



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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TRIAL

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Mr Morris Anyah
Ms Megan Dorey

1 Wednesday, 18 June 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.32 a.m.]

09:17:15 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I note appearances are as
6 before, yesterday afternoon.

7 MR SANTORA: Good morning, Madam President. Yes, your
8 Honour, for the Prosecution is lead counsel Brenda Hollis; Maja
9 Dimitrova; and myself, Christopher Santora.

09:32:30 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Good morning, Mr Anyah.

11 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
12 your Honours. For the Defence we have Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC;
13 myself, Morris Anyah; and Ms Megan Dorey.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other matters
09:32:45 15 I will remind the witness of her oath. Madam Witness, you will
16 recall that yesterday you took the oath to tell the truth. That
17 oath is still binding on you and you are obliged to answer
18 questions truthfully. Do you understand?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

09:33:00 20 WITNESS: TF1-584 [On former oath]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please proceed.

22 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President. Good morning,
23 Defence counsel.

24 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR SANTORA: [Continued]

09:33:11 25 Q. Good morning, Mrs Witness.

26 A. Good morning.

27 Q. Just to verify, are you hearing what I say in Krio?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Okay. I am going to ask you a few questions about some of

1 the things you said yesterday before we talk about some new
2 areas, okay? I would just ask for you to speak slowly and make
3 sure that you speak into the microphone in front of you, okay?

4 A. Okay.

09:33:39 5 Q. Yesterday I asked you about your training in radio
6 operations and you said you were trained in something called
7 message coding and I asked you to explain what message coding was
8 and when you explained it you said you would either use an
9 alphabet, that is A to Z, or you use numbers instead of what you
09:34:13 10 want to say. Now, when you said, in terms of message coding, you
11 used numbers instead of what you want to say, what do you mean by
12 that?

13 A. What I mean like if you write a name, if you write John,
14 instead of me calling the name John I would either call it 1-2,
09:34:48 15 or call it 3-1, based on what we must have agreed on that that
16 number stands for that name.

17 Q. Now, would numbers be used for only names, or used for
18 other things as well?

19 A. Numbers were used for other things as well, not just names.

09:35:15 20 Q. Can you give some examples that you remember?

21 A. I can remember the jet itself we represented that by
22 numbers.

23 Q. Can you explain what you mean when you say, "I can remember
24 the jet itself we represented that by numbers"?

09:35:42 25 A. Yes, because it was a code and it was the Sierra Leone
26 Army, or the government side, used the jet. So when we wanted to
27 refer to it we would not call it the jet, or Alpha Jet, but we
28 used a number to represent that word.

29 Q. Do you remember the number you used?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What was it?

3 A. 448.

4 Q. Now, I have another question from what you said yesterday

09:36:33 5 and just for purposes of this purpose I should give the page
6 reference to Defence counsel from the transcript, because there
7 is something on the transcript that may need to be corrected and
8 it is page 12076. Line 28 to 29 is the question and on the
9 following page, 12077, line 1 is the answer and that is what I am
09:36:59 10 asking about.

11 Mrs Witness, yesterday I asked you, during the time you
12 were at Kangari Hills, I asked you to roughly estimate how many
13 radio stations were within the RUF at this time and the answer
14 came out yesterday as, "Roughly I can say at that time we had 23
09:37:28 15 or 4 stations." Do you remember me asking you that question
16 yesterday?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you go on and tell me how many stations roughly were
19 within the RUF at the time you were at Kangari Hills?

09:37:54 20 A. Roughly I can say we had up to 32 stations.

21 Q. Up to 32, okay. Now, yesterday you also talked about an
22 incident where CO Mohamed and his men had taken women, captured
23 women, from Kabala and Foday Sankoh instructed that these women
24 be sent to Zogoda where he was based. Do you remember talking
09:38:35 25 about that yesterday?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And you said that there were a lot of women captured, is
28 that correct?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. You said that you saw that the women who were captured were
2 asked to assemble at CO Mohamed's place and the armed men who
3 were there to take them along were with them as well. Can you
4 remember roughly or approximately how many women you were talking
09:39:17 5 about?

6 A. Yes, there were up to 80.

7 Q. Do you know if these women were ever released?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Is that that you do not know, or that they were never
09:39:35 10 released?

11 A. They were never released.

12 Q. Now, yesterday, before the end of the day, you started
13 telling us about an incident whereby you were monitoring certain
14 communications in early 1996, before the election in Sierra
09:40:08 15 Leone, while you were based at a location near Black Water. Do
16 you remember discussing this yesterday?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, I want to just ask you some questions about the
19 response you gave yesterday. Now, first of all, you said while
09:40:34 20 you were monitoring, "In case any RUF station went to either of
21 those frequencies there was already a law, established law, that
22 we shouldn't communicate with those stations". First, let me ask
23 you what were you referring to when you said "those stations"?

24 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would be grateful for a
09:41:00 25 transcript indication, please.

26 MR SANTORA: I apologise. This was at the end of the day
27 yesterday. It is at page 12100 and based from the question at
28 which ends at line 2 and I am starting with the response which
29 starts on line 3.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you have that before you, Mr Anyah?

2 MR ANYAH: Yes, thank you, Madam President. Thank you
3 counsel.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Mr Santora.

09:41:30

5 MR SANTORA:

6 Q. When you said there was a law that "we shouldn't
7 communicate with those frequencies", first of all what do you
8 mean by "those frequencies"? I am sorry, "we shouldn't
9 communicate with those stations", what do you mean by "those
10 stations"?

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11 A. The stations I meant were the ones we classed as enemy
12 stations, that is the stations that belong to the Sierra Leone
13 Army.

14 Q. Now, when you said there was already a law, what do you
15 mean by a law?

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16 A. In the signal unit there was a law that we hadn't any right
17 to either go and discuss anything, or send a message on any of
18 those frequencies that were used by the SLA. Wherever we heard
19 them talking, we should not talk there.

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20 Q. Now, you also said further in your response that, "If
21 anybody went there to communicate with them I had the right to
22 stop that person not to communicate with them." Again, in this
23 sentence that I just read to you who was the "them"?

24 A. Well, if I can answer that directly, I said we were not
25 supposed to communicate on those frequencies and we hadn't any
26 right to talk to the SLAs. Anywhere we met them talking, we
27 hadn't any right to talk to them, or to talk on their own
28 frequency. Even if we were the ones who had selected the
29 frequency, if we noticed that they had started using, or they

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1 were making use of that frequency, we will cancel it, or condemn
2 it, so we will not use that frequency any more.

3 Q. Now, later on in your response - and this is lines 12 to 13
4 - you stated, "So when I stopped them, the SLA started using
09:44:19 5 motherly invectives." First of all in this, when you are
6 referring to this incident, who did you stop?

7 A. I met the RUF stations, two stations were there discussing,
8 and when they heard the SLA too talking they did not stop
9 communicating, so that is why I stopped the RUF stations to leave
09:44:58 10 that particular station.

11 Q. So in this sentence you stopped the RUF stations from
12 communicating with the SLA, is that correct?

13 A. Yes, I stopped them for them not to even communicate even
14 amongst themselves. They were not talking to the SLA station.
09:45:24 15 They were using the frequency.

16 Q. I understand, okay. So you stopped them from using that
17 particular frequency, is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Then you said, "The SLA started using motherly invectives."
09:45:42 20 What do you mean by "motherly invectives"?

21 A. I cannot repeat the insult, but what that meant if you
22 insult a woman, or if you insult somebody else's mother, that is
23 what I meant.

24 Q. You don't have to say what specifically these were, but can
09:46:06 25 you - who were these directed at, these motherly invectives?

26 A. The SLAs.

27 Q. Let me ask it again. Who was saying these things? Who
28 were saying these things?

29 A. The insults, the insulted mothers?

1 Q. Who were the ones saying the insults?

2 A. It was the SLA operators who were on the frequency. They
3 were the ones using the invectives.

4 Q. And who were these invectives directed at?

09:46:52 5 A. I was the one they were using the invectives on.

6 Q. Now, after this you said you gave the frequency on which
7 you monitored the SLA defence station. First of all, who did you
8 give the frequency to?

9 A. I gave the frequency to Foday Sankoh.

09:47:20 10 Q. And when you say the words "defence station", what do you
11 mean?

12 A. The SLAs defence station was there and they themselves
13 called it - they called it their defence station. That's how I
14 knew that they had a defence station there, the radio that they
09:47:47 15 operated at the defence.

16 Q. Now after you gave to Foday Sankoh the frequency - let me
17 rephrase the question. Later on you said, "So he instructed me
18 to continue monitoring there". Let's start with that. Who
19 instructed you to continue monitoring there?

09:48:25 20 A. It was Foday Sankoh.

21 Q. And "monitoring there", what are you referring to when you
22 say "there"?

23 A. I will go to the frequency where I met these SLA and they
24 used the invective on my mother and I should go there again to
09:48:51 25 listen if they were to - if the SLAs would come back to that
26 frequency and talk.

27 Q. So after he instructed you to do that, what happened?

28 A. I carried out the instruction and I listened. They came
29 there again. The SLAs came back to the frequency and I told them

1 back that they had come on the frequency - the SLAs had come back
2 on the frequency and the stations which were there, that was the
3 SLA's defence station, and one of the SLA's station was on the
4 frequency. So I told him what happened there.

09:49:48 5 Q. Okay, you told who what happened there?

6 A. I told Foday Sankoh.

7 Q. Now after this happened, what happened after this, after
8 you told Sankoh?

9 A. Foday Sankoh gave me another instruction to go there on the
09:50:23 10 same frequency and if I met them talking, the SLAs talking on
11 that frequency, I should tell the SLAs that they wanted to talk
12 to their defence station.

13 Q. That who wanted to talk to the defence station?

14 A. Foday Sankoh.

09:50:51 15 Q. And the defence station, you meaning what you said before,
16 the SLA defence station. Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now go ahead and continue with what happened after that
19 instruction after Sankoh told you that?

09:51:14 20 A. Then I went there on the frequency. I met them talking and
21 I stopped them and I passed on that message to the station that
22 was their defence station to the SLAs and they called the defence
23 station --

24 Q. I'm sorry, who called the defence station?

09:51:49 25 A. The SLAs called directly their own defence station for the
26 operator to talk to me directly, the operator at the defence
27 station to talk to me directly.

28 Q. And what happened after they called their own defence
29 station to the operator to talk to you directly?

1 A. Then I told the operator the message that Foday Sankoh had
2 given to me. The defence --

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please continue, Madam Witness.

4 THE WITNESS: The defence station for the SLAs - the
09:52:35 5 operator for the defence station of the SLAs told me that he will
6 pass on the message and he will come back on that same frequency
7 to tell me what the response was. And this SLA operator came
8 back on the frequency and called me and told me that tomorrow,
9 that was the following day, at the same hour, that was 1.30, that
09:53:19 10 I should tell my leader, that was Foday Sankoh, to meet on that
11 same frequency. Then I came back to my frequency and I passed on
12 the message to Foday Sankoh.

13 MR SANTORA:

14 Q. Okay, and go ahead after you passed on the --

09:53:40 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a minute, Mr Santora.

16 Mr Interpreter, you have used the expression twice "I met them
17 talking" and later "I met on the same frequency". "I met them
18 talking", this is a Krio expression. What is it in proper
19 English, please?

09:53:56 20 THE INTERPRETER: I heard them talking.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please desist from using Krio when
22 interpreting.

23 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

24 Q. Okay, after you passed this message to Foday Sankoh, what
09:54:16 25 happened?

26 A. The following day I went to the same frequency and Foday
27 Sankoh himself was on that same frequency monitoring and when it
28 got to the time, that was 1.30, I called the defence station for
29 the SLAs and I connected them with Foday Sankoh's set that he was

1 using.

2 Q. Go ahead and continue. What happened after that?

3 A. After that Foday Sankoh spoke to Maada Bio concerning the
4 war and the fighting that was going on and Foday Sankoh and Maada
09:55:26 5 Bio agreed that the fighting, or the problem, was Sierra Leone's
6 problem.

7 Q. Mrs Witness, I am sorry to interrupt you, but I just want
8 to take it in small stages. After you connected Foday Sankoh -
9 I'm sorry, after Foday Sankoh got on the set you said, "After
09:55:52 10 that Foday Sankoh spoke to Maada Bio". First of all, at this
11 point who is Maada Bio?

12 A. He was the President of Sierra Leone.

13 Q. So explain how you went from Foday Sankoh initially talking
14 on the set to then saying, "After that he spoke to Maada Bio".
09:56:23 15 Was it the same day, or did this happen some period after that?

16 A. On the same day that we had agreed on the SLA station and I
17 to meet on that very frequency.

18 Q. Now, did you hear the conversation yourself --

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, wait. Mr Interpreter, you
09:56:51 20 said "on the SLA station I to meet"?

21 THE INTERPRETER: No, your Honours, "The SLAs and I to
22 meet".

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: First of all, Mr Santora, we have a
24 record incorrectly recorded on the LiveNote as the interpreter
09:57:25 25 had said something else. The second point is I am not quite sure
26 what that means.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Does the witness mean that she had an
28 appointed time that she had agreed with the SLAs that she would
29 call them at a particular time? Is this what she's saying?

1 MR SANTORA:

2 Q. Mrs Witness, did you hear her Honour's question?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Can you answer it?

09:58:03 5 A. Yes, that is what I am saying exactly.

6 MR SANTORA: Now, just to enquire, the issue on the
7 incorrect record, is this the line that's on mine page 12, line
8 5, "The same day we had agreed"?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, it is line 4 on mine. It is says,
09:58:28 10 "The same day we had agreed on the SLA station I to meet" and, as
11 the interpreter said, that is not what he stated. It can be
12 picked up I think in the course of the corrections during the
13 day, but it will be noted.

14 MR SANTORA: Okay, thank you, Madam President:

09:58:50 15 Q. Okay, so you said that on the same day that Maada Bio
16 started speaking with Foday Sankoh. Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And this is the same day that you had the appointment to
19 meet on the frequency the SLA defence station. That's correct?

09:59:15 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, can you explain first of all were you yourself able to
22 listen to the conversations between Foday Sankoh and Maada Bio?

23 A. I listened to it.

24 Q. Can you tell the Court what you remember about those
09:59:32 25 conversations?

26 A. Like I was saying, Foday Sankoh and Maada Bio discussed to
27 solve the problem in Sierra Leone because brothers were fighting
28 against each other, that was the SLA and the RUF, and the problem
29 was a Sierra Leonean problem. They were not to go anywhere

1 outside of Sierra Leone to solve the problem and Foday Sankoh and
2 Maada Bio agreed to call for a ceasefire that very day.

3 Q. Okay, continue. What happened after that?

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4 A. After they had spoken, that is Foday Sankoh and Maada Bio,
5 I went back to my own frequency and the following day the
6 ceasefire instruction came from Foday Sankoh for the RUF to
7 observe ceasefire.

8 Q. How was that instruction issued?

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9 A. He sent a message, a written message. That was what I
10 received.

11 Q. What do you mean when you say a written message?

12 A. A message that was written in a book and signed and was
13 sent to me.

14 Q. How was it sent to you?

10:02:01

15 A. They sent it to me in a plain message form. It was not
16 coded.

17 Q. When you say plain message form, not coded, do you mean by
18 a piece of paper, or by a radio, or by a phone? How do you mean?
19 How did they transmit the actual message?

