

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

CASE NO. SCSL-2004-14-T
TRIAL CHAMBER I

THE PROSECUTOR
OF THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
SAM HINGA NORMAN
MOININA FOFANA
ALLIEU KONDEWA

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2004
9.28 a.m.
TRIAL

Before the Judges:

Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding
Bankole Thompson
Pierre Boutet

For Chambers:

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Ms Roza Salibekova

For the Registry:

Mr Geoff walker

For the Prosecution:

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Mr Kevin Tavener
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For the Accused Sam Hinga Norman:

Dr Bu-Buakei Jabbi
Mr Kingsley Belle
Ms Claire da Silva

For the Accused Moinina Fofana:

Mr Arrow Bockarie
Mr Andrew Ianuzzi

For the Accused Allieu Kondewa:

Mr Charles Margai
Mr Yada Williams

1 Tuesday, 7 December 2004

2 [The three accused not present]

3 [Open session]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.28 a.m.]

5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, learned counsel, we are
6 resuming our session and, as I said, we'll have to break
7 at certain point, either between 10.25 or 10.30 and
8 thereafter -- it will not be for a long time. We'll
9 break just for a short while and resume the session soon
10 thereafter, so there's no question of our leaving the
11 courtroom, because I think it is good for counsel to know
12 that the German delegation is likely to come into the
13 gallery or to be somewhere to follow the proceedings of
14 this Court. For those of you who don't know, the Germans
15 are very active and interested in the seeing to the
16 smooth running and functioning of this Court. They are
17 very active in financing the Court and ensuring that
18 things go well, so these are small details which
19 I thought I should let you have this morning, and this
20 said, we'll proceed.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: So, Mr Margai, are you the one opening the
22 motion that you presented yesterday?

23 MR MARGAI: As I said yesterday, My Lords, there are two
24 motions before the Chamber. One, dealing with the
25 permission for Defence investigators to sit in court
26 during closed sessions and the other dealing with the
27 recall of witness TF2-057.

28 Now, the first motion will be dealt with by my
29 learned friend Williams.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: So you want to deal with --
2 MR MARGAI: I'm dealing with the recall of TF2-057.
3 JUDGE BOUTET: Which motion are you proceeding with first, the
4 presence of investigators in court?
5 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord, because that is not contested and I
6 think we can move faster with that one.
7 JUDGE BOUTET: On -- fine, we'll hear what you have to say,
8 because we certainly have some questions in this respect,
9 from the Prosecution as well, so we would like to know
10 very clearly what the status is on one side or the other.
11 So we'll hear what you have to say and we certainly
12 reserve the right to question you.
13 MR MARGAI: When I said it is not contested, I was referring
14 to my colleagues on the other side.
15 JUDGE BOUTET: I understood that, but we may have questions
16 for your colleagues on the other side.
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: And we would like to caution -- I said this
18 yesterday, we would like to caution the Chamber sees
19 absolutely -- I mean, there is everything good in
20 concessions and mutual agreements between the parties,
21 but we would like to caution that those agreements should
22 not border on issues that are contested in law or that
23 would bring the Court to a situation where it might be
24 called upon to caution or to approve an arrangement which
25 is not in conformity with the law. So in making your
26 mutual agreement, we would like counsel to bear this in
27 mind, because it is not always that the Tribunal will
28 take these agreements into consideration as representing
29 the law in a particular situation. Thank you.

1 MR MARGAI: I want to assure the Bench that the overriding
2 factor and consideration in such agreement is the
3 forbearance of the rule of law, subject to what the Bench
4 may say.
5 JUDGE THOMPSON: And the principle of legality.
6 MR MARGAI: Precisely, thank you.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is precisely what I'm saying. That if
8 we remain with in that, there's no problem.
9 MR MARGAI: We're on the same wavelength.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.
11 JUDGE BOUTET: So, Mr Williams, if are you ready to proceed,
12 we're listening to you.
13 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, my motion filed on the 1st of December
14 2004 is a joint motion by all three Defence counsel,
15 My Lords. We are seeking to an order -- we're seeking an
16 order of this Court that will allow Defence
17 investigators --
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it an order or orders?
19 MR WILLIAMS: An order, My Lord.
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just an order?
21 MR WILLIAMS: Yes. An order of this Court that would allow or
22 permit Defence investigators to sit in court during
23 closed sessions. My Lord, it has hitherto been the
24 practice of asking investigators -- Defence investigators
25 to leave the court during such sessions. My Lords, the
26 rationale behind the application is that firstly,
27 investigators are an integral part of the Defence team.
28 My Lord, in the Directive of -- of the Directive on
29 the Assignment of Counsel for the Special Court, a

1 Defence team is defined in Article 1 as: "The
2 individuals providing services to a suspect or accused in
3 accordance with a provisional assignment, agreement or
4 legal service contract described in Article 16 of this
5 directive."

6 My Lord, it cannot be argued that the Defence
7 investigators do not provide services to a suspect or the
8 accused.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: It cannot be argued that --

10 MR WILLIAMS: That investigators, our investigators --

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Defence investigators?

12 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, our investigators, My Lord, do not provide
13 services to a suspect or accused. My Lord, based on that
14 interpretation, we have been given statements disclosed
15 by the Prosecution to our investigators in furtherance of
16 their work.

17 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Williams, the reference you made was to
18 Article 1 on the definition of assigned counsel
19 or contracting counsel?

20 MR WILLIAMS: Directive on the assignment of counsel.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, that is the one I'm looking at.

22 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, that's the one.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: Article 1, which sub-definition? Definition of
24 assigned counsel?

25 MR WILLIAMS: No, defence team, defence team. I believe it is
26 on the second page.

27 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, thank you.

28 MR WILLIAMS: Your Honour, based on that interpretation, we've
29 been furnishing our investigators with statements

1 disclosed by the Prosecution to assist them in the
2 performance of their functions.

3 My Lord, it is my submission that that practice is
4 also in consonance with the directive -- the order of
5 this Court, My Lord, dated the 8th of June 2004, entitled
6 Decision on Prosecution Motion For Modification of
7 Protective Measures For Witnesses, part 3, paragraph
8 2(G).

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: What is the date of that?

10 MR WILLIAMS: 8 June 2004, My Lord.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: 2004?

12 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord. My Lord, that reads that: "The
13 Defence shall maintain a log indicating the name, address
14 and position of each person or entity which receives a
15 copy of or information from a witness statement,
16 interview report or summary of expected testimony or any
17 other non-public material, as well as the date of
18 disclosure, and that the Defence shall ensure that the
19 person to whom such information was disclosed follows the
20 order of non-public disclosure."

21 My Lord --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is paragraph what, Mr Williams?

23 MR WILLIAMS: Paragraph 2(G), part 3.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Page, first, please. That is a ruling.

25 Page what?

26 MR WILLIAMS: I don't have the page, My Lord.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is paragraph?

28 MR WILLIAMS: Paragraph 2(G), part 3.

29 My Lord, usually before we hand over these

1 materials, we give them the necessary caution as to the
2 sensitivity of these documents and the Defence office
3 have also been organising courses for them about
4 confidentiality.

5 JUDGE BOUTET: Do they sign any particular agreement with you
6 and/or undertaking with --

7 MR WILLIAMS: No, no, My Lord. They've not signed any
8 undertaking with us, except it is verbal. whatever
9 arrangements between us is verbal, but we keep a log --
10 we keep a record of what we give to them.

11 JUDGE BOUTET: So we have to trust you that you're doing your
12 work of making sure that they've being properly
13 instructed of their rights, obligations and so on without
14 any further evidence of that if need be in the future?

15 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, we can provide an undertaking --

16 JUDGE BOUTET: No, no, I'm just asking you. I'm not blaming
17 you. I'm just asking.

18 MR WILLIAMS: What is the question, My Lord?

19 JUDGE BOUTET: The question is: what if there is any breach
20 and how do we -- what is our authority to intervene to
21 protect a witness if information has been leaked out
22 through one of those people? How do we enforce these
23 measures?

24 MR WILLIAMS: Contempt proceedings, My Lord.

25 JUDGE BOUTET: But how do you prove the contempt when you
26 don't have evidence that they've been breached, that they
27 have not signed any agreement not to disclose anything?

28 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, I do not know of any rule which says
29 something should be on paper, My Lord.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not suggesting that there is a rule that
2 says you shall. I'm just asking you the question.
3 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, these are employees of --
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you saying that everything, the practice
5 of law, all facets of the law, should be codified?
6 MR WILLIAMS: No, My Lord.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Should be factored somewhere in the law?
8 MR WILLIAMS: By not getting them to sign a written document,
9 we're not in breach of any laid-down rule.
10 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not saying that you are in breach. I'm
11 just saying, if there were a breach by that particular
12 investigator, how are we to make sure? Because the whole
13 purpose of this is to make sure that witnesses to whom
14 the process and the Court is guaranteeing the protection
15 of nondisclosure, in fact, that that information is not
16 disclosed in any way shape, or form. If you are
17 providing, you, as part of the Defence team, to your
18 investigator that information and allow them to have
19 access to that information and if -- I hope it doesn't
20 happen, but if it does happen that they leaked
21 information, and you say, "well, we can proceed by
22 contempt," how are we to establish the contempt? How is
23 it to be established that there is a contempt, because
24 they have never made any undertaking to you or to the
25 Court?
26 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, with respect, I do not think for the
27 Court to try anybody for contempt, that person needs to
28 have signed any document, just like a journalist would
29 come into court and disclose certain things that he is

1 not supposed to, he's not signed anything with the court,
2 but he can still be punished for contempt.
3 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay. I'm asking you the questions.
4 MR WILLIAMS: And this is an employee of the Court who should
5 be more responsible and should be more aware of his
6 obligations.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is he an employee of the Court, the
8 investigator of the Defence?
9 MR WILLIAMS: Yes.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: You say he is an employee of the court?
11 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: The investigator for the Defence to you is
13 an employee of the Court?
14 MR WILLIAMS: The Defence contracts them, My Lord. They are
15 paid by the Defence.
16 JUDGE BOUTET: The Defence office that pays them, it's not
17 your team, for example, that pays out of your own budget?
18 MR WILLIAMS: It is a separate budget.
19 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm just trying to understand how it works.
20 I'm not familiar with your organisation. So you have an
21 investigator assigned to your team?
22 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.
23 JUDGE BOUTET: And that investigator is assigned to you by the
24 Defence office?
25 MR WILLIAMS: No, we get an investigator and then the
26 investigate -- the Defence office contracts him.
27 JUDGE BOUTET: So you refer the person for financial
28 arrangement to the Defence office?
29 MR WILLIAMS: Yes.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr, Williams?
2 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.
3 JUDGE THOMPSON: You were spelling out the rationale for the
4 motion. I got only one, that the investigators are an
5 integral part of the Defence team. Are you going to
6 articulate some further rationale for this, because
7 I need to be satisfied that the application is well
8 predicated upon some issue of the interest of justice,
9 and also the concept of equality of arms and that kind of
10 thing.
11 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, firstly, they are an integral part of
12 the Defence team and, secondly, that we've been
13 working -- or complying -- basically complying with the
14 decision of this Court dated the 8th of June, 2004.
15 My Lord, the reason I canvassed this point, My Lord,
16 is that we have been --
17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let me ask, what is the present -- what, if
18 any, disadvantage to your side exists in relation to the
19 status quo? In other words, that they are not now
20 permitted to be present during closed sessions hearings.
21 MR WILLIAMS: As I mentioned, we've been handing over
22 disclosed materials to them.
23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
24 MR WILLIAMS: And some of these materials are quite --
25 statements or summaries are quite brief and they've taken
26 us by surprise on several occasions. But the knowledge
27 of these investigators are quite significant, My Lord.
28 Looking at the statement disclosed or the summary
29 disclosed, some of them say practically nothing. And so

1 most of the time we're taken by surprise in court, but if
2 they're present whilst testimony is being given, My Lord,
3 they take notes, they confer with us before
4 cross-examination and that has proved of tremendous --
5 JUDGE THOMPSON: So that will enhance the efficiency of the
6 preparation of the Defence case, rather than the existing
7 system, which you say is a setback for you?
8 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, to some extent, My Lord.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Williams, I would like you to address a
10 little worry that I have in my mind. And I think the
11 same goes to the worries also addressed to the
12 Prosecution. Investigators are potential witnesses for
13 either party in the proceedings. If they are potential
14 witnesses of either party in the proceedings, would it be
15 faithful to -- I mean, these are principles that we have
16 adopted that witnesses should be out of court and out of
17 hearing, you know, in terms of following the evidence of
18 the witnesses. Would it be healthy - this question goes
19 to both sides - would it be healthy to have
20 investigators, because I'm not aware that -- honestly I
21 have not been aware that there have been any
22 investigators for the Prosecution in court. I have not
23 been aware of this. Let me say this very, very clearly.
24 I know that there has been a suggestion here that some
25 Prosecutors have been playing the role of investigators
26 and so on, well, that is another issue. They are
27 Prosecutors, and it is still a matter that is quite a
28 worry at a certain stage, but, you know, that is the
29 question I'm putting on both sides of the aisle, because

1 it would look like we would have people who are witnesses
2 coming into this Court, listening to the evidence and
3 then coming to testify as investigators. We've run into
4 problems with some witness statements and, in fact, the
5 Chamber is seized with a motion from the Defence for the
6 recall of certain investigators who took down the
7 statements of a certain witness. I don't have the number
8 here. I mean, it is in this light that I imagine that at
9 certain stage, at a certain point in time the Prosecution
10 may have to, in proving its case - I do not know what
11 their strategy is - to call in some investigators who
12 went through most of these processes in order to close up
13 the Prosecution's case. Should they be sitting in court?
14 That is my question.

15 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, my brief response to that is that it is
16 quite true that investigators are competent -- I mean,
17 compellable witnesses. They can, you know, make both a
18 competent and compellable witnesses, but there would be
19 conflict of interest, My Lord, if somebody who has been
20 employed by this Court, and they're doing work for the
21 Defence, were to be called as a Defence witness. I mean,
22 there's manifest conflict of interest there. So
23 I mean --

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: What if he proffers into the record certain
25 facts which the Court would want to look into? How do we
26 get around the difficulty? I mean, if you're trying to
27 convince the Court -- the Defence brings in certain facts
28 which are contestable and we need to have the source of
29 those facts to testify before us, are you saying that we

1 cannot do that?

2 MR WILLIAMS: I don't quite understand the scenario Your

3 Lordship is --

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your Defence investigator has done some

5 investigations. The facts which he has brought out, you

6 know, during his investigation are before this Court.

7 They are contested.

8 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: You mean we cannot call him to clarify

10 certain issues which are contested in the evidence?

11 MR WILLIAMS: I believe, Your Lordship, has the discretion to

12 call anybody as a witness. I mean, the Court on its

13 motion can call somebody --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, I am putting the question to you.

15 MR WILLIAMS: We, as a Defence team, we would not call

16 investigators to come and testify on behalf of any of the

17 accused persons, but, yes, the Court could. I mean --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: My question is not answered, but I'll let it

19 go.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let me follow one aspect of that up. So the

21 Defence investigators are not the same official-like

22 investigators for the Prosecution? Are there any

23 similarities or are there any very significant

24 dissimilarities, because if you say that you're not

25 likely to call any of your investigators as Defence

26 witnesses, then it means that the roles they are

27 performing would apparently be different from the roles

28 that the -- for example, a Prosecution investigator who

29 records a statement from a witness. Are there

1 similarities or dissimilarities you would like to
2 enlighten me on?

3 MR WILLIAMS: They perform basically the same functions except
4 that the Prosecution investigators double as something
5 else. I mean they are investigators and some of them are
6 prosecutors as well. But our investigators also go out
7 and obtain statements, record them and have the witness
8 sign. So I mean, there are a lot of similarities, but
9 theirs go some stages beyond what --

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Therefore if I would develop the learned
11 Presiding Judge's theory here, suppose your investigator
12 records a statement from a potential witness for the
13 Defence and the issue of whether the statement was
14 accurately recorded were to become a live issue before
15 the Court, and one way the Court would be assisted in
16 resolving the matter is to have some kind of testimony by
17 way of clarification or explanation as to why there is
18 some discrepancy between -- on the statement, probably
19 between the evidence of the witness in the witness box
20 and the statement made to the investigator. Would that
21 not be a possibility?

22 MR WILLIAMS: It would be -- it is a possibility, My Lord,
23 but, I mean, the evidence that that person would adduce
24 would be very superficial.

25 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, yes. So the fact that such a witness
26 has been in a closed session hearing relating to that
27 very matter would not create a situation which would be
28 really conflictual for the ends of justice?

29 MR WILLIAMS: I don't think so, My Lord. What the motion is

1 seeking to achieve, My Lord, is not too far-fetched from
2 what is already in practice.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: I see.

4 MR WILLIAMS: Now they have access to all the documents. That
5 small -- very limited occasions that we go into closed
6 sessions that we want them in. Except if the Bench would
7 say, we're not supposed to have given them the witness
8 statements or summaries, then we'll be in a very
9 difficult situation, but I mean, if Your Lordships hold
10 that the practice of giving statements or summaries to
11 the investigators is in accordance with the Rules, then
12 this extra thing that we're asking for is not
13 substantial, My Lord.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: My difficulty is, why is the existing system
15 not efficacious enough in achieving the ends which you
16 are trying to achieve, and why do they need to go this
17 extra mile, considering sensitivity of the closed session
18 and the entire machinery of protecting witnesses?

