." He shot the soldier dead.

12 Q. Which soldier was shot dead?

13 A. Tito.

14 Q. By whom? Who shot Tito?

11:24:36 15 A. Junior Lion.

16 Q. And how do you know he shot Tito dead?

17 A. Well, as I'm just saying, my lawyer, he was close to me.

18 The incident took place as I'm just sitting here, like this next

19 man, where he is sitting.

11:25:00 20 Q. Did anything happen after he shot Tito?

21 A. Yes, when he shot at -- when he shot Tito dead, I,

22 Foday Bah, with other soldiers, they arrested us and put us in

23 dungeon.

24 Q. Who arrested you?

11:25:24 25 A. The soldiers who arrested us under the order of Junior Lion

26 and Junior Lion took us to the base. When he has shot at us,

27 they locked us in the dungeon.

28 Q. What is the dungeon; can you tell this Court?

29 A. Well, dungeon is a hole that is dug in the ground like a

1 grave. Like a grave. But it is covered on top. It is used to
2 punish people. It is there that he locked us up.

3 Q. Mr Brima, is dungeon known by any other name? Sorry.
4 Mr Brima, is dungeon known by any other name or names?

11:26:39 5 A. Well, I, the only name that I know about it, is that name
6 "dungeon".

7 Q. Did anything happen to you when you were taken to the
8 dungeon?

9 A. Yes, we were in the dungeon for long. Later, when
11:27:19 10 Major Johnny Paul Koroma came to Freetown he negotiated for us to
11 be released.

12 Q. How do you know Johnny Paul Koroma negotiated for your
13 release when he came into Freetown?

14 A. It was when I came to Freetown that I knew. Because I was
11:27:40 15 in the dungeon with Foday Bah and his other soldiers, when later
16 they arrested RUF Mike Lamin --

17 Q. Who arrested him?

18 A. Junior Lion. They arrested RUF Denis Mingo and they
19 arrested Idrissa Kamara and other RUF. Then they arrested one
11:28:21 20 Captain FAT Sesay, and they arrested one civilian, Alusine Mazim
21 Sesay.

22 Q. Can you spell Alusine Mazim Sesay for the convenience of
23 the Court?

24 A. A-L-U-S-I-N-E, Alusine, M-A-Z-I-M, Mazim, S-E-S-A-Y, Sesay.
11:29:12 25 They arrested those people that I've called their names. They
26 locked them in the dungeon. They met me there, we were all in
27 the dungeon.

28 Q. How are you -- can you tell this Court how do you get
29 locked into the dungeon?

1 A. Well, as I have just said, the dungeon, it is dug like a
2 grave. They give it a small hole. It is underneath that hole
3 that we were, under that hole.

4 Q. How long were you in the dungeon?

11:29:59 5 A. Well, we were in the dungeon for long.

6 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to come back to Mr Mike Lamin. Do you
7 know Mr Mike Lamin?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How do you know Mr Mike Lamin?

11:30:28 10 A. Mr Mike Lamin, I knew him as an RUF rebel.

11 Q. Mr Brima, I just have one last question for you on
12 Junior Lion. How do you know Junior Lion? How do you know him?

13 A. Well, Junior Lion, I knew him before as Junior Bolo, as I
14 told the Court.

11:31:01 15 Q. Can you spell Bolo for the Court?

16 A. B-O-L-O. Then I knew him as a civilian in Kono. That was
17 in 1995. Then he was in Kono later. He was accused of a white
18 man that he killed, that they shot at for a diamond.

19 Q. How do you know he was accused?

11:31:55 20 A. He was arrested in Kono.

21 Q. Who arrested him?

22 A. It was the police personnel in Kono.

23 Q. When was this?

24 A. This was in 1995.

11:32:15 25 Q. And do you know what happened to him when he -- did
26 anything happen to him when he was arrested by the police?

27 A. Well, when the police arrested him, the case was on, then
28 they re-arrest him again because they said he stole from Small
29 Sefadu.

1 Q. Who re-arrested him?

2 A. The same police. Sefadu, S-E-F-A-D-U.

3 Q. Sefadu. In what district is Sefadu located?

4 A. Sefadu is in Kono District. So when they arrested him for
11:33:26 5 this incident at Small Sefadu, it was one businessman shop that
6 he said he raided at night. He shot dead one boy there. The
7 businessman shop that they raided was called Tamba Bunduker.