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20 A. By radio.

21 Q. What happened after Foday Sankoh sent an instruction for
22 the RUF to observe a ceasefire?

10:03:05

23 A. When I received the instruction I took it to the commander
24 I was working with, who was Colonel Isaac, and he called for all
25 the soldiers under the RUF who were under his command and he
26 passed this instruction to them and from that day we, the RUF,
27 who were on that side started observing the ceasefire and Colonel
28 Isaac did not send any mission out again to attack any town, or
29 to set ambushes, except that they went in search of food and

1 during that time when we ourselves would go on food finding from
2 the RUF side, we will meet with the SLAs and nobody will shoot at
3 his colleague. A brother will see his fellow brother, you will
4 talk, but Foday Sankoh had passed an instruction that we were not
10:04:30 5 to exchange anything with the SLAs, like alcohol, cigarettes,
6 anything that we would think they would use against our lives,
7 but we met and we spoke to each other.

8 Q. Okay, before I ask you about when you met with the SLAs,
9 you said that Foday Sankoh passed this instruction for a

10:05:08 10 ceasefire and that you transmitted this instruction to CO Isaac,
11 who in turn instructed his men on that side who started observing
12 the ceasefire. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who was CO Isaac at this point in charge of? When you say
10:05:32 15 his men, what are you referring to?

16 A. Those - the soldiers or combatants who were in the north,
17 that was around Black Water. That was where we were based.

18 Q. So from your observation, was the instruction that Foday
19 Sankoh sent for a ceasefire complied with?

10:06:10 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, at this point are you aware if this instruction was
22 sent anywhere else within Sierra Leone, aside from CO Isaac's
23 men?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Santora.

10:06:34 25 MR ANYAH: I make a foundational objection on the basis of
26 some of the discussions we had about this issue yesterday. In
27 terms of there is no foundation as to when the ceasefire took
28 place and now there has to be some foundation for her knowledge
29 base for the transmission of this instruction to the entire RUF

1 contingent in Sierra Leone.

2 MR SANTORA: May I respond, your Honours?

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so.

4 MR SANTORA: The Defence counsel has raised two points of
10:07:04 5 foundation. The first is the time frame on this is clearly
6 established as being when the conversation between Maada Bio and
7 Foday Sankoh took place, which according to the record was in
8 early 1996 before the elections in Sierra Leone. The second
9 point about the witness's basis of knowledge, the witness has
10:07:24 10 already testified extensively to the fact that she was monitoring
11 communications on the RUF radio network. So on both bases, the
12 Prosecution's submission is that there is certainly foundation to
13 ask that question.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question asks, "Are you aware if this
10:07:43 15 instruction was sent anywhere else?" The witness can reply in
16 the negative or the affirmative and if it is in the negative then
17 there is no question of foundation. If it is in the affirmative
18 then the evidence must follow from that. I allow the question.

19 MR SANTORA:
10:08:03 20 Q. Mrs Witness, the instruction that Foday Sankoh sent to you
21 and you in turn passed to CO Isaac, do you know, from your
22 standpoint as a radio operator, whether or not this instruction
23 was passed to anybody else within the RUF?

24 A. They passed it to the front line stations.

10:08:38 25 Q. And how do you --

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness must indicate how she knew
27 this.

28 MR SANTORA: That was exactly my question. Thank you,
29 Madam President:

1 Q. And how do you know that, Mrs Witness?

2 A. I knew that because I was on the set and the message that
3 the headquarters station, that is from Foday Sankoh, sent, they
4 called all the other stations, and that included mine, that the
10:09:17 5 message was meant for and we all received the message on the same
6 frequency.

7 Q. And can you remember at this point some of the other front
8 line stations?

9 A. Yes.

10:09:42 10 Q. Can you list some of them, or the ones that you remember?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Go ahead.

13 A. It was the Western Area, and CO Mohamed was in charge of
14 that; and Bo Highway, and Morris Kallon was in charge of there;
10:10:18 15 and Tongo.

16 Q. Do you remember who was in charge at Tongo?

17 A. It was Papa.

18 Q. And just for clarity, where is Tongo?

19 A. There is Tongo - Tongo is around Panguma. I think it is
10:10:58 20 Kenema District that Tongo is located.

21 Q. Okay, Mrs Witness, I am going to continue with what you
22 were discussing earlier about after this instruction for the
23 ceasefire occurred you said that you met SLAs. First of all,
24 what did you mean when you said you met SLAs?

10:11:28 25 A. If I can explain, I myself went on food finding and those
26 were places where there were no civilians, but if they had left
27 food like rice, palm oil and creatures, those were the places we
28 went and we took those things and brought them to our bases for
29 us to eat. During that food finding we met with the RUF - -

1 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, your Honours, the RUF met with the
2 SLAs --

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, what were you saying?

4 THE INTERPRETER: It is all right now, your Honour.

10:12:27 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, please continue with your
6 answer.

7 THE WITNESS: And during that food finding we met with the
8 SLAs and they too came on the patrol, but when I said we met,
9 there was a distance between us. The SLAs did not kind of join
10:12:59 10 our group, or we joined us standing together talking, but there
11 was some distance between us and we did not shoot at each other,
12 but you could see somebody from that distance and some men who
13 were with the RUF saw their brothers who were part of the SLA and
14 they spoke, that I heard.

10:13:35 15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. Now, these type of meetings that you are describing, about
17 how many times did this happen?

18 A. I witnessed that one once. The other one I did not witness
19 it, but the men who went on the patrol from the RUF side, when
10:14:05 20 they returned to the base they explained that such a thing
21 happened again.

22 Q. Now, at this point, just for reference, is this still in
23 early 1996, before the election in Sierra Leone that you are
24 describing?

10:14:27 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Now, what happened then after this?

27 A. That continued for a month and before the call came for the
28 Abidjan Peace Accord. In this Abidjan Peace Accord Foday Sankoh
29 informed the RUF and the civilians that were behind rebel lines

1 for everybody to go and give his or her views and he in turn
2 would eventually say it was not what he wanted, but it was what
3 the people that were within the RUF wanted. While this was going
4 on the election business came up and that was in '96.

10:16:10 5 Q. What happened in terms of the election business that you
6 know about?

7 A. The SLAs who were the fighting group for the Government of
8 Sierra Leone called back on the same frequency and we went there,
9 but at this time the SLA operator came on our own frequency and
10:16:50 10 he called again for us, I mean Foday Sankoh and me who was
11 mediating, to go on that same frequency where they spoke with
12 Foday Sankoh that they should have peace before the elections.
13 But after they had spoken we understood that - that we got from
14 the media and the SLAs too that the people had said that they
10:17:38 15 were to have elections before peace.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, could you please clarify with
17 the witness what she means by "and me who was mediating"?

18 MR SANTORA: I was going to clarify some of these points
19 including that one, your Honour, thank you. I am actually
10:18:18 20 looking for the reference that you mentioned, your Honour, and I
21 am not finding it.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is page 20, line 1, but it actually
23 starts on the previous line.

24 MR SANTORA: I see it now:

10:18:29 25 Q. First of all, Mrs Witness, I am going to ask you some
26 questions about what you just said. First of all you said that,
27 "The SLA operator came back on our own frequency and he called
28 again for us, I mean Foday Sankoh and me who was mediating, to go
29 on the same frequency". First of all what do you mean when you

1 say "and me who was mediating"?

2 A. I am referring to myself, because it was through my
3 station. I was the one who established the call and it was
4 through me that I passed the message again to tell Foday Sankoh
10:19:17 5 to meet on that same frequency. So when the SLAs would want to
6 talk again to Foday Sankoh they will not call him directly. They
7 will call me first and then I in turn would call Foday Sankoh,
8 then the two of us would go to the frequency. If there was any
9 other station that was to go on the frequency that station would
10:19:53 10 only monitor, but should not talk.

11 Q. Now what did you mean further on when you said, "They spoke
12 with Foday Sankoh that they should have peace before the
13 elections". First of all, who is "they" when you say "they spoke
14 to Foday Sankoh"?

10:20:15 15 A. I said the SLAs, the government at that time, which was
16 headed by Maada Bio, and Maada Bio spoke directly to Foday
17 Sankoh.

18 Q. And do you know what they meant when they said they should
19 have peace before the elections?

10:20:47 20 A. How I learnt about what they were discussing, from my
21 understanding they were to stop the war first and the people
22 would have peace and the people would know that there was no more
23 war in Sierra Leone and that would make the election to be free
24 and fair and genuine, because everybody, including those in
10:21:19 25 Kailahun, or who were behind rebel lines, would be able to
26 participate in the elections.

27 Q. Then you said, "But after they had spoken we understood
28 that - that we got from the media and the SLAs that the people
29 had said they were to have elections before peace". First of all

1 explain what you mean by that?

2 A. I have the same means when the SLAs will come and call me.
3 So they called me again and the SLAs made it clear to us that we,
4 the RUF, should know that that was what the SLPP, which was
10:22:35 5 headed by Tejan Kabbah, and the civilians who were in that SLPP
6 party had said. And they had said, that is the SLPP and the
7 civilians, that they wanted the elections to take place before
8 they will talk about peace with the RUF.

9 Q. So when you said later on that, "The people had said they
10:23:13 10 were to have elections before peace", who did you mean by "the
11 people"?

12 A. I am referring to the civilians who were on the side of the
13 government; that is the Sierra Leone government.

14 Q. So, if you know, what was the position then of Foday
10:23:39 15 Sankoh? Was his position to have peace before the election, or
16 election before peace?

17 A. It was to get peace before elections.

18 Q. Now after you heard this information from the media and
19 from the SLAs that the people wanted elections before peace, what
10:24:11 20 happened?

21 A. After that the time that was stated on the media that the
22 elections were to be held, we had an instruction from the RUF
23 side to stop that elections.

24 Q. Explain what you mean when you said you had an instruction
10:24:51 25 from the RUF side to stop that elections?

26 A. We had a message that was from Foday Sankoh through CO
27 Mohamed for all the stations which were at the front line to go
28 and run Operation Stop Elections, to go into those towns where
29 the elections were to be conducted and to cause panic there so

1 that the people will not conduct the elections.

2 Q. What do you mean when you say to go cause panic there?

3 A. To go and shoot in the places so the people will be afraid;
4 they will run away and the elections will not be actualised.

10:26:07 5 Q. Do you know where Foday Sankoh was when he issued this
6 instruction?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Where?

9 A. He had then been in Ivory Coast.

10:26:43 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question you asked, Mr Santora, was
11 in the present tense, "Where was he when he issued this
12 instruction?" The witness has replied in the past, "He had
13 been".

14 MR SANTORA: I understand:

10:26:58 15 Q. Mrs Witness, when this instruction was issued from Foday
16 Sankoh to CO Mohamed, at that point the instruction was issued do
17 you know where Foday Sankoh was?

18 A. He was in Ivory Coast.

19 Q. How do you know he issued this instruction to CO Mohamed?

10:27:24 20 A. It was how I got the message.

21 Q. How did you get the message?

22 A. Like I said, from Foday Sankoh through CO Mohamed to the
23 stations that were at the front lines and at that time CO Mohamed
24 was in Zogoda. When Pa Sankoh went, he was the one who replaced
10:27:59 25 him.

26 Q. So after you received this instruction, what happened?

27 A. At my location where I was, the commander, who was CO
28 Isaac, formed arm men to go along the Matotoka-Masingbi axis to
29 stop the elections.

1 Q. Did you yourself participate in this?

2 A. I did not go.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, did you say, "CO Isaac
4 found armed men"?

10:29:25 5 THE INTERPRETER: No, "formed", your Honour. Actually she
6 meant he formed a group, I think, but that was what the witness
7 said, but it could be he formed a group of armed men, but the
8 witness did not use "group", your Honour.

9 MR SANTORA: But the LiveNote reads something that was not
10:29:44 10 used by the witness, according to what I heard, so I am going to
11 clarify it:

12 Q. What did you mean when you said, "CO Isaac formed armed men
13 to go along"?

14 A. When I said "along", that is the road or the towns that
10:30:17 15 were between Matotoka and Masingbi, along that road wherever they
16 were to conduct elections.

17 Q. And I apologise because I didn't ask the question properly.
18 What do you mean when you said "he formed armed men"?

19 A. The men, the combatants who were under CO Isaac's control,
10:30:52 20 it was from them that he formed a group who were armed men, those
21 with gun, and he sent them on this operation.

22 Q. Now, as far as you know, was this operation successful?

23 A. Well, from what I knew, they carried out the operation, but
24 I can't say it was successful because the elections still went
10:31:40 25 on.

26 Q. And who won this election?

27 A. It was Tejan Kabbah.

28 Q. Now, you said at some point Foday Sankoh was in Ivory
29 Coast, is that correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Why was he in Ivory Coast, if you know?

3 A. He went there for the Abidjan Peace Accord.

4 Q. And what is the Abidjan Peace Accord?

10:32:25 5 A. From my own understanding, it was the time that the
6 Government of Sierra Leone and the RUF were to meet in Abidjan to
7 make peace and to sign this peace whereby the international
8 community was leading.

9 Q. Do you know who, if anyone, went to Ivory Coast with Foday
10:33:03 10 Sankoh?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can you name who you remember?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Go ahead.

10:33:24 15 A. Gibril Massaquoi went, Faya Musa went, Philip Palmer went,
16 Osman Tolo, Memunatu Deen, Philip Sannoh and Martin Moinama.
17 Other people went, but I can't recall their names now.

18 Q. I am going to ask you one of the names you mentioned,
19 Memunatu Deen, I am going to ask you if you know how to spell
10:34:09 20 Memunatu?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you go ahead and do that?

23 A. M-E-M-U-N-A-T-U and the surname is D-E-E-N.

24 Q. Who is Memunatu Deen?

10:34:41 25 A. I knew her to be Osman Tolo's wife.

26 Q. Can you tell us when approximately Foday Sankoh left for
27 Abidjan from what you recall?

28 A. I can't recall the month, but it was in '96.

29 Q. Now, was this peace accord eventually signed?

1 A. They signed the peace accord.

2 Q. And first of all, before I ask you about that, when Foday
3 Sankoh left who did he leave in charge of the RUF?

4 A. It was CO Mohamed.

10:36:00 5 Q. Did CO Mohamed remain in charge?

6 A. He was in charge up to the time the Kamajors dislodged them
7 from Zogoda.

8 Q. And who took over from CO Mohamed after the Kamajors
9 dislodged them from Zogoda?

10:36:30 10 A. It was Sam Bockarie.

11 Q. Now, on the day the peace accord was signed, do you
12 remember where you were?

13 A. I was still around Black Water.

14 Q. And what happened?

10:36:57 15 A. And at that time, the very day that they were to sign the
16 peace, it was on that very day that the Kamajors attacked us.
17 They said they were not educated and they were not part of the
18 signing of the peace, because before the signing of the peace
19 there was a ceasefire in place.

10:37:27 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is the "they", Mr Santora?

21 MR SANTORA: I will clarify that, your Honour:

22 Q. Who said - when you said they - well, let me start from the
23 beginning. You said, "They said they were not educated". Who
24 were you referring to when you say that?

10:37:51 25 A. The Kamajors.

