

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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9.25 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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1 [AFRC19SEP05A - SV]  
2 [Monday, 19 September 2005]  
3 [Accused Brima, Kamara and Kanu present]  
4 [Open session]  
09:16:31 5 [Upon commencing at 9.25 a.m.]  
6 WITNESS: TF1-167 [Continued]  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Ms Thompson. Good morning.  
8 Unless there is some other matters to be attended to I will  
9 remind the witness of his oath. Mr Witness, do you recall last  
09:29:56 10 week you took the oath and promised to tell the truth?  
11 THE WITNESS: Yes, madam.  
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: That promise is still binding on you and  
13 we will now be having questions from the Defence counsel. You  
14 are obliged by oath to answer those questions truthfully. Do you  
09:30:12 15 understand this?  
16 THE WITNESS: Yes, My Lord.  
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Ms Thompson, I note you rise  
18 to your feet first. Please proceed.  
19 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MS THOMPSON:  
09:30:24 20 MS THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honour.  
21 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.  
22 A. Good morning.  
23 Q. Mr Witness, can you tell this Court the first time you met  
24 Tamba Brima?  
09:30:44 25 A. I've known Alex Tamba Brima since the regime of the NPRC  
26 government. That was in 1992.  
27 Q. Where did you first meet him?  
28 A. I could not remember a specific place.  
29 Q. Can you remember under what circumstance you met him?



1 A. At the time we meet we are fighting against the RUF.  
2 Q. Where were you fighting against the RUF?  
3 A. At Kono.  
4 Q. And on whose behalf were you fighting?  
09:31:38 5 A. We are fighting on behalf of the country.  
6 Q. Were you in the Sierra Leone Army then?  
7 A. At that time I was a volunteer soldier.  
8 Q. In the Sierra Leone Army?  
9 A. Yes.  
09:31:53 10 Q. Can you remember whether you were fighting within a  
11 battalion?  
12 A. Yes, I was fighting under the 4th Battalion.  
13 Q. And the 4th Battalion was based where?  
14 A. It was based at Kenema.  
09:32:14 15 Q. And who was your commander?  
16 A. I was working directly under the undersecretary of state  
17 eastern province, Tom Nyuma.  
18 Q. Was Tom Nyuma the commander of the 4th Battalion?  
19 A. No, the commander of the 4th Battalion was called Colonel  
09:32:36 20 Deen.  
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could we have some spellings, please?  
22 MS THOMPSON: Deen?  
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, sorry, and Tony Ema [sic].  
24 MS THOMPSON: Tom Nyuma. Sorry, Your Honour, that was a  
09:32:51 25 spelling we had in examination-in-chief. That's why I didn't  
26 bother.  
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. If it's the same person, that's  
28 fine.  
29 MS THOMPSON:



1 Q. Deen is D-E-E-N, am I right, Mr Witness?  
2 A. D-E-E-N.  
3 Q. Colonel Deen, do you know the initials of Colonel Deen?  
4 A. No.  
09:33:09 5 Q. Now, how long were you fighting in Kono for?  
6 A. It was for a very short period.  
7 Q. Can you recall from when to when?  
8 A. No.  
9 Q. Can you recall where you went to after you left Kono?  
09:33:37 10 A. After Kono I returned back to Kenema.  
11 Q. To do what?  
12 A. To still work under the undersecretary of state defence,  
13 Tom Nyuma.  
14 Q. Now, do you regard yourself as a soldier?  
09:33:59 15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Did you describe yourself as a soldier?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Would you describe yourself as a good soldier?  
19 A. Yes.  
09:34:07 20 Q. Do you know the difference between a battalion and a  
21 company?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Can you tell the Court the difference, please?  
24 A. A battalion -- in a battalion we have four companies in the  
09:34:28 25 battalion.  
26 Q. What about the difference between a brigadier and a  
27 colonel?  
28 A. A brigadier carries three button and a crown and a colonel  
29 carries two button and a crown.



1 Q. During the period you were in the jungle would you say you  
2 performed well as a soldier?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you would agree with me that that was why you were  
09:35:07 5 given the rapid promotions that you've told us about?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Because, according to you, you started off as a sergeant in  
8 1997; not so?

9 A. Yes.

09:35:24 10 Q. And by 1999 you were a lieutenant-colonel?

11 A. Colonel.

12 Q. You were a colonel. And you'd agree with me if I say to  
13 you that the military is an institution which you like?

14 A. Yes.

09:35:44 15 Q. And - correct me if I'm wrong - your father disapproved of  
16 you joining the military; is that not so?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you ran away to join the military without his approval?

19 A. Yes.

09:36:03 20 Q. The nickname Lion, how did you get that name?

21 A. I got it from the late Corporal Foday Saybana Sankoh.

22 Q. Was that because you were a fierce fighter?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Why? Why did he nickname you Lion?

09:36:25 25 A. Because he too was using the nickname Lion and the time I  
26 contacted with him he had to tell me that I should be Junior Lion  
27 because he's Lion.

28 Q. And Lion is the animal that is commonly referred to as king  
29 of the jungle?





1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. So you were sort of a junior king of the jungle. Would you  
3 agree with me if I say that?

4 A. Well, that was not why I was given the name. Why I was  
09:37:05 5 given the name was just because he was using Lion and I was using  
6 Lion. To differentiate us, so had to call me Junior Lion.

7 Q. Now, when did you meet Foday Sankoh?

8 A. I met Foday Sankoh after the signing of the peace process  
9 on my arrival when I came to take my appointment as chief  
09:37:30 10 security to Johnny Paul.

11 Q. Was that when he gave you the name Junior Lion?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So when did he give you the name Junior Lion?

14 A. I was at around Four Mile, when we pulled out from  
09:37:46 15 Freetown. At that time he was under arrest. So I had a  
16 communication set that I had to link up with the Sierra Leone  
17 government for me to be able to talk to him so that we can open  
18 the way for peace.

19 Q. Was this after the first or the second pull out from  
09:38:05 20 Freetown?

21 A. The second pull out after January 6.

22 Q. So is it your evidence that the first time you used the  
23 name Junior Lion was after 1999 -- sorry, was --

24 A. It was in 1999.

09:38:24 25 Q. 1999, yes. That was the first time you used the name  
26 Junior Lion?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Mr Witness, that is not true, is it?

29 A. It's true.



1 Q. The name Junior Lion had been with you since you were in  
2 the jungle?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Now, when you were fighting, your evidence is that you were  
09:38:45 5 a member of the SLA and you were fighting for the SLA?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And is it the case that you believed in the cause of the  
8 SLA, you believed in what the SLA was fighting for?

9 A. Yes.

09:38:56 10 Q. Which included the restoration of the SLA?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, you told this Court that you joined the army in 1993;  
13 is that right?

14 A. Yes.

09:39:15 15 Q. Before 1993 what were you doing?

16 A. I was a schoolboy.

17 Q. When you joined the army in '93, if I understand you right,  
18 you joined in Kenema?

19 A. Yes.

09:39:38 20 Q. Was there a training school in Kenema?

21 A. There was no training school. That was why I said I was a  
22 volunteer soldier fighting alongside with the army.

23 Q. When you say you were a volunteer soldier, were other  
24 soldiers there as a result of conscription? Do you know what I  
09:40:00 25 mean? Were they forced or were they ordered to be in the army?  
26 Was there a law in Sierra Leone saying that you must join the  
27 army at a particular age?

28 A. No, there was no law, but when the war has been intensified  
29 to fight for our country, I decided to volunteer to fight for the



1 country.

2 Q. So that's what you mean by volunteer soldier?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Now, when you joined up as a volunteer soldier can you just  
09:40:38 5 tell us, please, what office did you go to to say "I want to be a  
6 volunteer soldier, can I sign up please"?

7 A. No.

8 Q. You did not go to any particular office?

9 A. I did not go to any office.

09:40:50 10 Q. So how did you become a member of the SLA?

11 A. I was encouraged to be a member of the SLA by Tom Nyuma  
12 because he was my friend.

13 Q. So did you just wake up one morning, go to Tom Nyuma and he  
14 gives you a uniform and says, "Here you are, Mr Johnson, go and  
09:41:13 15 fight"?

16 A. No. He was coming to my training school at Kenema, so he  
17 had to tell me one day that I should try to be a military man  
18 because I am fit for that. So he tried to convince me. So as  
19 time goes on, I sneaked from my father's house and went to him.

09:41:40 20 Q. What training school were you at?

21 A. The time I was a volunteer. Later I was then brought to  
22 the Benguema training school.

23 Q. Sorry, you misunderstand me. You said "I was at my  
24 training school when Tom Nyuma came."

09:42:00 25 A. At my gym. The sports training school.

26 Q. Now, the question I asked was how did you come -- we know  
27 and you've told us that Tom Nyuma encouraged you. So how did  
28 this materialise?

29 A. That is what I'm explaining.



1 Q. Where did you report? Did you report to a particular  
2 place?  
3 A. To Tom Nyuma at his house and later he brought us to the  
4 4th Battalion brigade headquarter in Kenema.

09:42:30 5 Q. When you say "us", who is "us"?  
6 A. I and other volunteer soldiers.  
7 Q. Were you given any training at that stage?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. What was your training on?

09:42:40 10 A. He gave us basics on tactics, weapon handling, firing and  
11 manoeuvring.  
12 Q. Can you remember the names of some of the people you  
13 trained with at that stage?  
14 A. Yes.

09:42:55 15 Q. Who?  
16 A. Idrissa Sogbeh, Vandam, Bravo and those I could remember.

17 Q. Did you have a platoon commander?  
18 A. Yes, we had a platoon sergeant by the name of Staff  
19 Phillip.

09:43:24 20 Q. What about a company commander?  
21 A. We were not up to a company.  
22 Q. Were you given a number?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. Can you remember the number?

09:43:32 25 A. Yes.  
26 Q. Can you tell us, please?  
27 A. SLBG1717.  
28 Q. How long did your training last?  
29 A. Just two weeks, then we were sent to the front.





1 Q. What front?  
2 A. At Kailahun.  
3 Q. And how long were you at Kailahun for?  
4 A. Just a week.  
09:44:09 5 Q. You fought for all of one week? You fought for all of one  
6 week?  
7 A. No.  
8 Q. What happened?  
9 A. We had some intervals during that week. After fighting, we  
09:44:21 10 rest; fight, we rest, and we were sent to call.  
11 Q. You were sent to, sorry?  
12 A. We were sent to call by Tom Nyuma back to Kenema.  
13 Q. At that stage were you given a rank?  
14 A. No.  
09:44:36 15 Q. And apart from that time in Kailahun, that was the only  
16 fighting you did at that stage?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. Where else did you fight?  
19 A. Fought at Pujehun.  
09:45:00 20 Q. When? After Kailahun?  
21 A. Kono.  
22 Q. Was that Pujehun after Kailahun?  
23 A. No, Pujehun was the first, to Kono, to Pendembu, Kailahun.  
24 Q. All in all, how long would you say you spent fighting the  
09:45:27 25 rebels after your initial training in 1993?  
26 A. We fought the rebels throughout --  
27 Q. No, I mean you. You, as a fighter, how long would you say  
28 you spent fighting rebels? You told us about a week in Kailahun.  
29 How long together would you say you spent fighting?



1 A. Since I was a volunteer soldier in 1993 up to the end of  
2 the NPRC regime we were fighting the rebels.  
3 Q. You were at the war front from 93 to 96?  
4 A. No.  
09:46:07 5 Q. Well the NPRC regime ended in 1996; did it not?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. So how long did you spend fighting the rebels?  
8 A. I cannot give a specific time because at all time when  
9 there is a rebel attack my boss used to call up on us, we'd go  
09:46:30 10 there, we'd fight and come back to our base.  
11 Q. Were you receiving salary at that stage?  
12 A. Yes, I was getting an allowance.  
13 Q. From whom?  
14 A. Pardon?  
09:46:45 15 Q. Who was paying you?  
16 A. Tom Nyuma.  
17 Q. Directly?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Would I be right in saying that you were a vigilante and  
09:46:58 20 not a member of the SLA?  
21 A. Yes, I was a vigilante. That's why I said a volunteer  
22 soldier for a certain period and I went to train at Benguema  
23 training school.  
24 Q. When did you go to train at Benguema training school?  
09:47:16 25 A. In 1994.  
26 Q. How long did your training last?  
27 A. A month with the Executive Outcomes.  
28 Q. Would that be a crash course? Would you describe that  
29 month as a crash course?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you know who your platoon commander is -- was at

3 Benguema?

4 A. My platoon commander, yes.

09:47:53 5 Q. Who was he?

6 A. Sergeant Sesay.

7 Q. Who was your company commander?

8 A. My company commander was Lieutenant SS Marah.

9 Q. And your adjutant?

09:48:11 10 A. My adjutant was Set Marah.

11 Q. What was his rank?

12 A. He was a captain.

13 MS THOMPSON: Your Honours, Marah is M-A-R-A-H.

14 Q. Is that your -- Mr Witness, M-A-R-A-H?

09:48:31 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you said Set; is --

17 A. Set Marah.

18 Q. S-E-T?

19 A. S-E-T Marah.

09:48:39 20 Q. Can you remember the month you entered Benguema?

21 A. It was in May.

22 Q. May 1994?

23 A. 94.

24 Q. Okay. And you started at the beginning of May?

09:48:53 25 A. We started mid-May.

26 Q. So you would have left in mid-June?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Were you given a number then?

29 A. Yes.



1 Q. When were you given that number?  
2 A. Soon I reach the Benguema training school for training.  
3 Q. Okay, and what was your number?  
4 A. SLA18173553.  
09:49:23 5 Q. Do you know who the person was with the number just below  
6 yours?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Who was he?  
9 A. He was called Vandam, I don't know his full name.  
09:49:38 10 Q. You don't know his full name?  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. But you trained with this person for an entire month?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. What about the person with the number just above you?  
09:49:49 15 A. Idrissa Sugbe.  
16 Q. Is this the same person who was a vigilante with you?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could we have some spellings please.  
19 MS THOMPSON:  
09:50:03 20 Q. Is Sugbe, S-U-G-B-E?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. And Vandam is that V-A-N-D-A-M?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. Is that one word or two words?  
09:50:19 25 A. One word.  
26 MS THOMPSON: I beg your pardon, Your Honours.  
27 Q. When you left the Benguema training school what rank were  
28 you?  
29 A. I was still a private soldier.





1 Q. You were still a private soldier?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. When did you first become a private soldier?  
4 A. Since I was a vigilante I was a private soldier. I had no  
09:50:40 5 rank.  
6 Q. You had no rank, so you were not a private soldier, you  
7 were a vigilante; not so?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. You have told us that you did not have a rank; not so?  
09:50:50 10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. So the first time you became a private soldier, I'm putting  
12 it to you, was after Benguema?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. Who did you receive salary from? Sorry, did you receive  
09:51:05 15 any salary at this stage?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. From who?  
18 A. From the battalion paymaster who was called Lieutenant  
19 Forbie.  
09:51:16 20 Q. How do you spell Forbie?  
21 A. F-O-R-B-I-E.  
22 Q. Now you say battalion paymaster, what battalion was that?  
23 A. It was called -- it was called the Body Body.  
24 Q. The Body Body Battalion?  
09:51:40 25 A. Yeah.  
26 Q. Is that as in B-O-D-Y B-O-D-Y?  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. And where was that based?  
29 A. After our training we were sent back to our boss called Tom



1 Nyuma - at that time he was undersecretary of state, defence -  
2 while the remaining fighters we trained with were sent to Joru?  
3 Q. When you say you were sent back to your boss Tom Nyuma  
4 where was Tom Nyuma stationed then?  
09:52:22 5 A. At the time he was the undersecretary of state, defence, in  
6 Freetown and we were up the Hill Station.  
7 Q. Who was Tom Nyuma's boss?  
8 A. Tom Nyuma's boss was Maada Bio, the president, because he  
9 was the defence minister.  
09:52:52 10 Q. So after this month's training you were sent to Hill  
11 Station?  
12 A. Yeah.  
13 Q. You did not go to the war front?  
14 A. We used to go to the war front. At any time when rebel  
09:53:06 15 attacks we would go and fight and come back to Hill Station.  
16 Q. Did you stay in a barracks whilst you were in Freetown?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. And whilst you were based at Hill Station what did you do?  
19 A. I was a security.  
09:53:38 20 Q. So at the height of the rebel war in Sierra Leone you were  
21 being a security to Tom Nyuma, is that it?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. That's your evidence?  
24 A. Yes.  
09:53:48 25 Q. And from time to time you'd go to the war front and come  
26 back?  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. When did you go to Kono? You mentioned in  
29 evidence-in-chief that you went to Kono, when did you go there?



1 A. I went to Kono on the first attack at Kono -- no, the  
2 second attack of Kono, the third attack on Kono and from Kono I  
3 was arrested and brought to Pademba Road.

4 Q. Which attack on Kono were you arrested?

09:54:27 5 A. It was after the third attack.

6 Q. And what were you doing there?

7 A. At this time before I was arrested, after the attack we  
8 came to Freetown and I went on AWOL back to Kono without a  
9 military pass. So I was on my own at Kono till I was arrested.

09:54:52 10 Q. What were you doing there?

11 A. Well, I went to find mineral stones.

12 Q. You went to find mineral stones and what happened with  
13 these mineral stones? Did you find any?

14 A. Yes.

09:55:18 15 Q. And what happened to it?

16 A. It was with me.

17 Q. So why were you arrested?

18 A. Because I did not tender it to my boss.

19 Q. Is it not the case you were arrested because you killed  
09:55:36 20 someone in Kono?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Now, by that time Tom Nyuma was in Hill Station, that's  
23 your evidence; not so?

24 A. Yes.

09:55:50 25 Q. Okay. Now, Mr Witness, you've made several rather lengthy  
26 statements to investigators of the Special Court, not so?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Do you recall making one on 6th May 2003?

29 A. Yes.



1 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I have the statement of 6th May  
2 2003. What I don't have - and I've explained this to my learned  
3 friends on the other side - is the registry numbers for these  
4 statements but they have been kind enough to say if I mention the  
09:56:46 5 statement they'll be able to tell what's the registry number.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Ms Thompson, we have three  
7 volumes and they do seem to have page registry numbers on them so  
8 we'll rely then on that statement.

9 MS THOMPSON: [Overlapping speakers] It's the statement of  
09:57:03 10 6th May 2003 and it's the first page, line 29.

11 MS PACK: That's in the first binder, Your Honours, and the  
12 number is 10413 registry number.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Pack.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Thompson, what was the line that you  
09:57:29 15 quoted?

16 MS THOMPSON: Line 29.

17 Q. Now I'm going to put a statement to you, Mr Witness. It's  
18 your answer to questions that were being asked of you on 6th May  
19 2003. I will put the answer to you and then I'll ask you a  
09:57:53 20 question about it; okay? Do you understand?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. Now I'll start from line 26 because that makes  
23 sense. You say:

24 "A. At that time I was 21 years. So we were. I was  
09:58:09 25 working with Tom Nyuma at Kenema fighting against the RUF.

26 "Q. He was your commanding officer?

27 "A. Yes, at the time he was the resident minister east.

28 He was there for about two years then he was transferred to  
29 Freetown to be the undersecretary of state defence. So I





1           was with him there. At some time I had to leave him. I  
2           went to Kono. So whilst I was at Kono I had a pass that I  
3           took from his office that the secretary gave me. So I went  
4           to Kono. I was with some other group of boys going to find  
09:58:47 5           diamond, I mean so that we can get something."

6           Do you recall saying that to the person who interviewed  
7           you.

8           A.     Yes.

9           Q.     You recall saying that. Now I'll start first with the  
09:59:03 10          first thing, your age. When you were giving evidence last week  
11          you said you were 23 when you joined the army. When you told  
12          this person who was interviewing you, you said, "At that time I  
13          was 21. So we were. I was working with Tom Nyuma." Mr Witness,  
14          how old were you?

09:59:24 15          A.     When I joined the army I was 23 and up to the time  
16          Tom Nyuma was transferred to the defence, when I went to the Kono  
17          I was already 23.

18          Q.     So there is a mistake in your age or is it that you cannot  
19          tell what is your age?

09:59:44 20          A.     That's my age.

21          Q.     Did you tell the person talking -- the person interviewing  
22          that you were 21?

23          A.     Yes, when I joined the army I was 21.

24          Q.     What year were you born?

10:00:01 25          A.     I was born 1971, September 1st.