8 Q. Could you please spell that?

9 A. Tamba, T-A-M-B-A, Bunduker, B-U-N-D-U-K-E-R.

11:34:28 10 Q. Mr Brima, before you go on, how do you know that these
11 additional charges were made against Junior Lion? How do you
12 know the charges relating to businessman Tamba Bunduker? How do
13 you know?

14 A. Well, Small Sefadu, I'm a Kono man. In Small Sefadu, I
11:34:46 15 have my people there. So when that incident happened, when they
16 were in search of him, Junior Lion, I knew that they were looking
17 for him and when they arrested him I knew that he was arrested.
18 So from the arrest he was brought to Pademba Road.

19 Q. Mr Brima, when you say you had your people in Small Sefadu,
11:35:17 20 what do you mean by your people?

21 A. I have my relatives there.

22 Q. And, Mr Brima, when you say "Pademba Road," what do you
23 mean by Pademba Road? Is that a place or is that a name? What
24 do you mean?

11:35:36 25 A. Well, it is a prison. The Pademba Road prison.

26 Q. Mr Brima, could you then continue with your account of --
27 did you know Junior Lion's occupation during the period 1997 and
28 after?

29 A. Well, in 1997 I knew that Junior Lion was a batman to --

1 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, could the witness repeat his

2 answer.

3 MR GRAHAM:

4 Q. Mr Brahma, the interpreter please wants you to repeat the
11:36:23 5 answer you just gave to the Court.

6 A. In 1997 Junior Lion was a batman to Sergeant Ibrahim
7 Kamara, who is the second accused.

8 Q. What do you mean by "batman"?

9 A. Well, I used the military term. It is like somebody that
11:36:58 10 is taking care of your house. I don't know how it is called in
11 English.

12 Q. How do you spell it? Can you spell batman?

13 A. B-A-T-H-M-A-N [sic].

14 Q. Please continue with what you know about Junior Johnson's
11:37:37 15 occupation after 1997.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is Junior Johnson?

17 MR GRAHAM: Sorry, Junior Lion.

18 Q. You were talking about him being the batman for the second
19 accused. Please continue.

11:37:49 20 A. Well, as far as I knew him, as I am just explaining just
21 now, I knew him as a civilian. He was a civilian. Then I knew
22 that he was a batman to Sergeant Kamara, who was taking care of
23 Sergeant Kamara house. That was to clean the house, to clean the
24 compound. It was this work that I knew that he was doing.

11:38:24 25 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. I will go on to Mike Lamin. I had
26 asked you earlier, how do you know Mr Mike Lamin?

27 A. Mr Mike Lamin, I knew him as an RUF rebel personnel.

28 Q. What do you mean by "RUF rebel personnel"?

29 A. Well, this was one of the RUF men that I knew.

1 Q. I had asked what you meant by RUF personnel. Is that a
2 position that he occupied in the RUF?

3 A. No, well, I did not know his position in the RUF. Yes,
4 because I'm not an RUF, I'm a soldier.

11:39:24 5 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, have you met
6 Mr Mike Lamin -- did you meet Mr Mike Lamin any time during the
7 AFRC rule?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Where did you meet Mr Mike Lamin?

11:39:45 10 A. Mr Mike Lamin, we met at Johnny Paul's house.

11 Q. Did you know Mr Mike Lamin prior to May 25th, 1997?

12 A. Repeat that question.

13 Q. Did you know Mr Mike Lamin during the period before the
14 coming into power of the AFRC government?

11:40:19 15 A. No.

16 Q. And I had asked you where did you meet Mr Mike Lamin and
17 you said at Johnny Paul Koroma's house. When was this?

18 A. It was in 1997.

19 Q. What was the purpose of this meeting?

11:40:50 20 A. The purpose of that meeting, we had a meeting there.

21 Q. Who and who had the meeting?

22 A. It was a council meeting. But when I went to the compound,
23 a soldier introduced Mike Lamin to me. He said this was
24 Mike Lamin.