26 Q. And when you say, "They were not part of the signing of the
27 peace", who were you referring to for "they"?

28 A. The same Kamajors.

29 Q. So you said they attacked your position on the day of the

1 signing of the peace accord?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, earlier you said that when Zogoda was attacked and
4 when CO Mohamed - when Sam Bockarie took over leadership from CO

10:38:30 5 Mohamed, do you know when Zogoda was attacked?

6 A. I can't tell the exact month, but it was in '96.

7 Q. Do you remember if it was before or after the signing of
8 the peace accord, if you remember?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated].

10:38:57 10 MR SANTORA: No, I am referring to the attack, a different
11 attack, your Honours, on Zogoda, not - unless I - one moment. I
12 will verify it. If your Honours just - I am referring to an
13 attack on Zogoda and I believe the record states that in terms of
14 that time frame your Honours were alluding to, which is referring
10:39:33 15 to the attack on the witness's position at Black Water.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, I see.

17 MR SANTORA: If that distinction is --

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Well, you need to make that distinction
19 clear, because we were talking of one attack and then suddenly of
10:39:46 20 some other attack.

21 MR SANTORA: I will make the distinction clear:

22 Q. Now, you said that Zogoda was attacked and this was when CO
23 Mohamed - when Sam Bockarie took over leadership from CO Mohamed.
24 Do you remember when this attack at Zogoda occurred in terms of
10:40:14 25 was it before or after the signing of the peace accord?

26 A. It was before they signed the peace.

27 Q. Now, after the attack on your position near Black Water and
28 after the peace accord was signed, what happened to you?

29 A. When they attacked, when the Kamajors started attacking us,

1 the attack continued. Wherever we went to base, the Kamajors
2 will attack us. We were on that running from one place to the
3 other when the AFRC took over. That was in May '97.

10:41:28 4 Q. Now, you said, "We were on that running from one place to
5 the other", so between the time - first of all who do you mean
6 "we"?

7 A. When I say "we" this time I am referring to those of us who
8 were under the RUF in the north, at Black Water area where we
9 were based.

10:41:54 10 Q. Now, from this time when you were attacked at your position
11 on the day of the signing of the Abidjan Peace Accord, until the
12 AFRC coup, were you continuing your work as a radio operator
13 during this time?

10:42:19 14 A. At that time I was not operating, because so many things
15 were missing from us, thus causing us not to switch on our
16 radios.

17 Q. Now, where were you when the AFRC coup in May of 1997
18 occurred?

10:42:54 19 A. I was still around the Black Water area. The Black Water
20 is a very long river which was caused by gold mining. Wherever
21 they mined gold, that was where the water went. So it was around
22 those areas that we based until the time the AFRC took over.

23 Q. Okay, what happened to you upon the AFRC taking over?

10:43:33 24 A. On the day that they announced that the AFRC had taken over
25 and that the AFRC was calling the RUF to come from the bush and
26 join them, I was not on the radio. The Kamajors had attacked us
27 and we were scattered all over the place. After three days my
28 colleagues with whom we were in the RUF started coming together
29 gradually. When I was coming at that time to join them where

1 they were assembling, I met - as I was entering the place I met
2 them jubilating. They were jubilating that the AFRC had taken
3 over and had invited the RUF to join them.

10:44:35 4 Q. When you said, "When I was coming at that time to join them
5 where they were assembling", who do you mean when you say "join
6 them"? What do you mean by "them"?

7 A. When I say "them", I have said that my companions or my
8 colleagues with whom we were in the RUF who were around Black
9 Water, at that time that they attacked all of us were scattered.
10:45:10 10 Everybody found where he or she will go to save his life, his or
11 her life. Then after a few days where the first people gathered,
12 those who were still from the RUF, that was where the base was.
13 Then they will start locating those who have not yet come and it
14 was after three days that I was able to meet them, the RUF, where
10:45:45 15 they were based.

16 Q. So you said then you met them and you entered the place, "I
17 met them jubilating", I think that is the word that is not
18 correct on LiveNote, but I think that is what the witness said,
19 "jubilating". Where did you actually meet them jubilating?

10:46:16 20 A. At this place where they had started assembling us when -
21 after we had been scattered, that was where I met them
22 jubilating.

23 Q. And by "them" you mean who again?

24 A. Those who were at the place?

10:46:43 25 Q. Yes.

26 A. The commanders who were with us headed by CO Isaac and the
27 combatants, the women who were with those combatants. When I
28 said "we" that includes me and my colleague operators who were in
29 the signal unit. I am referring to us who were under CO Isaac's

1 control in that area.

2 Q. Now during the AFRC period, when the AFRC was in power in
3 Sierra Leone, where were you based?

4 A. I was in Kono in Gaya.

10:47:48 5 Q. Can you spell Gaya?

6 A. N-G-A-Y-A.

7 Q. Do you know if it has any other ways to be spelled?

8 A. I used to see them write it as G-A-Y-A.

9 Q. Do you know why it has two spellings?

10:48:16 10 A. Well, from my own knowledge, like I had said, we have
11 native ways that we pronounce the names of our towns and there is
12 the way that the white man writes it.

13 Q. Now, based on your life experience growing up in Sierra
14 Leone, based on your ability to both read and write, are there
10:49:03 15 other locations in Sierra Leone that have more than one form of
16 spelling?

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought we disallowed that question
18 yesterday.

19 MR SANTORA: Your Honour, I put certain foundation to the
10:49:18 20 question this time that was not there yesterday. But if your
21 Honours do not want --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I note there has been no objection, but
23 as my learned colleague has pointed out - I accept that you have
24 now laid the foundation, Mr Santora.

10:49:44 25 MR SANTORA: Thank you.

26 Q. Mrs Witness, do you want me to repeat the question?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Based on your life experience growing up in Sierra Leone
29 and based on your ability to both read and write, are there other

1 Locations in Sierra Leone that have more than one form of
2 spelling?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And can you explain why that is, if you know?

10:50:26 5 A. Like I just said, the way a traditional person or a native
6 calls the place whereby some of those places the names have
7 meanings, that is not how the white man will spell it.

8 Q. Okay, can you give any examples of other locations?

9 A. Like I said, Baiima, or Kuiiva. Like Baiima that I saw on
10:51:12 10 the signpost, they wrote it as B-A-I-I-M-A. But when a Mende man
11 is calling it he will put a G and call it as Gbaiima. So that is
12 not how the white man writes it as.

13 Q. You also mentioned Kuiiva?

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I appreciate the fact I did not
10:51:40 15 object and counsel did lay foundation. The foundation in my
16 submission would be appropriate for the witness on the basis of
17 common knowledge living in Sierra Leone and her education and the
18 like to indicate that, yes, to her general knowledge she is aware
19 of variations in spellings in various places in Sierra Leone.

10:52:01 20 I am standing up to note an objection with respect to the
21 veracity or accuracy of any spellings she gives in respect of
22 these places that she knows. There is a distinction between the
23 two. There would have to be some kind of foundation that she has
24 some kind of expertise and sufficient training in proposing
10:52:24 25 accurate spellings for these places.

26 So my objection is to the extent counsel expects this Court
27 to accept the spellings she puts forth as accurate, there has to
28 be more foundation that she has sufficient training about the
29 accurate spellings of these places. It's a distinction that is

1 different from her having general knowledge that places have
2 different names.

3 MR SANTORA: Your Honour, may I briefly respond?

10:52:52

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I was going to invite your response
5 to the objection.

10:53:12

6 MR SANTORA: It is the Prosecution's submission that in
7 this particular instance life experience is enough foundation.
8 My colleague from the Defence - spelled D-E-F-E-N-C-E in some
9 variations of English or D-E-F-E-N-S-E in other variations of
10 English. We all have life experience that can allow us to note
11 the difference in spellings and simply her life experience in
12 Sierra Leone should be sufficient. And also that she can read
13 and write, that is sufficient to show that she knows there are
14 alternative forms of spelling. I am not going to pursue this
15 very much further I should note, but I do think foundation is
16 sufficient for various locations in Sierra Leone, but there are
17 alternative spellings and she can attest to them.

10:53:33

18 MR ANYAH: I agree with him that the foundation is
19 sufficient as to that. I don't know if counsel understands the
20 distinction I'm making.

10:53:50

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think I do understand. You're saying
22 that this is a field of expertise or specialised knowledge on the
23 variations in spellings.

10:54:03

24 MR ANYAH: Not necessarily. With respect, not necessarily.
25 It is to the degree to which they are proposing that those
26 spellings are accurate. We have had maps and documents from the
27 internet spelling a particular location in several different ways
28 and to suggest that the spelling proposed by this witness is the
29 accurate spelling is what I am objecting to.

1 There is foundation to say that, yes, she knows different
2 places have different spellings, but when we get to the
3 additional component that they are proposing that her spelling of
4 Baiima wherever is how it is spelt, I object to that.

10:54:38 5 MR SANTORA: Well, your Honours, just again in response,
6 this witness does not need to be an expert to spell locations in
7 Sierra Leone. We are submitting based on her - there is
8 foundation based on her life experience. Now the witnesses have
9 been asked to spell --

10:54:54 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, there has to be an end to the
11 arguments in a submission. Allow us to confer and make a ruling.

12 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour.

13 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, Mr Santora, just before we confer,
14 are you seeking to adduce from this witness evidence that she
10:55:10 15 knows of places in Sierra Leone that are spelt more than one way,
16 or alternatively are you seeking to adduce from this witness that
17 evidence plus the fact that the rendition she gives of the
18 alternative spellings are absolutely correct?

19 MR SANTORA: I am seeking to have this witness based on her
10:55:34 20 life and factual observations that there are alternative
21 spellings to locations in Sierra Leone, that based on her
22 observations as somebody growing up in Sierra Leone and why these
23 distinctions in spelling - why there are differences in spelling
24 which she has explained, and then to give some examples of where
10:55:56 25 that occurs where these various - where these alternative
26 spellings do occur which she was starting to go into. I am not
27 asking her to give spellings for every location in Sierra Leone
28 and their possible alternative spellings.

29 JUDGE LUSSICK: No, no, no, you are missing the point.

1 It's one thing for the witness to say, "I know places that are
2 spelt more than one way". There is no objection to her giving
3 evidence on that. But if you want her to say, "I know places
4 that are spelt more than one way and the alternative spellings I
10:56:28 5 am going to give you are the absolute accurate spellings" - is
6 that what you are seeking to adduce from her?

7 MR SANTORA: No, the second proposition is not what I am
8 seeking to adduce, your Honour. I am sorry I misunderstood you.

9 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, Mr Anyah, why can't this witness say
10:56:45 10 that she knows places that are spelt more than one way?

11 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Justice Lussick. Of course she can
12 and I did not arise to object until we got to page 33, line 10,
13 when the witness gave the first example and then counsel's next
14 question was, "You also mentioned Kui va?" That to me signaled a
10:57:07 15 series of questions that would flow from that as to the different
16 locations and the witness would in turn give the spellings of
17 those locations. The record could very well be vague at the end
18 of the line of questioning vis-a-vis whether or not counsel
19 proposes that those are the correct spellings, but I am obligated
10:57:25 20 to register my objection so that it is clear on the record that
21 we do not accept the spellings put forth by the witness as being
22 the accurate spellings.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, I take it you are not putting forward
24 the evidence as being accurate spellings.

10:57:40 25 MR SANTORA: No.

26 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just evidence that towns in Sierra Leone
27 are spelt more than one way.

28 MR SANTORA: That's exactly correct, your Honour.

29 JUDGE LUSSICK: Well, do you still press your objection,

1 Mr Anyah?

2 MR ANYAH: Not in that case, your Honour.

3 JUDGE LUSSICK: All right. Well, you continue with your
4 questioning then.

10:57:56 5 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Justice Lussick. I have to
6 remember my question. One moment.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness had mentioned a signpost with
8 a name on it and then you had asked her about Kui va.

9 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

10:58:09 10 Q. As far as you know what are the spellings of Kui va?

11 A. What I am trying to say exactly - because I am listening to
12 what's happening. I am not trying to say that what I am - the
13 way I am spelling those towns is the exact name or spelling, but
14 from what I understand as long as I have been in Sierra Leone and
10:58:40 15 I am a Mende, I know some of the towns that have been given Mende
16 names which have meanings, whereby if it were a direct
17 translation that is not how it would be written. That's what I'm
18 saying. And like Kui va, you can spell it as K-U-I-V-A, it can
19 still sound like when you say Q-U-I-V-A. That is what I said.

10:59:10 20 And like Pendembu, that has been spelt as P-E-N-D-E-M-B-U. If it
21 is the right Mende name that it was given it would be Kpendembu,
22 it should be K-P-E-N-D-U - D-E-M-B-U. That is what the Mende man
23 means by the name of that town that I know of. That's what I'm
24 saying. I am not saying that my spelling should be the correct
10:59:47 25 one, but the translation for those names - the names of those
26 towns that I know, that's what I'm saying.

27 Q. Okay, thank you, Mrs Witness. Now I am going to take your
28 attention back to what we were just discussing about where you
29 were during the AFRC junta regime in Sierra Leone. You said you

1 were based in Gaya?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Where is that?

4 A. Gaya is between Bumpe and Mortema when you come from Sewafe
11:00:42 5 going to Koidu Town, but it's inside going to Yengema. It's not
6 on the main road.

7 Q. Just and - well, I will get into a more precise - how you
8 pointed out precisely later on, but just for clarity, do you know
9 what chiefdom Gaya is in?

11:01:09 10 A. I can't know the chiefdom because I did not grow up in
11 Kono.

12 Q. It is in Kono. How far away is it - you said between Bumpe
13 and Mortema, is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

11:01:27 15 Q. About how far away is it from Bumpe?

16 A. It could be four miles, because when you leave Bumpe, going
17 to Mortema, you will see Gaya junction on the main road, but the
18 Gaya itself is inside.

19 Q. What road is this you are referring to?

11:02:03 20 A. It is the Kono-Masingbi Road.

21 Q. And Gaya is in Kono District, is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So describe what happened when you started basing in Gaya?

24 A. Well, when I was in Gaya it was CO Isaac who took me,
11:02:47 25 together with Foday Lansana. We were in Gaya, in the barracks at
26 the headquarters where the SLAs were. That was where we stayed.

27 Q. Before I ask you to continue with describing this, can you
28 tell the Court what was your relationship with Foday Lansana?

29 A. He was my bush husband.

1 Q. And how long was he your bush husband for?

2 A. For seven years.

3 Q. And when - can you describe what was the time period of
4 your relationship?

11:03:52 5 A. From 1994 to 2000.

6 Q. And did you have any --

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I imagine you are going to
8 elicit evidence as to the meaning of this word "bush husband"?

9 MR SANTORA: Yes, I was planning on doing that, your

11:04:24 10 Honour, thank you:

11 Q. Now, when you say "bush husband", what do you mean?

12 A. Well, at the time that we were in the bush we were together
13 in the same place as husband and wife and we gave birth to
14 children. When I say bush husband, it means he never knew my
15 mother or my father, nor any of my relatives to whom he could
16 have gone to ask for my hand in marriage.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Was this a marriage by consent?

18 MR SANTORA:

19 Q. Did you hear the justice's question?

11:05:26 20 A. I heard it well and I can say yes because I was not under
21 gun point. At that time I was in the RUF and it was during the
22 time I was undergoing my training. It was at that time that he
23 fell in love with me.

24 Q. How many children did you have together?

11:05:57 25 A. We had three, but two are alive now.

