

Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T  
THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
ALEX TAMBA BRIMA  
BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA  
SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

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9.15 A.M.  
TRIAL

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3 [The accused present]

4 [The witness entered court]

5 [Open session]

6 [Upon commencing at 9.15 a.m.]

7 WITNESS: ACCUSED ALEX TAMBA BRIMA [Continued]

8 [The witness answered through interpreter]

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Agha.

09:19:40 10 MR AGHA: Your Honours, just before my learned friends  
11 start, as is the usual practice before this Court, I would like  
12 to introduce a new member of the Prosecution team, and that is  
13 Mr Sean Morrison who is sitting behind me today.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Agha, and welcome to the  
09:19:56 15 Court, Mr Morrison.

16 Now, Mr Brima, I will remind you that you are still on your  
17 former oath to tell the truth. You go ahead, Mr Graham.

18 EXAMINED BY MR GRAHAM: [Continued]

19 Q. Good morning, Your Honours; good morning, Mr Brima.

09:20:23 20 A. Good morning.

21 Q. Mr Brima, last time we left off you were telling this Court  
22 about your movement from Kailahun to Kono. I'm going to ask of  
23 you a few questions in relation to your movement. Mr Brima, how  
24 would you describe the behaviour --

09:20:52 25 MR GRAHAM: Sorry, Your Honours. Your Honours, before I  
26 proceed I will refer to paragraph 35 of the indictment,  
27 specifically Registry page number 6245, and I will read:

28 "Alex Tamba Brima, Brima Bazzy Kamara and Santigie Borbor  
29 Kanu, by their acts or omissions are individually



1 criminally responsible pursuant to Article 6.1 of the  
2 Statute for the crimes referred to in Articles 2, 3 and 4  
3 of the statute as alleged in this indictment, which crimes  
4 each of them planned, instigated, ordered, committed or in  
09:22:14 5 whose planning preparation or execution each accused  
6 otherwise aided and abetted for which crimes were either a  
7 joint" --

8 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, would the learned attorney  
9 go a little bit slower so as to give the interpreters time to  
09:22:32 10 interpret.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Graham, the interpreter has commented  
12 that you are going a little bit too fast for him.

13 MR GRAHAM:

14 Q. "Planned, instigated, ordered, committed or in whose  
09:22:56 15 planning, preparation or execution each accused otherwise  
16 aided and abetted or which crimes were within a joint  
17 criminal enterprise in which each accused participated or  
18 were a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the joint  
19 criminal enterprise in which each accused participated."

09:23:54 20 Thank you.

21 Mr Brima, how would you describe the behaviour of the group  
22 you were travelling with from Kailahun?

23 A. Well, all, when we were coming from Kailahun, all that I  
24 had been thinking about was to escape, and come to Kono. And the  
09:24:43 25 group with which I was coming, I would not say that they behaved  
26 badly or behaved well.

27 Q. Mr Brima, Prosecution witness TF1-334 you wrote down his  
28 name on a piece of paper some time in this Court. Did you see  
29 him at all in Kailahun?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Mr Brima, I ask of you: On your way to Kono, do you recall  
3 any villages or towns you went through?

4 A. I cannot simply recall all of them.

09:25:51 5 Q. Can you tell this Court which ones you recall?

6 A. I can recall Gandorhun; I can recall Koindu Gieya.

7 K-O-I-N-D-U G-A-Y-A-H [sic]. And Gandorhun, G-A-N-D-O-R-H-U-N

8 Gandorhun. Owoma, O-W-O-M-A. Yardu Gandorhun, Y-A-R-D-U.

9 G-A-N-D-O-R-H-U-N, Gandorhun. Tankoro. TA-N-K-O-R-O.

09:27:45 10 Q. And I will be grateful if you could also tell the Court in  
11 which district, if you mentioned the town or the village, you  
12 can, if you know, also tell us in which district?

13 A. Like Koindu Gieya, it's between Kailahun District and Kono  
14 District. Gandorhun, it's in the Kono District. Owoma, it's in

09:28:22 15 the Kono District. Yardu Gandorhun, it's in the Kono District  
16 and Tankoro, it's in the Kono District. And Koidu Town,  
17 K-O-I-D-U T-O-W-N. These are the towns that I can recall. And  
18 Koidu town is in the Kono District itself.

19 Q. Mr Brima did you see any abductions on the way?

09:29:34 20 MR AGHA: Objection. It's a leading question.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, it's part of the accusations again  
22 him, Mr Agha, so I will allow the question.

23 MR GRAHAM:

24 Q. Mr Brima, I didn't hear your answer to that question. I  
09:30:00 25 said, did you witness any abductions on the way from Kailahun to  
26 Kono?

27 A. Yes, the RUF were capturing the people.

28 Q. Can you tell the Court what you mean by, "the RUF still  
29 they hold people there"?



1 A. I meant the United Front Revolutionary rebels, they were  
2 arresting people, civilians in the Kono District.

3 Q. How do you know they were arresting civilians in the Kono  
4 District?

09:31:03 5 A. Well, I saw. I saw civilians who were on the way, who were  
6 carrying loads on their heads to come to Koidu Town.

7 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself order any abductions on the way  
8 from Kailahun to Kono?

9 A. No.

09:31:41 10 Q. Did you tell the RUF personnel who were engaged in these  
11 abductions -- did you tell them anything?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Why?

14 A. Well, I told this Court that I wasn't an RUF and I didn't  
09:32:12 15 have any command and control over them. All my thoughts were to  
16 see that I reach safe at Koidu Town.

17 Q. Mr Brima, were you in a position to prevent the RUF  
18 personnel who were carrying out these abductions?

19 A. No.

09:32:50 20 Q. Why no?

21 A. Because I was not in any position through which I will be  
22 able to stop them, and I told this Court that I escaped with the  
23 help of somebody when I came to Kono.

24 Q. Mr Brima, did you witness any killings on the way?

09:33:22 25 A. I did not see that physically when they did it, but when we  
26 were going, on the way, at least I saw some corpses.

27 Q. Mr Brima, can you describe the circumstances under which  
28 you saw these corpses?

29 A. When we were leaving Kailahun coming to Kono, definitely





1 the RUF had fighters, and the fighters, they were the ones that  
2 were ahead. So when they had gone ahead, then, when I was  
3 coming, passing by, I saw corpses. But the only thing was that I  
4 did not check the dead bodies.

09:34:46 5 Q. How do you know that these dead bodies you saw were as a  
6 result of actions taken by the RUF soldiers ahead of you?

7 A. Well, definitely when we were moving I heard gunshots  
8 ahead.

9 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself order any killings of civilians  
09:35:29 10 on your way from Kailahun to Kono?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Mr Brima, did you order or command any individual or  
13 individuals to engage in any killings of civilians on your way  
14 from Kailahun to Kono?

09:35:52 15 A. No.

16 Q. Mr Brima, were you in the position to prevent the RUF  
17 personnel whom you said carried out the killings -- were you in a  
18 position to prevent them from doing what they did?

19 A. No.

09:36:14 20 Q. Why no?

21 A. I still tell this Court that I am not an RUF and I was not  
22 in a position to stop the RUF fighters so as not to do those  
23 things, because all that I cared about was to make sure that I  
24 reached safe with my life at Kono.

09:36:53 25 Q. Mr Brima, did you, together with any RUF personnel, order  
26 any abductions on the way?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Did you, together with RUF personnel, engage in any  
29 killings on the way from Kailahun to Kono?



1 A. I still tell this Court that I am not an RUF. When we were  
2 coming from Kailahun to Kono, it was purely RUF. I was trying to  
3 find my way to escape to come back to Kono.

4 Q. Mr Brima, I will keep asking these questions along the same  
09:37:54 5 lines so please bear with me. They may appear repetitive but I  
6 think it's very important for this Court to get a full account of  
7 your story. Mr Brima, did you, together with any RUF personnel,  
8 engage in any rapes on your way from Kailahun to Kono?

9 A. No.

09:38:17 10 Q. Mr Brima, did you, together with any RUF personnel, order  
11 any rapes of civilians on your way from Kailahun to Kono?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you hear of any of these atrocities happening on your  
14 way from Kailahun to Kono? Let me be a bit more precise: Did  
09:38:53 15 you hear of any killings happening on your way from Kailahun to  
16 Kono?

17 A. I have told this Court that I heard firing ahead and it was  
18 the RUF fighters that were ahead.

19 Q. Did you hear of any rapes on the way?

09:39:32 20 A. No.

21 Q. On your way, did you witness any women being forced to come  
22 along with you?

23 A. I did not see that, that women were forced.

24 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court in what capacity you were  
09:40:10 25 travelling with Morris Kallon?

26 A. I was travelling with Morris Kallon as somebody who was  
27 escaping. Even when I was travelling with him coming to  
28 Koidu Town itself, I was not a hundred per cent confident over --

29 Q. Why were you not confident?



1 A. Well, the RUF rebels were people that can change. If I  
2 went to Kailahun and I was arrested, and they arrested  
3 Johnny Paul in Kailahun, and they arrested senior SLA officers in  
4 Kailahun, it was only with God's grace that I was able to  
09:41:23 5 convince him so as to escape.

6 Q. Mr Brima, you just told this Court that you were travelling  
7 with Morris Kallon as an escapee. Were you under guard?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you have any form of protection?

09:42:02 10 A. Ask the question again.

11 Q. Did you have anything to protect yourself with?

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

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that's leading, Mr Graham.

14 MR GRAHAM:

09:42:15 15 Q. Mr Brima, how did you protect yourself on your journey from  
16 Kailahun to Kono?

17 A. I had told you that the RUF fighters were ahead. And at  
18 any time that we arrived, the town would already -- would have  
19 already been safe. So it was in that capacity that I was coming.

09:42:53 20 Q. Could you explain to this Court what you mean by the town  
21 would have been made safe by the time you get there?

22 A. By that I meant if we were going through all the towns that  
23 I had called, before we reached the town A or village A, the RUF  
24 would have been at town B. So town A, when we reached there, I  
09:43:30 25 would always observe that that particular place was silent. The  
26 only thing that I can say is that I would see corpses.

27 Q. Mr Brima, did you have anything on you during your travel  
28 from Kailahun to Kono?

29 A. No.



1 Q. Mr Brima, you just told this Court about the movement.  
2 Would you, to the best of your knowledge, describe to this Court,  
3 if you know, the formation of the movement of the RUF forces from  
4 Kailahun to Kono?

09:44:23 5 MR AGHA: I object to that question, Your Honour. The  
6 witness is not an expert to talk about formations.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham, that has been objected  
8 to.

9 MR GRAHAM:

09:44:35 10 Q. Well, Mr Brima, could you tell this Court how the RUF  
11 troops were organised, the course of their movement from Kailahun  
12 to Kono?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the same objection still holds up  
14 there, Mr Graham. You will have to rephrase that question.

09:44:52 15 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, he talks about movement and he  
16 talks about advanced troops getting to the villages before they  
17 getting there.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your question was: Can you tell the  
19 Court how the RUF troops were organised? That presupposes that  
09:45:05 20 he knows how they were organised. You haven't laid any  
21 foundation to ask that question in that form.

22 MR GRAHAM:

23 Q. Mr Brima, was there any fighting -- did any fighting take  
24 place -- sorry, Your Honours. Mr Brima, in the course of your  
09:45:28 25 travel from Kailahun to Kono, did you encounter any other groups?

26 A. Well, to the best of my knowledge, the only thing that I  
27 observed was firing was ahead.

28 Q. What was the nature of the firing that you are talking  
29 about?





1 A. The firing, some towns and villages where we reached, the  
2 firing was heavy. The firing -- the towns and villages that we  
3 reached, there are times when the firing was not heavy. It  
4 seemed as if a soldier was trying to clear his way.

09:46:37 5 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I object. There is no foundation  
6 for these answers. The witness has already said that he wasn't  
7 personally in the villages when the firing was going ahead, he  
8 was only hearing.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

09:46:51 10 MR GRAHAM:

11 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know that the firing that you heard  
12 ahead of you was that of the RUF?

13 A. Well, as a trained soldier, I will explain to this Court.  
14 Firing is of two different types from what I learned from the  
09:47:17 15 army. You would know advanced firing, then you would know enemy  
16 firing. But all the firing that I heard was advanced firing.  
17 The bullets were going ahead. It was only the sound that we had  
18 been hearing.

19 Q. Mr Brima, I asked a question earlier which was objected to  
09:47:59 20 by my learned friend on the other side. I am going to ask of you  
21 you've told this Court that in the course of the movement from  
22 Kailahun to Kono you had advance troops ahead of you and that you  
23 were with a group behind. Were there any other groups travelling  
24 with you?

09:48:17 25 A. Ask this question again.

26 Q. I'm saying that you've told this Court previously about the  
27 movement, or your travel with Morris Kallon from Kailahun to  
28 Kono. You've also told this Court that there were advance troops  
29 ahead of you and that you were travelling with the group behind.



1 I'm asking of you were there any other groups travelling with you  
2 and Morris Kallon, apart from the advance troops and your group  
3 that was behind?

4 A. It was only the civilians who came from Kailahun to come to  
09:49:11 5 Kono. And those civilians, all of us were in one group.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Your Honours, I'm going to go back to  
7 the indictment and specifically paragraph 13 of the indictment,  
8 Registry page 6242. I will read, with Your Honour's permission.

9 "Shortly after the AFRC seized power, at the invitation of  
09:50:11 10 Johnny Paul Koroma, and upon the order of Foday Saybana  
11 Sankoh, leader of the RUF, the RUF joined with the AFRC.  
12 The AFRC and RUF acted jointly thereafter. The AFRC/RUF  
13 Junta Forces were also referred to as 'Junta', 'rebels',  
14 'soldiers', 'SLA', 'ex'-SLA' and 'People's Army'."

09:51:11 15 Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you, to the best of your  
16 knowledge, did the AFRC and RUF act jointly in any form in  
17 Kailahun District?

18 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I would object that he can only  
19 answer to personally what he saw, and what he was doing, acting  
09:51:38 20 jointly, not for the rest of the SLA and RUF in Kailahun.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, you've heard the objection; do you  
22 wish to answer that objection, Mr Graham?

23 MR GRAHAM: The accused is being charged with the greatest  
24 responsibility for all the crimes alleged in the indictment. I  
09:51:58 25 cannot conceive, Your Honour, with great respect, any other way  
26 in which one could get the accused to respond to these  
27 allegations in the indictment. He is also being charged with  
28 command responsibility, as well, for all the events that happened  
29 in Kailahun District within a certain time frame. That



1 presupposes that he must have been in a position of command.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I think the accused has got a right  
3 to specifically answer the matters in the counts put to him in  
4 the indictment. He has been accused of them and he should have  
09:52:35 5 the right to answer them directly. So I will allow the question.

6 MR GRAHAM:

7 Q. Mr Brima, did the AFRC and RUF act jointly in Kailahun  
8 District?

9 A. No.

09:53:02 10 Q. Mr Brima, I just read to you paragraph 13 of the  
11 indictment. Do you know who is referred to as "Rebels"?

