



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

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Before the Judges:

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Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC
Mr Terry Munyard

1 Thursday, 10 July 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:31:04 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I note appearances as are
6 before, Mr Bangura.

7 MR BANGURA: Good morning Madam President, your Honours.
8 Good morning counsel opposite. Yes, your Honour, our
9 representation remains the same but for the record may

09:31:20 10 I introduce the members of the Prosecution.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do so.

12 MR BANGURA: Ms Brenda J Hollis, Mohamed A Bangura,
13 Mr Alain Werner and Ms Maja Dimitrova, your Honours.

09:31:36 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Munyard, likewise I think
15 your appearances are as before.

16 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, that's correct. Good morning
17 your Honours, good morning counsel opposite. Courtenay Griffiths
18 QC, myself Terry Munyard and Scott Schaeffer for the Defence.

09:31:51 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Munyard. If there are no
20 other matters I will remind the witness of his oath.

21 Mr Witness, I again remind you as I have done before that
22 you have taken the oath to tell the truth in this Court. That
23 oath continues to be binding on you and you must answer questions
24 truthfully. Do you understand?

09:32:08 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

26 WITNESS: TF1-388 [On former oath]

27 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR BANGURA: [Continued]

28 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

29 A. Good morning, sir.

1 Q. We shall continue with your testimony this morning and I am
2 going to take you back on a few matters that we dealt with
3 yesterday, all right?

4 A. Yes, sir.

09:32:37 5 Q. Now, yesterday you talked about, in your evidence, Jungle
6 visiting Sam Bockarie in Kenema. Do you recall that?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And you also talked about the junta pushing the government
9 out of power in Freetown. Do you recall that?

09:33:05 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Now, just to be clear, the time that Jungle visited Sam
12 Bockarie in Kenema, was it before or was it after the junta
13 pushed the government out of power in Freetown?

14 A. As I said yesterday, the time Jungle visited Kenema was at
09:33:39 15 the time the juntas were already on the run. I mean, the
16 Kamajors and the ECOMOG were trying to bring Tejan Kabbah back to
17 power. That was the time Jungle visited Kenema.

18 Q. When you say "the junta were on the run", were they
19 actually still in power at that time, at the time of the visit?

09:34:03 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Thank you. Now, you also mentioned that you went to see
22 your sick father about the time that Jungle was visiting. Do you
23 recall that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

09:34:22 25 Q. And you talked about being there with your sick father up
26 to a particular point in time when ECOMOG brought back Kabbah to
27 power. Do you recall that?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Now, did you come back to Kenema at all after this - after

1 you went to see your father?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. You talked about a shipment of ammunition that Jungle had
4 brought, you said from Liberia, and he could not bring it up to
09:35:21 5 Buedu because the truck got stuck on the way. Do you recall
6 that?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Now, do you know what was the purpose of those ammunitions?
9 Why were they being sent to Sam Bockarie at that time?

09:35:43 10 A. At that point in time I did not actually know the specific
11 mission for which the ammunition was brought.

12 Q. Did you know of any communication between Sam Bockarie and
13 Jungle before this shipment was brought into Sierra Leone into
14 RUF territory?

09:36:15 15 A. I did not monitor any direct communication between the two
16 of them, sir.

17 Q. Now talking about communications yesterday, I asked you
18 about whether you were aware of any communications that Sam
19 Bockarie had had with anyone outside Sierra Leone. Do you recall
09:36:38 20 that?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Your answer was that you had monitored one instance where
23 there was radio communication with someone in Liberia. Do you
24 recall that?

09:36:51 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Now, apart from that one instance that you mentioned, did
27 you know about that period of any other communication that Sam
28 Bockarie had with anyone outside of Sierra Leone?

29 A. No, sir.

1 Q. Now, you mentioned that the person whom Sam Bockarie spoke
2 to on the radio was Sunlight. Do you recall that?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Who was Sunlight?

09:37:25 5 A. Well, I later came to understand that the Sunlight I used
6 to hear about in Liberia was one of the radio operators assigned
7 to Benjamin Yeaten in Liberia at that time.

8 Q. I shall be asking you more questions about that later, but
9 how did you learn that Sunlight was an operator with Benjamin
09:38:06 10 Yeaten?

11 A. I came to know that when I was in Liberia at that time.

12 Q. Do you mean at a later time?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Thank you. Now, in discussing the matters that Bockarie
09:38:24 15 had discussed in his radio communications with Sunlight you
16 mentioned something about ECOMOG in Liberia. Do you recall?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Let me just read to you specifically what you said. Your
19 Honours, for --

09:38:50 20 MR MUNYARD: Could my learned friend give us a
21 page reference, please, from the transcript.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: He is trying to, Mr Munyard.

23 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, I am very grateful.

24 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I am reading from the transcript
09:39:02 25 of yesterday. It is page 13350, lines 3 through to 9:

26 Q. Amongst the things that you said, these were what you said
27 about ECOMOG. You said that:

28 "Most of the Kamajors were running away from his attacks
29 and they were scattered all over Liberia and he even made mention

1 of some ECOMOG - some Sierra Leone ECOMOG - who were in Monrovia.
2 He said they said there was a kind of misunderstanding between
3 the ECOMOG - the ECOMOGs, the Sierra Leone ECOMOG and the other
4 regiments of the ECOMOG - and that evening he was even trying to
09:39:53 5 ..."

6 I think at that point I paused you. Now, what exactly were
7 you trying to say about the Sierra Leone ECOMOG in Liberia?

8 A. Well at that point in time, after he had explained about
9 what they communicated to us, he did say that he would like

09:40:26 10 Johnny Paul Koroma at that time to talk with his brothers -
11 I mean, the Sierra Leone ECOMOG in Liberia - whether they will
12 come and join them to form the army. I am sorry, to form the new
13 government.

14 Q. Can you be clear about who was going to talk to who?

09:40:45 15 A. Johnny Paul Koroma, who was at that time the chairman for
16 the AFRC, he said he was going to suggest to him to talk to the
17 Sierra Leone ECOMOG who were saying that they wanted to come back
18 to Sierra Leone to join the new government as they considered
19 them to be their own brothers.

09:41:08 20 Q. Who was going to suggest --

21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, counsel is speaking over
22 the interpretation.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, exactly. Mr Bangura, you are
24 speaking over the witness. I think you are not on the right
09:41:18 25 channel, which should be channel 1.

26 MR BANGURA: I am very sorry, your Honour, you are right.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Okay.

28 MR BANGURA:

29 Q. Who was going to suggest to who? You are not very clear in

1 your answer, Mr Witness.

2 A. According to Sam Bockarie himself, he was going to suggest
3 to Johnny Paul Koroma so that he will get contact with the Sierra
4 Leone ECOMOGs in Liberia at that time for them to come home and
09:41:55 5 join the new army.

6 Q. Now, also in your testimony yesterday you talked about
7 being present when a parcel containing diamonds was given to
8 Jungle.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Didn't we already ascertain that it was a
09:42:23 10 parcel and he didn't know the contents?

11 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I stand corrected, but my
12 understanding was I asked whether he knew what was in the parcel
13 and he said they were diamonds and I asked him how did he know.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard?

09:42:42 15 MR MUNYARD: My learned friend is correct, but of course he
16 was bound to say they contained diamonds since Mr Bangura had
17 said, "And what about the parcel of diamonds?", or words to that
18 effect. It is a matter for the Court what weight they attach to
19 that evidence, but I have to accept that Mr Bangura is strictly
09:43:00 20 correct in his account of this witness's testimony in reply to
21 those questions yesterday.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I accept that, Mr Bangura, but originally
23 the witness said it was a parcel and he didn't know. I know you
24 put to him and you were pulled up on it, so I want you to take
09:43:19 25 care with the wording when referring to this parcel.

26 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

27 Q. Mr Witness, just to be clear, yesterday when you said that
28 a parcel was given to Jungle by Sam Bockarie, what did you say
29 that the parcel contained?

1 A. Please, sir, I made you to understand yesterday that at
2 that particular point in time whenever Sam Bockarie spoke about a
3 parcel, especially in terms of Jungle, he was always referring to
4 a parcel of diamonds.

09:44:04 5 Q. Thank you. Now, you recall that earlier you had talked
6 about one of Sam Bockarie's bodyguards being in Tongo who brought
7 him a parcel. Do you recall?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And that person was Mohamed Kenneh, do you recall?

09:44:25 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Now when you talk about a parcel given to Jungle by Sam
12 Bockarie and you had earlier talked about a parcel which Kenneh
13 brought to Sam Bockarie, were you referring to one and the same
14 parcel?

09:44:46 15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Thank you. In your testimony yesterday you mentioned that
17 you at one point became, or you were appointed, one of Foday
18 Sankoh's bodyguards in Kono. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes, sir.

09:45:13 20 Q. And his bodyguards later assumed the name the Black Guards.
21 Do you recall that testimony?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Now, what were the duties of the Black Guards?

24 A. Well, according to what I saw at that time, those who
09:45:41 25 remained in the security in that particular unit at that time
26 were responsible to secure the rebel leader at that time, Foday
27 Sankoh at that time. They were deployed at his residence and
28 they were always responsible for the movement of his convoy and
29 in important areas within the RUF they were his representatives

1 assigned with the various commanders, sir.

2 Q. Now, at some point you said Foday Sankoh got arrested in
3 Nigeria. Is that correct?

4 A. Yes, sir.

09:46:20 5 Q. Did the Black Guard continue to function in the absence of
6 Foday Sankoh?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What were their duties at the time that Foday Sankoh was
9 away in jail in Nigeria?

09:46:45 10 A. Well, some of them were still assigned with the senior
11 officers like Sam Bockarie and they also performed duties that
12 they used to do before to Sam Bockarie as well.

13 Q. When you say "duties that they used to do before",
14 specifically what?

09:47:10 15 A. Well, a typical example is that one of the bodyguards by
16 the name of Junior Vandii was always with Sam Bockarie wherever he
17 went to and most of the time he used to take Junior Vandii like a
18 representative for Sankoh.

19 Q. Were the Black Guards assigned to other duties than being
09:47:43 20 or than providing security - personal security - for Sam Bockarie
21 as you have stated?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. What other duties were they assigned to?

24 A. Well they were assigned to other various important areas
09:48:07 25 within the movement actually, but to be specific I did not know
26 all of their responsibilities.

27 Q. When you say that they were assigned to other important
28 areas, to do what specifically?

29 A. At that time I knew that some of them were assigned in the

1 mining areas and some were even assigned - later we even
2 understood that in '98 there was a guesthouse for us in Liberia
3 and those who were taking care of the house in there was a
4 bodyguard to Sankoh before, so those were the key areas that they
09:49:04 5 still held on to and they were responsible areas that they were
6 taking care of.

7 Q. Do you know whether they had to report to anyone about the
8 duties that they were performing?

9 A. Yes, sir.

09:49:23 10 Q. Who did they report to?

11 A. Well, in the absence of Sankoh some of them took Sam
12 Bockarie to be in the stead of Sankoh. Some of them took Sam
13 Bockarie in the stead of Foday Sankoh and the service they used
14 to perform to Sankoh they also performed to Sam Bockarie. But

09:49:58 15 later on in 1999 I came to understand that some of them were
16 secret - at the end of 1999 I came to understand that some of
17 them were still preparing some secret or intelligence information
18 concerning the activities of like Sam Bockarie and the other
19 commanders that Sankoh left on the ground and will send them to
09:50:30 20 Sankoh whenever they contacted Sankoh.

21 Q. How did you know this?

22 A. Before I left Sierra Leone in 1999 to go to Liberia, there
23 was a misunderstanding between Sam Bockarie and some of the Black
24 Guards concerning that they had been responsible - that for their
09:51:05 25 information they got, that they were responsible for the
26 misunderstanding that took place between Sam Bockarie and Foday
27 Sankoh at that time.

28 Q. Thank you. Now, also yesterday on the subject of Foday
29 Sankoh in Nigeria you said that he went on peace talks in Nigeria

1 and on the second time he went he then got arrested and did not
2 come back. Was he alone going on to these peace talks in
3 Abidjan?

09:51:54 4 A. He was going - sorry, he went with some delegates to the
5 Abidjan Peace Accord, sir.

6 Q. Do you recall who were members of the - who were these
7 delegates that went with him?

8 A. Yes, sir, I can remember some who were part of that
9 delegation.

09:52:11 10 Q. Who were they?

11 A. At that time I can remember one Fayia Musa who served as
12 the spokesman for the RUF at that time and then Pa Deen-Jalloh
13 was amongst the delegation, Dr Barrie was amongst the delegation
14 and one CO Palmer was amongst the delegation and Issa Sesay went
09:52:42 15 to Abidjan as well during the time of the peace talks, and Gibri I
16 Massaquoi.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Mr Witness.

18 MR MUNYARD: I am very sorry to interrupt, but before it
19 goes off the page my learned friend said, "On the subject of
09:53:00 20 Foday Sankoh in Nigeria you said he went on to peace talks in
21 Nigeria". I don't remember the witness saying that Foday Sankoh
22 went on peace talks in Nigeria and, as far as I am aware, if he
23 did say that, he will have been the only person to have said it,
24 going on my memory.

09:53:19 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, counsel is referring to
26 page 11, line 8, your question.

27 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour, but I believe I corrected
28 myself a little further down when I talked about Abidjan.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you referred to the Abidjan Peace

1 Accord.

2 MR BANGURA: That's right, your Honour. I can make it
3 clearer if there is confusion.

09:53:43

4 MR MUNYARD: Sorry, I hadn't appreciated that the later
5 reference was a correction. Thank you.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I actually didn't get that subtlety
7 either, but as long as we are aware that the witness is answering
8 a question about Abidjan then there will not be a problem.

9 MR BANGURA:

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10 Q. Mr Witness, the delegation that we are talking about here
11 went for peace talks where?

12 A. They went for peace talks in Abidjan. They used to call it
13 the Yamoussoukro Peace Accord.

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14 Q. Thank you. Now you have mentioned quite a few names,
15 amongst them Issa Sesay. Did Issa Sesay return to RUF territory
16 from the peace talks?

17 A. Yes, sir.

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18 Q. What about the others, Faya Musa, Deen-Jalloh, Dr Barrie,
19 CO Palmer, did they all come back immediately from the peace
20 talks?

21 A. Faya Musa and CO Palmer and some others returned to Sierra
22 Leone, but not immediately. They came under conditions, sir.

23 Q. What condition did they come under, as you have put it?

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24 A. After the second peace accord we later heard that Foday
25 Sankoh travelled to Nigeria where we heard of his arrest and
26 immediately after his arrest I heard from Sam Bockarie that the
27 delegation that left Abidjan, led by Faya Musa, have called him
28 saying that Sam Bockarie should take over the leadership of the
29 RUF and forget about Foday Sankoh for reasons best known to them

1 at that time.

2 Q. Do you recall exactly who Sam Bockarie said called him and
3 made the suggestion?

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4 A. According to what I gathered at that time, Fayia Musa, who
5 was the head of the delegation, called Sam Bockarie and gave him
6 the information, sir.

7 Q. Did Sam Bockarie accept the suggestion put by these members
8 of the peace delegation?

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9 A. No, sir. They never accepted it in a way that he wanted to
10 take over the power, but they set a trap for them so that they
11 will invite them to come over the rebel lines so that they will
12 arrest them sir.

13 Q. Who set the trap?

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14 A. When I said a trap, sir, from my observation at that time
15 Sam Bockarie and other authorities accepted the offer, I mean the
16 suggestion that the delegation brought to them, but they said
17 before discussing on that into details the delegation should come
18 back home where they will sit down behind the rebel lines and
19 discuss, not in Abidjan. They shouldn't be in Abidjan and
20 continue communicating with them over radio or by other means.

09:57:48

21 Q. Did the delegation come back to RUF territory following
22 this suggestion by Sam Bockarie?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Did anything happen when they returned to RUF territory?

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25 A. Yes, sir. They were arrested, sir.

26 Q. Which one of them were arrested?

27 A. Well, from what I saw at that time, you know, they had a
28 kind of welcome activities that they conducted at the Nongowa
29 crossing point along the Guinea border where the delegation came

1 across, along with some other diplomats. I can remember one
2 Sierra Leone ambassador at that time accredited to Guinea. He
3 was amongst the delegation. He came across to Sierra Leone and
4 they were all arrested.

09:59:08 5 Q. Do you know why they were arrested?

6 A. Well, at the time they were held under captivity and from
7 the conversation between Sam Bockarie and the Government of
8 Sierra Leone at that time, he held those people as a means to put
9 pressure to ensure the release of Foday Sankoh at that time in
10 Nigeria.

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11 Q. But are you aware whether they were accused of doing
12 anything?

13 A. Well, as far as RUF charges were concerned in those days,
14 the RUF delegation was charged as betrayers.

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15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, before we proceed on I would
16 like to have some clarification. When the witness says "they
17 were all arrested", was it the RUF delegation he has just
18 referred to, or was it the RUF delegation and some other
19 diplomats including the Sierra Leone ambassador to Guinea?

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20 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

21 Q. Mr Witness, when you said that they were all arrested when
22 they got back to Sierra Leone territory, RUF territory, who were
23 arrested? Can you be specific and just mention names, to your
24 knowledge?

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25 A. Yes, sir. Faya Musa was arrested, Deen-Jalloh was
26 arrested, CO Palmer was arrested, a radio operator who was
27 assigned with Sankoh at that time by the name of Juliet was
28 arrested. The Sierra Leone ambassador I have made mention of
29 here at that time I knew him to be Dr Jabbi, Ambassador Jabbi, he

1 was arrested as well.

2 MR MUNYARD: Could we have a date for this before we move
3 on to anything else?

4 MR BANGURA:

10:01:44 5 Q. Mr Witness, do you recall when these arrests took place?

6 A. I can remember at that time it was in early 1997, sir.

7 MR MUNYARD: Well, 1997 is a very important year and
8 I wonder if he can be more specific than simply early '97.

9 MR BANGURA:

10:02:15 10 Q. Mr Witness, you have mentioned that in 1997 the government
11 in Sierra Leone was overthrown by the junta. Is that correct?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Now, the arrest of these delegates within RUF territory,
14 was it before or was it after the overthrow of the government?

10:02:51 15 A. This arrest happened before the junta overthrew the Sierra
16 Leone government.

17 Q. Was it before or was it after - you also mentioned the
18 arrest of the Foday Sankoh in Nigeria. Was it before or was it
19 after Foday Sankoh was arrested in Nigeria?

10:03:11 20 A. Foday Sankoh was arrested before - Foday Sankoh was
21 arrested in Nigeria before those delegation were arrested by Sam
22 Bockarie.

23 MR BANGURA: Thank you. For purposes of the - this is a
24 question I am intending to ask the witness, I ask that the map
10:03:39 25 which the witness made indications on yesterday be provided to
26 him and that map is marked S7:

27 Q. You are okay?

28 A. Yes, I am okay, sir.

29 Q. You recall indicating some locations on the map that has

1 been shown to you now yesterday?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Now simply what I want you to provide to the Court is the
4 periods that you said the RUF occupied these positions that you
10:05:18 5 marked on the map, okay? You are not actually going to be
6 marking on the map further.

7 A. If I understand you clearly, sir, the period when the
8 positions were occupied by RUF, sir?

9 Q. Correct. Now, let's take them one after the other. One of
10:05:50 10 the locations there is - well, I will take it in the order in
11 which they are on the map starting from the top. You have
12 Sondokoro Bendu. Do you recall when the RUF occupied that
13 location, how long was the RUF there?

14 A. Yes, sir.

10:06:17 15 Q. How long was the RUF based there?

16 A. The RUF was pushed to Sondokoro Bendu area in 1993, late
17 1993, and they remained in this position until 1995.

18 Q. And in 1995 what happened?

19 A. The area still remained RUF controlled area, but when
10:07:04 20 I talk of the occupation at that time, you know, this was the
21 jungle headquarters at that time.

22 Q. Thank you. The next location on the map is --

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: You mean Sondokoro Bendu was the
24 headquarters, or the entire area was the headquarters?

10:07:24 25 MR BANGURA: I will get the witness to clarify:

26 Q. Mr Witness, you said that this was the headquarters at that
27 time. Are you referring to Sondokoro Bendu as the headquarters,
28 or are you referring to the area?