11:41:21 25 Q. To the best of your knowledge was Mike Lamin a council
26 member?

27 A. No, Mike Lamin was a Supreme Council member.

28 Q. Mr Brima, what was the purpose of the meeting?

29 A. This meeting that they summoned, during that time

1 Mike Lamin had come to Freetown. So they introduced to us
2 Mike Lamin -- Mike Lamin and Mosquito, who was Sam Bockarie, and
3 the other RUF personnel.

4 Q. Who did the introduction?

11:42:24 5 A. This introduction was done by Colonel AK Sesay.

6 Q. Did you meet Mike Lamin again after this meeting you just
7 made reference to?

8 A. After that meeting I cannot remember that I met with him
9 again in Freetown. But I met him in Kailahun.

11:42:55 10 Q. Mr Brima, do you have a personal relationship with
11 Mr Mike Lamin?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Mr Brima, I'm also going to ask you about Mr Gibril
14 Massaquoi. Mr Brima, do you know Gibril Massaquoi?

11:43:20 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you tell this Court how you know him?

17 A. I knew Gibril Massaquoi as an RUF rebel.

18 Q. How long have you known him as an RUF rebel?

19 A. Gibril Massaquoi, I knew him in 1997.

11:44:01 20 Q. When you knew him in 1997, in what capacity did you know
21 him?

22 A. I knew him as a council member.

23 Q. Was Mike Lamin a Supreme Council member?

24 MR AGHA: That's a leading question, Your Honour.

11:44:34 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Also I thought we were on to
26 Gibril Massaquoi now.

27 MR GRAHAM:

28 Q. Mr Brima, did you meet him again --

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who are we talking about, Mike Lamin or

1 Gibril Massaquoi?

2 MR GRAHAM: Gibril Massaquoi.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: So you withdraw that previous question
4 about Mike Lamin?

11:44:57 5 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour.

6 Q. Mr Brima, I am talking about Gibril Massaquoi and not
7 Mike Lamin. Did you meet him again after the first meeting you
8 just referred to?

9 A. Well, except in 1999 in Makeni, it is where I met
11:45:22 10 Gibril Massaquoi.

11 Q. Let me ask you one more time. Did you meet him in Freetown
12 again after the meeting that you just -- did you --

13 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I think that question has been asked
14 and answered.

11:45:40 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'll allow it, Mr Agha.

16 MR GRAHAM: Yes, I was just going to let --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Go ahead.

18 MR GRAHAM: Okay.

19 Q. Did you meet him again in Freetown after the first meeting?

11:45:55 20 A. Well, I did not meet him again in Freetown after that first
21 meeting.

22 Q. Did you meet him anywhere outside Freetown after the first
23 meeting?

24 A. No, except when I'm telling you that I met him in 1999 in
11:46:20 25 Makeni.

26 Q. Can you tell us why you met him in Makeni?

27 A. Well, as I'm saying, that I met in Makeni, it doesn't mean
28 that I met in Makeni. He was the one that met in Makeni. The
29 only thing we met in Makeni.

1 Q. Mr Brima, do you have a personal relationship with
2 Mike Lamin? Sorry, Your Honours. With Gibril Massaquoi. I
3 don't know where this Mike Lamin is from, Your Honours; I'm
4 sorry. Gibril Massaquoi.

11:47:02 5 A. Gibril Massaquoi, I did not have any personal relationship
6 with him.

7 [AFRC07JUN06 - CR]

8 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Morris Kallon?

9 A. Yes.

11:47:23 10 Q. How do you know Morris Kallon?

11 A. Morris Kallon, I knew him as an RUF rebel.

12 Q. Mr Brima, do you have a personal relationship with
13 Morris Kallon?

14 A. Morris Kallon, the only relationship that I can say I had
11:47:50 15 with him, Morris Kallon was having one of his brothers who was in
16 the Sierra Leone Army, who was Lieutenant Jeff Kallon. We
17 trained together.

18 Q. Would you spell Jeff Kallon for the Court, please?

19 A. J-E-F-F, Jeff. Kallon, K-A-L-L-O-N.

11:48:30 20 Q. Where did you train?

21 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I think that has been asked and
22 answered.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think Mr Graham means where did you
24 train with Jeff Kallon.