12 A. "Rebels," they were the RUF.

13 Q. How do you know the rebels were the RUF?

14 A. Well, RUF was not a very organised army, and since I was  
09:53:37 15 training as a recruit in the Sierra Leone military force, my  
16 instructors had always been telling me that "After training you  
17 are going to fight the RUF rebels." This was how I came to know  
18 that the RUFs were rebels.

19 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, once again, in reference to  
09:54:06 20 paragraph 13 of the indictment, do you know who is referred to as  
21 "Soldiers"?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Please tell this Court.

24 A. I that am sitting here, I was a soldier. And a soldier, it  
09:54:30 25 is the defence force which defends Sierra Leone when it was the  
26 Sierra Leone Army. So it was we the soldiers, we the personnel,  
27 that were called soldiers.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, in reference to  
29 paragraph 13 of the indictment, do you know who is referred to as



1 "SLA"?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you tell this Court?

4 A. I that I am sitting here, I was an SLA. An SLA is the  
09:55:19 5 Sierra Leone Army. It's what's referred to as SLA.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, in reference to  
7 paragraph 13 of the indictment which I just read to the Court, do  
8 you know who is referred to as an "ex-SLA"?

9 A. Former SLA. It's a personnel who was in the Sierra Leone  
09:56:01 10 Army, who had left. So they used to call -- they would call you  
11 former SLA soldier. Like, for example, the under-secretary of  
12 defence now, Mr Joe Blell, he was a former SLA officer.

13 Q. In reference once again to paragraph 13 of the indictment,  
14 do you know who is referred to as the "People's Army"?

09:56:42 15 A. The People's Army, I heard about that in this Court. I had  
16 never known the people that were referred to as People's Army.

17 Q. Mr Brima, I am going to go back again. With Your Honours  
18 permission I will quickly read the first two sentences of  
19 paragraph 13 of the indictment.

09:57:23 20 "Shortly after the AFRC seized power, at the invitation of  
21 Johnny Paul Koroma, and upon the order of Foday Saybana  
22 Sankoh, leader of the RUF, the RUF joined with the AFRC."

23 Mr Brima, I'm asking of you what do you know -- Mr Brima, I  
24 am asking you, did you have anything to do with that invitation?

09:58:09 25 A. No.

26 Q. Mr Brima, did you have any form of command over SLAs in  
27 Kailahun District?

28 MR AGHA: In which time period, perhaps, Your Honour,  
29 because I think he mentioned he had been in Kailahun in the early





1 nineties.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

3 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm referring to the period  
4 covered by the indictment, and which is the period from

09:59:06 5 February 14th, 1998 to June 30th, 1998.

6 Q. Mr Brima, I ask the question again. Did you have any --

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. -- command over SLAs in the Kailahun District during the  
9 period under reference, February '98 to June '98?

09:59:55 10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you have any form of command at all in Kailahun  
12 District during this period, Mr Brima?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you engage in planning, in any form of planning, with  
10:00:26 15 SLAs in the Kailahun District?

16 A. As far as I can recall, the only thing which we, the SLAs,  
17 decided, and it was not I that planned it, was to escape from  
18 Kailahun to go to a neighbouring state to find our way out of  
19 Sierra Leone.

10:00:57 20 Q. Mr Brima, were you engaged in any form of planning, jointly  
21 with the RUF, in Kailahun District?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Mr Brima, did you instigate the commission of any of the  
24 crimes alleged in the indictment in Kailahun District during the  
10:01:41 25 period under reference?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Did you, jointly with the RUF, instigate the commission of  
28 any of the crimes alleged in the indictment?

29 A. No.



1 Q. Mr Brima, did you order the commission of any of the crimes  
2 alleged in the indictment in Kailahun District during the period  
3 under reference?

4 A. No.

10:02:21 5 Q. Mr Brima, did you, jointly with the RUF, order the  
6 commission of any of the crimes alleged in the indictment in  
7 Kailahun District during the period February '98 to June '98?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Mr Brima, please tell this Court: Did you, yourself,  
10:02:46 10 commit any of the crimes alleged in the indictment in Kailahun  
11 District during the period under reference?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Mr Brima, did you, jointly with the RUF, commit any of the  
14 crimes alleged in the indictment in Kailahun District during the  
10:03:10 15 period under reference?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself aid and abet the commission of  
18 any of the crimes alleged in the indictment in Kailahun District  
19 during the period under reference?

10:03:35 20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr Brima, did you, jointly with the RUF, aid and abet the  
22 commission of any of the crimes alleged in the indictment in  
23 Kailahun District during the period February '98 to June '98?

24 A. No.

10:04:07 25 Q. Mr Brima, did you, apart from the RUF -- did you, with any  
26 other group, plan the commission of any of the crimes alleged in  
27 the indictment?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Mr Brima, did you, with any other group, instigate the



1 commission of the crimes alleged in the indictment in the

2 Kailahun District?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Mr Brima, I ask of you: Did you, with any other group,

10:04:58 5 order the commission of any of the crimes alleged in the

6 indictment in the Kailahun District from February '98 to

7 June '98?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Mr Brima, did you, with any other group, commit any of the

10:05:20 10 crimes alleged in the indictment in Kailahun District during the

11 period under reference?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And I ask of you, Mr Brima: Did you, with any other group,

14 aided and abetted the commission of any crimes alleged in the

10:05:41 15 indictment in Kailahun District?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, when did you arrive in

18 Kono?

19 A. We arrived in Kono, when we left Kailahun, on the 17th July

10:06:22 20 1998.

21 Q. Mr Brima, how come you are so sure about this date?

22 MR AGHA: This question has been asked and answered

23 already, Your Honours.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: What do you say to that, Mr Graham?

10:06:50 25 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I didn't hear the answer.

26 MR AGHA: He was asked previously, Your Honour, when he

27 last gave evidence about the date he reached Kono, which I let

28 go, and also how he came to know that, Your Honour, so it has

29 been asked and answered already, before today.



1 MR GRAHAM:

2 Q. Mr Brima, just tell this Court what happened. Did anything  
3 happen when you arrived in Kono?

4 A. When we arrived in Kono, the time I left Kailahun,  
10:07:33 5 Sam Bockarie sent a message.

6 Q. How do you know Sam Bockarie sent a message?

7 A. I knew that through Morris Kallon.

8 Q. What did Morris Kallon say?

9 A. Morris Kallon told me that Sam Bockarie had sent him to  
10:08:04 10 Denis Mingo, who was the overall commander in Kono, who was also  
11 called Superman. He said he had escaped and if I get to Kono,  
12 Superman should arrest me. So, Superman explained this message  
13 to Morris Kallon, and it was through Morris Kallon that I knew  
14 that Mosquito sent a message to Superman for me to be arrested.  
10:08:46 15 Sorry, to be re-arrested, instead of arrested.

16 Q. Did anything happen after Morris Kallon told you this?

17 A. Yes. That very night when Morris Kallon told me this, the  
18 morning I escaped from Morris Kallon.

19 Q. How did you escape from Morris Kallon?

10:09:18 20 A. I escaped from Morris Kallon by walking away, because I am  
21 used to Kono. So when he told me that, and I escaped that night,  
22 the next day I travelled to Yarya Town. It was on 18th July  
23 1998.

24 Q. Mr Brima, I need to ask of you: The group that you left  
10:10:03 25 Kailahun with, did all of you arrive in Koidu together?

26 A. Well, I would not be able to tell whether all of us reached  
27 there. Just as I've told the Court that they had an advanced  
28 team, maybe they had casualties among them, or they had any  
29 killed in action, I wouldn't tell.





1 Q. And do you know who was in charge of Kono at the time you

2 arrived in Kono?

3 A. Well, it was the RUF Superman who is also called

4 Denis Mingo.

10:11:11 5 Q. How do you know Superman was in charge?

6 A. I knew that through Morris Kallon.

7 Q. What did Morris Kallon tell you?

8 A. Morris Kallon said that Sam Bockarie had sent me to

9 Denis Mingo, who was the overall ground commander in Kono, to

10:11:48 10 arrest me if I got to Kono. So that is how I knew that

11 Denis Mingo was the overall commander.

12 Q. Did you know of any other commanders apart from Superman --

13 any RUF commanders apart from Superman in Kono at the time?

14 A. Well, it was only Superman that I knew of.

10:12:28 15 Q. You told this Court you left Koidu Town for Yarya. How did

16 you get to Yarya?

17 A. I got to Yarya. I managed to get to Yarya Town in a

18 vehicle.

19 Q. Which vehicle? Which type of vehicle?

10:13:02 20 A. It was a Land Rover.

21 Q. Whose Land Rover was that?

22 A. It was one of my friends was called Singateh, he was a

23 Gambian. This friend, we used together in Kono, and the wife to

24 whom he was married was a Kono woman, so we had been friends for

10:13:39 25 long and when I explained to him that I was going to my home

26 town, he too was in need to escape from Koidu Town, he said

27 because the RUF were harassing him. So that is how I got a

28 vehicle from Singateh.

29 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall how --



1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Are we going to have a spelling or not?

2 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour. Thank you.

3 Q. Mr Brima, could you spell the name of your friend for the  
4 convenience of this Court?

10:14:18 5 A. S-I-N-G-A-T-E-H, Singateh.

6 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall how long the journey was from Koidu  
7 Town to Yarya?

8 A. Go over that question again.

9 Q. Do you recall how long your journey -- time that it took  
10:15:05 10 you from Kono to Yarya -- from Koidu Town to Yarya?

11 A. Well, I could say it was few hours. It was a few hours'  
12 journey, because I used a vehicle. I would not be able to tell  
13 you the right hour; whether one hour, two hours, three hours.

14 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Did you pass through any towns or  
10:15:43 15 villages on your way to Yarya from Koidu Town?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Could you please tell this Court the names?

18 A. I passed through Small Sefadu.

19 Q. Please spell Small Sefadu?

10:16:10 20 A. S-M-A-L-L S-E-F-A-D-U.

21 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Please continue.

22 A. I passed through Penduma, P-E-N-D-U-M-A. I passed through  
23 Worodu, W-O-R-O-D-U. I passed through Tegbadu, T-E-G-B-A-D-U. I  
24 passed Yokadu, Y-O-K-A-D-U. I passed through Kayima,

10:17:46 25 K-A-Y-I-M-A. These were the towns through which I passed before  
26 I could reach Yarya.

27 [AFRC12JUN06B - CR.]

28 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, observe anything in the towns and  
29 villages you just mentioned?



1 A. I observed that the RUF had total control over these towns  
2 through which I passed.

3 Q. How do you know the RUF had total control over these towns  
4 that you passed through?

10:18:40 5 A. Well, on the way to Yarya, I used to meet checkpoints, and  
6 they would stop me and talk to me and I knew that they were RUF.

7 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen when you arrived?

8 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I would object initially. There is  
9 no foundation as to how he knew they were RUF after the answer to  
10:19:18 10 the last question.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

12 MR GRAHAM: I thought I asked him how he knew and he said  
13 they set up checkpoints and they were asking questions, but I  
14 will ask of him again for the purposes of emphasis.

10:19:30 15 Q. Mr Brima, you've told this Court that the names of the  
16 towns and villages that you mentioned were controlled by the RUF.  
17 How do you know that, please tell this Court.

18 A. I knew that through the checkpoints that I met on the way,  
19 and the personnel that were manning these checkpoints, all of  
10:20:09 20 them were RUF.

21 Q. How do you know they were all RUF?

22 A. Well, I knew that through the way they were dressed and  
23 they said that they were RUFs.

24 Q. How were they dressed?

10:20:27 25 A. They were dressed in civilian clothes. And their rifles,  
26 they fixed their bayonets on them.

27 Q. Did they tell you anything else?

28 A. They only told me that the commander, who was controlling  
29 Kono, who was Denis Mingo, he said any vehicle that reached those



1 checkpoints was to be checked and anybody moving from one point  
2 to the other, if you hadn't any pass from the RUF, they will stop  
3 you from going ahead.

4 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to briefly take you back to Kono and to  
10:21:53 5 ask of you a question in relation to witness TF1-334.

6 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, before I go on, I'm going to be  
7 referring to the transcript of the proceedings of this  
8 Court, 20th May 2005, page 27.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have that transcript, Mr Graham.

10:23:32 10 MR GRAHAM: Thank you. Your Honour, with your permission,  
11 I'll read starting from line 3.

12 Q. Mr Brima, lend me your ears.

13 "Q. Witness, in relation to this operation on Koidu Geiya,  
14 do you know when it was that Gullit came to Kono?

10:23:54 15 "A. Yes.

16 "Q. When did Gullit come to Kono in relation to this  
17 operation?

18 "A. Well, that was the time when there was confusion  
19 between the RUF and SLA.

10:24:19 20 "Q. You have told us about that before, witness. Just in  
21 terms of time are you able to say how long after this  
22 operation Gullit arrived in Kono.

23 "A. They didn't take a month. It was about two weeks  
24 after this operation. That was about around mid-May in  
10:24:56 25 1998."

26 Mr Brima, I'm going to ask you of you: Did you see this  
27 witness TF1-334 any time in the Kono District?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Mr Brima, please tell this Court: Were you in Kono





1 District in mid-May of 1998 as stated by Prosecution witness

2 TF1-334?

3 A. I was not in Koidu Town by May 1998. I have told this

4 Court that I was arrested in Kailahun. So I was in Kailahun,

10:26:12 5 under arrest.

6 Q. What do you have to say in response to the statement that I

7 have just referred to as having been made by TF1-334?

8 A. It is a black lie.

9 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

10:26:34 10 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I want to move again to the

11 transcripts of the proceedings of this Court, 20th May 2005, page

12 37.

13 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to read to you portions of the

14 transcript, the testimony of witness TF1-334. I'm reading from

10:27:32 15 page 37, starting from line 27.

16 Mr Brima, please listen.

17 "Q. Can you explain, please, what orders or order was

18 given?

19 "A. Well, for the SLA, Gullit informed us that myself and

10:27:58 20 the other soldiers, that as ECOMOG was penetrating we

21 should withdraw to Tombodu, the other soldiers and myself.

22 Whilst were in Tombodu we will move further together with

23 the other soldiers to Mansofinia and meet SAJ Musa.

24 "Q. Pause. Now, you have mentioned Tombodu as a location

10:28:42 25 and also a new place; Mansofinia, which is spelt,

26 Your Honours, M-A-N-S-O-F-I-N-I-A. You have talked

27 earlier, in fact, it might have been yesterday or the day

28 before, about a meeting which took place at Five-Five spot

29 with Gullit. Is this the same meeting or is it a different



1 meeting, the meeting to which you are now referring?

2 "A. Well, it was this -- it was at this meeting that  
3 Gullit gave these orders."

4 Mr Brima, did you order the withdrawal of the SLA troops --  
10:29:54 5 the withdrawal of the SLA to Tombodu?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Mr Brima, did you order any movement of SLA troops to  
8 Mansofinia?

9 A. No.

10:30:17 10 Q. Mr Brima, what do you have to say in response to the  
11 portions of the transcript that I just read to you as being  
12 statements made before this Court by Prosecution witness TF1-334?