29 A. I am referring to the area, sir, because if I refer to this

1 area as the command headquarters for this specific jungle here,
2 Pumbudu was to be the jungle headquarters because that was where
3 Issa Sesay was based at that time, but this entire area behind
4 the rebel lines at that time coming down to Giema, Giema was
10:08:09 5 considered, you know, as the headquarters for this area at that
6 time.

7 Q. So, Mr Witness, when you say "area", which locations are
8 you referring to when you say "this area"?

9 A. It is somehow difficult to name all the villages here now,
10:08:32 10 but I want you to understand that at that time the government
11 soldiers were occupying towns like Koindu, Kangama, Dia and there
12 were other villages with the exception of these villages
13 mentioned here yesterday that RUF still had men deployed there.
14 But when we talk about a village really well-known behind the
10:08:53 15 rebel lines, these were some of the well-known villages that most
16 RUF will recall that - they recall that these villages were
17 behind the rebel lines at that time.

18 Q. Now, to be --

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, do slow down in your answers,
10:09:11 20 okay? The interpreter is running to catch up with you. Please
21 slow down as you speak.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am.

23 MR BANGURA:

24 Q. Just to be clear, Mr Witness, the area that you talk about,
10:09:23 25 did it include Pumbudu?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. Did it include Taidu?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Did it include Koindu Kombay?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And did it include Giema?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Now, your evidence is that these areas were occupied about
10:09:51 5 what time?

6 A. From 1993 to 1995 really as far as the jungle was
7 concerned.

8 Q. And you say thereafter what was the position?

9 A. I don't clearly understand that question, sir.

10:10:27 10 Q. You had said in relation to Sondokoro Bendu earlier that
11 the RUF occupied that location from 1993 to 1995, but after that
12 it continued to be in control and it is just that during the
13 period that you referred to that was one of the areas where it
14 had its headquarters. Do you recall that?

10:10:51 15 A. Yes, sir. Let me just make things clear to you how these
16 areas came to be important in this case, sir. In 1993, when the
17 RUF were pushed along the border lines, Taidu and Pumbudu were
18 the two villages occupied by the authorities, including Foday
19 Sankoh, and two weeks later before they travelled along the
10:11:26 20 borderline here to Koindu Kombay and came down to Giema where at
21 that time Sam Bockarie had already recaptured from the government
22 soldiers. So from that time these towns remained under our
23 control in the jungles and we were never moved from these areas
24 until 1995 when the government retreated from Koindu, Kailahun,
10:11:51 25 Buedu, et cetera.

26 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. That will be all for the map,
27 Mr Witness.

28 Your Honours, may I respectfully move that the map be
29 marked for identification.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document, a map headed
2 "Kailahun District - Sierra Leone", and it is MFI-2.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, may I raise a matter.
4 Yesterday the witness said that when Foday Sankoh returned from
10:12:30 5 Abidjan he appointed Sam Bockarie as battle group commander for
6 the RUF, if I recall well. Today he says Foday Sankoh was
7 arrested in Nigeria and didn't return. I am a bit confused.
8 I don't know if he didn't return how was this appointment made?
9 Perhaps it was made in absentia, I don't know. Can you clarify?

10:12:59 10 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

11 Q. Mr Witness, you mentioned yesterday that Foday Sankoh
12 appointed Sam Bockarie as battle group commander. Do you recall
13 that?

14 A. Yes, sir.

10:13:13 15 Q. When was this appointment made?

16 A. This appointment was made after Foday Sankoh had returned
17 back to the rebel lines from Abidjan for the second time.

18 Q. Now when you say "for the second time", can you simply
19 just - do you mean to say something --

10:13:48 20 A. Yes, sir. What I mean here is after he was taken to
21 Abidjan from Zogoda, the first time he went, he returned back to
22 the rebel line, and it was when he came back to the rebel line
23 that he made this appointment before he finally went back to
24 Abidjan and later we heard about his arrest in Nigeria.

10:14:13 25 Q. And when you say that he did not come back, at what point
26 did he go and not come back?

27 A. That was the time when he left Abidjan he came beyond the
28 rebel lines and he made the appointment in which he made Sam
29 Bockarie the battle group commander, and when he went back to

1 Abidjan he never came back until the time of the 1999 peace
2 accord that we heard about when he was released from prison.

3 Q. Do you recall what year this was?

10:15:01

4 MR MUNYARD: I am sorry, but I am now even more confused
5 because we appear to have Foday Sankoh going to Abidjan a third
6 time as a result of this clarification.

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7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What would really assist, Mr Bangura, is
8 to give us definite time frames if the witness is able to, even
9 in terms of a year, or even better a month and year, if he is
10 able to.

11 MR BANGURA: I am just getting to get the witness to give
12 us a year, your Honour:

10:15:39

13 Q. Do you recall in what year Foday Sankoh came back from
14 Nigeria - from Abidjan and made the appointment of Sam Bockarie
15 as battle group commander?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. What year was this?

18 A. This was in 1996, sir.

19 Q. About what time in 1996?

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20 A. This was almost in the middle of 1996, sir.

21 Q. And you said this was when Foday Sankoh came back from the
22 Abidjan talks and appointed Bockarie. Is that what you are
23 saying?

24 A. Yes, sir.

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25 Q. When he went from that, when he went back, did he return?

26 A. No, sir.

27 Q. Thank you. Yesterday we broke off at a point where you
28 said you asked - you were in Kenema and you had asked Sam
29 Bockarie's permission to go and see your father, who was sick.

1 Do you recall?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And about what time was this?

4 A. This was in February 1998, sir.

10:17:25 5 Q. At the time that you asked for permission to go and see
6 your father, what was happening in February 1998 generally?

7 A. Well, at this point --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is rather vague, Mr Bangura. What
9 is happening where, or to who?

10:17:48 10 MR BANGURA:

11 Q. What was the security situation like at that time in the
12 country?

13 A. Well, at that particular point in time we heard of ECOMOG
14 attacking the position of the juntas in Freetown and the Kamajors
10:18:11 15 had already intensified their attacks against the junta
16 strongholds. Like even around Kenema, where we were based at
17 that time, there were a series of Kamajor advances towards
18 Kenema.

19 Q. Did you go to see your father?

10:18:31 20 A. Yes, sir. In Daru, sir.

21 Q. How long were you away for in Daru?

22 A. When I left Kenema, I never returned to Kenema any more.

23 Q. Yes, but the question is how long were you away for in
24 Daru?

10:18:59 25 A. When I arrived in Daru I spent three days with my father in
26 Daru. He was so seriously sick that we had to take him to our
27 village in Gohun. That is the route towards the Liberian border
28 going towards the Vahun direction.

29 Q. Now just before we move on, you just named the name of your

1 village. Can you help the Court with a spelling, please?

2 A. Gohun is spelt as G-O-H-U-N.

3 Q. Did anything happen while you were at Gohun?

4 A. My father finally passed away and at that time people were
10:20:06 5 now retreating from Kenema, running going across the Liberian
6 border.

7 Q. In your testimony yesterday you mentioned that while you
8 were gone to attend to your sick father you had seen Sam Bockarie
9 and some of his - in a convoy that came past where you were.

10:20:33 10 Where exactly were you at that time?

11 A. I was in Daru when I heard of Sam Bockarie's convoy passing
12 going towards Kailahun.

13 Q. Thank you. Now, after your father died where did you go?

14 A. Well, after the seventh day ceremony everybody was, you
10:21:12 15 know, at that time on the run and I heard that Sam Bockarie and
16 others had retreated to Kailahun, I mean Buedu. So I passed
17 through Vahun and later I joined them in Buedu to check for my
18 mother and my wife.

19 Q. Do you know why Sam Bockarie and others had retreated to
10:21:33 20 Buedu?

21 A. Well, at that time the ECOMOG had overthrown the junta
22 government and had reinstated President Kabbah back to power at
23 that time.

24 Q. You said that you went to Vahun before coming to Buedu.

10:22:08 25 Where is Vahun?

26 A. Vahun is in Liberia, in Lofa County, about a few miles away
27 the Sierra Leone border.

28 Q. Why did you have to go to Vahun?

29 A. Well, at that point in time we had gone through the seventh

1 day ceremony of my father and most of the commanders and other
2 civilians were fleeing towards Vahun and we heard that the ECOMOG
3 jet was bombarding most of the big towns and coming towards the
4 border as far as Daru, so I fled to Vahun to rescue myself, sir.

10:23:05 5 Q. How long were you in Vahun?

6 A. I spent less than two weeks in Vahun, sir.

7 Q. When did you come to Buedu?

8 A. I came to Buedu when I heard of people crossing into
9 Liberia around that area, so I went to check for my mother and my
10 wife because I had left them in Buedu.

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11 Q. The question was when did you come to Buedu?

12 A. That was in two weeks time after I had crossed to Vahun.

13 Q. What month would that be, Mr Witness?

14 A. That might have been almost the end of February to March.

10:24:21 15 Q. When you came to Buedu --

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can we have a year, please?

17 MR BANGURA:

18 Q. And what year?

19 A. That was in 1998, sir.

10:24:34 20 Q. Thank you. Now, when you came to Buedu did you leave again
21 for any reason?

22 A. I made a visit to Gohun whilst I was in Buedu later.

23 Q. Apart from that visit - how long was the visit, first of
24 all?

10:25:10 25 A. Before the visit I am talking about now I had spent, you
26 know, quite a reasonable period of time in Buedu with Sam
27 Bockarie and others.

28 Q. So when you came to Buedu from Vahun did you stay in Buedu?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Thank you. Now, at Buedu did you learn anything about what
2 was happening?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. What did you learn?

10:25:52 5 A. First of all, I want you to understand that my purpose of
6 going to Buedu at that time actually was to rescue my mother and
7 my wife so that they will go to the refugee camp as refugees, but
8 when I arrived in Buedu at that time there were laws and orders
9 along the borders that nobody was allowed to cross over from the
10:26:34 10 RUF territory I can say at that time into Liberia and they were
11 effecting arrests of some people who were trying to escape. At
12 the time Sam Bockarie and others have withdrawn to Buedu.

13 Q. Yes, so you stayed in Buedu. What did you do in Buedu?

14 A. Well, at that time when I looked at the difficulties in
10:27:11 15 trying to manoeuvre with my family and my friends along the
16 border I decided to stay and my wife was living in Sam Bockarie's
17 house at that time, so Sam Bockarie said - he explained to me
18 that we have withdrawn, but we will have to continue the struggle
19 just as before. So he temporarily assigned me to be taking care
10:27:39 20 of his house affairs, especially the store that was attached to
21 the house at that time. It had some ammunition in there and some
22 other important machines that he had brought with him after the
23 withdrawal. So I was like his store keeper at that time in
24 Buedu.

10:28:01 25 Q. When you came to Buedu did you learn anything from Sam
26 Bockarie about his movement just about that time?

27 A. Later I knew that he made a trip to Liberia even before
28 I arrived there and whilst I was in Buedu he even paid visits to
29 Liberia.

1 Q. Now, you said that you learnt that he made a trip to
2 Liberia before your arrival. Can you tell this Court what
3 exactly you learnt about that trip?

4 A. Do you mean the trip that he made before my arrival, or the
10:29:03 5 one he made when I was there, sir?

6 Q. The trip he made before you arrived there?

7 A. I only came to learn that Sam Bockarie had gone to Monrovia
8 before my arrival. That was when at one time he was trying to
9 compare the two satellite phones that he had. He said when he
10:29:32 10 came he was picked up by one Varmuyan Sherif whom I made mention
11 of before who was beyond the rebel lines and that he was a ULIMO
12 commander. He said he came and collected him and they went to
13 Monrovia and he said that was the time he got the other satellite
14 phone that he was talking about. According to him, he said the
10:29:55 15 satellite phone was given to him by President Charles Taylor at
16 that time.

17 Q. You say at the time you learnt of this information Sam
18 Bockarie was comparing two satellite phones that he had. Is that
19 correct?

10:30:12 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And you said he made a visit to Liberia and had been picked
22 up by who?

23 A. Well, he named Varmuyan Sherif and I came to understand
24 later during the ULIMO transaction with the RUF at that time.

10:30:45 25 Q. Did he tell you what was the purpose of the visit to
26 Liberia?

27 A. There was no detailed information about that visit really,
28 but I only came to know that he went there because of the
29 comparison he was making, how he got the other satellite phone,

1 sir.

2 Q. Did he say how long the visit lasted?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. Now, you have mentioned that apart from this visit you were
10:31:35 5 aware of other visits that Sam Bockarie made to Liberia later on.
6 Is that correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You have also just mentioned that you were given a certain
9 assignment while you were in Buedu at this time.

10:32:01 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. What was the assignment given to you?

12 A. I was a store keeper, sir.

13 Q. When you say store keeper, what specifically were you -
14 what store were you taking care of? What did you keep in your
10:32:24 15 store?

16 A. I was in charge of the ammunition, the food supplies that
17 used to come from Liberia, you know, for the RUF at that time.

18 Q. Who gave you this appointment?

19 A. Sam Bockarie, sir.

10:32:51 20 Q. Where was this store that you were in charge of?

21 A. There were two stores later. The first one started when
22 I arrived in Buedu. Right in front of his house there was a
23 store which was attached to his room. When the supply increased
24 there was another store that was established about a few yards
10:33:30 25 from where Sam Bockarie's compound was.

26 Q. What was kept in these stores?

27 A. The main consignments that these stores were established
28 for were arms, ammunition, food supplies and fuel oil, gasoline,
29 kerosene, et cetera.

1 Q. And you said the supplies were coming from where?

2 A. These supplies were coming through Liberia.

3 Q. How did you know that the supplies were coming through
4 Liberia?

10:34:21 5 A. I came to know this from the escorts that used to come on
6 the route that they used to enter Sierra Leone and Buedu at that
7 time.

8 Q. Now, then you said "the routes that they used". What route
9 did they use to enter? The escorts, what routes did they use to
10 enter Buedu at that time?

10:34:59 11 A. There is a crossing point along the Sierra Leone-Liberian
12 border called Dawa which is when you crossed on the Liberian side
13 and you enter Foya and in the Sierra Leonean area you enter
14 through Benduma, that was the route that they used to use.

10:35:23 15 Q. How did you know this?

16 A. With the exception of the point --

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he kindly repeat this
18 answer.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a minute, Mr Witness.

10:35:46 20 Mr Interpreter, please repeat what you said.

21 THE INTERPRETER: Can he kindly repeat his answer.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter is having a
23 problem keeping up with you. Could you repeat your answer.
24 Start again. You said, "With the exception of the point".

10:35:59 25 Please continue from there.

26 MR BANGURA:

27 Q. Just to remind you, the question was how did you know that
28 they were using the route which you just described? You
29 mentioned Dawa and Benduma?

1 A. One of the ways I knew about these routes was that from the
2 point at Dawa entering into Buedu that was the only route
3 accessible to enter into, I mean, Sierra Leone at that time, and
4 these people who used to bring these supplies, I mean the
10:36:42 5 escorts, some of them used to explain about the type of the road
6 conditions that they met in some towns and villages that they
7 used to call. On some occasions I can remember vehicles bringing
8 these supplies, you know, were broken down on the road and I was
9 asked to send another vehicle to help to transfer the supplies in
10:37:16 10 the other vehicle. They mentioned these villages and towns where
11 this had happened and I came to understand to know that most of
12 these areas were in Liberia.

13 Q. Now, the points that you mentioned earlier were Dawa
14 crossing point and Benduma which you said were on the Sierra
10:37:38 15 Leone side. Is that correct?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Did you know of routes that they used outside of Sierra
18 Leone, I mean bringing these supplies into Sierra Leone?

19 A. Yes, sir.

10:37:55 20 Q. Which route did they use that you knew of?

21 A. The escorts used to mention Foya, Kolahun, Voinjama,
22 Zorzor, Gbarnga and Monrovia, sir.

23 Q. When you say "escorts", who are you referring to here? Who
24 were these escorts?

10:38:30 25 A. These were the people who always brought these supplies of
26 arms and ammunition and food supplies to Buedu.

27 Q. Do you recall the names of the escorts?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Please name them.

- 1 A. Colonel Jungle was one of them, sir, we had Sampson, then
2 we had one Mike and we had others who had nicknames like
3 Senegalese and Junior. I can remember a consignment came where
4 I saw Zigzag Marzah and one Pa Sheku, so these were some of the
10:39:35 5 people when these consignments came I used to see them coming
6 along with these supplies from Liberia.
- 7 Q. Now these escorts that you have named, you said Colonel
8 Jungle and in your earlier evidence to this Court you had
9 mentioned a Colonel Jungle. Do you recall that?
- 10:40:00 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Are they one and the same person?
- 12 A. It is the same person that I am referring to, sir.
- 13 Q. Now, you mentioned Sampson. Do you know him by - what is
14 his full name?
- 10:40:22 15 A. No, sir. I only knew him by that Sampson name, sir.
- 16 Q. You also mentioned Mike. Do you have a full name for him?
- 17 A. That was the only name I used to call him, sir, Mike.
- 18 Q. You mentioned Senegalese, which you say is a nickname. Do
19 you know what this person's proper name is?
- 10:40:57 20 A. No, sir.
- 21 Q. What about Junior?
- 22 A. I only knew him as Junior, sir.
- 23 Q. And Pa Sheku, did he have a surname?
- 24 A. I didn't know the surname, sir. I only knew him as Pa
10:41:20 25 Sheku, sir.
- 26 Q. Now these escorts that you have named, do you know who they
27 were working for?
- 28 A. Yes, sir.
- 29 Q. Who were they working for?

1 A. They were working for President Charles Taylor at that
2 time.

3 Q. How did you know that they were working for President
4 Charles Taylor?

10:41:49 5 A. First of all, Jungle had been well-known as one of the
6 members of the Special Security Services of President
7 Charles Taylor and Sampson was also part of the Special Security
8 Service. Senegalese, he always dressed in the SOD uniform, black
9 suit known as SOD. In addition to that, they also used to
10:42:38 10 express most of their relationships with Charles Taylor's
11 government in Liberia when they come.

12 Q. Now, let us be clear about how you knew. First of all, you
13 said Jungle was well-known - was a well-known part of special
14 security for Charles Taylor. Now yourself, how did you know that
10:43:08 15 he was a known special security for Charles Taylor?

16 A. He always used to say it. From what they used to even tell
17 me when I entered Liberia, I proved all they had been saying
18 about their relationship with Charles Taylor at that time.

19 Q. And this was in relation to Jungle, is that right?

10:43:38 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. You talked about Senegalese and you said he was dressed in
22 SOD - dressed as SOD. What do you mean?

23 A. When I entered Liberia in 2000, you know, I came to
24 understand that this SOD that Senegalese used to talk about was
10:44:17 25 one of the security groups of President Charles Taylor's
26 government at that time. They used to call them Special
27 Operational Division unit.

28 Q. What about Junior? Do you know whether he belonged to any
29 group, or any unit?

1 A. He belonged to the SS unit, sir.

2 Q. How were you able to tell?

3 A. When I entered Liberia I met him working as an SS and even
4 during the interim government of Gyude Bryant I saw him working
10:45:10 5 as SS.

6 Q. When you say "SS", what do you mean?

7 A. It is the Special Security Service.

8 Q. Where?

9 A. In Liberia.

10:45:23 10 Q. Now, did you know what nationality these escorts were?

11 I will take them in turn. Colonel Jungle, did you know what his
12 nationality was?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. What was his nationality?

10:45:50 15 A. A Liberian, sir.

16 Q. What about Sampson?

17 A. A Liberian, sir.

18 Q. Mike?

19 A. A Liberian, sir.

10:46:08 20 Q. Senegalese?

21 A. A Liberian, sir.

22 Q. Junior?

23 A. A Liberian, sir.

24 Q. Zigzag Marzah?

10:46:22 25 A. A Liberian, sir.

26 Q. And Pa Sheku?

27 A. Pa Sheku, I used to have some French background really. He
28 was a Guinean, sir.

29 Q. How did you know he was Guinean?

1 A. Well later, during our time that I was with him after I had
2 left Buedu, I came to know that he had some connection with
3 Guinea, sir.