19 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, this was not clearly stated in -- it
20 was not stated in the motion, but we were not seeking --
21 or asking that the investigators be present in this room.
22 They can be in the gallery just listening to the
23 evidence, which is almost synonymous to them reading the
24 witness statements or summaries, but, I mean, our concern
25 is that -- because of the length of some of these
26 documents, when disclosed a paragraph, two paragraphs, a
27 page and the witnesses come and testify for four hours,
28 My Lord, it is -- it is -- it has created a lot of
29 problems for the Defence, My Lord. There is very little

1 we can put by way of cross-examination to such witnesses.
2 But if our investigators who have been working out there,
3 present listening to them, just 15 or 20 minutes
4 conference with them, My Lord, can make a lot of
5 difference.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: So what you're saying is, as the Defence
7 investigator who is present in the closed session, he's
8 following the evidence. We would have to break for you
9 to consult with him in order to see what way your
10 cross-examination will go.

11 MR WILLIAMS: No, My Lord, it can be -- we've been doing it
12 when witnesses -- when it is open session they've been
13 taking notes and it is done contemporaneously and there
14 are times when they just indicate to us and we go out and
15 pick up, you know records of -- comments they've made.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you wind up, Mr Williams, so that we
17 hear the Prosecution in reply before we rise.

18 MR WILLIAMS: The application, My Lord, is also made pursuant
19 to Article 17(4)(B) of the Statute of the Special Court,
20 which states, My Lord, that the accused person shall be
21 given adequate time and facilities for the preparation of
22 their defence. My Lord, it is our submission that the
23 presentation of these investigators in closed session
24 would provide the accused person with some additional
25 facility for the preparation of their defence.

26 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Williams, in your motion at paragraph 7 you
27 say, and I'm quoting you, "The Defence notes that on
28 numerous occasions Prosecution investigators have sat in
29 the courtroom during closed sessions." I have no such --

1 I'm not saying it is wrong. I'm just asking you, can you
2 give and provide the Court with some additional details,
3 because I don't have that recollection. I've seen a lot
4 of people sitting on the Prosecution side who are all
5 dressed with proper court accouterment, so I could not
6 tell you that they were investigators or lawyers, as
7 such. So we assume that they were all legally trained
8 and qualified.

9 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, most of the Prosecutors, My Lord, were
10 doing -- as I mentioned earlier, were doubling as
11 investigators as well. And they did --

12 JUDGE BOUTET: Most of them?

13 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, a good number of them, My Lord. And even
14 the statement that they've disclosed, clearly states the
15 name of the person who obtained the statement and they've
16 been doing that as investigators. And most of the time
17 it is these people who come and lead these witnesses
18 in-chief.

19 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but these investigators - let's use the
20 term investigator for that purpose - you are also saying
21 they are all lawyers on their own, so they're -- but are
22 your investigators also lawyers?

23 MR WILLIAMS: No, My Lord. We're not asking this Court to
24 give them the privileges that are accorded to out
25 colleagues on the other side. That's why I said, just
26 sitting in the galley would be fine by us. They need not
27 see the witnesses. Just listening to the testimony would
28 be fine.

29 My Lord, in the response filed by the Prosecution,

1 they're not opposed to the application in principle. My
2 Lord, their only caution is that somebody should take
3 responsibility for the conduct of these investigators,
4 somebody in the Defence team should take responsibility
5 for the conduct of the investigators. My Lord, we're not
6 adverse to providing such guarantee or guarantees,
7 My Lord.

8 My Lords, that is all I wish to say at this stage.

9 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. Can we ask the Prosecution if they
10 have any -- I would like to hear you, as well, on the
11 fact that the investigators for the Prosecution have been
12 sitting in court.

13 MR TAVENER: Firstly, Your Honour, as has just been mentioned
14 by Mr Williams, the Prosecution doesn't oppose the
15 application in principle. It is how it is to be
16 practically applied. I'm surprised that the words
17 "equality of arms" has not been mentioned during the
18 course of my friend's submission. But in this case, the
19 Prosecution accepts there needs to be some balance
20 between the facilities and resources available to the
21 Prosecution and those available to the Defence. Again,
22 that being said, one has to look at how that is
23 practically applied.

24 In terms of Prosecutors who have taken statements,
25 I understand that was the position at some stage
26 relatively early in the investigation, Prosecutors or
27 lawyers did take statements. Those Prosecutors - and
28 there wasn't many - have subsequently appeared in court,
29 so there was that crossover. However, because they

1 were -- are legal practitioners --

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, be very concrete. You know, we want

3 to be very sure of this, because I'm hearing for the

4 first time that your investigators have been in court.

5 We want you to be very -- to come up front, you know,

6 with what has been happening.

7 MR TAVENER: No, our investigators --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: You see, you remember Mr Margai premised a

9 similar application on the presence of certain interns,

10 either -- I mean, on the side of the Prosecution and we

11 said well, it could be -- this could be something that

12 affects both the Prosecution and the Defence and that

13 they are matters which should be addressed in order to

14 know, you know, who is inside this arena. This is very

15 important.

16 MR TAVENER: What has happened is some legal officers took

17 statements and that is contained on the statement itself,

18 and that's how they're identified.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Not legal officers. You mean some

20 Prosecutors; is that what you're saying?

21 MR TAVENER: Yes, some Prosecutors took statements.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Some Prosecutors took statements.

23 MR TAVENER: Yes, those Prosecutors subsequently appear in

24 court, but I differentiate them from investigators in

25 that they are Prosecutors who took some statements at an

26 early stage of the investigation, as I understand it.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: What are you saying? What distinction are

28 you making? You say they are not like investigators, or

29 so?

1 MR TAVENER: I'm saying they took statements, however, they
2 are legal practitioners, prosecutors, who took
3 statements. Subsequently, as Mr Margai has pointed out,
4 they sat in court. The position --
5 PRESIDING JUDGE: In taking those statements, how do you
6 categorise them? Are they investigators or prosecutors
7 or are they investigators and prosecutors the same time?
8 MR TAVENER: Well, I would categorise them as prosecutors who
9 took statements.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: You would categorise them as prosecutors who
11 took statements.
12 MR TAVENER: The issue here --
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please just wait.
14 MR TAVENER: Sorry.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: And at what stage did they take these
16 statements?
17 MR TAVENER: As I understand matters, and I wasn't here, but
18 as I understand matters --
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: You know there is a first contact with the
20 witness. Once the witness is identified, there is a
21 first contact with him. At what stage did these
22 prosecutors who took statements, at what stage did they
23 come in in recording these statements from the accused
24 persons or the suspects -- or the witnesses, I'm sorry.
25 MR TAVENER: As I understand matters, they took, on occasions,
26 the original statement, the first statement from the
27 witness. Whether or not that witness had earlier contact
28 with some other person from the office, I can't say, but
29 they, on occasions, took the first statement. Is that

1 what Your Honour is asking?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: You say on occasions you took --

3 MR TAVENER: As I said, they took the first statement, whether

4 or not that was the first contact the witness had with

5 the Office of the Prosecutor, I don't know, but on

6 occasions, as I understand it, in the early stages of the

7 investigation, prosecutors took statements. And as

8 I understand from reading the statements, they took

9 statements often with the aid of an investigator and/or

10 an interpreter.

11 JUDGE BOUTET: You seem to be saying as well that that's the

12 practice that existed, but it is not being done any more?

13 Or what is the status now?

14 MR TAVENER: well, what happens now is, obviously, the

15 Prosecutors speak to witnesses for the purpose of

16 proofing and if additional material comes from that, then

17 that is filed as part of the disclosure. And I think

18 we've moved along the process some way since the initial

19 investigations started. So now the contact between the

20 Prosecutors and the witnesses are the usual getting up of

21 a --

22 JUDGE BOUTET: So the contact there is a prosecutor

23 interviewing a witness for the purpose of giving

24 evidence? In other words, it is in preparation for

25 testimony at that time rather than the initial

26 determination of whatever.

27 MR TAVENER: Yes, the initial taking of a statement. The

28 contact now is the usual contact of a --

29 JUDGE BOUTET: For example, if you are the one conducting the

1 interview of a witness in Court, you would meet that
2 witness prior to and go through the statement with that
3 witness and so on. That is the normal process, so that
4 is what you mean by that. So it is not conducting an
5 investigation per se, but getting ready for trial --
6 preparation for trial.

7 MR TAVENER: Exactly. And occasionally, as has been noted in
8 this Court, additional material is generated which is
9 then disclosed.

10 JUDGE BOUTET: As a result of that meeting?

11 MR TAVENER: That's right, but I understand earlier on there
12 were some statements taken by investigators and it is
13 clearly identified by the name on the statement as the
14 person who took it all, the investigator, or whether
15 there was an interpreter present.

16 JUDGE BOUTET: But for -- I know the Prosecution is not
17 opposing the application made by the Defence in this
18 respect, but do I take it, too, from your comments that
19 we are not likely to see investigative prosecutors in
20 court any more, other than those working in preparation
21 for their case.

22 MR TAVENER: That's correct. That no investigators -- we
23 don't expect any investigators. There is one
24 investigator who has been present in court, but that
25 person is a lawyer, so occasionally, but that's only on
26 occasion.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let me pursue that line of reasoning of my
28 learned brother. I need to be -- need some further
29 clarifications myself. Perhaps you need to cover

1 familiar ground with a little more clarity. You say when
2 a prosecutor takes a statement from a witness, as has
3 been the practice in some cases, what role is he
4 performing?

5 MR TAVENER: At that stage the prosecutor is taking a
6 statement.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, what I'm saying is what role is he
8 performing considering the familiar categorisations which
9 we lawyers are used to in our tradition? Is he
10 performing the role of what, a prosecutor or an
11 investigator? I mean, we have certain -- we're all
12 members of the legal profession; we have certain
13 categorisations. For example, we cannot expect a member
14 of the executive to come and prosecute here whilst he is
15 member of the executive. We have the differentiation
16 between prosecution sometimes and investigation, the
17 processes. I'm asking the question for my own
18 edification. When a Prosecutor takes a statement from a
19 witness, because -- I follow the distinction you sought
20 to make in answer to my learned brother, when he seeks to
21 take a statement from a witness, what role is he
22 performing?

23 MR TAVENER: I don't have the same strict separation or
24 definition that Your Honour has between a prosecutor and
25 an investigator. On occasions prosecutors take
26 statements.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, on occasion, a prosecutor is
28 an investigator.

29 MR TAVENER: On occasion, they take statements.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: A procurator general kind of concept which is
2 familiar more in the civil law system.

3 MR TAVENER: But it is not a concept unknown to me for a
4 prosecutor to take a statement. It depends on the
5 circumstances.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, for the purpose of
7 investigation.

8 MR TAVENER: For the purpose of taking a statement from a
9 witness.

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: So then, what that really means is that --
11 and take a hypothetical situation: If a statement is in
12 issue as to whether it was properly recorded or not by
13 whoever took that statement, and the Court wants some
14 clarification or explanations as to the manner and
15 procedure adopted in taking that statement, and the Court
16 intends to clarify this problem, what would be the --
17 what would be one recourse, from your perspective?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I would add, and the statement was recorded
19 by the prosecuting counsel.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: what would be your advice as a lawyer to the
21 Chamber, if the Chamber says we need some further
22 evidence to explain, or to remove some doubts as to
23 whether the procedure was properly followed and that that
24 statement is a correct and accurate portrayal of the
25 facts as stated?

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: would the counsel in question switch places
27 from where you're standing to the -- I just want to
28 complement what my colleague is putting across.

29 MR TAVENER: Now I appreciate what Your Honour raised earlier

1 with Mr Williams on that same point as to whether or not
2 they would call the investigator should that issue arise.
3 The position would be - and I'm sure Your Honour knows
4 the answer - the position would be that when the -- when
5 the Prosecutor took statements - and I'm just trying to
6 refer to statements off the top of my head - they were
7 normally accompanied by an investigator and I say and/or
8 an interpreter, depending on whether they needed an
9 interpreter. So on the first instance, the investigator
10 would be called as opposed to the prosecutor who was also
11 present. So that would be the solution. As Your Honours
12 indicate, if necessary, yes, the prosecutor may be placed
13 in the position of being a witness, but as I understand
14 it, they normally took statements with an investigator
15 who would be the prime witness as to the manner in which
16 the statement was taken.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Tavener, you're saying that the
18 prosecutors took the statements in the presence of
19 investigators.

20 MR TAVENER: They're normally accompanied by an investigator
21 and often an interpreter, so should that issue arise, as
22 His Honour Judge Thompson has raised, then the
23 investigator could also give that same evidence and then
24 nominate on the statement. That is as how I understand
25 it, and that is the usual procedure. And as we're now at
26 the stage where we simply speak to witnesses and disclose
27 further material, that issue does not arise, but it would
28 arise in the circumstances Your Honour has identified,
29 which is why, again, the Prosecution has no objection in

1 principle to the application. Our only concern is the
2 manner in which the Court can exercise control over those
3 persons. The Prosecution wasn't -- didn't have full
4 understanding of how the investigators were connected to
5 the individual Defence teams and therefore, we were
6 concerned that control had to be exercised. The persons
7 who have been nominated by Defence as being present in
8 Court are legal practitioners and control can be
9 exercised over them relatively easily by the Court.
10 That's why the Prosecution --

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: So in this context, the concern would revolve
12 around the concept of non-public disclosure?

13 MR TAVENER: Yes.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: So that would be at the end of the day,
15 because if that is the interest which we're trying to
16 safeguard at the end of day, because if we concede that
17 by reason of the doctrine of equality of arms they're
18 entitled to have their own investigators also, then the
19 issue at the end of the day is: Can we guarantee
20 non-public disclosure?

21 MR TAVENER: Exactly. That is why we don't oppose it in
22 principle. It is merely the application of allowing
23 equality of arms to the Defence in this particular
24 regard, ensuring that non-public disclosure is
25 maintained. The suggestion by the Prosecution in our
26 submission is that the individual team leaders accept
27 responsibility, they being legal practitioners, officers
28 of the court, to ensure that the persons they brief --
29 they instruct fully understand their obligations and if

1 they fail on those obligations, then the leader of the
2 team becomes directly responsible for that failure.
3 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but when you're dealing with lawyers, as
4 such, you have a diversity of recourses. You may be
5 precluded from acting in front of this Court, you could
6 face contempt of court, you may be referred to your own
7 bar for disciplinary action. I mean, there are various
8 recourses possible.
9 MR TAVENER: That is the advantage.
10 JUDGE BOUTET: But what recourses, other than possible
11 contempt, does the Court have for violation of an order
12 by an investigator, a non-lawyer investigator?
13 MR TAVENER: The only one that immediately comes to mind would
14 be contempt, and that is why the Prosecution asks that
15 there be a nominated person from the Defence team
16 responsible. And as Your Honour said, there is a range
17 of options available to deal with a person whose agent
18 has acted in that manner, and that may encourage the
19 Defence to ensure compliance with the Rules. That is all
20 the Prosecution is seeking.
21 JUDGE BOUTET: Do you wish to add anything else, Mr Tavener?
22 MR TAVENER: No, thank you.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Maybe a reply from Mr Williams also, if
24 there is any.
25 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord, we --
26 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Williams, before you do, I do have one
27 question for you. Based on what you've informed the
28 Court as to how you proceed and the work you do with your
29 investigator, when you have a witness that has given

1 evidence in a closed session - let's use that as an
2 example as this is the basis of your application - do you
3 disclose that evidence to that witness afterwards at this
4 particular moment?

5 MR WILLIAMS: Disclose the evidence to the investigator?

6 JUDGE BOUTET: To the investigator because, presumably, if you
7 need to pursue some avenues that came out during the
8 closed session, you are likely to give that information
9 to your investigator; am I right?

10 MR WILLIAMS: There are times we do discuss the evidence with
11 them, but most of the time we almost cross-examine
12 immediately thereafter.

13 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not trying to put you on the spot. My
14 question is not hiding anything. It is only in order
15 to -- what I'm trying to ascertain is -- let's forget
16 about closed session witnesses. Other witnesses your
17 investigators are, in most cases, in the public gallery
18 and, therefore, they hear the evidence. But the other
19 cases, if you need to pursue a line of investigation that
20 came out during the cross-examination or
21 examination-in-chief of a witness in a closed session,
22 surely you are to ask the investigator either to look at
23 the evidence, or to give him part of the evidence to say,
24 "well, would you pursue and look into this matter at this
25 stage."

26 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord --

27 JUDGE BOUTET: You do?

28 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, we do. And, Your Honours, the
29 investigators have so far been under the direct

1 supervision of our legal assistant. My learned friend is
2 talking about taking direct responsibility. What I said
3 to him yesterday was that I would not be prepared to go
4 to jail for the breach of an investigator. I mean, we
5 can tell them all the consequences, but I mean, to say
6 direct responsibility, going to jail for somebody is
7 something we're not prepared to take.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't want to see Mr Williams there.

9 MR WILLIAMS: As My Lord pleases.

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: There would be, clearly, in your situation a
11 fiduciary relationship between you and your
12 investigators, wouldn't there?

13 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: So wouldn't that kind of scenario also be
15 important in providing some supervisor control?

16 MR WILLIAMS: Certainly, My Lord.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: I mean, nobody is suggesting that we would
18 like to see you behind bars for something that you didn't
19 do, even in the context of vicarious liability. I think
20 it is corporations that we make that kind of attribution
21 to. But I would have thought that the internal
22 arrangement should provide for a fiduciary relationship.