13 A. That statement that he made is a lie. The month which the  
14 witness was talking about that I came to Koidu Town or Kono  
10:30:56 15 District as a whole, I was not in Kono by then. I was in  
16 Kailahun under arrest. And the last thing I have told this Court  
17 that that very witness, we had a problem.

18 Q. What problem?

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I withdraw that question.

10:31:30 20 Your Honours, I'm going to move back to the transcripts of the  
21 proceedings of this Court of May 20, 2005, specifically I will be  
22 reading from page 39, starting from line 29.

23 Q. Mr Brima, lend me your ear.

24 MR GRAHAM: Sorry, Your Honours, I'm starting from line 24.  
10:32:12 25 I'm sorry.

26 Q. "Q. Now, witness, you've heard what my learned friend has  
27 suggested, you have given evidence that you were informed  
28 by Gullit about withdrawing from Kono and then you have  
29 used the word orders. What do you mean? What did Gullit



1 say or do during this meeting?

2 "A. As I said earlier, when Gullit arrived in Kono,  
3 automatically he took over the command of the SLA. And he  
4 summoned myself, the operation commander, and the other  
10:33:16 5 soldiers, as I have named them already, including the  
6 supervisors. And during this meeting he ordered that as he  
7 had informed us that he was maltreated in Kailahun and the  
8 RUF heard about bad intentions and that as ECOMOG was  
9 already penetrating --"

10:34:03 10 That ends my reference, Your Honours.

11 Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you in reference to the  
12 portions of the transcript I just read out, Mr Brima, did you  
13 command any forces -- did you command any SLA forces in Kono?

14 A. No.

10:34:31 15 Q. Mr Brima, did you hold a meeting with SLAs, including  
16 Prosecution witness TF1-334 in Kono?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Mr Brima, did you, as stated by Prosecution witness  
19 TF1-334, take over command of the SLA when you arrived in Kono?

10:35:06 20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr Brima, what do you have to say to this Court in respect  
22 of the portions of the transcript that I just read to you?

23 A. That portion that you read to me, all that is there against  
24 me is a lie. I told this Court that I had been arrested -- I was  
10:35:41 25 arrested in Kailahun from February to July. So if this witness  
26 should come and say that I was in Koidu Town and I called him to  
27 a meeting, that's not true but I will still say it to the Court  
28 that there was a problem between me and that witness, and I will  
29 tell the Court, too, that the Court can hear about that. That



1 witness was a witness that we met at Pademba Road Prisons.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Look, you're not going to pursue this  
3 line, are you?

4 MR GRAHAM: No.

10:36:24 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Will you speak to your witness and get  
6 him to answer the questions that you have asked.

7 MR GRAHAM: Yes.

8 Q. Mr Brima, just focus on the question that we asked. I  
9 think we have that information in evidence already. I just  
10:36:35 10 simply asked what is your response? What do you have to say to  
11 that statement I just read to you; your brief answer to that?

12 A. That statement that you read to me is a lie.

13 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

14 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to make a reference  
10:37:01 15 from the transcript of the proceedings of this Court, July 11,  
16 2005, and that will relate to the testimony of Prosecution  
17 witness TF1-033.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: What page are you referring to?

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, page 9. I will be reading from  
10:38:16 20 line 14.

21 Q. "Q. Witness, when you went out of Freetown, where did you  
22 go to?

23 "A. Well, my plan was to go to neighbouring Guinea so I  
24 went as far as Kono, precisely Tombodu Town. It was a long  
10:38:46 25 trek, so it took me a long time, almost a month before  
26 arrival, together with the other people because there was a  
27 lot -- everybody was on the run. So, as I arrived at Kono,  
28 precisely Tombodu Town, there again, I met --

29 "Q. Witness, can you spell Tombodu Town for the Court?





1 "A. T-O-M-B-O-D-U.

2 "Q. Witness, what happened when you arrived in Tombodu?

3 "A. In Tombodu Town, I met a large number of AFRC fighters

4 who were under the command of Gullit and it him that

10:39:36 5 instructed or ordered his fighters to abduct -- to abduct

6 me alongside many other civilians.

7 "Q. Witness, how do you know that it was Gullit --"

8 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I think I will end on line 28.

9 Mr Brima, I ask of you, were you ever in command of a large

10:40:19 10 number of AFRC fighters in Tombodu?

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 MR GRAHAM:

13 Q. Mr Brima, did you plan the abduction of civilians in

14 Tombodu?

10:40:45 15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, together with any other individual or

17 group, plan the abduction of civilians in Tombodu?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Mr Brima, did you instigate the abduction of civilians in

10:41:08 20 Tombodu?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Mr Brima, did you, together with any other individual group

23 or groups, instigate the abduction of civilians in Tombodu?

24 A. No.

10:41:26 25 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself order any abductions of

26 civilians in Tombodu?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Mr Brima, did you aid and abet the abduction of civilians

29 in Tombodu?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Mr Brima did you yourself, together with any other  
3 individual group or groups, aid and abet the abduction of  
4 civilians in Tombodu?

10:42:02 5 A. No.

6 Q. Mr Brima, were you in command of any SLAs in Tombodu?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Mr Brima, were you yourself, together with any individual  
9 group or groups, in command of any civilians in Tombodu?

10:42:31 10 A. No.

11 Q. Thank you for your answers, Mr Brima.

12 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to go back to make a  
13 reference from the transcripts of the proceedings of this Court,  
14 July 11, 2005, specifically, page 12. Your Honour, I will be  
10:43:16 15 reading through the first few lines of page 13.

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sorry, did you say page 12 or 13?

17 MR GRAHAM: Both page 12 and 13. Thank you. Your Honours,  
18 I will proceed to read, with your permission. My reference will  
19 start from line 10 of page 12.

10:44:15 20 Q. "Q. Witness, can you tell the Court when this attack in  
21 Tombodu Town took place?

22 "A. In Tombodu?

23 "Q. Yes.

24 "A. That was in the month of March.

10:44:37 25 "Q. Of what year, Witness?

26 "A. Of 1998.

27 "Q. Witness, do you know the reason why Tombodu Town was  
28 attacked by the AFRC?

29 "A. Well, precisely, according to the AFRC guys under the



1 command of Gullit, Gullit said to them that they all know  
2 what befell on their sympathisers, loved ones and colleague  
3 soldiers when ECOMOG militarily removed them from power.  
4 Civilian also were involved in the killing -- in the  
10:45:39 5 killings of their colleague soldiers, sympathisers and  
6 relatives. So, the same fate they are going to return to  
7 civilians.

8 "Q. Witness, how do you know that this is the reason why  
9 Tombodu Town was attacked?

10:46:00 10 "A. As per a statement from Gullit.

11 "Q. Did you hear the statement yourself?

12 "A. Yes. Yes."

13 Mr Brima, do you know Prosecution witness TF1-033?

14 A. Yes.

10:47:01 15 Q. How do you know him? I don't need you to mention this  
16 name, just tell this Court how you know him.

17 A. I knew him as prisons officer. Then I knew him when he  
18 used to take prisoners to retired Captain Charles Bayoh.

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, we will explore this further in  
10:48:03 20 closed session at the appropriate time. Looking at the time, I  
21 was wondering whether I should proceed. I was going to go into a  
22 new area.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: If you're starting a new area, Mr Graham,  
24 I think we will take the usual morning break now.

10:48:16 25 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful, Your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Witness, don't discuss the evidence.

27 We'll adjourn Court and reconvene at 11 a.m.

28 [Break taken at 10.45 a.m.]

29 [Upon resuming at 11.04 a.m.]



1 MR GRAHAM:

2 Q. Mr Brima, I read to you portions of the transcript of  
3 proceedings of July 11, 2005. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court  
4 have you been involved in any attack at all on Tombodu?

11:08:05 5 A. No.

6 Q. Do you know of any attack on Tombodu in March of 1998?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you order any attack on Tombodu in March of 1998?

9 A. No.

11:08:34 10 Q. Did you plan any attack on Tombodu in March of 1998?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, instigate any attack on Tombodu in March  
13 of 1998?

14 A. No.

11:08:59 15 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself, or together with any individual  
16 group or groups plan any attack on Tombodu in March of 1998?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself, together with any individual or  
19 individual group or groups, instigate any attacks on Tombodu?

11:09:31 20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself aid and abet any attack on  
22 Tombodu in March of 1998?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Mr Brima, do you know of any reason why Tombodu was  
11:09:58 25 attacked in March of 1998?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall making the statement alleged, which  
28 I referred to, by Prosecution witness TF1-033?

29 A. Read again, sir.





1 Q. Your Honours, with your permission, I will quickly read  
2 from the July 11, 2005 transcript, page 12, specifically lines 19  
3 to 25. I will quickly read, Your Honours.

4 "Q. Witness, do you know the reason why Tombodu Town was  
11:10:56 5 attacked by the AFRC?  
6 "A. Well, precisely, according to the AFRC guys under the  
7 command of Gullit, Gullit said to them that they all know  
8 what befell on their sympathisers, loved ones and colleague  
9 soldiers when ECOMOG militarily removed them from power.  
11:11:21 10 Civilians also were involved in the killing -- in the  
11 killings of their colleague soldiers, sympathisers and  
12 relatives. So the same fate they are going to return to  
13 civilians."  
14 Mr Brima, do you recall ever making this statement?  
11:11:47 15 A. No, I've never made such statements like that.  
16 Q. Mr Brima, what do you have to say in response to the  
17 statement I just read to you?  
18 A. The statement that you read to me, all is a lie.  
19 Q. Mr Brima, you told this Court earlier how you escaped from  
11:12:36 20 Kailahun to Koidu Town in Kono. You also told this Court how you  
21 left from Koidu Town to Yarya. Do you recall when you arrived at  
22 Yarya?  
23 A. I arrived at Yarya July 18, 1998.  
24 Q. Did you go to Yarya alone?  
11:13:25 25 A. No.  
26 Q. Who were you with? Please tell this Court.  
27 A. I was with the fellow who gave me the motor car. Yes.  
28 Then I was with two or three other soldiers and I was with other  
29 civilians again.



1 Q. Who were these soldiers what you were with?

2 A. I went with Staff Sergeant Moseray.

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

4 A. Moseray, M-O-C-E-R-A-Y [sic].

11:14:32 5 Q. Who else, talking about the soldiers?

6 A. I went with Sergeant Kamara, whose first name I do not  
7 know. Then I went with some of my relatives whom I met at Koidu  
8 Town.

9 Q. Mr Brima, why did you decide to travel with the soldiers  
11:15:10 10 you just mentioned?

11 A. Those soldiers, they were soldiers who escaped with me from  
12 Kailahun. And when I get the message from Morris Kallon that  
13 Sam Bockarie had sent a message to arrest me, I myself talked to  
14 the soldiers. I told them that we were to escape.

11:15:53 15 Q. These soldiers you referred to, did they, in your own  
16 words, escape because they wanted to or because you asked them  
17 to?

18 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I object to that question.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that's objected to, Mr Graham.

11:16:10 20 MR GRAHAM:

21 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court why you asked the  
22 soldiers to escape with you?

23 A. Well, I can say I did not ask the soldiers to escape. The  
24 soldiers, they were my escort mates. They were my platoon mates  
11:16:36 25 with them. When we came from Kailahun I went --

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, would the witness go a  
27 little bit slower to enable the interpreter to catch up a bit.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Brima, the interpreter is having  
29 trouble keeping up. If you could go a little slower, please.



1 THE WITNESS: When I arrived in Kono, together with these  
2 soldiers whose names I was able to recall, when Sam Bockarie sent  
3 the message to Superman, when Morris Kallon informed me about the  
4 message, the soldiers were there and all of us slept in one room.

11:17:28 5 MR GRAHAM:

6 Q. Mr Brima, you've told this Court you travelled with some  
7 members, some relatives of yours. Can you tell this Court who  
8 they were, which of your relatives?

9 A. Yes. My aunt was there, who was my late dad's sister. Her  
11:18:08 10 own children were there. And my uncle was there, who was my  
11 mother's own brother.

12 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court why you decided to go to  
13 Yarya?

14 A. I decided to go to Yarya so as to save my life from the  
11:18:39 15 RUF. And I was going there with the feeling that nobody, or no  
16 rebel or fighter, will be at Sandor Chiefdom.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sorry, I didn't catch the name of the  
18 chiefdom.

19 MR GRAHAM:

11:19:03 20 Q. Please repeat the name of the chiefdom you just mentioned.

21 A. Sandor Chiefdom.

22 Q. If you could spell that?

23 A. S-A-N-D-O-R, Sandor.

24 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court in which chiefdom Yarya  
11:19:49 25 is located, if you know?

26 A. Yarya is in the Sandor Chiefdom.

27 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen when you arrived at Yarya?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Please tell this Court what happened when you arrived at



1 Yarya.

2 A. When I arrived at Yarya, I did not meet people in the town.

3 Then I hooted, which made some people who were in the bush to

4 come out to town. They were the ones who led me to the place

11:21:01 5 where my own family were hiding.

6 Q. Please continue with your evidence.

7 A. Then I met one of my aunts who was called Kanka Finda.

8 Q. Please spell the name for the convenience of the Court,

9 Mr Brima.

11:21:24 10 A. K-A-N-K-A; Finda, F-I-N-D-A. I met this old woman, she had

11 been killed. So the people that came from the bush and who came,

12 they were the ones that explained to me that it was soldiers that

13 came to this place and killed these people and who killed this

14 particular woman. And they were able to lead me. I went to my

11:22:10 15 family who were hiding in the bush. It was there my brother,

16 Staff Sergeant Komba Brima, explained to me that Junior Lion, or

17 George Johnson, went with armed men in my village and attacked

18 the place. It was during that time that they fired at my

19 brother. So from that --

11:23:00 20 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, would the witness clarify

21 that. I did not get that properly.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Get him to go back over that, Mr Graham.

23 MR GRAHAM:

24 Q. Mr Brima, the interpreter didn't hear you well and he wants

11:23:19 25 some clarification from you on the last bit of your evidence, so

26 if you could just go over that account relating to what your

27 brother told you had happened.

28 A. When my brother started talking to me, I met him in the

29 bush where they were hiding. He explained to me that George





1 Johnson, who was Junior Lion, went to my home town, which was  
2 Yarya. He said he was going in search of me. So during that  
3 time, the boys with whom he went had attacked the town. Then he,  
4 George Johnson, fired at my brother in his foot.

11:24:24 5 Q. Mr Brima, did anything else happen after he had told you  
6 that account of what Junior Lion had done?

7 A. Yes. When they told me about that, and my mother -- my  
8 stepmother, my aunts and my uncle, they advised me. They said  
9 none that had gone there and had met them, let me don't leave the  
11:24:59 10 place.

11 Q. Did you say anything in response to that?

12 A. Well, this is what I'm explaining. My younger brother,  
13 when he had explained to me how Junior Johnson had fired at him,  
14 and he had to tell me that, he said SLA soldiers were towards  
11:25:31 15 Kurubonla on the side of the Koranko. He said SAJ Musa was  
16 there.

17 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen after that?