10:47:12 4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, did you say the witness
5 had some French background, or Pa Sheku had the French
6 background?

7 THE INTERPRETER: I said Pa Sheku.

8 THE WITNESS: Come back with that question, sir.

10:47:30 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, who had the French
10 background?

11 THE WITNESS: I am referring to Pa Sheku here, sir, sorry.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Thank you.

13 MR BANGURA:

14 Q. Mr Witness, you mentioned the SS and you said it is one
10:47:50 15 of - what were the functions of this unit, if you remember?

16 A. When I was in Monrovia I came to learn that these were the
17 closed, you know, the securities to President, or the president -
18 of any president of Liberia.

19 Q. Now, you mentioned these escorts. Did you know whether
10:48:23 20 they dealt through anyone? You said they were working for
21 Charles Taylor, President Taylor. Did you know whether they
22 dealt through anybody?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: What do you mean "dealt"? They are not
24 playing cards, are they?

10:48:43 25 MR BANGURA:

26 Q. Did you know whether they worked or they were answerable to
27 anybody apart from President Taylor?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Who did you know that they were answerable to?

1 A. They used to mention Benjamin Yeaten who was working with
2 Charles Taylor at that time.

3 Q. What did they say about Benjamin Yeaten that you learnt?

10:49:34

4 A. Most of their instructions that were given to them they
5 used to mention his name that he gave them instructions to do
6 some of the activities that they used to do towards the RUF.

7 Q. When you say "some of the activities they used to do
8 towards the RUF", what activities are you referring to? Be
9 specific.

10:49:55

10 A. I am specifically talking about this escort of arms and
11 ammunition into the RUF territory.

12 Q. Thank you. Mr Witness, how long were you in the position
13 of store keeper for Sam Bockarie?

10:50:31

14 A. Well, I remained in that position up to 1999 when Sam
15 Bockarie finally left the RUF.

16 Q. When in 1999 did Sam Bockarie leave the RUF?

17 A. That was in December 1999, sir.

10:51:06

18 Q. You have said that there were supplies coming through
19 Liberia and they were escorted by these people that you have
20 named. How frequently were these supplies coming from Liberia?

21 A. The supplies were not that much frequent, but they used to
22 come once on a while, sir.

23 Q. When you say once in a while, are you able to give some
24 idea?

10:51:37

25 A. Yes, sir. In this case I am referring to - I am trying to
26 say, you know, that there was no specific schedule for these
27 people coming, so there were times, you know, I would hear from
28 Sam Bockarie that he had made a request because of the situation
29 on the ground before these supplies came. So it was not

1 something regular.

2 Q. And when you say you would hear from Sam Bockarie that he
3 had made a request, what exactly would Sam Bockarie tell you
4 about the request he made?

10:52:25 5 A. Well, at the time that I was serving as store keeper there
6 were times when RUF was highly in need of ammunition. Like I can
7 set a typical example, like the day the Guineans crossed over
8 from Guinea towards Koindu he was given the courage that he had
9 already called to Monrovia and that they have already dispatched
10:53:01 10 men to come with some supplies.

11 Q. Now, the example you have just given, when did this happen?
12 You said when the Guineans crossed to Koindu. When did this
13 happen?

14 A. That was in late 1998.

10:53:24 15 Q. And what happened on this occasion?

16 A. Well, we just heard a serious bombardment from the Guinean
17 troops crossing into Sierra Leone territory towards Koindu.

18 Q. What happened after that?

19 A. RUF sent a reinforcement and after some serious fighting
10:53:59 20 they finally established a defensive position near Koindu.

21 Q. And you talk about Sam Bockarie assuring - making a request
22 at this time. Can you say exactly how this went about?

23 A. Well, as one of the examples I just mentioned, the way that
24 I used to know that he made requests, that evening the commanders
10:54:42 25 from Koindu came for supplies and there was nothing in store
26 then. That was the time he said he had called at that time to
27 the Papay in Liberia. At that time when he said "Papay in
28 Liberia" he was referring to Charles Ghankay Taylor. So he said
29 that there was hope that men were on the way coming with

1 something for us. That was arms and ammunition.

2 Q. What was the result of this request?

3 A. After this we saw these people I have just mentioned, they
4 brought arms and ammunition.

10:55:30 5 Q. When you say these people that you had just mentioned,
6 which one of these people, or which ones among them that you saw?

7 A. I am referring to Sampson, Jungle, Mike and Senegalese.

8 Q. Do you recall how often you saw these escorts in Buedu?

9 A. Well, they used to come once on a while and sometimes
10:56:14 10 somebody like Jungle, who had a girlfriend in Buedu, used to come
11 and spend some time before he returns to Liberia.

12 Q. Now, do you recall the kind of materials that were supplied
13 on these missions?

14 A. If we are talking in terms of the different groups or
10:56:49 15 categories of consignments, I used to receive ammunition of AK
16 and these anti-aircraft weapon ammunition. We had some RPG
17 rockets, the weapons themselves, rice supply and petrol, diesel
18 fuel oil and sometimes even used clothing, we used to receive all
19 these, and other condiments that were needed.

10:57:34 20 Q. When these supplies came did you do anything about them?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. What did you do?

23 A. When these supplies came I used to take inventory of these
24 supplies and through the instruction of Sam Bockarie, you know,
10:58:04 25 I prepared a distribution list and they would be sent to the
26 various needed targets.

27 Q. Now, first of all, what did you do with the inventory that
28 you prepared of material that was supplied?

29 A. Well, I had to carry it to Sam Bockarie to confirm them and

1 I had to keep it safe.

2 Q. You mentioned that on his instructions, that is on Sam
3 Bockarie's instructions, you would send these materials to the --

4 A. Yes, sir.

10:58:54 5 Q. You sent them to where they were needed. How were they
6 actually distributed?

7 A. Well, the various targets that RUF had at that time, we
8 supplied a target according to the tension or how the needs came.

9 If there was any operation that needed a larger consignment, we
10:59:31 10 sent a larger supply to that particular area. So this was how,
11 you know, these supplies used to go on.

12 Q. When you say target, what do you mean?

13 A. These were the various front line areas where RUF was
14 controlling at that time.

10:59:50 15 Q. During the period that you were store man and you received
16 these supplies, do you recall which front lines or targets that
17 you had to distribute arms to and ammunition?

18 A. Yes, sir. At this point in time when Koindu had become a
19 target, Koindu was one of the targets. Then we had of course the
11:00:26 20 Kono defensive. Then we had Sengema defensive and later on we
21 had the Segbwema defensive. We had Kui va. You know, these were
22 the main front line targets that I used to supply at that time.

23 Q. Just to be clear, Mr Witness, you mentioned two names that
24 sounded quite similar. Apart from Kono, Koindu, did you mention
11:01:02 25 Segbwema. What is the other one that sounds so similar to
26 Segbwema?

27 A. I said Sengema.

28 Q. Mr Witness, the role that you performed was one of store
29 keeper. Did the RUF have anybody appointed to perform that same

1 role that you were performing?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Was there a title for that role officially within the RUF
4 structure?

11:02:11 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What was the title for that position normally?

7 A. That was the G4 position, sir.

8 Q. And was there someone who was officially a G4 within the
9 RUF at that time?

11:02:30 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Who was that person?

12 A. C0 Brown was the RUF G4, sir.

13 Q. Did he have a deputy or an assistant?

14 A. Yes, sir, I knew one Hassan Kamara that was working with
11:03:03 15 him as G4, sir.

16 Q. Did C0 Brown have anything to do with the supplies that
17 came from Liberia at that time?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. What about his deputy?

11:03:24 20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Do you know why this was the situation?

22 A. I never knew why this was happening at this time.

23 Q. Now, you mentioned that there were two stores and could you
24 again describe where those stores were?

11:03:55 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Where were they?

27 A. The first store, that is the smaller one, was attached to
28 Sam Bockarie's house. Then the bigger one that was later
29 established was few yards away from Sam Bockarie's house going

1 towards the centre of Buedu Town.

2 Q. Apart from these two stores did the RUF have any storage
3 facility elsewhere in some other place?

4 A. Yes, sir.

11:04:49 5 Q. Where did they have facility for storage else?

6 A. Before this time of this other supplies coming in 1998 the
7 RUF had the G4 stores, one in Kudorwahun, a village about two
8 miles from Buedu, where they kept some other weapons like the
9 anti-aircraft weapon that we were now using.

11:05:32 10 Q. Now just before we move on, can you help the Court with the
11 spelling of this place that you have named as Kudorwahun?

12 A. Kudorwahun is spelt as K-U-D-O-R-W-A-H-U-N.

13 Q. And how far away from Buedu was Kudorwahun?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, he has already said that. It
11:06:04 15 is two miles. You have been having an increasing tendency to
16 repeat evidence that has already been adduced. I remarked on
17 this yesterday.

18 MR BANGURA: My apologies, your Honour:

19 Q. You said that before you even took on - before the stores
11:06:24 20 in Buedu there was Kudorwahun already?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. What else was kept in Kudorwahun apart from the you
23 mentioned anti-aircraft weapons?

24 A. These were mainly arms and ammunition that the RUF was not
11:06:52 25 using at that time.

26 Q. What about the stores in Buedu? What was kept in them?

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have had that evidence also. He has
28 divided it into two categories.

29 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the witness has given us a wide

1 range of materials that were supplied at the time and I am
2 seeking to have the witness say what was stored in each one.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, Mr Bangura, I will allow the
4 question. I do recollect him saying what was in each store, but
11:07:26 5 please put the question.

6 MR MUNYARD: He did talk about anti-aircraft weapons in
7 that store, I think.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is in the other store, but
9 Mr Bangura's question was in Buedu and you may recall there was
11:07:37 10 fuel, diesel, food, condiments et cetera, but let the question be
11 put.

12 MR MUNYARD: Very well.

13 MR BANGURA:

14 Q. Mr Witness, were all these materials that you mentioned,
11:07:47 15 the arms and ammunition, fuel, food, clothing, were they all
16 stored in one store in Buedu?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. In which one of the two stores were they stored?

19 A. The larger store contained all these items that you have
11:08:09 20 just mentioned, sir.

21 Q. And which was the larger of the two stores in Buedu?

22 A. And I said the one about a few yards from Sam Bockarie's
23 living quarters.

24 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, at this point I respectfully ask
11:08:39 25 that the witness be shown a photograph. This is P005001. It is
26 actually not in the document binder that was distributed.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Has it been distributed, Mr Bangura?

28 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour.

29 MS IRURA: Your Honour, copies were handed out.

1 MR BANGURA: Not to show the witness yet. I wish to lead
2 him through a few questions and then show the witness:

3 Q. You said one of the stores was in Sam Bockarie's house in
4 Buedu. Is that correct?

11:11:07 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Whereabouts? Which part of the house was that store?

7 A. When you are standing in front of Sam Bockarie's house at
8 that time, you know, when you were facing the house from the
9 street, I mean the road coming from Liberia, the store is on the
10 right-hand side. On the right-hand side of the house.

11:11:38

11 Q. Now apart from the store being in that house, was there any
12 other - apart from Sam Bockarie living in the house, was the
13 house used for any other purpose?

14 A. At some point in time the only important thing here that
15 I knew minus being used as a dwelling place, you know, the
16 veranda room was at one time used, you know, as a radio room for
17 the radio operators.

11:12:13

18 Q. When you say "the veranda room", what do you mean? What
19 part of the house was that?

20 A. That was the front room, I mean the front room of the
21 house, and when you are facing the house from the street the room
22 was on your left-hand side.

11:12:35

23 MR BANGURA: Can the witness be shown the photograph.

24 MR MUNYARD: Before the witness is shown the photograph,

11:12:58

25 I would ask that first of all my learned friend indicates to
26 myself the notes of interview or whenever it was that this
27 witness was shown this photograph, if he has been shown it
28 before, because I can't find it in all the voluminous notes that
29 we have been supplied with and I would like to be able to follow

1 his evidence in relation to this photograph by looking at what he
2 has said before. I am afraid I just can't find it. It may be
3 that it doesn't exist and that is why I can't find it. That is
4 what I would ask, first of all.

11:13:38 5 I would also ask that before a witness is shown a
6 photograph he is at least taken through some sort of description
7 of the premises, rather than simply have the photograph put in
8 front of him which is the biggest form of leading question that
9 it is possible to imagine.

11:13:55 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Two points of objection, Mr Bangura.
11 Please take them one by one.

12 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, on the first point I have to
13 indicate that the photograph which is about to be shown to the
14 witness now has not itself been shown to this witness before in
11:14:17 15 prep, or rather has not been - there has not been any notes taken
16 of this photograph which has been provided to counsel on the
17 other side. A photograph was shown to the witness which is not
18 exactly the same as this one and for which notes were given.
19 This photograph as marked was not - was shown to the witness, but
11:14:43 20 there were no notes provided that were sent to the Defence and so
21 counsel may very well not find any notes from material disclosed
22 relating to this photograph.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, was this photograph shown to
24 the witness or not?

11:14:58 25 MR BANGURA: It was shown to the witness during prep, your
26 Honours, but there were no notes sent to counsel relating to this
27 particular photograph. The photograph for which notes were --

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a moment, Mr Bangura. Was there any
29 notes taken in relation to this photograph during prepping?

1 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour. The position is that what
2 we have, or are about to show to the witness now, is a much
3 bigger version of the photograph which was shown to the witness
4 and for which notes were taken and sent to counsel on the other
11:15:33 5 side.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: So to understand the factual situation it
7 was that there was a smaller photograph, but the same photograph,
8 and the relevant notes have been disclosed to the Defence?

9 MR BANGURA: Correct, your Honour, but that photograph
11:15:52 10 would have a different number from this one and that is why
11 my learned friend cannot find it.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, for full disclosure please indicate
13 what that number was to Defence counsel.

14 MR BANGURA: I shall do that in a minute, your Honour.

11:16:05 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: And on the second point I think
16 Mr Munyard has a valid objection. Showing this witness the
17 photograph before asking him to describe the house is tantamount
18 to leading.

19 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I will endeavour to do more, but
11:16:24 20 I can say, your Honour, that I have led the witness through
21 questions already which seek to establish the witness's knowledge
22 of the house where Sam Bockarie was staying and the location
23 particularly in that house where arms were kept and the witness's
24 answer is quite clear, but, your Honour, I can ask a few more
11:16:46 25 questions to establish further foundation.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think that would be appropriate,
27 Mr Bangura. Mr Munyard, you have heard Mr Bangura's response to
28 the first prong of your objection and I understand that
29 information will be supplied to you.

1 MR MUNYARD: Well I am grateful for that, your Honour. In
2 the bundle of photographs I have got I can't see anything that
3 amounts to a smaller version of that same photograph and so --

11:17:22 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are showing it to the witness. We
5 all know what you are referring to, Mr Munyard.

6 MR MUNYARD: Yes. I don't know and I will be grateful for
7 an indication of the date and the page number if that has been
8 shown before, but secondly in the light of what my learned friend
9 has just said my application is a case of closing the stable door
11:17:44 10 after the horse has bolted because he has just told us that he
11 has been shown this photograph in prepping but no note - either
12 no note was taken of it, or - and I am not sure what his answer
13 to your Honour was. Either no note was taken of it, or no note
14 was disclosed to the Defence about that occasion when he was
11:18:04 15 shown this photograph.

16 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, may I reply?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's have the disclosure issue
18 finalised. Have you been able to get the relevant dates?

19 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, that is being dealt with.

11:18:34 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard, have you any objection to
21 counsel proceeding whilst that information is being put together
22 for you?

23 MR MUNYARD: No, I have no objection to him proceeding if
24 he is in fact going to ask the witness to describe the house in a
11:18:49 25 little more detail. I take the point that he has attempted to do
26 some description, but it doesn't seem to me to be anything like
27 the sort of --

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has already indicated that he will be
29 dealing with it in more detail.

1 MR MUNYARD: Yes, well I am grateful for that.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Bangura, whilst your
3 colleagues look for the relevant disclosure.

4 MR BANGURA: Thank you:

11:19:11 5 Q. Mr Witness, the house where the store was, Sam Bockarie's
6 house, can you describe what kind of house it was? What was it
7 built of?

8 A. The house was a concrete house.

9 Q. Can you indicate whether it was on one or more than one
11:19:45 10 level?

11 A. I do not understand that term, sir, that level, sir.

12 Q. Was it a storied house?

13 A. No, sir. It is a one level house, sir.

14 Q. What kind of roof did that house have?

11:20:17 15 A. It had a zinc house - a zinc roof. Zinc roofing.
16 Something like - something like a brownish colour, an old zinc
17 I mean. The colour had become old, something like brownish the
18 colour.

19 Q. And do you know in what part of town this house was
11:20:42 20 situated?

21 A. The house was at the edge of the town going towards the
22 Dawa border.

23 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I would ask at this point in
24 time that the witness be shown the photograph.

11:21:06 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please show the photograph to the
26 witness.

27 MR BANGURA:

28 Q. Mr Witness, do you see the photograph that has been shown
29 to you?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Do you recognise the photograph? Do you recognise the
3 image in the photograph? Your Honours, I think there is a
4 problem with what comes up on the screen from the projector and
11:21:55 5 the witness is viewing the photograph from his screen. What we
6 have here is somewhat - it is not actually blurred, but the image
7 is not very clear.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please take the photo off the screen and
9 show it to the witness physically, Madam Court Attendant. When
11:22:42 10 this is remedied it can be put back on again.

11 MR BANGURA:

12 Q. Mr Witness, what do you recognise in that photograph?

13 A. The house resembles the house that I was just describing as
14 Sam Bockarie's house at that time.

11:23:07 15 Q. And you mentioned that the house had a store. Can you
16 identify - your Honours, at this stage it may be that the public
17 would be - would not be able to follow the indications that the
18 witness is giving.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: While we are dealing with that,
11:23:26 20 Mr Bangura, I don't understand this witness's answer. "The house
21 resembles"?

22 MR BANGURA: That is what he says, your Honour. I will get
23 him to --

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What does that mean?

11:23:37 25 MR BANGURA: I will get him to clarify further.

26 THE WITNESS: Can I go on?

27 MR BANGURA:

28 Q. Yes, Mr Witness, the question was whether you recognised
29 the image in the photograph and your answer was it resembled the

1 house. What do you mean when you say it resembled?

2 A. I mean the building itself is the house at the time which
3 Sam Bockarie was using. I saw some changes, some outstanding
4 landmarks. That is why I said it resembled the house.

11:24:21 5 Q. When you say you saw changes what changes did you see, or
6 do you see?

7 A. At that time that I was living in this area right at the
8 main entrance of the steps there was a yellow tanker right down
9 there and, secondly, the position of this palm tree really at

11:24:47 10 that time the tree was - like this was not right in front of the
11 house, but the building itself was the house Sam Bockarie was
12 living in.

13 Q. How many years since that - how many years now since you
14 lived in that or you worked in that house?

11:25:09 15 A. I worked in that house 1995 to 1999.

16 Q. The question is how many years since to today?

17 A. About four years that I have been around that house.

18 Q. Mr Witness, the question was since the time you worked
19 there to now how many years is it? How long has it been?

11:25:53 20 A. Okay, now I understand your point, sir. It is about nine
21 years, sir.

22 Q. Thank you. Now you talked about something that was before
23 the house, in front of the house. Was it a permanent fixture?
24 Was it something that was permanently fixed there?

11:26:20 25 A. No, sir. It was a removable tank, sir. Something that can
26 be removed.

27 Q. Thank you. Now, can you proceed to show in the photograph
28 where the store was that you referred to?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, if it is a matter to do with the
2 image that the public gets from the projector, if it is something
3 that can be corrected later for the benefit of the public I could
4 skip over this part of the evidence at this stage and get back to
11:27:31 5 it at some point for the benefit of the public to follow.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: If that is convenient, Mr Bangura. We
7 are in fact approaching the break time, so if there is some other
8 matter you can interpose. I understand that the technicians need
9 to come in here to rectify the screen, so if there is another
11:27:52 10 matter you can deal with please do so.