11:48:41 25 MR GRAHAM:

26 Q. Where did you train with Jeff Kallon?

27 A. I trained with Jeff Kallon at Benguema.

28 Q. Do you remember how many times you've met Morris Kallon?

29 A. Morris Kallon, even at the detention centre, we meet every

1 day.

2 Q. Mr Brima, I'm referring to the period from May 25th, 1997,
3 during the period of the AFRC regime. Did you, at any time, meet
4 Morris Kallon?

11:49:24 5 A. I met with Morris Kallon, as I have indicated to the Court,
6 before this time.

7 Q. Where?

8 A. In Freetown.

9 Q. Do you recall why you met him?

11:49:56 10 A. Well, we met as -- we used to meet with the other RUF
11 members whose names I've mentioned. We met in a council meeting.

12 Q. Do you recall when this was?

13 A. I cannot recall the month, but it was in 1997.

14 Q. Mr Brima, was Morris Kallon a council member?

11:50:37 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was Morris Kallon a supreme -- was he a member of any of
17 the councils that were set up during the AFRC regime?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Please tell this Court.

11:51:13 20 A. I can recall about the council -- I can explain it in
21 simple Krio terms as ordinary council.

22 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you do you
23 know Augustine Gbao?

24 A. Augustine Gbao, yes.

11:51:50 25 Q. How do you know Augustine Gbao?

26 A. He himself, I knew him as an RUF rebel.

27 Q. When did you get to know that Morris Kallon
28 was -- Augustine Gbao was an RUF rebel?

29 A. Repeat the question.

1 Q. When did you get to know, or when did you know
2 that Augustine Gbao was an RUF rebel?

3 A. I knew that in 1998.

4 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court when was the first time
11:52:54 5 you met Augustine Gbao?

6 A. The first time I and Augustine Gbao met, that was the time
7 when they arrested me in Kailahun in 1998, February 1998.

8 Q. Mr Brima, who arrested you in Kailahun in February 1998?

9 A. My first arrest, it was done by some RUF personnel. The
11:53:37 10 second arrest was done by Issa Sesay.

11 Q. Coming back to the first time you met Augustine Gbao at
12 Kailahun, why did you have to meet him? Why did you meet him?

13 A. Well, as I'm telling you, what made us to meet, I was under
14 arrest. I was under arrest in Kailahun.

11:54:18 15 Q. Mr Brima, if you need to have some water, please seek the
16 permission of the Court to do that.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, by all means, Mr Brima, if you need
18 some water, just pour yourself a glass.

19 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: I don't need water. I want to explain
11:54:38 20 to the Court that I'm suffering from ulcer. So, every two hours
21 the doctor requires me to eat, but since I want my case to
22 proceed, that's why I'm here. But at the detention centre, I
23 have different food that I eat, and I should eat every two hours.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: We appreciate you staying in the witness
11:55:11 25 box to give evidence. We will be adjourning Court today, as I
26 mentioned yesterday, at 12.45 p.m. and won't be resuming until
27 tomorrow morning. Hopefully you can last until then.

28 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honours.

29 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: I'm also asking if you would permit to

1 come with my milk, because I have milk that I used to drink.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is no objection to you drinking
3 milk. I've noticed you sitting in Court before with a bottle of
4 milk. By all means, next time you come to Court you bring your

11:56:05 5 milk with you. Did you bring any milk today?

6 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: No, My Lord.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, please remember to do so tomorrow
8 if you need to drink milk for your ulcer.

9 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, we're grateful, Your Honour.

11:56:34 10 Q. Mr Brima, I'll address the substance of your arrest later,
11 but for now, I want to know why you met with Augustine Gbao in
12 Kailahun.

13 A. In Kailahun, as I've explained to you, Augustine Gbao, both
14 of us met in Kailahun. When I was arrested in Kailahun, they
11:57:10 15 locked me up, a close arrest. So in the morning, when they took
16 us out to work, that was the time I was opportune to
17 see Augustine Gbao.

18 Q. Who locked you up in Kailahun?

19 A. In Kailahun, the order for me to be locked up during the
11:57:38 20 first arrest, I would say it was Mosquito, that is Sam Bockarie.