18 A. Well, the civilians that were with me, most of them were  
19 afraid, because when my brother was explaining to me this thing,  
11:26:06 20 this incident that took place --

21 Q. Mr Brima, after you had met your family, after you had  
22 heard your brother's account of what Junior Lion had done, what  
23 did you do?

24 A. Well, the only thing that I told my brother, at least, I  
11:26:38 25 said, if you sum up courage. But from where my brother had  
26 informed me about it, I immediately changed my mind and I stayed  
27 with them in hiding.

28 Q. Mr Brima, where were you hiding?

29 A. We were hiding in the surrounding bush at Yarya Town. But



1 it was there that my family laid their farm.

2 Q. Mr Brima, how big is the town of Yarya?

3 A. Well, the town, I would say, its length would be about 200  
4 metres. Then the town, it's a fairly big town.

11:27:47 5 Q. Could you, Mr Brima, approximately tell this Court how many  
6 houses there were in Yarya?

7 A. Well, from a rough estimate, I would say up to 60 houses.

8 Q. Mr Brima, you also told this Court that you were hiding in  
9 the bush. Where did you sleep every night during this period?

11:28:32 10 A. I used to sleep in the village, in a farm hut.

11 Q. Where was the farm hut located?

12 A. The farm was around the bush, around Yarya Town. But  
13 roughly I would say it was 500 to 1,000 metres off the town.

14 Q. I'm going to make a reference to the transcript of the  
11:29:16 15 proceedings of July 11, 2005, specifically page 13, and that  
16 relates to the testimony of Prosecution witness TF1-033. I will  
17 be reading from pages 13 and 14. Mr Brima, lend me your ears. I  
18 am going to be reading from line 2 of page 13.

19 "Q. Witness, what happened after the attack in Tombodu  
11:31:01 20 Town?

21 "A. Well, way back in April of 1998, there was the  
22 advancing ECOMOG forces and allies went into a bitter  
23 battle between the AFRC, the AFRC and the RUF and Tombodu  
24 and Koidu were occupied the entirety of the Kono District  
11:31:32 25 to remove them from the township. A bitter battle ensued  
26 anyway. But the advance of the ECOMOG forces where they  
27 overwhelmed these allied forces, the AFRC and the RUF.  
28 They were removed. They were defeated. Finally, Gullit  
29 ordered his fighters to go to his home town by the name of







1 MR AGHA: Your Honours, could we kindly have some  
2 foundation as to this arrest, where Colonel Eddie Town is, how he  
3 got to Colonel Eddie Town and so on and so forth.

4 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, there will be -- we will come to  
11:36:09 5 that in the course of our -- in the course of his evidence we  
6 will address those issues. The witness, in giving responses to  
7 my questions, at times gives his responses that will require a  
8 foundation. I will have the option of having to interrupt him  
9 any time he's answering. But, of course, I believe the proper  
11:36:33 10 approach is to follow up quickly with questions that will tend to  
11 lay the foundation in respect of issues that he's raised in his  
12 response. In terms of the observation or submission made by my  
13 learned friend, we will be moving on to Colonel Eddie Town and  
14 we'll lay the proper foundation in respect of those issues once  
11:36:57 15 we get there.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Well, Mr Graham has  
17 undertaken to lay some foundation for that. On that basis,  
18 Mr Agha, I'll allow the question. I will allow the witness's  
19 answer, rather.

11:37:11 20 MR AGHA: Thank you, Your Honours. Although I would submit  
21 that we should have foundation before evidence.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I wouldn't argue with you there but it's  
23 just the way that the evidence came out from the witness. I can  
24 understand Mr Graham's problems there. But, in any event, as I  
11:37:30 25 said, Mr Graham's undertaken to lay some foundation later in  
26 relation to Colonel Eddie Town.

27 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful.

28 Q. Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you a question relating to  
29 the paragraph that I read to you from the proceedings of July 11,





1 2005. Do you know of any fighting that took place in April of  
2 1998 between ECOMOG forces and their allies and the AFRC and the  
3 RUF?

4 A. Repeat the question.

11:38:24 5 Q. I said do you know of any fighting that took place in April  
6 of 1998 in Tombodu and Koidu between advancing ECOMOG forces and  
7 their allies and the AFRC and RUF?

8 A. No, I did not know about the fight that took place in April  
9 in Koidu Town because I was not in Koidu Town. By then I was in  
11:39:05 10 Kailahun under arrest.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

12 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to move on to page 13  
13 of the transcript of the proceedings of July 11th, 2005 and,  
14 Your Honours, I'm going to be reading from lines 21 to 24. So on  
11:39:36 15 the testimony of prosecution witness TF1-033, Mr Brima, lend me  
16 your ears.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's page 13 still?

18 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour, page 13, July 11th, 2005. I  
19 will read from line 21.

11:39:51 20 Q. "Q. Witness, did you also go to Yaya?

21 "A. Well, we as abductees, we are under bondage. We are  
22 under the orders of Gullit and his fighters. So they  
23 forced all of us to move together to Yaya."

24 Mr Brima, I ask of you, did you yourself force prosecution  
11:40:31 25 witness TF1-033 to go to Yarya?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Did you see prosecution witness TF1-033 at Yarya?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, order anyone to force TF1-033 to go to



1 Yarya?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Mr Brima, did you plan with anyone to force TF1-033 to go  
4 to Yarya?

11:41:29 5 A. No.

6 Q. Mr Brima, did you instigate anyone to force TF1-033 to go  
7 to Yarya?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Mr Brima, did you aid and abet anyone to force TF1-033 to  
11:41:44 10 go to Yarya?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Did you, Mr Brima, force any  
13 individual or individuals to go to Yarya?

14 A. No.

11:42:03 15 Q. Did you order anyone to force any individual or individuals  
16 to go to Yarya?

17 A. No.

18 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to move on and make  
19 further references to the transcripts of July 11th, 2005, page 13  
11:42:25 20 again. Your Honours, I will be reading from line 25 of page 13  
21 and I will read through to page 14.

22 Q. Reading from line 25:

23 "Q. What happened -- and what happened when you reached  
24 Yaya?

11:43:01 25 "A. Arriving at Yaya, Gullit convened a meeting, and  
26 during that meeting, in the presence of all of us  
27 abductees, AFRC fighters, and he clearly gave the message,  
28 the speech to all of us present.

29 "Q. Witness, do you still remember the speech that Gullit



1           made?

2           "A. Yes.

3           "Q. Did you hear the speech?

4           "A. I heard the speech.

11:43:42 5           "Q. Witness, are you able to tell the Court what the

6           speech was about?

7           "A. Yes. 'You all know what befell on us when the ECOMOG

8           forces removed us from power in Freetown our colleagues,

9           soldiers, sympathisers, relatives were killed by civilians

11:44:21 10          as well as ECOMOG soldiers. So for that reason we are

11          going back to Freetown. We are going back to Freetown and

12          we should return all that fell on us and our relatives,

13          sympathisers to the civilians, to what the civilians did

14          unto us. So we are not going to spare any civilian. Only

11:44:56 15          those we desire to be with us. Any town or village that we

16          attack, we should kill, maim or amputate any civilian who

17          comes in contact and the towns and villages must be burnt.

18          Young girls and women are free to satisfy your sexual

19          desire. This is Operation Spare No Soul.' Those were --

11:45:39 20          that was the statement, the message, given."

21          MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honour, that ends my reference.

22          Q. Mr Brima, I ask of you: Did you arrive at Yarya together

23          with abductees and AFRC fighters?

24          A. No.

11:46:25 25          Q. Do you recall convening a meeting in the presence of the

26          abductees and AFRC fighters I just referred to?

27          A. That is a lie.

28          Q. Mr Brima, do you recall making any such speech as alleged

29          by Prosecution witness TF1-033 in Yarya?



1 A. No, I never made a statement like that.

2 Q. Mr Brima, did you, in your own words, declare Operation  
3 Spare No Soul in Yarya?

4 A. No.

11:47:23 5 Q. Mr Brima, did you, in your own words, declare Operation  
6 Spare No Soul anywhere within the territory of the Republic of  
7 Sierra Leone?

8 A. No.

9 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, respectfully, I would want to  
11:48:02 10 make a reference from the transcripts of May 23rd, 2005 on  
11 page 39. Page 39 of the transcript of May 23rd, 2005.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

13 MR GRAHAM:

14 Q. Mr Brima, lend me your ears. I'm going to be reading from  
11:49:21 15 line 25 of page 39 of the transcript of May 23rd, 2005, starting  
16 from line 23.

17 "Q. Witness, are you able to recall how many of you left  
18 Mansofinia for the north?

19 "A. Well, Gullit always said we had 500 man power. That  
11:49:55 20 was what he said, that we had 500 man power moving.

21 "Q. Witness, after you left Mansofinia where was the first  
22 place that you stopped?

23 "A. The first place was a village called Yayah."

24 That ends my reference.

11:50:25 25 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm having quite a bit of  
26 interference with my headphones. It's peculiar. Your Honour, I  
27 think it's raining. I think that explains that.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I don't think we can do much about  
29 that, Mr Graham.





1 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour.

2 Q. Okay, Mr Brima, I'm going to ask you a few questions in  
3 relation to what I just read. Mr Brima, did you ever move to  
4 Yarya with 500 manpower?

11:51:08 5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, ever arrive in Yarya with an armed  
7 group?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Mr Brima, did you go to Mansofinia any time at all after  
11:51:42 10 February 1998?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Mr Brima, what then do you have to say in response to the  
13 statement that I just referred you to, by TF1-033, to the effect  
14 that when you left Mansofinia the first place you stopped was  
11:52:14 15 Yarya? Sorry, that is TF1-334.

16 I have asked of you, if I repeat, what do you have to say  
17 in response to the statement by TF1-334 that you were in  
18 Mansofinia?

19 A. I was not in Mansofinia and that witness is telling lies.

11:53:07 20 Q. Thank you. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court, to the best  
21 of your knowledge, how long you were in hiding in Yarya?

22 A. I was hiding in Yarya from July to September. That was  
23 about two or three months.

24 Q. Do you recall any significant happening in July during the  
11:53:43 25 period that you were in Yarya?

26 A. Well, during the time when I was in Yarya, troops left from  
27 Kurubonla axis, which discovered me in Yarya where I was in  
28 hiding.

29 Q. Mr Brima, I had asked you about the month of July. So we



1 focus on the events of the month of July. How did you know these  
2 troops came from Kurubonla? How do you know?

3 A. Well, just as I have said before, my brother had told me  
4 that SLAs were based in Kurubonla together with SAJ Musa. And  
11:54:43 5 the commander that came with that troop, he too confirmed it to  
6 me that they were from Kurubonla. He was coming from there.

7 Q. Which commander is this?

8 A. One 0-Five.

9 MR AGHA: Your Honour, can we have some foundation, please?

11:55:16 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: There's been an objection as to  
11 foundation, Mr Graham.

12 MR GRAHAM:

13 Q. Mr Brima, when was it that you were discovered by this  
14 commander?

11:55:38 15 A. September 1998.

16 MR AGHA: I'd again object, Your Honour. There's no  
17 foundation that this gentleman was a commander.

18 MR GRAHAM:

19 Q. Mr Brima --

11:55:49 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sorry, additionally, Mr Graham, I am  
21 under the impression that you're examining the witness with  
22 regards to events of July. You've repeated this. Are we still  
23 in July or we're now in September?

24 MR GRAHAM: Well, Your Honour, the witness seems to have  
11:56:07 25 moved on to September. So I would pick it up and continue from  
26 then. So, Your Honours, just for the sake of emphasis, the  
27 witness is talking about the events of September 1998.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, bear in mind there's been an  
29 objection on the ground that there's no substantiation.



1 MR GRAHAM: Yes, Your Honour.

2 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know that the one who arrested you --  
3 how do you know that the one who discovered you was a commander?

4 A. Because he was commanding the troop and he was not alone  
11:56:53 5 that went to arrest me there. He went there with a troop.

6 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know that he was not alone? How do  
7 you know?

8 A. Well, that is what I'm telling the Court now. I saw him  
9 and many other soldiers.

11:57:17 10 Q. And how were they dressed?

11 A. They were in military uniform.

12 Q. And where did they discover you?

13 A. They saw me in Yarya.

14 Q. In which part of Yarya?

11:57:43 15 A. The same place. The same farm hut where I was hiding, that  
16 was where they discovered me.

17 Q. And then explain to this Court how you were discovered, to  
18 the best of your knowledge?

19 A. Well, later now, after I've been discovered, that was what  
11:58:08 20 I knew, that the civilians that were there in hiding with me,  
21 from what my brother told me, that they too pulled out from that  
22 place. They went to the SLAs in Kurubonla. And the commander  
23 who commanded the troops that discovered me, that it was the  
24 civilians that went there. That they told him that I was in  
11:58:39 25 Yarya in hiding.

26 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I have an objection.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: There's been an objection, Mr Graham.

28 MR AGHA: The witness keeps on referring to his brother  
29 telling him this and that. Where is the foundation of where his



1 brother was and how his brother came by this information? Is his  
2 brother staying with him? Is he with the troop?

3 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, I believe the witness has in no  
4 uncertain terms told us earlier on that when he arrived in Yarya  
11:59:13 5 his brother was in Yarya. It was the same brother who gave him  
6 an account of how Junior Lion had come in there to do some  
7 things. So I believe in terms of timing his brother was well in  
8 Yarya, by his evidence, as at the time he arrived in Yarya. That  
9 is in evidence before this Court.

11:59:31 10 MR AGHA: The objection as to foundation was to did he  
11 remain in Yarya from the time that he discovered him throughout?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I think, Mr Graham, there's been no  
13 foundation for how the brother is able to say that the soldiers  
14 discovered him.

11:59:49 15 MR GRAHAM:

16 Q. Mr Brima, during the period that you were in Yarya who were  
17 you with?

18 A. I was with my family. The four brothers' names whom I have  
19 given -- which I have given to this Court, and including my late  
12:00:13 20 brother who was fired at Yarya, all of them were there in hiding.

21 Q. Mr Brima, your family members that you just referred to,  
22 were they with you throughout the period of your stay in Yarya?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do you know how did your brother come by the  
12:00:51 25 information that he gave you?

26 A. The information which he gave me, my brother got that  
27 information from other soldiers with whom he had travelled up to  
28 Yarya. They came down food finding and they --

29 Q. How do you know that?





1 A. Well, my brother explained that to me. And when the  
2 withdrawal -- when the time came for withdrawal while I was not  
3 in Freetown, it was that of my brother that moved with my family  
4 and he did not come direct to Kono. He used the Kabala axis.

12:01:51 5 Q. Mr Brima, let's focus back on the circumstances surrounding  
6 your discovery by the commander. I'm going to ask you again how  
7 did you know that it was the civilians who conveyed the  
8 information about your whereabouts to the troops in Kurubonla?  
9 How do you know?

12:02:20 10 A. The commander who arrested me with some of my colleague SLA  
11 soldiers, they explained to me that.

12 Q. So, Mr Brima, can you tell this Court what time of the day  
13 you were discovered?

14 A. It was in the evening.

12:03:02 15 Q. Around what time in the evening approximately?