23 MR WILLIAMS: That is in existence, My Lord, and we would be
24 prepared to go even a step further and prepare an
25 undertaking that would spell out the allegations and the
26 consequences --

27 JUDGE BOUTET: We need to be satisfied that indeed there are
28 protections that are in existence and there are limits to
29 that. We need to be satisfied with that. I mean, I have

1 been through this process of issuing directions, orders
2 to protect witnesses and their identity and so on, and it
3 is very important in the context of Sierra Leone, as you
4 know, and we are deeply concerned about that, so we want
5 to make sure that whatever we have in place is indeed
6 functioning.

7 Now to come to your question, obviously the fact
8 that you may not be the one who has disclosed the
9 information, but if it is the investigator who is working
10 for you, but you failed to supervise that investigator
11 properly, well, we'll take you to account for that. So,
12 yes, you may not be the one who has disclosed, but if you
13 do not do your work as a legal assistant or supervisor,
14 you may have been held responsible for it.

15 MR WILLIAMS: As My Lord pleases. But so far they've been
16 conducting themselves properly and I could even give an
17 instance or instances where -- I mean, it is so
18 stringent, My Lord, that they are not even allowed to
19 disclose their work to the other teams. I mean, they go
20 out investigating. What they get, they cannot disclose
21 to even other defence teams. And they have been strictly
22 abiding by that rule, My Lord.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: That's fine. As I say, we are also learning,
24 because that's why we're asking all these questions. I
25 don't know how the work of the investigators and the
26 intricacies of that is really operating on a daily basis.
27 That is why we're asking these questions.

28 Yes, Mr Margai.

29 MR MARGAI: With your leave, My Lords, this is a matter that

1 has arisen for the first time and, as I said, we're still
2 in the process of learning and trying to put forward a
3 jurisprudence that will perhaps justify the course of
4 time. I was going to go suggest, subject to the
5 convenience of the Court, if both sides, meaning the
6 Prosecution and the Defence, could work out some form of
7 modality in the application of such a request and submit
8 it for the consideration of the Bench. You see, because
9 these are very, very important issue and --

10 PRESIDING JUDGE: You mean that you will prepare a practice
11 directive for the Bench to follow?

12 MR MARGAI: No, it is not a practice directive, My Lord.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is. I consider it a practice directive.

14 MR MARGAI: No, it is not our function, because I remember in
15 the course of the application - I'm sure it came from
16 Justice Boutet - that perhaps some arrangement ought to
17 be worked out to ensure that these investigators keep
18 within the ambit of the accepted norms. That was why
19 I said, subject to the convenience of the court. I mean,
20 the question of practice directive is something within
21 the purview the Court, not the Bar. And I don't think
22 any of us is thinking at the moment of usurping
23 Your Lordships' functions.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have it on record that Mr Margai says it
25 is not one of his ambitions to become a judge. So we
26 don't suspect you to take any of our functions, and even
27 if you had to, maybe it is not at this point in time.

28 MR MARGAI: No, I'm not speaking for myself. I'm speaking for
29 all of us here. I'm sure there are amongst us people

1 hoping to become judges.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, yes, that is a normal profile, you know,
3 of a lawyer, either from the Bar or from wherever.
4 I mean --
5 MR MARGAI: It is only for the distraction.
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sure you will not -- even though you do
7 not want to become one, you will not disagree with me
8 that it is an achievement for a lawyer to become a judge.
9 MR MARGAI: I'm looking forward to that as a last resort.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, this said, I think we would rise, a
11 convenient time for us to rise in order for us to take
12 care of some other preoccupations, but we shall resume
13 session here before it is 11.00. So, please, we would
14 rise and resume at any time before 11.00 as soon as we're
15 done with the German President. The court will rise,
16 please.
17 [Recess taken at 10.30 a.m.]
18 [HN071204B]
19 [Upon resuming at 11.45 a.m.]
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, we are resuming our
21 session. There were two motions on the table today. We
22 finished with one aspect of it and we are prepared to
23 take arguments on the other arm of the motion. Is it
24 Mr Margai? Is it Mr Williams?
25 MR MARGAI: It's me, My Lord.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai.
27 JUDGE BOUTET: This is your application for the recall of the
28 witness?
29 MR MARGAI: That is correct, My Lords.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: Just for greater clarity, is the second accused
2 - because I know you've joined on all of these - also
3 making another motion here today about the evidence --
4 about the Exhibit to be filed?
5 MR BOCKARIE: Your Honour, the interests of the second accused
6 lie with --
7 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not asking you to make the motion now. I'm
8 just asking if you're going to make that motion.
9 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour, if at all the Court permits me
10 I would like the motion to be heard.
11 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay. Mr Margai?
12 MR MARGAI: My Lords, I'm seeking your directive as to which
13 of the two motions I should proceed with, because I filed
14 a motion on the 3rd of December 2004 and one dated 6th
15 December 2004. Both motions are substantially the same.
16 JUDGE BOUTET: The one on the 6th of December is an amendment
17 to the one of the 3rd.
18 MR MARGAI: That is correct.
19 JUDGE BOUTET: Proceed on the one on the 6th. I've looked at
20 both; there is not much difference, but slight
21 differences.
22 MR MARGAI: As My Lord pleases.
23 JUDGE BOUTET: But go on the 6th.
24 MR MARGAI: I have sought your directive in the light of the
25 response from --
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me put it this way, Mr Margai: We are
27 more focused on the motion that relates to the recalling
28 of the witness.
29 MR MARGAI: That's the one I'm talking about. In fact, both

1 are dealing with the same issue.
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Doesn't one supersede the other?
3 MR MARGAI: The latter supersedes the former.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Then we have one motion paper before us;
5 isn't it? Unless you want to consolidate.
6 MR MARGAI: No, no, My Lords. I sought your directive in the
7 light of the response from the Prosecution. They were
8 contending in their introductory paragraph, paragraph 1,
9 line 7, "However, on Monday 6th December, as the
10 Prosecution was ready to file its response, the Defence
11 filed, without leave of the Court, a second motion that
12 supersedes the first motion, entitled 'Allieu Kondewa
13 Amended Motion for the Recall of Witness TF2-057'."
14 JUDGE THOMPSON: So it is likely they are going to take issue
15 with you on that one.
16 MR MARGAI: Well, I'm anticipating it's going to be --
17 [Overlapping speakers]
18 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, I will just rest my position.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: In which event it is premature to imagine or
20 to conclude that the second motion supersedes the earlier
21 one.
22 MR MARGAI: I would have thought so; that was why I sought
23 your leave. But then, when your learned brother on your
24 left gave me the green light to proceed, I was going to
25 proceed albeit with caution.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sure he did not mean to grant you the
27 leave on that.
28 JUDGE BOUTET: I would suggest to you that the substantial
29 differences between the two are not that -- what you have

1 been asking in the first one is exactly the same thing in
2 the second one. It's in the arguments.
3 MR MARGAI: Except for the addition of an authority.
4 JUDGE BOUTET: That's right, that's what I mean.
5 MR MARGAI: And also incorporating in the amended motion the
6 address of the witness is mentioned therein.
7 JUDGE THOMPSON: For me, the issue now is a procedural one,
8 because your colleagues on the other side would seem to
9 be insisting on a right to object.
10 MR MARGAI: Which is their right, indeed.
11 JUDGE THOMPSON: Should they be deprived of that?
12 MR MARGAI: I don't think so, My Lords, in fairness.
13 JUDGE THOMPSON: And that would be my own position.
14 MR MARGAI: Well, that is why I sought your leave.
15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Subject to what my learned Honourable
16 brothers would say here.
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: But is the Prosecution still standing its
18 ground on the objection raised?
19 MR TAVENER: The additional material submitted by the Defence
20 is not such to cause us a problem in terms of addressing
21 the crucial issue of this motion, so we are quite happy
22 to proceed. We simply want to note it is preferable to
23 follow procedure as much as possible.
24 JUDGE BOUTET: It is noted.
25 MR MARGAI: It is a very vital point that has been raised as
26 to the question of amendment without leave; at what
27 stage. But I am sure we will have the opportunity at a
28 future date to go into the merits and demerits of such an
29 application, but for now, since my colleagues have

1 graciously withdrawn whatever objection they were
2 contemplating, I will be too glad to proceed subject to
3 your convenience.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may proceed, Mr Margai. Leave is
5 granted for you to proceed.

6 MR MARGAI: Thank you.

7 My Lords, having granted the leave, may I seek your
8 leave again in the light of the application I made
9 yesterday so as to ascertain the clarity of the position
10 to amend the submission under paragraph 5 of the motion
11 -- 5.14. 14 reads: "Counsel request that the Trial
12 Chamber recall witness TF2-057 for further examination
13 after witness TF2-067 finishes giving his testimony."
14 That was an issue that was raised yesterday by Justice
15 Boutet and rightly so. I wish, with your leave, to amend
16 it to read, "Counsel requests that the Trial Chamber
17 recall witness TF2-057 for further examination in the
18 course of the testimony of witness TF2-067."

19 The reason for that is quite obvious, My Lords,
20 except if you wish me to elucidate. You see, assuming
21 that the application which is about to be made is
22 granted, then, of course, the witness to be recalled will
23 have to be identified by witness TF2-067 and I would not
24 want to be faced with a situation of making yet another
25 application after the grant of the relief sought.

26 JUDGE BOUTET: We have no objection to grant you that leave
27 for that at this particular moment.

28 MR MARGAI: As My Lords please, thank you. My Lords, the
29 third accused seeks, by way of motion, that this Trial

1 Chamber orders the recall of witness TF2-057 for further
2 examination in the course of the testimony of witness
3 TF2-067. My Lords, the reason for this application is as
4 stated in the motion paper, to wit, under the rubric
5 "Background", but with your leave I shall highlight --

6 JUDGE BOUTET: I don't have any problem in principle with
7 highlighting. My concern is what the Prosecution has
8 raised in their response to your application, that much
9 of the information -- some of the information you will be
10 using, that you're describing in some of your motion, is
11 information that was disclosed only in closed session.

12 MR MARGAI: That is correct, My Lords.

13 JUDGE BOUTET: And the Prosecution has filed a response in a
14 confidential manner. Your application is not
15 confidential and you're describing, certainly in part 3,
16 facts of the relationship that may be of concern, let's
17 put it this way.

18 MR MARGAI: I understand the apprehension of the Prosecution,
19 but as couched in the language under "Facts", there is no
20 apprehension that the identities would be disclosed. I
21 deliberately chose the language as couched.

22 JUDGE BOUTET: Then, in your submission now be careful about
23 that as well, if I may invite you.

24 MR MARGAI: No, I will, but let me put your mind at ease, My
25 Lord. In fact, the question of the confidentiality was
26 not the fault of our team. It was the fault of the Court
27 Management who effected service, because the cover note
28 which was given to us to accompany the motion was clearly
29 indicated that the motion should be confidential. I

1 understand from the legal assistant that, in fact, this
2 omission on the part of Court Management was brought to
3 the attention of the Prosecution followed by an apology.
4 I stand to be corrected. But as you have cautioned, I
5 shall be very cautious.

6 JUDGE BOUTET: I am not trying to blame you. I am just
7 inviting caution.

8 MR MARGAI: As My Lord pleases. My Lords, on the 1st of
9 December 2004 Prosecution witness TF2-057 testified in
10 open session before this Trial Chamber. During the
11 cross-examination of TF2-057 counsel for the first
12 accused showed the witness, TF2-057, a piece of paper
13 bearing the name of witness TF2-067. Counsel for the
14 first accused then asked witness TF2-057 if he knew the
15 identity of the person bearing that name. My Lords, the
16 witness TF2-057 stated that he did not know anyone by
17 that name.

18 On the 2nd of December 2004, Prosecution witness
19 TF2-067 testified in closed circuit before the Trial
20 Chamber. During the cross-examination of TF2-067 counsel
21 for the second accused applied to this Trial Chamber to
22 cross-examine witness TF2-067 in closed session. The
23 purpose of the application in part was to question
24 witness TF2-067 about his relationship with witness
25 TF2-057.

26 My Lords, counsel for the third accused also sided
27 himself with this application and further asked for the
28 recall of witness TF2-057 in order to clarify the
29 relationship between the two witnesses, namely TF2-057

1 and TF2-067. Your Lordships ordered that the application
2 be reduced into writing. This is as a result of
3 Your Lordships' order that this motion has been so filed.

4 My Lords, the Prosecution disclosed to counsel for
5 the third accused - that is myself - the witness
6 statement of TF2-057. In this witness statement the wife
7 of TF2-057 is named and the current address of witness
8 TF2-057 is also given. My Lords, the Prosecution
9 disclosed to counsel the witness statement of witness
10 TF2-067. In this witness statement the mother of witness
11 TF2-067 is named and the current address of witness
12 TF2-067 is also given.

13 The name of the wife of TF2-057 is the same as the
14 name of the mother of witness TF2-067. The current
15 address of witness TF2-057 is the same as the current
16 address of witness TF2-067. My Lords, it is our
17 submission that by any stretch of the imagination there
18 is clearly a relationship -- paternal relationship
19 between TF2-057 and 067, which we on this side wish to
20 establish in pursuit of this application now before
21 Your Lordships; namely, the recall of witness TF2-057.

22 My Lords, we are relying on Rule 90F of the Rules of
23 Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court of
24 Sierra Leone in support of our application, and the rule
25 provides thus: "The Trial Chamber shall exercise control
26 over the mode and order of interrogating witnesses and
27 presenting evidence so as to: 1, Make the interrogation
28 and presentation effective for the ascertainment of the
29 truth, and; 2, Avoid the wasting of time."

1 My Lords, we are cognizant of the fact that we
2 could, as Defence, call witness TF2-057, but then we are
3 not so certain of the wisdom of calling him, he having
4 been called by the Prosecution as a witness for the
5 Prosecution. The question is: Can we have one witness
6 testifying both for the Prosecution and the Defence?
7 That we doubt very much.

8 My Lords, we have no doubt in our mind here that
9 this Court has the inherent jurisdiction to order the
10 recall of a witness in the pursuit of justice.

11 In the final analysis, the guilt or otherwise of the
12 third accused will very largely depend on the credibility
13 to be attached by Your Lordships to the evidence borne
14 out here by the Prosecution. Assuming that the guilt of
15 the third accused will be dependent on the testimony of
16 TF2-057 -- what we as a defence team are trying to do now
17 is to prove to this Court that in fact TF2-057 in his
18 testimony, when he was shown that piece of document
19 bearing that name, categorically denying any knowledge of
20 that name or the individual bearing that name, we will be
21 submitting that that borders on perjury. And if we
22 succeed in convincing the Chamber that, in fact, the
23 testimony of that witness ought not to be believed, then,
24 of course, Your Lordships will be in a better and
25 fortified position to dispense justice. This is the
26 purport of the application.

27 My Lords, we are relying on the Commonwealth
28 authority of R v Sullivan 16 CAR 121, which is reported
29 in --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: I know you're in Archbold. It is usually
2 good to have the details -- the reports. If you have
3 that volume, volume 16, of the Criminal Appeal Reports,
4 we would like to have it, because looking at the report
5 in detail -- [Overlapping speakers]

6 MR MARGAI: Yes, I appreciate that. We shall photocopy it and
7 furnish the Court.

8 My Lord, it is reported in the 2004 edition of
9 Archbold Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice, page
10 1214 paragraph 8-251, captioned "Recalling witnesses
11 including Defendant". "The Judge has a discretionary
12 power to recall or allow the recall of witnesses at any
13 stage of the trial prior to the conclusion of the
14 summing-up and of putting such questions to them as the
15 exigencies of justice require." Those are the operative
16 words: "The exigencies of justice require." "And the
17 Court of Appeal will not interfere with the exercise of
18 that discretion unless it appears that an injustice has
19 thereby resulted." One of the cases cited is
20 R v Sullivan.

21 Also in that, at page 1215, the case of R v Grant
22 Criminal Law Report 42 CCA --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: These criminal reports are in volumes. Is
24 there no volume referred to there? Normally it is either
25 16 or 17. It is usually reported in volumes.

26 MR MARGAI: Yes, but this is a different one, My Lord.
27 1958 Criminal Law Report 42. That is of the Criminal
28 Court of Appeal. Paragraph 8-253: "Both counsel went to
29 see the Judge during an adjournment in the course of the

1 summing-up. They told him of certain information they
2 had which indicated that two Prosecution witnesses might
3 have committed perjury" -- and this is the road we're
4 treading on. "The judge felt there was nothing he could
5 do but conclude his summing-up. Held: Allowing the
6 appeal the witness should have been recalled."

7 But, as I said, My Lords, I will photocopy the
8 comprehensive reports and furnish the Court.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: If we can have the volume itself, that's
10 fine, just on a temporary basis.

11 MR MARGAI: I will be getting it, I hope, from the law
12 libraries. I'm not sure whether I will have the luxury
13 of retaining it for more than perhaps a day or two, but I
14 shall photocopy the entire --

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: I would prefer to read the actual volume. I
16 was going to say myself that we need the original, and
17 I'm sure there shouldn't be any problem.

18 MR MARGAI: That is what your brother is saying.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Those reports are usually very discussive of
20 the issues that are raised.

21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.

22 MR MARGAI: I agree.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: And there are other cases which are factored
24 in them which enable us to make a determination.