26 Q. And Foday Lansana that you are referring to, what was his
27 other name, if he had one?

28 A. CO Nya.

29 Q. And this is the same person that you said trained you on

1 the radio?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, taking you back again to the time when you were in
4 Gaya during the AFRC regime, first of all who was - where were
11:06:38 5 you actually specifically - what were your specific day to day
6 activities?

7 A. Well, when I went to Gaya I still went to the radio
8 station, which was not the RUF station but the SLA's, whereby it
9 was Major Sheik Mamoud who was the brigade commander. The signal
11:07:16 10 commander was Mr Mbawa, or Sergeant Mbawa. It was under their
11 command, or their radio station that I used to go every day and I
12 will be there at that station and if there was any message that
13 was to be passed on to the RUF, they will give it to me and I
14 will send it, or we will receive if it were to - if it were meant
11:07:54 15 to be received, I will receive it.

16 Q. Okay, before we go on, you said a few names that didn't
17 come out. The first one you said was Sheik Mamoud and he was the
18 overall brigade commander, is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

11:08:11 20 Q. And then you said sergeant, you said, Mbawa, Sergeant
21 Mbawa?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And I am going to ask you to spell, if you know how to
24 spell his name. I am sorry, do you know how to spell his name?

11:08:41 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Go ahead.

27 A. Sheik Mamoud, how I saw him write it it was S-H-E-I-K
28 M-A-M-O-U-D and Sergeant Mbawa M-B-A-W-A.

29 Q. Did you say "N" or "M"?

1 A. "M".

2 Q. Okay. Go ahead and describe what was happening in the
3 radio room at this time that you were visiting.

4 A. I used to see the SLAs too communicating. We used to talk
11:10:06 5 alongside the RUF and the SLA stations that were in Freetown and
6 any other place where their stations were, where the SLA stations
7 were. I too used to partake, because at that time I was
8 interested in the job, so I started learning their own Morse
9 code. I was learning how they used the Morse.

11:10:43 10 Q. Who was using Morse code?

11 A. The SLAs were using it.

12 Q. Now, prior to this had you ever yourself worked in Morse
13 code?

14 A. I hadn't worked with it. I saw it there.

11:11:06 15 Q. So in the radio room itself, on average, on any given day,
16 how many radio operators would be in there?

17 A. On any given day I can say I can remember five.

18 Q. And were they SLAs, or RUF, or both? What was their
19 composition?

11:11:42 20 A. They were SLAs. I was the only RUF.

21 Q. Now describe, if you know, generally the communication
22 network between the SLAs and the RUF at this time?

23 A. I knew that the SLAs had their station and the RUF had
24 their own stations and it was not all the SLA stations that the
11:12:27 25 RUF radio operators were. Then we and them were not trained in
26 the same way and it was not the same procedures that we had.

27 Q. Now, did you learn their procedures while you were with
28 them in Gaya?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. When you say you learned their procedures, what do you
2 mean?

3 A. I learnt how they used to call their other stations when
4 they wanted to contact their colleague SLA stations, the way they
11:13:26 5 called, and how they called for a message, and how they wrote
6 their messages, and how they sent their messages, and how they
7 too coded their messages, which included the Morse code, whereby
8 you did not use the voice. Sometimes they used it by voice,
9 which is the Morse, but even if you were sitting there you will
11:14:00 10 not understand anything if you did not learn it.

11 Q. Now, you said that, "We used to talk alongside the RUF and
12 the SLA stations that were in Freetown and any other place where
13 their stations were, where the SLA stations were." I am going to
14 ask you to break that down and have you explain it. What did you
11:14:29 15 mean when you say, "We used to talk alongside the RUF and the SLA
16 stations that were in Freetown"?

17 A. Being that we were now together, the RUF had joined the
18 SLAs, we talked to each other, the SLAs communicated with the RUF
19 and the RUF communicated with the SLAs daily on what was
11:15:03 20 happening, not from all areas, but most times from Freetown and
21 where I was, that is Gaya in Kono. I used to monitor those
22 talks.

23 Q. Do you remember which RUF and SLA stations were in
24 Freetown?

11:15:38 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Can you name the ones that you remember?

27 A. Well, I knew that the defence station for the SLA was
28 there, Johnny Paul Koroma's station was there and Mosquito, that
29 is Sam Bockarie's, station was there, and Issa Sesay too had a

1 station there in Freetown.

2 Q. Now aside from radio operations I want to ask you about
3 some of your other observations in Gaya while you were there
4 during the AFRC time. Did you ever see any other commanders in

11:16:32 5 Gaya aside from CO Isaac?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who did you see?

8 A. I used to see commanders. I saw Sam Bockarie there, I saw
9 Issa, I saw Five-Five and others went there, Gullit, I saw Akim

11:17:08 10 go there. That was a place sometimes - because I was inside,
11 commanders used to come from Freetown, they will pass through
12 Kono and go and they were not to report to me or where I was, but
13 when they were toing and froing Freetown and Kono.

14 Q. Do you have any information as to why these commanders were
11:17:41 15 coming - toing and froing Freetown and Kono?

16 A. If I got an information - I got an information and I knew
17 that most of the commanders who were coming there had people who
18 were mining for them. When they were in Freetown they had their
19 people there. The commanders would leave their bodyguards behind
11:18:18 20 to oversee the miners, so they used to come at regular intervals
21 to collect what they have accrued and go with them.

22 Q. Before I ask you more about that I just want to clarify
23 some of the names you mentioned. You said one Issa used to come.
24 Who is Issa?

11:18:44 25 A. Well, Issa Sesay. When Pa Sankoh was no longer there in
26 Sierra Leone and when CO Mohamed too was not there, he was - he
27 deputised Mosquito, Sam Bockarie.

28 Q. Okay, and who was Issa related to - who was Issa though?

29 A. Issa was an RUF commander.

1 Q. I think it was actually clear and I didn't understand what
2 I read. And you said another name, Akim. Who is that?

3 A. I knew him to be an SLA commander.

4 Q. You also mentioned one Gullit. Who is that?

11:19:45 5 A. I knew him too as an SLA commander and Five-Five too. All
6 of them were commanders and they were honourables.

7 Q. Now, you said that the commanders would leave their
8 bodyguards behind to oversee the miners. Who was actually - who
9 were actually the miners?

11:20:35 10 A. The civilians. They were doing the mining.

11 Q. How do you know this?

12 A. I saw them. They excavated the gravel and they washed it.
13 The RUF soldiers and the SLAs just stood over them when they were
14 working to ensure that they did not take anything and hide it
11:21:11 15 away, like diamonds.

16 Q. Now where specifically do you remember seeing this happen
17 during the AFRC regime while you were based in Gaya?

18 A. I saw him in Bumpe and in one village which they called
19 Bongema and in Koidu too.

11:21:43 20 MR SANTORA: I am not sure if the witness - I am going to
21 ask again, because I am not sure if the witness - I thought I
22 heard the witness say something differently, but I will just ask
23 the question again:

24 Q. Now I was asking you about where you saw mining taking
11:22:02 25 place while you were based in Gaya, where did you see it
26 happening, and the record says, "I saw him in Bumpe". Is that
27 what you said?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Explain what you mean?

1 A. I saw in Bumpe - I myself went there and saw civilians
2 excavating to mine diamonds and I saw it in Bongema where I saw
3 civilians mining and they were using machines to do the mining
4 and in Koidu, when you were entering into Koidu Town after the
11:23:04 5 Five-Five bridge I saw it there too when they were mining and
6 washing the gravel.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have we got a spelling for the second
8 village mentioned by the witness, Bongema or some name like that?

9 MR SANTORA: I will have to look back because I don't
11:23:36 10 remember how she pronounced it.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, if you look at page 46, line
12 14, on my record.

13 MR SANTORA:

14 Q. Okay, you said you saw this happening - initially you said
11:23:49 15 in Bumpe and in one village they called Bongema?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you spell the name of that village?

18 A. I can spell it, B-O-N-G-E-M-A.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: It occurs again, Mr Santora, on page 47,
11:24:17 20 line 1.

21 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: It would help if we knew the districts
23 where these villages are as well.

24 MR SANTORA: I am going to clarify that. For some reason
11:24:31 25 my line spacing is a bit different than yours. Madam President,
26 are you referring to another village that needs clarifying?

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I understood it to be the same village
28 from the pronunciation, in those two locations. I am merely
29 pointing out the same villages are mentioned twice.

1 MR SANTORA: I understand, thank you:

2 Q. Now these various locations that you have mentioned where
3 you saw this mining taking place by civilians during the AFRC
4 regime, what district was this occurring in?

11:25:18 5 A. It's in the Kono District.

6 Q. And do you know the chiefdoms that these various - that
7 this was occurring in, and I can take it village by village if
8 you don't know. Just tell me if you know or not?

9 A. I do not know the chiefdom names.

11:25:39 10 Q. How come you are not familiar with chiefdom names in Kono?

11 A. Sometimes when you ask you will know, or when you hear
12 somebody call the name of the chiefdom you will know, but where I
13 grew up I can talk about chiefdoms there, but there I just went
14 there during the AFRC time.

11:26:22 15 Q. Now did there come a time when you left Gaya?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And before I get to that, Mrs Witness, just for clarity,
18 what were these civilians mining for?

19 A. Like I said, commanders were - commanders had civilians who
11:26:56 20 were mining for them. Also they had Morris Kallon who was in
21 charge of the RUF mining, whereby they had civilians who were
22 mining for the movement, the RUF.

23 Q. What particularly were they mining for though?

24 A. Diamonds.

11:27:41 25 Q. Now again I am going to - did there come a time --

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I notice you looking at the clock,

27 Mr Santora. We have been told there are two minutes.

28 MR SANTORA: I was just about to move into a new area, but
29 I will start the new area now and we can continue:

1 Q. Did there come a time when you left Gaya?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When was that?

4 A. I left Gaya during the intervention when the ECOMOG

11:28:23 5 dislodged the AFRC and the RUF from Freetown.

6 Q. And where did you go first?

7 A. When I left Gaya I went to Small Sefadu.

8 Q. Describe the circumstances. Who were you with when you
9 left Gaya?

11:29:03 10 A. I was still with Foday Lansana.

11 Q. Were you with anyone else when you initially left?

12 A. When we left, because I was not alone, all of us moved
13 including the SLAs. But those who were with me were the ones who
14 were radio operators who had been with us when we were moving
11:29:38 15 from Gaya. That is Waco-Waco, he was with us when we went to
16 Small Sefadu.

17 Q. And just before we break, where is Small Sefadu?

18 A. Small Sefadu is near Koidu after Kokuiima when you are going
19 to Tombodu or Number 11.

11:30:13 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, we will have to check that
21 spelling but it is now up to the time limit for the tape and we
22 therefore must adjourn. Madam Witness, we are now taking the
23 mid-morning adjournment of half an hour and we will resume court
24 at 12 o'clock. Please adjourn court until 12.

11:30:31 25 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

26 [Upon resuming at 12.02 p.m.]

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Before we resume the evidence of the
28 witness I wish to announce a decision. Having considered the
29 submissions, and in the light of the urgency of the Defence

1 motion pursuant to Rule 75(G) to rescind closed session
2 protective measures granted orally in other proceedings for
3 witness TF1-168, we will now give an oral decision on the motion.

12:02:28 4 By a majority, Justice Doherty dissenting, we partly allow
5 the motion and vary the existing protective measures so that
6 instead of an entirely closed session the following measures
7 will, in the opinion of the Trial Chamber, strike a proper
8 balance between the rights of the accused and the security of the
9 witness; i.e. continued use of a pseudonym, voice distortion,
12:03:01 10 image distortion, screening from the public, private sessions
11 whenever necessary and those other protective measures concerning
12 dissemination of information about the witness which are
13 presently in place.

14 Mr Santora, when you are ready to proceed. It would appear
12:03:39 15 the LiveNote is not working. I will ask someone to have it
16 looked at. Madam Court Attendant, if you could please assist.
17 Counsel, would it be appropriate to proceed without the LiveNote,
18 provided of course that it is being fully recorded? Is it being
19 fully recorded?

12:04:25 20 MS IRURA: Your Honour, my LiveNote which is connected
21 directly to the stenographers is working and I will ask the
22 technician to come in and try and help with everybody's.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I just want to ensure that there will be
24 a proper record.

12:04:42 25 MS IRURA: Your Honour, there is a proper record.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: In the light of that assurance we will
27 continue.

28 MR SANTORA: In the light of that assurance we can proceed.
29 Just before we continue there was one spelling that did not come

1 across on LiveNote. It has been spelt on the record before as
2 Kokui ma, K-O-K-U-I-M-A:

3 Q. Mrs Witness, I am going to ask you some more questions
4 about what happened, what you saw at the time of what you call
12:05:26 5 the intervention occurred and when you left Gaya, okay?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. First of all, why did you leave Gaya?

8 A. I left Gaya, I was at the radio station when a message from
9 Freetown came that the SLA's headquarter station that was there
12:06:04 10 sent a message that the ECOMOG had taken over Freetown and they
11 were retreating, they were leaving Freetown. So when that
12 message came all of us scattered about. We who were there, the
13 RUF and the SLA, all of us scattered about. Everybody went to
14 his house where he or she was and took what he or she could take.

12:06:47 15 While we were about packing what we could pack - because
16 just after they had said that Freetown had fallen into the hands
17 of ECOMOG to us it looked like the whole movement, that was the
18 RUF and the AFRC, was scattered. Everybody was just going about
19 his or her own way and we were in Gaya, civilians were coming
12:07:18 20 from Koidu coming to Gaya and soldiers too were coming from Koidu
21 Town. That is the SLA, RUF coming to Gaya saying that there was
22 looting going on in Gaya and that was Five-Five and Gullit were
23 the ones who had passed the instruction that they were to run
24 Operation Pay Yourself and they started looting people's
12:07:55 25 property. They said they were breaking into shops, saying that
26 they were to pay themselves and all of us scattered about and we
27 went where we could go.

28 I went to Small Sefadu together with Foday Lansana and
29 Waco-Waco and the other people who were with us. We passed

1 through Kayima, through Alikalia and we went to Kabala.

2 Q. Mrs Witness, before you continue with where you went just
3 how did you travel from Gaya to Small Sefadu, by what means?

4 A. I was in a vehicle.

12:08:52 5 Q. And Small Sefadu is in what district?

6 A. Kono District.

7 Q. And do you know how long it took to drive from Gaya to
8 Small Sefadu?

9 A. It did not take us up to two hours.

12:09:16 10 Q. Now, you said that at some point there was looting going on
11 in Gaya and there was an instruction passed by Five-Five and
12 Gullit and you referred to something called Operation Pay
13 Yourself. First of all, describe how you know an instruction was
14 passed by Five-Five and Gullit?

12:09:47 15 A. Well, I said it earlier. If you listened it was the
16 civilians, the RUF and AFRC who were in Koidu Town where Gullit
17 and Five-Five were at that time, that brought the news to us in
18 Gaya.

19 Q. What news was that?

12:10:17 20 A. That Five-Five and Gullit had passed an order to pay
21 themselves so that they should run that Operation Pay Yourself
22 and it started in Koidu.

23 Q. Now at the time the intervention started and you left Gaya,
24 at this point were you working as a radio operator?

12:10:57 25 A. I was not on the radio at that time.