16 A. Roughly it could be around half five to 6.00.

17 Q. Do you know how many of them discovered you?

18 A. I don't know the exact number, but, as a soldier, from what  
19 I saw, I assessed them that it was about the company strength.

12:03:45 20 Q. And can you explain to this Court what you mean by "company  
21 strength"?

22 A. That I mean that the soldiers that discovered me, their  
23 amount or their total was about a company, total, in the  
24 Sierra Leone Army.

12:04:16 25 Q. And can you tell this Court approximately how many men make  
26 up a company, if you know?

27 A. You have 110 men in a company.

28 Q. Were they carrying anything when they discovered you?

29 A. Yes, they carried their weapons.



1 Q. What type of weapons?

2 A. Their carried light weapons like AK-47, SMG, SAR and --

3 Q. Can you explain what you mean by SAR?

4 A. SAR, self-loaded ammunition rifle.

12:05:28 5 Q. You also mentioned SMG.

6 A. SMG is semi-automatic rifle. But in the army they called  
7 it SMG.

8 Q. What other weapons were they carrying, Mr Brima?

9 A. They had SMG. They had again AK-58. And then they had an  
12:06:41 10 LMG which is light machine gun. Those were the weapons they had  
11 with them.

12 Q. Mr Brima, how were you able to know that they were carrying  
13 these weapons you've just mentioned before this Court?

14 A. I saw the weapons with them and I am a soldier, I know the  
12:07:23 15 difference in the weapons.

16 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell the Court what was the behaviour --  
17 sorry, Your Honours. What was the behaviour of this group when  
18 they discovered you?

19 A. Well, when the troops saw me, automatically the troop  
12:08:02 20 commander, who was 0-Five, deployed his men around me.

21 Q. How do you know he deployed his men around you?

22 A. Yes, from when I was arrested I saw soldiers -- my  
23 colleague soldiers coming from different angle from the bush.

24 Q. And when you say "colleague soldiers," what do you mean by  
12:08:43 25 "colleague soldiers"?

26 A. Well, most of them, or all of them, were soldiers like  
27 myself.

28 Q. Mr Brima, were you alone when you were discovered by this  
29 group?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Who were you with when you were discovered by this group?

3 A. I was with my family.

4 Q. Did they tell you anything -- what did they tell you when  
12:09:27 5 they discovered you?

6 JUDGE DOHERTY: Mr Graham, who's they? We've had a family  
7 and we've had troops and a commander.

8 MR GRAHAM: Okay.

9 Q. Mr Brima, can you please clarify --

12:09:46 10 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, specifically if I may get a little  
11 bit of clarification in respect of your request.

12 JUDGE DOHERTY: You asked, "What did they say" and I'm  
13 asking is it the family who said something or was it the troops  
14 who said something or was it the commander who said something?

12:10:01 15 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honour.

16 Q. Mr Brima, I asked you when the commander and his troops  
17 discovered you, did they say anything to you?

18 A. When they discovered me, the troop commander who was  
19 leading them, he just told me that the civilians who had been  
12:10:34 20 with me at Yarya who went to Kurubonla, they gave them the  
21 message. And when he was coming, SAJ Musa gave him the message -  
22 that is the commander who commanded the troops, that is 0-Five -  
23 that I was to be arrested.

24 Q. Did he tell you why you were to be arrested?

12:11:10 25 A. Yes. He said SAJ Musa had declared in Kabala that this was  
26 not an AFRC business, it was purely the Sierra Leone Army  
27 business, and any of us, the former honourables whom they found  
28 who were the AFRC, we were to be arrested.

29 Q. Did you say anything to him in response to that?



1 A. Well, I did not say anything to him because he was my  
2 colleague soldier and when he was been given an order, when he's  
3 executing his order, I only have to obey because he was senior to  
4 me. And during that time they were well armed, the soldiers who  
12:12:11 5 came to meet me, and the commander.

6 Q. Mr Brima, were you armed yourself?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court did anything happen after  
9 he had told you why SAJ Musa had asked that you be arrested?  
12:12:45 10 Mr Brima, excuse me, sorry, prior to that I need to ask you:

11 Were you arrested as a result?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How were you arrested?

14 A. I was put under gunpoint.

12:13:06 15 Q. What do you mean by being put at gunpoint?

16 A. Well, the commander and the soldiers that he came with,  
17 everybody pointed his gun at me, towards me.

18 Q. So what happened after you were arrested?

19 A. When I was arrested by Commander 0-Five, he informed  
12:13:39 20 SAJ Musa through his radio set which he had.

21 Q. How do you know that he informed SAJ Musa about the arrest?

22 A. He did that in my presence. As soon as I was arrested the  
23 commander said he would not deal with me -- with my family. So  
24 when they held me, automatically he switched his set on and he  
12:14:10 25 was carrying a military Thomson communication set.

26 Q. How do you know it was a Thomson communication set,  
27 Mr Brima?

28 A. That was the only set which the army used when troops were  
29 moving because it was a set that was easy to carry; you can carry





1 it on your back.

2 Q. Did anything happen after he had communicated your arrest  
3 on the set to SAJ Musa?

4 A. Yes.

12:14:57 5 Q. Please tell this Court.

6 A. When he had communicated to SAJ Musa that he had arrested  
7 me, SAJ Musa instructed the commander in my presence, through the  
8 radio set which the commander had with him, that he should take  
9 me along on the patrol he was going. I heard this communication  
12:15:24 10 between SAJ Musa and Commander 0-Five because the set which they  
11 used was a set when you talk on it and the next person will hear  
12 you and I heard SAJ Musa's voice when Commander 0-Five complained  
13 to him.

14 Q. Mr Brima, when you were discovered and subsequently  
12:15:54 15 arrested did anything happen to the members of your family who  
16 were with you at the time?

17 A. Well, nothing happened to my family because when I was  
18 arrested they would have arrested my family as well, but I told  
19 them that as long as I'm soldier let them take me along, let them  
12:16:28 20 leave my family alone and let them consider my mother's age, then  
21 they should consider my uncle's age.

22 Q. Did they say anything in response to that?

23 A. The commander said the instruction he had received from SAJ  
24 was to arrest me.

12:17:00 25 Q. Mr Brima, after the communication on the set with SAJ Musa  
26 did anything happen after that?

27 A. They took me along.

28 Q. Where did they take you along?

29 A. From Yarya they took me to Eddie Town.



1 Q. Mr Brima, could you tell this Court the names of the  
2 places, towns and villages that you went through from Yarya to  
3 Colonel Eddie Town when you were under arrest by  
4 Commander 0-Five, and please spell the names as you go along?

12:18:00 5 A. Well, when we left Yarya, the only town which I could  
6 recognise that we reached, that was Pendembu, P-E-N-D-E-M-B-U.  
7 From Pendembu we -- Junior Lion and Foday Bah Marah, with the  
8 troops that were based at Eddie Town, they came to receive  
9 Commander 0-Five at Pendembu.

12:19:14 10 Q. Mr Brima, first of all I need to ask of you how do you know  
11 that Junior Lion and Foday Bah Marah were from Colonel Eddie  
12 Town?

13 A. One, they were not with the troop that I was moving with  
14 and, secondly, when we were received -- when they received us  
12:19:53 15 they took us to Colonel Eddie Town.

16 Q. Mr Brima, do you know where Colonel Eddie Town is?

17 A. Colonel Eddie Town, it is between Kambia and Port Loko, but  
18 I don't know the right district where it is located.

19 Q. Mr Brima, how -- what was the means of your travel when you  
12:20:31 20 were under arrest from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town?

21 A. We walked. We walked.

22 Q. How long did the journey from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town  
23 take? How long did the journey take?

24 A. Roughly, it was around 10 days to 12 days, but I was not  
12:21:04 25 able to count all the days.

26 Q. On your way from Yarya to Kailahun -- sorry, to  
27 Colonel Eddie Town, did you yourself engage in any killings?

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

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's leading, but it's part of the



1 charges against him, so I will allow him to answer that. Repeat  
2 the question, Mr Graham.

3 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honour.

4 Q. Mr Brima, I'm asking of you that on the journey from Yarya  
12:22:06 5 to Colonel Eddie Town, did you yourself commit any unlawful  
6 killings?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you witness any unlawful killings?

9 A. No.

12:22:29 10 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself engage in any abductions on your  
11 journey from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you instigate any abductions on your way from Yarya to  
14 Colonel Eddie Town?

12:23:05 15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you witness any member or members of the group that you  
17 were travelling in -- did you witness any one of them engaging in  
18 any abductions?

19 A. No.

12:23:28 20 Q. Mr Brima, on your way from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town did  
21 you aid and abet any abductions?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you witness any members of the group that you were  
24 travelling with -- did you witness any one of them aiding and  
12:23:53 25 abetting any abductions?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Mr Brima, did you plan any -- excuse me, Your Honours. Did  
28 you instigate any forced labour on your way from Yarya to  
29 Colonel Eddie Town?



1 A. No. The soldiers were with me -- with my family, with my  
2 wives and their children.

3 Q. Did you yourself, Mr Brima, on your journey from Yarya to  
4 Colonel Eddie Town, visit any physical and sexual violence on any  
12:24:54 5 civilians?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, witness any member or members of your  
8 group visiting any physical and sexual violence on civilians on  
9 your way to Colonel Eddie Town?

12:25:29 10 A. No, I did not see anybody.

11 Q. Mr Brima, did you yourself cause the use of child soldiers  
12 on your way from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town?

13 A. I did not support that and I did not see any child soldiers  
14 with them. Most of the soldiers I saw were well-trained SLA  
12:25:58 15 soldiers and they were with their wives and their families.

16 Q. How do you know they were well trained, Mr Brima?

17 A. Because they were soldiers.

18 Q. Mr Brima, on your way from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town, did  
19 you yourself cause the looting and burning of civilian  
12:26:34 20 structures?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did any member or members of the group that you were  
23 travelling with loot and burn civilian structures on your way  
24 from Yarya to Colonel Eddie Town?

12:26:55 25 A. No.

26 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall when you arrived at Colonel Eddie  
27 Town?

28 A. Go over the question again.

29 Q. Thank you, I will. Mr Brima, I have asked of you whether





1 you recall when you arrived at Colonel Eddie Town?

2 A. I reached Colonel Eddie Town in mid-October.

3 Q. October of what year, Mr Brima?

4 A. 1998.

12:27:46 5 Q. Do you recall what time of the day you arrived in

6 Colonel Eddie Town?

7 A. We reached there almost at night.

8 Q. Mr Brima, can you tell this Court what happened when you  
9 arrived at Colonel Eddie Town?

12:28:36 10 A. When I reached Colonel Eddie Town, I met -- they arrested  
11 some of the former honourables in the AFRC.

12 Q. How do you know that, Mr Brima?

13 A. Well, I was under arrest, then I met them under arrest and  
14 then there was nowhere for me to sleep until --

12:29:08 15 THE INTERPRETER: Can the witness go over the last bit of  
16 his testimony, slowly.

17 MR GRAHAM:

18 Q. Mr Brima, the interpreter wants you to take your time. Can  
19 you please just repeat the last phase of your answer?

12:29:44 20 A. I am asking you to go over your question.

21 Q. You have mentioned that there were others under arrest and  
22 I had asked you how do you know that there were others under  
23 arrest when you arrived in Colonel Eddie Town?

24 A. When I reached Colonel Eddie Town, where the arrested  
12:30:16 25 detainees were, that is including the former honourables in the  
26 AFRC and some senior officers of the Republic of the Sierra Leone  
27 Army, there I was taken by one military police called Abass.

28 Q. Can you spell Abass for the Court, please?

29 A. A-B-A-S-S.



1 Q. Okay. What happened?

2 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I may be wrong about this but it  
3 comes to my mind that I don't think we've had any foundation as  
4 to what an "honourable" is. What is this "honourable" they're  
12:31:21 5 talking about?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I seem to remember we did have some  
7 evidence on that, Mr Agha. There was actually evidence led of  
8 honourables in the Prosecution case, Mr Agha. I presume you're  
9 referring to the same honourables?

10 MR GRAHAM: TF1-334 and a host of other Prosecution  
11 witnesses mentioned honourables.

12 MR AGHA: Yes, I'm just seeking confirmation as to that.  
13 So, thank you, Your Honour.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Thank you, Mr Agha. Yes,  
12:32:20 15 continue on, Mr Graham.

16 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful.

17 Q. Mr Brima, tell this Court what happened after Mr Abass came  
18 for you. Please tell this Court what happened.

19 A. Abass came for me. The Commander 0-Five, he surrendered me  
12:32:41 20 to Abass, when Abass took me to where the former honourables  
21 were.

22 Q. How do you know they were honourables?

23 A. I said former honourables.

24 Q. Thank you. How do you know they were former honourables?

12:33:15 25 A. Well, during the AFRC regime I knew them. And the senior  
26 officers too who were there, I knew them.

27 Q. Mr Brima, after you were taken by Abass to where the former  
28 honourables were did anything happen?

29 A. They asked us to remove our shirts and our trousers off.



1 Q. Who asked you?

2 A. That was the officer who took me there, Abass.

3 Q. And when they asked you to do that did anything happen?

4 A. Well, when I was asked to do that I obeyed. Then, after  
12:34:15 5 that, Junior Lions [as interpreted], who was the commander who  
6 was taking care of us the detainees, he came and told us that  
7 they were coming to execute us.

8 Q. Mr Brima, before you go on, how are you able to know that  
9 Junior Lion was in charge of the detainees?

12:34:42 10 A. When Abass took me there to the place where the other  
11 detainees were, he reported to Junior Lion. And when we were in  
12 detention, when I joined the other honourables, any order which  
13 came from other commanders, it was Junior Lion who came to inform  
14 us.

12:35:21 15 Q. Mr Brima, how do you -- in what form did the report from  
16 Abass -- in what form was the report from Abass to Junior Lion?

17 A. Abass took me to Junior Lion and he saluted him and told  
18 Junior Lion that, "This is another detainee which the commander  
19 said I should hand over to you."

12:36:05 20 Q. So, Mr Brima, did anything happen after that?

21 A. Yes. We faced too much punishment. In the morning they  
22 would take us out and lay us on the ground and raise our heads  
23 and look in the sun, look towards the sun. From there, when  
24 Junior Lion told us that they were coming to execute us, he, the  
12:37:02 25 very Junior Lion, came again and told us that -- he said that  
26 they were waiting for SAJ Musa. And when he told us this, we the  
27 detainees, later he came again and told us that SAJ Musa said  
28 that let them don't execute us. Let them wait until SAJ Musa  
29 himself came to Eddie Town.



1 Q. Mr Brima, you had earlier mentioned to this Court about  
2 punishments. Do you know who ordered these punishments?

3 A. George Johnson who is Junior Lion.

4 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, with your permission I will refer  
12:38:29 5 to the transcript of the proceedings of May 20th, 2005.  
6 Specifically page 85 of the transcript. That relates to the  
7 testimony of Prosecution witness TF1-334. Your Honours, I will  
8 be reading from line 11 to line 25.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. If you could just pause there,  
12:39:13 10 Mr Graham, until we get a copy of the transcript. Yes, we have  
11 that now, Mr Graham.