25 MR MARGAI: That is appreciated, My Lords.

26 My Lords, still on the question of recalling of
27 witnesses, I refer you to Phipson On Evidence 15th
28 Edition page 224 paragraph 10-45, captioned "Recalling
29 witnesses". It states:

1 "The Judge may at any stage of the trial, either at
2 his own instance or that of a party, recall a witness
3 including the defendant for further examination or
4 cross-examination. For example, if a witness has not had
5 an opportunity of giving his evidence on a matter of
6 significance, which emerges later in the trial, it may be
7 in the interests of justice for him to be recalled to
8 give such evidence. If a witness is recalled, the other
9 party has a right to cross-examine on the new evidence
10 given, and, in appropriate circumstances, to call
11 evidence in rebuttal."

12 So My Lords, there is no doubt that this Chamber has
13 the mandate to recall or order the recall of a witness or
14 witnesses to ensure that justice is not only done, but
15 must be seen to be done. And, My Lords, by recalling
16 TF2-057 no injustice will be done to the Prosecution. It
17 is my belief that both the Prosecution and we on this
18 side are all seekers of justice, and I hope I am right in
19 my assumption.

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: It would be too much to let the Prosecution
21 accept that they are there to administer injustice.

22 MR MARGAI: No, I have always known of prosecutors being
23 ministers of justice, although in exceptional
24 circumstances they might be persecutors, but very
25 exceptional circumstances which I believe do not apply in
26 the present case.

27 My Lords, the Prosecution have filed a response and
28 the gravamen of their response is that Your Lordships
29 should exercise such discretion sparingly and only upon

1 showing of good cause. That is in subparagraph 4 of
2 paragraph 2 under "Submission" at page 2 of their
3 response.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sparingly and only upon showing good cause?

5 MR MARGAI: Only upon showing of good cause.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: which paragraph again?

7 MR MARGAI: Paragraph 2 subparagraph 4 under the heading
8 "Submission" at page 2. Although the Prosecution have
9 gone on to also state, in the same subparagraph, that a
10 collateral matter would not amount to good cause, I do
11 not intend to pursue this because I think we have laid
12 this to rest when I first intimated this Court of my
13 desire to seek the recall of this witness.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: But it has resurfaced in their papers, so why
15 are you assuming that it has been laid to rest?

16 MR MARGAI: Well, I thought Your Lordships had exhaustively
17 dealt with it, but be that as it may, out of abundance of
18 caution I shall deal with it briefly.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, quite right.

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: We took arguments on this, but we have not
21 regularly put it to rest as such.

22 MR MARGAI: As My Lords please. My Lords, it is my response
23 to that aspect of their response that this application is
24 not a collateral matter or peripheral matter. The
25 substratum of this application clearly hinges on the
26 credibility or otherwise --

27 MR TAVENER: Sorry. I don't wish to interrupt Mr Margai, but
28 I would ask him not to use particulars when addressing
29 this issue. If he can speak in generalities. We

1 understand the basis of your application, but prefer not
2 to mention the relationship or the identity of the
3 witnesses if that can be avoided.

4 MR MARGAI: I think I have assured this Court that I would not
5 venture into such confidential areas and I believe I have
6 kept to my promise.

7 What I'm now saying is that I'm responding to what
8 the Prosecution calls a collateral matter or otherwise
9 peripheral. I am saying that it is neither collateral
10 nor peripheral, because the substratum of this
11 application hinges on the credibility of TF2-057, which
12 no doubt is an important factor, if not an important
13 determining factor, for this Chamber to pronounce on the
14 guilt or otherwise of the third accused. That being so,
15 My Lords, it is my humble submission that such an
16 important issue cannot be described as collateral or
17 peripheral. It is the very rudiment of the application.

18 On the question of showing good cause, it is my
19 submission that I am in total agreement with the
20 Prosecution that in the exercise of such discretion
21 Your Lordships should only grant such application for
22 good cause, which good cause I submit has been abundantly
23 shown to this Court as highlighted in my submission.

24 That is to say, one, the --

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: This Court is getting hot. You better hurry
26 up.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: One?

28 MR MARGAI: One, the statement of TF2-057 relating to the name
29 of his wife; two, the statement of TF2-057 relating to

1 the abode of both TF2-057, TF2-067, and, of course, the
2 wife of TF2-057, who happens to be the mother of TF2-067.
3 Just supposing that, My Lords, alongside his testimony in
4 relation to the document shown to him by counsel for the
5 first accused -- that was on the 1st of December 2004,
6 and his response thereto, it is my final submission, My
7 Lords, that his testimony definitely comes within the
8 contemplation of the case of R v Grant as cited by me.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Before you wind up, I am a little confused
10 here. You are relying on R v Sullivan as authority for
11 this Chamber to order the recall of a witness or allow
12 the recall of a witness at any stage during the
13 proceedings.

14 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: And to put such questions to the witness. Of
16 course, in Sullivan the test there seems to be as the
17 exigencies of justice require.

18 MR MARGAI: Precisely, My Lord, and I'm relying on those
19 expressions.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: You're relying on that, quite. And also
21 you're relying on Grant, which says that a decision not
22 to recall a witness is clearly appealable, particularly
23 in a situation where information might have existed that
24 the witness might have committed perjury.

25 MR MARGAI: Passive perjury, yes.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Then if you concede the Prosecution's point
27 that the criterion is good cause, do we for the same
28 application look to the satisfaction of two different
29 criteria? Because the concept of the exigencies of

1 justice seem to be, in your submission using Sullivan, an
2 overriding criterion here.

3 MR MARGAI: It is my understanding of both authorities that
4 they are not mutually exclusive.

5 JUDGE THOMPSON: I can see that.

6 MR MARGAI: They are not. They are both heading towards the
7 satisfaction of justice.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: But the question for me is that if good cause
9 is also a criterion, then it is a much narrower criterion
10 than the exigencies of justice, which I think is a very
11 broad criterion. When you made the concession, I was
12 wondering whether this Chamber should apply the good
13 cause test in determining the merit of the application or
14 should really rely on Sullivan, which says as the
15 exigencies of justice require.

16 MR MARGAI: My Lord, some people would say that it is a
17 question of semantics. Both are talking about the same,
18 although I believe there is a difference, there is no
19 doubt. It may be subtle, but there is a difference.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: well, lawyers take words very seriously and
21 distinctions and nuances. When you say to me the
22 exigencies of justice require, it is a much broader
23 concept.

24 MR MARGAI: I concede.

25 JUDGE THOMPSON: whilst the concept of good cause is much
26 lower. So I just find myself in a little judicial
27 quandary with my own simple judicial mind.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: And at times, I would add and say, that even
29 if we take as an operative the concept of just cause, you

1 could take a subjective view of it, you could take an
2 objective view of it, it still remains a very elastic
3 term.
4 MR MARGAI: It sure does.
5 PRESIDING JUDGE: It depends on who is -- [Overlapping
6 speakers]
7 MR MARGAI: [Overlapping speakers]
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, prevailing circumstances.
9 MR MARGAI: Precisely.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which vary from case to case.
11 MR MARGAI: Precisely.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: And, of course, depending also on the judge
13 who is exercising the discretion to interpret what just
14 cause is in those particular circumstances.
15 MR MARGAI: I agree, My Lord. Quite frankly, if one were to
16 go by the standards set by the Prosecution, I believe I
17 have gone far beyond satisfying the Court. But because
18 of the nature of the application, I decided to go much
19 further gunning for the exigency rather than just good
20 cause, and I believe that has been satisfied in my humble
21 opinion.
22 Except if Your Lordships wish me to address you on
23 any particular issue, My Lords, I would conclude by
24 inviting this Court, by reason of the premise, to grant
25 the application in furtherance of justice.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have no further questions.
27 MR MARGAI: Thank you, My Lords.
28 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Margai. Prosecution?
29 MR TAVENER: Thank you, Your Honour. The submissions of the

1 Prosecution are contained within the written reply and it
2 appears we are now at the stage where it becomes a
3 question of what is just cause to recall the witness, and
4 that is obviously not an easy practical matter to achieve
5 a result.

6 Here we have two witnesses, both witnesses have been
7 cross-examined about a particular issue. I will try to
8 not deal with the particulars, because they're familiar
9 to the Court, to retain some shred of confidentiality.
10 We have witnesses who, as have been identified by Defence
11 counsel, have a number of matters in common. What is
12 asked is that one witness, who has already testified and
13 said certain things about an issue, is at odds, and then
14 a document was put to him and he denied the name on that
15 document; another witness has been called. So we are at
16 that stage.

17 The question is: Is just cause achieved by calling
18 the first witness back on a point over which he has been
19 cross-examined, and, as has just been identified by my
20 learned friend, there are a number of points which lead
21 to a conclusion? Is there need to take it that extra
22 step further in the name of just cause.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Tavener, could you go a bit slowly so that
24 I can get your submissions right.

25 MR TAVENER: I'm sorry, Your Honour. What I'm saying is
26 Mr Margai outlined a number of factors which he says lead
27 to an inevitable conclusion about the two witnesses. Is
28 it now necessary, under the heading just cause, to recall
29 that witness in order to complete that process? The

1 Prosecution view is that there is no need to take that
2 step, which is described in the decision cited in our
3 submission: That recall should be granted only in the
4 most compelling of circumstances where the evidence is of
5 significant probative value and not of a cumulative
6 nature.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: You were going to take us to why you think
8 it is not necessary. You were giving a reason.

9 MR TAVENER: It is not necessary, in the Prosecution view, in
10 that both witnesses have testified about that particular
11 area. Mr Margai has summarised those factors which he
12 says lead to a certain conclusion, the factual basis from
13 which inferences can be drawn. It is now asked by the
14 Defence to call back this witness to take it yet another
15 step further. Now, I won't go too deeply into the
16 question of a collateral issue.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: From what you are saying, you're saying that
18 inferences can be drawn from the testimony of this
19 witness?

20 MR TAVENER: Both witnesses.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Of both witnesses?

22 MR TAVENER: That's right, and those factual matters have been
23 put to you by Mr Margai. It is then a question whether
24 or not the Court --

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you consider that inferences are
26 conclusively -- could be very conclusive to prove
27 particular cases or the particular situation that the
28 Defence is asking for.

29 MR TAVENER: It may not be for me to say that. Certainly

1 there are facts available and what the Court does with
2 those facts is entirely a matter for Your Honours.

3 But the Prosecution would say this matter has gone
4 as far as it need go. If, however, Your Honours take the
5 view that just cause has been shown, then the Prosecution
6 submission would be upon the recall of that witness, all
7 that is then required -- he would then give evidence
8 about that very confined area and, as I think one of the
9 authorities relied upon by Mr Margai says, that would
10 then enable the Prosecution to cross-examine that witness
11 on that very confined area.

12 The only reason I don't wish to speak too much about
13 collateral issues, there is a mention in Mr Margai's
14 submission about perjury. As an example of a collateral
15 issue, the Prosecution would submit that perjury wouldn't
16 exist here simply because the Prosecution maintains the
17 particular point upon which the witness has been examined
18 and has been asked to be recalled is not a matter that
19 goes to the issue of the trial. It is not a material
20 matter, it goes to credibility. I don't wish to go any
21 further on that, but we would --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Tavener, are you suggesting that it
23 doesn't go to the credibility of this witness?

24 MR TAVENER: That's why I didn't want to go there,
25 Your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is very important, because there is a
27 proposal here that the recall of the witnesses under the
28 circumstances is a collateral matter -- is a peripheral
29 matter. Counsel for the third accused has submitted that

1 it goes to the very core issue of determining the
2 credibility of the witness, which, of course, will be
3 factored into determining the guilt of his client. Are
4 you saying that it is a peripheral matter or that it
5 isn't legitimate for the Defence to ask for this?
6 MR TAVENER: I made submissions the other day about what the
7 Prosecution regards a collateral matter as being, and in
8 that I --
9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Perhaps I should intervene so that you can
10 answer my own question alongside the learned Presiding
11 Judge's question. Are you saying that credibility is a
12 collateral issue as a matter of law -- always a
13 collateral issue?
14 MR TAVENER: It can be raised to a higher level.
15 JUDGE THOMPSON: But the point is: Do we have a kind of
16 judicial crystal ball, so to speak, as judges to
17 determine ahead of time, before the case is finished --
18 is concluded, whether credibility can be a collateral
19 issue or a central issue in regard to the set of facts
20 and circumstances which we're dealing with?
21 MR TAVENER: The Prosecution would say, in answering your
22 question, the important issues are whether or not
23 Your Honours are satisfied on the elements of the
24 respective offences. Whether or not Your Honours are
25 satisfied on each of the elements of each of the
26 respective offences. That is the important --
27 JUDGE THOMPSON: That is the central issue.
28 MR TAVENER: The central issue.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Go ahead.

1 MR TAVENER: In arriving at that, obviously credibility is an
2 important issue, but questions about credibility,
3 depending how far removed they are, become collateral.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Always?
5 MR TAVENER: Not always, mostly.
6 JUDGE BOUTET: You're not responding to the question. What
7 you're saying is it is or it is not at the same time. I
8 would like you to say it is or it is not. You're saying
9 it may or if it is, at some distance. So are you
10 admitting that in some instances credibility is not a
11 collateral issue?
12 MR TAVENER: By definition I would submit that credibility is
13 a collateral issue. By definition. However, depending
14 on the importance upon which the Court places a witness's
15 response to a particular issue that relates to his
16 credit, that may then raise it to a level at which the
17 Court wishes to be satisfied. Therefore, it becomes, for
18 instance --
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me rephrase the question, Mr Tavener.
20 would you admit, in any sense, that credibility of the
21 witness is a very primary and determinant factor in
22 arriving at a decision one way or the other?
23 MR TAVENER: Of course.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Then why do you consider that if this is the
25 case, that it is either a peripheral or a collateral
26 issue -- because credibility of a witness in the
27 proceedings under the law is very important. It's an
28 important factor to determining the truth of what he has
29 said, which, like learned counsel Mr Margai has said,

1 could contribute a lot to either acquitting or convicting
2 his client. This is our worry.

3 MR TAVENER: We're not at odds, Your Honour. As strange as it
4 may seem, we are not actually at odds. I just have a
5 particular definition of what is a material matter. A
6 material matter in my definition is one that goes towards
7 establishing one of the elements of an offence.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: But why is it so difficult for you to -- why
9 is it necessary to argue that there is some kind of fixed
10 position as to the concept of credibility? Why isn't the
11 conclusion whether credibility is a collateral or central
12 issue not dependent upon the nature of the crimes, the
13 nature of the allegations as alleged in the indictment,
14 how the issues are defined in the pleadings and the
15 totality of the circumstances of the case?

16 MR TAVENER: The reason, Your Honour, is --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: If I may, just a simple question. Can you
18 determine a main issue in a case on incredible
19 evidence -- on evidence which comes from an incredible
20 witness?

21 MR TAVENER: That is an easy question, Your Honour. The
22 answer is no.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is an easy question, but it goes to
24 addressing the core -- the core issue here.

25 MR TAVENER: The reason, to answer Your Honour's question -- I
26 think this is why we're at odds. The answer to Your
27 Honour's question is: Because credibility, as I say,
28 does not go directly to one of the issues before the
29 Court, it then becomes a question of how far down the

1 track -- how removed from that question do you allow
2 questions? which arises in such instances as
3 cross-examination. How wide is that ambit? That's what
4 I'm saying.

5 In this regard, having looked at the circumstances,
6 is the matters raised by the Defence counsel so close to
7 assisting Your Honours in determining the matter that you
8 require an answer or is it getting further removed that
9 you don't need the answer, and, therefore, you don't need
10 to continue your inquiry? The reason I categorise --

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: And that is what would determine whether the
12 credibility is collateral or central.

13 MR TAVENER: Yes, how far --

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: It's that kind of analysis that will
15 determine it.

16 MR TAVENER: That's right. What Your Honours determine as
17 being important in assisting you in arriving at an
18 assessment of the case. So if a matter is not of great
19 significance in doing that, then really there should be
20 finality at quite an early stage into an inquiry about
21 that issue. If the matter is such it does assist you,
22 then obviously greater leniency should be allowed by the
23 Court.

24 JUDGE THOMPSON: Such as proving a material element of the
25 offence.

26 MR TAVENER: That's right.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: The credibility there would not be a
28 collateral issue in that context.

29 MR TAVENER: Yes, and that is how I differentiate. That's

1 what I'm submitting to the Court.

2 Now, the question for the Court then is, in this
3 matter, whether or not the issues raised by Mr Margai are
4 of such a nature that it would not be in the interests of
5 justice not to recall that person. Are those issues of
6 such -- or should it be said this matter should not be
7 taken any further? We have the two witnesses examined,
8 they have given evidence about a particular point, that's
9 as far as the Court needs to draw any inferences that are
10 necessary.

11 Alternatively, the Court may well take the view no,
12 we need to take it one step further. The concern is how
13 far you take an inquiry.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: So, in other words, it is the Court that
15 determines whether the issue is a collateral --
16 credibility is collateral or not depending upon the --

17 MR TAVENER: That's correct.

18 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, there must be a prior
19 preliminary determination of --

20 [Microphones deactivated due to power failure]

21 MR TAVENER: I have virtually concluded, Your Honour.

22 Returning to the authority of the
23 Prosecutor v Bagosora, the question is whether the
24 evidence is of significant probative value, and that
25 answers the question whether or not it is of just cause.
26 So the Prosecution relies upon the Court to identify
27 whether or not you need to take this matter further in
28 terms of expending further time.