26 Q. Now after you went to Small Sefadu, what was the next
27 location you went?

28 A. I passed through Kayima, Yifin, Alikalia and I went and
29 passed the night at Kabala - in Kabala.

1 Q. So, how long did this trip from the point you left Giema
2 [sic] to Kabala take?

3 A. It took three days and on the fourth we got to Kabala.

4 Q. Then after Kabala where did you go?

12:12:04 5 A. I went to Makeni.

6 Q. Can you describe how you travelled from Kabala to Makeni?

7 A. I used the same vehicle that I was in from Gaya to Kabala
8 and I used the main road from Kabala to Makeni.

9 Q. Now, which road goes from Kabala to Makeni?

12:12:41 10 A. It is the highway from Makeni to Kabala and you will pass
11 through Binkolo. That was what I used.

12 Q. Now, why did you go to Makeni?

13 A. I went to Makeni with the idea to join the people who were
14 the AFRC/RUF who had come from Freetown. They came and stopped
15 in Makeni and I met them there. We met each other again.

12:13:29 16 Q. Now earlier you said Operation Pay Yourself, you said you
17 were told it started in Koidu?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And describe where Operation Pay Yourself was occurring at
20 this time?

12:13:56 21 A. Well what I know as I was going along the road to Makeni,
22 the route that I used right up to Makeni, I saw that happening.
23 They were looting, taking civilians' property from their houses
24 and they went with it. I did not partake of it, but I saw it
25 happen right up to Makeni.

12:14:35 26 Q. So when you say the route you took, do you mean the route
27 you just described earlier from Kabala to Makeni?

28 A. From Gaya to Kabala, Kabala to Makeni.

29 MR SANTORA: Just one enquiry. I don't know if my

1 colleague's LiveNote is working at this point, because I don't
2 have the benefit of LiveNote and I don't know if it is --

3 MR ANYAH: Yes, with the kind assistance of the Court
4 Officer I do have LiveNote working.

12:15:21 5 MR SANTORA: I hope we can have equality of arms on this
6 point.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will pause to have it installed,
8 Mr Santora.

9 MR SANTORA: Okay, it has been restored, your Honours.

12:16:30 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

11 MR SANTORA: Thank you:

12 Q. Now, describe exactly what you saw when you say you saw it
13 right up to Makeni taking civilians' property from their houses.
14 What exactly did you see?

12:17:00 15 A. Like you said I saw them taking civilian property and, if
16 you take a civilian's property that you were not the one who gave
17 it to that civilian and you did not ask him or her to give it to
18 you and you took it by force, that was what I meant. And some
19 villages that we went to we did not meet civilians, because they
12:17:32 20 too had run away. They were taking property.

21 Q. Who was actually taking the property?

22 A. The SLAs and the RUF. All of them took part in it.

23 Q. Do you know if they ever returned this property?

24 A. They did not return it.

12:17:58 25 Q. Now after you arrived at Makeni, can you describe what you
26 saw?

27 A. When I got to Makeni it was in the evening after 5 o'clock.
28 I saw people in the street carrying bundles. These were
29 civilians. And the RUF and AFRC who had come from Freetown too

1 had property that they had packed and they were sitting by them,
2 and everybody in Makeni were - they were many. It was not like
3 during the intervention when you would have two or three people
4 in the house, but at that time there were many people in the town
12:19:01 5 and so people would even sleep in the verandas and in the living
6 rooms. The entire town was upside down. And the civilians too
7 were taking their property, those that they could take, and they
8 went in hiding. And those of us, the RUF/AFRC, went there and we
9 met, so the town was not calm. It was not calm at all.

12:19:30 10 Q. First of all, what district is Makeni in?

11 A. It is in the Bombali District.

12 Q. Now who, in terms of if any, commanders were present in
13 Makeni when you arrived?

14 A. The commanders who were there before I went there, because
12:20:05 15 I met commanders that had already left that very evening before
16 I entered Makeni. They had left to come back to Kono while we
17 entered Makeni. I did not walk around the town. Where we
18 stopped to rest was where I saw - where I saw - and Foday Lansana
19 was together with me there, together with some SLAs. Some
12:20:39 20 commanders too were there even though they hadn't positions, but
21 they were high ranking officers who were at the place. But those
22 with positions, like Johnny Paul, Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon,
23 Denis Mingo, who was Superman, I did not meet them there again.
24 I met they had already left to come to Kono, together with Akim
12:21:14 25 and others.

26 Q. Just to understand, who was Johnny Paul?

27 A. He was the AFRC leader when I was in town that I knew of.

28 Q. So when you reached Makeni, who did you - did you yourself
29 see any commanders and, if so, who?

1 A. I have said it here just now that the commanders whom I met
2 who were there were not really commanders as such. They were
3 just senior officers. The only commander that I can recall was
4 Foday Lansana, because he had a unit that he commanded because
12:22:22 5 I knew that he was the commander for that unit, but the
6 commanders who were there I met they had already left.

7 Q. So the commanders that were there - and you gave a list -
8 did you yourself see them in Makeni, or had they already left?

9 A. I met they had left.

12:22:47 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, you are using that
11 "I met" again. What do you mean?

12 MR SANTORA: I believe I heard the witness say --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, all right, I will reword that.

14 Mr Interpreter, the record shows the answer as, "I met they had
12:23:02 15 left." What exactly did you say?

16 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can the witness repeat that.
17 Maybe she meant, "They had already left when I got there."

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you recall what you said?

19 THE INTERPRETER: No, your Honour.

12:23:23 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we should clarify the answer,
21 Mr Santora, please.

22 MR SANTORA:

23 Q. Mrs Witness, I am going to ask you the same question again
24 because there was a problem. So when you arrived in Makeni the
12:23:36 25 commanders you mentioned such as Johnny Paul, Issa Sesay, Morris
26 Kallon, were they there? Did you see them, or had they already
27 left?

28 A. I did not see them. They had left before I got there
29 already.

1 Q. How do you know they were there?

2 A. I knew they were there because the men they had pulled out
3 with together in Freetown and some other soldiers who were with
4 them, I met some of them in Makeni and all those who retreated
12:24:33 5 from Freetown through Masiaka came to Makeni before they could go
6 to Kono. And the men who were with those commanders that I met
7 in Makeni, I was made to understand that those commanders were
8 there. When they came from Freetown they went there first, but
9 then they had left for Kono.

12:25:04 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, are we still in the ECOMOG
11 intervention time frame, or when are we?

12 MR SANTORA: I can clarify that, your Honour:

13 Q. This time you arrived in Makeni, you earlier had said that
14 you left Gaya at the time of the intervention. About how long
12:25:23 15 did it take you to get to Makeni?

16 A. Like I said, it was five days.

17 Q. How long did you remain in Makeni?

18 A. That evening that I arrived, I was there for half the night
19 and I went back to Kono.

12:25:57 20 Q. Who did you go to Kono with?

21 A. It was Foday Lansana and me, together with his bodyguards.

22 Q. How did you travel to Kono from Makeni?

23 A. The same vehicle which I had used from Kono to Makeni was
24 the same vehicle I used back to Kono.

12:26:31 25 Q. When you say Kono, where exactly did you go?

26 A. I went to Koidu Town.

27 Q. At this point who was in control of Koidu Town?

28 A. When we left Gaya and the other RUFs and SLA left Koidu, it
29 was the Kamajors who came and based in Koidu. But when we

1 returned, before I could get there I did not meet Kamajors in
2 control again. It was the SLAs and RUF that were in control.

3 Q. Where exactly did you go in Koidu?

4 A. I was in Dabundeh Street.

12:27:34 5 Q. So just to clarify the time, about how much time in total
6 was it from the time you left Gaya when the intervention started
7 to the time you arrived in Koidu at Dabundeh Street?

8 A. It was approximately one week, because I spent six days.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I think what would perhaps be
12:28:15 10 more helpful is if the witness is able to specify the month when
11 she was at a certain location, or when a certain event happened,
12 instead of giving us, you know, gaps of so many days and we don't
13 know exactly days from when. If she is able to specify a time
14 frame it would be more helpful than giving us stretches of time
12:28:36 15 frames when we don't know from which - from point A to point B we
16 don't know when exactly. We know when the intervention happened
17 and besides that we don't know anything else. We know six days
18 here, five days there, but we don't know which month. Are we
19 still in February?

12:28:57 20 MR SANTORA:

21 Q. Do you know when the intervention occurred? Do you
22 remember the month and the year, Mrs Witness?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. When was it?

12:29:06 25 A. February '98.

26 Q. And this time now when you arrived in Koidu at Dabundeh
27 Street, can you give the month and year?

28 A. It was the same month and the same year.

29 Q. Now, about how long did you yourself remain in Koidu?

1 A. I spent three weeks in Koidu Town.

2 Q. While you were in Koidu, you said you went to a location at
3 Dabundeh Street, who else was there with you?

4 A. The house where I used to sleep, I was there together with
12:30:22 5 Foday Lansana and his bodyguards and Superman too was along that
6 same street, but not in the same house.

7 Q. Now, during this three week period while you were in Koidu
8 can you name any commanders you saw aside from Superman?

9 A. Morris Kallon was there, Rambo was there.

12:31:21 10 Q. Any others that you remember?

11 A. Foday Lansana was there. Komba was there. Bai Bureh was
12 there. The two Bai Burehs were there. Banya too was there.

13 Q. I am going to ask you some questions about these people,
14 but earlier you had said that Johnny Paul, Issa and others had
12:32:07 15 gone to Kono while you were in Makeni. Were they present in Kono
16 when you were there?

17 A. When I got to Kono, at 5.30 in the morning, when it was
18 daybreak, I saw the AFRC and the RUF in a convoy and they took
19 Johnny Paul, Issa Sesay and some other members who were big men
12:32:57 20 and they went to Buedu where Sam Bockarie was. So on that very
21 day that I arrived there was that same day that Johnny Paul and
22 others left Koidu for Buedu.

23 Q. Now, you did mention some commanders that were present
24 while you were in Koidu at Dabundeh Street. First of all you
12:33:21 25 mentioned an individual called Rambo. Who are you referring to?

26 A. That is Boston Flomo who was the RUF Rambo.

27 Q. When you call him RUF Rambo, are you aware of any other
28 Rambos?

29 A. Later I knew of a Rambo who was with the SLAs.

1 Q. Do you know his name?

2 A. No, I don't know his real name.

3 Q. Now, you also referred to the two Bai Burehs. Who were you
4 referring to here?

12:34:11 5 A. I was referring to Short Bai Bureh who was Mohamed Kamara
6 and Tall Bai Bureh who was called Abdulai Jalloh.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, Boston Flomo I think has been
8 spelt before but I am not sure. Is that B-0-S-T-0-N?

9 MR SANTORA: Yes, your Honour, it has been spelt before.

12:34:49 10 And Flomo, I will check right now, but I believe it has been
11 spelled before. It has. It should be F-L-0-M-0:

12 Q. One other commander you mentioned, you referred to somebody
13 called Komba. Who are you talking about?

14 A. He was an RUF commander, Komba Gbundema.

12:35:23 15 Q. The Bai Burehs, the two Bai Burehs, what group were they
16 with?

17 A. It was the RUF.

18 Q. Finally you mentioned a commander named Banya. Who was
19 that?

12:35:45 20 A. I knew that Banya was on the AFRC side. He was an SLA.

21 Q. Now, you said you stayed in Koidu for approximately three
22 weeks. Is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What caused you to leave Koidu?

12:36:12 25 A. It was because the ECOMOG was advancing on Koidu and the
26 air raid. Before the ECOMOG entered Koidu the jets went and did
27 a raid which made us to leave Koidu and it was only the armed men
28 who stayed back on that day. We, the women and some men, went to
29 PC Ground, a village along the Guinea Highway.

1 Q. Okay, before I ask you about PC Ground, the time you were
2 in Koidu at Dabundeh Street were you working at that point as a
3 radio operator?

4 A. It was just once in a while that I used to go to the
12:37:20 5 station, but I was not working as a full-time operator.

6 Q. What station are you referring to?

7 A. It was the radio station where the RUF radio was.

8 Q. Where was it exactly?

9 A. It was at Dabundeh Street, at Superman's place.

12:37:50 10 Q. Do you know who if any other radio operators were working
11 at that radio station?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who?

14 A. Jusu Kanneh was there.

12:38:19 15 Q. Any others that you recall?

16 A. Foday Lansana himself used to go there.

17 Q. Now you said, "It was just once in a while that I used to
18 go to the station, but I was not working as a full-time
19 operator." Is that correct?

12:38:45 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. From your observation, was the station itself working?

22 A. The station was working, but I was not going there. I was
23 not going there on a daily basis, or even stay there for the
24 whole day, no.

12:39:11 25 Q. Now, you referred to after this three week period that you
26 went to a location called PC Ground along the Guinea Highway.
27 Where exactly are you referring to?

28 A. It is when you leave Koidu going to Guinea, going to the
29 Guinea border by Jagbwema Fiama. If you leave Koidu, you will

1 pass Kuyor. The next village, which is Meiyor, was where we
2 were.

3 MR SANTORA: I am just going to check a spelling quickly,
4 your Honours, because I believe we have spelled this before. We
12:40:19 5 have spelt Jagbwema Fiama on the record before.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What about the other villages?

7 MR SANTORA: Let me check, your Honours. Koya [sic] was
8 the other location.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Isn't it easier to ask the witness to
12:40:46 10 spell these names?

11 MR SANTORA: Well I can do that, your Honour, but she had
12 already said her lack of familiarity with this area, but I can
13 ask her to spell it:

14 Q. Do you know how to spell Koya?

12:40:59 15 A. Kuyor, K-U-Y-O-R.

16 Q. And you said finally a village called Meiyor?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you know how that is spelt?

19 A. Yes, MEIYOR.

12:41:33 20 Q. Okay. You said then, "The next village, which is Meiyor,
21 was where we were." Who actually went to this location in
22 Meiyor?

23 A. We who were there were Superman's family, who was with him,
24 and myself, Foday Lansana and Morris Kallon and his family and
12:42:08 25 bodyguards and those who were with him and some other soldiers,
26 because when we were scattered from Koidu not everybody went to
27 the same place. Some people went towards Yomandu, some people
28 were in Gandorhun and some others were in Tombodu, so we were
29 along the Guinea Highway.

1 Q. So just to clarify, the time when the jets started raiding
2 on Koidu, is that the time you left?

3 A. Yes.

12:43:01

4 Q. And the forces that were in control of Koidu, did they
5 remain in control of Koidu?

6 A. They did not continue. The ECOMOG took over Koidu.

7 Q. Now, you said you yourself went to a location called PC
8 Ground along the Guinea Highway which was at a village called
9 Meiyor. Is that correct?

12:43:25

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What do you mean when you say "PC Ground"?

12:43:59

12 A. I can say we referred to it as "PC Ground", because it was
13 a peace camp and it was there that the soldiers or the combatants
14 regrouped. And there was a combat camp that was at the place
15 before you could get to the PC Ground and at the combat camp
16 there was no civilian there, but where we were there were
17 civilians with us.

18 Q. You also said that, "When we scattered from Koidu, that
19 people went to different locations."

12:44:23

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can you go ahead and describe the locations that you are
22 familiar with to where people went.