11 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

12 MR MUNYARD: Your Honour, may I rise just to deal with that
13 point. We are on photographs and we have only got three minutes
14 left according to my computer. I would like these enquiries that
11:28:04 15 I have asked for to be resolved and I would like us, if we can,
16 to stick with the issue of photographs. I know it may upset the
17 management committee if we rise two minutes early, but I think it
18 is time well spent with great respect.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me check on the situation to do with
11:28:20 20 your disclosure. Have you been able to find that?

21 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I need to be informed about it.
22 Let me ask.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please. Mr Bangura, in order to allow
24 yourself and your colleagues to deal with this and to have the
11:28:53 25 screen checked, we will rise now a little earlier than - a whole
26 minute earlier than usual and we will resume court at 12 o'clock.

27 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, we are now going to take the
29 mid-morning break. We will be resuming court at 12. Please

1 adjourn court until 12.

2 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

3 [Upon resuming at 12.02 p.m.]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Bangura.

12:02:16 5 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour. Your Honour, on the
6 matter of disclosure to Defence regarding the photograph which
7 the witness has been testifying about, your Honours the
8 Prosecution did disclose initially to the Defence on 22 April
9 2008, that's this year, the photograph, the very same photograph
12:02:55 10 that the witness was testifying about. That was on that date and
11 this is not in relation to interviews or statements taken from
12 the witness, but this was disclosed to the Defence on 22 April
13 2008.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: And that relates to the photograph we're
12:03:14 15 looking at?

16 MR BANGURA: That's right. But additionally my learned
17 friend mentioned notes taken from the witness, which were
18 disclosed to them from interviews that we had with the witness
19 and those notes related to photographs. The same photographs,
12:03:37 20 different views of them, were also discussed with the witness in
21 interviews and notes from those interviews were disclosed to
22 Defence. In interview notes dated 18 April we disclosed to
23 Defence a redacted version of those photographs and then the
24 unredacted version was disclosed in interview notes dated 15
12:04:11 25 January 2007. Both 2007, your Honour. I need to correct myself,
26 your Honour. The unredacted was in 2008.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: That sounds more logical. Now,
28 Mr Munyard, have you been made aware of this?

29 MR MUNYARD: No, I'm hearing it as your Honours are hearing

1 it, but I'm content with having the notes identified to me as to
2 other photographs, I'm assuming it's other photographs, that I
3 have got in the bundle and I can say that I'm - I won't say 100
4 per cent certain, I'm very certain that I personally haven't seen
12:05:11 5 this one before, but I'm not going to take any issue on that. It
6 may be that there's been a breakdown in communication somewhere.
7 It's ancient history now. It's in front of the Court and we can
8 proceed, but I'm grateful to my learned friend for indicating
9 which set of interview notes we've been concerned with.

12:05:31 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel for the Prosecution did indicate
11 earlier that this photograph is a replication of a smaller photo
12 which I understood had been disclosed.

13 MR BANGURA: That's correct, your Honour. Yes, your
14 Honour.

12:05:44 15 MR MUNYARD: I've been through all the photographs in my
16 bundle and I can't see a smaller version of that, but I'm not
17 taking any point on it any more. Let's just proceed.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. We can move on in that case.
19 Now, Mr Bangura, as I recall, you were showing the photograph to
12:06:01 20 the witness and I understand there's been an attempt to try and
21 rectify the problems of putting it on the screen and if you're
22 ready we will proceed on.

23 MR BANGURA: [Microphone not activated]. This photograph
24 actually represents a different view, but it's the same
12:06:29 25 photograph of what was shown to the witness previously. It's a
26 different view.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: It seems to me it can't be the same
28 photograph if it's a different view, but Mr Munyard is not
29 labouring the point. The photograph is before us and we will

1 proceed.

2 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour. May the witness be
3 shown the photograph again.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so.

12:07:01 5 MR MUNYARD: Your Honour, just before the witness is asked
6 any further questions about it can I ask for one point of
7 clarification, because he's already said it's different from how
8 he remembers it. Judging by the colour of the mangoes on the
9 tree I would estimate this photograph to have been taken some
12:07:17 10 time in April or May of a particular year. Are the Prosecution
11 able to tell us which year this photograph was taken?

12 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I am informed it was in April
13 2007, but this is subject to confirmation as well.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. That has been noted. Please
12:07:51 15 proceed, Mr Bangura.

16 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour. Can the witness be
17 shown the photograph again.

18 Q. Mr Witness, you've already seen the photograph before we
19 took the break. Do you recognise in that photograph the location
12:08:40 20 which you said was the store where arms were kept?

21 A. Yes, sir, I said on the right-hand side here.

22 Q. Can you use a pen and draw a line and just write that
23 that's the location where the store was. Write "store". If
24 you're able to just draw a line from the position where the store
12:09:19 25 is, if you can, over the roof where the background is white so
26 that you are able to clearly write.

27 You also mentioned that the house was used - the veranda
28 room was used for radio communication purposes sometimes. Do you
29 recall that?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Can you first of all point to the veranda room that you're
3 referring to on the photograph?

4 A. Yes, sir.

12:10:08 5 Q. Where is it? Just point to it. Can you draw a line just
6 indicating from the veranda room to the foreground of the
7 building and write there "the veranda room". You want to do it
8 at the top? Thank you. Thank you, Mr Witness.

9 A. Thank you, sir.

12:11:02 10 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I move that the document be
11 marked for identification.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is a one page document, a photograph
13 identified and marked by the witness and it is MFI-3.

14 MR BANGURA: Perhaps, your Honours, while we're still on
12:11:23 15 the matter of documents can the witness be shown the document in
16 binder tab number 2 and that's a map. Perhaps not immediately.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is the original binder, Mr Bangura,
18 is it? Because we have these documents and an original binder
19 which is week 10.

12:12:00 20 MR BANGURA: Week 10, correct, your Honour. Your Honour,
21 it's already an exhibit of the Court before. It is P-26. It
22 was exhibited as P-26. The witness is to be given a fresh copy
23 on which he would make markings, not the exhibit of the Court.
24 Can you hold on just for a few moments:

12:12:56 25 Q. Mr Witness, in your earlier testimony I asked you about the
26 route that the arms came through from Liberia. Do you recall
27 that?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. And your evidence is that these arms came through from

1 Monrovi a --

2 A. Yes, si r.

3 Q. -- to Gbarnga, Zorzor, Voinjama, Kolahun and across the
4 border into Sierra Leone. Do you recall that?

12:13:40 5 A. Yes, si r.

6 Q. And these locations are in what country, these locations
7 that I've just mentioned?

8 A. They are all in the Republic of Liberia, si r.

9 MR BANGURA: Thank you. Can the witness be shown the map
12:14:00 10 of Liberia:

11 Q. Mr Witness, do you see the map that is in front of you?

12 A. Yes, si r.

13 Q. Are you familiar with that map?

14 A. I'm familiar with the map for a different country, but not
12:14:52 15 Liberia, si r.

16 Q. Are you able to --

17 MR MUNYARD: Your Honours, I have a feeling that the wrong
18 map may be on the - I don't know what's on the screens. I'm
19 looking at the map in tab 2.

12:15:11 20 MR BANGURA: That is the wrong map I have noticed, your
21 Honour.

22 MR MUNYARD: Can I while I'm on my feet indicate in the
23 interests of speed and efficiency that I would never have
24 disputed that those towns are in the Republic of Liberia and, if
12:15:25 25 the witness is being shown this map in order to trace the route,
26 there's no need for him to do that from the point of view of the
27 Defence.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is helpful. I'm not sure which
29 evidence - the purpose of the evidence you're now adducing,

1 Mr Bangura, but you've heard counsel for the Defence.

2 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, indeed the purpose is to have
3 the witness mark the route - the arms route - from Liberia into
4 Sierra Leone. That's the purpose.

12:15:52 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: A slightly different purpose, Mr Munyard.

6 MR BANGURA: The route that he said the escorts used to
7 bring arms into RUF territories.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's not the one I have either, Madam
9 Court Attendant.

12:16:12 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, is this the map?

11 MR BANGURA: That is the one that I have in mind, your
12 Honour, and that is the one that is labelled --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think you've got it at the other side.

14 MR BANGURA: It is marked --

12:16:25 15 MR MUNYARD: Your Honour, the purpose I raised was a dual
16 purpose. We're not disputing where those towns are, nor do we
17 require the witness to mark the route. He's given the towns. I
18 did say there's no need for him to trace the route, if that's
19 what he's going to do. We can all see it for ourselves.

12:16:43 20 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I understand my learned friend's
21 position, but this is evidence which the Prosecution is adducing
22 to support its case.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I understand that, but the evidence has
24 been accepted by the Defence.

12:16:56 25 MR BANGURA: In that case then, your Honour, the witness
26 has to actually mark on the map for the map to be part of the
27 record.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, let him mark it.

29 MR MUNYARD: Can I make it clear. I'm not accepting the

1 truth of the statement, but I do accept that if he wants to say,
2 "This is the route", then obviously we can see what the route is
3 on the map without the need for taking time by drawing lines all
4 over it.

12:17:24 5 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I'm not quite clear what my
6 learned friend is trying to --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: He's just saying you don't need to have
8 the witness mark it because we can see it and accept that that is
9 a route. That is all he's saying. Whether it happened or not,
10 that is a different issue.

11 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that correct, Mr Munyard?

13 MR MUNYARD: Absolutely right.

14 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, may I have a moment to confer at
12:17:53 15 this point? Your Honours, the Prosecution will move on without
16 necessarily having markings on the map.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good, Mr Bangura. Please proceed,
18 Mr Bangura.

19 MR BANGURA:

12:18:40 20 Q. Mr Witness, in your earlier testimony you mentioned Sengema
21 as one of the front lines, or as you called it target, which the
22 RUF - where the RUF was based during the time that you supplied
23 arms or you were a store keeper. Do you recall that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

12:19:03 25 Q. Where is Sengema located?

26 A. Sengema is across the Moa River towards Sandiaru.

27 Q. And in what district is Sengema?

28 A. Sengema is in the Kailahun District.

29 Q. Now, what specifically was this front line - what was going

1 on at this location, at this target?

2 A. Before the capture of Kono, the Sengema I'm referring to
3 was one of the main routes that the RUF soldiers used to go to
4 the Kono defensive.

12:20:09 5 Q. Thank you. And was there a reason why it was a target, or
6 a front line?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What was the reason?

9 A. At that time I am talking about Kamajors were patrolling
12:20:36 10 within that area and they were suspected of trying to set
11 ambushes on that road, so the troops at Sengema were responsible
12 for the safe passage of our troops to Kono at that time.

13 Q. Thank you. In your testimony you have said that before you
14 came to Buedu Sam Bockarie had travelled to Liberia and you also
12:21:13 15 mentioned that he travelled while you were also in Buedu. Do you
16 recall that?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Do you recall how often Bockarie travelled to Liberia while
19 you were in Buedu?

12:21:38 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. How often were these trips?

22 A. Once in a while, sir.

23 Q. When you say "once in a while", are you able to help the
24 Court with some idea of the frequency?

12:22:07 25 A. Yes, sir, whilst I was in Buedu at that time I can remember
26 he went to Liberia two times.

27 Q. Do you know what was the purpose of his visits to Liberia?

28 A. No, sir.

29 Q. On those occasions that he visited Liberia did he discuss

1 anything before he travelled to Liberia?

2 A. Not to my knowledge, sir.

3 Q. When he returned from those trips to Liberia did he discuss
4 anything about his trips?

12:23:11 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What did he discuss, to your knowledge?

7 A. After one of the trips he made with some delegation that I
8 can remember, when they returned he said we soon be expecting to
9 have more supplies of arms and ammunition.

12:23:45 10 Q. You say he travelled with some delegation. Who were in
11 that delegation?

12 A. At that time he travelled with one Pa SB Rogers and one of
13 his bodyguard commanders, Foday, and he also had one Eddie Kanneh
14 with him.

12:24:15 15 Q. Do you recall when this visit was made to Liberia?

16 A. I can remember the year. That was in 1998.

17 Q. Are you also able to remember about what month in '98 he
18 made that visit?

19 A. No, sir.

12:24:45 20 Q. Was it early, or was it mid, or was it late?

21 A. Some time in mid-1998.

22 Q. And you said that when he came back he said that he was
23 expecting supplies. Is that correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

12:25:10 25 Q. Did you get any supplies after he returned from that trip?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. What supplies did you get?

28 A. We received a large consignment of arms, ammunition,
29 including food supplies, fuel, gasoline, engine oil and other

1 commodities we needed at that time for the soldiers.

2 Q. Do you know who he had gone to see in Liberia on that trip?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Who did he go to see?

12:26:11 5 A. His trips I made mention of here that he made to Liberia
6 were to go to President Charles Taylor at that time.

7 Q. How did you know that these trips were to President
8 Charles Taylor?

9 A. On his return he would explain something about his trip,
12:26:47 10 like the thing I've just made mention of. Like when he said we
11 should soon be expecting ammunition to come.

12 Q. Now in the case of the trip that you have just discussed,
13 what did he say when he came back that made you know that he had
14 gone to see Charles Taylor?

12:27:16 15 A. Even the bodyguard that came along with him, Foday,
16 explained about their visits and that they went to Monrovia to
17 see Charles Taylor.

18 Q. Did Bockarie himself say anything which made you know that
19 he had gone to see Charles Taylor?

12:27:39 20 A. Personally to me, no, sir.

21 Q. Did he make a statement which was not personally to you,
22 but general about who he had gone to see in Liberia?

23 A. Exactly, sir. That was what made me to confirm that he
24 went to see Charles Taylor. Like from what his bodyguard

12:28:07 25 commander that travelled with him told me, sir.

26 Q. Yes, that's what his bodyguard commander said to you. But
27 he himself, Sam Bockarie, you said that he made a statement which
28 was general, not personal to you. What did he say?

29 A. That he travelled to Monrovia to see the old man. At that

1 time when he said the old man, he was referring to
2 Charles Ghankay Taylor at that time.

3 Q. Did he say who was going to send him the supplies?

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4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, let's be sure that the "he"
5 is - I understand you intended it to be Sam Bockarie.

6 MR BANGURA: Sam Bockarie, your Honour. Yes, I will:

7 Q. Did Sam Bockarie say who had promised to send him the
8 supplies when he came and he said he was expecting supplies? Did
9 he say who had promised to send him those supplies?

12:29:12

10 A. Specifically, whenever Sam Bockarie went to Monrovia we
11 would expect those supplies from Charles Taylor.

12 Q. Now, you mentioned two times that you said you knew he
13 travelled to Liberia. Do you recall?

14 A. Yes, sir.

12:29:36

15 Q. When was the other occasion that he travelled that you
16 recall?

17 A. Well, I cannot actually recall the specific purpose for
18 which he went, but he travelled to Monrovia two times that I can
19 remember whilst I was in Buedu.

12:30:04

20 Q. Do you recall when that other occasion was, what year and
21 month?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Now, you were in Buedu as store keeper between early '98
24 and late '99, is that correct?

12:30:31

25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. In the two years there are you able to say in which of
27 those two years he travelled, here and the other occasion that
28 you've referred to?

29 A. The only thing I can say here in this case is that between

1 '98 and '99 he made about two trips that I know of.

2 Q. Now, apart from the trips that you knew of, were there
3 other trips that you learnt about which you yourself did not -
4 you were not personally informed about?

12:31:21 5 A. Please come --

6 MR MUNYARD: He hasn't said that he was informed about this
7 second trip as far as I'm aware. We've really got to be careful
8 with this hearsay which, on the face of it, sounds as though it's
9 going to be double, triple, or even quadruple hearsay.

12:31:39 10 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I'm seeking to establish the
11 witness's knowledge about other events or other situations where
12 there might have been travel that he knew about, but not
13 necessarily personally learnt. We have had evidence of one of
14 those occasions where he knew personally, because of what he
12:32:02 15 learnt directly from the bodyguard and even from Sam Bockarie.
16 That's why the question as it's framed now is to seek his
17 knowledge.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question is somewhat contradictory.
19 It says "that you learnt about" or "you were not personally
12:32:22 20 informed about".

21 MR BANGURA: I shall rephrase it.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Rephrase it so it's clear and we can then
23 assess it in the light of Mr Munyard's objection.

24 MR BANGURA:

12:32:35 25 Q. Mr Witness, you have clearly mentioned one of the two
26 occasions where you learnt about Bockarie's trip to Liberia and
27 one of the ways you knew about this was from the bodyguard who he
28 travelled with and from Bockarie himself when he returned and he
29 talked about supplies which were expected. Do you recall?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Now, apart from the second time that he travelled, which
3 you are not very clear about in terms of your date, were there
4 any other times that you heard, or knew from any other source, or
12:33:19 5 in any other way that he travelled to Liberia?

6 A. Do you mean that Sam Bockarie himself travelled to Liberia,
7 sir? The only time I heard that he made another trip to Liberia
8 was before I came to Buedu. I heard from him that he had made a
9 trip before I came to Buedu.

12:33:49 10 Q. Thank you. You mentioned that during the period you were
11 store keeper supplies were coming from Liberia which you kept in
12 these stores. Did you get supplies from any other source at this
13 time?

14 A. No, sir.

12:34:18 15 Q. Now, earlier you talked about communication which Sam
16 Bockarie had with an operator in Liberia called Sunlight. Do you
17 recall?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Now, apart from that situation which you described at
12:34:42 20 Gendema where you said Bockarie communicated with Sunlight, were
21 there any other times that there was communication between
22 Bockarie and anybody outside of RUF territory, outside of Sierra
23 Leone?

24 A. Yes, sir.

12:35:03 25 Q. What do you recall about these communications?

26 A. I can describe the type of communication I monitored from
27 Sam Bockarie at that time in two phases: He used to communicate
28 on VHF radio directly with Sunlight and the RUF radio operators
29 that were at that time in Monrovia; and, secondly, he used to

1 communicate on a satellite phone that he had. At one time, with
2 the exception of his interviews over the international medias, he
3 even had a communication with Charles Taylor one particular night
4 and he even told me that he was talking to the Papay.

12:36:09 5 Q. All right, thank you. Can we first of all focus on
6 communications via VHF radio, which you have mentioned. You said
7 that he would communicate directly with - I believe you said
8 Sunlight in Liberia, but then you mentioned radio operators, RUF
9 radio operators. Can you explain exactly how he communicated
12:36:42 10 with Liberia using VHF radio?

11 A. As far as the VHF radio is concerned, sometimes he himself
12 spoke directly with Memuna or Tolo, who were the radio operators
13 in Monrovia during 1998/99 whilst I was in Buedu, and sometimes
14 those operators will send radio messages to the operators that we
12:37:19 15 had in Sierra Leone concerning information to Sam Bockarie.

16 Q. Now, first of all you mentioned two names there: Memuna
17 and Tolo. Who were these persons?

18 A. They were the RUF radio operators assigned in Monrovia at
19 that time.

12:37:50 20 Q. And who were the radio operators in Buedu who communicated
21 with these other operators in Liberia?

22 A. Well, there were many operators at that time because they
23 used to change shifts. They were a whole unit on their own by
24 then.

12:38:17 25 Q. Can you remember any names?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. Please mention them.

28 A. I can remember Tiger, it was a nickname for an operator,
29 and we had Ahmed Tarawalli who was often called T Boy and I can

1 remember Sebatu, Pascal who was - I cannot recall the last name,
2 but he is something Amara, but I remember Pascal and then we had
3 Ebony. They were many actually, but they used to change shifts.
4 They were not permanent radio operators. There was no permanent
12:39:22 5 radio operator that I observed staying with the radio throughout.

6 Q. The operators in Monrovia who you mentioned, that is Memuna
7 and Tolo, do you know who assigned them there?

8 A. I mean they were assigned there by Sam Bockarie, sir.

9 Q. And do you recall specifically what were their functions
12:39:57 10 there?

11 A. I knew that they were just operators for the RUF, sir.

12 Q. And what sort of communication did they have with the
13 operators in Buedu?

14 A. Well, there were various types of communications actually.
12:40:30 15 Sometimes it could be official, sometimes private, you know, and
16 sometimes just to talk to other relatives or friends to tell them
17 that we are in Liberia and those were beyond the rebel lines, but
18 actually they were there assigned to perform official duties.