26          Q.     So 1992 you would be 21?

27          A.     Yes.

28          Q.     Now you have just told us also that you had a pass. No,  
29          you did not have a pass to go to Kono. In your answer to the



1 person interviewing you, you said you took a pass from his office  
2 that the secretary gave you. What pass did you not have when you  
3 went to Kono or, rather --

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, I don't recall him using the  
10:00:52 5 word "pass" in answer to your questions. I recall him using the  
6 word AWOL. Is there is a difference or is it the same? Did he  
7 use pass? Sorry, I've been corrected by my learned colleague.  
8 Ignore that, please.

9 MS THOMPSON:  
10:01:16 10 Q. What pass did you have when you went to Kono?

11 THE WITNESS: I took a pass from the secretary unbeknown to  
12 my boss so I went to Kono. When I went to Kono and I had a  
13 problem because he did not know that I had a paper from the  
14 secretary. So he said I was an AWOL.

10:01:35 15 Q. Was that a military pass?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Well, what pass was it?

18 A. It was just a travelling pass that I was to go to Kono and  
19 come back.

10:01:50 20 Q. What sort of travelling pass within the military?

21 A. Because at that time military police were searching on the  
22 highway for soldiers. So with that pass I would be able to make  
23 my way to Kono but not to stay.

24 Q. So you did have a pass to go to Kono?

10:02:11 25 A. No.

26 Q. Mr Witness, which is it; did you have a pass or did you not  
27 have a pass?

28 A. I did not have any military pass to go to Kono, I only had  
29 a document that would make me go through all the checkpoints to



1 Kono.

2 Q. Was that a civilian document?

3 A. It was given to me by a military; the secretary was a

4 military man.

10:02:36 5 Q. So it was a military pass?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Well, what sort of pass was it then?

8 A. That is a travel document so that I could go through the

9 route to Kono. A military pass, if it is a military pass, when

10:02:51 10 you go you would be able to stay for some time and you have that

11 paper.

12 Q. So when Tom Nyuma got you arrested, did he get you arrested

13 for diamonds or because he thought you were AWOL?

14 A. It was because I did not tender the diamond.

10:03:16 15 Q. Are you sure about that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now after the peace process did you join the Sierra Leone

18 Army?

19 A. Yes.

10:03:29 20 Q. Where?

21 A. I went to the military headquarter and I was verified. I

22 was sent to Benguema for military training with the British.

23 Q. You were verified as being what?

24 A. I was verified as a soldier and I was given my ID card.

10:03:57 25 Q. When was this?

26 A. It was in 2001.

27 Q. Do you remember what month?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Did you complete your -- you said you went to Benguema, did



1 you complete your training?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Why not?

4 A. I was at the firing range in Benguema, the last week to  
10:04:24 5 complete my training and there were some military police that  
6 went there and asked for me and I was then taken to the army  
7 headquarter to see the CDS who was Brigadier Tom Carew.

8 Q. When you say CDS what do you mean?

9 A. Chief of defence staff.

10:04:49 10 Q. And what were you going to see the chief of defence staff  
11 about?

12 A. On my arrival at his office I was shown a document from  
13 Johnny Paul Koroma that I had planned an execution against him  
14 and I have not been properly investigated. Now government have  
10:05:19 15 sent me back on training to give me a gun. So if they don't --  
16 if they don't take me off the army he's going to step down from  
17 the CCP.

18 Q. Okay, I'll ask you a few questions about that particular  
19 incident. We'll come to that particular incident later. Now you  
10:05:47 20 mentioned the name Tom Carew, is that T-O-M C-A-R-E-W?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is that it? Now, when you went to rejoin the army in 2001  
23 presumably you went with your original number, the number that  
24 had been given to you in 1994 in Benguema?

10:06:11 25 A. No.

26 Q. Why not?

27 A. Because at the time I was arrested in Kono when I was  
28 brought to Pademba Road my number was given to another soldier  
29 that was staying with Tom Nyuma who was a civilian. So he was





1 using that number and I made a report to the British so the  
2 British decided to give me another number which is 2712/2001 and  
3 I was given an ID card and I went on training.

4 Q. Now is it not the case that military numbers once assigned  
10:06:55 5 are assigned for life?

6 A. Yes, but in this case --

7 Q. Sorry, please, is it not the case that military numbers --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- once assigned are assigned for life?

10:07:09 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Were you given a discharge book?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Were you given -- are you receiving a pension from the  
14 army?

10:07:21 15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you join the DDR programme?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So you are trained personnel of the SLA and now without any  
19 benefits from the SLA; is that what you're saying?

10:07:36 20 A. No.

21 Q. You are receiving benefits from the SLA?

22 A. I'm not getting any.

23 Q. And you weren't even given a discharge book; that's your  
24 evidence?

10:07:47 25 A. No.

26 Q. Isn't it normal that once you leave the SLA you will get a  
27 discharge book regardless of how you left the SLA; isn't that the  
28 normal procedure?

29 A. Yes.



1 Q. Did you ask for one?

2 A. I did ask the time I was showing the documents at the  
3 office of the CDS and he told me to report the following week but  
4 when I left there my father told me not to go to the military  
10:08:21 5 headquarters any more. So I just forgot about everything.

6 Q. That training programme which you joined in Benguema run by  
7 the British, that was a training programme for fighters of the  
8 SLA, not so?

9 A. Yes.

10:08:36 10 Q. Is it not the case that you were thrown off that training  
11 programme because you were found -- they found out that you'd  
12 never been a member of the SLA?

13 A. No, because if I was not a member I should not have been  
14 verified and given my number because they checked through all the  
10:08:55 15 documents, they saw my name and my number so that's why they gave  
16 me another number to go for training.

17 Q. Mr Witness, I suggest to you that's why you were thrown  
18 out; because you'd never been a member of the SLA?

19 A. Not agreed.

10:09:12 20 Q. I'm also going to suggest to you that you're a fantasist,  
21 that you loved being in the army so much that you invented an  
22 entire career for yourself in the SLA. Is that not the case, you  
23 have invented an SLA career?

24 A. No.

10:09:28 25 Q. Have you ever been a member of the RUF?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Have you represented the RUF on any occasion?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Have you ever met a person called Lieutenant-Colonel Chris



1 Olukulade?

2 MS THOMPSON: I'll spell that for the Court, Your Honour.

3 Chris as in C-H-R-I-S; Olukulade as in O-L-U-K-U-L-A-D-E.

4 Q. Have you ever met that gentleman?

10:10:15 5 A. An ECOMOG soldier.

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Can you recall where you met him?

9 A. At the army headquarters.

10:10:23 10 Q. In what circumstances did you meet him?

11 A. I was at the army headquarter one -- the time we came to

12 release all prisoners of war I met with him and the time I had a

13 case with Johnny Paul Koroma I was arrested and I was in

14 Cockerill, I was seeing him.

10:10:46 15 Q. Is it not the case that you met this gentleman on behalf of

16 the RUF to discuss a ceasefire?

17 A. Not on behalf of the RUF.

18 Q. You were representing the RUF when you met

19 Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Olukulade; were you not?

10:11:04 20 A. I never represented the RUF.

21 Q. Have you ever been described as an army irregular?

22 A. I could not understand your question.

23 Q. Do you know if you've ever been described as an army

24 irregular?

10:11:42 25 A. I want you to break it down for me. I don't understand

26 that question, you see.

27 Q. Do you know what an army irregular is?

28 A. No.

29 Q. If you don't know what it means you may have seen the term



1 used to describe you. Have you ever seen that term used to  
2 describe you or heard that term used to describe you?  
3 A. No.  
4 Q. Were you involved in any incident in April 2000 when you  
10:12:06 5 stole an ECOMOG vehicle?  
6 A. No.  
7 Q. Were you involved in a shoot-out in Frederick Street?  
8 A. Yes, yes.  
9 Q. And was that not because ECOMOG soldiers went to recover a  
10:12:21 10 vehicle which you had stolen from the defence ministry?  
11 A. No, that was not the case.  
12 Q. Were you not admitted to the Connaught Hospital with  
13 gunshot wounds inflicted on you by ECOMOG?  
14 A. I was admitted at the [indiscernible] hospital.  
10:12:38 15 Q. For wounds inflicted on you by ECOMOG?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And the incident was at Frederick Street?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. In the early hours of the morning?  
10:12:46 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. On a day in April 2000?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. And these ECOMOG soldiers had gone to recover a vehicle,  
24 not so?  
10:13:01 25 A. I did not have the vehicle, at that time I was with my  
26 boss.  
27 Q. Mr Witness, please listen to the question. I didn't ask  
28 you whether you had the vehicle. I said they had gone to recover  
29 a vehicle; is that not the case?





1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the reason why they had gone to recover that vehicle  
3 was because yourself and another gentlemen called HS Sesay had  
4 stolen that vehicle from the defence ministry?

10:13:31 5 A. I disagreed with you by saying I went to steal a vehicle  
6 because I had a commander that I was with that went to collect  
7 the vehicle and just because I was with him when they came for  
8 the vehicle and I sustained a wound, a gunshot wound.

9 Q. Who was your commander?

10:13:51 10 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

11 Q. Was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara at Frederick Street?

12 A. Present.

13 Q. No he was not, Mr Witness. You were there with HS Sesay;  
14 were you not?

10:14:03 15 A. No, we were up to seven in number and he was my boss and he  
16 was driving the vehicle and I was just by him as his security.

17 Q. Mr Witness, have you seen the reports made of that  
18 incident? Have you seen any of the reports made of that  
19 incident?

10:14:26 20 A. No.

21 Q. You haven't?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Even though it concerned you?

24 A. No.

10:14:34 25 Q. Okay. Were you interviewed by military police regarding  
26 that incident?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Were you interviewed by the civilian police regarding that  
29 incident?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Were you interviewed by the BBC?

3 A. No, I could not remember whether I went through any

4 interview because I was unconscious for a week.

10:15:01 5 Q. Well, when you regained consciousness --

6 A. After a week --

7 Q. Please, wait for the question. When you regained

8 consciousness did anybody speak to you about a shoot-out in which

9 you were involved, in which your colleague was killed at

10:15:18 10 Frederick Street. Did anybody talk to you about that incident?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Mr Witness, I suggest to you that you are being untruthful

13 with this Court --

14 A. I disagree.

10:15:35 15 Q. -- and deliberately so. Now you said you went to Cockerill

16 in May 1997 with Johnny Paul Koroma?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And I'm right in saying that Cockerill is the headquarters

19 of the Sierra Leone Army, that is where it is based?

10:15:56 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you eat and sleep at Cockerill in May 1997 when you

22 went there with Johnny Paul Koroma?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you know where Cockerill is; not so? You know it very

10:16:16 25 well?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. But you cannot spell it, can you?

28 A. Yes, I will try with a pen and paper if I have one.

29 Q. Well, please, I'd like you to spell Cockerill again for us.



1 MS PACK: Your Honour, I object to the witness being asked  
2 to spell the location Cockerill. There's no relevance, in my  
3 submission, to his being able to spell or not spell.

4 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, the reason why I've asked this  
10:16:58 5 witness to spell Cockerill is this witness has given lengthy  
6 evidence of himself as a Sierra Leone military personnel. Now it  
7 is the Defence case, as is obvious from the line of questioning,  
8 that this witness has never been a member of the Sierra Leone  
9 Army and, in my submission, it goes to his credibility and the  
10:17:18 10 veracity of the evidence he's giving here today if he's able to  
11 spell the headquarters of an institution which he claims to have  
12 been part of since 1992.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we will allow the question. The  
14 objection is overruled. Please proceed, Ms Thompson.

10:18:05 15 MS THOMPSON:

16 Q. Can you spell it now for us?

17 A. C-O-R-K-R-I-L-L.

18 Q. C-O-R-K-R-I-L-L. Mr Witness, that is not the way you spell  
19 Cockerill.

10:18:20 20 A. It's how I spell it. If it's wrong, okay.

21 Q. And you went through military training?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In fact your evidence is that the second military training  
24 or the third military training you went through, conducted by the

10:18:37 25 British, you went as far as the last week; not so?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Yes, and you had reported at Cockerill?

28 A. Yes, there I was verified.

29 Q. There you were verified, but you cannot spell it?



1 A. Yes.

2 [AFRC19SEP05B - AD]

3 Q. And you are a man who went to school right up to O levels?

4 A. Yes.

10:19:00 5 Q. Yes. Now, you claim that you had been the chief security  
6 officer. For the records, Your Honours, Cockerill is  
7 C-O-C-K-E-R-I-L-L. You claim to have been the chief security  
8 officer to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara after you had been the security  
9 officer to Johnny Paul Koroma. Yes?

10:19:31 10 A. I was security to Johnny Paul Koroma, later chief security  
11 to Ibrahim Bazy.

12 Q. Did you see that as a demotion coming from the boss, you  
13 were security to the boss, and then suddenly you were security to  
14 some other member?

10:19:53 15 A. To me it is not a demotion because the members that have  
16 already made the coup have said one of them should be chief  
17 security to Johnny Paul.

18 Q. One of the 16 should be chief security to Johnny Paul?

19 A. Yes.

10:20:09 20 Q. And which one of the 16 --

21 A. I only know his alias name, Rambo.

22 Q. Now, are you doing any work at the moment?

23 A. No.

24 Q. But you have, since this time, been an informant for the  
10:20:34 25 Sierra Leone police?

26 A. I have never been an informant for the Sierra Leone police.

27 Q. You have never been an informant for the Sierra Leone  
28 police. Okay, I will come back to that. I will come back to  
29 that in a minute. I will just find that relevant section. Did





1 you approach the Office of the Prosecution or did you approach  
2 investigators of the Special Court to tell them that you had  
3 something to say and you could help them?

4 A. I had never. They met me.

10:21:03 5 Q. Where?

6 A. I was in the Paddys nightclub when I met Wayne Bastin  
7 with --

8 Q. And do you know how they knew you were there?

9 A. No.

10:21:19 10 Q. Okay. You were sitting at Paddys and this person just  
11 walked up to you and said, "I am from the Special Court. I want  
12 to ask you some questions. Will you help us?"

13 A. I went to enjoy myself and I was seated at the counter and  
14 there was a friend by the name of Graham, and he was the friend  
10:21:41 15 of also Wayne Bastin. So he had to introduce me to Wayne Bastin.  
16 And Wayne Bastin told me that I should meet them at the OTP  
17 office at Spur Road on the following morning.

18 Q. Now, by helping the Special Court, given the part that you  
19 played in all of this, are you hoping for some sort of  
10:22:06 20 resettlement outside of Sierra Leone?

21 A. If I am under threat in the country, because of I believe I  
22 am doing the right thing for the country, I believe they could  
23 help me.

24 Q. Yes. And do you think you would be -- you saw threat -- do  
10:22:21 25 you think you'd be threatened or your presence here in Sierra  
26 Leone -- sorry, let me phrase that again. Do you think that you  
27 would be under threat in Sierra Leone?

28 A. Yes, because presently -- I'm presently under threat.

29 Q. And you're hoping that they will help you to go elsewhere?



1 A. Well, I am getting that hopes because if I am doing  
2 something right for the country and my life is at stake, I just  
3 have to be protected well.

4 Q. Yes. And of course, in your view it would look good if you  
10:23:12 5 were to be able to help them well; not so? If you were to  
6 provide as much information as you can; not so?

7 A. I did not get your question.

8 Q. If you are able to provide as much information as you can,  
9 as much information as is truthful, as is verified -- as can be  
10:23:35 10 verifiable, you would think that would help you; not so?

11 A. Yes, because for the past two and a half years I have  
12 already given them the information I had and I am still with them  
13 on protection.

14 Q. Yes. And you have received various sums of money from  
10:23:51 15 them. Not the OTP, I hasten to add, but from other people  
16 representing the Special Court.

17 A. Yes, they taking care of me; feeding, housing and  
18 protection. But I have not got cash to cash money from them.

19 Q. Now, on 12th May 2003, you received money for lost wages  
10:24:19 20 and accommodation. Lost wages.

21 A. I want to remember the year.

22 Q. May 12, 2003. Have you been lying to these people that you  
23 are working?

24 A. No.

10:24:37 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, there are two questions  
26 there. Let him answer them one at a time.

27 MS THOMPSON:

28 Q. Do you recall receiving 70,000 leones for lost wages for  
29 four days and accommodation?



1 A. No, I could remember.

2 Q. You can't remember?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. But you could have received it, just you cannot recall it?

10:25:06 5 A. Well, I could not remember because that's a very long time.

6 Q. That is what I am saying. You could have received it but

7 you just cannot recall it now.

8 A. I remember every cash they give me, because even on food

9 they don't give me cash money. They do the shopping for me for

10:25:29 10 my food. So I could not remember.

11 Q. Okay. Well, "Payment made to witness to cover". "Payment

12 made to witness". I am suggesting that you have been lying about

13 lost wages. You have not been working and you have been claiming

14 lost wages.

10:25:48 15 A. From the first day I met with the Prosecution, that was May

16 17, 2003, I was not working, and they knew that and I told them

17 that.

18 Q. What about 9th May 2003; that is before the May 17 you are

19 talking about now: 100,000 to cover cost of transportation and

10:26:17 20 accommodation, 100,000?

21 A. Yes, that was given to me for transportation, so that I

22 will be using it to meet them at the OTP office.

23 Q. What about 15th May 2003, "Payment made to witness to cover

24 cost associated with communications: 342,000 leones". Is that

10:26:42 25 mobile phones?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Very expensive, don't you think? 342,000 leones on mobile

28 phones. You received that amount.

29 A. I believe that is true because there are mobile phones that



1 cost millions.

2 Q. You accept that you received that amount?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. \$50,000 on 15th May 2003 to cover transport?

10:27:11 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. 16th May 2003 another \$50,000, transport, lost wages.

7 A. On transport, because I was not working, yes.

8 Q. What about lost wages?

9 A. I was not working.

10:27:36 10 Q. I am still suggesting, Mr Witness, that you have been lying

11 about working.

12 A. I was not working and they knew about that. I was not

13 working from the first day I met with them.

14 Q. Have you been helped with any other form of

10:27:52 15 rehabilitations, hospital?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay, what rehabilitation?

18 A. I couldn't remember the right date I was sick and I was

19 admitted at the Choithram Hospital.

10:28:09 20 Q. And they covered the bill for Choithrams, did they?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How long do you recall you were at Choithrams for?

23 A. Sixteen days.

24 Q. Let me come back to this issue about you being an

10:28:20 25 informant. You say you've never been an informant for the Sierra

26 Leone police?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. If I say CID, would you accept that you have been an

29 informant of the CID, because they are part of the Sierra Leone





1 police?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. Again I look at your interview 6th May 2003. Your  
4 Honour, it is the last page. If my learned friends would be so  
10:28:48 5 kind to help me again with the registry number, but the last page  
6 of that interview.

7 MS PACK: That is 10467.

8 MS THOMPSON: Thank you.

9 Q. Now, I will start from line 3, because that is where the  
10:29:00 10 question starts. The questions is:

11 "Q. And what about have you had much contact with Gullit?

12 "A. No. Gullit is not even talking to me, because he said  
13 I am with the SLPP, because the time for the election I  
14 placed my SLPP vest and I voted for SLPP openly. They saw  
10:29:34 15 me. So they were all scared of me that they should not  
16 encourage me, I will say anything bad about them if you  
17 plan anything. So I was afraid even to go to their side  
18 for my own life. So I always be the side of the police.  
19 At the time it was Becky. That was at -- it was Becky that  
10:30:00 20 was police CID.

21 "Q. That was working with you?

22 "A. Yes.

23 "Q. So you were an informant for the CID or --

24 "A. CID.

10:30:14 25 "Q. For CID?

26 "A. CID."

27 Do you recall saying that?

28 A. I was not an informant for the CID. I went close to them  
29 because of the rumours -- because of the rumours Gullit and



1 others are getting about me. So I was close to them.

2 Q. Do you know what an informant is?

3 A. An informant is someone who goes to give information to the  
4 police and in return has a certain token they give to him.

10:30:51 5 Q. Right. So you understand full well what an informant is.  
6 Did you understand when the question was asking you about being  
7 an informant for the CID?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. You understood. And you answered, "Yes, CID".

10:31:08 10 A. I said no, I was not an informant.

11 Q. Shall I read the statement back to you?

12 A. Yes.

13 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I will start again from line 3.

14 "Q. And what about have you had much contact with Gullit?

10:31:34 15 A. Gullit is not even talking to me because he said I am  
16 with the SLPP, because the time for the election I placed  
17 on my SLPP vest and I voted for SLPP openly. They saw me,  
18 so they were all scared of me that they should not  
19 encourage me. I will say anything bad about them if we  
10:31:58 20 plan anything. So I was afraid even to go to their side  
21 for my own life. So always be the side of the police. At  
22 that time it was what the Gbekie that was at -- it was  
23 Gbekie that was police CID.