21 Q. Did anything happen when you met Augustine Gbao, Mr Brima?

22 A. Yes. When they arrested me the first time in Kailahun,
23 Mosquito ordered that we should be killed.

24 Q. How do you know that Mosquito ordered that you be killed?

11:58:15 25 A. I wasn't alone. I and other SLA soldiers.

26 Q. Can you recall the names of some of the SLA members who
27 were with you?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Please tell the Court.

1 A. We had Major Paul Koroma, Captain Kaloga Kamara --

2 Q. Mr Brima, please spell that name to the Court.

3 A. K-A-L-O-G-A, Kaloga; Kamara, K-A-M-A-R-A; Lieutenant Jeff

4 Kallon; Lieutenant Paul Lebbie.

11:59:55 5 Q. Can you please spell Lebbie for the convenience of the

6 Court?

7 A. L-E-B-B-I-E. Captain Hindolo Tyre.

8 Q. Can you please spell that?

9 A. H-I-N-D-O-L-O, Hindolo; Tyre, T-Y-R-E. Captain Foday

12:00:37 10 Kallon. F-O-N-D-A [sic], Foday; K-A-L-L-O-H [sic], Kallon.

11 Captain BT Massaquoi. Massaquoi, M-A-S-S-A-Q-U-O-I. Captain MY

12 Saccoh.

13 Q. Can you please spell Saccoh for the convenience of the

14 Court?

12:01:49 15 A. S-A-C-C-O-H. Staff Sergeant Moses Moseray. M-O-S-E-R-A-Y.

16 Corporal Tamba Abu. T-A-M-B-A; A-B-U, Abu. Corporal Momoh

17 Thorley. M-O-M-O-H T-H-O-R-L-E-Y. One Augustine Kobba.

18 Q. Can you please spell that for the convenience of the Court?

19 A. A-U-G-U-S-T-I-N-E, Augustine; Kobba, K-O-B-B-A. And many

12:03:32 20 other people, many other SLA soldiers. But this Augustine Kobba

21 that was arrested was Captain Kaloga Kamara's batman.

22 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I believe Kaloga Kamara, we've

23 heard that before.

24 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen when you had your meeting

12:04:25 25 with Augustine Gbao, when you met?

26 A. We met with Augustine Gbao when we were locked up. As I

27 was explaining to this Court, that -- yes, as I was explaining to

28 this Court, that Mosquito ordered after arrest that we should be

29 killed. Then they took us to a stream.

1 Q. Mr Brima, I said I would address that, but for now I need
2 to ask you whether was Augustine Gbao a council member?
3 A. No.
4 Q. Mr Brima, did you ever have a personal relationship
12:05:58 5 with Augustine Gbao?
6 A. No.
7 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to move on quickly to Rashid Sandy. Do
8 you know Rashid Sandy?
9 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I believe this name has been
12:06:25 10 spelt to the Court previously.
11 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: Yes.
12 MR GRAHAM:
13 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know Rashid Sandy?
14 A. I knew him as one of the RUF rebels to whom I was taken to
12:06:55 15 be interviewed in Kailahun.
16 Q. Do you recall the first time you met Rashid Sandy?
17 A. I cannot recall the date, but it was in March 1998.
18 Q. Did you meet him again after the meeting you just referred
19 to?
12:07:42 20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Where did you meet him?
22 A. We met in Freetown here. We met in Freetown here at a
23 particular day in Juba. He told me he was working for the
24 Talking Drum Studio.
12:08:12 25 Q. Mr Brima, do you remember when you met him?
26 A. It was in 2002.
27 Q. Mr Witness, do you have a personal relationship with Rashid
28 Sandy?
29 A. No.