19 Q. When you say official duties, what particularly were those
12:40:56 20 duties?

21 A. There were some communications that would come to be sent
22 to Sam Bockarie at that time through the VHF radio, so they would
23 be there to either receive the message, or to send any message
24 from Liberia to Sam Bockarie through the VHF radio.

12:41:25 25 Q. Where was the message coming from that was relayed to Sam
26 Bockarie?

27 A. In this case when I talk about a radio in Monrovia at that
28 time, it must have been a connection between Sam Bockarie and
29 President Taylor at that time.

1 Q. When you say "it must", can you be clear, what was the
2 position in terms of who communications were coming from that
3 were relayed to Sam Bockarie from Monrovia?

12:42:22 4 A. This communication I am talking about here, you know, I am
5 not trying to, you know - really just like a communication
6 between Sam Bockarie, I don't think Sam Bockarie and some other
7 person were communicating on the VHF except that it was something
8 in the interests of the RUF, which I believe should have been
9 something between Sam Bockarie and the Charles Taylor government.

12:42:49 10 Q. You mentioned Sunlight before. Do you know of --

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Excuse me, Mr Bangura, but I find that
12 answer quite confusing. I'm not sure what it means. Could you
13 please clarify it.

14 MR BANGURA:

12:43:01 15 Q. Mr Witness, let me go back to the question I asked you.
16 You have said that the operators there in Monrovia had official
17 duties and that included relaying communications to Sam Bockarie
18 from Liberia. The question was who were these communications
19 coming from?

12:43:33 20 A. Really that question is somehow difficult for me because I
21 never knew how the communications were going on, but all I knew
22 at that time was that there were operators for the RUF in
23 Monrovia and they often communicated with those operators that we
24 had in Sierra Leone.

12:43:56 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, counsel asked who were they
26 from, not how they came.

27 THE WITNESS: Come back with that question, please.

28 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I will probably try and deal
29 with it in another way because the witness seems not to be clear

1 with perhaps the method - the approach I'm taking:

12:44:40 2 Q. You have said that Sam Bockarie would receive message - if
3 there was message he would receive message coming from the
4 operators in Liberia to the operators in Buedu. Did Bockarie
5 send messages to Liberia through those - through that network, as
6 you have explained?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Who would he send messages or who did he send messages to?

12:45:04 9 A. I said at that time I would only expect a message from Sam
10 Bockarie to either Charles Taylor, who was the president at that
11 time, or Benjamin Yeaten whose operator I knew often communicated
12 with the RUF.

13 Q. Now, you mentioned Sunlight before.

12:45:20 14 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well I don't know whether that's evidence
15 at all, what he would expect. If he would expect those messages,
16 it's not evidence that he received those messages.

17 MR MUNYARD: May I also intervene at this point, because he
18 gave an earlier answer that illustrates that same point. His
19 earlier answer was:

12:45:39 20 "I don't think Sam Bockarie and some other person were
21 communicating on VHF except that it was something in the
22 interests of the RUF, which I believe should have been something
23 between Sam Bockarie and the Charles Taylor government."

12:45:57 24 It is, in my submission, perfectly plain what this witness
25 is saying and the more we go over the same point the more he is
26 emphasising this is his assumption, or expectation, and no more
27 than that. I really don't think it's proper, when he's made that
28 as plain as he has, that my learned friend attempts to try to
29 build this into something that it patently isn't.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: The factual situation is, Mr Bangura,
2 that the witness knows or he doesn't know. If he knows, let him
3 answer. If he does not know, let him say so.

4 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, this is the evidence as it
12:46:35 5 stands and at the end of the day it would be up to the Court to
6 weigh this evidence and evaluate it, but --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but the crux of the matter,
8 Mr Bangura, is evidence, not speculation or assumption.

9 MR BANGURA: I take the point, your Honour.

12:46:46 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: So my learned colleague and counsel have
11 both made very valid points and I've also indicated to you I find
12 it quite confusing. Please proceed and, if the witness does not
13 know, please do not belabour the point.

14 MR BANGURA: I am moving on, your Honour.

12:47:07 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

16 MR BANGURA:

17 Q. Mr Witness, you mentioned Sunlight. Are you aware of
18 communications that - between the operators in Buedu and Sunlight
19 at the time you were there in Buedu?

12:47:25 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What was the subject of those communications?

22 A. Really I don't know the details of those communications,
23 but they used to communicate, sir.

24 Q. Thank you. Now, you also mentioned that Sam Bockarie
12:47:51 25 communicated using a satellite phone. Is that correct?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. At one stage before in your earlier evidence you mentioned
28 that he was comparing two different satellite phones that he had.
29 Do you recall that?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Now, you have mentioned also that one of those phones he
3 said was given to him by President Taylor. Is that correct?

4 A. Yes, sir.

12:48:21 5 Q. Do you know how he got the other one?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. And do you know how frequently he communicated using the
8 satellite phone?

9 A. No, sir.

12:48:40 10 Q. Now, you said that on one occasion he had been on the
11 satellite phone with President Taylor. Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. When was this?

14 A. I cannot remember the specific time, but it was on the
12:49:05 15 occasion when we were under attack from the Guinean troops that
16 had crossed from Guinea.

17 Q. Do you know where this communication took place; where Sam
18 Bockarie was when he communicated to Charles Taylor?

19 A. That was at midnight and later he was saying that he was
12:49:27 20 talking to the old man regarding the situation prevailing on the
21 ground, sir.

22 Q. Apart from that occasion, did you see him using the
23 satellite phone on any other occasion?

24 A. Yes, sir.

12:49:47 25 Q. When was that?

26 A. He used to communicate on the satellite phone most often,
27 but I did not know who he was speaking with sometimes, especially
28 during the day.

29 Q. Did you have any responsibility to do with the satellite

1 phone that Sam Bockarie used?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. What was your responsibility?

4 A. I was in charge of the generator that used to supply power
12:50:32 5 to the house and I was always assigned to charging the batteries
6 of the satellite phone, sir.

7 Q. And how frequently did you have to do this?

8 A. Most of the time, as long as it needed to be charged, and
9 if I were around I would have to put it on charge.

12:51:03 10 Q. Now in your evidence about supplies that came you have said
11 that these supplies came, although not regularly. Do you recall
12 any particular supply that - do you recall any one that still
13 remains in mind?

14 A. Yes, sir.

12:51:33 15 Q. Which one do you recall?

16 A. I can remember a large consignment of ammunition came in
17 late 1998 for the Kono operation, sir.

18 Q. Do you recall who escorted - you've said that there were
19 escorts usually. Do you recall who escorted that consignment?

12:52:08 20 A. To be specific the case of this particular consignment that
21 came in 1998 I can't recall the specific escorts, but a large
22 consignment came at one time when Pa Sheku and Colonel Jungle,
23 Zigzag Marzah and Abu Keita and others, I saw them when the
24 consignment came.

12:52:46 25 Q. And you said that this consignment was for Kono operation.
26 How did you know it was for Kono operation?

27 A. When I received one of those large consignments that I'm
28 talking about, especially the one that came in '98, Brigadier
29 Issa came to Buedu and I was instructed to list down some of the

1 material that were to be taken to Kono for Koidu to be attacked.

2 Q. Do you recall about what time this was?

3 A. Let's say that was some times in December 1998.

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4 Q. And do you recall some of the material that came in that
5 supply?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Briefly, if you can, just mention those that you recall.

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8 A. There were large consignments of AK ammunition. There were
9 G3 rounds. There were RPG rounds rockets. We had GPMG rounds,
10 we had GMG rounds, we had some bazooka rockets and we had mortar
11 bombs. We had a good number of drums of petrol, diesel, engine
12 oil, we had some bags of rice and we had other materials that we
13 needed like salt, Maggi and even batteries.

12:55:07

14 Q. Now, you said that this supply was for the Kono operation.
15 How did the supply get distributed for that operation?

16 A. Well, as I told you earlier, you know, the distribution to
17 Kono area I am not aware of it, but what happened in Buedu is
18 that a large quantity of this supply went to Kono and smaller
19 quantities were allocated to other defensive positions.

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20 Q. Who received the supply for the operation in Kono?

21 A. Well, at that time it was Brigadier Issa Sesay who received
22 it from Buedu to be taken to Kono.

23 Q. Do you know what happened in Kono in December of '98 after
24 that supply was distributed?

12:56:27

25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Now just before you say what happened, how do you know that
27 it was Issa who received supplies for Kono for the operation?

28 A. At that time he was the overall commander, you know, for
29 the battle front lines and he was more or less the coordinator

1 for that operation between Sam Bockarie and the fighters on the
2 front line.

3 Q. Who actually issued the supply to him?

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4 A. Well, the supply was given to him by Sam Bockarie through
5 my office.

6 Q. When you say by Sam Bockarie through your office, can you
7 be clear about what happened?

12:57:51

8 A. Well, I was instructed to pack the quantity of material
9 that was to go and I handed them over to Brigadier Issa Sesay at
10 that time.

11 Q. Who instructed you?

12 A. Sam Bockarie.

13 Q. Now, do you recall what happened in Kono following the
14 distribution of those supplies?

12:58:12

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What happened there?

12:58:40

17 A. In a week's time we heard of the recapturing of Koidu Town
18 and the RUF troops at that time advanced towards Makeni and they
19 were capturing other towns and they also captured other weapons,
20 ammunition, from the enemies and they announced about them.

21 Q. Do you recall who the commanders were in Kono at that time,
22 apart from Issa Sesay who you've just mentioned was coordinating?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Who were they?

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25 A. At that time I knew of Peter Vandi who was there. Boston
26 Flomo, who was called Rambo, was there. We had Amara Peleto, he
27 was there, and many other officers whose names I cannot recall
28 here now.

29 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, at this stage could the witness

1 be shown the document in tab 30 that is for week 23. It has been
2 marked as an exhibit before as P-93.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, is this a typed document with
4 the ERN number ending 25503?

13:00:53 5 MR BANGURA: Correct, your Honour.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Bangura.

7 MR BANGURA:

8 Q. Mr Witness, there is a document before you. Can you take
9 your time to familiarise yourself with it.

13:02:52 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, is the witness ready to
11 proceed?

12 MR BANGURA:

13 Q. Mr Witness, are you familiar with - have you seen the
14 document?

13:03:08 15 A. No, sir, I have not seen this document before.

16 Q. There are five pages to the document. Do you have all five
17 pages?

18 A. Like this one I'm having here with the address up here,
19 this format I have not seen it, but the consignments listed here
13:03:41 20 seems to be similar to the supplies I gave to Issa Sesay at that
21 time. But the format of the document is what I have not seen
22 before, written in this form, because I gave a list of similar
23 consignments like this to him.

24 Q. I will lead you through the document, Mr Witness.

13:04:03 25 MR MUNYARD: Well, I'm concerned that this witness is going
26 to be led through a document that he says he's never seen before.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, he said he hasn't seen the
28 document. He appears not to be familiar with it.

29 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the witness has said he has not

1 seen the document before, but, your Honours, the Prosecution's
2 position is that the fact that the witness says he's never seen a
3 document before is not in itself a reason why the witness cannot
4 be shown such a document in court, proper foundation having been
13:04:48 5 laid. It's not a reason why the witness cannot be shown such a
6 document in court and asked questions on that document if there
7 are matters in the document which are relevant to what the
8 witness is testifying about in court.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: What foundation have you laid for this
13:05:06 10 document?

11 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, on the matter of foundation the
12 witness has said that they had about - after about a week
13 they heard about --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's not his evidence that has gone past,
13:05:33 15 it is the foundation for this particular document.

16 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, on the question of foundation I
17 probably will need to ask a few questions.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes and I will then hear if counsel for
19 the Defence renews his objection.

13:05:59 20 MR BANGURA:

21 Q. Mr Witness, after the supplies had been given you said that
22 you heard about fighting - what did you hear that happened in
23 Kono after these supplies had been taken over by Issa Sesay?

24 A. I heard of the retaking of Koidu, that the troops had
13:06:23 25 advanced towards Makeni.

26 Q. How did you hear about this?

27 A. The news was all over because it was not something hidden
28 and after that operation some ECOMOGs were captured in that
29 attack and they were brought to Buedu, you know, and they were

1 under detention, and I even heard of the capture of an armoured
2 tank from the ECOMOGs. So these were some of the pieces of
3 information that we heard of the result of the attack.

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4 Q. Now, apart from what you heard, are you aware whether any
5 report was made to Sam Bockarie about the activities in Kono
6 during this operation?

13:07:46

7 A. Really that was the usual routine, that after that
8 operation there must be a report from the operational commanders
9 to the mission commanders; from the mission commander, maybe like
10 when Issa Sesay was at that time around the front lines, to Issa
11 Sesay and from Issa Sesay he would have to send his own report
12 to --

13:08:03

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you are going a little fast
14 for the interpreters and for ourselves. Please pick up and speak
15 more slowly from where you said "from Issa Sesay he would have
16 sent his own report". Please continue.

13:08:29

17 THE WITNESS: As I said, sending reports to Sam Bockarie
18 was the usual routine. This report, the operational commander
19 would send their own reports to the mission commanders. Like
20 when Issa was overseeing this operation, they had to send - the
21 mission commander had to send a report to him, I mean to Issa,
22 and Issa in turn would have to send his own report to Sam
23 Bockarie. But to be specific enough, to say that there was any
24 report in the form of document that passed through me, or I saw
25 it, I cannot confirm that, sir.

13:08:52

26 MR BANGURA:

27 Q. In the case of the Kono operation, who had the
28 responsibility for reporting to Sam Bockarie from the hierarchy
29 that you have already described?

1 A. Brigadier Issa was responsible to send the report to Sam
2 Bockarie at that time, sir.

13:09:28 3 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I believe this is a proper time
4 to have the document shown to the witness based on the questions
5 already asked.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I had indicated that I would invite
7 counsel for the Defence to say whether this foundation overrode
8 his objection.

9 MR MUNYARD: Yes, we still have no indication whatsoever
13:09:53 10 that this witness, in his capacity that he's described, would
11 ever have seen these sorts of reports. He's certainly said
12 already in evidence he's not seen this one before and there is at
13 the moment, as far as I can see, no basis for him being able to
14 comment on the content of a report, the general category of which
13:10:16 15 he doesn't appear, on the face of it, ever to have had anything
16 to do with; either by seeing them, or being involved in sending
17 them anywhere. That's the basis of my objection.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Munyard. Mr Bangura, your
19 reply, please.

13:10:32 20 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I stand by my earlier submission
21 that the fact that the witness has not seen a document before, or
22 did not make the document, or receive it, or was in some other
23 way directly connected with it, is not in itself a bar to the
24 witness being able to speak to the content of that document in
13:10:54 25 court.

26 Your Honours, if the content of the document is relevant to
27 the witness's testimony, my submission is that the witness is in
28 a proper position to be shown such a document and to be able to
29 speak to it. My submission here is that the witness's testimony

1 clearly is relevant to matters which are contained in this
2 document and proper foundation has been laid sufficient enough to
3 enable the witness to speak to the content.

4 [Trial Chamber conferred]

13:12:44 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will allow the document to be shown to
6 the witness and questions put.

7 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

8 Q. Mr Witness --

9 JUDGE LUSSICK: Whether the evidence from this witness
13:13:02 10 about the document will be admissible or not will depend on the
11 nature of the questions you're going to ask, Mr Bangura.

12 MR BANGURA: I take the point, your Honour. Can the
13 witness be shown the document again:

14 Q. Mr Witness, you have seen the document shown to you
13:13:25 15 already. What do you recognise it as?

16 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The evidence is he never saw it before
17 and so he cannot recognise it as anything. Maybe rephrase your
18 question.

19 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour:

13:13:38 20 Q. And what do you - what is that - what is this document?
21 What do you see it as? What does it say?

22 A. When I said that I have never seen this document before I
23 was referring to the time that I was behind rebel lines, I mean
24 in Buedu during this operation, that such a document never came
13:14:08 25 back to my office during my distribution, but when I've gone
26 through the format it indicated to me that this document
27 coincided with the items listed to what I gave to Issa for that
28 Kono operation at that particular time. This is what I'm telling
29 the Court, sir.

1 Q. And when you say "the items listed", can you just indicate
2 which items that you're talking about on the document?

3 Mr Witness --

4 A. Yes, sir.

13:15:01 5 Q. -- which items are you talking about when you say you
6 recognise them as the items?

7 A. The AK ammunition on that list, we have the GPMG, GMG, RPG
8 rockets, we have fuel oil - I mean, diesel.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, you could refer to the item
13:15:30 10 number. The items are numbered. It would assist if you referred
11 to the number of the item.

12 MR BANGURA: The witness is being shown the second page.

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think the witness should be handed the
14 whole document. If he says he recognises something from there,
13:16:12 15 he can pick out the relevant pages himself.

16 MR BANGURA:

17 Q. Mr Witness, looking at the first page there, you already
18 started naming some of the things that you recognise as part of
19 the supplies that were given to Issa Sesay. Can you just go over
13:16:32 20 them again and stating the numbers against which those items are
21 listed?

22 A. Yes, sir. Number 1 item, AK rounds, were given to him,
23 sir, in large quantity. Number 2, G3 rounds --

24 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just a minute, Mr Witness. Are you saying
13:16:57 25 that in that item number 1 all you recognise is the AK rounds?

26 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

27 JUDGE LUSSICK: You do not recognise the quantity at all?
28 Because it says 30 boxes there, but you say in a large quantity
29 and so do I take it that that 30 boxes does not tally with the

1 amounts you're talking about?

2 THE WITNESS: To be specific, you know, the amount I gave
3 to him at that time, I cannot remember the quantities I - I
4 cannot remember the quantity I gave to him at that time, but I
13:17:37 5 can remember the materials that were sent.

6 JUDGE LUSSICK: So in other words this specific list is not
7 what you remember at all. You just remember some of the items of
8 arms and ammunition that were applicable?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13:18:06 10

MR BANGURA:

11 Q. Can you continue, Mr Witness. Well, just hold on. Your
12 Honours, may the witness go on?

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: Yes, you go on.

14 MR BANGURA:

13:18:22 15

Q. Continue, Mr Witness.

16 A. As I said, I recognise on the list giving Brigadier Issa
17 Sesay AK rounds, G3 rounds, then RPG bombs, then some drugs.

18 MR MUNYARD: Can we have the numbers, please.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Munyard --

13:18:43 20

MR MUNYARD: I mean the number of the item, not the
21 quantities, as per Justice Sebutinde a little while ago.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, yes.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay, sorry for that. Okay, number 1 item AK
24 rounds. Number 2 item, G3 rounds. Number 3 item, RPG bombs.

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Number 4 item, some drugs. Number 5, diesel. Number 6, petrol.

26 Number 7, mortar gun. Number 8, bazooka. Number 9, 50 calibre

27 rounds. Number 10, chasers. Number 11, GPMG rounds. Number 12,

28 GMG rounds. That is a British calibre.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, are you just reading the

1 list, or are you telling us that these are the items you gave to
2 Issa Sesay?

3 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, if I may have the witness deal
4 with it in a --

13:19:43 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: All these items you gave to Issa Sesay?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

7 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well just one other question, Mr Witness.
8 If you didn't have this list placed in front of you, would you
9 have remembered the specific items you gave to Issa Sesay?

13:20:01 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was a long list and all these items
11 here I can remember. Some of them were among that list.

12 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, the evidence already bears
13 testimony from the witness about some of the material that was
14 supplied to Issa Sesay for the Kono operation. It may not be
13:20:23 15 exhaustive as what we have on the list, but the witness's
16 evidence already bears out some of these materials. The point I
17 was going to move on to help with the time as well as efficiency
18 with this process is to have the witness look at the list and say
19 whether there is any material there which he did not recognise
13:20:48 20 having supplied to Issa Sesay, in which case then those not
21 clearly so marked would be the ones that he recognises as
22 supplying to Issa Sesay.

23 MR MUNYARD: Your Honours, before the witness is asked
24 anything else I would like him to answer Justice Lussick's
13:21:09 25 question, because the answer that he gave was not actually an
26 answer to Justice Lussick's question.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you were asked the following
28 question, "If you did not have this list placed in front of you,
29 would you have remembered the specific items you gave Issa

1 Sesay?" You have not given us a clear, categorical answer.

2 Please answer it now.

3 THE WITNESS: What I'm trying to --

4 MR MUNYARD: I'm sorry, but he is still looking at the list

13:21:48 5 --

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers].