24 Q. That was working with you.

10:32:16 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. So you were an informant for the CID or --

27 A. CID.

28 Q. For CID.

29 A. CID."



1 A. I was with them to protect myself because the rumours was  
2 around that I was an informant. So being staying on my own, that  
3 made me to always link up with the CID.

4 Q. Okay. But you accepted -- I hear what you are saying now.  
10:32:46 5 In this interview you accepted that you were an informant for the  
6 CID.

7 A. No, I was not an informant.

8 Q. Did you not accept it in the interview?

9 A. I was not an informant.

10:33:04 10 Q. That is not the question, Mr Witness. Did you not accept  
11 that you were an informant in this interview I have just read?  
12 A. No.

13 Q. You did not. Does "yes" mean "no"?

14 A. Pardon?

10:33:16 15 Q. When you said "yes", did you mean "no"?

16 A. Yes, yes; no is no.

17 Q. Thank you. Now, when you were in the jungle is it right to  
18 say that drugs were prevalent; not so? Fighters took drugs  
19 regularly?

10:33:40 20 A. Yes, yes.

21 Q. Were you a user of hard drugs at that time?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What drugs were you using?

24 A. Heroin.

10:33:50 25 Q. It is right to say that when you were high on heroin you  
26 were able to perform your tasks to excellence?

27 A. No.

28 Q. You were not?

29 A. I don't take for -- using it for performing my job



1 excellence, because it does not work on me like that.

2 Q. What did you take it for, to forget about the atrocities  
3 that you had committed?

4 A. For me to be mild.

10:34:13 5 Q. Did you take it to forget about the atrocities you  
6 committed?

7 A. No.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I am sorry, I didn't quite get the answer  
9 he gave just before that second question. For him to be what?

10:34:28 10 MS THOMPSON: Mild.

11 THE WITNESS: For me to be mild.

12 Q. Mild in order so that you can sleep?

13 A. No, to calm down my stress.

14 Q. Stress got from the atrocities you committed?

10:34:49 15 A. No.

16 Q. So that when you -- I am putting a question to you now.  
17 You took it so that when you shut your eyes you wouldn't see  
18 those people that you killed? The images wouldn't --

19 A. No.

10:35:03 20 Q. Did you depend on hard drugs? Were you dependent on it?

21 A. No, I was not dependent on it.

22 Q. You were not addicted to it?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Are you on heroin now?

10:35:18 25 A. No.

26 Q. Are you on any other form of drugs now?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Mr Witness, I am putting to you that you were heavily  
29 dependent on drugs.





1 A. I disagreed.

2 Q. And heroin was the only thing you were taking?

3 A. It was the only.

4 Q. And to this day. Do you know a gentlemen called Komba

10:35:49 5 Brima?

6 A. Komo Brima or Komba Brima?

7 Q. Komba Brima.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who is he?

10:36:01 10 A. The brother of Alex Tamba Brima.

11 Q. Where is he now?

12 A. He is a late man.

13 Q. Can you say that again, please? Where is he now?

14 A. He is a late man.

10:36:16 15 Q. I know what you mean, but for the record please make it

16 clear. Is he dead or alive?

17 A. Dead.

18 Q. Did you shoot him at Yayah?

19 A. No. He was shot by Cyborg, but I was the commander that

10:36:29 20 went with the patrol team.

21 Q. Mr Witness, I put it to you that you shot him at Yayah?

22 A. I disagree.

23 Q. And he sustained injuries the gun which you were wielding.

24 A. I disagree.

10:36:48 25 Q. I am also putting it to you that your second in command,

26 which you claimed to have shot in self defence, was in fact shot

27 deliberately by you.

28 A. No.

29 Q. Did Tamba Brima report your shooting of his brother to SAJ



1 Musa? Was there a complaint made by Tamba Brima about you  
2 shooting his brother?  
3 A. I could not remember.  
4 Q. Did Tamba Brima take any steps against you in revenge for  
10:37:35 5 the shooting of his brother?  
6 A. Yes, he wanted to take steps initially when he came that  
7 Kono to join us, but he couldn't because at that time I had a lot  
8 of manpower, a lot of ammunition.  
9 Q. So, if he had wanted to take any steps against you, you  
10:38:00 10 were ready for him?  
11 A. Yes, because I did not shoot him; I should have protected  
12 myself.  
13 Q. And you would have been able to use that force if you want  
14 to?  
10:38:14 15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. And that was force you would use any time you wanted to?  
17 A. My force was to fight on what we are on, but not to fight  
18 my own insiders.  
19 Q. That was force you would have used any time you wanted to,  
10:38:34 20 any time you chose to; not so?  
21 A. I would only use it to protect myself if --  
22 Q. If what?  
23 A. If anyone wants to jump on me. Because in the jungle we  
24 have what we call "jungle justice". If anything goes on, I  
10:38:57 25 believe there is a court in the jungle. But if he just want to  
26 jump on me because of relationship, I will not allow.  
27 Q. And you were prepared to kill if that happen?  
28 A. I would protect myself, but not kill.  
29 Q. If in protecting yourself it meant killing the other



1 person, you would have done it?

2 A. Well, if when I am protecting myself the other person is  
3 coming to kill me, so I just have to defend and protect myself.

4 Q. And if the person dies in the course of protecting  
10:39:24 5 yourself, so be it?

6 A. He might kill me if I don't protect myself, because he too  
7 has a gun.

8 Q. That is not the question I asked. Can you answer the  
9 question? If the person dies in the course of you saying you  
10:39:39 10 were protecting yourselves, so be it?

11 A. No.

12 Q. When you arrived at Kono, was Tamba Brima there?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Were there civilians there?

10:39:53 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you do with those civilians?

17 A. Those civilians were under the supervision of a G5  
18 commander.

19 Q. Who was that?

10:40:06 20 A. Santigie Kanu.

21 Q. Who was the commander at Kono at the time you arrived?

22 A. Denis Mingo.

23 Q. Aka? What is his alias?

24 A. Superman.

10:40:16 25 Q. It is right to say that there were no SLA commanders in  
26 Kono; not so?

27 A. There were SLA commanders.

28 Q. Who were they under?

29 A. They were all working under Denis Mingo, because Johnny



1 Paul Koroma had told all SLAs to be under the supervision of the  
2 RUF.  
3 Q. Tombodu Savage was in charge of Tombodu; not so?  
4 A. Yes.  
10:40:49 5 Q. Did he take any orders from anyone?  
6 A. He took orders from Superman.  
7 Q. Did he have a large number of fighters with him?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. Did he have a lot of arms with him?  
10:41:05 10 A. He had few arms with him, arms and ammunition.  
11 Q. Just a few?  
12 A. A few, yes, not plenty.  
13 Q. Would you describe him a fierce fighter?  
14 A. Yes.  
10:41:23 15 Q. An outlaw?  
16 A. Pardon?  
17 Q. An outlaw?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Who listened to no-one?  
10:41:34 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. And, in fact, commanders were afraid of him?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. He was a man who could not be controlled?  
24 A. At the early stages he was -- he can be controlled. But  
10:41:56 25 later, after a lot of killing, he went off. So he was very  
26 difficult to control.  
27 Q. Now you say he didn't -- he only had a few arms with him.  
28 What about the arms he got from Kailahun, wasn't that a lot?  
29 A. Who?





1 Q. Savage?

2 A. Savage never went to Kailahun.

3 Q. No, he did not go to Kailahun, but he received arms that  
4 came from Kailahun, did he not?

10:42:33 5 A. The arms and ammunition he got was the ambush he made at  
6 Sewafe. But he never went to Kailahun.

7 Q. Okay. Well, I am corrected. He got arms from the ambush  
8 in Sewafe. Was that a lot?

9 A. It was not plenty.

10:42:51 10 Q. Okay, I will come back to that later. When you were  
11 withdrawing from Freetown and you went to Masiaka, was Tamba  
12 Brima there?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. So he was not one of those you say became  
10:43:14 15 brigadier-generals?

16 A. At Masiaka, he was not there, but he was one of the  
17 honourable, and it was said that all honourables are  
18 brigadier-general.

19 Q. Before Masiaka they became brigadier-generals?

10:43:31 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Your evidence was that he was promoted in absentia?

22 A. Yes, because he was an honourable, so anywhere he is a  
23 brigadier-general.

24 Q. Were there people at Rosos when you arrived?

10:43:45 25 A. On our arrival the Rosos I did not see civilians there,  
26 unless the ones that were adopted and brought alongside with us.

27 Q. And you say Tamba Brima went to Rosos with you. On the way  
28 to Rosos, this person that you say went to Rosos with you, Tamba  
29 Brima, did he have any communication with the RUF?



1 A. No.

2 Q. On your way to Rosos you say you went through Karina.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did all the troops go through Karina?

10:44:41 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Can you recall what time you arrived at Karina?

7 A. We arrived at Karina very early in the morning, about

8 4 o'clock in the morning, a.m.

9 Q. And how long were you there for?

10:44:57 10 A. We were there till -- I can't remember the specific time,

11 but it was during in the morning hours that we left Karina.

12 Q. Early in the morning?

13 A. Not very early. I cannot give a specific time we left

14 there.

10:45:17 15 Q. Was it bright?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You mentioned a meeting at Kabala that was addressed by SAJ

18 Musa. Was this meeting an open meeting or was it just for the

19 commanders?

10:45:39 20 A. At the meeting at Kabala it was a commanders' meeting.

21 Q. Okay. And this meeting was tantamount to orders being

22 given by SAJ Musa; not so?

23 A. No.

24 Q. He didn't give any orders?

10:46:00 25 A. No, the meeting was specifically on to go to Kono to attack

26 Kono. But he did not go to Kono; he went to Krubola because he

27 said he would not be under the supervision of the RUF.

28 Q. Whose decision was it to go to Kono to attack Kono?

29 A. It was the decision of Superman, Denis Mingo.



1 Q. Was Superman in Kabala?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. The person you referred to as "Gullit", that is the person  
4 you also refer to as Tamba Brima; not so?

10:46:47 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Would you say he took orders from SAJ Musa?

7 A. At that time Alex Tamba Brima was not at Kabala. He was at  
8 Kailahun.

9 Q. We are not at Kabala, sorry. Sorry, sorry, sorry, before  
10:46:58 10 you go on. I should have made that clear. I have moved on from  
11 Kabala. Throughout the period you were in the jungle, from the  
12 time you met Tamba Brima you say in Kono, would you say he was  
13 taking orders from SAJ Musa?

14 A. The only place where I knew that he was taking orders from  
10:47:20 15 SAJ Musa was when we left Kono to Mansofinia.

16 Q. And at Mansofinia did SAJ Musa order Tamba Brima to do  
17 anything?

18 A. Yes. His orders were for Tamba Brima to move the whole  
19 troops to find a camp at the Bombali District.

10:47:51 20 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I have kind of stopped sort of  
21 short question because I have an eye on the time. I am actually  
22 going to move in to a longer, lengthier area now.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that would be appropriate, Ms  
24 Thompson, as we are almost a few minutes from our normal time.  
10:48:06 25 Accordingly we will adjourn now until 11.00 o'clock. Mr Court  
26 Attendant, please adjourn court until 11.00 o'clock.

27 [Break taken at 10.43 a.m.]

28 [Upon resuming at 11.03 a.m.]

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, please proceed.



1 MS THOMPSON: Thank you. Your Honour, before I go on, I  
2 should have said that this morning - I have spoken to my learned  
3 friends about this - there will come a stage, perhaps at the tail  
4 end of my cross-examination, when I will make an application for  
11:08:10 5 closed session. I will do that at the relevant time. Just to  
6 notify the Court that I will be making an application later on.  
7 That is only because there are names that I would like to put to  
8 this witness.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, Ms Thompson. We will deal  
11:08:21 10 with the application when it arises.

11 MS THOMPSON:  
12 Q. Mr Witness, before I go on to the new area I want to, there  
13 are one or two matters I think I need to wrap up, and I had  
14 earlier said that I would come back to those later. I have now  
11:08:41 15 found the page, so I know exactly where I am now. Now, let's go  
16 back to Savage in Tombodu. First of all, how many times did you  
17 yourself visit Tombodu?

18 A. I could remember two times.

19 Q. Twice. Is it possible that you went there more than two  
11:09:04 20 times but you cannot remember?

21 A. That is why I said I could remember two times.

22 Q. If I say to you that you went there around 12 times, would  
23 that jog your memory?

24 A. I disagreed.

11:09:22 25 Q. You did not go there. Okay. How many months did you spend  
26 in the Kono area -- in the Koidu area?

27 A. Two months.

28 Q. Two months. And in those two months how many times would  
29 you say -- how many times a week would you say you went to





1 Tombodu?

2 A. I was not frequent there. I could only remember two times.

3 Q. Perhaps this will jog your memory.

4 Your Honours, I am looking at the statement, or the

11:09:59 5 interview of the 8th of May. It is page 56, at the bottom. The

6 Registry number, my learned friend will help me with that.

7 MS PACK: The Registry number is 10524.

8 MS THOMPSON: I am very grateful.

9 Q. I am going to read to you your interview of the 8th of May

11:10:30 10 2003, Mr Witness. Please listen carefully and at the end, like I

11 did on the two previous occasions, I will pose the question. I

12 will start from question -- line 24:

13 Q. "Okay, we will get to that in a minute?

14 A. Okay.

11:11:12 15 Q. So those three to four months saw you in Koidu. You

16 said you went twice a week to Tombodu?

17 A. Yeh?

18 Q. So that's probably about, how many times you went

19 altogether -- how many?

11:11:25 20 A. About, at least about 12 times.

21 Q. 12 times?

22 A. Yeh?

23 Q. So that's good enough to see what -- to get a good look

24 at what -- about what happening in Tombodu?

11:11:42 25 A. Yes?"

26 Mr Witness, did you tell your interviewer that you went to

27 Tombodu 12 times?

28 A. That is why I said I could only remember I went twice,

29 because it has taken a long time.



1 Q. Yes, but you said when I put to you 12 times that you  
2 disagree with that figure, which indicates to me that you  
3 could -- you may not remember twice, but you certainly not accept  
4 12. I am now putting it to you that you had said earlier, in  
11:12:15 5 2003, that you went to Tombodu 12 times, or about 12 times.  
6 A. Well, I could not remember how many times I went there. I  
7 could only remember twice, two times, I went there.  
8 Q. Will you now accept that you went there about 12 times?  
9 A. I will not accept because maybe I could not remember. I  
11:12:40 10 went there maybe more than even two times, but what I could  
11 actually remember is the two times I went there.  
12 Q. Okay. Mr Witness, the reason I have read your statement is  
13 in order to jog your memory; that is why I have read your  
14 statement. Do you recall saying that you went there 12 times?  
11:13:02 15 Do you accept that you told the interviewer that you went there  
16 12 times?  
17 A. Yes. But what is in my interview -- it has taken a long  
18 time. But I really need to meet to trigger my brain.  
19 Q. So you now accept this you went there 12 times?  
11:13:22 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. I asked you a questions about Savage earlier. I said  
22 Savage was sitting on a lot of weapons and you said "not plenty,  
23 just a few".  
24 A. Yes.  
11:13:50 25 Q. These weapons that he was sitting on, were they enough to  
26 be able to protect himself and his men?  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. And was it not the reason why nobody dared to tell Savage  
29 what to do, or what not to do?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is it the case that Savage said he would not listen to  
3 anybody except Johnny Paul Koroma?

4 A. That was when he had started becoming abnormal.

11:14:26 5 Q. He said he would listen to nobody except Johnny Paul  
6 Koroma. That's true, is it?

7 A. That is what I am saying. In the early stage he was under  
8 command of Denis Mingo. But as time goes on, he became abnormal,  
9 he did not listen to any command.

11:14:49 10 Q. In the early stage, before in your words he went  
11 "abnormal", did he listen to Denis Mingo?

12 A. Yes, because he was given instruction and he carries out  
13 the instruction.

14 Q. When you mentioned in your evidence-in-chief that Savage  
11:15:21 15 had flogged some civilians --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That's right, isn't it?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You said he flogged some civilians.

11:15:32 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did anybody try to stop him flogging these civilians?

22 A. I couldn't remember.

23 Q. You cannot remember. Okay, let me put this to you.  
24 Your Honours, it is the same statement. It will now be  
11:15:54 25 page 58. That will be page 10526, I think. I will read from  
26 line 25:

27 Q. "Did you see him beat people.

28 A. Yes.

29 Q.



1 That time, I mean within that period.

2 A. Yes, that is common -- that is common drill. Nearly

3 ever day he beats -- he flogs people.

4 Q. Did you see that yourself.

11:16:40 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did anybody try to stop him.

7 A. The first time. The second time we went there, we

8 went -- when we went Gullit went with us, Five-Five. So he

9 wanted to flog some guys, two guys, and they had to stop

11:16:51 10 him. So he stopped. But on our return, he executed those

11 guys too.

12 Q. How do you know.

13 A. Because the complaint -- they came with a complaint at

14 headquarter in Koidu."

11:17:08 15 Then the following page, line 37, bottom line:

16 Q. "How many were they."

17 The following page:

18 A. "Two.

19 Q. Why? What did they do.

11:17:22 20 A. Because the guys? He said they should go on patrol.

21 And the guys said they don't know the route to go to the

22 town where they are going. Then Savage said, "This is your

23 place. You must know this route." So he wanted to flog

24 them. So Gullit said, "No, don't flog them. Maybe they

11:17:39 25 don't know the route. You can be in a village here and you

26 don't know the place to go to the next village." So Savage

27 said they are pretending. So he waited. As we went

28 back -- we drove back to Koidu Town, he executed them."

29 Do you recall making that --





1 A. Yes.

2 Q. According to you, the person you refer to as Gullit  
3 tried -- at least at that stage tried, stopped him from flogging  
4 those people?

11:18:08 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was this before or after Savage went abnormal?

7 A. It was before.

8 Q. Before he went abnormal would you have described him as an  
9 outlaw?

11:18:41 10 A. No, because he was taking instruction and he was under  
11 command.

12 Q. When he went on the Sewafe operation, was that before or  
13 after he went abnormal?

14 A. It was before.

11:18:57 15 Q. That was also -- it was the arms and ammunition he got from  
16 Sewafe that he did not surrender to Superman; not so? That's  
17 what you told us this morning.

18 A. Say again.

19 Q. Arms and ammunition he got from Sewafe, he did not  
11:19:20 20 surrender them to Superman?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Was that before or after he became abnormal?

23 A. Before.

24 Q. Before, okay. So, he had all his senses when he did not  
11:19:34 25 surrender to his commander?

26 A. The arms and ammunition that he brought with -- the ones he  
27 got from Sewafe was with him at his deployment. But he went with  
28 other fighters, that some other arms and ammunition came to the  
29 headquarter.



1 Q. Yes, but he held on to his?  
2 A. Yes, for himself.  
3 Q. Yes. And at that time he hadn't gone off his head yet?  
4 A. No.  
11:20:09 5 Q. It is your evidence that in fact that was why the  
6 commanders did not play with him -- they didn't joke with him,  
7 because he was sitting on a large amount of arms?  
8 A. Yes, he had arms and ammunition to protect himself.  
9 Q. Would you say he was an unpredictable character?  
11:20:34 10 A. Pardon?  
11 Q. He was an unpredictable character?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. The other area which I covered and I said I would go back  
14 to is the issue of orders from SAJ Musa. You told us before the  
11:20:57 15 break that SAJ Musa ordered Alex Tamba Brima to find a base  
16 Bomboru.  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Is that the same as finding a base in the northern jungle?  
19 A. Well, there was already a base in the northern jungle; that  
11:21:18 20 was just a step up.  
21 Q. A step up from what?  
22 A. Step up of the SLAs to make another step-up base for him to  
23 join us later for the invasion in Freetown.  
24 Q. Once you got to Rosos was there another order from SAJ  
11:21:39 25 Musa?  
26 A. I cannot tell.  
27 Q. You cannot tell. Would you say that from then on the  
28 person you refer to as "Gullit" was taking orders from SAJ Musa?  
29 A. Yes.