1 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to move on to Sheku Coomber. Mr Brima,
2 do you know Sheku Coomber?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. How do you know Sheku Coomber?
12:09:26 5 A. I knew Sheku Coomber as another RUF personnel that
6 interviewed me when I was under arrest at Buedu Town in Kailahun.
7 Q. When did you first meet Sheku Coomber?
8 A. I met with Sheku Coomber March 1999 when I was under
9 arrest.
12:10:12 10 Q. Did you meet him again?
11 A. Yes. I met with him again at the Pademba Road Prisons.
12 That was in 2003.
13 Q. Mr Brima, did you meet with him again after that?
14 A. No.
12:10:50 15 Q. Mr Brima, do you have a personal relationship with Rashid
16 Sandy? Sheku Coomber, sorry. Sheku Coomber.
17 A. No.
18 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Peter Vandí?
19 A. Yes.
12:11:12 20 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know Peter Vandí?
21 A. Peter Vandí, I knew him as an RUF rebel.
22 Q. Do you know his position in the RUF?
23 A. No. I have told this Court, and I reiterate, I'm not an
24 RUF. Those people, I only knew them by name, but I'm not used to
12:11:50 25 the activities of the RUF.
26 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, have you met Peter Vandí
27 before?
28 A. Put the question back.
29 Q. Have you met Peter Vandí before? Have you met him before?

1 A. I want you to put the question back.

2 Q. I was saying that I wanted to know when was the first time
3 you met Peter Vandi?

4 A. I met with Peter Vandi '97. 1997.

12:12:44 5 Q. Where did you meet him?

6 A. I met with him in Freetown.

7 Q. Why did you meet him?

8 A. During that time, Peter Vandi was a minister in the AFRC
9 government.

12:13:17 10 Q. Mr Brima, did you meet him any other time apart from the
11 two occasions you've just referred to? Peter Vandi.

12 A. Except 2005, again, while I am in detention here, when he
13 came to visit his RUF brothers.

14 Q. Mr Brima, you just told this Court Peter Vandi was a
12:14:52 15 minister. What was his portfolio? Minister of -- can you tell
16 this Court what ministry he was responsible for?

17 A. I cannot recall now the ministry he was responsible for.

18 Q. How do you know he was a minister?

19 A. Well, as I have told you, the RUF people that were
12:15:38 20 ministers during the AFRC regime, or the civilians that were
21 ministers during the AFRC regime, I knew most of them through
22 news.

23 Q. Mr Brima, do you have a personal relationship with Mr Peter
24 Vandi?

12:16:00 25 A. No.

26 Q. I'm going to move on to Lawrence Romandia. Mr Brima, do
27 you know Mr Lawrence Romandia?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know Mr Lawrence Romandia?

1 A. Mr Lawrence Romandia, I knew him as an RUF rebel.

2 Q. Mr Brima, have you ever met Mr Lawrence Romandia?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I'm going to move on to Fayia Musa. Mr Brima, do you know
12:17:12 5 Fayia Musa?

6 A. Fayia Musa, no.

7 Q. Mr Brima, I need to ask of you some additional questions in
8 relation to Gibril Massaquoi. Before I do that, I need to ask of
9 you how come you know Fayia Musa was an RUF?

12:18:01 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought he said he didn't know
11 Fayia Musa. Did I hear wrong?

12 MR GRAHAM: He had mentioned their names earlier on as RUF
13 members.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Just now you asked him does he know Fayia
12:18:13 15 Musa to which he replied no. That is what I'm referring to.

16 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honours. With respect, I'm saying
17 earlier on he had given us a list of RUF members. It is this
18 list that I've been running through with him. I'm trying to find
19 out how come he knows Fayia Musa was an RUF, even before he gave
12:18:32 20 this name to the Court as an RUF member. I'm grateful to Your
21 Honour.

22 Q. Mr Brima, how come you know Fayia Musa was an RUF member?

23 A. As I've told this Court, that these were the RUF members
24 during the AFRC, but to state that I and Fayia Musa have met
12:18:59 25 before, we've never met, never. We've never seen each other.
26 The only thing I knew was that he was an RUF member.

27 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to ask you a question in relation to
28 Mr Gibril Massaquoi. Did he serve as council member throughout
29 the period of the AFRC government?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

3 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, just a second to confer with my
4 learned defence here.

12:19:58 5 Q. Mr Brima, to the best of your knowledge, did RUF members
6 attend all council meetings?

7 A. Well, as you've stated, to the best of my knowledge, I have
8 told you already that I did not attend all the council member
9 meetings, so I cannot tell you whether the RUF -- all RUF members

12:20:35 10 attended all the council meetings, because I wasn't well.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. But I'm asking -- if I may ask, in
12 respect of the meetings that you attended, were all the RUF
13 council members present?