23 A. Gandorhun, Yomandu and Tombodu.

12:45:02

24 Q. First of all, are these - I will take them one by one. Is
25 Gandorhun - which district is that in?

26 A. Kono District.

27 Q. Yomandu?

28 A. Kono District.

29 Q. And Tombodu?

1 A. Kono District.

2 Q. Were there any other locations, are you aware, that people
3 went to?

12:45:34

4 A. Yes, people went to Tefeya, but they had come from Yomandu
5 to Tefeya.

6 Q. Now when I say people went there, can you describe who went
7 where? Just outline, if you can, who went to which location?

12:46:11

8 A. It was Banya and Isaac who were in Gandorhun area, and
9 Rambo was the commander there. Then Komba was in charge of
10 Yomandu and Short Bai Bureh was in Tefeya and in Tombo du it was
11 Savage and Rocky CO who were there.

12 Q. Now, how long - I apologise if I have already asked this,
13 but how long were you yourself based at this location called PC
14 Ground?

12:46:51

15 A. I spent up to five months.

16 Q. Now, you have given several locations and the names of
17 various commanders at those locations. What year was this all
18 occurring in?

19 A. 1998.

12:47:23

20 Q. And how do you know that these various commanders were at
21 these various locations?

22 A. There were radio stations there manned by radio operators.
23 I used to receive - at the time that I went to the PC Ground,
24 which was Superman's base, at that time I was operating under
25 Superman. I used to receive messages from those commanders and
26 their various locations, so I knew where each commander was.

12:47:55

27 Q. So, who was overall in charge at this point in the Kono
28 District for the RUF?

29 A. It was Superman.

1 Q. And you indicated that you started receiving messages from
2 those commanders. At this point, the time you reached PC Ground,
3 were you at this point operating on the radio?

4 A. It was when I got to PC Ground, when Superman had left
12:48:46 5 Koidu and based at the PC Ground, it was then that I started
6 operating at the radio station under his command.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, I am assuming we are still in
8 February 1998 at PC Ground.

9 MR SANTORA: I will clarify.

12:49:11 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Because she answered 1998, the year, but
11 I don't know the month exactly.

12 MR SANTORA: I will clarify, your Honour:

13 Q. Now the time you left Koidu from Dabundeh Street and
14 arrived at PC Ground where you said you were for approximately
12:49:31 15 five months, do you remember approximately the month and year
16 that you actually arrived at PC Ground?

17 A. It was in March '98.

18 Q. Just one final area. This location where you called
19 Gandorhun, where Banya was and Isaac and Rambo, what road, if
12:50:07 20 any, was this on?

21 A. Well, I knew that it was a road that goes up to the
22 riverside which was the crossing point to go to Kailahun.

23 Q. And where did this road come out of?

24 A. That was a road coming from Koidu straight to Gandorhun.

12:50:44 25 Q. And you have already said the road that your location was
26 on called the Guinea Highway. Is that correct?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Where does that highway - if you know, where does it run
29 from?

1 A. It was coming from Koidu to go to the border between Kono
2 and Guinea, through Jagbwema Fiama.

3 Q. Finally, you mentioned a location called Yomandu. Was this
4 on any particular road?

12:51:43 5 A. It is a road that was - that came from Koidu. There is a
6 road from Koidu to Yomandu and from Yomandu you can either go to
7 Kabala straight, that is when you get to at a junction that was
8 going - one was going to Kurubonla and the other to Kayima. That
9 was where the Yomandu was.

12:52:22 10 MR SANTORA: Now I ask that the witness be shown what is
11 actually not tabbed but has been distributed to counsel and your
12 Honours as a map; a map that has been marked.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you say "marked", do you mean it is
14 an existing exhibit that has been marked?

12:52:42 15 MR SANTORA: I'm sorry, no. I mean that there is a map of
16 the Kono District with markings on it. It is not an exhibit at
17 this point. But it has been distributed, my understanding is it
18 has been distributed to - let me be more precise. It does come
19 out of the map book with the ERN 00100940 and I am giving you -
12:53:26 20 I am looking for the map book page reference. I understand this
21 was distributed actually as of Monday.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: First of all, Mr Santora, that sounds as
23 though it is more recent than the map book.

24 MR SANTORA: This particular map, yes, the marked map.

12:53:57 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Secondly, I don't recall receiving it.
26 Was it distributed to the Trial Chamber? It may be among our
27 papers. I will look.

28 MS IRURA: Your Honour, copies were availed to the Legal
29 Officer at the time.

1 MR SANTORA: My understanding is it was given to Court
2 Management.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me check.

4 MR SANTORA: Perhaps Court Management could come and show
12:54:35 5 what was distributed so you can identify it and to the Legal
6 Officer.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, Mr Anyah, I was just going to
8 record that we now have this map and then I was going to note
9 that these appear to be handwritten markings and I have to
12:55:47 10 ascertain where they come from. However, I notice Mr Anyah is on
11 his feet so we will take whatever he has to say first.

12 MR ANYAH: I rise precisely for that reason. I would first
13 respectfully request that the map not be published until perhaps
14 we sort out this issue with the Chamber. What the Prosecution
12:56:08 15 appears to have done is to create an exhibit outside of court
16 with the witness, rather than what I would suggest is the more
17 appropriate procedure which is to give the witness in court
18 before your Honours while the evidence is being given a map to
19 indicate the various routes or locations of various individuals
12:56:29 20 and routes that certain categories of persons travelled on. All
21 that could be done with this map at this point is merely to ask
22 the witness to confirm what she has done out of court.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Actually we haven't ascertained who did
24 the markings and whether it was the witness or another person.

12:56:49 25 MR ANYAH: I understand, but there is a signature on the
26 maps and perhaps I know from other documents whose signature it
27 is. But I make an objection essentially to the procedure being
28 adopted for this particular document to the extent it is sought
29 to be marked for identification and ultimately moved into

1 evidence.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Santora, you have heard the
3 objection.

4 MR SANTORA: Your Honour, there is no legal rule related to
12:57:20 5 whether or not an exhibit is prepared before a witness testifies
6 or during the testimony of. These are issues that I submit go to
7 the weight of the exhibit after the witness has talked about
8 it. The witness has not even said a word about this map yet. It
9 is certainly not going to come from me as to how this map was
12:57:42 10 created. It should come from the witness. I think this
11 objection if anything is premature, but at this point there has
12 not been one question asked of the witness about this map.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, this green line that we see,
14 who was it drawn by? It is certainly not part of the original
12:58:06 15 map.

16 MR SANTORA: I certainly don't want to give evidence from
17 the --

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, I am asking you because depending on
19 who drew it you could be leading the witness. That's the crux of
12:58:16 20 this objection. So I am asking you, if you know, who drew this
21 green line.

22 MR SANTORA: I do know. The witness drew this green line.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: Mr Santora, the reason behind the procedure
24 mentioned by Mr Anyah is that if the witness makes all of these
12:58:36 25 amendments to the map in court then the Trial Chamber and
26 Mr Anyah as well will know that it's coming from the witness's
27 recollection, from the witness's own memory. Whereas if these
28 amendments are made out of court nobody knows whether it's made
29 following suggestions to the witness, or whether it comes from

1 her own recollection. That is why there is a recommended
2 procedure for doing this.

3 MR SANTORA: In response the only thing I can say is that
4 it is precisely for this reason why I would like to elicit from
12:59:23 5 the witness the circumstances and how this was created and then
6 that will go to the final weight of this potential exhibit. It
7 is just that to put the witness to draw it in court itself, some
8 witnesses - I think it is within the prerogative of the
9 Prosecution to present its case and how they present it and
10 whether or not - whatever weight your Honours give to that at the
11 end of the case will be considered, but at this point with this
12 particular witness the decision by the Prosecution was to have
13 this map created outside of court and then have her talk about it
14 in the Court itself. I still would enquire as to whether or
13:00:08 15 not - there is no particular procedure that has been adopted, as
16 far as I know, in terms of the rules as to how this is done.
17 There is no --

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: No, I am talking from a common sense point
19 of view.

13:00:20 20 MR SANTORA: I'm sorry, I apologise for that.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah is wishing to make a response.
22 Let's hear him speak.

23 MR ANYAH: I think the various comments by your Honours
24 have pointed out the problems with this procedure: (1) Counsel
13:00:35 25 is putting the map before the witness which ultimately results in
26 leading the witness through the evidence; (2) As Justice Lussick
27 has pointed out, the ideal procedure would be that the witness is
28 in the presence of the Chamber so that there is no insinuation of
29 some suggestibility, that somebody conveyed instructions to her

1 on what she should map.

2 But also significant is the fact that these markings should
3 be done while she is under oath. That was done outside the
4 courtroom. She is not under oath when she makes these markings
13:01:14 5 and they should be done whilst she has been sworn so that she can
6 be held accountable if something untoward happens vis-a-vis a
7 different account on a previous occasion. In the totality of the
8 circumstances that is why there are all these questions about the
9 propriety of this procedure.

13:01:31 10 MR SANTORA: May I respond, because some new issues were
11 raised by counsel's submission. Your Honours, there is no
12 prohibition to witnesses being shown something in court that they
13 had previously marked. Whether or not this witness is lying
14 about how these marks were made will be your Honours'
13:01:51 15 determination. Her credibility will be for your Honours's
16 determination on this issue. She will talk about this map under
17 oath. The fact that she draws the line - drawing the lines under
18 oath is not relevant, whether or not she will be talking about
19 these markings under oath, and both myself and then Defence
13:02:08 20 counsel will be entitled to examine her about this map and how it
21 was created and whether or not the end - and the credibility that
22 goes to this map.

23 [Trial Chamber conferred]

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have considered the submissions
13:07:00 25 concerning this map. We are of the view that the map having
26 already been marked prior to the witness giving sworn testimony
27 leads to the conclusion that any questions asked of her at this
28 stage would be leading. If it is wished to refer the map to the
29 witness an unmarked copy of the map should be put before her and

1 questions concerning it asked.

2 MR SANTORA: May I have just one moment, your Honour,
3 because I may take the alternative --

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do so, of course.

13:07:56 5 MR SANTORA: Your Honour, I am not going to present the
6 blank map at this point simply from a practical standpoint. So
7 I will move on at this point.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are not precluded from putting a
9 clear, unmarked copy before the witness.

13:08:18 10 MR SANTORA:

11 Q. Mrs Witness, I am going to ask you some more questions now
12 about the time that you were at PC Ground. Now, you said you
13 were working at this point as a radio operator for Superman. Is
14 that correct?

13:08:33 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who were some of the other radio operators for Superman at
17 this time?

18 A. Jusu Kanneh was with me, Kai fala was there, Archie, Abdul
19 and Elongima, but they were SLAs.

13:09:10 20 Q. Which one of those was SLAs?

21 A. The last four that I have called.

22 Q. I am going to have to go through some names here. You said
23 Kai fala. Is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

13:09:28 25 Q. Who is that?

26 A. He was an SLA operator.

27 MR SANTORA: Your Honours, K-A-I-F-A-L-A.

28 Q. You also mentioned somebody called Archie?

29 A. Yes.

1 MR SANTORA: That is A-R-C-H-I-E:

2 Q. Now, you said the last four were SLAs and you called four
3 names. Were there any other RUF radio operators with you while
4 you were at PC Ground?

13:10:15 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who were they?

7 A. Jusu Kanneh and Thomas Sombi.

8 Q. Now, what was the role of the - did the SLA operators have
9 any particular role?

13:10:45 10 A. Yes, they had their own radios which they installed to
11 monitor the ECOMOG soldiers.

12 Q. Now, you said that there were radios at other locations in
13 Kono at this time. Where were the other radios that you were
14 aware of? Radio stations?

13:11:21 15 A. There was a radio station in Gandorhun, it was also at
16 Yomandu and one was in Tefeya, but Tombodu hadn't a radio.

17 Q. Now, you said earlier that at Gandorhun was commanders
18 Banya, Isaac and Rambo. Is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

13:11:57 20 Q. Who were the radio operators, if you know, who were with
21 them?

22 A. I can recall Claris, who was Rambo's wife.

23 Q. C-L-A-R-I-C-E?

24 A. R-I-S.

13:12:22 25 Q. I apologise. Thank you, Mrs Witness. Do you remember any
26 other radio operators who were at Gandorhun?

27 A. I cannot recall at this moment their names.

28 Q. Now, earlier you said that at Yomandu the commander was
29 Komba Gbundema. Is that correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you remember any of the radio operators with him?

3 A. Vandi Massaquoi was with him, Waco-Waco.

13:13:24

4 Q. You also mentioned a location Tefeya where you said - who
5 was the commander at Tefeya?

6 A. It was Short Bai Bureh.

7 Q. And do you know, if any, what the name of any other radio
8 operators there were?

13:14:00

9 A. Foday Lansana was there, Jusu Kanneh had gone there, Albert
10 Boima was there.

11 Q. Can you say the last name again who you called?

12 A. Albert Boima.

13 Q. Is that spelt Albert Boima B-O-I-M-A?

14 A. Yes.

13:14:26

15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Are these operators at Tefeya?

16 MR SANTORA: Yes, your Honour.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 MR SANTORA: Oh, I am sorry, I thought that was directed at
19 me. I apologise:

13:14:40

20 Q. Now, did Albert Boima go by any other name?

21 A. He had a name, but I cannot recall right now.

22 Q. Now can you clarify, because earlier you said that Foday
23 Lansana was with you at PC Ground and now you have said he is at
24 Tefeya. Can you clarify that?

13:15:18

25 A. Yes, all of us left Koidu and went to PC Ground. Then he
26 left PC Ground, together with some armed men, and went to Yomandu
27 where Komba and Bai Bureh were. Then he and Bai Bureh went with
28 another group to Tefeya.

29 Q. So when you arrived at PC Ground, about how long was Foday

1 Lansana with you before he left?

2 A. About three weeks to a month.

3 Q. Now can you describe during this time period while you were
4 at PC Ground the flow of communications occurring - radio
13:16:29 5 communications occurring - between PC Ground and the other
6 locations you mentioned?

7 A. Yes, I used to receive messages. In the morning when you
8 wake up you switch on the radio and you will know - you will call
9 the stations like Yomandu, Gandorhun and later Tefeya, all of
13:17:03 10 them were under Superman and I was at the headquarters station.

11 So in the morning I will receive morning report messages, or
12 situation reports, that they will give to me. Whether there were
13 any problems at their locations, or if they needed anything and
14 how they were doing there, if they had gone on any operation they
13:17:34 15 will send those messages to me and I will pass them on to
16 Superman. If it were anything concerning informing Buedu, which
17 was the overall headquarters, then I will send it there, but
18 after Superman would have read it and made his own report out of
19 what I will give to him then I will send it to Buedu.

13:18:01 20 Q. Who were you sending these messages to in Buedu?

21 A. To Sam Bockarie.

22 Q. And you referred to his station - to the station in Buedu
23 as the overall headquarters station. What do you mean?

24 A. Well, it was the - he was the overall commander at that
13:18:27 25 time within the RUF. He was the most senior man. That was why
26 where he was was the headquarters for the RUF.

27 Q. Now, around this time did you ever hear any communications
28 outside of Sierra Leone?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What did you hear?

2 A. Within those times I used to hear Liberian stations coming
3 on our national frequency and they called Buedu station, which
4 was Planet 1, one of the stations that were at Mosquito's house,
13:19:29 5 Planet 1. I used to hear them call him for them to go to another
6 area where we, the radio operators, or stations, did not know of.
7 We did not go there.