1 Q. So, shall I put your statement of the 9th of May 2003 to  
2 you?  
3 Page 20, Your Honours.  
4 MS PACK: That is 10554.  
11:22:12 5 MS THOMPSON:  
6 Q. I will start from line 23:  
7 A. "The battalions were distributed. We had the  
8 headquarter, the HQ, at Rosos, town of itself. Rosos --  
9 then all the towns around Rosos, the four towns, had each  
11:22:40 10 battalion controls one town. Then the headquarter in  
11 Rosos, and I was at Rosos because I was the  
12 provost-marshal. So I stayed at the headquarter. So we  
13 were at Rosos and we called on SAJ Musa and told them that  
14 we have got a suitable place where we have made a camp, and  
11:22:58 15 we located the camp to him through the radio set. Then,  
16 has to give Gullit orders that we should take care of the  
17 camp and be there if possible. Let's try and get -- let's  
18 try and run some operations to get food, medicine and to  
19 abduct some young boys so that we will train them, so the  
11:23:24 20 number will exceed. He will then meet us there?  
21 Q. Those were orders from?  
22 A. SAJ, SAJ Musa to Gullit."  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. That is the case; not so?  
11:23:38 25 A. Yes.  
26 Q. So Gullit was under SAJ Musa as far as orders were  
27 concerned and command was concerned?  
28 A. Yes.  
29 Q. The last question before I move on. Operation Spare No



1     Soul, when was the first time you heard those words?

2     A.     I cannot remember. The only operation I remember is

3     Operation Pay Yourself.

4     Q.     You do not remember Spare No Soul?

11:24:14 5     A.     No.

6     Q.     Now I am going to ask you some questions about the

7     relationship between the Sierra Leone Army and the RUF, or the

8     people referred to as the SLAs and the RUF. So if you address

9     your mind to that, please. After the coup in May 1997, May 25,

11:24:37 10    1997, it is right to say that each RUF commander that came, came

11    with their own men; not so?

12    A.     Yes, they came with few securities.

13    Q.     So, Superman, for example, came with his own member. How

14    many men did he come with?

11:24:55 15    A.     I can not recall the number, but he came with securities.

16    Q.     Were they fighting men?

17    A.     Yes.

18    Q.     So when you say "securities", they are actually fighting

19    men?

11:25:11 20    A.     Yes, because in the jungle securities -- whenever there is

21    operation, they go. After operation they come back to the

22    headquarter to protect their boss.

23    Q.     Okay. CO Isaac came with his own men?

24    A.     Yes.

11:25:23 25    Q.     Can you remember how many?

26    A.     No.

27    Q.     Sam Bockarie, Mosquito, came with his own men?

28    A.     Yes.

29    Q.     Can you recall how many?





1 A. No.

2 Q. Did Gibril Massaquoi have his own men?

3 A. Yes?

4 Q. How many of those?

11:25:41 5 A. I couldn't remember.

6 Q. But it wasn't long before Gibril Massaquoi was arrested;

7 not so?

8 A. He was arrested -- I couldn't call the actual date he was

9 arrested, but it was not too long after the AFRC regime, and they

11:26:00 10 arrested him. I could remember it was during -- it was in the

11 mid of the regime.

12 Q. Were the RUF happy about this?

13 A. I cannot tell, because after his arrest -- I would say they

14 were not happy because Issa Sesay and some others were very angry

11:26:25 15 about that.

16 Q. Did they attend meetings with the AFRC after that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. They stopped going to meetings?

19 A. They stopped some time going to meeting after the looting

11:26:43 20 of the Iranian Embassy. They stopped going to meetings.

21 Q. You mentioned the looting of the Iranian Embassy. After

22 that looting Johnny Paul had ordered the arrest of Issa Sesay;

23 not so?

24 A. Yes, after the looting Issa Sesay was ordered to be

11:27:07 25 arrested.

26 Q. And he ran away? Issa Sesay ran away?

27 A. He did not run away; he resisted the arrest. He was in

28 Freetown.

29 Q. When you say he "resisted the arrest", how did he resist



1 it?

2 A. He did not accept for them to arrest him, because he said  
3 that if they try to arrest him he will go back in the bush. But  
4 he did not go until the pulling out.

11:27:32 5 Q. How did he not accept to be arrested? What happened? Did  
6 they go to arrest him?

7 A. Well, I was at the house of the president, Major-General  
8 Paul Koroma. Ibrahim Bazzay went on a meeting and there the  
9 argument started, and I heard Issa Sesay saying that if they  
11:27:55 10 persist for him to be arrested he will go back to the bush. That  
11 was all I heard from him.

12 Q. So he threatened them?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And also you told us yesterday that Mosquito left to go up  
11:28:12 15 to Kenema.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Would you say Mosquito was in control of the eastern  
18 province of Sierra Leone at that time?

19 A. Yes, when he went to the east he was in control.

11:28:27 20 Q. And that would include Kenema, Kono, Kailahun, Tongo Field?

21 A. Tongo, yes.

22 Q. And these were all mining areas?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, you are aware that Mosquito killed BS Massaquoi in  
11:28:55 25 Kenema; not so?

26 That is a name we have heard before, Your Honours,  
27 Massaquoi. B-S as in initials; Massaquoi is M-A-S-S-Q-U-O-I  
28 [sic].

29 A. Yes, I was aware.



1 Q. Did the AFRC disapprove of this -- did they approve of it,  
2 I should say?  
3 A. I couldn't tell because I did not hear any response from  
4 the head of the AFRC about that.

11:29:21 5 Q. Okay, I will come back to it later about your response or  
6 non-response. But it is right to say that the AFRC could not  
7 order him at all within those areas?  
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is the "him" you are referring to?  
9 MS THOMPSON: Mosquito, Your Honour.

11:29:40 10 A. I couldn't remember.  
11 Q. You can't remember. Okay.  
12 If Your Honours will bear with me for one second. I am  
13 going to put a statement to you of 8th of May 2003, your  
14 interview. Page 14 of that interview.

11:30:52 15 MS PACK: That is 10482, Your Honour.  
16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

17 Q. The question that was put to you -- I will start from line  
18 8, Your Honours.  
19 Q. "We will get to that later. So back to that RUF  
11:31:14 20 relationship. I want to talk a bit about JPK's  
21 relationship with Sam Bockarie.  
22 A. Okay?  
23 Q. After Sam Bockarie went to Kenema, which you said  
24 earlier he did on his own, was Sam Bockarie running his own  
11:31:27 25 show there or was he reporting to anyone in -- reporting to  
26 anyone in Freetown?  
27 Q. Well, the early stages Sam Bockarie was -- he was  
28 reporting -- well, as time goes on, I can say he became an  
29 outlaw. He'd do things for himself without any order



1           because he says he is the head of the RUF?

2           Q. Did you hear that from anyone or that was -- how did

3           you become aware of that relationship?

4           A. Well, because -- because there are things that -- at

11:32:01 5           one time there was a command passed to Sam Bockarie from

6           JPK to attack the Nigerians that were coming from Liberia

7           because they used that route to come and attack Kenema. So

8           the instruction was given to Sam Bockarie to attack, but

9           Sam -- in Sam Bockarie's own reply, because I was there on

11:32:20 10          the set at that time, I was chief security to Johnny at

11          that time, he refused. He said he is going to do what he

12          feels to do, no-one will show him how to fight and how to

13          attack. He said he would do what he feels to do."

14          Do you recall saying that?

11:32:38 15          A. Yes.

16          Q. Yes. So I ask you the question again: Was Sam Bockarie

17          taking orders from anyone?

18          A. They early stage of the revolution he was taking orders,

19          and later he went up country. He was not taking orders from

11:33:02 20          anybody.

21          Q. Yes. I will come back to the issue of BS Massaquoi later.

22          It is fair to say that the relationship between RUF and the AFRC

23          was a strained relationship; not so?

24          A. At the early stages the relationship was good. But as time

11:33:32 25          goes on the relationship break between the two.

26          Q. When you say the "early stages", would I be right in saying

27          that that was when the AFRC invited the RUF to join them?

28          A. Yes, because if the relationship was not too good, I

29          believe when they invited them they should not have come.





1 Q. Yes.

2 A. So at that stage the relationship was good.

3 Q. Yes, and it subsequently broke down.

4 A. And later it broke down.

11:34:04 5 Q. Yes. And Mosquito, it is fair to say, was the de facto  
6 leader of the RUF; not so? In the absence of Foday Sankoh he was  
7 leader of the RUF?

8 [AFRC19SEP05C - CR]

9 Q. And he had men that he controlled, lots of men that he  
11:34:24 10 controlled?

11 A. Yes, anyone who is an RUF is under his supervision.

12 Q. And lots of ammunitions and arms?

13 A. Yes, he had arms and ammunition.

14 Q. The AFRC subsequently did not trust the RUF, did they? Nor  
11:34:43 15 the RUF the AFRC.

16 A. Yes, there was a trust on trust. The RUF don't trust the  
17 AFRC, the AFRC don't trust the RUF, when they had started being  
18 some fracas between them.

19 Q. Was there a fracas in Kabaala in February 1998?

11:35:06 20 A. Yes, when we pull out, there was a lot of individual  
21 fighting with mid-level fighters.

22 Q. This mid-level fighters, you had the SLAs on the one side  
23 and the RUF on the other; not so?

24 A. Yes.

11:35:21 25 Q. Can you tell the Court how serious that fracas got? How  
26 serious was it?

27 A. Yes, that was why even SAJ did not join the troops to go to  
28 Kono. He decided to go on his own to Koinadugu.

29 Q. How serious did it get?



1 A. It was serious because there are killings that were going  
2 on secretly.

3 Q. Killing of whom by who?

4 A. RUF would kill SLA soldiers, SLA soldiers would kill RUF.

11:36:10 5 Q. Was there one particular fighting that lasted for one day?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. A particular event, where fighting took place and lasted  
8 for one day?

9 A. Yes.

11:36:20 10 Q. That event, there was loss of life; not so?

11 A. Not plenty, a few.

12 Q. How many?

13 A. Both RUF and SLA. I cannot give a specific number.

14 Q. Now, can you recall what was this all about?

11:36:50 15 A. Well, the fighting between RUF and SLA was more on looted  
16 properties, vehicles.

17 Q. And that's it?

18 A. That's what I could remember.

19 Q. Now, if I can just point out your statement of 6 May 2003,  
11:37:15 20 page 6.

21 MS PACK: It's 10418, Your Honour.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Pack.

23 MS THOMPSON:

24 Q. I will start from line 22,.

11:37:42 25 "A. Makeni. From Makeni, we took him to his village and  
26 then went to Kabala straight.

27 "Q. Okay.

28 "A. Yes, it was at night we took him there" - we are  
29 referring to Johnny Paul Koroma at these stages - "so when



1           that message came, so there was some fracas between us, the  
2           RUF arresting some SLA guys, taking their guns from them,  
3           controlling the guns that -- they said we should be under  
4           them. So the split had to come, so some commanders came  
11:38:17 5           together like Ibrahim Bazzy, Papa, Kallay from the SLA side  
6           that we should go to Kono, that we should go to Kono. All  
7           that time Kamajor were at Kono, Kamajors."  
8           Do you recall saying that?  
9       A.    Yes.  
11:38:33 10          Q.   And that was at Kabala?  
11       A.    Yes.  
12       Q.    It's fair to say the fight was about command and control  
13           between the RUF and SLA; not so?  
14       A.    Yes, I have already said that initially.  
11:38:45 15          Q.   It was at Kabala that you said earlier that Musa refused to  
16           join the RUF?  
17       A.    Yes.  
18       Q.    And did SAJ Musa warn you a lot about the RUF? Did he warn  
19           you against going to Kono with the RUF?  
11:39:10 20       A.    I couldn't remember.  
21       Q.    Now, in the absence of Johnny Paul Koroma, who would you  
22           say was the leader then that you were taking orders from?  
23       A.    In the absence of Johnny Paul Koroma in Kono, we are under  
24           the RUF and we took direct instructions to Denis Mingo, aka  
11:39:41 25           Superman and he takes instruction from Sam Bockarie, aka  
26           Mosquito.  
27       Q.    But there was a mutual trust between you two in Kono,  
28           between RUF and SLA; not so?  
29       A.    At that time in Kono, the SLAs were very angry because



1 Johnny Paul has said that SLA should be under the supervision of  
2 the RUF, so we are walking alongside with them, but they had all  
3 the instruction and the command structure.

4 Q. Were you also looking for instructions from SAJ Musa?

11:40:25 5 A. Yes. When SAJ Musa joined us at Major Eddie Town, he was  
6 the overall commander. At a certain stage, when I was a task  
7 force commander, I took instructions from him.

8 Q. But you had already exercised command, from your evidence,  
9 from when you went to Mansofinia?

11:40:51 10 A. In Mansofinia, I was working under the command of Alex  
11 Tamba Brima and all instructions I get from him.

12 Q. And Alex Tamba Brima took command from whom?

13 A. He was in overall command of troops moving to Camp Rosos  
14 and SAJ gave the instructions for us to move to Camp Rosos so  
11:41:19 15 Alex Tamba Brima was taking command to SAJ at that time, because  
16 we had no communication with Johnny Paul Koroma.

17 Q. So in the absence of Johnny Paul Koroma, you were taking  
18 instructions from SAJ Musa?

19 A. Yes.

11:41:32 20 Q. Now, your evidence yesterday was that -- sorry, not  
21 yesterday, last week. I beg your pardon. SAJ Musa was chased  
22 out of Kurubonla by Superman?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who was an RUF?

11:41:46 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. You have also said that SAJ Musa wanted the SLAs to arrive  
27 in Freetown before the RUF did?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Are you aware that Tamba Brima was arrested by Issa Sesay





1 in Kailahun?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Are you aware that he was also beaten during that arrest?

4 A. Yes.

11:42:21 5 Q. He was assaulted?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that he was under their custody from February to July  
8 1998.

9 A. He was in Kailahun. He met us at Kono, the last two weeks  
11:42:37 10 before the pull-out to Mansofinia.

11 Q. I put it to you that he was not there, he was in Kailahun  
12 under arrest till July of 1998.

13 A. That's what I said, he came to join us, the last two weeks  
14 from Kailahun and meet some reinforcements and join us to go to  
11:43:01 15 Mansofinia.

16 Q. So you went to Mansofinia in July 1998; is that your  
17 evidence?

18 A. We went to Mansofinia sometime in 1998. I could not  
19 remember the date.

11:43:13 20 Q. Was that at the beginning or in the middle of the rainy  
21 season?

22 A. It was in the rainy season, I cannot remember the right  
23 month, the right day.

24 Q. That's why I said was it in the beginning or in the middle.

11:43:44 25 A. I couldn't say.

26 Q. You were also aware that Johnny Paul Koroma was under  
27 arrest by Mosquito.

28 A. Yes, I came to know that when we went to meet Johnny Paul  
29 at Liberia and he told us about that.



1 Q. Okay. That's when you found out that he was actually  
2 arrested. But you had suspected that there was something wrong  
3 before then, had you not?

4 A. Yes, because we are not getting any communication with him.

11:44:17 5 All communications we get from Mosquito. At all times when we  
6 asked for Johnny Paul Koroma, he would tell us that all  
7 instructions that he gives is coming from Johnny Paul Koroma.

8 Q. Yes. So you suspected that he was playing tricks on you?

9 A. Yes.

11:44:36 10 Q. Also, you had said that Sam Bockarie had promised to send  
11 troops to Freetown to join you when you invaded Freetown  
12 in January 1999, but he failed to do so?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. It's right to say that SLAs considered themselves superior  
11:45:04 15 to the fighters of the RUF; did they not?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. They saw them at rebels, bush fighters?

18 A. Well, the SLA, I thinking on it that they were well trained  
19 to be a soldier and in going to the bush. The RUF were civilians  
11:45:28 20 just trained a little tactics, so they should not be under the  
21 RUF. So the SLA were I thinking superiorly than the RUF.

22 Q. Indeed you were like the RUF, were you not, you had just  
23 been trained a little tactics for one week and there you were  
24 parading as an SLA; not so?

11:45:54 25 A. No.

26 Q. Now, when you went to -- before I get to that, in all that  
27 time, it's fair to say, then, that there was no joined mission  
28 between the SLA as an organisation and the RUF as an  
29 organisation; not so?



1 A. There were joint missions, because we were working together  
2 in hand.  
3 Q. When?  
4 A. The early stage when the AFRC called upon the RUF.  
11:46:27 5 Q. No, we've passed that, Mr Witness. We have moved on.  
6 A. When we went to the jungle --  
7 Q. Yes.  
8 A. There were joint missions, we called from Kabala to Kono to  
9 attack the Kamajors, it was a joint mission, both RUF and SLA.  
11:46:46 10 Q. But that was without the sanction of your leadership; not  
11 so?  
12 A. Pardon?  
13 Q. That was without the sanction of your leadership.  
14 A. Yes.  
11:47:02 15 Q. Thank you. Now, you told us last week there was an  
16 operation to Pendembu and you described that as a failure. Why  
17 did it fail? Sorry, when you say it failed, what did you mean  
18 that the operation failed?  
19 A. Because the operation commander that went on the operation  
11:47:28 20 died, and there was no arms and ammunition brought into the camp.  
21 So it's a failed mission.  
22 Q. How would you describe the morale of the troops after  
23 Pendembu?  
24 A. The morale was low.  
11:47:48 25 Q. Now I'm going to take you back to Mansofinia. This was  
26 where the troops were reorganised; not so?  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. Your evidence was that Tamba Brima conferred these  
29 promotions or tasks or responsibilities or appointments, if you



1 like, on various members of the troops?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you say how this was done, please?

4 A. The promotions were given by Alex Tamba Brima according to  
11:48:49 5 how we are capable of controlling the men.

6 Q. Okay so how was it done? Were you called to Kono, to a  
7 little room and say, "Now you are provost-marshal and your task  
8 is this"?

9 A. No, it was not a hidden secret. It was spelled out in  
11:49:16 10 front of all commanders; we had a meeting.

11 Q. Just commanders?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was this made in the form of an announcement, or was it  
14 just discussion?

11:49:33 15 A. It was discussed in the meeting and the promotions were  
16 given individually. Like, for example, if you can do well in the  
17 past, like in Kono, and you are a lieutenant and in the meeting  
18 he will say you are a captain and it has been endorsed by the  
19 admin officer, who was FAT Sesay.

11:50:01 20 Q. So there was no big announcement with a piece of paper  
21 saying, "I, Tamba Brima, now pronounce you"?

22 A. No.

23 Q. As provost-marshal were you in charge of a battalion?

24 A. As provost-marshal I was not in charge of a battalion.

11:50:21 25 Q. Were there any companies at this stage, or were you just  
26 divided into battalions?

27 A. We were just divided into battalions.

28 Q. From when you say Tamba Brima met you in Kono to when you  
29 got to Freetown in January 1999 how many times did he reorganise





1 the troops? I'm not talking about when you say SAJ Musa did, I'm  
2 talking about Tamba Brima now specifically. How many times did  
3 he himself reorganise the troops?  
4 A. The troops was organised in a large scale at Mansofinia.  
11:51:06 5 Then on our arrival at Camp Rosos there were a few changes.  
6 Q. And what were those changes?  
7 A. Those are the two times I remember.  
8 Q. At Rosos was there a big announcement again, like a meeting  
9 and then he stands there and says, "I, Tamba Brima"?  
11:51:28 10 A. No, there was no big announcement. It was in Camp Rosos,  
11 it was like the same thing at Mansofinia.  
12 Q. Now you say that he was one of the 16 who was promoted to  
13 brigadier-general in Masiaka although he was not there. Between  
14 the time that you say you met him in Kono -- he met you in Kono  
11:51:56 15 to Freetown, did he promote himself again?  
16 A. No, he was brigadier-general.  
17 Q. And he remained so until the end, did he?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Major Eddie Town, has it always been referred to as Major  
11:52:15 20 Eddie Town by you and your colleagues?  
21 A. Pardon?  
22 Q. Was it always referred to as Major Eddie Town by you and  
23 your colleagues?  
24 A. We were not referring to Alex Tamba Brima as Major Eddie  
11:52:38 25 Town.  
26 Q. No, no, I'm not talking about that. I'm sorry, I do beg  
27 your pardon. Major Eddie Town itself, you have referred to a  
28 place you named Major Eddie Town, or the SLAs or your comrades  
29 named Major Eddie Town. My question is: Was it always referred



1 to as Major Eddie Town by you and your comrades or did you refer  
2 to it as another name?  
3 A. It was called Major Eddie Town by all of us because  
4 initially when we went there we did not know the name of the  
11:53:08 5 village, and why we call it Major Eddie Town, there was a major  
6 called Major Eddie who was born around that chiefdom, so we  
7 called the village after his name.  
8 Q. And you called it Major Eddie Town till you left? Till you  
9 left the place it was called Major Eddie Town?  
11:53:33 10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. Whilst you were there - at Major Eddies town, that is - did  
12 SAJ Musa call Tamba Brima at all?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. How many times?  
11:53:43 15 A. I could remember once which I know. The time he left  
16 Kurubonla on his way coming, he called at the signal set and  
17 O-Five received the signal message that he's coming to look and  
18 they should send troops to meet him and accompany him to the  
19 base.  
11:54:15 20 Q. Did Tamba Brima call SAJ Musa?  
21 A. I couldn't remember.  
22 Q. Now when you were giving evidence-in-chief you mentioned --  
23 are you all right, Mr Witness?  
24 A. Yes, yes.  
11:54:42 25 Q. Now you mentioned that you were arrested because you had  
26 shot your second in command and I think I had asked you a  
27 question about that earlier. What I need to know now,  
28 Mr Witness: Was this before or after the arrest of the  
29 commanders which you told us about last week?