29 I would mention, however, that the Prosecution would

1 oppose the recalling of the other witness. The
2 Prosecution would submit that the other witness can be
3 released. There is no provision or technique by which
4 one witness can be confronted with another. I am simply
5 totally unfamiliar with that proposition. What the
6 Prosecution would submit, if Your Honours agree to recall
7 the first witness, that that may be the end of the matter
8 depending on how the questions and answers go. Because
9 of the nature of the witness who is currently in limbo, I
10 would ask that his evidence be completed and his position
11 be reconsidered after, should Your Honours so desire, if
12 Your Honours recall the witness being --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: You object to confrontation of the two
14 witnesses?

15 MR TAVENER: Yes, I am just not familiar with that practice at
16 all; I don't see how that would work. But I would ask
17 that that witness be released -- his evidence be
18 completed and he be released. Your Honours are certainly
19 entitled to reconsider his position should the witness
20 being sought to be released be recalled. So I would ask
21 today that that witness be completed. It will only take,
22 I understand, two minutes -- one minute to release that
23 witness.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you through?

25 MR TAVENER: I think so, Your Honour; thank you.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, any reply?

27 MR MARGAI: I do not think so.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. We shall be rising to resume the
29 session at 3.00 o'clock because of the crowded afternoon

1 that we are likely to have. I'm not even very sure of
2 3.00 o'clock, but I think 3.00 o'clock is a reasonable
3 estimation as to when we would have concluded with our
4 august visitor. So, learned counsel, we'll rise and
5 resume at 3.00 o'clock, please.

6 [Luncheon recess taken at 12.44 p.m.]

7 [HN071204C]

8 [Upon resuming at 3.27 p.m.]

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, we are resuming our
10 session. And again, we are starting 30 minutes late. We
11 were held by the usual deliberations. And you see,
12 judges by their culture --

13 MR MARGAI: The Presidential visit.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, no, the Presidential visit. This is
15 purely professional. You lawyers are always quarrelling
16 with words and what this or that should be. And since we
17 always have as a primary preoccupation the resolution in
18 a just manner of what the expectations of both the
19 Defence and the Prosecution are, we're always carefully
20 making sure that we do the best we can at our level. And
21 it is in this regard that we would be delivering our
22 ruling on the two motions which are consolidated, in a
23 sense, for the third accused, for the Defence team of the
24 third accused person, in relation to recalling a witness,
25 witness Number TF2-067 -- 057.

26 MR MARGAI: 057, My Lord.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you sure, 057?

28 MR MARGAI: 057.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: 057. 057. That, we shall be able to talk

1 about now. We'll make a statement on the other
2 motions on the --

3 MR MARGAI: The investigators.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Investigators. We'll talk about that in the
5 course of the day. We have a very crowded day, and we
6 might as well have a very late day here today because we
7 must wrap up our proceedings today. And I think
8 everybody shall be called upon to pay for any sins he has
9 committed to delay the proceedings up to this day.
10 Atonement. Including the Bench, of course.

11 MR MARGAI: The Bench can do no wrong.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, the Bench can do some wrong. Never
13 mind. That's why you have the appellate jurisdictions,
14 to take care of whatever the Bench does that goes wrong.
15 We would, as first hat, present our oral ruling on the
16 first motion. It will be followed by a reasoned
17 decision, because there are issues we have to address in
18 order to, in the words of Mr Margai who is on his feet,
19 to develop the jurisprudence of our Court. Right.
20 Honourable Judge Boutet would give the oral ruling on
21 this very matter.

22 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Presiding Judge.

23 The Trial Chamber, after careful consideration of
24 the application made by the Defence, in accordance with
25 the Rules of Procedure and Evidence 90, grants the
26 application of the Defence that witness TF2-057 be
27 recalled at this stage of the trial proceedings and
28 during the case of the conduct for the Prosecution. The
29 witness is being called at the instance of the Court.

1 The Trial Chamber denies the application for
2 witness TF2-067 to be recalled in the course of the
3 testimony of witness TF2-057.

4 The Trial Chamber further denies the request of the
5 Defence that the further confrontation of witness TF2-067
6 in the course of the evidence of witness TF2-057. That
7 application is denied. Consequently, witness TF2-067 is
8 discharged unless otherwise ordered by this Chamber. A
9 written reasoned ruling will be published in due course
10 after this session. It should also be clearly understood
11 that the recalling of the witness is to be done in the
12 course of the next sitting session of this trial, which
13 will be in February. So we have not fixed nor determined
14 any specific date, but that witness is to be recalled at
15 that particular time.

16 So that should dispose of these two issues for now.
17 So essentially, your application is granted as to
18 TF2-057, and denied as to the other.

19 MR MARGAI: Thank you.

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: You've won partially. In life, you should
21 learn to lose and to win.

22 JUDGE BOUTET: So that disposes of those motions at this
23 particular moment. As I say, we will provide written
24 reasons in due course, certainly before the next session.

25 MR MARGAI: Well, in the light of the second limb of the
26 ruling, then there is no need really to further
27 cross-examine TF2-067.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: But we thought otherwise. We thought that
29 you could conclude with the cross-examination -- with the

1 cross-examination of TF2 -- you don't have any questions?
2 MR MARGAI: No, the only reason --
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Because we wanted to officially -- to
4 legally close up the cross-examination.
5 MR MARGAI: I'm prepared to do that. It wouldn't take two
6 minutes because the reason why I did not close my
7 cross-examination of TF2-067 was assuming that the second
8 limb of the application was granted for him to confront
9 TF2-067 for identification purposes no longer stands. So
10 there is really no reason for me to put another question.
11 I'm prepared formally to announce to the Court that that
12 is --
13 JUDGE BOUTET: That was your last question. You have no
14 further questions?
15 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do we understand, does the Chamber
17 understand that it is the end of your cross-examination?
18 MR MARGAI: That is the end of my cross-examination of
19 TF2-067.
20 JUDGE BOUTET: 067. Not to be confused with 057.
21 MR MARGAI: That is right, My Lord.
22 JUDGE BOUTET: So the recalling is for 057.
23 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.
24 JUDGE BOUTET: So, Madam Prosecutor, that concludes the
25 cross-examination of 067. Do you have any re-examination
26 of 067?
27 MS PARMAR: Your Honours, the Prosecution has no
28 re-examination of 067.
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: we would like to have him on the monitor,

1 please.

2 MS PARMAR: Provided protective measures are put in place on

3 the side of the Defence.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: You see around, because I want to talk to

5 him.

6 MS PARMAR: Certainly, Your Honour. We just are mindful of

7 the fact that his image will appear on the monitors on

8 the side of the Defence. And so --

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you want us to rise, Mr Walker?

10 Mr Walker?

11 JUDGE BOUTET: It can be done in a few minutes.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: In a few minutes? Do you want us to rise

13 before it is done?

14 MS PARMAR: No, Your Honour. It is simply a matter of closing

15 the curtains.

16 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Walker informs me that it will take five

17 minutes. Let's take five minutes, please.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Walker, please.

19 Mr Bockarie, we know that you have a motion. We

20 know that you are seeking to present something as to us,

21 but let's wrap up this other business.

22 I cannot call him by his name. I know the name, but

23 I cannot call him by his name. Is the gallery with me?

24 Well, I can't even call him by his name. Let them put

25 him on, please. Please, put him on.

26 I'm not seeing him yet. We have to be patient,

27 because we are still waiting for the image, for the

28 witness to appear on the monitor.

29 We have some technical problems. It's usual with

1 modern technology. The Chamber legal advisors are very
2 much on the monitor. The Judges. I hope it's a not a
3 conspiracy to put across.
4 Maybe whilst waiting, we may listen to Mr Bockarie.
5 We may hear Mr Bockarie on his motion. I'm sure he's
6 going to be very brief.
7 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour. Your Honours, we associate
8 ourselves in part with the motion made by counsel for the
9 third accused --
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Only in part.
11 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour, insofar as we
12 recognise -- insofar as we recognise the legitimacy of
13 the argument advanced in support of recalling witness
14 TF2-057.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is granted.
16 MR BOCKARIE: Yes. However, given our own strategic concerns,
17 we do not seek to recall that witness. Your Honour, as
18 submitted in our written motion, we merely seek the
19 introduction into evidence of the proposed exhibit;
20 namely, the paper previously shown in open court to
21 witness TF2-057 which bears the name of witness TF2-067.
22 Your Honour, our proposal is thoroughly unopposed by the
23 Prosecution - I stand to be corrected - however, we
24 should note that we have not as yet received a written
25 response and wish to know whether the Prosecution
26 intends --
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's be expeditious.
28 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: We would like you to save us from getting

1 into the literature that you're reading. Summarise,
2 please, and let us get to somewhere, please.

3 MR BOCKARIE: Your Honour, the government of our motion, as
4 stated earlier on, is the introduction of the proposed
5 exhibit into evidence. That's all, sir.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: The paper that was shown to --

7 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is it, is it? Thank you.

9 Mr Tavener.

10 MR TAVENER: Thank you, Your Honour. As previously noted, we
11 have no objection to that document being tendered. It
12 was simply the process that we made some comment about
13 earlier. So that there's certainly no objection. There
14 may be written responses, but I don't know where they are
15 at this stage. But that's the position of the
16 Prosecution.

17 [Trial Chamber deliberates]

18 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Bockarie, your application is indeed
19 granted, but it is to be done when witness TF2-057 is
20 being recalled. So you can at that time. So we need at
21 that time to make some, for the record, direct connection
22 between your piece of paper and the witness at that time.
23 So for better neatness, I ask you when that witness is
24 recalled to show him that piece of paper again, and then
25 we'll mark it as an exhibit at that particular moment.

26 MR BOCKARIE: As Your Honour pleases.

27 JUDGE BOUTET: But the timing of --

28 MR BOCKARIE: May I probably at this stage observe the Court
29 take custody of the document, or shall I wait?

1 JUDGE BOUTET: You should wait. We trust that you are a good
2 custodian of documents as well.
3 MR BOCKARIE: I will, Your Honour.
4 [The witness entered court]
5 WITNESS: TF2-067 [Resumed]
6 [Witness answered through interpretation]
7 [The witness testified via video link]
8 JUDGE BOUTET: We do have the split screen now.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
10 Young man, how are you this morning? How have you
11 been since this morning?
12 THE WITNESS: This morning, I said thanks to God. I felt all
13 right.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: You were feeling all right. And now you
15 still feel all right? You're fine?
16 THE WITNESS: Except for the cold.
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] your jacket is not
18 by you any more?
19 THE WITNESS: No, I don't have any jacket.
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. All right.
21 We have finished with you. Are you hearing me?
22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: And you may go home and go to school. All
24 right?
25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: After you leave this place, they will
27 arrange to take you home so that you can go to school and
28 attend some classes before Christmas, before the
29 Christmas holiday.

1 THE WITNESS: Okay, sir.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: So we thank you for coming. And
3 notwithstanding what you say, what you say has happened
4 to you, we wish you a brilliant career and that you make
5 a very successful Sierra Leonean of tomorrow. You should
6 work for that. Will you?
7 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Forget about the past --
9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. And work for the future.
11 THE WITNESS: Okay, no problem.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: And give our regards to your parents and to
13 your friends. Okay?
14 THE WITNESS: Okay, sir.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: You should be very quiet about this matter.
16 Don't make any noise about it. And make sure that you
17 remain as quiet and as serene as you have been all along.
18 Okay?
19 THE WITNESS: Okay, sir.
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Have a very safe journey back
21 home, and all the best.
22 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you, too, sir.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Bye-bye.
24 [The witness withdrew]
25 PRESIDING JUDGE: We shall be continuing with the next -- with
26 the 38th Prosecution witness. And for him to be brought
27 in, we will rise for just five minutes. The Court will
28 rise.
29 [Break taken at 3.56 p.m.]

1 [Upon resuming at 4.04 p.m.]
2 [The witness entered court]
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is witness TF2?
4 MR SAUTER: 056, Your Honour.
5 PRESIDING JUDGE: And this is the 38th witness.
6 MR SAUTER: Correct, Your Honour.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before we start, please, I would like both
8 learned counsel for the Prosecution and the Defence to
9 understand that we have to come to the end of the
10 testimony of this witness during this session. And
11 indeed, if possible, before it is 6.00 if we can.
12 Because we don't need to get into digressions which are
13 not to the point, either in examination-in-chief or in
14 cross-examination. I count on the understanding of
15 counsel on both sides, please. Thank you very much.
16 MR SAUTER: I promise to cut it as short as possible.
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: You were at 30 minutes yesterday. We hope
18 you will be at 10 or 15.
19 MR SAUTER: I'll try.
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.
21 JUDGE BOUTET: Please proceed.
22 WITNESS: TF2-056 [Resumed]
23 [Witness answered through interpretation]
24 EXAMINED BY MR SAUTER: [Continued]
25 Q. Mr witness, we continue at the point we stopped
26 yesterday. Do you understand me? Mr witness?
27 THE WITNESS: My Lord, I don't think witness is getting us.
28 Something must be wrong with his mic.
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: The microphone is lit.

1 Is he getting you now?

2 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr interpreter, do you -- can you try to speak,
3 the witness, again.

4 THE WITNESS: I'd like to speak in Limba.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. But you have been speaking in Limba
6 all along. It's no problem.

7 THE INTERPRETER: The witness is not getting the
8 interpretation from here. Something is wrong with his
9 mic.

10 JUDGE BOUTET: Can somebody check the channel on his mic.
11 He's not getting interpretation in Limba.

12 Can you try again, Mr Interpreter.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]

14 THE INTERPRETER: He's still not getting us.

15 JUDGE BOUTET: He does now, I think.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's getting you now, I think.

17 THE INTERPRETER: He's still not getting us.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: But he says he's hearing you.

19 THE INTERPRETER: He's not getting the Limba interpretation.
20 He gets the Krio interpretation but not the Limba.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: He does now. Okay.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is he getting it now?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, I hear you now.

24 MR SAUTER:

25 Q. So, Mr witness, we continue at the point we stopped
26 yesterday. Just yesterday, you spoke about a man who was
27 arrested by the Kamajors who was forced to roll on the
28 street, whose house was seized. Did you pay anything for
29 the release of this man? And if so, to whom you paid?

1 THE INTERPRETER: My Lord, I think counsel is going too fast.
2 MR SAUTER: Okay.
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's not going very fast, but you should go
4 very slowly. Follow him very attentively, please.
5 MR SAUTER:
6 Q. Mr witness, we stopped yesterday at the point when you
7 were saying that a man was arrested by the Kamajors, he
8 was forced to roll on the road, and his house was seized.
9 You intervened in order to get his house released and the
10 person released. Did you pay anything for the release of
11 this man?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. How much did you pay?
14 A. 300.000.
15 Q. And to who did you pay this 300.000?
16 A. I paid it to xxx xxx.
17 Q. The writing was spelled yesterday. Did this payment lead
18 to the release of the person and the release of the
19 house?
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: After you paid the money, what happened to
21 the man who was detained?
22 MR SAUTER:
23 Q. So, Mr witness, after you paid the money, what happened
24 to the man who was arrested?
25 A. He was released to me.
26 Q. And what about the house?
27 A. I was given the house, but it was empty. Everything
28 inside the house was stolen.
29 Q. Do you know who stole what was in the house before?

- 1 A. The Kamajors. They were the only people in the house,
2 the Kamajors.
- 3 Q. Mr witness, did you pay for any other person, for the
4 release of any other person?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Please tell us what happened, and please cut it short.
- 7 A. One lady came.
- 8 Q. Go on, please.
- 9 A. She was caught.
- 10 Q. Carry on, please.
- 11 A. Because she was a cook for Mosquito.
- 12 Q. By who was this lady caught?
- 13 A. She was caught by Moses Sandy, the Kamajor.
- 14 Q. what happened to this lady after she was caught?
- 15 A. She was taken to ECOMOG headquarters.
- 16 Q. Do you know what happened to her while being at the
17 ECOMOG headquarters?
- 18 A. She was given a good beating almost every day.
- 19 Q. who was beating this woman by being in the ECOMOG
20 headquarters?
- 21 A. The ECOMOG were beating her.
- 22 Q. Do you know for what reason or for what purpose they beat
23 her?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Please tell the Court.
- 26 A. She was being beaten because they said she was a cook for
27 Mosquito.
- 28 Q. You said earlier you paid for the release of this lady.
29 Did you pay?

1 A. Yes.
2 Q. How much did you pay?
3 A. 100.000.
4 Q. Who you gave these 100.000?
5 A. I gave it to the Kamajors.
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which Kamajors? Specific names, try if he
7 can remember. Referring to Kamajors, there are so many.
8 MR SAUTER: I come to this point.
9 Q. You said this lady was in the custody of ECOMOG. So why
10 did you pay the Kamajors?
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, to the Kamajors. Which Kamajor? Which
12 Kamajor?
13 MR SAUTER:
14 Q. So to which Kamajor you paid this money?
15 A. I would not be able to tell you his name. I don't know
16 his name. He was working together with the ECOMOG.
17 Q. What happened to the lady after you had paid this 100.000
18 to a Kamajor?
19 A. That was not the only money I paid. I had earlier on
20 given 100.000 to the ECOMOG.
21 Q. Do you know the person to whom you gave --
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Sauter, please wait.
23 So he gave 100.000 to the Kamajors. He does not
24 remember the name because they were working with ECOMOG.
25 And then he had earlier given 100.000 to ECOMOG, to the
26 ECOMOG people.
27 MR SAUTER: Yes.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Was it to one ECOMOG soldier or to many of
29 them?