7 MR MUNYARD: -- in front of him and this is not the way to
8 deal with this issue.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, do you understand the
10 question?

13:22:01

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, please answer the question.

13 THE WITNESS: As I said earlier, I can remember items given
14 to Issa Sesay for the Kono operation like AK ammunition, G3
15 ammunition, RPG bombs, GPMG rounds, GMG rounds, diesel, fuel oil,
16 rice, salt, batteries, chaser and then we had British calibre
17 rounds.

13:22:22

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, why can you not answer this
19 question with a direct yes or no? Would you remember these items
20 if this list had not been shown to you?

13:22:57

21 THE WITNESS: Really to remember exactly the picture of the
22 list, no, I cannot remember the picture of the list.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: In other words, Mr Bangura, the purpose
24 of your exercise is to refresh your witness's memory, isn't it?

13:23:23

25 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, it's not to refresh the witness's
26 memory. It's to have the witness say or identify on the list
27 material that he supplied to Issa Sesay at the time. Your
28 Honours --

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: But the line is very, very thin. If he

1 recalls the materials that he supplied, that in and of itself is
2 sufficient evidence. Why do you have to link it up to this
3 document that he obviously has never seen if the purpose is not
4 to refresh his memory about the matters he's forgotten?

13:24:00 5 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, with respect, the witness has
6 not said that he's forgotten entirely all the material that he
7 supplied. He may not be clear about some of the quantity, but
8 the witness has before being shown this list come up with some of
9 the names of the material that he supplied. To that extent, your
13:24:23 10 Honour, the Prosecution's position is that the witness is being
11 asked to identify on the list things that he had supplied to Issa
12 Sesay.

13 Your Honours would realise that this is a document prepared
14 by Issa Sesay and he says that these are materials that he
13:24:45 15 received. The witness's testimony is that he supplied - on the
16 instructions of Sam Bockarie he supplied the materials to Issa
17 Sesay.

18 [Trial Chamber conferred]

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, I suppose we could let you
13:25:23 20 finish this aspect and, like you proposed, perhaps the easier way
21 would be to ask the witness if there's any item he doesn't
22 recognise. But obviously, that having been said, this particular
23 evidence will have to be weighed appropriately in light of all
24 the judges' comments and objections by counsel opposite and, of
13:25:47 25 course, in light of what the witness has said.

26 MR BANGURA: The point is noted, your Honour:

27 Q. Mr Witness, just briefly looking through the list that you
28 have before you, is there any material there - looking at the
29 first page and I think the list talks about material that was

1 supplied and I think it ends on the second page only. Looking
2 through number 1 to 22, first page to second page, do you
3 recognise any material there - is there anything listed there
4 that you did not actually supply to Issa Sesay for the Kono
13:26:29 5 operation?

6 A. I recognise the materials supplied to Issa Sesay on this
7 list, sir.

8 Q. From 1 to 22?

9 A. Yes, sir.

13:26:49 10 Q. Thank you.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: He didn't answer your question. The
12 question was negatively put, is there any item that he does not
13 recognise as having supplied?

14 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour.

13:27:00 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: He didn't answer that question.

16 MR BANGURA: He came back in the positive.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, he didn't answer that question.

18 MR BANGURA: I will get him to be very clear:

19 Q. Is there any material on the list that you did not supply
13:27:11 20 to Issa Sesay, 1 to 22?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. In effect, every one of the materials listed from 1 to 22
23 was supplied to Issa Sesay by you. Is that correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

13:27:31 25 Q. Thank you.

26 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Witness, could there be other items you
27 supplied to Issa Sesay that are not included in this list?

28 THE WITNESS: Come back with that question, sir.

29 JUDGE LUSSICK: Could there be other items that you

1 supplied to Issa Sesay that are not included in this list?

2 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And, Mr Witness, regarding the quantities
4 shown on this list, is it your evidence that you have no record
13:28:12 5 of those quantities and you cannot speak to the quantities? In
6 other words, you cannot confirm that you gave Issa Sesay 30 boxes
7 of AK rounds, 16 boxes of G3 rounds, et cetera? You cannot
8 confirm the quantities. Is that your evidence?

9 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

13:28:53 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, when you say "no, sir" what
11 do you mean?

12 THE WITNESS: I cannot confirm the quantities of the items,
13 sir.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Thank you.

13:29:17 15 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I look at the time.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed, Mr Bangura, if this is an
17 appropriate point to adjourn we will take the lunchtime
18 adjournment.

19 Mr Witness, we are now going to adjourn for lunchtime. We
13:29:29 20 will resume court at 2.30. Please adjourn court until 2.30.

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

22 [Upon resuming at 2.32 p.m.]

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, when you are ready. Sorry, I
24 notice a change of appearance.

14:33:11 25 MR BANGURA: Indeed, your Honour. Good afternoon, your
26 Honours. Your Honours, for this afternoon the Prosecution's
27 representation is as follows: It is Julia Baly; myself Mohamed A
28 Bangura; Mr Alain Werner and Ms Maja Dimitrova.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. I think,

1 Mr Munyard, you are as before.

2 MR MUNYARD: We are, Madam President.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Bangura, please proceed
4 when you are ready.

14:33:38 5 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

6 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness.

7 A. Yes, good afternoon, sir.

8 Q. We shall continue with your evidence. I just want to ask a
9 couple of questions on the document which we were dealing with
10 before the break. It may be we don't necessarily need to look at
11 the document. One of the items listed there in the document is a
12 bazooka. Perhaps, your Honour, the better way to go about it is
13 to have the witness shown the document again.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: He did actually read it, or refer to it.

14:34:18 15 MR BANGURA: Yes, your Honour.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: So I think he is familiar with that piece
17 of equipment. Yes, Mr Bangura.

18 MR BANGURA:

19 Q. Mr Witness, item 8 on the list which we discussed before
14:35:00 20 the break has got the name "bazooka". Do you see that?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. What is that?

23 A. Bazooka is an anti-tank weapon, similar to the RPG.

24 Q. Thank you. And at number 12 you have got "GMG round", is
14:35:45 25 that correct? Is that what you have got there?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. "British calibre". Do you know what that is?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. What is that?

1 A. It is an automatic rifle whose ammunition is larger than
2 the G3 ammunition.

3 JUDGE LUSSICK: But, Mr Witness, do you mean to say you
4 only handed over one round - one round of BMG - to Issa Sesay?

14:36:43 5 THE WITNESS: Although I cannot recall all the quantity of
6 items, but I do remember that I gave him only one round of GMG to
7 Issa Sesay.

8 JUDGE LUSSICK: That's one bullet, isn't it?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, according to the document in front
14:37:04 10 of me.

11 JUDGE LUSSICK: No, I am asking you on your memory. You
12 say you can remember giving all this. What is the point of
13 giving somebody one bullet?

14 THE WITNESS: That is what I am saying, sir. I can
14:37:21 15 remember giving the items on the list, but the total listed here,
16 I cannot remember the totals given.

17 JUDGE LUSSICK: But would you remember pulling out one
18 bullet and giving it to somebody for him to set off on a military
19 expedition? Wouldn't you remember that?

14:37:46 20 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

21 JUDGE LUSSICK: Yes, go ahead, Mr Bangura.

22 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, those are all the questions I
23 have for the witness on the document. Thank you:

24 Q. Mr Witness, you said that you were in the position of a
14:38:15 25 store keeper between '98 to late 1999. Do you recall that?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. And you left Buedu at the time that Sam Bockarie was
28 leaving Buedu. Do you recall that?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Exactly what time in 1999 was this that you left Buedu with
2 Sam Bockarie?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. When?

14:39:32 5 A. That was in December 1999.

6 Q. Now, where did you go to when you left Buedu?

7 A. We crossed over to Liberia.

8 Q. Now, can you describe the composition of you that left
9 Buedu for Liberia? You said Bockarie left with you. Were there
10 any others?

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11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. How many of you left Buedu?

13 A. The movement we made to Buedu with Sam Bockarie were in
14 different phases. By that I mean when we left with Sam Bockarie
15 across the border, other people came later.

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16 Q. Now, when you left, at the time that you left, are you able
17 to tell the Court the number of you that left? Do not at this
18 stage mention others that came after you. I am talking about
19 your group that left. Are you able to tell the Court?

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20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Was there a reason why Sam Bockarie left Buedu?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. What was the reason?

24 A. At that time there was a misunderstanding between him and
25 the RUF leader at that time.

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26 Q. When you say the RUF leader, who was he at that time?

27 A. At that time Foday Sankoh had returned to Sierra Leone and
28 I am referring to him as being the rebel leader at that time.

29 Q. And what happened following this misunderstanding?

1 A. The other authorities, like Brigadier Issa Sesay, from
2 conversations we heard between Mosquito and other authorities in
3 Buedu they said they were coming to attack General Mosquito's
4 position in Buedu, so he decided to leave to avoid infighting.

14:42:56 5 Q. Where did you go to when you left Buedu? Where did you go
6 to in Liberia when you left Buedu?

7 A. Well, we entered Foya, but later we went as far as
8 Monrovia.

9 Q. Now, again, I asked you earlier can you describe the
14:43:25 10 composition. Can you describe those of you who were in this
11 group that left Buedu?

12 A. Those of us who left, together with Mosquito, at that time
13 comprised some civilians, ordinary fighters and some senior
14 officers.

14:44:03 15 Q. And you said you got to Foya first and then you moved on.
16 Where did you go eventually?

17 A. When we entered Foya, we moved to Voinjama.

18 Q. Did you stay in Foya for any time, any period of time?

19 A. No, sir.

14:44:36 20 Q. You just continued your journey to Voinjama, is that
21 correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Did anything happen at Voinjama?

24 A. I and some other groups stayed in Voinjama and Sam Bockarie
14:45:03 25 continued to go to Monrovia with some other people.

26 Q. Why did some of you stay at Voinjama whilst Bockarie and
27 others went to Monrovia?

28 A. Our understanding - I mean my understanding about the
29 instruction given to us at that time to stay there, from

1 Sam Bockarie, was that he said Charles Taylor said that the group
2 entering into Liberia was too large and that Foday Sankoh had
3 come to Monrovia to have discussions to settle the
4 misunderstanding between him and Sam Bockarie. So he said we
14:45:57 5 should stay in Voinjama until the matter got settled and we would
6 return back to Sierra Leone.

7 Q. Now, how did you know that this was what Taylor said to
8 Bockarie?

9 A. Those informations were directly said to us by
14:46:24 10 Sam Bockarie.

11 Q. Now, when Bockarie left to go to Monrovia, are you able to
12 tell what part of the group he went with to Monrovia?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Who were in the group that he went with?

14:46:56 15 A. Officers at that time, like Eddie Kanneh, he was among that
16 group. When we came to Foya we also met Jungle and others who
17 had left Monrovia and they went to Sierra Leone and they returned
18 with Sam Bockarie and all of them drove back to Monrovia. One
19 Kaisuku was also another senior officer in the RUF, he too was
14:47:28 20 among that group. One Papay, Pa Moriba, was also among that
21 group and all of them travelled to Monrovia and even Dr Magona.
22 So all of them travelled together whilst we stayed in Voinjama.

23 Q. You said when you got to Foya you met Jungle and others who
24 had left Monrovia and they went to Sierra Leone. That is not
14:47:54 25 very clear. What do you mean?

26 A. When we left Buedu that evening to go to Foya, we met
27 Jungle and others who usually brought the supplies and they had a
28 supply in the truck and they were going to Buedu. So from there
29 all of them joined Sam Bockarie's convoy and returned to

1 Monrovia.

2 Q. Now, what supply were Jungle and the others bringing to
3 Buedu when you met them on the way?

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4 A. Well, I can remember there was rice in the truck and used
5 clothing.

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness stop
7 there and continue from where I stopped.

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8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Witness. Mr Witness, the
9 interpreter needs to catch up with you. Please continue with
10 your answer starting from where you said, "There was rice in the
11 truck and used clothing." Please continue from there.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay. I said the items I recognised at that
13 time in the truck were rice, used clothing, and they left some of
14 that with us in Voinjama.

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15 MR BANGURA:

16 Q. Why did they leave these items with you?

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17 A. The group that was with us in Voinjama, most of them left
18 without properties and we didn't have food and we had civilians
19 with us, so they left these items for us to be managing with them
20 until they settled what they went for to Monrovia at that time.

21 Q. So who took the decision not to have these items taken to
22 Buedu where they were being taken to?

23 A. That was Sam Bockarie, sir.

24 Q. Exactly what did he do?

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25 A. The only thing I can tell you here, sir, is that, you know,
26 when we met with Jungle all of them joined the convoy and went
27 back to Monrovia, but I did not actually go into details whether
28 there were any further discussions between them regarding their
29 return.

1 Q. You said that Sam Bockarie and some others moved to
2 Monrovia and you stayed in Voinjama. How long were you at
3 Voinjama?

4 A. I spent one week in Voinjama, sir.

14:51:25 5 Q. And did anything happen after that one week?

6 A. When Mosquito left for Monrovia, two days later Jungle came
7 to us and said that we were going to stay in Liberia for the
8 meantime, because he said Sam Bockarie had been removed from the
9 membership of the RUF and I too monitored on the BBC when they

14:52:13 10 confirmed the same thing that evening: That he, Sam Bockarie,

11 and one Omrie Golley were no longer members of the RUF. In
12 addition to what Jungle told me, Jungle said Sam Bockarie warned
13 that anyone who came with him to Liberia who attempts to go back
14 beyond the rebel lines, the other people he left behind like Issa

14:52:50 15 will obviously harm us or kill us because they had considered us
16 to be sympathisers to him who had entered with him into Liberia.

17 Q. So as a result of what you were told by Jungle, did you do
18 anything?

19 A. Yes, sir.

14:53:12 20 Q. What did you do?

21 A. After that one week in Voinjama we decided - we sent a
22 message that they should move us from the border area and later
23 on we received an instruction that Sam Bockarie have had an
24 arrangement with President Charles Taylor that all those who
14:53:44 25 followed him into Liberia should go to the training base and
26 train as securities to President Charles Taylor in order for us
27 to be protected and to be recognised in the country.

28 Q. Now, when you said you using and the plural you said "we" -
29 you requested to be moved away from the border area, who were you

1 referring to that made that request?

2 A. A large number of us in this group I am referring to that
3 left Voinjama.

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4 Q. And are you saying that that large group was a group that
5 made the request? That's the question. Who made the request?

6 A. Well, it was - the request was from every one of us who
7 were in Voinjama.

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8 Q. Now, you said you were given the option of going to be
9 trained as security for President Taylor at that time. Is that
10 correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Were any other options discussed with you if you did not
13 take the option of going to be trained?

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14 A. Well, it was not until we had travelled for another one
15 week to Gbarnga, because the day we had - we left Voinjama to go
16 we had a breakdown at Zorzor and so we spent another one week in
17 Zorzor. So when we finally arrived in Gbarnga Sam Bockarie came
18 and met us and some of us complained about the information we
19 got, that is going to train in Liberia. And I was one of the
20 spokesperson for those that stayed behind and I made him to
21 understand that we escaped from war and Liberia was strange to
22 us, it was not our home country, so how was it possible for us to
23 come and train as securities for a nation that we were not
24 citizens of.

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25 So in that respect Sam Bockarie responded that it was very
26 important for us to be part of that training and that those who
27 refused to go to the training will live on their own and if
28 anything happened to them they will not give account of them.
29 And there were other things he explained that instilled fear in

1 us because of the security situation in the country at that time.
2 And he said again that we should not even ask him for any help in
3 Liberia in the form of supports to our families, so the only
4 option left to us at that time was that we were forced to go and
14:57:45 5 undergo the training.

6 Q. Now, you said that he explained certain other things to you
7 regarding the security situation in the country at the time.
8 What was the security situation at the time that you knew about?

9 A. From the complaint I gave to him concerning the order, I
14:58:18 10 told him that I had decided to take my family to any of the
11 refugee camps and then he said that, if I can recall, about a few
12 months ago they had just driven the rebels that crossed from
13 Guinea and attacked Kolahun and Voinjama and they were still
14 threatening to come and re-attack.

14:58:47 15 MR MUNYARD: I am sorry to interrupt. Can I just be clear
16 which country is the security situation we are talking about?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, in a few places there, Mr Bangura,
18 he is speaking of Guinea, and Kolahun and Voinjama which is in
19 Liberia.

14:59:08 20 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, I will get the witness to
21 clarify, but they were clearly in Liberian territory at this
22 point:

23 Q. Mr Witness, talking about the security situation here, of
24 which country are we talking about?

14:59:19 25 A. I am referring to Liberia at this point in time.

26 Q. Thank you. Can you continue, please. Continue. Your
27 evidence was interrupted, or are you done with that answer?

28 A. If it is clear, sir, then I have finished with that.

29 Q. You said you were reminded about recent events in Kolahun

1 and Voinjama by Sam Bockarie and I am not sure whether you quite
2 completed what you were saying. What recent events in Kolahun
3 and Voinjama were you reminded about?

4 A. And, like I said, I said he reminded us about the attack
15:00:15 5 that the LURD rebels - later we came to know them by that name -
6 that came from Guinea and attacked those areas that we were
7 occupying, I mean Voinjama and Kolahun. He said that the area
8 was not that safe for anybody to go to the refugee camps in the
9 area, so it was better for us to be in areas that were under the
15:00:37 10 control of the government.

11 Q. So as a result of these discussions that you had with
12 Sam Bockarie, what became your position, all of you?

13 A. There was no other option left. We were all taken to
14 Gbatala base for training.

15:01:08 15 Q. Now, where was Gbatala base?

16 A. Gbatala base was about a few miles away from Gbarnga going
17 towards Monrovia on the Monrovia-Gbarnga Highway.

18 Q. Can you recall when exactly you went to Gbatala base?

19 A. Yes, sir.

15:01:40 20 Q. When was it?

21 A. That was in January 2000.

22 Q. And at this time that you went to Gbatala, are you in a
23 position now to recall the number of you that went there who were
24 in Sam Bockarie's group?

15:02:14 25 A. After our graduation, that of our group, we were about 100
26 - I mean about 120 who graduated in my own batch.

27 Q. Now, the question was how many of you actually went there
28 initially. The number you have given us is of those who
29 graduated. Was that the same number that went to Gbatala base

1 initially?

2 A. What I am trying to say here is that the total number of
3 men who left Gbarnga with us I cannot recall now, but when we
4 entered Gbarnga - I mean Gbatala base, some other brothers who
15:03:06 5 had gone ahead with Sam Bockarie to Monrovia were also brought to
6 the base and whilst we were on the base I was not completely
7 having control over our own men, because we were now mixed up
8 with the Liberian brothers, but we only came to know ourselves
9 after we had graduated because we wanted to know those who were
15:03:32 10 all members of our group that came.

11 Q. Mr Witness, let me just again advise that you try and speak
12 a little slowly when you give your answers. I noticed that you
13 were getting quite too fast. Now, apart from your group that
14 came across with Sam Bockarie, do you know whether any other
15:04:01 15 people from Sierra Leone came across after you left; from the RUF
16 I'm saying?

17 A. Yes, sir, people continued to cross into Liberia from the
18 RUF to Sam Bockarie.

19 Q. And when you went to Gbatala to start training, did your
15:04:30 20 group include those who came afterwards?

21 A. No, sir, after our graduation another group of people were
22 - from Sierra Leone were also trained in the name of
23 Sam Bockarie's group.

24 Q. How long was your training for at Gbatala?

15:05:06 25 A. Well, the first training I underwent generally with those
26 with whom I went to the base was for three months and that one
27 was referred to as the basic training, sir.

28 Q. And who was responsible for training you at Gbatala?

29 A. At that time we had white instructors and they had Liberian

1 assistants.

2 Q. Now, these white instructors that trained you, do you know
3 which nationalities they were?

15:06:08

4 A. Well, from our interaction with them during the course of
5 my training we came to understand that they were related to South
6 Africans.

7 Q. Now, the question is what was their nationality. When you
8 say they were related to South Africans it's not so clear. Can
9 you be very clear with your answer?