14 A. No.

12:21:07 15 Q. To the best of your knowledge, do you know why they were
16 not present at some of these meetings?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Mr Brima, I also need to ask you, how long did the AFRC
19 government last?

12:21:38 20 A. The AFRC government lasted for almost nine months.

21 Q. Nine months from what period to what period, if you can
22 please tell this Court?

23 A. From May 1997 to February 1998.

24 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. The questions I'm going to ask
12:22:17 25 following will be within this period, that is May 1997
26 to February 1998. Mr Brima, can you tell us, was the RUF part of
27 the AFRC government? Was the RUF part of the AFRC government
28 throughout the period that you just referred to, that is, May
29 1997 to February 1998?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did RUF members, who were council members, hold any
3 position within the AFRC government?

4 MR AGHA: Leading question, Your Honour.

12:23:19 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I will allow that. It touches on matters
6 raised in the indictment. Maybe if you repeat the question.

7 MR GRAHAM: Okay.

8 Q. Mr Brima, I asked whether RUF council members, whether they
9 held any positions within the AFRC government?

12:23:47 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Can you tell us, to the best of your knowledge, which RUF
12 council members held positions within the AFRC government?

13 A. So far, the ones that I can recall are Eldred Collins,
14 Peter Vandí, Pa Binda --

12:24:29 15 Q. Can you please spell that for the Court the names you have
16 just mentioned?

17 A. E-L-D-E-R C-O-L-L-I-N [sic], Collins. Binda, G-B-E-N-D-A
18 [sic].

19 Q. Mr Brima, are these the only names you can recollect, to
12:25:42 20 the best of your knowledge?

21 A. I recalled Peter Vandí.

22 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, do you know Eldred Collins?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How do you know Eldred Collins?

12:26:13 25 A. He himself was an RUF member.

26 Q. Have you ever met him before?

27 A. Before which time?

28 Q. Prior to May 1997, had you met Eldred Collins?

29 A. No.

1 Q. Did you meet him during the period that the AFRC government
2 was in power?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How did you meet him?

12:26:54 5 A. Eldred Collins, he was one of the RUF council members.

6 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, the second accused wants to use
7 the restroom, with your permission.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, he can leave the courtroom.

9 MR GRAHAM:

12:27:39 10 Q. Mr Brima, do you know what position Eldred Collins held
11 within the AFRC government, to the best of your knowledge? Do
12 you know?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Please tell the Court.

12:28:04 15 A. Eldred Collins was a minister.

16 Q. Do you know which ministry for which he was minister?

17 A. Yes, he was the Minister of Trade and Industry.

18 Q. Mr Brima, did you have a personal relationship with
19 Mr Eldred Collins?

12:28:49 20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr Brima, do you know Pa Binda?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know Pa Binda?

24 A. Pa Binda himself was an RUF member.

12:29:19 25 Q. Have you ever met him before the AFRC government came into
26 power?

27 MR AGHA: Your Honour, these are leading questions. May I
28 suggest that they be rephrased in a different fashion?

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, what prejudice is there to let

1 Mr Graham lead with questions like that, Mr Agha?
2 MR AGHA: As Your Lordship pleases.
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: We'll allow the question.
4 MR GRAHAM: Thank you.
12:29:53 5 THE ACCUSED BRIMA: Yes, My Lord.
6 MR GRAHAM:
7 Q. [Microphone not activated]
8 A. I met with Pa Binda in 1997. Yes, My Lord.
9 Q. Where did you meet him?
12:30:24 10 A. I met him in Freetown.
11 Q. Why did you meet him?
12 A. Well, we met in a marriage initially. Yes, sir, I want to
13 use the gent's.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated].
12:31:02 15 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: In view of the time, we'll adjourn now.
17 We'll reconvene the Court again tomorrow morning at 9.15. Once
18 again, Mr Brima, please remember not to discuss any of the
19 evidence or the case with anybody else.
12:32:03 20 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 12.28 p.m.,
21 to be reconvened on Thursday, the 8th day
22 of June 2006, at 9.15 a.m.]
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