1 A. I was arrested before the brigadiers were arrested. I was  
2 in custody when they were arrested.  
3 Q. And when they were released were you still in custody?  
4 A. No.  
11:55:37 5 Q. So if they were in custody when you were arrested how is it  
6 that Tamba Brima was able to plead for your release, because  
7 that's what you told us; is that not?  
8 A. I said I was arrested before they were arrested. He was in  
9 command before I was arrested.  
11:55:58 10 Q. Okay, let's get the sequences right, shall we? Can you  
11 remember the month you got to Major Eddie Town?  
12 A. No.  
13 Q. You can't remember. Did you have a watch on you?  
14 A. Watch?  
11:56:17 15 Q. Yes, a wristwatch?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Okay, so you were at least able to tell the time?  
18 A. No, because at that time I was very stressed up on what  
19 happened, so I could not remember about even timings.  
11:56:34 20 Q. Or perhaps you were feeling mild? Was this one of the  
21 occasions when you were feeling mild?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. How long after you got to Major Eddie Town did the incident  
24 between yourself and your second in command take place?  
11:56:54 25 A. It was not a very long period since we reached Major Eddie  
26 Town when I had a problem.  
27 Q. A week?  
28 A. No, about a month.  
29 Q. A month, okay. How long after you reached Major Eddie Town



1 did you and your fellow commanders arrest the senior commanders?

2 A. It was after I was arrested when I got the shoot-out with  
3 my 2IC and I was in custody when the brigadiers were arrested.

4 Q. So you did not participate in their arrest?

11:57:39 5 A. I participated.

6 Q. But you were in custody, Mr Witness. How could you have  
7 participated in the arrest of another when you were in custody  
8 yourself?

9 A. I was in custody at the headquarter, but I was at the house  
11:57:55 10 of the operation commander O-Five that came from SAJ Musa,  
11 because I had already left the battalion where I got the  
12 shoot-out and Saidu Kambolia was there.

13 Q. So what part did you play in their arrest?

14 A. I was ordered by O-Five to go and arrest Ibrahim Bazy  
11:58:16 15 Kamara.

16 Q. So they trusted you enough to release you to go and effect  
17 the arrest of a more senior commander?

18 A. Yes, because all the arrests were made by their own  
19 close -- I would say their own close people, close to them, was  
11:58:36 20 the people that they sent to each of them.

21 Q. And you would say you were the closest to Ibrahim Bazy  
22 Kamara?

23 A. Yes, we have been close all throughout.

24 Q. After you had arrested Ibrahim Bazy Kamara you returned to  
11:58:50 25 your own cell, your own closed quarters?

26 A. I was not in a cell. I told you I was in a open detention  
27 to the operation commander O-Five. I was staying with him in his  
28 house. After the arrest, they were all brought to O-Five and I  
29 was with O-Five until SAJ came.





1 Q. So you were with O-Five in his house, but you were not free  
2 to move about?

3 A. Yes, I was not free to move about and I had no securities.

4 Q. So after you had arrested Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara you then  
11:59:19 5 returned to O-Five's house where you were not free to move about?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And these commanders were under arrest until after SAJ Musa  
8 had come to Major Eddie Town?

9 A. Yes.

11:59:44 10 Q. Now you told us last week that you said you were taken for  
11 jungle justice and detention at the house of O-Five. "I was  
12 removed to go and collect SAJ Musa by Alex Tamba Brima" and you  
13 said you went to receive SAJ Musa. Now forgive me, because I  
14 don't understand this so perhaps you can explain it better.

12:00:17 15 Tamba Alex Brima or Alex Tamba Brima was under arrest at the  
16 time. You had arrested them -- you had arrested Bazzy Kamara,  
17 somebody else had arrested him and the others and they were now  
18 in custody; not so?

19 A. Yes.

12:00:39 20 Q. Yes, where they remained until after SAJ Musa had come?

21 A. They were in custody, they disarmed all their security  
22 personnels and they were in open detention at the house of  
23 O-Five.

24 Q. How is it that Tamba Brima would now remove you from  
12:01:00 25 custody to go and collect SAJ Musa when he himself was in  
26 custody? Can you explain that, please?

27 A. He did not ask me to go and collect Alex Tamba Brima. I  
28 was given orders by O-Five to go and collect SAJ Musa.

29 Q. Well, last week --



1 A. Because on their arrest and overall O-Five was in care of  
2 the whole troops when they were under arrest.

3 Q. Okay, I hear what you say now, but on 15 September in this  
4 Court you said, "I was removed to go and collect SAJ Musa by Alex  
12:01:43 5 Tamba Brima."

6 A. No, Tamba Brima was in custody. I was sent by O-Five.

7 Q. Mr Witness, you are making this up as you are going along;  
8 not so?

9 A. Pardon?

12:01:59 10 Q. You are making this up?

11 A. I'm not making it up, because I was present and whatever I  
12 see, it's not a story to me.

13 Q. You also said that this incident happened before they were  
14 arrested, before the commanders were arrested. The incident of  
12:02:19 15 you being in custody happened before the commanders were  
16 arrested. That is what you said in this Court.

17 A. Yes, before they were -- I was the first to be arrested.  
18 At that time they were not arrested. They were taking care of  
19 command structure. I was in custody, I think, one week when I  
12:02:37 20 was arrested, then they too were arrested and later I was sent to  
21 go and collect SAJ Musa and when I came I was in open detention.

22 Q. All right. So you, a man who was in detention, was sent --  
23 you were sent to collect SAJ Musa without any fear of you running  
24 away and you came back to detention?

12:03:04 25 A. Yes, because it was just a punishment to me and I believe I  
26 will not run away because the crime that I committed, there were  
27 laws that were placed on that, because if I should have been a  
28 guilty man, they should have passed verdict over me. So I would  
29 not run away.



1 Q. That verdict included killing you; not so?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. It included killing you? How long after your arrest were  
4 you removed to go and collect SAJ Musa?

12:03:45 5 A. I said just a week. In the same week when the honourables  
6 were arrested.

7 Q. Now, you recall that you have already given evidence before  
8 another Trial Chamber?

9 A. Yes.

12:04:08 10 Q. That was -- never mind. I will move on from there. Now,  
11 I've got the transcript here, because when I was putting  
12 questions to you, I was using my own notes. I have the  
13 transcript here of what you said on the 15th of September. It's  
14 on page 77, Your Honours. So that I get this right and I know  
12:04:41 15 what you said - because I'm using my own notes, I'm putting the  
16 transcript now to you.

17 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, page 77. I'll take it from line  
18 7.

19 This was when you were giving evidence-in-chief. My  
12:05:06 20 learned friend on the other side was asking you questions.

21 "Q. Who arrested you?

22 "A. Pardon?

23 "Q. Who arrested you?

24 "A. O-Five went to arrest me, O-Five.

12:05:19 25 "Q. And what happened after your arrest?

26 "A. After my arrest, I was brought and I was on detention  
27 at the house of O-Five.

28 "Q. How long were you detained for?

29 "A. Two weeks and I was removed to go and collect SAJ



1 Musa.

2 "Q. Who removed you to go and collect SAJ Musa?

3 "A. Alex Tamba Brima?

4 "Q. Was this before or after Alex Tamba Brima was

12:05:44 5 arrested by O-Five?

6 "A. It was before they were arrested."

7 That is what you said in this Court.

8 A. Alex Tamba Brima, they were on detention when I was sent to

9 go and collect SAJ Musa.

12:06:00 10 Q. So when you gave evidence here on 15th of September, you

11 were lying?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Well, what were you doing? Telling the truth?

14 A. I believe anything I say in my statement and in the Court

12:06:11 15 here, I'm saying the truth.

16 Q. Well, which account was the truth? Last week's or today's?

17 A. What I'm saying is the truth.

18 Q. Mr Witness, they cannot both be the truth. One of them has

19 to be a lie.

12:06:25 20 A. What I'm saying, I said Alex Tamba Brima was on detention

21 when I was sent to go and collect O-Five -- SAJ Musa.

22 Q. So what you said on the 15th, then, must be the lie?

23 A. No, I don't lie.

24 Q. What was that then on the 15th?

12:06:51 25 A. I'm saying it was right and it's what I have said, that

26 they were on detention and I was sent to go and collect SAJ Musa.

27 Q. Okay, I'm not going to belabour the point, but let me just

28 ask you this: What I read out to you, was that a correct version

29 of the events as you recall them?





1 A. Pardon?

2 Q. What I have just read out to you, which you said in this  
3 Court on 15 September, was that a correct version of the events  
4 as you recall them?

12:07:23 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay, that was the correct version. What you have said  
7 today, is today also a correct version of events as you recall  
8 them?

9 A. I want the Court to know that this thing has taken a long  
12:07:47 10 time, so there are some things that you have to trigger my brain  
11 so that I could remember, because I will tell you this for the  
12 past six years or five years.

13 Q. Well, Mr Witness, I think I sufficiently triggered your  
14 brain. I'm merely asking you which one of the two versions is  
12:08:12 15 the correct one, but we can move on.

16 A. The correct one is Alex Tamba Brima was on custody and I  
17 was sent to collect SAJ Musa by O-Five, because I also was on  
18 open detention at the house of O-Five.

19 Q. Now, you also mentioned that -- Mr Witness, before I move  
12:08:58 20 on to that, may I just remind you that you are under oath when  
21 you are giving evidence here?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And at least one of those versions is a lie and you have  
24 lied under oath?

12:09:09 25 A. No.

26 Q. Now, you mentioned also on the 15th that seven females were  
27 killed, aged 20 to 30, because they were accused of being  
28 witches.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, was it not three were



1 killed?

2 MS THOMPSON: Sorry, Your Honour, yes, three were killed.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Seven were accused and impaled, if I  
4 remember correctly?

12:09:36 5 MS THOMPSON: I beg your pardon, Your Honour.

6 Q. You said you were called to the headquarters, you met the  
7 seven ladies, they were accused of being witches, displayed and  
8 were impaled and after they were impaled, some were killed. The  
9 bodies of those who died were thrown into the river. Killing was  
12:09:54 10 done by Cyborg, Kabila, Mad Crazy and Alex Tamba Brima gave the  
11 orders and you were there. That's what you said?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, on 1 October 2004 -- apart from the interviews that  
14 you gave to investigators of the Special Court, you've had  
12:10:23 15 several sessions with them where you've gone over your statement;  
16 not so?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That's spanning from September to October 2004 last year;  
19 not so?

12:10:40 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay.

22 MS THOMPSON: Your Honours, it is paragraph 125 and it's  
23 the proofing of 1 October 2004.

24 MS PACK: Can I just give the page? Your Honours, the page  
12:11:42 25 is 11177.

26 MS THOMPSON: Thank you.

27 MS PACK: It is the second binder.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, we have that before us.

29 MS THOMPSON: Before I put the statement to you, Cyborg,



1 Kabila, Mad Crazy, were these young boys or were they trained  
2 SLAs?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. They're young boys?  
12:13:15 5 A. They were SLA soldiers.  
6 Q. Trained SLA soldiers; they're adults?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. You referred to one of the number, apart from Cyborg,  
9 Kabila and Mad Crazy you referred to one of them as SBU Killer,  
12:13:32 10 another person?  
11 A. Yes, he was a very small boy.  
12 Q. And he was the only small boy amongst this lot?  
13 A. No, there were other small boys.  
14 Q. No, the ones who committed the killing, that's what I'm  
12:13:45 15 talking about?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. He was the only small boy. Now, when you were spoken to by  
18 investigators on 1 October, I put this to you, you said, "The 4th  
19 Battalion was stationed at Rochin while we were at Major Eddie  
12:14:00 20 Town. At Rochin, there was a killing of young girls prior to the  
21 arrival of SAJ Musa. The young boys who killed the girls  
22 believed that witches were moving with them and they determined  
23 that the women were witches. At this time, the boys were under  
24 the command of Gullit and Bazy. This was before their arrest.  
12:14:22 25 The women were impaled and cut into pieces. The idea was to get  
26 rid of the witches. Gullit ordered the girls killed." Do you  
27 recall saying that?  
28 A. Yes.  
29 Q. Now, where did this killing take place, Rochin or the



1 headquarters?

2 A. The killing took place at Major Eddie Town. There the  
3 witches were placed at the headquarter and were impaled.

4 Q. Were they impaled before or after death?

12:14:56 5 A. Before.

6 Q. Before?

7 A. Before death.

8 Q. So when you said on 1 October that this took place at  
9 Rochin, because you say, "At Rochin, there was a killing of young  
12:15:09 10 girls prior to the arrival of SAJ Musa."

11 A. At Rochin, there the killing went on, the witches were  
12 displayed. When they were impaled, the three that were to be  
13 killed, because the river passed close to Rochin, they were taken  
14 there.

12:15:32 15 Q. Mr Witness, when you spoke to the investigators on  
16 1 October, you did not say they were displayed at Major Eddie  
17 Town, you said they were killed at Rochin. You described them as  
18 girls, admittedly further down you say women. You said, "This  
19 killing was done by boys under the command of Gullit and Bazy."

12:16:05 20 You make no mention of the number of the girls who were killed.

21 A. Three.

22 Q. You say that now. [Overlapping speakers

23 A. I have mentioned that since in my statements.

24 Q. So the killing did not take place at the headquarters?

12:16:23 25 A. No, but there they were impaled and flogged.

26 Q. Are you sure those orders came from Tamba Brima?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Because I put it to you that you are lying.

29 A. I disagree, because if those things are happening and there





1 is an overall commander, the orders came directly from him and he  
2 was there when the witches were impaled and other commanders were  
3 also there.

4 Q. So you did not hear him say, "Kill them"?

12:17:05 5 A. I cannot say that I heard the orders from him, but he was  
6 in command.

7 Q. Yes, but you did not hear him say, "Kill them". You did  
8 not hear him order the killing of these three ladies, did you?

9 A. The three ladies were killed after impaling them and he was  
12:17:25 10 there and, I believe if they were to be killed, the orders came  
11 from him, because he was the high command, because nobody else  
12 would give those orders.

13 Q. You believed, but you did not hear?

14 A. Yes.

12:17:38 15 Q. And also, you said in your statement that this was done by  
16 boys. When you say "boys", does that include Cyborg, Kabila and  
17 Mad Crazy?

18 A. Yes, because they are under the ages of 20, 25.

19 Q. Mr Witness, if this happened, and I doubt it did, but if it  
12:18:08 20 happened, I put it to you that it was done by Cyborg, Kabila and  
21 Mad Crazy, who were going on a frolic of their own?

22 A. No, it happened, and it happened and I was there.

23 Q. Did you do anything to stop it?

24 A. I can't.

12:18:26 25 Q. Did you not take part in it?

26 A. I sat and watched.

27 Q. When SAJ Musa arrived at Major Eddie Town, did he give  
28 Tamba Brima any position?

29 A. No.



1 Q. When he was restructuring the troops at Major Eddie Town,  
2 can you tell us how this took place? Was it like a big meeting?  
3 A. It was a meeting all battalion commanders and commanders,  
4 including all honourables, because they were still under arrest,  
12:19:18 5 but open arrest, when he restructured, and then from another two  
6 battalions. So the four, to make it six.  
7 Q. Did he have a piece of paper in front of him and he said,  
8 "I, SAJ Musa, being in command of these troops"?  
9 A. We had an administration officer on all meetings; he has  
12:19:53 10 all written documents.  
11 Q. Now, before SAJ Musa came and you were given another task,  
12 were you not? Was that when you were made task force commander?  
13 A. Before SAJ Musa came, I had the problem, and I went to  
14 collect SAJ Musa and came back.  
12:20:12 15 Q. No, sorry, I'm asking you about your position. When SAJ  
16 Musa came, he made you task force commander?  
17 A. When SAJ Musa came, he made me task force commander at  
18 Newton.  
19 Q. All right. You were provost-marshal from Mansofinia to  
12:20:28 20 when?  
21 A. Camp Rosos.  
22 Q. Camp Rosos.  
23 A. And I was given a battalion, until I came to Major Eddie  
24 Town.  
12:20:40 25 Q. When those killings were taking place, you, as  
26 provost-marshal, did nothing about it?  
27 A. When the killings were going on, I was not a  
28 provost-marshal. I was under arrest but open detention. I could  
29 not say anything, even if I was a provost-marshal, because in the



1 jungle you cannot stop those instructions that come from above,  
2 because you too will be killed.

3 Q. I see. But you don't know if the instructions are from  
4 above now, do you? You merely believed.

12:21:12 5 A. I believed it was an instruction from above.

6 Q. Now, did SAJ Musa lecture the troops about crimes against  
7 humanity?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What did he say about crimes against humanity?

12:21:27 10 A. SAJ Musa did not want the killing of innocent civilians.  
11 There should be no raping and there should be no amputation.

12 Q. Did he use the specific phrase, "crimes against humanity"?

13 A. I could not remember.

14 Q. Did he talk to you about the time he spent in Britain? At  
12:21:58 15 this meeting, did he talk about the time he spent in Britain?

16 A. I could not remember.

17 Q. How long after did SAJ Musa arrive -- how long after SAJ  
18 Musa arrived, I beg your pardon, did you set off for Freetown?

19 A. It was not too long. There were just a few operations that  
12:22:20 20 were done and we came. I cannot remember the dates and the  
21 specific period of time that we spent at Major Eddie Town.

22 Q. Okay. Before SAJ Musa arrived, when you were at Major  
23 Eddie Town, was there any communication between Tamba Brima and  
24 Issa Sesay?

12:22:42 25 A. I cannot tell.

26 Q. Or Morris Kallon?

27 A. I cannot tell.

28 Q. Would you know if there was any such communication, being,  
29 as you were, so close to the headquarters?



1 A. I would not know because the communication set was  
2 installed right at his house and I am not always at his house.  
3 Q. But if there was, it would have been talked about?  
4 A. Yes, if there should have been communication. But I don't  
12:23:18 5 know whether he would be talking to them secretly. I can't tell.  
6 Q. I'm not talking about secretly, I'm talking about normal,  
7 open communication, which your colleagues would know about.  
8 A. I don't know anything about that.  
9 Q. So you did not hear anything about those? You did not hear  
12:23:37 10 anything about him communicating with any RUF?  
11 A. In Major Eddie Town, I did not.  
12 Q. Alfred Brown was the controller of the radio set - not so -  
13 in Major Eddie Town?  
14 A. No, it was controlled by Eluguma.  
12:23:56 15 Q. I see.  
16 A. Alfred Brown was controlling the set -- Alfred Brown came  
17 with SAJ Musa and Eluguma was already at Major Eddie Town. He  
18 was controlling the radio communication.  
19 Q. So Alfred Brown did not come with O-Five?  
12:24:19 20 A. No, Eluguma came with O-Five. Alfred Brown, I only saw him  
21 behind a radio set after the death of SAJ Musa. That was Goba  
22 Water.  
23 Q. When SAJ Musa came, did he say anything about the members  
24 of the RUF who were with you at Major Eddie Town?  
12:24:48 25 A. When he came, he only told us about what happened at  
26 Krubola and he said we should try to move fast before the RUF to  
27 Freetown.  
28 Q. Did you have a few RUF people with you?  
29 A. Yes.





1 Q. How many?

2 A. I cannot give a specific number, but they were very few.

3 Q. In total, how many of you SLAs were there?

4 A. I cannot give a specific number.

12:25:24 5 Q. But you were provost-marshal. You commanded the battalion.

6 You don't know how many people were there?

7 A. Yes, I only knew about the strength in my battalion. I

8 don't know the strength of the overall fighters in the troops at

9 that time.

12:25:43 10 Q. But when these battalions were being formed in -- these

11 were the same battalions from Mansofinia; not so?