12 MR GRAHAM: I'm grateful, Your Honours. Your Honours, I'll  
13 be reading from line 13.

14 Q. Mr Brima, lend me your ears. I'll begin to read from line  
12:40:03 15 11, sorry.

16 "Q. Did anything happen when you arrived in Mongor  
17 Bendugu?

18 "A. Well, yes.

19 "Q. What happened when you arrived in Mongor Bendugu?

12:40:24 20 "A. SAJ Musa immediately summoned me and these -- and the  
21 commanders I've named who went to Mongor Bendugu.

22 "Q. Summoned you for what purpose?

23 "A. Well, as he called us, he had to address the whole --  
24 me and the commanders, we that were present during that

12:40:54 25 time.

26 "Q. So having called you to address you, did you attend  
27 any meeting with him?

28 "A. Yes. We held a closed-door meeting.

29 "Q. What happened at that meeting?





1 "A. Well, in that meeting, Gullit explained to him how we  
2 were treated in Kailahun and also about the present  
3 condition of Johnny Paul in Kailahun."

4 That is the end of my reference. Mr Brima, I'm going to  
12:41:44 5 ask of you: Did you ever go to Mongor Bendugu?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And up to the time, I'm asking, that you left Yarya with  
8 Commander 0-Five did you have a meeting with SAJ Musa?

9 A. No.

12:42:21 10 Q. Did you have a meeting with any other person, Mr Brima?

11 A. No.

12 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to go back one more  
13 time to make a reference this time to the transcript of the  
14 proceedings of May 20th, 2005. Specifically page 86, Your  
12:43:04 15 Honours. Your Honours, the first part of my questioning will be  
16 based on the reference to the transcript from lines 4 to line 14.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Go ahead, Mr Graham, we have that  
18 transcript.

19 MR GRAHAM: Thank you.

12:43:44 20 Q. "Q. What else was said at this meeting?

21 "A. Gullit informed SAJ Musa that he has come with the  
22 troops, which comprised the SLAs and he was waiting for  
23 further instructions from SAJ Musa.

24 "Q. Was anything else said by anyone else after that?

12:44:19 25 "A. Well, SAJ responded to what Gullit had said.

26 "Q. What did he say?

27 "A. The first message Musa made was he said he had warned  
28 Johnny Paul not to go to Kailahun and, secondly, he was  
29 happy with the commanders who had taken the bold step to



1           come and meet him and also the men, the commanders he came  
2           with. He said now that Brigadier Mani -- "  
3           That ends my reference. Mr Brima, I ask of you: Did you  
4           ever at any point in time go to meet SAJ Musa with troops under  
12:45:19 5           your command?

6           A.    No.

7           Q.    What do you have to say in response to the statement that I  
8           just read to you that was made by Prosecution witness TF1-334  
9           that you came to meet SAJ with troops?

12:45:48 10          A.    That statement given by that witness is all lies.

11           MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to move on, still on  
12           page 86 of the transcript of the proceedings of May 20th, 2005.  
13           Your Honours, I'll be reading this time from line 18 to line 24.  
14           With Your Honours' permission I will read.

12:46:14 15          Q.    Mr Brima, lend me your ears. Line 18:

16           "Q. I interpreted you, witness. You were talking about  
17           what you were saying in relation to Brigadier Mani. Go on.  
18           "A. He said now that Mr Brigadier Mani has left and gone  
19           to the north to go and find a base within that area, so he  
12:46:44 20           would advise that Gullit move his troops towards the north  
21           and try to find Brigadier Mani so that they would make a  
22           strong defensive at the north which would comprise of the  
23           SLAs."

24           That is the end of my reference. Mr Brima, did SAJ Musa  
12:47:31 25           ever instruct you and troops under your command to move towards  
26           the north?

27           A.    No.

28           Q.    Did SAJ Musa ever instruct you and troops under your  
29           command to find a base in the north?



1 A. No.

2 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, I'm looking at the time and I was  
3 about to move into a new area.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, thank you, Mr Graham. We'll take a  
12:48:19 5 break for lunch now. I'll again have to remind the witness:  
6 Please, do not discuss the evidence with anybody. The Court will  
7 adjourn now until 2.15 p.m.

8 [Luncheon recess taken at 12.45 p.m.]

9 [AFRC12JUN06D - RK]

14:15:15 10 [Upon resuming at 2.16 p.m.]

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Graham.

12 MR GRAHAM: Good afternoon, Your Honours.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good afternoon.

14 MR GRAHAM:

14:20:39 15 Q. Mr Brima, you told this Court earlier on this morning about  
16 your discovery and subsequent arrest in Yarya by Commander O-Five  
17 and his troops. You also have told this Court about your journey  
18 to Colonel Eddie Town. You have also told this Court about being  
19 detained, if I'm right, together with honourables. Mr Brima,  
14:21:21 20 could you please tell this Court who these honourables were that  
21 you were detained together with in Colonel Eddie Town?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Please do.

24 A. They detained me with Sergeant Ibrahim Kamara; WO-2,  
14:22:03 25 warrant officer class 2, Franklyn Conteh; Corporal Santigie Kanu;  
26 Corporal Hassan Bangura; Abdul Sesay; Ibrahim Sesay; and  
27 George Adams.

28 Q. Mr Brima, did the honourables tell you anything?

29 A. Yes, while we were in detention they explained to me how



1 they were taken to the place.

2 Q. What did they have to say in respect of that?

3 A. Sergeant Kamara told me that, he said he was in his village  
4 hiding. So the SLA troop that bears [as interpreted] in Colonel  
14:23:50 5 Eddie Town they were the ones that discovered him while they were  
6 on patrol. So this was the way he, Sergeant Kamara, explained to  
7 me.

8 Then Franklyn Conteh, he too explained to me that he  
9 himself was in hiding in his village towards Kambia. When the  
14:24:33 10 troop that was based at Eddie Town went on patrol, that was the  
11 time they discovered him and arrested him.

12 And Corporal Santigie Kanu, he told me that he too went and  
13 hid at Kambia. He said when the troop went on patrol, that was  
14 the time they arrested him and brought him to the base,  
14:25:16 15 Eddie Town.

16 The other three honourables, they said they had already  
17 been arrested for long. They said the first troop that were  
18 going to Eddie Town arrested them. So this was what they  
19 explained to me. I too explained to them how I was arrested.

14:26:08 20 Q. Did any of the honourables say anything else in addition to  
21 what you have told this Court?

22 A. Well, the only thing which the honourable talked about,  
23 they said the soldiers arrested them because they said they were  
24 politicians and the sufferings that the soldiers and their  
14:27:03 25 families were suffering, it was the honourables that contributed  
26 to that suffering.

27 Q. Did you say anything in response to that?

28 A. All that I said was we should continue -- we should keep on  
29 praying, because I myself, when they arrested me, the commander





1 that arrested me, that is O-Five, said it was SAJ Musa who  
2 ordered him to do so. So the honourables themselves that were  
3 arrested there, they too told me that it was SAJ Musa that gave  
4 the order for them to be arrested.

14:28:13 5 Q. Mr Brima, when you told them this, what you just told the  
6 Court, did any one of the honourables tell you anything in  
7 response to that?

8 A. Repeat the question.

9 Q. While you were giving them the circumstances of your  
14:28:49 10 arrest, as you just said in your own words, did any of the  
11 honourables say anything in response to you?

12 A. No.

13 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be reading from the  
14 transcript proceedings, May 24, 2005. Your Honours, specifically  
14:29:28 15 I will be reading from page 87 of the transcript and I will be  
16 reading, Your Honours, from line 2 to 19 of page 87.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Who is this witness?

18 MR GRAHAM: TF1-334, Your Honours. Your Honours, I will  
19 read from line 3.

14:30:37 20 Q. Mr Brima, lend me your ears.

21 "Q. What happened?

22 "A. As the troops together with their brigade commander  
23 reached Major Eddie Town, Gullit summoned all the other  
24 commanders including the military supervisors; the company  
14:31:12 25 commanders and his deputy, Bazy; the chief of staff,  
26 Five-Five; and they moved together with the operation  
27 commander.

28 "Q. Pause. Who moved together with the operation  
29 commander?



1 "A. I myself moved with the Operation Commander A?  
2 "Q. Where did you move to?  
3 "A. To a field which was located in the town where the  
4 entire troops went.  
14:31:57 5 "Q. What happened when you got there?  
6 "A. As I and the operation commander reached there on that  
7 particular day, Gullit said some villages should be  
8 occupied by come companies and that he is ordering the  
9 operation commander to distribute the battalion commanders  
14:32:21 10 into these various villages, so that they would create  
11 defensive positions around those villages."  
12 That ends my reference, Your Honours. Mr Brima, I'm going  
13 to ask you a few questions in relation to portions of the  
14 transcript that I just read to you. Mr Brima, please tell this  
14:33:00 15 Court, did you command any forces at Colonel Eddie Town?  
16 A. No.  
17 Q. Mr Brima, please tell this Court, did you order the  
18 occupation of Sierra Leonean towns and villages around  
19 Colonel Eddie Town?  
14:33:34 20 A. No.  
21 Q. Did you order the distribution of commanders in surrounding  
22 villages of Colonel Eddie Town?  
23 A. No.  
24 Q. Mr Brima, what then is your response to the excerpts from  
14:33:58 25 the transcript that I just read to you?  
26 A. It is lies.  
27 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.  
28 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to go back again to the  
29 transcript of May 24th, 2005 relating to the testimony of



1 Prosecution witness TF1-334. Your Honours, I will be reading  
2 from page 90 of the transcript. Your Honours, I will be reading  
3 from line 14.

4 Q. Reading from line 14:

14:35:27 5 "Q. What happened when you arrived at where the set was?

6 "A. When I and the brigade commander, the deputy brigade  
7 commander, the deputy -- the military supervisors and  
8 Operation Commander A arrived, the operator channeled and  
9 called on SAJ Musa, informing him that Gullit had arrived.

14:36:03 10 "Q. How do you know that the operator channeled and called  
11 on SAJ Musa?

12 "A. He used the channel number and called, 'Eagle Four,  
13 Black Jah,' that, 'Black Jah ready now waiting.' After  
14 which --

14:36:31 15 "Q. Pause a moment. Just remind us, Eagle stands for  
16 what?

17 "A. This is the call sign for SAJ Musa.

18 "Q. And Black Jah stands for what?

19 "A. The call sign for Gullit."

14:36:58 20 Mr Brima, did you have a call sign Black Jah?

21 A. No.

22 Q. What is your response to the transcript portions I have  
23 just read to you about your alleged call sign?

24 A. That witness has told a lie.

14:37:46 25 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I will once again go back to the  
26 transcripts of 24th May, 2005. Page 91 of May 24th, 2005. This  
27 still relates to the testimony of Prosecution witness TF1-334.  
28 Page 91, reading from line 1 of page 91.

29 Q. "Q. And so what happened then?



1 "A. Well, SAJ informed Gullit that he was sending some  
2 SLAs towards the location.  
3 "Q. Did he say anything else apart from that?  
4 "A. He said that he was sending a commander who is called  
14:39:19 5 O-Five, who will be coming with some SLAs towards our  
6 point; that is Colonel Eddie Town.  
7 "Q. Pause. I want you to repeat the name, please, of the  
8 commander he said he was sending.  
9 "A. This commander was Major O-Five.  
14:39:51 10 "Q. Did Major O-Five have a full name that you're able to  
11 recall?  
12 "A. This was his popular name that he was known for in the  
13 army, O-Five."  
14 That is the end of my reference to the transcript.  
14:40:36 15 Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you: Had you met Commander O-Five  
16 any time prior to him arresting you in Yarya?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. Mr Brima, apart from the account you have given to this  
19 Court about your discovery and arrest by Commander O-Five in  
14:41:14 20 Yarya under instructions of SAJ Musa, has there been any other  
21 occasion when Commander O-Five was ever sent to you by SAJ?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. Mr Brima, please tell this Court, what then is your  
24 response to the portions of the transcript I just read to you?  
14:41:43 25 A. Sir, that part of the transcript you have read to me is a  
26 lie.  
27 Q. Mr Brima, during the period that you were in Colonel Eddie  
28 Town, did you yourself commit the alleged crime of abduction of  
29 civilians?





1 A. No.

2 Q. Mr Brima, during the time that you were in Colonel Eddie  
3 Town, did you yourself commit any killings as alleged in the  
4 indictment?

14:42:58 5 A. No.

6 Q. Mr Brima, during the time that you were in Colonel Eddie  
7 Town, did you engage any civilians in forced labour as alleged by  
8 the indictment?

9 A. No.

14:43:23 10 Q. Mr Brima, during the time that you were in Colonel Eddie  
11 Town, did you yourself visit any physical and sexual violence on  
12 any civilians?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you use any child soldiers during the period that you  
14:43:46 15 were in Colonel Eddie Town?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you engage in looting, you yourself, did you engage in  
18 looting and burning of civilian structures during the period that  
19 you were in Colonel Eddie Town?

14:44:09 20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr Brima, during the period that you were in Colonel Eddie  
22 Town, did you command or order any individuals to cause any  
23 killings of any civilians?

24 A. No.

14:44:29 25 Q. Mr Brima, I ask you: During the period when you were in  
26 Colonel Eddie Town, did you command or order any individuals,  
27 group or groups, to engage in abductions of civilians?

28 A. No, I did not command anybody and I was under house arrest.

29 Q. Mr Brima, it is important I ask you that -- did you command



1 or order any individual, individuals, to commit the alleged crime  
2 of forced labour?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you again, Mr Brima, order or command any individual or  
14:45:37 5 individuals to cause physical and sexual violence to civilians  
6 during the period of your stay in Colonel Eddie Town?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And during the period under reference, did you order or  
9 command any individual or individuals to use child soldiers?

14:46:08 10 A. No.

11 Q. And during the period did you command or order any  
12 individual or individuals to loot and burn civilian structures?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And, Mr Brima, did you plan together with any individual or  
14:46:36 15 groups to cause the commission of any of the alleged crimes in  
16 the indictment during the period that you were in Colonel Eddie  
17 Town?

18 A. Sir, repeat your question.

19 Q. I said, did you plan together with any individuals or  
14:46:59 20 individual to cause the commission of the crimes alleged in the  
21 indictment during the period that you were in Colonel Eddie Town?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you plan any operations during the period that you were  
24 in Colonel Eddie Town?

14:47:30 25 A. No.

26 Q. Did you instigate any operations during the period that you  
27 were in Colonel Eddie Town?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Did you command any operations during the period that you



1 were in Colonel Eddie Town?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. You've stated earlier on before this

4 Court that you went from Kono District to Colonel Eddie Town

14:48:37 5 passing through Pendembu?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Mr Brima, I need to ask you: Did you go through Karina?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Mr Brima, please tell this Court did you go to Mateboi?

14:49:05 10 A. No.

11 Q. Mateboi in the Bombali District. Did you, Mr Brima, go to

12 Bornoya in the Bombali District?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, go to Mayomba in the Bombali District?