15:06:31

10 A. What I am trying to say here is that, you know, they never
11 said to me that they are South Africans, but during the course of
12 the training one of them made mention of the fact that he was one
13 of the Executive Outcome instructors in Sierra Leone before and
14 on two occasions on some occasions they used to travel and on
15 their return they used to say they travelled to South Africa. So
16 those were the indications to me that they had connection with
17 South Africa.

15:06:59

18 Q. Thank you. Now, you just mentioned Executive Outcome and
19 you said one of them said he was with the Executive Outcome in
20 Sierra Leone. Who were the Executive Outcome?

15:07:22

21 A. Well, I knew the Executive Outcome in Sierra Leone beyond
22 the rebel lines when at one time the RUF positions were attacked,
23 you know, by parachuters and they described the mercenaries as
24 Executive Outcome.

15:08:04

25 Q. About what time was this?

26 A. I think that was between '95 to '96.

27 Q. Now, what kind of training did you receive at Gbatala?

28 A. Well, during the basic training we were trained on subjects
29 like musketry, which was introduction of weapons to us, how to

1 fire them, the various ranges and the type of ammunition that
2 were used; and then we were also trained on attacks; and we were
3 trained on the different types of ambushes; and we were also
4 trained on how to give VIP protection to a President, that is the
15:09:20 5 movement of his convoy; and how to deploy around an important
6 area; and also, you know, the different types of patrols whilst
7 we were on particular assignments; and we were also trained on
8 how to mount road blocks; and we were also trained at that time
9 to do cordon and search operations; and we used to do some other
15:09:58 10 drills like movement on parades, I mean weapon drills. We used
11 to practise all of those during the basic training.

12 Q. Mr Witness, amongst the various kinds of training you got
13 you mentioned something about - you used a word "and search", to
14 something "and search". That word did not come out quite
15:10:25 15 clearly. What was it?

16 A. I said cordon and search operation. We were trained on
17 that, sir.

18 Q. Thank you. Now, were you trained as part of any particular
19 group or unit within Liberia?

15:11:00 20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What group was this?

22 A. Well, at that time they dissolved the SSU, who were at that
23 time the presidential securities in Liberia, and they were
24 transformed into the ATU by bringing the soldiers back to the ATU
15:11:32 25 base in order for them to be trained with us.

26 Q. When you say SSU, what do those letters stand for?

27 A. Well, I came to know the meaning of this abbreviation as
28 Special Security Unit.

29 Q. And when you say ATU, what do those letters stand for?

1 A. It stands for Anti-Terrorist Unit.

2 Q. Now, do you know what the Anti-Terrorist Unit roles or
3 functions were?

4 A. What we were told about this unit as our responsibilities
15:12:29 5 was that we were the active force to protect President Taylor in
6 particular at that time: 1, to take care of the movement of his
7 convoy; 2, to take care of his residence and other areas of his
8 interest and if the need arose to even fight against any
9 insurgents in the country. We were also trained to be able to
15:13:00 10 contribute to that as well.

11 Q. Now, during the period that you were in training at
12 Gbatala, do you know where Sam Bockarie was?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Where was he?

15:13:20 15 A. At that time he was in Monrovia.

16 Q. Do you know what he was doing in Monrovia?

17 A. While at Gbatala base, once in a while when we heard about
18 the President's movement from his farm, coming towards Gbarnga,
19 he used to be in his convoy. That is he used to initially move
15:13:53 20 with President Taylor at that time.

21 Q. How did you learn about this?

22 A. While we were on the basic training at that time, whenever
23 President Taylor went to his farm close to Gbarnga, they used to
24 take some of us recruits to go and serve some of the duties. At
15:14:18 25 one time I met with Sam Bockarie in Gbarnga when President Taylor
26 was on his farm and another time they went to Gbarnga they came
27 and stopped somewhere on the highway and sent to call us to go
28 and talk with him on the road.

29 Q. Now, just to be clear, who was it that stopped on the

1 highway and sent to call you to go and talk with him?

2 A. Sam Bockarie stopped on the highway and sent somebody to
3 the training base for us to go and talk with him on the road.

4 Q. Did you go to talk - to meet Sam Bockarie on that occasion?

15:15:15 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Did you go alone?

7 A. No, sir, I went there along with some friends who were
8 present at that time.

9 Q. Was Sam Bockarie alone when he stopped on the highway?

15:15:36 10 A. No, sir, at that time he used to travel with some other
11 authorities who came along with him from Sierra Leone.

12 Q. Did Bockarie say anything to you on this occasion that you
13 went to see him?

14 A. The only thing is that he had just wanted to see us and
15:16:03 15 speak to us and to see how we were faring on with the training.

16 Q. Now, what about the previous occasion that you mentioned
17 where you said he had come - that is Sam Bockarie - to Gbarnga
18 with President Taylor and you had been sent among recruits to
19 provide security there? Did you speak to Sam Bockarie, or did he
15:16:32 20 speak to you, at that time?

21 A. Yes, sir, we went to visit him where he was at that time in
22 Gbarnga.

23 Q. When you say "we" who are you referring to?

24 A. I and some other Sierra Leonean brothers who were on duty
15:16:58 25 at that time.

26 Q. Did you discuss anything during that visit to Sam Bockarie?

27 A. We just extended greetings to him, but to be specific the
28 only thing we emphasised was the welfare of our families that we
29 had left behind in Gbarnga, our wives and children.

1 Q. Can you say again where did you leave your families?

2 A. We left our families in Gbarnga before going to the
3 training base.

4 Q. Thank you. Now, during the period of your training at
15:17:52 5 Gbatala, were you Sierra Leoneans the only ones who were being
6 trained at the time?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Who were you being trained with?

9 A. We were trained along with the Liberians.

15:18:17 10 Q. Do you recall, in terms of numbers, how many of you were
11 being trained in your group along with the Liberians that you
12 mentioned?

13 A. Yes, sir, like I told you earlier, I only came to know the
14 estimated number of our own group after our graduation because we
15:18:44 15 were mixed up even during the training. We were mixed up with
16 the Liberians into different platoons and different companies.

17 Q. Were there more Liberians in the training than Sierra
18 Leoneans, or was it the other way round?

19 A. There were more Liberians than the Sierra Leoneans.

15:19:08 20 Q. After your training did you go anywhere?

21 A. After the basic training I - we were brought to Monrovia,
22 but before going to Monrovia we had been recommended from the
23 course result that I and some other friends were to go for
24 further training.

15:19:43 25 MR MUNYARD: I am sorry to interrupt, but I think we might
26 be moving off the numbers at this point and he did say just a
27 moment ago, "I only came to know the estimated number of our own
28 group after our graduation because we were mixed up even during
29 the training." He then refers to "mixed up" again and then he is

1 asked a different question. He hasn't actually given the number,
2 or the estimated number that he finally arrived at and I wonder
3 if before we lose sight of that he could be asked that.

15:20:18

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was a number much earlier on in
5 this course of evidence, Mr Bangura.

6 MR BANGURA: Your Honour, the witness I believe went back
7 to a number that he had given us before and that was the number
8 for the Sierra Leoneans who completed the training actually. My
9 question, rightly as counsel pointed out, was about the total
10 number, but the witness was not quite forthcoming with an answer.

15:20:40

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps if you put it to him again,
12 Mr Bangura, we might get a - if he can answer it, he can answer
13 it. If he can't, he will tell us.

14 MR BANGURA: That was why I went into which group was
15 bigger:

15:20:56

16 Q. Mr Witness, again are you able to tell the Court, in terms
17 of number, how many of you altogether, the Liberians as well as
18 Sierra Leoneans, were in your group that got trained during this
19 period?

15:21:15

20 A. I don't know the estimate. I don't know the actual number,
21 sir.

22 Q. Thank you. You were telling the Court about what happened
23 after your training. You said there had been a recommendation
24 that yourself and a few others should go on to do further
25 training, is that correct?

15:21:38

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. And also that you went to Monrovia?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Now, when you went to Monrovia what was the purpose?

1 A. That was when all the graduates were ordered to go for
2 reassignment and for assignment in Monrovia. That was the time
3 all of us left to go to Monrovia.

4 Q. Where in Monrovia did you go?

15:22:28 5 A. We went to the ATU headquarters in Monrovia.

6 Q. Where was the ATU headquarters in Monrovia?

7 A. That was an area close to the Executive Mansion at the
8 Capitol Hill.

9 Q. Now, who ordered you to go to Monrovia?

15:23:03 10 A. That was an order from the instructors, that we had
11 completed our basic training and so that was why we were moved to
12 Monrovia at that time.

13 Q. When you got to the ATU headquarters in Monrovia, did
14 anything happen there?

15:23:30 15 A. Well, I spent about two weeks in Monrovia at that time and
16 an order was published for us to go back to Gbatala for NCO
17 course, that is the squad leader course.

18 Q. During the two weeks that you spent in Monrovia, what were
19 you doing?

15:24:02 20 A. Well, the two weeks for us that were recommended for the
21 NCO course, we were just within the headquarters for that two
22 weeks.

23 Q. When you went to Monrovia did you report to any particular
24 person?

15:24:27 25 A. Except that we visited Sam Bockarie at his residence when
26 we entered Monrovia.

27 Q. I am talking about the ATU headquarters where you said you
28 were supposed to - or you were ordered to go and you have said
29 that you were in Monrovia for two weeks. Now, during that period

1 did you report to anyone at the ATU headquarters?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Who did you report to?

4 A. Well, at that time General Momoh Gibba was in charge of the
15:25:12 5 ATU at that time, so we were directly under his command at the
6 headquarters.

7 Q. Now, who was General Momoh Gibba?

8 A. He was one of the aide-de-camps to President Taylor and at
9 that time I am talking about he was the commander for the ATU.

15:25:45 10 Q. About what time was this? What year and month are we
11 talking of here?

12 A. That was still in 2000, some time in between March/April.

13 Q. Now, did you go to any further training as recommended?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15:26:20 15 Q. Where did you go for further training?

16 A. I first went back to Gbatala base for squad leader course.

17 Q. When you say "squad leader course", can you explain further
18 what that means?

19 A. Yes, sir. A squad leader course at that time was that
15:27:00 20 after every one of us had graduated, when we were put into
21 individual squads at that time they will take a squad to be ten
22 soldiers in the squad. They needed to have trained commanders to
23 lead the individual squads among the groups. So we were
24 recommended to be further trained to control these various
15:27:25 25 squads. So that was the training that we went for.

26 Q. How long did this training last, the squad leader course
27 training?

28 A. That course lasted for about one month, two weeks.

29 Q. At the end of the course did anything happen?

1 A. Yes, sir, we were recommended to go and take up assignments
2 in Monrovia.

3 Q. Did you get any promotion at any point in time?

4 A. Yes, sir.

15:28:15 5 Q. What promotion did you get?

6 A. Well, my first promotion during the course of our training
7 was second lieutenant and I had further training that promoted me
8 to a captain.

9 Q. Now, at the end of the squad leader course were you
15:28:46 10 promoted to any rank?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. What rank was that?

13 A. I was recommended to be a sergeant.

14 Q. Were you recommended or were you promoted to that rank?

15:29:16 15 A. From what the instructors used to tell me, they will have
16 to make the recommendation and at that time our commanders in
17 town, like the chief that was in command, like Bulldog General
18 Momoh Gibba, will have to approve of them.

19 Q. So you had the recommendation for promotion to the rank of
15:29:44 20 sergeant, correct?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And was that recommendation approved?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. You became a sergeant?

15:29:56 25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. You mentioned Momoh Gibba and you mentioned the name
27 Bulldog. Is there any connection between the two?

28 A. Yes, sir, this General Momoh Gibba was commonly known as
29 Bulldog.

1 Q. Thank you. After your training as a squad leader and your
2 promotion to the rank of a sergeant did you get any assignment?

3 A. No, sir, I did not have any official assignment at that
4 point in time, sir.

15:30:46 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, maybe we have a different
6 system in Belfast, but I thought a sergeant was lower than a
7 captain or a second lieutenant and I don't understand how you can
8 be promoted from a captain to a sergeant.

9 MR BANGURA: That is so, your Honour. That is the system
15:31:04 10 that I am familiar with as well. I believe it may have to do
11 with the question that I asked which sounded a bit general and
12 the witness went on to other promotions other than the one that
13 he has just talked about which is sergeant. He probably went to
14 the much higher promotions that he earned later, but sergeant is
15:31:28 15 the rank that the witness has talked about. That is my
16 understanding as well of the system, but, your Honour, the
17 question I asked him was whether he earned any promotions and I
18 think he basically just went to --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought he said the first promotion in
15:31:49 20 the training was one thing and then the squad training, in my
21 understanding of the chronology, was later and that's why I --

22 MR BANGURA: I will get the witness to clarify.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: But, in any event, if you accept that's
24 what it is.

15:32:02 25 MR BANGURA: I will get him to clarify, your Honour:

26 Q. Mr Witness, what was the first promotion that you earned
27 during the course of your stay in Liberia and after the trainings
28 that you had? Which was the very first promotion that you
29 earned?

1 A. Talking in terms of promotion, as the ATU personnel were -
2 I mean were structured, every graduate of the ATU from the base
3 was a corporal. We that were recommended who went to the squad
4 leader course, we graduated from there as sergeants. Then I went
15:32:53 5 for a further course called platoon commander course. I came out
6 as a second lieutenant. Then I went further to a company
7 commander course where I was finally promoted to captain, sir.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Thank you, Mr Bangura. I am
9 clear in my mind now of the sequence of events.

15:33:15 10 MR BANGURA: Thank you:

11 Q. Mr Witness, the question I had asked just before we had to
12 explain this point was whether you were assigned to any duties
13 after your training as a squad leader?

14 A. Yes, sir, we had an assignment at White Flower. That was
15:33:50 15 the President's living quarters.

16 Q. When you say the President, who are you referring to?

17 A. I am referring to President Charles Taylor at that time.

18 Q. What specifically was your assignment?

19 A. As a deputy to the company commander assigned there we were
15:34:24 20 responsible for the outside deployment - outside deployment of
21 his compound. Also to conduct patrols and to monitor some
22 checkpoints that we mounted towards the entrance of the
23 President's residence and also some other important installations
24 in the interest of the President at that time, we were also
15:34:54 25 deployed to take care of those areas like the JF Kennedy hospital
26 and Spriggs field.

27 Q. Now, you said as the deputy to the company commander. Were
28 you part of a group or a unit that was assigned to these duties?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. What group was this?

2 A. This was the ATU.

3 Q. Within the ATU, were you part of - you said a company
4 commander. Were you part of a company?

15:35:38 5 A. Yes, sir, we were part of a company, sir.

6 Q. How long were you on this assignment?

7 A. Well, this was another brief assignment, less than a month,
8 then I and my company commander who were the recommended officers
9 for further training left to go for the platoon commander course.

15:36:15 10 Q. Now, just before we move on, you said on this assignment
11 you were responsible for the outside deployment of his compound.
12 What do you mean?

13 A. The security set up around the President at that time was
14 like this: The SSS I mentioned before, the Special Security
15:36:52 15 Service, they were responsible - they were the closed securities
16 around the President, even within his compound. But we were
17 around the outside, the fence of the house. And also even in a
18 convoy movement they will be ahead, they would be with the
19 President themselves. These were the differences that I am
15:37:19 20 trying to describe here that we were responsible for the outside.

21 Q. Just one more point again talking about the convoy
22 movement, who would be ahead?

23 A. From my responsibility that I knew as convoy commander at
24 that time we had to be deployed - the ATU had to be deployed
15:37:51 25 ahead of time at strategic points and also the outer column of
26 where President Charles Taylor would be going. The SS would have
27 to be directly with his own convoy. They deal with the internal
28 environment of wherever President Charles Taylor will be at that
29 time.

1 Q. Now, you said you were not very long on this assignment and
2 you had to go for further training. Is that correct?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Where did you go for further training?

15:38:34 5 A. We were sent to CARI, it's an abbreviation, C-A-R-I,
6 Central Agricultural Research Institute at the Suakoko in Bong
7 County.

8 Q. You able to spell Suakoko for the Court?

9 A. Yes, sir, S-U-A-K-O-K-O.

15:39:09 10 Q. Thank you. How long were you on this training?

11 A. We spent two months on this training.

12 Q. And at the end of that training, what was - this training
13 was for what?

14 A. This was a platoon commander course.

15:39:37 15 Q. And what did it prepare you for?

16 A. They prepared us at this time to be able to control a
17 platoon, which was about four squads of men, and at that time you
18 carried the title of a second lieutenant, or first lieutenant.

19 Q. When you talk about four squads of men, how many men would
15:40:04 20 be in four squads?

21 A. According to our platoon organisation at that time, you
22 know, the total number of men in that squad would be 45, but for
23 a squad, a squad was ten at that time.

24 Q. Now, how long did this training last?

15:40:36 25 A. This specific training that I am talking of, the platoon
26 commander course, took us for about two months, sir.

27 Q. At the end of that training did you get a promotion?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. What was your promotion?

1 A. I graduated as a second lieutenant, sir.

2 Q. Now, amongst the Sierra Leoneans who were trained with you
3 originally, was there anyone also on this course?

4 A. Yes, sir.

15:41:15 5 Q. Do you recall how many of them were with you on the course?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. How many?

8 A. Five of us graduated from this course.

9 Q. Now, earlier you said that you had visited Sam Bockarie in
10 Monrovia. Do you recall? This was after your first training,
11 your basic training, at Gbatala. Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. At that time do you know what Sam Bockarie was up to, or
14 what he was doing, in Monrovia?

15:42:10 15 A. Before our graduation from this platoon commander course,
16 we heard that Sam Bockarie had left Liberia.

17 Q. The question actually was going back to a time before this.
18 At that time, that is after your basic training, do you know
19 whether he was busy with anything else? Anything?

15:42:40 20 A. As I told you earlier, the only activity that I used to see
21 him officially do was that he was most times found where Charles
22 Taylor was, like when he visits, when he was going on this patrol
23 to his farm, or his village, Arthington.

24 Q. Now, you said that about the time that you completed your
15:43:07 25 training as a platoon commander and earned the rank of a second
26 lieutenant, Sam Bockarie you heard that he had - can you say
27 again where exactly he had gone to?

28 A. Well, at that particular time I never knew the particular
29 area that he was because there were pieces of misinformation

1 about his whereabouts.

2 Q. Was he in Liberia about that time that you completed your
3 training?

15:43:47

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which training? We have had four
5 different sets of training, Mr Bangura.

6 MR BANGURA: I am referring to the --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are we still on the basic one?

8 MR BANGURA: The platoon commander one.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, the platoon commander one.

15:44:01

10 MR BANGURA:

11 Q. Mr Witness, do you understand the question? I think you
12 had already said that you learnt something about Sam Bockarie.
13 The question was was he in the country, in Liberia?

15:44:21

14 A. After my platoon commander course I learnt that he had left
15 Liberia, but at that time I never got the actual true story of
16 where he was at that time.

17 Q. Now, after this training as a platoon commander, were you
18 assigned to any duties?

19 A. Yes, sir.

15:44:44

20 Q. What duties were you assigned to?

21 A. We came back and took over the company that we were
22 patrolling around White Flower again.

23 Q. Did you undergo any other training after this?

24 A. Yes, sir.

15:45:04

25 Q. Now, just before we move on, about what time did you
26 complete your training as a platoon commander?

27 A. This was at almost the end of 2000.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, there was a village mentioned
29 by this witness on page 122, line 14, when he said that

1 Sam Bockarie would go on patrol to Mr Taylor's farm, or his
2 village and then there was a village name. Mr Witness, what is
3 the village name you mentioned?

4 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, did you say --

15:46:01 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Do you see the text I am referring to
6 where the sentence says, "He was most times found where Charles
7 Taylor", "him officially do was that he was most times" - like
8 when he visits, when he was going on this patrol, et cetera, or
9 his village and then it says "acting on the", but that was the
15:46:22 10 name of something.

11 MR BANGURA:

12 Q. Mr Witness, do you recall mentioning the name of one of the
13 places where you said Mr Taylor would go and Bockarie would be
14 with him?