12 A. The same battalions from Mansofinia was four battalions.

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. We moved to Camp Rosos, and the same four battalions moved

12:26:02 15 to Major Eddie Town. And on the arrival of SAJ, they formed

16 another two battalion to make it six.

17 Q. Okay. Now, when they were being formed, before we get to

18 what SAJ Musa did when four became six, you were involved, or

19 you -- you have told us so many times you were close to the

12:26:24 20 headquarters, so you must have been involved or at least were

21 there when these battalions were being formed?

22 A. I was there, but I was not particular about the overall

23 number. I only knew my own men that are under my command and

24 control.

12:26:41 25 Q. So you were fighting with your own battalion on your own?

26 A. On some operations, only my battalion. On some other

27 operations, I just pick few fighters to join the others.

28 Q. So you were not concerned about the strength of any other

29 battalion just in case your own battalion gets into difficulties



1 and you would need another one to support you? You were not  
2 concerned about that?

3 A. Well, at all times when I have problems with manpower, I  
4 would contact the headquarter and they would send reinforcement  
12:27:19 5 for me.

6 Q. But if your evidence is to be believed, you wouldn't know  
7 whether they had enough men to spare to send you reinforcements  
8 now, would you?

9 A. Pardon?

12:27:30 10 Q. Since you don't know the strength of any other battalion,  
11 you would not have known if, when you sought or you asked for  
12 reinforcement, you would get it, because you don't know whether  
13 they have any men to spare.

14 A. I would always get reinforcement when an operation goes  
12:27:49 15 out, when you call on reinforcement. Because when operation goes  
16 out, everybody does not have to go. There is a standby troop in  
17 case of we want reinforcement.

18 Q. Who promoted you to lieutenant-colonel?

19 A. I was promoted to lieutenant-colonel by Alex Tamba Brima  
12:28:23 20 after the attack on Hastings.

21 Q. On the 16th, on Friday, when you were giving answers to my  
22 learned friend on the other side, when she was leading you in  
23 evidence, you said that -- you told us that yes, you had been  
24 promoted by Tamba Brima from major to lieutenant-colonel after a  
12:28:53 25 successful attack on Hasting, but you had also said earlier, and  
26 I'm just looking for it now, that at Newton, in fact, very early  
27 on when you were giving evidence on the 16th, you said that, "On  
28 our first arrival at the Newton area, we stayed there for three  
29 days, and then there was a meeting called by SAJ Musa. The



1 honourables were reinstated and promotions were given. I was  
2 promoted to lieutenant-colonel."

3 A. At Newton, I was promoted as major and at Hastings I was  
4 promoted as lieutenant-colonel. That has been in all my  
12:29:32 5 interviews.

6 Q. I'm not talking about your interview, witness. I'm talking  
7 about what you said in this Court under oath. You keep trying to  
8 disassociate yourself from what you said last week. I am putting  
9 it to you that last week you said two things: One was that you  
12:29:47 10 were promoted to lieutenant-colonel by SAJ Musa at Newton. And  
11 then further on, later on, on the same day, you said promoted to  
12 lieutenant-colonel by Tamba Brima. Which is the truth?

13 MS PACK: I should point out that the first part of the  
14 witness's testimony on the 15th, when I was taking him through  
12:30:06 15 the chronology of various promotions and appointments that he  
16 had, page 11 of the transcript on the 15th, when asked about any  
17 alterations, line 5, "On the attack at Hastings, I was promoted  
18 by Alex Tamba Brima to a lieutenant-colonel." That was at the  
19 outset of the testimony when going through the chronology of  
12:30:29 20 appointments.

21 MS THOMPSON: I'm grateful to my learned friend.

22 Q. Now that's three. Two the same story and one something  
23 different. Which is it that we should actually hang on to?  
24 Which one is the truth?

12:30:51 25 A. The truth is that I was promoted to lieutenant-colonel by  
26 Alex Tamba Brima and from captain to major at the Newton area was  
27 SAJ Musa.

28 Q. When did you become captain?

29 A. I was captain. I was promoted at Mansofinia.



1 Q. And who promoted you?

2 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

3 Q. I am putting it to you that Alex Tamba Brima, or Tamba  
4 Brima gave you no such promotions.

12:32:09 5 A. When we left Kono to Mansofinia I was a lieutenant and in  
6 restructuring the fighters, I was promoted to captain and I was  
7 not only promoted alone. I was promoted by -- all the other  
8 commanders were also promoted one step ahead.

9 Q. These other commanders who were promoted, were they all SLA  
12:32:39 10 regularsoldiers?

11 A. We have an RUF there by the name of Arthur, which I could  
12 remember, that had a battalion. All the others, majority was  
13 SLA.

14 Q. And they were regular soldiers, they were people who had  
12:32:57 15 been --

16 A. Yes, most of them were regular soldiers.

17 Q. Yes, and they had been in the army before this?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Unlike you?

12:33:09 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Let's come down to Freetown and Pademba Road prison. You  
22 say you blasted -- you were there when you -- I think you used  
23 the word "blast" when Pademba Road prison was opened. You used  
24 the word "blast". I am putting it to you that you did that when  
12:33:35 25 you were under no command of anybody, but you did that because  
26 the same had been done for you in May 1997.

27 A. No, the door was blast by a soldier called Abu Bakar  
28 Kamara, aka Pikin.

29 Q. You were not ordered to do so by Tamba Brima, listen to the





1 question, you did it because you were grateful because somebody  
2 had done the same for you two years earlier; is that not the  
3 case?

4 A. No, I disagree.

12:34:12 5 Q. Wasn't there ECOMOG, SSDs and other SLAs stationed at  
6 Pademba Road at the time?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you told the Court that you met with no resistance?

9 A. Soon as we reached there, they run away, there was no other  
12:34:30 10 fighting because they run away.

11 Q. They ran away with your weapons?

12 A. Some left their weapons and we even got a BMG gun there.

13 Q. Is it not the case there was fighting for the opening of  
14 Pademba Road prisons?

12:34:44 15 A. There was no fight to open Pademba Road prison.

16 Q. Or was it because you yourself were there and very  
17 powerfully armed, so they were afraid of you --

18 A. No, I disagree.

19 Q. -- having heard of your reputation as a fierce fighter; is  
12:35:00 20 that not the case?

21 A. I disagree, because I alone could not go and open Pademba  
22 Road prison, even if I have a heavy might.

23 Q. Now, the burning of Freetown, that was done by ordinary  
24 fighters, was it not, not by any of the commanders?

12:35:31 25 A. Some houses were burnt by mid-level fighters and I saw when  
26 we were pulling out from the Kissy Mental Home, Santigie Kanu aka  
27 O-Five was the first to start burning there, which I say and I  
28 was there.

29 Q. How many did you burn?



1 A. Pardon?

2 Q. How many did you burn?

3 A. I never burnt the house.

4 Q. Well, how many did you amputate?

12:35:54 5 A. I never amputated anyone.

6 Q. That was done by ordinary fighters under the orders of

7 Sam Bockarie, was it not?

8 A. When Sam Bockarie gave the announcement over the BBC, the

9 burning started and rampage on the central part of Freetown.

12:36:21 10 Q. In any event, you were not taking orders from Sam Bockarie,

11 were you?

12 A. In this case, I was not an RUF, so I don't take orders from

13 RUF.

14 Q. Mr Witness, I put it to you that Tamba Brima did not order

12:36:36 15 the killings or amputations or abduction of anybody in Freetown?

16 A. Others came boldly and loudly at the Kissy Mental Home that

17 200 civilians should be amputated and sent to Nigerians.

18 Q. Is it not the case that, knowing that you were not trusted

19 by your colleagues because you were not seen as an SLA, you've

12:37:12 20 never been an SLA, that you carried out these atrocities to prove

21 to them that you are loyal to them, so that you were one of them?

22 A. No. No.

23 Q. And that throughout the time you were in the jungle, you

24 have been carrying out these atrocities because you wanted to

12:37:34 25 belong. You wanted to belong to a military organisation and the

26 SLA was good; not so?

27 A. No.

28 Q. And at that some stage you had been receiving direct orders

29 from the RUF, you yourself?



1 A. No, because I had no means of getting a radio communication  
2 set, so I cannot make any communication with any RUF.  
3 Q. But Foday Sankoh liked you so much that he gave you his  
4 name and called you a junior to him?  
12:38:11 5 A. Yes, he will, because I opened the doors for his release to  
6 peace.  
7 Q. You were that senior, were you? You were so important that  
8 you were able to order open the doors for Foday Sankoh's release?  
9 A. Yes, because I had a radio communication that I contacted  
12:38:32 10 the SLPP government to stop the fighting because there were a lot  
11 of killings that were going on.  
12 Q. So you were senior commander then?  
13 A. I was not a senior commander. At that time, I was still a  
14 task force commander and we had just pulled out from Freetown.  
12:38:49 15 Q. You were a mid-level commander, or a junior commander?  
16 A. No. I was a colonel. But I was not the most senior.  
17 Q. So where were you in the pecking order, if you had the  
18 senior -- you mentioned --  
19 A. I was a commander, but not the most senior.  
12:39:07 20 Q. Would you describe yourself as mid-level?  
21 A. Senior.  
22 Q. Senior enough to open doors for Foday Sankoh. Something  
23 which even the most senior could not do?  
24 A. Yes, because they were not capable to think to try to stop  
12:39:28 25 the war.  
26 Q. And you were capable to think?  
27 A. Yes, so I did it.  
28 Q. Now, you mentioned that you were next to SAJ Musa when the  
29 bomb exploded. Can you describe the scene for us, please, when



1 SAJ Musa died?

2 A. The night SAJ Musa died on arrival at Benguema after  
3 overrunning the ECOMOG troops, there was ammunition dumped that  
4 was empty, and the assignment was given to Salifu Mansaray to  
12:40:08 5 take all the ammunitions to the direction to Tombo Road. We are  
6 standing, jubilating. I, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Tito was there  
7 Hassan Papa Bangura was there, Alex Tamba Brima was there, and  
8 other commanders including SAJ, we are all standing together.  
9 Then after Tito has removed all the bombs from the ammunition  
12:40:41 10 dump, not knowing that there is an underground ammunition dump in  
11 the building, so SAJ Musa had to give orders for the building to  
12 be burnt, and that was carried out, and an explosive ignited.  
13 And he fell down sustaining small cuts in his head.

14 Q. What happened immediately after that. That's what I'm  
12:41:11 15 interested in.

16 A. After that, he was given a cup of milk to drink. He  
17 couldn't drink it, and a door was brought. He was placed on the  
18 door. And Alabama and Elba [phon] carried his body towards the  
19 Tombo Road and they all left Benguema towards the Tombo Road.

12:41:38 20 Q. Did you go with them?

21 A. I went with the body, I and Ibrahim Bazy, just for 20  
22 metres and we left them and went ahead.

23 Q. Now, you mentioned also that there were call signs in the  
24 jungle?

12:41:55 25 A. Yeah.

26 Q. Once you have a call sign, is it not the case that the call  
27 sign remains with you the whole time you are in the jungle, that  
28 you will have the same call sign?

29 A. No, some people changed their call signs, but I had mine





1 throughout.

2 Q. What was yours?

3 A. Lion.

4 Q. This was the same Lion that was given to you by Foday

12:42:27 5 Sankoh?

6 A. Foday Sankoh just added the junior to the lion.

7 Q. Now, Tamba Brima's call sign, what was it?

8 A. Godfather, and then later on he had Mana Ziggy.

9 Q. Anything else?

12:42:48 10 A. Those I know.

11 Q. Now, have you ever heard of the -- before you came in

12 contact with the Special Court, during your training of sorts,

13 the ones you were going through with the military, did you ever

14 hear of the Geneva Convention?

12:43:17 15 A. Yes, the Geneva Convention, I've heard about that word

16 since I came into the army as a vigilante.

17 Q. Where did they tell you about the Geneva Convention?

18 A. In our training.

19 Q. The one-week training?

12:43:35 20 A. No, the one-month training, and I was also told about it in

21 the British training.

22 Q. You said your vigilante training was one week. During this

23 week, when was it you learned about the Geneva Convention?

24 MS PACK: The witness said it was in the one month

12:44:00 25 training.

26 MS THOMPSON: No, he said the vigilante training before

27 that. I'm talking about the vigilante training.

28 THE WITNESS: No, I learned about that word when I trained

29 from the vigilante with the Executive Outcomes at Benguema and



1 also the British training, I learnt about that word.

2 MS THOMPSON:

3 Q. The British training was after the war?

4 A. Yes.

12:44:21 5 Q. Now, have you been, or are you hoping that you will have  
6 some immunity from any possible prosecution?

7 A. I believe I am not responsible for any armed group that I  
8 was heading, so I believe I will not be prosecuted by this Court.

9 Q. Not even for all the killings which you did? Not  
12:44:59 10 necessarily by this Court, any Court, for that matter?

11 A. All my killing, I believe I was fighting enemies at the  
12 forefront.

13 MS THOMPSON: At this stage, Your Honour, I would like to  
14 make that application which I had indicated to the Court earlier.

12:45:49 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Thompson, we will hear your  
16 application now.

17 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, my application is for a closed  
18 session. The reason for that application is that I would like to  
19 put certain questions to this witness which would necessarily  
12:46:08 20 bring out the identity of certain persons who are under  
21 protective measures by this Court, and whose identity should not  
22 be revealed. That is the reason for my application, Your Honour.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, you have heard the application  
24 for counsel by the Defence. What is your reply?

12:46:45 25 MS PACK: The Prosecution doesn't oppose that application.

26 [Trial Chamber conferred]

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Thompson, we are just looking at Rule  
28 79. Under which particular provision of that Rule are you making  
29 the application?



1 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I didn't have my Rules in front  
2 of me when I made the application. I'll just check. Your  
3 Honour, it is under 79(A)(ii), the identity or non-disclosure of  
4 a victim or a witness. At least some of these people have been  
12:48:30 5 witnesses or have been a witness in this trial and are under  
6 protective measures.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Thompson. In the  
8 circumstances, we allow a closed section to protect the security  
9 and identity of a witness or witnesses. The Court will now  
12:50:08 10 adjourn for the lunchtime adjournment. The Court will recommence  
11 at 2.15 in closed session. Madam Court Attendant, please note we  
12 will recommence court in closed session.

13 [Luncheon recess taken at 12.46 p.m.]

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1 [Open session]

2 MS GUNSTONE: Court is now in open session, Your Honour.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Madam Court Attendant.

4 Mr Daniels, I think you are the next most senior counsel. Are  
14:34:51 5 you or have counsel agreed between themselves who will now  
6 cross-examine the witness.

7 MR FOFANAH: Yes, Your Honours. On behalf of the Kamara  
8 team I will do the cross-examination.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you Mr Fofanah, please proceed.

14:35:05 10 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, Your Honour.

11 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR FOFANAH:

12 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness. Good afternoon, sir.

13 A. Good afternoon.

14 Q. I'm going to go through with you a number of questions  
14:35:25 15 relating to Mr Ibrahim Bazy Kamara whom you've told the Court  
16 you served as a chief security officer during the period under  
17 review. Before we move forward may I kindly ask you to tell the  
18 Court once again your exact date of birth?

19 A. 1st September 1971.

14:35:59 20 Q. Is it 1?

21 A. 1st September.

22 Q. When you testified on Friday last week didn't you say it  
23 was 4th September 1971.

24 A. I disagreed.

14:36:19 25 MR FOFANAH: Okay, in that case I will refer Your Honours  
26 to page 5 of the transcript of 15 September 2005.

27 MS PACK: Just in case there is any confusion, it was  
28 Thursday 15th of September I think the passage my learned friend  
29 meant as opposed to Friday.





1 MR FOFANAH: Yes, 15 September, that's it. I don't know if  
2 it was Friday. Thank you very much. Your Honours, I'm referring  
3 to page 5, line 1. In fact, it actually starts at the last line  
4 of page 4. At line 28, sorry. It says, "I was born at Kabala"  
14:37:22 5 and the question was when and he said on the 4th September 1971.

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: Yes, I remember when the witness gave that  
7 evidence, Mr Fofanah, and at the time I wasn't sure whether he  
8 was saying the 1st or the 4th and if you listen to him pronounce  
9 both of those numbers you'll find that they sound very similar.

14:37:48 10 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Actually what I have recorded is 1st  
12 September, that is what I heard and that's what I have in my  
13 notes. 1st, that's September 1, 1971 is what he stated in my  
14 hearing that day.

14:37:58 15 MR FOFANAH: I'll take that and I'll move forward. Thank  
16 you very much.

17 Q. Now, Mr Witness, how old were you when you finished high  
18 school at Magburaka?

19 A. I could not remember the date again.

14:38:19 20 Q. No, your age, I'm not talking about date. How old were you  
21 when you finished?

22 A. I was 21.

23 Q. 21 years old. And is it the case that as soon as you  
24 finished high school you went straight into the army?

14:38:43 25 A. Soon I finished high school then I went as a vigilante.

26 Q. You went straight into the army as a vigilante?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. And you understand the word straight. I mean, there was no  
29 break from the period you left high school until the time you



1 went to the army as a vigilante?

2 A. There must be some period of time. I would not just leave  
3 today and go to the army today, but I cannot tell the period of  
4 time but I believe it was not too long that I went to the army.

14:39:19 5 Q. In other words, Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that  
6 after you left school you did not engage in any other vocation,  
7 you just, according to you, went straight into the army as a  
8 vigilante or volunteer?

9 A. Yes, I did not engage myself in any other thing from  
14:39:41 10 school.

11 Q. So it is therefore not true that you were engaged in the  
12 karate school at Kenema?

13 A. The karate school was mine and it was personal at my house.  
14 Since I was going to school I was practicing karate.

14:40:03 15 Q. You told the Court that you were training, so you were  
16 training yourself for the karate school, is that it?

17 A. I had people I trained.

18 Q. You were not training at the karate school, is that it?

19 A. I was training people and I was also training myself  
14:40:26 20 because you cannot finish training karate.

21 Q. How long did you spend at that school, the karate school  
22 before you became --

23 A. I told you I was going to school, I had a karate school and  
24 I was in my karate school until I joined the military as a  
14:40:47 25 vigilante and I was still doing training at my karate school.

26 Q. Before you engaged in the military as a vigilante or  
27 volunteer how long were you a trainer or trainee at the karate  
28 school in Kenema?

29 A. I had my karate school since 1990 and I had it until 1994



1 when Tom Nyuma was transferred as defence minister.  
2 Q. Since 1990 was your school at Kenema?  
3 A. Yes, there was schools there.  
4 Q. Your karate school was at Kenema in 1990?  
14:41:33 5 A. Yes, it was 1990 I opened my karate school.  
6 Q. So by 1990 you were not at Magburaka, you were at Kenema?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. When you went to Kenema did you ever return to Magburaka  
9 high school?  
14:42:03 10 A. I was in Magburaka high school but going home. My father  
11 was transferred to Kenema and I was going there on vacations.  
12 Q. You were going where?  
13 A. To Kenema on vacations.  
14 Q. Yes, I'm talking about 1990 when you had opened the karate  
14:42:22 15 school. By then you had finished school at Magburaka, not so,  
16 when you had opened that school and started training people?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. You had finished school. So, Mr Witness, if I put it to  
19 you that you are not telling the truth when you said you left  
14:42:39 20 school at 21, would I be correct?  
21 A. No.  
22 Q. Which one is no?  
23 A. I disagreed.  
24 Q. So at 1990 how old were you?  
14:42:52 25 A. In 1990 I was just 20, 21 plus.  
26 Q. Mr Witness, you are literate enough. You can read and  
27 write. From 1971, 1st September 1971 to, I mean, any date in  
28 1990, I mean, is that up to 20 years?  
29 A. From 1991 to any date in 90 is 20 years.



1 Q. From 1971, I said.

2 A. '71 to '81 is 10 years; to '91 20 years.

3 Q. I never mentioned 91, I said 90.

4 A. I was 20 plus.

14:43:44 5 Q. By 1990?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay, we'll move on from there. Now, Mr Witness, did you

8 actually sit for and complete your O Level exams at Magburaka?

9 A. Yes.

14:44:07 10 Q. You're absolutely sure about that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. That you completed those exams?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's answered the question, Mr Fofanah.

14 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, My Lord.

14:44:36 15 Q. So when you joined the army at Kenema as a vigilante - I

16 have to go over this again - what was your exact age?

17 A. When I joined the army, I told you that I was 21.

18 Q. Was that the age you gave to -- you've been giving to every

19 court of this institution, Special Court?