14:49:39 15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, go to -- your Honours, if I may spell,

17 Ndarra is spelled N-D-A-R-R-A. Mr Brima, did you go to Ndarra in

18 the Bombali District?

19 A. No.

14:50:08 20 Q. Mr Brima, did you go to Mandaha in the Bombali District?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you go in Kambia in the Bombali District?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Mr Brima, did anything happen at Pendembu on your way from

14:50:32 25 Kono District to Colonel Eddie Town?

26 A. I cannot recall if anything happened.

27 Q. Mr Brima, the areas I just referred to, Karina, Mateboi,

28 Bornoya and the areas, did you at any time command any persons to

29 go to any of these areas?



1 A. No.

2 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, with your permission, I'm going  
3 to be making a reference from the transcript of the proceedings  
4 of May 23rd, 2005. And, Your Honours, I will be reading my  
14:51:33 5 reference from page 57 through to page 58. And relates to the  
6 testimony of Prosecution witness TF1-334. Reading from line 22  
7 of the transcript, page 57. Sorry, reading from line 19.

8 "MS PACK: MIA, Your Honour, 'missing in action,' that's  
9 what I misheard first time around. Thank you, witness. Go  
14:53:06 10 on, please. After these men said this, what happened?

11 "A. So later, Gullit called us and said -- he said Karina  
12 was a statutory point. He said there you have Mandingos.  
13 He said, 'In fact, that's the home town of President Ahmad  
14 Tejan Kabbah.

14:53:39 15 "Q. Now, you said, 'Gullit later called us and said'.  
16 What did he call you to?

17 "A. I said he addressed the whole troop. He addressed the  
18 whole troop.

19 "Q. Was it at the same meeting that he talked about Karina  
14:54:09 20 being a strategic position and the home town of Kabbah?

21 "A. Yes. It was in the same meeting that he called for  
22 the whole troops.

23 "Q. Was anything else said by Gullit at this meeting?

24 "A. Yes.

14:54:36 25 "Q. Before you go on to describe that, I realise I didn't  
26 spell Mandingo, which was a word the witness used,  
27 M-A-N-D-I-N-G-O go on, please, to tell us what else was  
28 said at this meeting.

29 "A. When Gullit was still addressing the troop, he said --





1 he said, 'Now that the troops have left Kono and they've  
2 come through Koinadugu and they've come towards Bombali, he  
3 said they had not heard anything about a troop. He said  
4 Karina should be a place that should be the number one  
14:55:29 5 point of demonstration of the junta forces, especially his  
6 own brigade that he was moving with."  
7 That ends my reference, Your Honours.

8 Mr Brima, I'm going to ask you of you: Did you order that  
9 Karina be attacked and destroyed?

14:56:07 10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you plan that Karina be attacked and destroyed?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, instigate any plan for the attack and  
14 destruction of Karina?

14:56:47 15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, aid and abet any plan for the attack and  
17 destruction of Karina?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever command any troops that attacked and destroyed  
14:57:08 20 Karina?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Mr Brima, did you cause anyone to attack and destroy  
23 Karina?

24 A. No.

14:57:27 25 Q. Mr Brima, were you part of any common plan for the attack  
26 and destruction of Karina?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Mr Brima, did you ever make a statement to the effect that  
29 Karina was the home town of President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah?



1 A. Never have I made that statement.

2 Q. And Mr Brima, please tell this Court, did you ever say that  
3 Karina should be a place that should be the number one point of  
4 demonstration of the junta forces, especially your own brigade  
14:58:26 5 that you were moving with?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Mr Brima, did you ever move with your own brigade to  
8 Karina?

9 A. My rank in the army did not allow me to move with a  
14:58:59 10 brigade, so I have never moved with a brigade.

11 Q. Mr Brima, do you know what a brigade is?

12 A. Brigade, it is a fighting force comprised of three  
13 battalions and the only person that commands a brigade in the  
14 Sierra Leone Army is a colonel or a brigadier. I got into my  
14:59:38 15 rank. I wouldn't be able to even command a platoon. I'll be in  
16 a section, but I will be there be as a leading scout because of  
17 the rank I carry.

18 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know who commands a brigade?

19 MR AGHA: Your Honour, I would object to these questions.  
15:00:00 20 These are questions which require some expertise in military  
21 matters and, according to the accused, he is not of that rank or  
22 position.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, I think that question is  
24 admissible. He has simply been asked how he knows who commands a  
15:00:21 25 brigade. There may be some simple explanation for that. I will  
26 allow the question, Mr Agha.

27 MR GRAHAM:

28 Q. Mr Brima?

29 A. Yes, sir. You should repeat the question.



1 Q. I said how do you know who commands a brigade?

2 A. I am a soldier and I fought under a brigade and battalions  
3 that were under a brigade. I have been in a battalion that was  
4 under a brigade.

15:01:11 5 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall when you fought under a brigade?

6 A. Most of the fighting I did at the front during the NPRC  
7 days while we were fighting against the RUF, I was fighting under  
8 a brigade. For example, if Kenema falls, it was the  
9 responsibility of the 3rd Brigade because the 3rd Brigade was  
10 commanding Kenema and Kailahun, and the 1st Brigade in the Sierra  
11 Leone Army was commanding Bo, Pujehun and Moyamba. And the other  
12 brigade that was in Makeni commanded Kambia, Kono and Bombali  
13 District.

14 MR AGHA: Could we have some foundation?

15:02:34 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Graham, the question has been objected  
16 to on the grounds of foundation.

17 MR GRAHAM: Very well.

18 Q. Mr Brima, how do you know -- how come you know the evidence  
19 you have given before this Court in respect of the brigades in  
15:02:50 20 Makeni?

21 A. Because I am a soldier and, two, at any time we went to  
22 fight at the front, we must go through a brigade. The brigade  
23 that was responsible for the particular districts in which the  
24 attack was launched.

15:03:28 25 Q. Mr Brima, do you know how many men there are in a  
26 battalion?

27 A. Well, it depends on the population in the army. For  
28 example, in the Nigerian Army --

29 MR AGHA: Objection, Your Honour.



1 MR GRAHAM:

2 Q. How do you know, Mr Brima?

3 A. I was taught this in the training school and they used to  
4 tell others a brigade is normally determined according to the  
15:04:08 5 strength of the army or the population of the army. I've  
6 witnessed Nigerian fighting along with us against the RUF. When  
7 the Nigerians talks about a brigade, the brigadier was the  
8 commander and, in Sierra Leone when we talk about a brigade, it  
9 was commanded by a colonel. And the Nigerian brigade, the  
15:04:34 10 population is higher than the Sierra Leone brigade. The Nigerian  
11 company -- one company in Nigeria, the soldiers there are more  
12 than the soldiers in our company in the Sierra Leone Army. That  
13 is why we consider Nigeria, that they are the African Chinese.

14 Q. What do you mean by "we consider"? Who do you mean by  
15:05:09 15 "we"?

16 A. By that I mean, we, the SLA soldiers.

17 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, I've read to you portions  
18 of the testimony of Prosecution witness TF1-334 for this Court  
19 regarding statements that you made in respect of the alleged  
15:05:38 20 attack and destruction of Karina. What do you have to say to  
21 that?

22 A. What I'm saying, that witness, he had told a lie, and I  
23 know that that witness, that he was a witness that was given  
24 token [overlapping speakers].

15:06:04 25 Q. We will come to witness TF1-334 in due course. So just  
26 respond to this specific question. What is your response to the  
27 statements and allegations that I just read to you? Just tell me  
28 your response and we can move on.

29 A. It is lies. It is a lie. It is a lie.





1 MR GRAHAM: Your Honour, I'm going to move on at this point  
2 to the transcripts of the proceedings of this Court on May 23rd,  
3 2005. I will be reading specifically from page 104 and 105. I'm  
4 going to be reading from page 104, starting from line 1.

15:07:54 5 Q. Mr Brima, please lend me your ears.

6 "A. Well, the whole brigade had arrived at Rosos. Gullit  
7 said it would be better that Rosos be taken as a completely  
8 civilian no-go area and that within Rosos and any village  
9 that is within 15 miles of Rosos, there should be no  
15:08:30 10 civilian. And he said he was going to warn anybody who  
11 went on any patrol who came with a civilian to the camp  
12 other than the civilians who were in the camp, he said  
13 discipline actions would be taken against that person.  
14 And, what he knew, nobody, if he captured a civilian out of  
15:09:10 15 Camp Rosos, you should execute him or her. You should not  
16 bring him or her to the camp."

17 That ends my reference from page 104. Mr Brima, I'm going  
18 to ask of you a few questions. Do you know Rosos?

19 A. No.

15:09:49 20 Q. Have you ever been to a place called Rosos, Camp Rosos?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Mr Brima, did you ever order that Camp Rosos be a no-go  
23 area for civilians?

24 A. No.

15:10:19 25 Q. Did you ever order or command anyone to declare Camp Rosos  
26 to be a no-go area?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Mr Brima, were you in command of troops? Were you in  
29 command of any troops that went to Camp Rosos?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you yourself, Mr Brima, engage in any killings in  
3 Camp Rosos?

4 A. No.

15:11:24 5 Q. Did you order or command anyone to cause any killings in  
6 Camp Rosos?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, yourself engage in any abductions in  
9 Camp Rosos?

15:11:50 10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you yourself cause any civilians to engage in forced  
12 labour in Camp Rosos?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, yourself visit any physical and sexual  
15:12:19 15 violence on civilians in Camp Rosos?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you yourself, Mr Brima, use any child soldiers in  
18 Camp Rosos?

19 A. No.

15:12:38 20 Q. Did you yourself, Mr Brima, cause the training of any  
21 children as soldiers in Camp Rosos?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you yourself, Mr Brima, cause any looting and burning  
24 of civilian structures in Camp Rosos?

15:13:03 25 A. No.

26 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, command or order any individual or  
27 individuals to engage in any abductions in Camp Rosos?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Mr Brima, did you command or order any individual or



1 individuals to commit the crime of forced labour, as alleged in

2 the indictment?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you command or order any individual or individuals to

15:13:50 5 visit physical and sexual violence on any civilians in Camp.

6 Rosos?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, command or order anyone, any individual

9 or individuals to train children as soldiers in Camp Rosos?

15:14:13 10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, command or order any individual or

12 individuals to engage in the looting and burning of civilian

13 structures as alleged in the indictment?

14 A. No.

15:14:35 15 Q. Mr Brima, did you have a common plan with any individual or

16 individuals to commit any of the crimes alleged in the indictment

17 in Camp Rosos?

18 A. No.

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I respectfully would want to make

15:15:21 20 a reference, once again, from the transcript of this Court's

21 proceedings of May 23rd, 2005. And, Your Honours, I will be

22 reading from page 52 and also page 53. Then also I will be

23 moving on making further references from page 55 as well. So if

24 those pages can be printed, 52, 53 and 55.

15:16:48 25 Okay, Your Honours, I'm grateful. I will be reading from

26 page 52 starting from line 4.

27 [AFRC12JUN06E - EKD.]

28 MR GRAHAM: With Your Honour's permission I'll read.

29 Q. "Q. After he told you this, did anything happen?"



1 "A. Well, this soldier, Gullit ordered that he be burnt  
2 alive.  
3 "Q. How do you know that Gullit ordered that he be burnt  
4 alive?  
15:17:43 5 "A. Well, I and the operation commander handed over this  
6 man to Gullit. Gullit said -- he said there was no need  
7 for this man to come before him, because he was a betrayer.  
8 As an SLA, instead of them to be on the side of the SLA,  
9 they were with the South Africans who attacked the SLA, so  
15:18:28 10 this man should be burnt alive."  
11 That ends my reference. Mr Brima, lend me your ears. I  
12 have a few questions to ask of you. Mr Brima, did you order the  
13 burning alive of any person anywhere in the territory of  
14 Sierra Leone?  
15:19:08 15 A. No.  
16 Q. Did you order the burning -- I'm sorry. Mr Brima, you've  
17 heard the portion of the transcript that I've just read to you.  
18 What do you have to say in response to that?  
19 A. All that you've read from that transcript is a lie.  
15:19:56 20 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be continuing with  
21 my references to the transcripts. This time it is May 23rd,  
22 2005, page 53 of the transcript relating to the testimony of  
23 Prosecution witness TF1-334. I will be reading from line 15 to  
24 18 of page 53.  
15:20:39 25 Q. Line 15:  
26 "Q. Now, after this was said, was anything else said by  
27 Gullit?  
28 "A. They said the village should be burnt down so and I  
29 the other soldiers whom Gullit appointed, we moved





1 immediately to the village and set the village on fire."

2 That ends my reference. Mr Brima, did you order the  
3 burning of any village in the territory of the Republic of  
4 Sierra Leone?

15:21:50 5 A. No.

6 Q. Have you commanded or ordered any individual, individuals,  
7 group or groups to burn any village or villages in the territory  
8 of the Republic of Sierra Leone?

9 A. No.

15:22:18 10 Q. Have you ever engaged or been involved in a common plan  
11 with any individual or individuals to cause the burning of any  
12 village or villages in the territory of the Republic of  
13 Sierra Leone?

14 A. No.

15:22:45 15 Q. What then, Mr Brima, tell this Court, is your response to  
16 the portion of the transcript I've just read to you?

17 A. It is a lie, everything that you've read to me.

18 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be making another  
15:23:17 20 reference from page 55 of the transcript of the proceedings of  
21 May 23rd, 2005, relating to the testimony of Prosecution witness  
22 TF1-334. Your Honours, page 55. I will be reading from line 16  
23 to line 26. Sorry, Your Honours, I will be reading from line 14.

24 Q. "Q. After you reported the civilians to Gullit, did  
15:24:16 25 anything happen?

26 "A. They said they should be an example because he had  
27 told them at Mansofinia that any civilian who attempted to  
28 run away should be shot on sight. So he said these  
29 civilians had nothing to say and they should be commuted



1 immediately.

2 "Q. After Gullit had said this, did anything happen?

3 "A. In fact, it was in front of me that Gullit was  
4 standing by and the other senior military officers were  
15:25:17 5 there when they fired at these civilians.

6 "Q. Who fired at these civilians?

7 "A. Well, Gullit gave the order to the commanders. And  
8 the A Company commander fired them."

9 Mr Brima, had you ever made any statement in Mansofinia to  
15:26:17 10 the effect that any civilian who attempted to run away should be  
11 shot on sight?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, give any orders for any civilians to be  
14 shot, as alleged by Prosecution witness TF1-334, as alleged in  
15:27:05 15 the statement I just read to you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Mr Brima, tell this Court your response, if any, to the  
18 portions of the transcript I just read to you?

19 A. That part that you've read to me, everything is a lie.

15:27:40 20 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr Brima. Your Honours, I'm going  
21 to be making another reference once again from the transcript of  
22 the proceedings on May 23rd, 2005. I will be reading  
23 specifically from page 83. Your Honours, I will be making  
24 another reference, as a sequel to this, from page 85 of the  
15:28:26 25 transcript of May 23rd, 2005. If those copies could be printed  
26 for Your Honours as well. I'm grateful. I'll be reading from  
27 page 83 starting from line 12.