1 MR SAUTER: That's the question I'm about to put.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
3 MR SAUTER:
4 Q. To who you gave -- to who within the ECOMOG you gave the
5 100.000?
6 A. I gave it to the ECOMOG near the commander.
7 Q. Did you say near --
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I want you to be specific. [Microphone not
9 activated]
10 MR SAUTER:
11 Q. So what happened to the lady after you have paid to
12 ECOMOG --
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, no, "I gave it to ECOMOG near the
14 commander." Let him be specific. When he says near, to
15 who did he give the money? We know that he gave it to
16 ECOMOG. The commander was near. Was it to the ECOMOG
17 commander or to who? We want to be very sure of this.
18 MR SAUTER:
19 Q. Do you know the person to who you gave the 100.000 on
20 ECOMOG side?
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: I imagine he wouldn't anyway. The name, he
22 wouldn't.
23 THE WITNESS: I know him, but I don't know his name. He is
24 next in command to the commander. When the commander is
25 away, he takes his place.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mm-hmm.
27 MR SAUTER:
28 Q. So once again, what happened to the lady --
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please wait. Wait. He gave it to the next

1 in command of ECOMOG. Was the commander -- you say the
2 commander of ECOMOG was present, was near? Did he see
3 you giving the money? Did the commander of ECOMOG see
4 you giving the money?
5 THE WITNESS: He was not there.
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said near the --
7 JUDGE BOUTET: He gave the money to the deputy commander.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: He earlier said it was near the commander.
9 Now he says -- it's because of specificity I asked him,
10 and he now says that he gave it to the deputy. The
11 answer to the question was he gave it to ECOMOG. I said
12 that's not specific. To who -- and he said it was near
13 the commander. Then he becomes more specific and said he
14 gave it to the deputy. When the commander is not there,
15 it is he who acts, which means he's the deputy.
16 So the next question is, was the commander near?
17 You said the commander was not there.
18 MR SAUTER: I understood that the word "near" was related to
19 the function of the person who has got the money and not
20 to the vicinity. Anyway, his answer was this person --
21 the commander was not there.
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Go ahead, please.
23 MR SAUTER:
24 Q. So once again, Mr witness, what happened to the lady
25 after you have paid as well to ECOMOG as to the Kamajors?
26 A. The commander looked into the matter and found out that
27 it was false.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which commander? Which commander? I want
29 you to be specific. There is a top commander and a

1 junior commander.
2 THE WITNESS: The ECOMOG commander.
3 MR SAUTER:
4 Q. You said you found out it was false. What was false?
5 PRESIDING JUDGE: That they said she was cooking for Mosquito.
6 That is what was false. I imagine that is it.
7 MR SAUTER: I imagine it was, too. But I'd like to hear it
8 from the witness.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. Let him give the answer.
10 THE WITNESS: They found out the fact that it was untrue that
11 this woman was cooking for Mosquito. They went into the
12 matter, and they found out it was false.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can we now proceed, Mr Sauter.
14 MR SAUTER:
15 Q. So what did he do after he has found out that this
16 allegation was false?
17 A. He called xxxx xxxx and myself.
18 Q. Please go ahead.
19 A. And he told xxxx xxxx that he knows very well that the
20 kamajors do not like the Limba men.
21 Q. Was this lady a Limba?
22 A. The woman was a Mende, but she got married to a Limba
23 man.
24 Q. So --
25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, can you wait, Mr Sauter.
26 Yes.
27 MR SAUTER:
28 Q. So did he release -- the commander, ECOMOG commander, did
29 he release the lady after that?

1 A. Yes, he said I should sign for her. I signed for her,
2 and she was given back to me.
3 Q. Mr witness, do you know anything about Kamajor actions
4 directed against Limba and other tribes?
5 PRESIDING JUDGE: That question, to me, is -- that question to
6 me --
7 THE WITNESS: Yes.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- is not pertinent at this stage. It is
9 not relevant. It's loaded. It's not relevant. Like the
10 Defence has always pointed out, there is no charge on the
11 indictment against the accused persons for genocide
12 against either the Limbas or the Temnes. So you should
13 rephrase your question.
14 MR SAUTER: Your Honours, sometimes those actions lead to
15 murders, and murders is a count in this indictment.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: well, we don't dispute the fact, but we
17 don't want it to take the form, you know, of a genocidal
18 act by those who are accused because there is no
19 indictment -- there is no charge on the indictment,
20 there's no count in the indictment for genocide against
21 X, Y, or Z Tribe.
22 [HN071204D 4.30 p.m.]
23 MR SAUTER: Yes, Your Honour.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: But in the course of the evidence he can
25 reveal certain details.
26 JUDGE THOMPSON: I am just wondering really on the same lines
27 as my learned brother, if there is no charge for genocide
28 and there is no -- why would this particular piece of
29 evidence be relevant to a proof for alleged murder if

1 motive is not a requirement for proving the offence of
2 murder, is it? Motive is never one of the --
3 MR SAUTER: Certainly not.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, as a matter of law, you don't have to
5 prove motive for an unlawful homicide. You get what I'm
6 saying, because if you say conduct like this would lead
7 to murder you virtually are saying that you may require
8 motive as a requirement, as a material element of
9 murder -- unless there is a charge for genocide.
10 MR SAUTER: Certainly not. So may I continue?
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Sauter, you may proceed. Your question
12 is not out of place. It is just the formulation.
13 MR SAUTER: I will rephrase it.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please.
15 MR SAUTER:
16 Q. Mr witness, do you know anything about killings committed
17 by Kamajors during this time?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Please tell the Court.
20 A. One day there were Limbas who came from xxxxx.
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: There were Limbas who came from --
22 MR SAUTER: xxxxx, x x x x x .
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: x x x x x? He must know the spelling. This
24 man must know the spelling.
25 MR SAUTER: He's illiterate.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: He would know the spelling.
27 THE WITNESS: xxxxx xxxxxx, not Tongo Limba. xxxxx xxxxx.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay.
29 MR SAUTER:

1 Q. And what about these persons?
2 A. They came and told me that people with whom he come from
3 the same village had been killed, and there were four of
4 them.
5 Q. Do you know any details about these killings?
6 A. Not understand what you are asking.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: They were killed by who?
8 THE WITNESS: Said it was the Kamajors who killed them.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is he saying that these four people were
10 from the same Limba village like himself?
11 MR SAUTER: No.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Then he says who came from the same village?
13 which village?
14 THE WITNESS: From the same town. We come from the same town.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that's it.
16 MR SAUTER: Sorry, My Lord. I did not catch this.
17 Q. Mr witness, did you stay all the time in xxx during the
18 rule of the kamajors after they had returned in 1998?
19 A. That was the place I was.
20 Q. Do you say you never left xxx during this time?
21 A. Left there one Saturday at about 10.00 o'clock.
22 Q. What happened this Saturday?
23 A. The RUF -- [Interpretation interrupted]
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
25 THE WITNESS: The RUF came from Mile 91 at 10.00 o'clock in
26 the morning, 10.00 a.m.
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: They came where? To xxx?
28 THE WITNESS: They came to xxx.
29 MR SAUTER:

- 1 Q. what did you do when the RUF came to xxx on this Saturday?
- 2 A. That was the time when everybody was frightened in town,
3 even the Syrians had to close their shops.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Even who had to close their shops?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Nobody opened the shop, even the Syrians closed
6 their shops.
- 7 MR SAUTER: Syrians which is a synonym used for "Lebanese" as
8 far as I know.
- 9 Q. Mr witness, the question was what did you do when you
10 learnt that the rebels came to xxx?
- 11 A. I ran towards xxxxx.
- 12 MR SAUTER: xxxxx is xxxxxxxx.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Not xxx. Okay, thank you.
- 14 MR SAUTER:
- 15 Q. Did you arrive at xxxxx?
- 16 A. I was not able to get to xxxxx.
- 17 Q. why were you not able to get to xxxxx?
- 18 A. There was a junction. There was a checkpoint in one
19 junction; one road going to xxxxx and the other road
20 going to xxxxx. That was the place a checkpoint was
21 placed.
- 22 Q. who had set up this checkpoint?
- 23 A. This checkpoint was manned by the Kamajors.
- 24 Q. what happened at this checkpoint?
- 25 A. They started asking us by tribes.
- 26 Q. And what happened?
- 27 A. They asked me whether I was a Limba and I said yes, then
28 I should stand on the right side.
- 29 Q. And if you were from another tribe, what happened to

1 those people?

2 A. If you are also a Temne, you would go in the same

3 direction.

4 Q. Do you know about the treatment of any other tribes apart

5 from Limba and Temne?

6 A. Even if you are a local you'll go the same direction.

7 Q. Have you personally been asked what tribe you are?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: He had been asked. He had been asked his

9 tribe. Yes, I am confirming that he had been asked his

10 tribe and he confirmed that he's a Limba. It is already

11 on the record, it is on my record here.

12 MR SAUTER: He did not mean it in this sense. I'm sorry, I --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, that's all right. You can proceed.

14 MR SAUTER: Unrelated to the previous statement.

15 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, that is okay, he has confirmed that.

16 You can move to some other question, please.

17 MR SAUTER:

18 Q. So what happened to you exactly at this checkpoint?

19 Could you pass or could you not pass?

20 A. Not go through the checkpoint.

21 Q. You went through the checkpoint? I did not get it

22 properly.

23 A. I didn't go through the checkpoint. I had to return.

24 Q. To return to where?

25 A. Return to xxx.

26 Q. Final question is this: what happened to all the people

27 who were either Limbas or --

28 MR BOCKARIE: Your Honours, objection.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your objection is overruled. He said that

1 there were three of them. There were three groups who
2 were sent to the same side.

3 MR BOCKARIE: He was saying is this what happened to the other
4 group, Your Honour.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, let him continue. The objection is
6 overruled. Please continue, Mr Sauter. We have it in
7 evidence that the three groups were put on one side. He
8 now left. What happened to the locals and the Temnes?

9 MR SAUTER:

10 Q. Did you get my question, Mr witness? What happened to
11 the Temnes, Limbas and locals who were put to one side at
12 this checkpoint?

13 A. Placed on the right-hand side of the checkpoint, I knew
14 six of them. Then I returned.

15 Q. Sorry, it was not a final question, but now do you know
16 what happened to the six of them you knew?

17 A. Six I knew in that group, I have never seen them up to
18 this very day. I do not know their whereabouts.

19 MR SAUTER: Now I'm able to keep my promise. That's all for
20 this witness, thank you.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: That concludes your examination-in-chief?

22 MR SAUTER: Yes.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: Dr Jabbi?

24 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR JABBI:

25 Q. Mr witness, according to your evidence --

26 A. Sir?

27 Q. -- you were not present when the Kamajors entered xxx
28 through the end of the new Police Barracks; not so? You
29 were not present there at that time?

- 1 A. I was not in the barracks, but I was in xxx xxxxx.
- 2 Q. At the time that the Kamajors entered, which part of xxx
3 xxxxx were you?
- 4 A. I was in xxx in the middle of xxxxx xxxxx.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Be very specific. Counsel is asking you
6 which part of xxx xxxxx. Say the part of xxx xxxxx where you
7 were. I have not been there, but it is a big town. I
8 understand it is the second biggest city after Freetown.
9 So what part were you? Centre. What's the centre? Tell
10 us in what part of xxxxx xxxxx you were.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I was in a place called xxxxxxxx.
- 12 MR JABBI: I believe it is x x x x x x x, My Lords.
- 13 Q. Now, can you tell the Court roughly how far xxxxxxxx is
14 from the Police Barracks?
- 15 A. It is about half a mile.
- 16 Q. What attracted you to go to the Police Barracks from
17 xxxxxxxx that morning?
- 18 A. Well, in the morning we heard that they had killed
19 policemen in the barracks. That is why we went there, to
20 see.
- 21 Q. Did you in fact hear that there had been fighting at the
22 Police Barracks that morning?
- 23 A. Yes, we heard of it. Even ourselves we had to run away.
- 24 Q. You said you had to run away. Were you running away from
25 fighting?
- 26 A. That was why we ran away.
- 27 Q. So what part of xxx xxxxx was the fighting?
- 28 A. It was in the barracks. They were shooting guns in the
29 barracks.

- 1 Q. And so when finally did you decide to go to the barracks?
- 2 A. In the morning the firing had ceased, that was the time
- 3 we left to go and see in the barracks.
- 4 Q. You said in your evidence-in-chief that the Kamajor
- 5 commander at that time in xxx was one Kosseh Hindowa; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. It is correct.
- 8 Q. Did you know him personally?
- 9 A. I know him.
- 10 Q. As far as you know, how long was he commander there?
- 11 A. He became commander in 1998.
- 12 Q. The question was for how long did you know him as
- 13 commander there -- Kamajor commander?
- 14 A. No, I will not be able to tell you the number of years he
- 15 served as a commander.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: His evidence is that he has been in Bo all
- 17 along, so if he has been there from 1998, you can deduce
- 18 for how long he knew him to be a commander there. Don't
- 19 you think so?
- 20 MR JABBI: My Lord, I was just trying to see whether he has
- 21 any time scale for the time Kosseh was commander in xxx.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may proceed, please.
- 23 MR JABBI:
- 24 Q. Now, was Kosseh commander in xxx for all the time the
- 25 Kamajors were there in 1998?
- 26 A. I say he was the commander.
- 27 Q. Now, since 1998 --
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: what does he say? 1998 for what time?
- 29 MR JABBI: He didn't specify a period, My Lord.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you have told us that you lived
2 in xxx all along.
3 THE WITNESS: Yes.
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kosseh Hindowa became a Kamajor commander
5 in 1998. Was he commander for all this time or was he
6 changed -- all the time you're talking about?
7 THE WITNESS: Yes, during that time he was called xxx District
8 commander.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: For all the time you're talking about --
10 throughout this period? Please, be very clear.
11 THE WITNESS: From the time he became commander in 1998 he
12 continued up to the end of the war.
13 MR JABBI:
14 Q. Since the end of the war have you seen Kosseh Hindowa?
15 A. Yes, I usually see him.
16 Q. Where do you usually see him since the end of the war --
17 in what town?
18 A. I usually see him in xxx at xxxx xxxx.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, can we have the spelling of xxxxx
20 xxxx?
21 MR JABBI: xxxxxx, plus Road as in English.
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.
23 MR JABBI:
24 Q. So for all you know, since the war Kosseh Hindowa lives
25 in xx; is that correct?
26 A. It is so.
27 Q. You also spoke about somebody you called a Kamajor
28 leader, called xxxx xxxx; do you remember that?
29 A. Yes, I remember it well.

- 1 Q. Was he a commander?
- 2 A. Yes, he was a commander who came from xxxxxxxx.
- 3 Q. And do you also know him well?
- 4 A. I know him very well because he stays near me.
- 5 Q. Mr witness, I would like to advise that when you give
- 6 your answers, you take care they don't lead to
- 7 discovering your identity. Just as a warning. Now, with
- 8 this xxxxx xxxxxx, has he also lived in xxx since the war?
- 9 A. Yes, he's there and he's still there.
- 10 Q. You also mentioned one xxx xxxx, whom you called a
- 11 kamajor leader as well; do you remember?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you also know xxx xxxx well?
- 14 A. He knows me and I know him.
- 15 Q. And he also has lived in xxx since the war, has he?
- 16 A. Yes, he was there.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's still there?
- 18 MR JABBI: I thought that was what he said.
- 19 Q. Is he still living in xxx?
- 20 A. He has died. He died this year.
- 21 Q. I take you to your story about the RUF coming from
- 22 Mile 91 to xxx. You merely said the RUF came from Mile 91
- 23 at around 10.00 a.m. one Saturday to xxx. Were you in
- 24 fact --
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. -- saying that the RUF attacked Bo one Saturday morning?
- 27 Is that what you were saying?
- 28 A. Yes, that was the very day.
- 29 Q. Can you give us an idea of the month in which that

1 happened?

2 A. It was in March.

3 Q. March, according to you in your evidence-in-chief, was

4 also the month that the Kamajors had returned to xxx since

5 1996; is that correct?

6 A. That was what I said.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is in March they --

8 MR JABBI: He had said in his evidence-in-chief that the

9 Kamajors entered xxx in 1998, and he has now said that the

10 RUF attacked xxx from Mile 91 in March 1998.

11 THE WITNESS: That's what I said.

12 MR JABBI:

13 Q. Now, were there Kamajors in Bo when the RUF attacked xxxx

14 in March 1998?

15 A. They were there, they were both there. They took over

16 the whole of xxx.

17 Q. whom are you calling "they" when you say "they took over

18 the whole of xxx"?

19 A. The Kamajors.

20 Q. So what you are saying is that the same month that the

21 Kamajors entered and took over xxx was the same month that

22 the RUF attacked them from Mile 91; is that so?

23 A. Wait, let me explain to you.

24 Q. Yes, answer that question.

25 A. Yes.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes what?

27 MR JABBI: Yes, the month that the Kamajors entered and took

28 over xxx was the month that the RUF attacked them from

29 Mile 91.

- 1 Q. That's what you are saying; not so?
- 2 A. It was the same month.
- 3 Q. And that was the reason for your fleeing from xxx towards
4 xxxx in your evidence -- the attack was the reason why
5 you decided to flee towards xxxx; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now, have you ever made any report of any of these
8 incidents that you narrated in your evidence since the
9 war?
- 10 A. There was no place to complain. The only people in town
11 were the Kamajors.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have two replies, yeah? I suppose they're
13 in order. "I've made no reports because the only people
14 in town were the Kamajors." That's what he means to say,
15 I suppose.
- 16 MR JABBI: That's what he said, My Lord.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: He didn't say he has made a report, but he
18 said the only people in town were the Kamajors. So these
19 two responses I hope are in their proper place in this
20 context.
- 21 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.
- 22 Q. So since the war have you made any report about the
23 incidents?
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: To anybody other than the Kamajors.
- 25 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.
- 26 THE WITNESS: I have nowhere to report.
- 27 MR JABBI:
- 28 Q. That is even after the end of the war you have nowhere to
29 report?