14:45:09 20 MS PACK: Your Honour, we've had this line of

21 cross-examination from my learned friend for the first accused on

22 the age at which the witness started his training, whether it was

23 21 or not, and it was a reference then to earlier transcripts and

24 so on. But it was testimony about joining at 23 and then cleared

14:45:32 25 up that it was 21. But this has been something that's been dealt

26 with by my learned friend Ms Thompson this morning.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's correct. Mr Fofanah, I have a

28 note here, you said you were 23 when you joined the army and then

29 there's a series of questions concerning telling the interviewee





1 and et cetera. So that line of questioning has been gone  
2 through. Are you about to put some other statement that the  
3 witness was alleged to have made to him?

4 MR FOFANAH: Most truly, Your Honour. Thank you very much,  
14:46:07 5 I will just go straight to that.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: If it is a matter that has not been put  
7 by Ms Thompson then you are entitled to put, but if it's already  
8 been asked then you are not entitled to put it again.

9 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, Your Honour.  
14:46:22 10 Q. Mr Witness, I'm putting to you -- first of all, have you  
11 testified in Trial Chamber I of the Special Court?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When was that?

14 A. I couldn't remember the date.

14:46:34 15 Q. But it was some time last year, 2004; not so?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now, I'm putting it to you that when you appeared before  
18 that Court you told them that you joined the army at the age 22?

19 A. I was 23 when I joined the army.

14:46:56 20 Q. I just want you to deny or you accept. Did you tell them  
21 that you were 22 years old when you joined the army, Trial  
22 Chamber I?

23 A. I cannot remember, but I was 23 when I joined the army.

24 Q. Did I hear you say you were 23 when you joined the army?

14:47:17 25 A. Yes.

26 MR FOFANAH: Okay. In that case, Your Honours, I will  
27 refer to the transcript of Trial Chamber I, transcript of 14th  
28 October 2004. Unfortunately I don't have the page number.

29 MS PACK: It's 11205, Your Honour, binder 3.



1 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much.

2 MS PACK: I'm sorry, it's 11206, binder 3.

3 JUDGE LUSSICK: Binder 3 or binder 2?

4 MS PACK: Binder 3, I'm sorry, I should have been clearer.

14:48:14 5 Your binder numbers might be different from mine.

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mine is in binder 2.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we have that before us, thank you.

8 Mr Fofanah, please proceed.

9 MR FOFANAH: Most grateful, Your Honour. Your Honour, I'm

14:48:51 10 referring to -- sorry, about that, Your Honour, I'm just trying

11 to find my notes. Yes, Your Honour, it's at page 8. Sorry for

12 the delay. It's at page 8. Reading from line 1 downwards,

13 page 8.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Fofanah. I have that

14:49:38 15 before me.

16 MR FOFANAH: Yes, thank you.

17 Q. Mr Witness, this is what you told that Court under

18 examination-in-chief you were asked a question: "And you joined

19 the army in 1993 as a private when you were 22 years of age?"

14:49:53 20 And your answer was, "Yes." Do you recall telling

21 Trial Chamber I that?

22 A. No. I joined the army in -- when I was 23 years.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, counsel is not asking you

24 what age you joined the army. He's asking you do you recall that

14:50:19 25 question and that answer in Trial Chamber I.

26 THE WITNESS: No.

27 MR FOFANAH:

28 Q. Mr Witness, when you were giving your testimony in that

29 Court you took an oath; not so?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the oath was to tell the truth, the whole truth and  
3 nothing but the truth; not so?

4 A. Yes.

14:50:43 5 Q. Do you know the implication of telling lies before a court,  
6 a court of law?

7 A. I believe I am only saying the truth.

8 Q. Do you know the implication?

9 A. No.

14:51:04 10 Q. Now you answer yes or no to this question. I'm putting it  
11 to you that that is what you told the Court as I have just read  
12 to you.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just before we go any further,  
14 Mr Fofanah, I would like to be clear in my mind about one thing.

14:51:27 15 The question you are putting, citing, quoting, says, "I joined  
16 the army in 1993 when I was 22." In September 1993 onwards he  
17 was 22. We've got two particular joining, you might for want a  
18 better word, of the army. There's this vigilante period and then  
19 there's a training period. I'm not clear which of these periods  
14:51:52 20 this question relates to. Could you, please, clarify that both  
21 for myself and possibly for the witness.

22 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: Also, Mr Fofanah, the questioner in  
24 Trial Chamber I seemed to come to that conclusion himself. It  
14:52:07 25 was not a conclusion reached by the witness. It was suggested to  
26 him that in 1993, as a private, he was 22 years of age. He  
27 simply said yes. So perhaps you might lay some foundation as to  
28 where that 22 came from.

29 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases.



1 Q. Mr Witness, in that Court on 14th October 2004 you were  
2 asked your age; not so? I mean, the Prosecutor in that Court  
3 requested of you what your age was; not so?  
4 A. You mean my present age?  
14:53:00 5 Q. At that time, yes, when you were testifying?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, please refer us to the page  
8 and line.  
9 MR FOFANAH: Page 7, Your Honour, line 19.  
14:53:11 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Fofanah.  
11 MR FOFANAH:  
12 Q. You were also asked as to whether you reached Level 5 at  
13 Magburaka Boys Secondary School?  
14 A. Yes.  
14:53:28 15 Q. And you said yes; not so?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Now was the question as to whether you joined the army in  
18 1993 at the age of 22 years put to you in that Chamber?  
19 A. I couldn't remember.  
14:54:03 20 Q. What about the question as to whether you joined the army  
21 directly from school, was that also put to you?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. And what was your answer to that?  
24 A. My answer is that I joined the army when I left school.  
14:54:30 25 Q. Okay. I'll move on from there. The transcript will speak  
26 for itself. So now we are coming back to the period when you  
27 became a vigilante in Kenema. I mean, I know that some of this  
28 has been covered. But I want to know for how long did you serve  
29 as a vigilante in Kenema?





1 A. I could not remember the period.

2 Q. Did it start in 1993? Did that period start in 1993?

3 A. I said I could not remember the period.

4 Q. No, I'm talking about when it first started, when you went  
14:55:25 5 to join. Was it in 1993 the first time you went to join as a  
6 vigilante or volunteer?

7 A. It was '93.

8 Q. It was in 1993. Well, I'm putting it to you that you've  
9 earlier told this same Court, the Court over there, Trial Chamber  
14:55:51 10 I, that you spent two years in Kenema as a vigilante with Tom  
11 Nyuma?

12 A. I spent some period of time as a vigilante. Then later I  
13 went on training as an SLA soldier.

14 Q. If you can just listen. I mentioned a specific period. I  
14:56:07 15 said I'm putting it to you that you spent two years, that is what  
16 you told --

17 A. I couldn't remember.

18 Q. Say again.

19 A. I couldn't remember.

14:56:15 20 Q. Well, let me try to refresh your memory again.

21 MR FOFANAH: In that case, Your Honours, I'm referring to  
22 the transcript of 19th October 2004. Excuse me, Your Honours, my  
23 papers have been mixed up a bit. Can I kindly seek your  
24 permission to sort them out?

14:57:41 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

26 MS PACK: It's page, for Your Honours' reference, 11578 on  
27 19th October, line 27.

28 MR FOFANAH: 27 to [inaudible]. Yes, Your Honours, I think  
29 I've found it. Most grateful for your patience.



1 Q. So, Mr Witness, I was just saying that I will refresh your  
2 memory as to the period you spent with Mr Nyuma at Kenema as a  
3 vigilante or volunteer training with the army. I'm reading from  
4 line 27, Your Honours. It says: "For how long did you serve as  
14:58:56 5 a vigilante?" And your answer to the Court was, "Just two  
6 years".

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you now recall that answer?

9 A. I recall.

14:59:09 10 Q. Okay, but you certainly do not recall the month of the year  
11 1993 when you started training?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So I take it that it was in 1995 that you left Kenema as a  
14 vigilante to come for training in Benguema; not so?

14:59:29 15 A. As a soldier, yes.

16 Q. In 1995?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. So did you not tell this Court that you in fact came for  
19 training in 1994 at Benguema?

14:59:48 20 A. I couldn't remember.

21 Q. Where did you get the first numbers from, number SLBG1717?

22 A. It was my vigilante number.

23 Q. That was in Kenema?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, is that a question or a  
15:00:16 25 statement?

26 MR FOFANAH:

27 Q. Was that in Kenema?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Now who were your trainers when you came to Benguema in



1 1995?

2 A. They were SLAs instructors, Sierra Leonean armies.

3 Q. Were you trained by the Executive Outcomes in Benguema in

4 1995?

15:00:40 5 A. Yes, they were in charge of the overall training and with

6 some SLA instructors in Benguema.

7 Q. So, once again, who was your adjutant in that training?

8 A. Set Marah.

9 Q. You are absolutely sure about that; Set Marah was your

15:01:11 10 adjutant?

11 A. He was the adjutant at that time.

12 Q. Well, Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you again that when you

13 were asked this question in Trial Chamber I you gave a different

14 name of your adjutant. Did you give a different name at Trial

15:01:36 15 Chamber I other than Set Marah?

16 A. I do not remember the name.

17 Q. Okay, I will refresh your memory once again.

18 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I'm referring to a transcript of

19 the 19th again at page 114. Page 114, Your Honours, at line 18

15:02:07 20 to 19.

21 Q. The question was, "Who was the adjutant at the Benguema

22 training camp?" Your answer was, "The adjutant at that time at

23 Benguema camp was KES Boya". Did you tell the Court that, Trial

24 Chamber I?

15:02:28 25 A. Yes, KES Boya was the adjutant of the Benguema training

26 centre and the adjutant of our own brigade was Set Marah.

27 Q. Are you telling this Court that the Benguema training camp

28 is run by two different adjutants?

29 A. The brigade has its own adjutants whilst the training



1 centre had its own adjutants.

2 Q. How many brigades are there at the Benguema training camp?

3 A. Just one brigade.

4 [AFRC19SEP05E - AD]

15:03:05 5 Q. And is it not the case that the training centre is itself a  
6 brigade?

7 A. It is a brigade on its own because -- it is a brigade and  
8 the adjutant, you have the adjutant, you have the commander of  
9 Benguema. While the brigade that is training has its own

15:03:34 10 adjutants, company commanders and brigade commander.

11 Q. Mr Witness, you are travelling too far and too fast. First  
12 of all, the question was very simple: Is it not the case that  
13 the Benguema training centre is itself a brigade?

14 A. Yes.

15:03:56 15 Q. That is a very simple question. They are one and the same.  
16 I mean, it is a brigade and at that material time its adjutant  
17 was Colonel KES Boya --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I am putting to you once again that you are not telling the  
15:04:07 20 truth to this Court when you said that the adjutant of the  
21 Benguema training camp at that time was Set Marah.

22 A. I disagree.

23 MS PACK: Your Honour, that's not -- sorry.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, he didn't say that, he said  
15:04:23 25 that the adjutant for the Benguema training camp was KES Boya and  
26 of his own brigade was Marah.

27 MR FOFANAH: We will run over it again. Thank you very  
28 much Your Honour.

29 Q. You have just said that the training centre and the brigade





1 were one and the same. How many adjutants are there in the  
2 brigade?

3 MS PACK: Your Honour, the witness has answered this  
4 question, very clearly in my submission. He said, the training  
15:04:58 5 centre is a brigade and has its adjutant and the brigade which is  
6 trained has also its own adjutant. In my submission the question  
7 has been answered and to ask further along this line is  
8 repetitive.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: What are you to say to that objection, Mr  
15:05:12 10 Fofanah.

11 MR FOFANAH: My answer is that the transcript will speak  
12 for itself. The subsequent answer --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: The transcript is something else. I am  
14 asking to you reply to counsel's objection.

15:05:26 15 MR FOFANAH: Your Honour, my reply is that the subsequent  
16 answer suggested that the witness agreed with me that the  
17 Benguema training camp and the brigade were one and the same.  
18 That the brigade and the camp were one and the same.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, I think the questions are  
15:05:43 20 repetitive. You have had your answer and you are now repeating  
21 the same questions. It is not allowed. Move on, please.

22 MR FOFANAH: May I clarify this point by -- actually,  
23 because I am a bit confused, Your Honours. May I seek your leave  
24 to clarify the point by asking the witness to tell us how many  
15:06:08 25 brigades were there at Benguema. Because I understand him to be  
26 saying that they were one and the same.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought it was answered but let us put  
28 it again to ensure that it is all clear. Mr Fofanah, put that  
29 question.



1 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases.

2 Q. Mr Witness, how many brigades at the time you were training  
3 were there at Benguema?

4 A. There was one brigade that was on training.

15:06:29 5 Q. You know the Benguema training centre very well; not so?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is it a brigade on its own?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Asked and answered, Mr Fofanah, at least  
9 twice.

15:06:59 10 MR FOFANAH:

11 Q. Now isn't it the case that the Benguema training centre is  
12 in fact a camp and not a brigade?

13 A. Yes, because the brigade was trained there and it was the  
14 brigade that I was training with.

15:07:19 15 Q. So, was Colonel KES Boya adjutant of the camp?

16 A. Yes, because after the training the brigade has to go with  
17 its own commander and adjutant and the camp has to still remain  
18 to be training others.

19 Q. I put it to you that Colonel KES Boya has never been an  
15:07:52 20 adjutant.

21 A. I disagreed.

22 Q. Okay, we will move forward. Now, Mr Witness, for how long  
23 did that training last, the training at Benguema?

24 A. I couldn't remember.

15:08:20 25 Q. Did you spend up to a month at Benguema?

26 A. I couldn't remember how long I spent there unless you  
27 remind me through the transcript.

28 Q. Okay, in that case Your Honours I will again read from the  
29 transcripts of October 19th, October 2004. From page 114, line 1



1 to 4. And this is what you told Trial Chamber I.

2 MS PACK: Could I just ask Your Honours just to put the  
3 Registry page number for the benefit of the transcript, for the  
4 record it's 11581.

15:09:11 5 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, I am most grateful.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Pack.

7 MR FOFANAH:

8 Q. The Prosecutor was putting questions to you in Trial  
9 Chamber I. In fact it was the Defence; you were being  
15:09:28 10 cross-examined. This is your answer, just listen and tell me  
11 whether you recall making it. It says:

12 "A. In 1995, I trained with the Executive Outcomes, South  
13 Africa.

14 "Q. For how long?

15:09:39 15 "A. Three months."

16 Do you recall saying that to the Court?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So in fact, as a matter of fact you actually trained for  
19 three months; not so?

15:09:57 20 A. Yes, to be an SLA soldier.

21 Q. But when Ms Thompson was examining you this morning you  
22 actually told the Court that you trained for one month.

23 A. No it is three months. Perhaps they did not get it  
24 pronunciation well, but it's three months.

15:10:11 25 MR FOFANAH: In that case, I stand guided because this one  
26 is coming clearly, I don't think three and one are the same. I  
27 recall the witness tell the Court that he spent one month. In  
28 fact he even said it was from mid-May to mid-June of 1998 -- 1994  
29 I guess. I will just cross-check. He said it was from mid-May



1 to mid-June, 1995. I stand guided by the records.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: My note says I entered Benguema in May  
3 1994. I started mid-May to mid-June.

4 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honours pleases.

15:11:17 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: There may be a proper transcript. If we  
6 may be assisted. I am advised the transcript of this morning is  
7 not ready yet.

8 MR FOFANAH: I will shelve that and move on.

9 Q. Mr Witness, we may have to come to this again later. I  
15:11:45 10 just want you to note that that is what you told the Court.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I also have in my note the witness as  
12 saying to Ms Thompson that he trained for one month with  
13 Executive Outcomes as a vigilante. One month.

14 JUDGE LUSSICK: I have got a similar note.

15:12:11 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is three consensus on that,  
16 Mr Fofanah.

17 MR FOFANAH: In that case, may I proceed.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, you may put the question.

19 MR FOFANAH: Yeah, most grateful.

15:12:23 20 Q. So, Mr Witness, I put it to you that that is what you told  
21 this Court, this Honourable Court this morning when Ms Thompson  
22 was cross-examining you. You said that you went to the training  
23 camp and you started training in mid-May and finished in  
24 mid-June, one month. I am putting that to you that that is what  
15:12:42 25 you told the Court.

26 A. It was three months that I trained for; it might be a  
27 mistake.

28 Q. Okay, no problem. Mr Witness, you said at some point that  
29 you were given a number, a military number, which was





1 subsequently taken away from you. Do you recall saying that?

2 A. Yes, yes.

3 Q. Do you also recall telling the Court that the number was  
4 given to a soldier who was a civilian?

15:13:24 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What do you exactly mean by that that the number was given  
7 to a soldier who was a civilian?

8 A. At the time I was arrested and taken to Pademba Road, that  
9 was common in the military government. A number can be given to  
15:13:41 10 another person and even up to then there are people who there are  
11 numbers that three or four people are meeting on that number.

12 Q. I still do not think you have answered my question. I am  
13 basically saying that when you testified you said it was given to  
14 a soldier who was a civilian. I do not quite understand what you  
15:14:15 15 mean by that.

16 A. That is what I have answered. At the time in the NPRC  
17 government it was a military government. So these guys can do  
18 anything they want to do. They can give a number to someone and  
19 collect and give another person the number.

15:14:37 20 Q. Do you know the person to whom your number was given?

21 A. I know the person but his name I cannot recollect. But I  
22 know him.

23 Q. Does that person have an nickname?

24 A. Kabu.

15:14:52 25 Q. Would you want to spell that for the Court?

26 A. K-A-B-U.

27 Q. Kabu, was he a soldier and at the same time a civilians?

28 A. He was a civilian at the time I was a soldier living in the  
29 house of Tom Nyuma. When I was taken to Pademba Road prison, he



1 was collecting my salary and then he was given a military  
2 uniform.

3 Q. So as a matter of fact he was not a soldier, he was --

4 A. He was a civilian.

15:15:29 5 Q. He was never a soldier?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Does he still carry your number?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is that possible within the army at this material time,  
15:15:44 10 2005, for someone who was not trained, who was clearly a civilian  
11 but was merely given uniforms to collect your salary according to  
12 you, for that person to continue to serve in the army as a  
13 soldier?

14 A. I made the report and that's why the British gave me  
15:16:01 15 another number to go and train. Because I reported the case to  
16 the British when they were verifying me.

17 Q. Were you given the number before you started training with  
18 the British?

19 A. Pardon?

15:16:19 20 Q. This new number that you're talking about, what is it?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What is the number?

23 A. 2712/2001.

24 Q. Were you given that number before you started training with  
15:16:31 25 the British?

26 A. Just after verifying me at the military headquarter, they  
27 gave me the number before even going to the Benguema training  
28 school.

29 Q. Is it not the case that if you are to join the army, the



1 moment you produce yourself for verification or whatever you are  
2 given a number at once?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As a matter of fact, you did not join the army when you  
15:17:10 5 were vigilante. Because you have kept telling the Court that you  
6 joined the army as vigilante.

7 A. I fought alongside with the army as a vigilante and later I  
8 went to train and I was given an SLA number which is 18173553.

9 Q. My question is that as vigilante without a number, you can  
15:17:33 10 never be considered as being part and parcel of the army.

11 A. Yes, I have said that to the Court earlier on, that I was a  
12 vigilante and I was not paid. I was only given an allowance by  
13 Tom Nyuma.

14 Q. So is it not therefore wrong on your part to indicate to  
15:17:51 15 this Court that you joined the army in 1993 as a vigilante?

16 A. I believe once I am a vigilante I have been given a uniform  
17 and an arm to fight, so I'm fighting alongside with the army.

18 Q. This new training that you talked about with the British,  
19 how long did it last for?

15:18:16 20 A. It is six weeks training.

21 Q. Did you complete the training?

22 A. No.

23 Q. How long did you take?

24 A. About four to five weeks.

15:18:29 25 Q. But you were given a number and you still consider yourself  
26 a soldier?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that the number you have  
29 just recited, 2712/2001, was not the number you gave to Trial



1 Chamber I when you were testifying last year?

2 A. I believe that's the number of 2712/2001.

3 Q. I put it to you that the number you gave to that Chamber  
4 was 2712/2000.

15:19:12 5 A. It is 2712/2001, because it was the year 2001 I went on  
6 training.

7 MR FOFANAH: In that case, Your Honours, I will  
8 respectfully refer you to page 115, which I think my learned  
9 colleague will most gratefully help me again with the page  
15:19:38 10 number.

11 MS PACK: It is 11582 for the record.

12 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Pack.

14 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I am reading from line 23 to 29  
15:19:51 15 of page 115.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, proceed, Mr Fofanah.