28 "Q. Witness, you said something happened in relation to

29 Freaky and then you mentioned the name Coachy Borno. Just



1 take up what you were telling us again, please.

2 "A. Gullit told Coachy Borno to write a letter in my  
3 presence and this letter he told Coachy Borno to write that  
4 now the SLA is moving, it is moving towards Makeni, so this  
15:30:21 5 is a warning to all civilians, according to the letter.  
6 That if they continue to support the ECOMOG forces they are  
7 the -- you see these people with this letter, they are  
8 going to end up just like them. So he is warning the  
9 Makeni people that they should resist the ECOMOG forces or  
15:30:53 10 else they will end up just like the people who were taking  
11 the letter to them. They told Freaky to amputate the three  
12 people after he has read the letter. Well, I listen and  
13 the other soldiers around were listening.  
14 "Q. Pause.

15:31:25 15 "A. And Freaky amputated --

16 "Q. How do you know that these things were said by  
17 Gullit?"

18 That ends my reference in the transcript. Mr Brima, I'm  
19 going to ask of you do you know one Coachy Borno?

15:31:57 20 A. No.

21 Q. Have you ever met any individual by the name Coachy Borno?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Have you ever asked an individual by the name Coachy Borno  
24 to write a letter in your presence?

15:32:25 25 A. I have never asked a person yet. If I want to write a  
26 letter, I can write it for myself because I know how to write.

27 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima. Mr Brima, did you ever order a letter  
28 to be written warning the people of Makeni against -- warning the  
29 people of Makeni? I didn't hear your response. I'll repeat the



1 question again, Mr Brima, thank you. Did you ever order or  
2 command an individual by the name Coachy Borno to write a letter  
3 warning the people of Makeni?

4 A. No, no.

15:33:48 5 Q. Have you ever caused anyone to command or order a letter to  
6 be written warning the people of Makeni?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Mr Brima, did you -- did you order the amputation of any  
9 individuals as alleged by Prosecution witness TF1-334 in the  
15:34:23 10 reference that I just read to you?

11 A. I have never given somebody those instructions to say he  
12 should write for people's limbs to be amputated and take the  
13 letter to Makeni. If I want to write, I can write for myself.  
14 So that witness, what he has said is a lie.

15:35:02 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

16 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, with your permission I want to  
17 make another reference from the transcript of the proceedings of  
18 May 23rd, 2005, specifically page 85. Your Honours, I'll be  
19 reading from line 13 of page 85. With Your Honours' permission I  
15:35:56 20 will read line 13.

21 Q. "Q. Pause a moment. We have heard about Tito before.  
22 Your Honours, that was Lieutenant Tito, commander of  
23 A Company. Tito took these policemen to Gullit. Did  
24 anything else happen after that?

15:36:29 25 "A. Yes.

26 "Q. What happened?

27 "A. Well, Gullit tried -- he cautioned these police  
28 officers for them to show them strategic positions in that  
29 area. But the police officers said they didn't have any





1 idea because they were only based at the checkpoint. They  
2 were based in Makeni. They only came to the checkpoint to  
3 work, so Gullit said the policemen [sic] were not saying  
4 the truth. So he asked --  
15:37:22 5 "Q. Pause.  
6 "A. -- Tito to shot them.  
7 "Q. Pause. After Gullit asked Tito to shoot the police  
8 officers, did anything happen?  
9 "A. Yes."  
15:37:46 10 Mr Brima, do you remember -- first let me ask you,  
11 Mr Brima, do you know a Lieutenant Tito was commander of  
12 A Company.  
13 A. Yes, I know Tito.  
14 Q. How do you know Tito?  
15:38:24 15 A. Tito was my squad mate. We all trained in the army the  
16 same year.  
17 Q. Do you know where Tito is now?  
18 A. Tito, I told this Court last week that Junior Lion had  
19 fired and killed Tito. Tito had died.  
15:38:58 20 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall Lieutenant Tito ever bringing you  
21 some police officers?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. Did you ever recall asking these police -- cautioning these  
24 police officers to show you strategic positions in an area?  
15:39:34 25 A. No.  
26 Q. Did you ever ask Tito to shoot any policemen?  
27 A. No.  
28 Q. Mr Brima, what then is your response, if any, to the  
29 allegations by Prosecution witness TF1-334 which I just read to



1 you?

2 A. That witness, 334, lied and he is a witness that is paid.

3 JUDGE DOHERTY: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the last part of  
4 the answer properly. Could he repeat it.

15:40:34 5 MR GRAHAM:

6 Q. Could you please repeat the last portion of your evidence  
7 to the hearing of the Court, Mr Brima?

8 A. I said the witness said lies and that witness is a paid  
9 witness.

15:41:04 10 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be making, with your  
11 permission, another reference from the transcript of the  
12 proceedings of May 23rd, 2005, specifically page 105.

13 Q. Mr Brima, at the appropriate time we'll make an application  
14 before this Court to go into closed session and then you'll have  
15:42:16 15 an opportunity to tell this Court what you want to tell this  
16 Court about Prosecution witness TF1-334. We'll get there.

17 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be reading from page  
18 105 of the transcript of 23rd May 2005, and with your permission  
19 I will read from line 9 of page 105.

15:42:40 20 Q. Reading from line 9 :

21 "Q. What do you mean when you say jarjar?

22 "A. By that it means to completely clear. For example, if  
23 we were to jarjar within this place, everything that is of  
24 importance, whether food, meat, a good thing that is  
15:43:14 25 important, we take everything.

26 "Q. So Captain Junior Sheriff talked about jarjar. Was  
27 anything else said by him or anyone else on this occasion?

28 "A. When he said so, Gullit was happy. He said... 'I will  
29 declare an Operation Clear the Area from now on.' As I



1 say, 15 miles off Rosos should be no-go zone for civilians  
2 and the villages surrounding that should be completely  
3 burnt down so that nobody would be able to make a trace  
4 where the brigade or the troops are heading for."  
15:44:18 5 That end my reference. Mr Brima, do you know the meaning  
6 of jarjar?  
7 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, if I may spell with your  
8 permission jarjar in the transcript is spelt J-A-R-J-A-R.  
9 Q. Do you know the meaning of jarjar?  
15:44:54 10 A. No.  
11 Q. Do you know one Captain Junior Sheriff?  
12 A. Yes, I know Junior Sheriff.  
13 Q. How do you know Captain Junior Sheriff?  
14 A. I know him as a soldier. I also know him as one of my  
15:45:26 15 training instructor and I was in his platoon during this training  
16 when I was at Benguema.  
17 Q. Do you ever recall Captain Junior Sheriff talking about  
18 jarjar?  
19 A. No.  
15:46:05 20 Q. Do you recall ever declaring an operation by name Operation  
21 Clear the Area?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. Did you, Mr Brima, ever declare Operation Clear the Area  
24 within the 15 miles area around Rosos?  
15:46:48 25 A. I never remember that I declared those operations and I  
26 never -- I was never in the place and I never declared an  
27 operation. I was a corporal. How would I command a captain?  
28 Q. Mr Brima, do you recall ever making an order that the  
29 villages found in a 15-mile radius of Rosos should be completely



1 burned down so that nobody would be able to make a trace of where  
2 the brigade or troops were heading for?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Mr Brima, I ask of you again, is it that you do not  
15:48:08 5 remember making this declaration or that you never made it at  
6 all?

7 A. I never made those type of statements.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, back again to making a reference  
15:48:43 10 from the transcript of the proceedings of this Court of May 23rd,  
11 2005, page 48 and page 49. Your Honours, with your permission I  
12 will read starting from line 5 of page 48.

13 Q. "Q. Did anything happen at this village?

14 "A. Yes.

15:50:10 15 "Q. What happened at this village?

16 "A. I and the other soldiers captured this village and  
17 captured this herbalist, Tamba Tamba Sewa, after which  
18 Tamba Tamba Sewa -- I and other troops handed over Tamba  
19 Tamba Sewa to the brigade commander.

15:50:55 20 "Q. Just remind us who the brigade commander was.

21 "A. Tamba Alex Brima, Gullit.

22 "Q. Did anything happen after you handed over Tamba Tamba  
23 Sewa to the brigade commander, that you saw?

24 "A. Well, in front of me, Tamba Tamba Sewa pleaded that,  
15:51:23 25 let him not be killed. Later he said he would do something  
26 for the troops which would make this troop to advance  
27 anywhere it wanted to go. So later, Gullit agreed.

28 "Q. Just pause there to allow Their Honours to write this  
29 down. Tamba Tamba Sewa, the herbalist, having said this,





1 did you see anything else done or said?"

2 That ends my reference. Mr Brima, I'm going to ask of you

3 a few questions and, with Your Honour's permission, I will spell

4 the name Tamba Tamba Sewa. Tamba is spelt T-A-M-B-A and Sewa is

15:52:25 5 spelt S-E-W-A. Have you ever met, Mr Brima, a person by the name

6 Tamba Tamba Sewa?

7 A. No, not a day have I met a person called Tamba Tamba Sewa.

8 Q. Have you ever heard of this name before, Mr Brima?

9 A. Yes.

15:53:01 10 Q. Can you please tell this Court when --excuse me,

11 Your Honour. Can you tell this Court how you are able to know

12 the name Tamba Tamba Sewa?

13 A. I came to know this name, Tamba Tamba Sewa, in this Court

14 when witness 334 was testifying before this Court.

15:53:44 15 Q. Did a person or an individual by the name Tamba Tamba Sewa

16 ever plead with you for his life, plead with you that he not be

17 killed?

18 A. I don't know a person named so, so the name, the person you

19 called Tamba Tamba Sewa has never a day begged me.

15:54:27 20 Q. So what then is your response to the portions of the

21 transcript that I just read to you?

22 A. My answer says it is a lie.

23 Q. Thank you, Mr Brima.

24 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm going to be making another

15:54:47 25 reference to the transcript of May 23rd, 2005, specifically page

26 49. The transcript of the proceedings of this Court May 23rd,

27 2005, specifically page 49.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Go ahead, Mr Graham.

29 MR GRAHAM: Thank you, Your Honours. Your Honour, I will



1 be reading from line 20 of page 49 of the transcript of the  
2 proceedings of May 23rd, 2005. With Your Honour's permission, I  
3 will start reading from line 20.

4 Q. "Q. You were talking about Tamba Tamba Sewa tied ropes or  
15:55:56 5 something like that and sprinkled water on everyone. Was  
6 it 'rope' or 'root'? Just say the word clearly, please,  
7 for Their Honours to hear it.

8 "A. It was a rope that they used to make ceremonies.  
9 These were the ropes that were tied on everyone."

10 Mr Brima, were you ever involved in a ceremony by Tamba  
11 Tamba Sewa?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Were you ever involved in a ceremony with Tamba Tamba Sewa  
14 which involved the sprinkling of water on all who were present?

15:57:05 15 A. No.

16 Q. What, then, is your response, Mr Brima, to the portions of  
17 the transcript that I just read to you?

18 A. It is a lie. That witness had lied.

19 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, once again, back to the  
15:57:40 20 transcript of the proceedings of this Court of May 23rd, 2005,  
21 specifically pages 68 and 69. Of the transcript of the  
22 proceedings of May 23rd, 2005, pages 68 and 69. Grateful,  
23 Your Honour. I'm going to be reading from page 68 starting from  
24 line 1.

15:58:44 25 Q. "Q. Tell us please.

26 "A. I was moving, I met Gullit, the brigade commander. I  
27 moved with him further into the town of Karina and we met a  
28 mosque at Karina.

29 "Q. When you got to the mosque in Karina, did anything



1           happen?

2           "A. Yes.

3           "Q. What happened at the mosque in Karina?

4           "A. While I was standing, Gullit was standing with some

15:59:24 5           soldiers who were by him. Gullit had to question the imam

6           in the mosque.

7           "Q. Do you remember what Gullit was saying to the imam in

8           the mosque?

9           "JUDGE THOMPSON: Your Honour --"

15:59:47 10           Where the transcript reads "Judge Thompson," I think it

11           should be "Ms Thompson."

12           "Your Honour, we have to establish whether the person

13           referred to as Gullit did say anything.

14           "MS PACK: I must have misheard it. But I did think I

16:00:03 15           heard the witness say he had to say something to imam at

16           the mosque, and I followed with 'What?'.

17           "PRESIDING JUDGE: What I have is, 'While I was standing,

18           Gullit had to question the imam.' That is what I had. I

19           wasn't sure if it was the 'imam' or 'the man'.

16:00:24 20           "MS PACK: I will ask the witness to make that clear.

21           "Q. Whom did Gullit question at the mosque; was it a man

22           or what?

23           "A. It was the imam -- the imam that was in charge of the

24           mosque who was leading prayers.

16:00:46 25           "Q. Did you hear what Gullit said to the imam at the

26           mosque?

27           "A. Yes.

28           "Q. What did Gullit say to the imam at the mosque?

29           "A. Gullit told the imam that -- he said, 'You, you are



1 the one" - Your Honours, I'm moving on to page 69 - "you  
2 are the one that pray for people. You are one of Pa  
3 Kabbah's family. You are the one that have prayed for  
4 people. So you are the worst people here.' Then the imam  
16:01:23 5 replied saying, 'I am not a Madingo; I am not Pa Kabbah's  
6 relative; I am a Limba.' While the imam was talking, he  
7 tried to speak in Limba.  
8 "Ms Pack: Just two proper nouns, Your Honour, were  
9 Madingo... you've heard before and Limba... you've also  
16:01:53 10 heard before.  
11 "Q. Go on.  
12 "A. Gullit had to tell him that he had to keep his mouth  
13 shut, that he was lying and that he should not change his  
14 language. He was not a Limba; he was one of the Madingo  
16:02:17 15 people. While this was going on, Gullit had to take his  
16 Magnum that he had been using and shot at this imam right  
17 in front of me, and he shot the other people who were in  
18 the mosque.  
19 "Q. Pause. What did he shoot the imam and the people  
16:02:45 20 with?  
21 "A. He had a Magnum pistol, which he held, which takes  
22 about 12 rounds."  
23 That ends my reference to that transcript. Mr Brima,  
24 you've told this Court you did not go to Karina. You've told  
16:03:14 25 this Court you did not order or command any forces in Karina.  
26 But I have to put this to you because, as you read, it is a  
27 specific allegation being made by Prosecution witness TF1-334.  
28 Did you shoot anyone at Karina, Mr Brima?  
29 A. No.





1 Q. Did you shoot any imam at Karina?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Have you ever shot any imam in the territory of the  
4 Republic of Sierra Leone, Mr Brima?

16:04:02 5 A. No.

6 MR GRAHAM: Your Honours, I'm looking at the time.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: If that is a convenient place, Mr Graham,  
8 we'll adjourn now.

9 MR GRAHAM: That is so, Your Honour. I'm grateful.

16:04:26 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Brima, once again I caution you please  
11 do not discuss the evidence with anybody else. We're going to  
12 adjourn court now. We'll adjourn to 9.15 tomorrow morning.

13 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.01 p.m.,  
14 to be reconvened on Tuesday, the 13th day of  
16:05:32 15 June 2005, at 9.15 a.m.]

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