1 A. well, the war has already ended, everything is over. why
2 is there need again for me to report anywhere.
3 MR JABBI: That is all for the witness.
4 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. Mr Bockarie? Yes, you may proceed.
5 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR BOCKARIE:
6 MR BOCKARIE:
7 Q. Mr witness, you told this Court that during the reign of
8 the juntas in xxx they did no wrong; am I correct?
9 A. I didn't say that.
10 Q. Mr witness, I'll write -- mention a name. You need not
11 call it. I'll just write it on a piece of paper and I'll
12 ask you whether you know that name.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: On a white piece of paper, not on the yellow
14 piece of paper in front of you.
15 MR BOCKARIE: Yes. Maureen, can I --
16 JUDGE BOUTET: You will have to have somebody who can read it
17 to the witness. He does not read to my knowledge.
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see him nodding an approbation -- in
19 approval. Can you put the date and his pseudonym on it,
20 please.
21 MR BOCKARIE: I'd like to have it marked as an exhibit,
22 My Lord.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Prosecution has not seen it. Mr Sauter
24 has seen it; that's all right.
25 JUDGE BOUTET: It should be marked as Exhibit 48.
26 [Exhibit No. 48 was admitted]
27 MR BOCKARIE:
28 Q. Mr witness, that name shown to you, is he your son?
29 A. He's not my son.

1 Q. Mr witness, who is he to you?
2 A. I don't know.
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: what does he not know?
4 THE WITNESS: It is my name that is written on that paper --
5 my name.
6 MR BOCKARIE: I've just been told that the name will have been
7 read out to him. I don't know what was discussed.
8 JUDGE BOUTET: well, there appears to be some confusion.
9 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, can the exhibit be brought again. I want
10 that name to be read to him.
11 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ask him whether he's known by another name
13 in addition to that one, and, if he is, he should whisper
14 it into the ears of Mr Williams and Mr Sauter.
15 MR BOCKARIE:
16 Q. Mr witness, you now remember this name; am I correct?
17 JUDGE BOUTET: Be careful with that name, please.
18 MR BOCKARIE: Sorry.
19 THE INTERPRETER: The witness's mike is not on.
20 JUDGE BOUTET: Ask it again, Mr Bockarie.
21 MR BOCKARIE:
22 Q. Mr witness, you now remember this name; am I correct?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. who is he to you, Mr witness?
25 A. He's my son.
26 Q. Mr witness; isn't it true that your son was a junta
27 soldier based in xxx during the reign of the junta in xxx?
28 A. Yes.
29 Q. Mr witness, you told this Court that your properties were

1 looted, which included television and freezer, by the
2 Kamajors and ECOMOG; am I correct?
3 A. It is true.
4 Q. Mr witness, isn't it true that in the course of this
5 looting, according to you, an AK47 gun and an LMG gun
6 were discovered in your house?
7 A. No.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: An AK47?
9 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour, and an LMG -- AK47 and LMG
10 gun.
11 Q. Mr witness, your house had no electricity. Do you have
12 electricity in your house in xxx?
13 A. Yes, I have electricity.
14 Q. Mr witness, I am putting it to you that your house was
15 used for storing looted property by the juntas?
16 A. It is not so. These are my actual properties.
17 MR BOCKARIE: That will be all for him.
18 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Bockarie. Cross-examination by
19 third accused?
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Williams, please wait. Mr Williams, you
21 may proceed.
22 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR WILLIAMS:
23 MR WILLIAMS:
24 Q. Witness, do you know Captain xx xxxxx who used to be
25 based at xxx?
26 A. I heard the name, but I don't know him.
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Williams, it's xx xxxxx?
28 MR WILLIAMS: xx.
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's a captain?

1 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, captain, My Lord.
2 [HN071204E 5.25 p.m.]
3 Q. Did that captain hold any position in xxx during the junta
4 period?
5 A. well, you have already said he was a captain. I don't
6 know any other post, except the captain you yourself have
7 called him.
8 Q. Did he hold a position in the RUF government?
9 A. Yes, I heard his name there.
10 Q. And what was that position?
11 A. I heard that he was a minister in Bo and that he was a
12 minister in xxx.
13 Q. And you saw him quite often during the days of the AFRC;
14 is that correct?
15 A. Yes, I saw him in xxx. I usually see him in xxx.
16 Q. Is it correct to say that there are three houses in your
17 compound? Three houses -- there are three houses in your
18 compound in xxx?
19 A. In my own compound or the whole of xxx?
20 Q. In your compound.
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Three houses only in xxx, Mr Witness?
22 THE WITNESS: I have four houses.
23 MR WILLIAMS:
24 Q. You have four houses in xxx; is that correct? That is
25 what you said; you have four houses?
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: But that does not answer your question. In
27 your compound you said. Is it true that you have four
28 houses? Is that not what you asked?
29 MR WILLIAMS: [Overlapping microphones] -- whether he has three

1 houses.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: But now he says he has four houses. where
3 are they? I mean, ask him: Are they scattered or are
4 they in the same complex?
5 MR WILLIAMS:
6 Q. These four houses, are they in the same compound?
7 A. Yes, they are all in the same compound.
8 Q. And all of those four houses are made of mud; is that
9 correct? They are mud houses?
10 A. Yes.
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you say mud, do you have a tradition
12 here of making mud blocks or you just pile the mud and it
13 is --
14 MR WILLIAMS: It is either of the two, My Lord. You can make
15 bricks out of them or pile it up.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay, they are built of mud, hmm?
17 MR WILLIAMS:
18 Q. And you would agree with me, Mr witness, that xx xxxxxx
19 came to your house quite often during the days of the
20 AFRC?
21 A. Astafulai [phon].
22 MR WILLIAMS: That's "God forbids it", My Lord.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Astafulai.
24 MR WILLIAMS: It's Arabic.
25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's astafulai. God forbid.
26 MR WILLIAMS: God forbid it.
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: "God forbid it, xx xxxxxx never came to my
28 house." Mr williams, did you say frequently?
29 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, quite often.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: "Never came to my house quite often." Did
2 he ever?
3 MR WILLIAMS:
4 Q. Did he ever go to your house?
5 A. He has never been to my house one day. He doesn't even
6 know my house.
7 Q. Mr witness, can you read and write the English language?
8 A. No, I didn't go to school.
9 Q. In answer -- in answer to a question put by Mr Bockarie,
10 you said an AK-47 and LMG were not found at your
11 premises; is that so?
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is so.
13 MR WILLIAMS: May I refresh his memory before I put the
14 question?
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is so. Go ahead.
16 THE WITNESS: It was not found in my house. I am not a
17 soldier. Why should I keep such things in my house?
18 MR WILLIAMS:
19 Q. Were any rifles found at your property?
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: But he has accepted that his son was --
21 [microphone not activated]
22 MR WILLIAMS:
23 Q. Would you answer the question, please. Were --
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has answered the question.
25 JUDGE BOUTET: He has answered yes, that it was found on his
26 property, not in his house.
27 MR WILLIAMS: Not in his house?
28 JUDGE BOUTET: But he said yes to your last question, it was
29 on his property not in his house. And your question was:

1 He has four houses in his compound, so --
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has said, you know, in his evidence that
3 Exhibit 48, which he denied before, is -- I mean,
4 contains a name. He said, first of all, it was his name
5 and he changed and said it was the name of his son and
6 that that son of his -- I hope I got him right. He was a
7 junta soldier during the junta reign in xxx. Hmm?
8 MR WILLIAMS: Yes.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that is what he said. So when he says
10 he was not a soldier, I'm saying the son was, so it is a
11 pertinent question to ask him.
12 MR WILLIAMS: It is a pertinent question, My Lord.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is a pertinent question.
14 MR WILLIAMS: As My Lord pleases.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
16 MR WILLIAMS:
17 Q. You said two rifles were found at your house?
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: He did not say so. He did not say. It was
19 suggested to him.
20 MR WILLIAMS: I believe he answered that question.
21 JUDGE BOUTET: He did. He said it was not in his house, but
22 on the property, whatever it means, and you can ask him
23 where.
24 MR WILLIAMS:
25 Q. You just said that two rifles were found on your
26 property. Where exactly were they found?
27 A. It was in my house. This was a hunting gun. I usually
28 kill monkeys with that gun that was found in my
29 possession. The other one was an old one and it doesn't

1 work at all.

2 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Williams, I suggest you repeat the question,
3 because I know what he has answered, but I thought the
4 question was about an AK-47 and other guns.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE: LMG.

6 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, His Lordship Justice Itoe didn't allow me
7 to put that question because it was merely re-echoing
8 what he had said earlier on.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may go ahead now.

10 MR WILLIAMS: I've taken the cue, My Lord.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are on the right terrain now.

12 MR WILLIAMS:

13 Q. Yes, this your son, who you said was a soldier, did he
14 stay at barracks in xxx?

15 A. He was in my house. But he has his own house. He has
16 his own area separately.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: His own in that same complex of four houses?

18 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: well, let him confirm that. He has not
20 confirmed that. I just want us to move fast.

21 MR WILLIAMS:

22 Q. Yes, your son's house, is it in your compound?

23 A. Yes, it was in the same compound.

24 Q. Mr witness, were you happy when ECOMOG went to xxx?

25 A. So much.

26 Q. And could you tell the Court what they were doing in xxx
27 when they went there?

28 A. which ones?

29 Q. The ECOMOG, what were they doing in xxx?

- 1 A. well, wherever they met the Kamajor wanting to kill a
2 civilian, they will always release the civilian. They
3 will not allow the Kamajors to kill any civilian.
- 4 Q. Did ECOMOG have any control over the Kamajors?
- 5 A. No, they were unable to control the Kamajors.
- 6 Q. And on those occasions, you said the -- on those
7 occasions you said ECOMOG came across Kamajors, did the
8 Kamajors comply with the orders of the ECOMOG?
- 9 A. Yes, at times if they meet them, they will answer.
- 10 Q. Did they comply with?
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: He says at times. He says at times.
- 12 MR WILLIAMS: They will answer, My Lord.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, they will answer -- at times they will
14 comply.
- 15 MR WILLIAMS: All right. As My Lord pleases.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
- 17 MR WILLIAMS:
- 18 Q. Yes, Mr witness, I'm putting it to you that you never
19 paid any money to xxxxx xxxxxx?
- 20 A. I paid -- I paid xxxxx xxxxxx. I took that money from
21 my pocket.
- 22 Q. And I'm also putting it to you that you never paid a
23 single cent to xxxx xxxxx.
- 24 A. I paid him.
- 25 Q. And I'm also putting it to you that you never paid any
26 monies to xxx xxxx?
- 27 A. I paid him.
- 28 Q. And could you tell the Court when electricity was
29 connected to your house?

1 A. Yes.
2 Q. When was that?
3 A. 1995.
4 Q. 1995?
5 A. 1995.
6 Q. Mr witness, finally I'm putting it to you that the
7 Kamajors never targeted the Limbas and the Temnes, as you
8 mentioned.
9 A. I was not told; I saw it myself.
10 MR WILLIAMS: That will be all, My Lord.
11 JUDGE BOUTET: That concludes the cross-examination?
12 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord.
13 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. Mr Prosecutor, any re-examination?
14 MR SAUTER: Just briefly, Your Honour.
15 RE-EXAMINED BY MR SAUTER:
16 Q. Mr witness, on cross-examination by the Defence for the
17 first accused you said you saw fighting when you went to
18 the police compound. What do you mean with fighting?
19 A. They were shooting guns.
20 MR WILLIAMS: I take an objection, My Lord. The evidence is
21 very clear and unambiguous, My Lord, and there is no
22 basis to re-examine on that.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: He feels it is not clear. The issue of
24 shooting in the police barracks arose during the
25 cross-examination.
26 MR WILLIAMS: Yes, My Lord, except fighting -- [overlapping
27 speakers]
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, there was fighting or shooting there.
29 Listen to the evidence of this witness. The witness said

1 that they heard shooting there in the police barracks.
2 In the morning the shooting had died down, so they went
3 and saw what they saw. So there is evidence of shooting
4 and there is evidence that they went there. So this
5 question arose from cross-examination.
6 MR WILLIAMS: My Lord, for him to ask what he means by -- what
7 he meant by fighting, My Lord, well, that is clear to
8 everybody.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Not only fighting. He said there was
10 fighting there. That is how it arose during
11 cross-examination, so I think he can re-examine on that,
12 Mr Williams.
13 MR WILLIAMS: As My Lord pleases.
14 MR JABBI: My Lord, the evidence was not that the witness saw
15 fighting in the police barracks.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said fighting was going on around the
17 police barracks and there was shooting.
18 MR JABBI: Yes, before he went there.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before he went there, yes, that is what
20 I have said.
21 MR JABBI: The premise to his question just now was that he
22 saw fighting in the police barracks when he was there.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Seeing fighting, I didn't --
24 MR JABBI: That was the premise to the question.
25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Sauter, was that your question? Can you
26 rephrase your question. I didn't understand you to have
27 said that.
28 MR SAUTER: Mr Jabbi is right in his allegation. This was
29 indeed my question.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: What is your question?
2 MR SAUTER: May I re-phrase it to make clear what I said?
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ask that question again. Take the question
4 the way you asked it.
5 MR SAUTER: I'm not sure whether I clearly remember, but as
6 far as I remember, it was what Mr Jabbi repeated that you
7 said on cross-examination that you saw fighting.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay, rephrase it that there was fighting
9 over there.
10 JUDGE BOUTET: The examination is exactly -- the
11 cross-examination was: "You heard fighting that
12 morning." That was a question asked by Dr Jabbi and the
13 answer was "yes." And we heard, "And I ran away".
14 MR SAUTER: If you allow just one question.
15 Q. Mr witness, did you see any exchange of fire, two groups
16 firing at each other?
17 A. It was only the Kamajors that were there.
18 MR SAUTER: Thank you, Mr witness, that is all.
19 [Trial Chamber confer]
20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, as you would remember,
21 there was before us an application by counsel for the
22 first and the second accused to which the -- to which
23 counsel for the third accused also associated themselves
24 on the 5th of November 2004, to call some OTP
25 investigators who took down in writing the statements of
26 Prosecution witness TF2-021. The decision of this
27 Chamber will be read at this point in time by
28 Honourable Justice Bankole Thompson.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: The Trial Chamber of the Special Court for

1 Sierra Leone, the Special Court composed of Honourable
2 Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding Judge, Honourable
3 Judge Bankole Thompson, and Honourable Judge
4 Pierre Boutet, seized of an oral application by Defence
5 counsel for the first and second accused, Sam Hinga
6 Norman and Moinina Fofana respectively, the Defence, and
7 their supporting grounds and submissions during the trial
8 proceedings on 5th November 2004 for an order that the
9 Prosecution call as witnesses Virginia Chitanda, Office
10 of the Prosecutor, OTP investigator, and Tamba Gbokie,
11 OTP investigator, who respectively took down in writing
12 the statements dated 4th February 2003 and the 13th
13 January 2003 of Prosecution witness TF2-021 to explain
14 alleged inconsistencies between the aforesaid statements
15 and the witness's oral testimony; and the Prosecution's
16 response to the said application and the reply of the
17 Defence thereto; considering the recent ruling of this
18 Chamber in this case that prior inconsistent statements
19 are generally admissible in international criminal trials
20 as a means to impeach the credibility of a witness; after
21 deliberation hereby issues the following ruling:

22 This is the unanimous ruling of the Trial Chamber of
23 the Special Court on the oral application by counsel for
24 first and second accused with whom counsel for the third
25 accused associated on 5th November 2004 for an order that
26 the Prosecution in this case call as witnesses
27 Virginia Chitanda, Office of the Prosecutor investigator
28 and Tamba Gbokie, OTP investigator, who respectively took
29 down in writing the statements dated 4th February 2003

1 and 13th January 2003 of Prosecution Witness TF2-021 on
2 the grounds that there are alleged inconsistencies
3 between the witness's statements and his oral testimony
4 before the Court.

5 The application was argued by Ms Quincy Whitaker,
6 then counsel for the first accused. In support of the
7 said application, counsel contended that during
8 cross-examination of Prosecution Witness TF2-021, the
9 Defence demonstrated several major inconsistencies
10 between certain specific portions of the witness's
11 statements made to the OTP investigators through
12 interpreters or translators.

13 The Defence stated that they have not been provided
14 with the original statements but only with the translated
15 versions and submitted that the Chamber should order the
16 Prosecution to call the investigators to testify so as to
17 enable the Chamber adequately and effectively to (i) test
18 the credibility of the said witness; (ii) test the
19 veracity of the statements given by the said witness to
20 the OTP investigators; and (iii) determine what weight to
21 attach to the witness's testimony.

22 Ms Whitaker further submitted that the Defence is
23 placed at a great disadvantage, because the OTP
24 investigators did not record the original statements but
25 only the interpretation, thus the statements were not
26 recorded in the proper way; and that in fairness to the
27 witness, calling the investigators to testify would
28 assist the Chamber in determining whether the
29 inconsistencies resulted from erroneous translation or

1 not.

2 Counsel also submitted that it was the
3 responsibility of the Prosecution and not that of the
4 Defence to call the investigators to testify to clarify
5 these matters since the Prosecution served the statements
6 as accurate records of the witness's testimony, and if
7 the Court accepted the Prosecution's assertion that the
8 statements were entirely accurate, then there would have
9 been no need to call the witness to testify.