17 MR FOFANAH:

18 Q. Mr Witness, this is what you told the Court when you were  
19 being cross-examination again at Trial Chamber I. Listen  
15:20:40 20 carefully and tell me whether you recall telling the Court this.  
21 The question was this: "This statement is inconsistent with your  
22 statement now, now that you joined the army in 1995?" And your  
23 answer was: "Here in 1993 I joined alongside fighting with the  
24 SLAs as a vigilante. And in 1995 I was trained as a trained  
15:21:05 25 soldier. When I was arrested, put to Pademba Road, my number was  
26 taken from me and given to another soldier serving present. And  
27 when the peace process came I went back on training, the British  
28 training, and I got another number. Number 2712/2000."

29 That is what you told the Court?





1 A. It might be a mistake but it's 2001.

2 Q. This is the second mistake you made under oath, Mr Witness.

3 A. It can be -- anybody can make a mistake. I can say

4 something and you write different thing.

15:21:45 5 Q. I am putting it to you, Mr Witness, that you lied under

6 oath.

7 A. No, I disagree.

8 Q. We will move on. Now, this number, before I go to the next

9 line of questioning, has this number ever been given to any other

15:22:04 10 person that you know?

11 A. No, because I never made follow up again with the military

12 since I was out of the military.

13 Q. Can you be considered to be a soldier if you do not

14 complete training?

15:22:24 15 A. No.

16 Q. So why are you referring to yourself as a soldier when you

17 dropped out of training, this second British training one week

18 before completion?

19 A. When I was dropped out from training I never called myself

15:22:43 20 a soldier and I never mingled with any soldier activities since I

21 was taken out from the British training.

22 Q. So you actually stopped being a soldier in the year 2000?

23 A. 2001.

24 Q. 2001, okay. Do you still stand by your statement that

15:23:03 25 before 2001 you were a -- you were not -- you were a soldier? Do

26 you still stand by that statement?

27 A. Yes, because I had my military number, and, as you said,

28 the two numbers are not to be shared to same people. I was

29 having my salary till we went to the jungle. So I still regard



1 myself as a soldier at that time.

2 Q. Mr Witness, when did you become the chief security officer  
3 to Mr Johnny Paul Koroma?

4 A. Soon after the signing of the peace accord I was his chief  
15:23:45 5 security, and soon after the opening of the Pademba Road prison  
6 on 19 -- May 25 coup, for about two weeks I was his chief  
7 security.

8 Q. Let's start with the latter, the May 25 coup, 1997. Was it  
9 not the case that one SLA, Rambo - it is an alias - was in fact  
15:24:18 10 the chief security for Mr Johnny Paul Koroma?

11 A. After the two weeks, when I left Johnny Paul Koroma, went  
12 with Bazzy, then Rambo was the chief security. Because it was  
13 said that a member who is not within the 16 men should not be  
14 chief security to Johnny Paul.

15:24:37 15 Q. You are saying that Rambo was one of the 16 men?

16 A. Pardon?

17 Q. Are you saying that Rambo was one of the 16 men?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What about the first? You talked about being chief  
15:24:54 20 security officer to Johnny Paul Koroma after the peace process,  
21 after the signing of the peace accord. What year was that?

22 A. I came to be his chief security -- I could not remember the  
23 year, '99 or 2000, but within that range.

24 Q. It was certainly not 2001; not so?

15:25:21 25 A. No, it was not 2001. I had already left Johnny Paul Koroma  
26 before going to be a soldier again.

27 Q. Did you continue to be his chief security officer in  
28 June 2000, can you recall?

29 A. I cannot recall. All I could say, I was his chief security



1 after the signing of the peace process until, I could remember,  
2 around March or April. Because I was not with him on the May 8  
3 incident.

4 Q. So you ceased being Mr Johnny Paul Koroma's chief security  
15:26:28 5 in March or April of 2000, may I say?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. March or April 2000. Mr Witness, were you involved in an  
8 incident in which Mr Johnny Paul Koroma claimed that yourself and  
9 some other soldiers attacked him and tried to execute him in  
15:26:59 10 2000?

11 A. That was alleged but it was not done.

12 Q. When was it alleged?

13 A. Pardon?

14 Q. When was it alleged, what time?

15:27:11 15 A. I couldn't remember the month, but I was arrested that he  
16 had information that I want to kill him with some other soldiers.

17 Q. I am putting it to you that it was in February 2000 that he  
18 made a press release, a press release to the effect that yourself  
19 and some other soldiers tried to take away his life.

15:27:36 20 A. I could not remember the month, but it happened; I was  
21 accused of that.

22 Q. As a result of that you were rearrested; not so?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were you taken to the Pademba Road prison?

15:27:57 25 A. Not at all.

26 Q. Where were you?

27 A. I was at the army headquarters guard room.

28 Q. For how long?

29 A. I couldn't remember how long I was there.



1 Q. But did you cease to be his CSO after this allegation?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Once again I am putting it to you that you were never Mr  
4 Johnny Paul Koroma's chief security officer in 2000.

15:28:24 5 Q. Once again I am putting it to you that you were never Mr  
6 Johnny Paul Koroma's chief security officer in 2000.

7 A. I disagree with you.

8 Q. So, when you were collecting salaries during the time as a  
9 soldier, what number were you using to collect salary?

15:29:06 10 A. Before I was taken to Pademba Road prison I was collecting  
11 salary on 18173553.

12 Q. And when you were released during the May 25th coup of 1997  
13 did you use that number to collect further salaries?

14 A. Yes.

15:29:33 15 Q. You continued to use that number until when?

16 A. Until we went to the jungle, when we were invaded by the  
17 ECOMOG troops.

18 Q. And that was in February 1998?

19 A. Yes.

15:29:52 20 Q. But at this time this number was with another person; not  
21 so?

22 A. Yes, but the soldier was not in Sierra Leone; he had  
23 already pulled out. I don't know his whereabouts at that time,  
24 so I was still using my number.

15:30:13 25 Q. Do you know for how long he went out?

26 A. I used that number until we went to the jungle.

27 Q. My question was whether you knew how long this soldier who  
28 was using --

29 A. No, no.





1 Q. But he returned, not so?

2 A. Yes, after the signing of the peace process.

3 Q. And he returned into the army?

4 A. Yes.

15:30:45 5 Q. Now, did you do anything during the AFRC period to clarify  
6 and reinstate your number?

7 A. During the AFRC period I was taking salaries through that  
8 number.

9 Q. Yes, but is it possible for you to take salaries on that  
15:31:18 10 number when it was as a matter of fact in the name of another  
11 person?

12 A. Yes, because the person was not here and I was with Ibrahim  
13 Bazzy Kamara, and that was endorsed and I was taking pay on that  
14 number.

15:31:36 15 Q. But the person never knew that you were collecting salaries  
16 on his number; not so?

17 A. It was not his number, it was mine.

18 Q. It is a simple question. He never knew?

19 A. I don't know whether he knew, but the number was mine.

15:31:54 20 That is why I was paid on it.

21 Q. I am putting it to you that you were defrauding that  
22 person?

23 A. No, he was cheating me.

24 Q. I am also putting it to you that you were never, and have  
15:32:11 25 never been, a soldier, especially a Sierra Leone Army soldier?

26 A. I disagreed.

27 Q. Okay. So let's come to your promotions. You told the  
28 Court that as soon as you were attached to Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara  
29 he promoted you to sergeant.



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What do you mean by "as soon as"? Was it immediately that  
3 you joined him?

4 A. Immediately I join him I was given an appointment as chief  
15:32:45 5 security officer, and because I was private he had to make me  
6 sergeant to be able to get command and control over the men.

7 Q. So you gave you both an appointment as chief security  
8 officer --

9 A. Yes.

15:32:59 10 Q. And a promotion as sergeant immediately when you joined  
11 him?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay, so now we are coming to that bit when you said -- you  
14 have just told the Court that immediately you joined he gave you  
15:33:17 15 both this promotion and appointment?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. I am putting it to you that this is not what you told Trial  
18 Chamber I when you were testifying before them. You told that  
19 Court that it took you one and a half months before, according to  
15:33:36 20 you, you were promoted to sergeant after joining Mr Ibrahim  
21 Bazzi --

22 A. Yes, one and a half months is a very short period. So that  
23 is why I said soon I left Johnny Paul Koroma.

24 Q. It is it same as "immediately"? One and a half months, is  
15:33:52 25 it the same as "immediately"?

26 A. It is a very short period. That is why I said "soon I left  
27 Johnny Paul Koroma I was promoted and given an appointment".

28 Q. Mr Witness, please try to answer my questions. I believe  
29 you are trying to answer your own questions. My question was:



1 Is "immediately" the same as one and half months period?

2 [AFRC19SEP05F - CR]

3 A. As I said again, as soon as I left Johnny Paul Koroma, I  
4 was promoted as sergeant and given an appointment as chief  
15:34:33 5 security.

6 Q. At least when you said you were immediately promoted, it's  
7 not the same as being promoted one and a half months after; not  
8 so?

9 A. Well, I said immediately because it's a very short period.

15:34:47 10 Q. I hope you continue to answer my questions, because they  
11 are very simple questions and we only demand a yes or no answer.  
12 I'll move on from there. Now, you've told the Court that you  
13 like serving the army and you love the army and you've been a  
14 strong soldier fighting for your country. Now, the army has a  
15:35:18 15 structure when it comes to promotions; not so?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That structure was particularly strong under the military  
18 regime of the AFRC; not so?

19 A. No.

15:35:33 20 Q. The AFRC never observed the rules of promotions, military  
21 promotions?

22 A. No.

23 Q. So how were people promoted during the AFRC period?

24 A. During the AFRC period, the members of the coup some of  
15:36:00 25 them are even corporal, but later, twinkle of an eye they became  
26 staff sergeant. So they had command and control who they feel to  
27 promote, they can promote; no one will ask them.

28 Q. Did they promote themselves, the members?

29 A. Well, it was done because some of them are corporals.



1 Later, just a few months, without going to sergeant, being a  
2 sergeant or sergeant major.

3 Q. Please try to answer my questions. You have still not  
4 answered the question. Did they promote themselves from  
15:36:36 5 corporal, according to you, to staff sergeant?

6 A. Yes, because they were the government of the day. They did  
7 so.

8 Q. They promoted themselves?

9 A. Yes, and they can promote any other person.

15:36:47 10 Q. Now, during this period was there a chief of army staff,  
11 during the AFRC period?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What was his name?

14 A. SO Williams.

15:37:08 15 Q. What was his rank?

16 A. If I could remember, he was a colonel.

17 Q. And please, when we say the AFRC period, we are referring  
18 to the period from the 25 May 1997 to February 1998; correct?

19 A. Correct.

15:37:24 20 Q. Was there a chief of defence staff during the AFRC period?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What was his name?

23 A. SFY Koroma.

24 Q. Was anyone heading the navy, the Sierra Leone navy?

15:37:44 25 A. I couldn't remember who was heading the Sierra Leone navy.

26 Q. But somebody was heading it?

27 A. I believe so.

28 Q. Now was there an overall commander of the Sierra Leone Army  
29 during the AFRC period?





1 A. The overall commander is this army, the -- the army chief.  
2 The overall commander was SFY Koroma, because he had the highest  
3 position in the army. He chose the seniors.

4 Q. Is it not the case that the head of state at that time was  
15:38:31 5 the overall commander of the army?

6 A. The army is an institution on its own. The president is  
7 heading the government.

8 Q. Are you saying that Mr Johnny Paul Koroma, as head of the  
9 AFRC was in fact not heading the army, was not the overall  
15:38:59 10 commander of the army?

11 A. No, the overall commander of the army was the CDS. Johnny  
12 Paul Koroma was only on the political background.

13 Q. Was there a minister of defence during that period?

14 A. During the period, I couldn't remember.

15:39:20 15 Q. Was there a deputy minister of defence?

16 A. Yes, he was called nickname Avivavo.

17 Q. I'm putting it to you that it was Johnny Paul Koroma who  
18 was the minister of defence at that time?

19 A. Yes, as the president he was the defence minister and  
15:39:48 20 undersecretary of state defence was Avivavo.

21 Q. Who was the function of the defence minister at that time?

22 A. I cannot tell.

23 Q. So you don't know what were the functions of the defence  
24 minister, okay. Now, I put it to you that as defence minister of  
15:40:04 25 the Republic of Sierra Leone, Mr Johnny Paul Koroma was overall  
26 commander of the army.

27 A. What I know, the overall commander of the army is the CDS,  
28 chief of defence staff, and the president is heading the  
29 government and overseeing the army.



1 Q. Now, for a private soldier to be promoted to any other  
2 rank, he has to go through some form of verification; not so, in  
3 a normal army?

4 A. Yes.

15:40:46 5 Q. And the same held for the Sierra Leone Army during that  
6 period; not so?

7 A. During that period, the laws of the army were not used  
8 because the politicians had already overpowered the army. I mean  
9 politicians, the 16 men who were soldiers and then took over the  
15:41:14 10 government, they were overpowering the army.

11 Q. So you, in fact, are calling these men politicians now.

12 A. Yes, because they were honourables.

13 Q. But you honourably joined them to go into the army -- to go  
14 into the bush after February 1998; not so?

15:41:36 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you honourably joined them to come back to Freetown in  
17 order to reinstate the army; not so?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was this the same army you believed in during the AFRC  
15:41:49 20 period?

21 A. I joined them to come back and I joined them to go because  
22 I was a soldier and the army was disband, so I had nowhere to go,  
23 unless I had to go to the bush.

24 Q. So you were not happy when the army was disbanded; not so?

15:42:11 25 A. No. No.

26 Q. But your claim is that it was politicised, the army?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. If a private soldier is to be promoted, what is his  
29 immediate rank?



1 A. Lance-corporal.

2 Q. Lance-corporal; not so.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And from lance-corporal what is the next --

15:42:49 5 A. Corporal.

6 Q. Please wait for the question so we don't talk over each

7 other. From lance-corporal what is the next promotion?

8 A. Corporal.

9 Q. And from corporal?

15:43:02 10 A. Sergeant.

11 Q. The next one is?

12 A. Staff sergeant.

13 Q. Now, when did you first know Mr Ibrahim Bazy Kamara?

14 A. Mr Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, I knew him since the NPRC regime.

15:43:21 15 Q. Can you recall the first year you first knew him?

16 A. No.

17 Q. But the NPRC regime started in 1992?

18 A. '92 to '96.

19 Q. So if you say you know him since that regime, would I be

15:43:39 20 correct to say you knew him since 1992?

21 A. Not '92, between '93 to '96.

22 Q. Such a long period. You knew him between three years,

23 okay. When you knew him, did he carry any rank in the army?

24 A. He was a corporal.

15:44:07 25 Q. Was that the case up to 29 May 1997?

26 A. From the time I knew him, he was a corporal and I did not

27 see him again until the coup, the day of the coup when they

28 opened the Pademba Road prisons.

29 Q. So what was his rank when you saw him?



1 A. When I saw him he was a sergeant.  
2 Q. Did he bear any insignia to the effect, any military  
3 markings?  
4 A. Yes, he had three stripes.  
15:44:38 5 Q. That was shortly after the coup; not so?  
6 A. The day of the coup, because he was in uniform, I saw him.  
7 Q. How long did he continue to wear that mark as a sergeant  
8 when you knew him?  
9 A. After the announcement of the government, I did not see any  
15:45:06 10 rank on him again.  
11 Q. Did that continue to be the case until you came back to  
12 Freetown in January 1999?  
13 A. Pardon?  
14 Q. Was it is the case that he never wore any rank from that  
15:45:26 15 time on to the time you came back in January 1999?  
16 A. No, he wore rank on the pull-out at Masiaka, they were all  
17 promoted, by themselves, as brigadier.  
18 Q. And did he wear the insignia of a brigadier?  
19 A. Yes.  
15:45:46 20 Q. What was he wearing?  
21 A. It was three buttons and a crown and had red on the  
22 collars.  
23 Q. So that represents a brigadier; not so, in the Sierra Leone  
24 Army?  
15:46:04 25 A. Brigadier.  
26 Q. Is there a difference between a brigadier and a  
27 brigadier-general?  
28 A. No.  
29 Q. Are you sure that they are one and the same?





1 A. I believe so.

2 Q. From brigadier, if a soldier is to be promoted, what is his  
3 next rank?

4 A. I cannot tell.

15:46:29 5 Q. Do you know the highest rank in the Sierra Leone Army?

6 A. Major-general.

7 Q. I am putting it to you that if a brigadier is to be  
8 promoted, his next rank would be brigadier-general in the Sierra  
9 Leone Army.

15:46:54 10 A. Yes, that's what I said. I don't know what would be the  
11 other rank, but I know the highest rank is major-general in the  
12 army.

13 Q. So what is the yes for now? Are you agreeing with me that  
14 if there is to be any promotion, the next promotion would be  
15 brigadier-general?

15:47:09 16 A. I don't know about that, so I cannot answer.

17 Q. Mr Witness, do you want this Court to believe that when you  
18 joined Mr Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, according to you, in 1997, he, as  
19 sergeant of the Sierra Leone Army promoted you to sergeant? You  
15:47:42 20 want this Court to believe that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How did he do that?

23 A. He did it on his own, because at that time, as I said, he  
24 overpowered the Sierra Leone Army. You can just promote anybody  
15:48:01 25 at random.

26 Q. Yes, but were you recognised by the other soldiers?

27 A. Yes, because I was putting my ranks on.

28 Q. Did you go to the military headquarters with that rank on?

29 A. I went everywhere with it.



1 Q. And you were security officer to Mr Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara?

2 A. I was Chief security officer.

3 Q. Both of you were wearing the same title, the same rank?

4 A. As I told you, after the announcement, there was no rank on  
15:48:41 5 them. They called themselves honourables. As I said, they had  
6 already been politicians.

7 Q. Now, wasn't it the case, Mr Witness, that when the  
8 announcement was made about the AFRC takeover, when the members  
9 of the AFRC were announced, Mr Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara was announced  
15:49:03 10 as a sergeant?

11 A. I couldn't remember.

12 Q. Were you listening to the radio at that time?

13 A. No.

14 Q. At least you listened to the radio when you were talking  
15:49:26 15 about the 16 coup plotters; not so?

16 A. Say again.

17 Q. Did you get the names of the 16 coup plotters from the  
18 radio?

19 A. Yes.

15:49:39 20 Q. But you never got the names of the AFRC members from the  
21 radio?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you see the names of the AFRC members on any document,  
24 for example, like a gazette?

15:49:55 25 A. Yes, I had seen it at other trials, which have been shown  
26 to me.

27 MR FOFANAH: Excuse me, Your Honours, one of the accused is  
28 kindly requesting that he be excused to use the convenience.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: He should be escorted out.



1 MR FOFANAH: Thank you.

2 THE WITNESS: Can I please do the same thing?

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, I notice it's quarter to 4.

4 If the witness is leaving and some of the accused are leaving,

15:50:34 5 perhaps this would be a convenient time to face reality and

6 adjourn. Are you at a convenient time in your cross-examination?

7 MR FOFANAH: Just one question on that.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, would you be prepared to

9 answer one question, then we will adjourn court completely?

15:50:54 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please ask the question, Mr Fofanah, and

12 we'll then adjourn.

13 MR FOFANAH: I'm grateful, Your Honour.

14 Q. Mr Witness, you said you've seen this gazette in the other

15:51:04 15 court; not so?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now did you not see a gazette indicating that Mr Ibrahim

18 Bazzi Kamara was sergeant when he was a member of the AFRC?

19 A. That was his rank when he took over the government, as I

15:51:21 20 said. After announcing, none of them never placed their ranks.

21 Q. That is not the answer to my question. We want to rise.

22 Just give me an answer. When you saw this gazette in Trial

23 Chamber I, was it not indicated in that gazette that Mr Ibrahim

24 Bazzi Kamara was a sergeant?

15:51:50 25 A. He was a sergeant when he took over and so it still

26 continued that records, but never placed it on.

27 Q. Thank you very much.

28 MR FOFANAH: In that case, Your Honours, I will seek to

29 continue tomorrow morning.



1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Fofanah. We will adjourn  
2           court. Mr Witness, I will remind you again, as I've done before,  
3           that you are under oath and until all your evidence is finished,  
4           you shall not discuss that evidence with anyone else. Do you  
15:52:13 5           understand this? Mr Witness?

6           THE WITNESS: Yes, My Lord.

7                               [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 3.48 p.m.,  
8                               to be reconvened on Tuesday, the 20th day of  
9                               September 2005, at 9.15 a.m.]

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