8 Q. How did you know these were Liberian stations?

9 A. I knew from their procedures - their voice procedures -
13:20:09 10 I knew that they were Liberian stations. Their voices, or their
11 accents when they spoke, I knew that it was a Liberian speaking.

12 Q. Now what exactly, if you can recall, would you hear the
13 Liberian stations tell Planet 1 over the national frequency?

14 A. Well he just comes, he will stop, then he will say,
13:20:49 15 "Planet 1, Planet 1, get on the 2-1", and from there on when they
16 say, "Get on the 2-1", we did not go to the 2-1. We would not
17 know what they will talk about on that 2-1.

18 Q. What do you mean by the 2-1?

19 A. It is a satellite phone.

13:21:13 20 Q. How do you know that?

21 A. From the operators who were in Buedu.

22 Q. At this time who were some of the operators in Buedu while
23 you were at PC Ground?

24 A. Sebatu was there, Major Sallay was there, Ebony was there,
13:22:00 25 Daf was there, Zedman was there who was Sahr James.

26 Q. Now, did you yourself ever communicate with these Liberian
27 radio operators?

28 A. I never communicated with them.

29 Q. Why not?

1 A. Well, I hadn't permission to communicate with them and they
2 never called my station to speak. They only had dealings with
3 the Buedu station.

4 Q. Who had permission to speak to the Liberian radio
13:22:56 5 operators, if you know?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

7 MR ANYAH: Madam President, just a technical point. The
8 witness has never said "Liberian radio operators". It has thus
9 far been Liberian stations and counsel interposed that phrase in
13:23:11 10 his questioning. At page 79, at line 14, she discusses how they
11 knew they were Liberian stations and not Liberian operators.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: She did actually say, "I knew it was a
13 Liberian speaking." [Microphone not activated] and I think that
14 is a valid point, Mr Santora. Sorry, I didn't have my microphone
13:23:44 15 on.

16 MR SANTORA: I heard you. I will take the point and
17 rephrase the question:

18 Q. Who had permission to speak to the Liberian stations, if
19 you know?

13:24:00 20 A. It was only the Buedu station.

21 Q. Now, you described some communications within the Kono
22 District where you were from PC Ground and you described
23 communications to the headquarter station at Buedu and some
24 communications outside of Sierra Leone between Buedu and Liberian
13:24:30 25 radio stations. Were there any other communications going on
26 within Sierra Leone at this time that you're aware of?

27 A. Well, except when the SLAs, the AFRCs who were cut off and
28 were not able to join us in Kono, when they were in Rosos. It
29 was when I was at PC Ground that I was able to talk with them.

1 Q. How were you able to talk with them?

2 A. It was on one day when I was on the set when Major King,
3 who was the former adjutant, when the Gaya brigade - when the
4 brigade was in Gaya he was the adjutant there and when I was
13:25:38 5 there with them he knew me and I knew him. He heard me talking
6 and he came on the net, but it was not - he was not a radio
7 operator. He tried to call to - so that those of us who were the
8 RUF who were on Superman's ground to know that they had been cut
9 off in that particular place, but he did not call like an
13:26:06 10 operator will do because he was not a radio operator.

11 Because of security reasons I made - I created an immediate
12 code when I was sitting down in alphabet form, the A, B, C, and
13 I gave that to him and he understood that and I told him to code
14 the town where they were. He said the radio was found, but the
13:26:43 15 operator who was operating the radio when they were dislodged,
16 they were not able to see him. So he switched on the set and
17 used the code that I gave to him and he gave me the name of the
18 town where they were. Then I too passed it on to Superman that
19 there were people at that particular location that we did not
13:27:12 20 know about.

21 Q. At this point you said there was this group in Rosos. Did
22 you know at this point who this group was?

23 A. Well, majority of them were SLAs who were part of the AFRC
24 that had come from Freetown.

13:27:49 25 Q. Okay. Now, this communication when you received a contact
26 from this Major King, you were still at - were you still at PC
27 Ground when this happened?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Can you approximate how long you had been at PC Ground when

1 this happened?

2 A. It was more than two months, going to three months.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, I have just been watching the
4 time. Are you moving on to another aspect of your evidence?

13:28:37 5 MR SANTORA: I am actually.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Would this be an appropriate time to take
7 the lunchtime adjournment?

8 MR SANTORA: This is appropriate, your Honour.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Madam Witness we are now
13:28:52 10 going to adjourn for one hour for the usual lunchtime break. We
11 will resume court at 2.30. Please adjourn court until 2.30.

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

13 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, when you're ready, please
14:29:50 15 proceed.

16 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

17 Q. Good afternoon, Mrs Witness.

18 A. Good afternoon.

19 Q. Now, before the break you were telling the Court about a
14:30:07 20 communication that you had had with one Major King who was
21 located at Rosos. During the course of that communication you
22 created what you called an "immediate code". Can you explain
23 what you mean when you say an "immediate code"?

24 A. When I said immediate code, it was the one that I myself
14:30:40 25 created at that very moment. That was not part of the codes that
26 we were using in the RUF at that time when we were in Kono and
27 they did not know it, because they did not have the code that we
28 were using. So the code that I created at that very moment, just
29 for me to get their location was what I referred to as immediate

1 code.

2 Q. And you also told him, you said, to code the town where
3 they were. What do you mean when you say "code the town"?

4 A. Because the location where they were, you would not have
14:31:39 5 just called it like saying we're at Rosos because ECOMOG would
6 have known that they were in that particular town. He had to
7 code it using letters or numbers to represent that town, which I
8 will know that that was the town he meant.

9 Q. Now, after you had this communication did you relay this
14:32:14 10 information to anyone else?

11 A. I gave the information to Superman, because he was my boss.

12 Q. Now, do you know if Superman passed this information
13 anywhere else?

14 A. Yes.

14:32:46 15 Q. Who did he pass it to?

16 A. He passed it to the Buedu station.

17 MR SANTORA: I ask at this point that the witness be shown
18 the map which is S3-D in the map book. I actually would ask at
19 first if the witness just has some time to examine this map for a
14:33:38 20 few moments:

21 Q. Mrs Witness, can you just take a look at the map in front
22 of you for a little while.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What is this map?

14:33:56 25 A. It is a map that has Sierra Leone and I am not seeing the
26 entire Sierra Leone on the map.

27 Q. What part of Sierra Leone do you see on the map?

28 A. I can see Kono District and I can see part of Kenema and
29 Kailahun districts and Bo.

1 Q. Now, earlier this morning, before lunch, you had stated
2 that the time you were at PC Ground you outlined various
3 locations within the Kono District where other RUF commanders
4 were, specifically you told the Court where PC Ground was, you
14:35:33 5 also referred to commanders in Gandorhun, Yomandu, Tefeya and
6 Tombodu. Do you recall doing that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. For the Court, I am going to ask you to mark some of these
9 locations on the map. Before I ask you that, while you were
14:36:01 10 describing these locations you also described the roads that
11 these particular locations were on, or near. Do you remember
12 doing that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you described where they began and where they ran to.
14:36:23 15 Do you remember doing that?

16 A. I can remember.

17 Q. Now, I'd like you first for the Court to mark the location
18 where you were which you called PC Ground.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Santora. Mr Anyah is on
14:37:01 20 his feet.

21 MR ANYAH: I was just wondering if it was possible for the
22 witness to move to the overhead projector and we could see her
23 make the indications.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's what we normally do.

14:37:13 25 MR SANTORA: That was exactly my inquiry to your Honour,
26 but just for the sake - because there are going to be several
27 markings made and I don't know if it's possible if she's able to
28 actually sit and use the other microphone, instead of having the
29 awkward leaning over the wire.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The point, Mr Santora, is we follow each
2 location as she marks it and we mark it on our own.

3 MR SANTORA: I just want her, in terms of her situation, to
4 sit down in front of it and mark it so you can follow it.

14:37:48 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Other witnesses have done that. I'm sure
6 she'll manage.

7 MR SANTORA:

8 Q. Just to verify now, at this microphone, Mrs Witness, you
9 are hearing me in Krio, is that correct?

14:38:24 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now, I just previously had asked you to mark the location
12 of PC Ground. Can you go ahead and just put your pen where you
13 made that marking. Now, what is the village where PC Ground was?

14 A. It was Meiyor.

14:38:54 15 Q. Can you underline that village. Now, earlier you said that
16 PC Ground was located along the Guinea Highway. Can you take one
17 of the highlighters that's next to you and mark where the Guinea
18 Highway ran from. Now, you stated earlier that Superman was
19 located at PC Ground and --

14:40:04 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, if you do not mark this in
21 some way that is on the record, I don't know how the record will
22 show that the green highlighter was this, or was that.

23 MR SANTORA: Okay, I understand.

24 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Do you see what I mean?

14:40:22 25 MR SANTORA: I think I understand, your Honour. So I will
26 then state for the record that the witness has marked - unless I
27 leave that to Madam President.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Normally we have used numbers or symbols,
29 that the witness puts a number against a location and you say on

1 the record number 1 is such and such a place.

2 MR SANTORA: Perhaps it may be even easier if she could
3 write out the name of the location in small writing next to the
4 place that she marked if that's --

14:40:56 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: She won't be able to do that with the
6 road. We will note that the witness has marked in green
7 highlighter from Koidu up to Yomandu.

8 MR SANTORA: I take Justice Sebutinde's point. I think
9 this is appropriate:

14:41:17 10 Q. Can you just go ahead and put a number 1 next to where you
11 marked for PC Ground, in small - with a pen.

12 Now, earlier you said that you were located at PC Ground
13 with Superman and this was on the Guinea Highway. Can you mark
14 to the point - can you mark the area that was under the control
14:41:46 15 of Superman's men along this highway. Just put a marking as to
16 where it started and where it ends. I think you can use a pen
17 for this, to denote a starting and an ending.

18 Now I would ask you to mark each of those markings with
19 another number. What you have just marked as the areas under the
14:42:27 20 control of Superman's men, can you go ahead and put a 2 by the
21 first mark and a 3 by the second mark.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is this an area on the highway, or this
23 is a geographical area, because she seems to be marking parts of
24 the highway? Is that what you're asking?

14:42:49 25 MR SANTORA: I will ask:

26 Q. Now, explain when you marked along the highway here what
27 you mean?

28 A. I mean that it is the Guinea Highway from Koidu to Guinea,
29 that highway, through Jagbwema was where we were.

1 Q. So, whose control was this Guinea Highway under at the time
2 you were at PC Ground?

3 A. Superman.

14:43:29

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Your question, Mr Santora, was the areas
5 under the control of Superman - Superman's men. That was the
6 question and she's responded by cutting off parts of the highway
7 and saying, "This was the area."

8 MR SANTORA: Yes.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: If that's your evidence, fine, that's it.

14:43:46

10 MR SANTORA:

11 Q. Confining ourself then, Mrs Witness, to the road itself,
12 the Guinea Highway, you've made two markings, number 2 and number
13 3. With regard to this particular highway, what do those
14 markings indicate?

14:44:18

15 A. The one that I first marked was where the camp was located,
16 the PC Ground, where Superman was based and myself, and close to
17 Koidu was where the combat camp was. That was where RUF was in
18 control of. And the main road that goes straight to the Guinea
19 border, that is right up to Kamiendo, we were in control of that
20 too and no other troop was there, like ECOMOG.

14:44:58

21 Q. Now along each side of this highway, do you know who was in
22 control?

23 A. I know that we were all based at PC Ground, but patrols
24 used to leave from PC Ground to the Guinea border, except when
25 they will meet civilians once in a while, but there were no other
26 military groups basing along the highway.

14:45:41

27 Q. Now, the next location that you described was a place
28 called Gandorhun where there was Commander Banyu, Isaac and
29 Rambo. Can you identify on the map where that is.

1 Your Honours, for the record the witness has put a marking
2 next to the village called Gandorhun.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the reference?

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: You must give us a number.

14:46:35 5 MR SANTORA: I'm going to give the number. I just wanted
6 to initially note for the record what the witness did:

7 Q. Can you go ahead and put a number 4 next to the location
8 you just identified. Now, can you again take the highlighter and
9 indicate the portions of that road where Gandorhun was located
10 that were under the control of the RUF.

11 Now with respect to the marking you just made I'd like you
12 to put - oh, I'm sorry. Now with respect to the markings you
13 just made, can you put a number 5 where the portion of the road
14 that was under the RUF control started - actually, ended, and a
15 number 6 where it started.

16 Now, you also described in your evidence a location at
17 Yomandu where Commander Komba Gbundema was in charge. Can you
18 identify that location on this map. I'm sorry, Mrs Witness, can
19 you first start by identifying with a pen where Yomandu is and
20 then put a number 7 next to it.

21 Now, again I'd like you to with the highlighter outline the
22 portion with respect to the road that was under the control of
23 the RUF as it relates to Yomandu.

24 Now again can you put a number 8 - where the road that you
14:50:34 25 have outlined that was under the control of the RUF, can you put
26 an 8 where that started as it relates to Koidu and a number 9
27 where it ended on this map.

28 Now, this map only goes up to a certain point. Was the
29 area of control in terms of that road going further than this map

1 indicates?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Now, the next location that you've referred to is called
4 Tefeya and you said that Short Bai Bureh was in command there.

14:51:45 5 Can you put a mark where Tefeya is and can you go ahead and put a
6 number 10 where you just marked.

7 Now, you also said that there was a town called Tombodu
8 that was where the commanders Savage and Rocky were. Can you go
9 ahead and mark that on the map and use the number 11 after you
10 mark it.

14:52:15

11 Now there are two roads that are - I'm sorry, let me
12 rephrase the question. According to what you've just marked,
13 there is a road leading out of Koidu where Gandorhun is that was
14 under the RUF control. Is that correct?

14:52:51

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You also marked that the Guinea Highway starting outside of
17 Koidu was in control of the RUF. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And finally you have outlined the road that leads out of
20 Koidu through Sefadu to Yomandu as being in control of the RUF.
21 Is that correct?

14:53:11

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Now, there are two other roads here.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

14:53:33

25 MR ANYAH: Yes, it's just a small point of correction. In
26 the last question counsel posed it leaves the impression that
27 what is marked as number 8, I believe, is territory that begins
28 from Koidu. It actually starts at Sefadu and that's the point of
29 control and it begins from Sefadu all the way to number 9, but

1 counsel's question suggests that the RUF controlled that entire
2 road from Koiindu all the way up to what is marked as number 9
3 which appears to be Kondea, K-O-N-D-E-A.

4 MR SANTORA: I'm looking at the map and so perhaps I meant
14:54:19 5 to say outside of Koiidu, so I'll just clarify that:

6 Q. The marking you made which looks like number 8 when you
7 were describing the portions of the road controlled related to
8 Yomandu, where does that start?

9 A. In Small Sefadu.

14:54:50 10 Q. Is that what you've marked as number 8?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, at this time who was in control of --

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Madam Court Officer, is it possible to
14 expand the view of these very, very small letters so we can read
14:55:06 15 them?

16 MR SANTORA: I think they can zoom.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Expand, yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, the witness said, or perhaps
19 it was yourself, "Small Sefadu". I see Sefadu, but I can't find
14:55:21 20 Small Sefadu.

21 MR SANTORA: I will clarify that, your Honour:

22 Q. Mrs Witness, you've marked a number 8 next to a location
23 called Sefadu. Is that the same or different than Small Sefadu?