10 Concluding, Ms. Whitaker submitted that the legal
11 rationale behind the application was to the assist the
12 Court in assessing the demeanour of the witness and
13 whether or not he made previous inconsistent statements.

14 In response, the Prosecution strenuously opposed the
15 application and submitted that the exercise of calling
16 the investigators would be time-wasting and futile. It
17 argued that it was the witness's viva voce testimony that
18 was in force and not his prior statements. In addition,
19 the Prosecution contended that the statement is just a
20 guide and that the testimony is the evidence.

21 It is also the Prosecution's contention that the
22 core feature of the witness's testimony is that he was a
23 child soldier attached to the CDF and was engaged in
24 combat, there being no inconsistency as regards this core
25 evidence, and that the only inconsistency was in respect
26 of the evidence relating to the RUF.

27 It is further submitted by the Prosecution that
28 there is no dispute that the statements were taken down
29 in writing by the investigators, and that the accepted

1 procedure for doing so was regularly followed, and that
2 it is a matter of common knowledge that difficulties do
3 exist regarding interpretation of witness's statements.

4 Another submission put forward by the Prosecution is
5 that the Defence had the opportunity of cross-examining
6 the witness and that this is how credibility should be
7 assessed, citing page 166 of May and Wierda,
8 International Criminal Evidence, ed 2000, and the
9 decision of this Chamber in this case dated 16th July
10 2004 on cross-examination and prior inconsistent
11 statements.

12 Finally, the Prosecution argues that the Defence
13 request is not a proper application of the principle of
14 orality emphasized by this Court as regards the treatment
15 of prior inconsistent statements.

16 In their abbreviated reply, the Defence disagreed
17 with the Prosecution, (i) that the alleged
18 inconsistencies relate only to "minor issues"; and (ii)
19 that the alleged inconsistencies were occasioned by
20 "interpretation issues".

21 Merits of application:

22 The key issue for determination by the Chamber in
23 this application is whether, in the light of the
24 repudiation by witness TF2-021 of significant and highly
25 contentious portions of Exhibits 19A and 19B statements
26 taken down in writing by OTP investigators
27 Virginia Chitanda and Tamba Gbokie on 4th February 2003
28 and 13 January 2003 respectively, the Chamber will, at
29 the appropriate phase of this trial proceeding, be able,

1 without more, to adequately, fairly and effectively
2 evaluate the probative value of this witness. The
3 Defence submits that the court will not be able to do so
4 without the testimonies of investigators. The
5 Prosecution also submits that it is a futile and
6 time-wasting exercise and that there is no dispute that
7 investigators did take down Exhibits 19A and 19B in
8 writing and that the accepted procedure for taking such
9 statements was regularly followed.

10 We do emphasise that in the sphere of criminal law
11 the doctrine of *Omnia praesumuntur rite esse acta*, has a
12 limited application. It generally applies to the diverse
13 aspect of the judicial administration covering the
14 services of legal processes, production of official
15 documents from lawful custody and the exercise of
16 supervisory roles in the context of judicial
17 administration. It does not, we maintain, apply to
18 matters of proof in the domain of criminal adjudication
19 in respect of the very factual and legal issues, directly
20 or indirectly, in controversy before the Court. In the
21 context of the instant application, the presumption of
22 regularity cannot legitimately apply to the specific and
23 contentious issues, factual and legal, forming the
24 substratum of the Defence application.

25 In effect, in our considered view this Chamber finds
26 no legal basis for presuming that an investigator who
27 took down a witness's statement in writing did comply
28 with every rule, requirement or practice governing the
29 recording of witness statements. There is no judicial

1 warrant to apply such a presumption in criminal trials.

2 Given, therefore, the state of the portions of the
3 testimony of TF2-021 on those significant and highly
4 contentious issues between the parties herein, coupled
5 with the equally significant repudiations of what the
6 witness allegedly told or did not tell the investigators,
7 we find it extremely difficult, at this stage, to come to
8 the conclusion that we do have before us all the
9 necessary and relevant evidence upon which to evaluate
10 adequately and effectively the probative value of the
11 witness's testimony.

12 It is the Chamber's view that to adopt the approach
13 canvassed by the Prosecution is tantamount to
14 acknowledging a novel principle in international criminal
15 law whereby the courts are precluded from looking into
16 the investigator's record of the statement in absence of
17 an irregularity ex facie, implying that to probe beyond
18 the pale of the investigator's record of a witness's
19 statement is not a proper matter for judicial inquiry.
20 Such a position flies in the face of the doctrine that
21 the persuasive burden of proof which it must discharge
22 beyond a reasonable doubt rests on the Prosecution. The
23 Chamber is of the opinion that we can properly look
24 behind the scenes and inquire whether a statement taken
25 by investigators from witnesses was properly taken down
26 in writing and is an accurate portrayal of the facts as
27 stated.

28 A related issue that needs to be disposed of at this
29 point is on whom the burden of producing the

1 investigators as witnesses rest? Our considered reply to
2 this question is that it is on the Prosecution. To
3 suggest that it is on the Defence or the Bench is to
4 shift some of the burden for establishing the guilt of
5 the accused person on to the Defence or the Bench.

6 It is noteworthy, as that matter of law, that the
7 Prosecution is right in its citation of page 166 of
8 International Criminal Evidence in support of the
9 proposition that inconsistencies need not be fatal to the
10 testimony of a witness provided that they are not
11 material. However, it is also the law that one of the
12 key factors in assessing credibility is consideration of
13 other witness accounts or other evidence submitted in the
14 case and not only that on the strength under
15 cross-examination.

16 Significantly, this Chamber recognises that one
17 operative doctrine on this subject is the doctrine of
18 collaterality. The essence of the principle is that
19 questions in cross-examination designed solely at
20 discrediting a witness or impeaching the witness's
21 credibility are essentially collateral in nature if they
22 do not touch on an issue which the Court is necessarily
23 required to determine such as an element of the offence.
24 The typical legal situation calling for the application
25 of the so-called collateral-fact rule is where an effort
26 is made to discredit a witness in a manner unrelated to
27 the subject matter of the offence. The law is that under
28 cross-examination, in the context of the application of
29 the collateral-fact rule, there is, generally, no

1 opportunity to call evidence to refute answers which have
2 been given by a witness, after asking further questions.
3 Exceptionally, the Defence may be afforded the
4 opportunity, where proper foundation has been laid, to
5 call evidence where a prior inconsistent statement is
6 alleged to contradict a witness's testimony.

7 In this regard, whether an issue in a trial is
8 collateral or central, it not determined by reference to
9 some judicial crystal ball. It depends upon the nature
10 of the charges, the factual allegations in support, the
11 definition of the issues in controversy, and the totality
12 of the circumstances of the case. It is, therefore, the
13 considered opinion of the Chamber that some
14 clarifications from the OTP investigators will provide an
15 evidentiary basis upon which TF2-021 can be judged, on
16 the grounds that TF2-021's credibility is central to the
17 proof of the Prosecution's case in respect of the matters
18 to which he has testified. Having regard to the nature
19 of his testimony, some explanation as to why he has
20 repudiated significant portions of his out-of-court
21 statements may assist the Court in accurately evaluating
22 his credibility. It is certainly within the realm of
23 probability that the OTP investigator's evidence might
24 remove any doubt that might be cast on the witness's
25 credibility and emanating from his unequivocal
26 repudiation in court of certain significant portions of
27 the said out-of-court statements to them.

28 In R. v. Krause, the Court laid down this guiding
29 principle: "In the cross-examination of witnesses

1 essentially the same principles apply. Crown counsel, in
2 cross-examining an accused, are not limited to subjects
3 which are strictly relevant to the essential issues in a
4 case. Counsel are accorded a wide freedom in
5 cross-examination which enable them to test and question
6 the testimony of the witnesses and their credibility.
7 Where something new emerges in cross-examination, which
8 is new in the sense that the Crown had no chance to deal
9 with it in its case in chief, there was no reason for the
10 Crown to anticipate that the matter would rise, and where
11 the matter is concerned with the merits of the case, that
12 is, it concerns an issue essential for the determination
13 of the case, then the Crown may be allowed to call
14 evidence in rebuttal. Where, however, the new matter is
15 collateral, that is, not determinative of an issue
16 arising in the pleadings or indictment or not relevant to
17 matters which must be proved for the determination of the
18 case, no rebuttal may be allowed."

19 Continuing, the Court opened: "An early expression
20 of this proposition is to be found in Attorney-General v.
21 Hitchcock, [1847] 1 Ex. 91, 154 E.R. 38 and examples of
22 the application of the principle may be found in
23 R. v. Cargill, [1913] 2 K.B. 271; R. v. Hrechuk (1951),
24 58 Man. R. 489; R. v. Rafael, [1972] 3 O.R. 238; and
25 Latour v. The Queen, [1978] 1 S.C.R. 361. This is known
26 as the rule against rebuttal on collateral issues".

27 Conclusion:

28 In the light of the foregoing considerations, the
29 Chamber has no alternative option, given the state of the

1 evidence of TF2-021 and the repudiations of significant
2 portions of those statements, but to grant the
3 application. We must emphasise, however, that in
4 granting the order sought, we do not suggest that every
5 application of this nature will be granted as a matter of
6 course. This Chamber will exercise its discretion on a
7 case-by-case basis and will examine each application
8 according to its merits having regard to the nature of
9 the crimes, the nature of the pleadings, the definition
10 of the issues, and the particular facts and circumstances
11 of the case. It is important to mention that in this
12 peculiar and almost extreme case we are confronted with
13 the testimony and out-of-court statements of a
14 Prosecution witness, a child witness, who, without
15 equivocation or hesitation, repudiated significant and
16 highly contentious portions of his statements to the
17 investigators, bearing in mind of course, that the
18 testimonies of this category of witnesses should, either
19 as a matter of law or practice, be examined with some
20 degree of judicial vigilance in view of their particular
21 susceptibilities.

22 For all the above stated reasons, the Trial Chamber,
23 accordingly, grants the Defence application and hereby
24 orders the Prosecution to call as witnesses in this case,
25 Virginia Chitanda and Tamba Gbokie, investigators of the
26 Office of the Prosecutor, to testify before this Court as
27 to the taking down in writing of the statements of
28 Prosecution witness TF2-021 dated 4th February 2003 and
29 13 January 2003, marked Exhibits 19A and 19B

1 respectively.
2 Done in Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 7th day of
3 December 2004.
4 That is the ruling of this Chamber.
5 JUDGE BOUTET: Before we adjourn the proceedings to the next
6 session is there any other outstanding issue?
7 Prosecution?
8 MR TAVENER: One minor point, Your Honour. There is an agreed
9 fact which has been signed by the Prosecution and counsel
10 for the third accused relating to the testimony of
11 TF2-058, if I might hand up a copy, if that's what
12 Your Honour refers to, if I may.
13 JUDGE BOUTET: That or any other matter that we may have
14 forgotten at this juncture. This is what we had agreed
15 to yesterday?
16 MR TAVENER: Yes, it is.
17 JUDGE BOUTET: TF2 --
18 MR TAVENER: A certain name being put to a witness, that is
19 all. It is self-explanatory.
20 JUDGE BOUTET: And this document has been signed by both
21 counsel for the third accused and the Prosecution?
22 MR TAVENER: That's correct, yes.
23 JUDGE BOUTET: I remember we had mentioned that it was an
24 agreed statement of fact, but for greater -- to avoid any
25 confusion, we'll mark this document as an exhibit and
26 that will become Exhibit 49.
27 MR TAVENER: Thank you.
28 [Exhibit No. 49 was admitted]
29 JUDGE BOUTET: This is 49.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is in relation to which witness?
2 JUDGE BOUTET: This is in relation to the testimony of
3 TF2-058. And the document in question here has been done
4 in Freetown on 7 December 2004 and signed by the
5 Prosecution and the Defence for the third accused.
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the document is dated?
7 JUDGE BOUTET: 7 December.
8 There is nothing else for the Prosecution at this
9 moment?
10 MR TAVENER: That is all.
11 JUDGE BOUTET: Counsel for the first accused?
12 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord. My Lord, when the ruling was read on
13 the first accused's application for service and
14 arraignment on the consolidated indictment the point was
15 specifically made that the ruling did not apply to the
16 prior applications by the second and third accused.
17 JUDGE BOUTET: That is true.
18 MR JABBI: It can be expected that perhaps the rulings on
19 those applications --
20 JUDGE BOUTET: There was one on the second accused that was
21 filed yesterday or this morning, so second accused should
22 know by now.
23 MR JABBI: If I may ask, is a similar thing being done the
24 third accused, as well?
25 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] -- the dissenting
26 opinions. There is a similar dissenting opinion on the
27 two applications.
28 MR JABBI: The two applications?
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we treated them separately. We did not

1 want to consolidate them.

2 JUDGE BOUTET: They were filed as separate application motions

3 without -- with them separately, so the decision we

4 rendered on the first accused was given orally in court.

5 As to the second accused and the third accused, we did

6 not read the decision in court. We filed them, so for

7 the second accused that decision has been filed, if I'm

8 not mistaken, this morning, so it is now with Court

9 Management, and for the third accused any moment.

10 MR JABBI: Thank you very much, My Lord.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: And for the third accused, I should add

12 perhaps that will be filed tomorrow morning. There will,

13 in fact, be a majority decision, a separate concurring

14 and a dissenting. That will be filed tomorrow morning or

15 the latest tomorrow afternoon.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: The dissenting not tomorrow morning. It

17 will follow later on. In any event, you know what it is.

18 You should know what it is. It is textually, basically

19 on the same reasoning as the dissenting opinion on the

20 application by the first accused.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: Any other matter? Thank you. Mr Presiding

22 Judge.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are there any other issues? We have no

24 other issues on the table to sort out. Yes, Mr Witness.

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have finished with you. We thank you

27 very much for coming to testify before us and even though

28 we are finished with you now --

29 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- there could be a possibility that we will
2 recall you here again. It is not the case now, but there
3 is the possibility. It could be possible. And if and
4 when such a necessity arises, you will be informed and we
5 will be pleased to have you back here.

6 We wish you a safe journey back and again thank you
7 very much for coming to assist the Court.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, this said, I think we've come to the
10 end of the third session of this trial. It has been
11 gruesome, but I think smooth. It has been rough at
12 certain stages and it has smoothened out at other stages.
13 We have nothing to complain about. That is part of the
14 judicial process that we're here to serve. I would like
15 to go thank all learned counsel on both sides for the
16 very positive contribution, to the success we've
17 registered. In fact, the success we've registered the
18 session is quite remarkable. I would say much more
19 remarkable than we have -- then we did during the first
20 and the second sessions and I think if we continue at
21 this pace, we should be able to get very close to the
22 case for the Defence in a very short time. And this, of
23 course, will depend on the Prosecution and the
24 possibility of their pruning their list of witnesses so
25 that we can get, as fast as possible, to the case for the
26 Defence and also, as fast as possible, to the end of the
27 trial in this matter.

28 We have taken notice of the fact that the Defence
29 intends to call about 56 witnesses. Well, if the

1 Prosecution was able to revise their list from about 150
2 to 100, we expect -- I do hope -- we sincerely hope
3 that -- 56 is just a preliminary estimation and that it
4 would be much less than that. Again, it is not the
5 intention of the Chamber to limit the number of
6 witnesses, but we will not hesitate to invoke the
7 provisions of Rule 90(F) which were used this morning by
8 learned counsel Margai to ensure that we limit ourselves
9 to the essentials and avoid matters which are very
10 extraneous and irrelevant to these proceedings.

11 I would like on this occasion, before we separate on
12 behalf, of my colleagues and on my own behalf, to wish
13 every one of you learned counsel, our legal staff and
14 everybody who has been assisting us in these proceedings
15 a very happy -- very merry Christmas and a prosperous new
16 year. We need it as we're breaking for the Christmas and
17 for those who are travelling, I do seize this opportunity
18 to wish you a very safe journey and a prosperous, happy
19 stay with your families who most of us have abandoned in
20 our homes because we had to come here to render a service
21 to our brothers and the people of Sierra Leone.

22 So we thank you very much for what we have achieved
23 and we hope to see you during the next session, which is
24 in the month of February. February is just around the
25 corner. I'm sure we shall soon -- but I think we've done
26 everything to make sure we've rendered all the rulings
27 which we thought are important so that everybody goes
28 with a focus on where we are and where we shall start
29 from in the month of February. Thank you, very much

1 indeed.

2 MR MARGAI: With your leave, My Lords. I'll be very brief.

3 We take this opportunity, meaning the Prosecution and

4 ourselves, to express our thanks and appreciation to the

5 Bench and the Court staff, without whose industry we

6 could not have reached where we have reached, for the

7 cordiality which has prevailed throughout this trial. We

8 take this opportunity to wish the Bench, the Court staff

9 and all of us here present a happy, happy Christmas and a

10 prosperous 2005. And we also pray that the good Lord

11 will grant those who may be travelling, travelling

12 mercies and look forward to all of us being here next

13 year invigorated to continue the process in the pursuit

14 of justice. Thank you very much.

15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you very much.

16 MR TAVENER: Thank you, Your Honour. On this occasion

17 Mr Margai has accurately reflected the Prosecution case.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is one of those agreements between the

19 Prosecution and the Defence. We wouldn't ask you to put

20 it down in a document. Let it remain on the records.

21 We will shall rise and resume in February. The

22 Court will rise.

23 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 6.25 p.m. sine die]

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