15:46:36 15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What is the name of the place?

17 A. I made mention of Arthington.

18 Q. Are you able to spell Arthington for the Court, please?

19 A. Yes, sir.

15:46:55 20 Q. Please do.

21 A. A-R-T-H-I-N-T-O-N. Sorry, A-R-T-H-I-N-G-T-O-N.

22 Q. Thank you. Now, after the platoon commanders' training did
23 you take part in any - I think I have asked you a question about
24 time.

15:47:34 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Do we have a time frame for this
26 training? Are we still in March/April 2000?

27 MR BANGURA:

28 Q. Just to be clear, Mr Witness, when did you complete your
29 training as a platoon commander?

1 A. That was in December 2000.

2 Q. Thank you. Now, after that training you said you were
3 again deployed to your previous assignment, you were assigned to
4 your previous duties. Is that correct?

15:48:23 5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And you have said also that you undertook further training
7 at some point. Is that correct?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Now, between the end of your training as platoon commander
10 and the other training which you undertook, did you take part in
11 any event of national importance in Liberia?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. What was that event?

14 A. Well, the main event I can remember was that my company
15 took part in the armed forces parade in 2001.

16 Q. And where was this parade?

17 A. The parade took place at the BTC barracks. The full name
18 was Barclays Training Centre in Monrovia.

19 Q. When exactly in 2001 did this parade take place?

15:49:56 20 A. This parade that I am talking about took place in February,
21 on 12 February, but it was I think - I don't know - I don't know
22 whether it is a constitution in Liberia that 11 February of every
23 year they have to conduct this parade, but that year that date
24 fell on a Sunday that year, which was 11 February, and so they
15:50:26 25 postponed it to a Monday, which was 12 February 2001.

26 Q. And do you know who addressed the parade that year?

27 A. Yes, sir.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are leading, Mr Bangura.

29 MR BANGURA:

1 Q. Was the parade addressed by anyone?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Who addressed the parade?

4 A. The most senior person I can remember on that parade on
15:51:09 5 that day was the Vice-President at that time, Moses Blah.

6 Q. Now, apart from you and others who were with you in the
7 ATU, do you know whether Sierra Leoneans - RUF Sierra Leoneans
8 who were with Sam Bockarie got into any other units in Liberia
9 apart from the ATU?

15:51:45 10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Which ones do you remember?

12 A. The people I can remember that joined the SSS at that time,
13 one of them was Salami. He was later on with Benjamin Yeaten.

14 Then one Martin who crossed with us from Sierra Leone to Liberia,
15:52:25 15 he was also in the SSS. Pa Moriba I mentioned earlier was also
16 in the SSS and some other officers who came ahead with

17 Sam Bockarie. There were also other Sierra Leoneans who crossed
18 and met - they met us in Liberia, but they were not fortunate to
19 go to the ATU base at that time, but they were all members of the
15:52:52 20 Sierra Leone group. These are the fighters from behind the rebel
21 lines.

22 Q. Now talking about your training, after taking part in this
23 parade did you go for any further training?

24 A. Yes, sir.

15:53:16 25 Q. Which training was that?

26 A. That was the company commander course, sir.

27 Q. And what role did that training prepare you for?

28 A. That is from the organisation of the battalion we had the
29 various companies under the battalion and the various platoons

1 under the companies, so as we had now been prepared as commanders
2 they were looking for people to control the various companies.
3 So we went - we were recommended for that company commander
4 course, sir.

15:54:01 5 Q. Now, in terms of number, how many men would you or did you
6 have in a company within the ATU?

7 A. It was about 180 men, sir.

8 Q. Where did you undergo the training for as a company
9 commander?

15:54:52 10 A. We went to Camp Schefflein.

11 Q. Where was Camp Schefflein?

12 A. This was a place located on the Monrovia-Robertsfield
13 Highway and it was a military barracks for the Armed Forces of
14 Liberia.

15:55:20 15 Q. How long was this training for?

16 A. This training was also for about two months, sir.

17 Q. When did you start the training?

18 A. To be specific I cannot remember the date, the month we
19 started this other training.

15:56:13 20 Q. Can you remember when the training ended?

21 A. Well, this training ended almost at the end of 2001.

22 Q. At the end of that training were you given a promotion?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. What was the promotion you earned?

15:56:49 25 A. I was promoted to a captain.

26 Q. Now, apart from you, a Sierra Leonean and former member of
27 the RUF, were there any other Sierra Leoneans RUF members within
28 the group that undertook this training?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Are you able to recall the names of those who were part of
2 your group?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Who were they?

15:57:27 5 A. One was --

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he repeat the first
7 name.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter did not hear
9 the first name properly. Please repeat it.

15:57:40 10 THE WITNESS: I said Baba Tarawalli.

11 MR BANGURA:

12 Q. Continue, please.

13 A. Kamokai Kallon.

14 Q. Continue?

15:58:05 15 A. Davidson Conteh.

16 Q. Anybody else?

17 A. I think we were four who took part in this other training.

18 Q. At the end of the training were you assigned to any duties?

19 A. Yes, sir.

15:58:29 20 Q. What were your duties?

21 A. I was the advanced team commander controlling a company at
22 Vamoma House in Sinkor.

23 Q. Can you spell Vamoma for the Court?

24 A. V-A-M-O-M-A.

15:59:03 25 Q. And Sinkor, where was Sinkor?

26 A. Sinkor was part of the - I can say the centre, some part of
27 Monrovia, coming towards the Spriggs field. From the mansion
28 area coming towards Spriggs field - I mean towards Congo Town
29 where Charles Taylor's residence was.

1 Q. What were your duties on this assignment?

2 A. I was wholly and solely responsible for the deployment of
3 the - for the President's convoy and also conducted some patrols
4 within the area of my assignment, like JFK, Spriggs field and
16:00:18 5 along the beach in Sinkor.

6 Q. How long were you on this assignment?

7 A. I was on this assignment until 2002.

8 Q. When in 2002?

9 A. This was earlier in 2002.

16:00:45 10 Q. Did you get a new assignment in early 2002?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. What was that assignment?

13 A. I was sent to the front line as one of the ATU fighters.

14 Q. When you say front line, what front line are you talking
16:01:15 15 about?

16 A. At this time I was assigned to Bopolu target.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he kindly repeat the
18 name of the highway.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter asks that you
16:01:35 20 repeat the name of the highway, please.

21 THE WITNESS: I said Swen Mecca Highway.

22 MR BANGURA:

23 Q. Can you spell that for the Court, please?

24 A. The way I pronounced this, this one was one of the towns on
16:01:59 25 this highway, S-W-E-N, Swen. Then they have another town ahead
26 of that same road called Mecca. We used to call the road Swen
27 Mecca Road.

28 Q. And Mecca is spelled?

29 A. M-E-C-C-A.

1 Q. What was happening at this target or this front line at
2 Bopolu?

3 A. The LURD rebels were advancing from Bopolu at that time
4 towards Monrovia.

16:02:47 5 Q. And you were fighting along with which groups?

6 A. There were militia groups - I mean those who were not
7 trained ATUs. We used to call them the militia group. And, I
8 mean, the militia groups along with our troops were on the front
9 line fighting against the LURD rebels.

16:03:25 10 Q. How long were you on this assignment?

11 A. I was on this assignment up to mid-2002.

12 Q. And what happened after that?

13 MR MUNYARD: I rise at this point, Madam President, to
14 enquire as to the relevance of this evidence now, because we have
16:03:57 15 exceeded the indictment period. He appears to be, on the
16 evidence, working with the elected government of Liberia at the
17 time against rebel groups in Liberia and unless there is
18 something specifically relating to the indictment then we are
19 wandering way off course.

16:04:25 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Bangura, you have heard the
21 objection from counsel.

22 MR BANGURA: The relevance of the evidence being sought
23 from the witness at this moment has to do with the continued
24 relationship which the Prosecution alleges existed between
16:04:43 25 Sam Bockarie and the accused long after Bockarie left Sierra
26 Leone RUF territory and moved into Liberia.

27 Also, your Honours, it deals with the control which the
28 Prosecution --

29 MR MUNYARD: I am going to interrupt my learned friend. If

1 he is going to develop the argument it shouldn't be done in front
2 of the witness, because it amounts in effect to feeding the
3 witness lines.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

16:05:10 5 MR BANGURA: Well, your Honours, we can ask the witness to
6 be excused if my learned friend wants --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, there are some legal
8 arguments --

9 MR BANGURA: But, your Honours, may I say before the
16:05:25 10 witness is excused, that the relevance of this sort of evidence
11 is an issue that has come up before this Chamber before with
12 other witnesses I believe and the Prosecution --

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: I am sorry to interrupt, Mr Bangura, but
14 you are undertaking to show the relevance of this evidence,
16:05:48 15 aren't you?

16 MR BANGURA: Yes, sir.

17 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, I don't see why you shouldn't go
18 ahead. If you don't establish it you will soon find out if you
19 haven't done so. So go ahead and ask the questions.

16:06:00 20 MR BANGURA: I don't know what my learned friend's
21 objection related to. It is not quite clear.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, continue.

23 MR BANGURA: Thank you, your Honour:

24 Q. Mr Witness, the last question I asked was about any other
16:06:28 25 assignment after Bopolu. I believe that must have been the last
26 question. Yes, Mr Witness?

27 A. I said that I was later withdrawn from Bopolu target in mid
28 19 - sorry, 2002 back to Monrovia.

29 Q. And about this time, Mr Witness, are you able to tell the

1 Court where Sam Bockarie was?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Were you in any communication with Sam Bockarie at this
4 point in time?

16:07:19 5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. When you got back to Monrovia - you were withdrawn from
7 Bopolu and you came to Monrovia did you get assigned on to any
8 other duty?

9 A. Yes, sir.

16:07:35 10 Q. What duty was this?

11 A. I was assigned to the 1st Battalion headquarters at the ATU
12 and my company was responsible to secure and protect the
13 Executive Mansion area.

14 Q. Now, did you get any assignment much later on outside of
16:08:04 15 Monrovia?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. What assignment was that?

18 A. A few months after I had been assigned company commander
19 protecting the Executive Mansion, an order was published at the
16:08:35 20 ATU headquarters ordering us, I mean the Sierra Leoneans who were
21 in the ATU, to go for reassignment at Gbarnga in the Bong County.

22 Q. When you say an order was published, who published that
23 order?

24 A. Well, at this time that I am speaking about it was - the
16:09:21 25 order came from the ATU high command at that time and at this
26 point in time, 2002 I am speaking about, it was Chucky, the son
27 of Charles Taylor, that had retaken over the ATU.

28 Q. Now, you said Chucky. What were his full names?

29 A. I didn't know whether he had any other full name, but the

1 two names people used to call him they said Charles Taylor
2 Junior, but popularly known among us as Chucky.

3 Q. Now, you said that Chucky had retaken command of the ATU.
4 When was he commander of the ATU before this time?

16:10:29 5 A. From what we learnt from the first batch of the ATUs who
6 were trained before we went on the base in 2000, they had already
7 conducted the first training. During this training they said
8 Chucky was among these people - I mean among these ATUs. When
9 they went to Monrovia on assignment, they were controlled by
16:10:55 10 Chucky at that time.

11 Q. Now, you said that an order was published for you to go to
12 Gbarnga. Did you go to Gbarnga?

13 A. Some of - I never went to Gbarnga, but some of our
14 brothers, the Sierra Leoneans who were assigned under different
16:11:18 15 companies, had been forcibly ordered by their commanders and
16 carried to Gbarnga while I and a few others from different
17 assignments were still in Monrovia resisting this new assignment.

18 Q. Now, just to be clear, you said after your group was
19 trained at Gbatala, that is initially when you moved to Liberia
16:11:51 20 after your group of Sierra Leoneans was trained, there was
21 another group. Did you mention that earlier?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And this other group consisted of which people?

24 A. When I talk of the next batch of Sierra Leoneans trained,
16:12:18 25 this comprised some of the brothers who later followed us from
26 behind the rebel lines and there were also some other Sierra
27 Leoneans who fled the rebel war - who had fled from the rebel war
28 and they were in the refugee camps and among us there were some
29 Sierra Leoneans who were members of the Sierra Leone Army but

1 were recognised as Sierra Leoneans and we were all part of this
2 group.

3 Q. When this order was published that all the Sierra Leoneans
4 who were RUF before were to go to Gbarnga, did all the RUF
16:12:59 5 members - did that include those other members that came after
6 your group?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What happened after this order was published? You said you
9 did not go and some of them were forced to go. What about you?
16:13:17 10 What happened?

11 A. The furthest time there was a lot of disgruntlement among
12 us, the ATUs, for the ATU not being paid for a long time. One of
13 our own suggestions at that time was that over eight months they
14 had not paid us, before we go into that assignment they should
16:13:48 15 give us something to leave with our families. So, we were, you
16 know, what can I say? We were on this struggle with the
17 commanders for them to see to our interests when finally I was
18 picked up with some other friends one evening, you know, to go to
19 the airport to go to Ivory Coast.

16:14:14 20 Q. Mr Witness, just for clarity, you said that you and the ATU
21 had not been paid. Are you talking of the ATU comprising
22 Liberians as well as Sierra Leoneans, those of you who had not
23 been paid for eight months?

24 A. Please, sir, at that time it was happening to the entire
16:14:37 25 ATU that even forced some of our colleagues who had chances to
26 start running away. Some of us sent our families to refugee
27 camps because we were not able to afford to feed them any more,
28 so when this order came again that was the time some of us were
29 resisting that we wouldn't go.

1 Q. Now, you said that finally you were picked up along with
2 some friends one evening. Who picked you up?

3 A. Well, as far as my own movement was concerned at that time,
4 while we were at the house that I had rented discussing this
16:15:31 5 matter with some friends, I saw a man whom I later identified as
6 Joe Tuah. He came in a white pick-up and said the chief - at
7 that time he was referring to Benjamin Yeaten and that he had
8 sent him to come and tell the officers of the RUF and the ATU who
9 had remained here and who had not gone to get together and that
16:16:06 10 he wanted to send us to a different direction and not Gbarnga,
11 but that he would explain to us when he comes back and that
12 whoever resisted to go at that particular time would face the
13 consequences.

14 Q. Now, this person who you just named, Joe Tuah, was this the
16:16:27 15 first time that you were meeting him?

16 A. Well, when I saw him with Benjamin Yeaten at that time in
17 Monrovia, I came to know that I had met somebody like that
18 before, at Dawa, when I was in Buedu.

19 Q. When was it that you met him at Dawa?

16:17:01 20 A. At one time Sam Bockarie left to go to Dawa and he left one
21 of his satellite phones. There was a satellite phone that opens
22 like a laptop computer. Then he called me to carry it on a
23 motorbike and I did so. That was when I met him with
24 Sam Bockarie, so I believe that was my second time of seeing him
16:17:29 25 in Monrovia at that time.

26 Q. Do you recall what year this was?

27 A. When he came finally we asked him to tell us exactly what
28 was going on. Then he tried to convince us with three good
29 points. One of the points he spoke about --

1 Q. The question was what year? What year did you meet Joe
2 Tuah at Dawa when you took a satellite phone to Sam Bockarie?

3 A. That was between the 1998, 1999 when I was in Buedu, but to
4 be specific I can't remember the exact year or month that this
16:18:32 5 happened, but that was the time that I was working as store
6 keeper in Buedu that this happened.

7 Q. Thank you. Did Joe Tuah come back? Now back to Monrovia
8 where you were. Did he come back? You said he left. You said
9 he was going to have you assigned to some duty, you were not to
16:18:56 10 go to Gbarnga like the others. Did he come back?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. What happened when he came back?

13 A. Well, we suggested to him that we wanted to express some
14 feelings to him the reason why we had left - we had stayed

16:19:22 15 behind, but he ended up persuading us with three points with
16 reasons for us to go to Ivory Coast. First he said, you know,
17 the UN is trying - they are expecting the UN to go to Monrovia to
18 check whether all this connection of Charles Taylor with the RUF
19 - as they were always alleging that he had RUF within the ATU, in
16:19:56 20 order to prove it they were trying to say - he said they were
21 trying to see whether we were there, so this was a means for them
22 to hide us away. He said this was one of the reasons. The

23 second point was that since they have not been paying the ATU for
24 quite a long time, we were all the same army. They do not want
16:20:20 25 to pay us in Monrovia, leaving the other Liberian ATUs unpaid.

26 So they want to go and pay us in Gbarnga. The third one, when we
27 came to know that we were going to Ivory Coast he said
28 Sam Bockarie was already in Ivory Coast and so he was there and
29 he has been given a certain operation and that he needs our

1 presence around him, so they were taking us to him to be with
2 him. From that point we had no option. About 20 of us were
3 available. We were taken to the Roberts International Airport
4 where we met a plane waiting for us. We boarded the plane and
16:21:13 5 later arrived at the Ouagadougou airport in Burkina Faso.

6 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I will at this stage deal with a
7 number of photographs. May I ask that photographs in tab 8 be
8 shown to the witness, please.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is this a week 10 bundle, or in the week
16:21:43 10 23 bundle?

11 MR BANGURA: The week 10 bundle, your Honour. I am sorry,
12 your Honours, let me correct myself. I am not very sure I could
13 give you the correct reference. It is not really in any of the
14 bundles, your Honour. These are photographs which were
16:22:25 15 distributed much later on.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see.

17 MR BANGURA: I think there are four of them and I think
18 they start with P00025706 through to 707. There are actually
19 four of them.

16:23:17 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could you say the ERN numbers again
21 please.

22 MR BANGURA: P0005004 to 5007.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Bangura, while you are at the
24 photographs I hope you can clarify at an appropriate time when
16:24:02 25 the witness went to Burkina Faso. Was it 1998 or 2002?

26 MR BANGURA: I will get him to answer that, your Honour:
27 Q. Mr Witness, you have told this Court about the training
28 that you underwent in Liberia from about 2000 right on to 2001 at
29 various points. Do you recall?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And did you at the end of some of those trainings have or
3 take photographs?

4 A. Yes, sir.

16:24:57 5 Q. Now, can you look at the series of photographs that have
6 been shown to you?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Now, do you recognise that photograph?

9 A. Yes, sir.

16:25:30 10 Q. What is it? What is that photograph about? What does it
11 show?

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: For the record, which of the four
13 photographs are you referring to?

14 MR BANGURA: Your Honours, I think it is 0005005.

16:25:52 15 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think it is 004, Mr Bangura.

16 MR BANGURA: Four. You are right, your Honour. 004:

17 Q. Do you recognise or can you say something about that
18 photograph?

19 A. Yes, sir.

16:26:15 20 Q. When was it taken?

21 A. This photograph was taken after our graduation as platoon
22 commanders.

23 Q. Where was it taken?

24 A. This photo was taken around the Kailondo Hotel at Old Road.

16:26:49 25 Old Road in Monrovia around Kailondo Hotel.

26 Q. Do you recognise anyone in the photo?

27 A. Yes, sir.

28 Q. Who do you recognise in it?

29 A. I can recognise everybody in this photo, including myself.

1 Q. Now, you mentioned earlier that there were Sierra Leonean
2 members of the RUF who trained with you on this course. Is that
3 correct?

4 A. Yes, sir.

16:27:33 5 Q. Do you recognise them also in the photo?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Now can you, if you can, just put a circle around first of
8 all yourself and draw a line and write your name. Then after
9 that the Sierra Leoneans who were part of the course who were in
10 the photo and just draw a line and write the names.

16:28:02

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bangura, it sounds as though we are
12 almost up to time. We have two minutes.

13 MR BANGURA:

14 Q. Mr Witness, are you done?

16:29:55

15 A. Yes. We were three among this group as Sierra Leoneans.

16 MR BANGURA: Thank you. Your Honours, this would be a good
17 time.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. Mr Witness, it is
19 now 4.30 which is the time the Court adjourns. We will be
20 adjourning until tomorrow morning at 9.30. I again remind you
21 that you are under oath and you are not to discuss your evidence
22 with any other person until all your evidence is finished. Do
23 you understand?

16:30:14

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

16:30:31

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good. Please adjourn court until
26 9.30 tomorrow.

27 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
28 to be reconvened on Friday, 11 July 2008 at
29 9.30 a.m.]

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