24 A. It is Small Sefadu, because even the Koiidu Town what we
14:55:45 25 were told was that it was called Small Sefadu. But the road is
26 Koiidu, but it's Small Sefadu.

27 Q. So this location you've marked number 8, is this - are you
28 intending to show that this starts at Sefadu on this map?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now, there are other roads on this map. You'll see two
2 highways that adjoin in Simbakoro and then move into Koidu. On
3 the first road there's locations Yengema and Bumpe and then the
4 second road is a location Njaiama. Now, who was in control of
14:56:48 5 these roads at the time you were at PC Ground?

6 A. The ECOMOG were from Koidu Town to the highway, straight to
7 Bumpe, through Njaiama Sewafe right up to Masingbi - the highway
8 from Freetown to Kono. It was the ECOMOG who were there.

9 Q. Now in Koidu Town itself at this point, who was in control
14:57:15 10 in Koidu Town?

11 A. The ECOMOG.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, this Njaiama, this is
13 different from Giema that we've been talking about?

14 MR SANTORA: I don't want to give evidence, but I will ask:

14:57:43 15 Q. Earlier this morning, Mrs Witness, you had said that you
16 were based during the AFRC junta time at a place called Giema, is
17 that correct?

18 A. That was before I came to the north that I was in Giema.
19 When there AFRC took over I was in Gaya and this Njaiama is in
14:58:11 20 the Kono District.

21 Q. Let me ask the question: During the AFRC junta time you
22 had said that you were based - actually I misspoke - in Gaya, is
23 that correct?

24 A. Yes.

14:58:28 25 Q. Do you see that on this map? If you don't see it, can you
26 point to where it is, if you know. Just for the record now, this
27 is the location that you remember as being Gaya, where you were
28 during the AFRC regime?

29 A. Yes, because from Bumpe you would pass through Gaya before

1 you could get to Yengema.

2 Q. Now can you go ahead and make a mark there as number 12.

3 Now, these various locations that you've marked, the ones
4 that you marked that were under the control of the RUF, were they

15:00:23 5 connected to each other in some way?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How is that?

8 A. Well, the headquarters where we were, which was Meiyor,

9 where Superman was based, there is a route from Meiyor and we

15:00:56 10 would use that route and we bypass Koidu Town, go to Small Sefadu

11 and you will go to Komba's location, that was Yomandu, and it was

12 from Yomandu that they formed that group that went to Tefeya and

13 that Tefeya group was between Yomandu and Baoma and there is a

14 road again from Tefeya straight to come to Bumpe, but they were

15:01:30 15 not based in Bumpe, they were based in Tefeya. Kayima too, there

16 was no group based there. It was under Yomandu. From Meiyor

17 again you will come to Gandorhun's combat camp that was close to

18 Koidu Town. Then you would use the main road and it was on the

19 main road that - that is from Koidu to go to Gandorhun, the main

15:02:10 20 road from Koidu to Gandorhun, that is near Koidu. You would be

21 in the combat camp and you see the houses in Koidu. From there

22 there were bypasses to come to Gandorhun and the radio stations

23 which were there, we could connect each other.

24 Q. Now, the roads that you've already described that were not

15:02:44 25 in your control, but rather used by ECOMOG, what was happening

26 there at the time you were at PC Ground? What was going on on

27 these roads?

28 A. Ambushes were set. They set ambushes on the highway.

29 Q. Can you point out how ambushes would be set, from which

1 direction?

2 A. From Tefeya to Bumpe and from Gandorhun to Sewafe, those
3 areas, on that highway between Sewafe and Koidu.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, who was setting these
15:03:42 5 ambushes?

6 MR SANTORA: I was going to come to that. I was just
7 actually debating to have her mark something, but if I could have
8 just one moment, your Honour:

9 Q. Mrs Witness, first of all who were running these ambushes?

15:04:07 10 A. The RUF, under their various commanders who were in those
11 locations.

12 Q. Now can you draw an arrow to show which direction these
13 ambushes were coming from. I'm sorry, I think she should use a
14 pen for this.

15:04:59 15 MR SANTORA: Okay, we're going to come back to this map.
16 Actually I'd ask at this point that - I think it's appropriate to
17 ask that it be marked at this point and then I may show it to the
18 witness again.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Those arrows on the record have not been
15:05:17 20 identified as anything.

21 MR SANTORA: Let me number them.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just wait until I hear what Mr Anyah has
23 to say.

24 MR ANYAH: I just bring this to the attention of the
15:05:30 25 Chamber and seek the Chamber's guidance: The question that was
26 posed on page 95, the end of page 95 for me, starting at line 25,
27 that led up to this latest inscription on the map by the witness,
28 counsel opposite, the question reads, "Now the roads that you've
29 already described that were not in your control, but rather used

1 by ECOMOG, what was happening there at the time you were at PC
2 Ground? What was going on on these roads?" Then the witness
3 says, "Ambushes were set." Then the next question, "Can you
4 point out how ambushes would be set, from which direction?", and
15:06:17 5 that's what led the witness to mark this.

6 Now, I would refer your Honours slightly above in the
7 transcript in relation to what area ECOMOG controlled. It
8 differs from what the witness has marked on the basis of
9 counsel's questions as posed previously. If your Honours go to
15:06:35 10 page 93, and I'm using a 12 point font and it starts at line 22 -
11 actually let me get the citation right. Yes, the witness's
12 response on line 22 - the question actually starts on line 17, I
13 should read the question to be fair:

14 "Q. Now, there are other roads on this map. You will see
15:07:09 15 two highways that adjoin in Simbakoro and then moving to
16 Koidu. On the first road there is locations Yengema and
17 Bumpe and then the second road is a location" - and I think
18 counsel meant Njaiama Sewafe - "Now who was in control of
19 these roads at the time you were at PC Ground?"

15:07:33 20 A. The ECOMOG were from Koidu Town to the highway straight
21 to Bumpe, from Njaiama Sewafe, right up to Masingbi, the
22 highway from Freetown to Kono, it was the ECOMOG who was
23 there."

24 There describing a portion of the map as being in ECOMOG's
15:07:49 25 control that is to the west, leading all the way to Njaiama
26 Sewafe. That's what's on record as being in ECOMOG's control.
27 When we come down to the question that counsel posed subsequently
28 and asking the witness to mark where the ambushes were set in the
29 areas where ECOMOG was in control, we have the area near

1 Gandorhun to the south being circled and I point this out because
2 I thought the witness just circled the area near - the arrow is
3 near the area near Gandorhun and the question posed is to circle
4 the area where ECOMOG controlled, as in that was where the
15:08:35 5 ambushes were set.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I think the question was to indicate the
7 direction from which the ambushes came.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The ambushes came to attack ECOMOG.

15:08:51 10 Isn't that so, Mr Santora?

11 MR SANTORA: I specifically remember asking which
12 direction, as Justice Sebutinde has pointed out, the ambushes
13 were set, in which direction. That's why the witness indicated
14 an arrow and not a circle.

15:09:06 15 MR ANYAH: I agree that that was the question. The word
16 "direction" was used in the question. I understood the question
17 to relate to the vicinity of where the ambushes were in the
18 context of ECOMOG's control of that particular area and I'm just
19 pointing out that where we have the witness marking is
15:09:25 20 inconsistent with the entire area that ECOMOG is said to be under
21 control.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Well, that is the witness - that's the
23 evidence that has been led. Incredible as it may appear, that is
24 the evidence. The arrows are way down, but the area is on record
15:09:45 25 as stretching from Koidu to Njaiama Sewafe as the area of ECOMOG.
26 The arrows, on the other hand, there's one at Tefeya in the
27 north, at around point 10, and the other one way down at
28 Gandorhun at point 4 and we're looking at this evidence as a
29 whole.

1 MR ANYAH: I have made my observation.

2 MR SANTORA: Just in response, I think counsel is arguing
3 weight of evidence here and this is not --

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I don't think it's weight of evidence,
15:10:16 5 Mr Santora. It's just the way the whole thing looks.

6 MR SANTORA: And I will clarify that:

7 Q. Mrs Witness, you see the map in front of you that you've
8 marked?

9 A. Yes.

15:10:33 10 Q. Now can you - you wrote an arrow from Gandorhun. What is
11 this arrow signifying?

12 A. According to the question, from my understanding, was it
13 was from which direction the ambushes came, that they were to
14 come from and go and set an ambush on the ECOMOG area of control.

15:11:08 15 That's why I marked from Gandorhun to Tefeya. It was from there
16 that the operation came to go to the highway.

17 Q. Can you then draw where these ambushes actually occurred.
18 Just for number purposes, the first arrow you indicated, I
19 believe, was an arrow coming out of Gandorhun and you said that
15:12:09 20 these were where the ambushes would come from, this is the
21 direction they would come from. Is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you go ahead and put a number - I think it's 13 we're
24 at. 13.

15:12:26 25 A. 13, yes.

26 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just I need some clarification here. When
27 you say the direction in which the ambushes come from, you're
28 referring to the direction the troops that carried out the ambush
29 came from?

1 MR SANTORA: Yes, your Honour.

2 JUDGE LUSSICK: Because, as you know, an ambush is a
3 setpiece action where they lay in wait.

4 MR SANTORA: I understand now, your Honour:

15:13:00 5 Q. Okay, so you've indicated the location of the ambushes
6 along the road that you just marked. Where were the people -
7 where were the men coming from that committed these ambushes?

8 A. That is where I marked with the arrow. That is Gandorhun,
9 from the Tefeya route.

15:13:36 10 Q. So, you've indicated that the people who were committing
11 the ambushes along this road that you've just marked came from
12 both Gandorhun and Tefeya. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now, you've indicated those that came from Gandorhun with
15:13:55 15 the number 13. Can you go ahead and indicate the number 14 for
16 those that came from Tefeya.

17 Your Honours, at this point I would ask that the map be
18 marked for identification.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a one page document, a map, as
15:14:28 20 marked by the witness on several roads and from 1 to 14 as noted.
21 It becomes MFI-16.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, also you will note that the
23 last route she indicated in a black marker has not been described
24 on the record as being from this point or that point.

15:14:57 25 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour:

26 Q. Mrs Witness, the last marking you made along the road you
27 stated that this is where ambushes occurred against ECOMOG. Is
28 that correct?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Can you mark the portions of the road where these ambushes
2 started. Oh, actually just indicate the portion of the road that
3 you are indicating where these ambushes occurred with numbers.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that a number for each ambush, or --

15:15:34 5 MR SANTORA: No, I'm sorry:

6 Q. From the area - the starting area and the ending area - of
7 where these ambushes occurred along the marking you just made and
8 now can you go ahead and put the numbers 15 and 16 along those
9 marks.

15:16:12 10 Now the area that you've marked with black marker, this
11 road, is this road under - was this road under ECOMOG's control?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you've noted number 15 and number 16 and you've talked
14 about ambushes that occurred along this road. Now, were ambushes
15 occurring between number 15 and 16 where you've marked?

15:16:48

16 A. Yes.

17 MR SANTORA: I just wanted to make sure it was clear for
18 the record. Now for the record I do note that the black marker
19 at point 16 runs from Bumpe to number 15, which is not at a
20 specific location before Njaiama Sewafe and I apologise. I'm not
21 sure if this was actually - did we mark the map at this point? I
22 know I requested it.

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23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well I was merely going to note that
24 there was another marking since the map was marked for
25 identification, but it is not yet in evidence and so these can
26 all be dealt with if it is tendered.

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27 MR SANTORA: Thank you, your Honour. Okay, you can take
28 the map away for now. Thank you, Madam Court Attendant:

29 Q. Now, Mrs Witness, during the time you were at PC Ground do

1 you know from your observation how you were receiving supplies?

2 A. One was from the attacks, that they attacked towns and if
3 they captured materials that was one source, and I can recall
4 twice when I saw arms and ammunition from Buedu. That was the
15:19:01 5 only time we got supply from Buedu.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Santora, before the witness answered I
7 was going to ask what you meant by supply. In the light of her
8 answer, I'm still not sure.

9 MR SANTORA: Thank you, Madam President:

15:19:26 10 Q. Now, you say you recall twice when you saw arms and
11 ammunition from Buedu?

12 MR ANYAH: That was not my recollection of the evidence. I
13 think she said once.

14 MR SANTORA: She said twice.

15:19:40 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: The record, Mr Anyah, shows, "I can
16 recall twice when I saw ...", but I'm not sure that I heard --

17 MR ANYAH: [Microphone not activated].

18 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think your microphone is not on,
19 Mr Anyah.

15:20:07 20 MR ANYAH: Thank you, your Honour. I see. I withdraw the
21 objection, thank you.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: It is a bit contradictory. She says -
23 let me read the whole answer. She said - you asked her where she
24 got the supplies and she says, "One was from the attacks, that
15:20:26 25 they attacked towns and if they captured materials that was one
26 source ...", and she says, "I can recall twice when I saw arms
27 and ammunition from Buedu", and then she concludes, "That was the
28 only time ...", the only time, "... we got supply from Buedu."
29 So was it once, or was it twice, from Buedu?

1 MR SANTORA:

2 Q. Mrs Witness, did you hear Justice Sebutinde's question?

3 A. I heard it and I can clarify it. When I said "the only
4 time", I can add an "s" that those were the two times. Those
15:21:09 5 were the only two times that I saw that myself, that supplies or
6 arms and ammunition came from Buedu to where I was, Superman's
7 ground.

8 Q. So, describe the first time. Well, before I - yes,
9 describe the first time you saw arms and ammunition from Buedu.

15:22:19 10 A. The first time I saw that was when the men who were in the
11 combat camp under the RUF in - near Koidu, they went on an attack
12 in Koidu Town and they captured two ECOMOG soldiers. That night
13 they brought them to Superman's ground, but one of them did not
14 survive. So the other one who did not die, we sent - we had sent
15:23:06 15 a message to Sam Bockarie about those soldiers whom they had
16 captured, the ECOMOG, and he sent that Superman should send the
17 ECOMOG soldier to Buedu. The men who went to accompany the
18 ECOMOG soldier when they were coming they brought some amount of
19 arms and ammunition and food, that was rice, garri, salt and
15:23:34 20 Maggi.

21 Q. Who brought some amount of arms and ammunitions and food to
22 you at - to Superman's ground?

23 A. The armed men who were sent to escort the ECOMOG soldier to
24 Buedu. They were the ones who brought those things.

15:24:10 25 Q. How do you know that?

26 A. They gave a report. When they came they gave a report to
27 Superman and Superman sent a message that he had received the
28 things that came from Buedu and I was the one who sent the report
29 because I was on the radio set.

1 Q. Who specifically did you send the message to?

2 A. To Sam Bockarie.

3 Q. And how did you send this message?

4 A. I sent it by radio.

15:25:10 5 Q. Now when you say "arms and ammunition", what do you mean?

6 A. From what I knew, when I said "arms" that refers to the
7 guns that we used to fight and the ammunition were the bullets
8 that the guns - that are used in the guns.

9 Q. Do you know what kind of guns were brought to Superman's
15:25:44 10 ground?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What kind?

13 A. I knew that they brought a 60 millimetre that was - that
14 was a mortar gun.

15:26:06 15 Q. And in terms of the ammunitions, do you know any types of
16 ammunitions that they brought?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What kind?

19 A. They brought AK rounds and RPG bombs and the bombs for that
15:26:33 20 60 millimetre.

21 Q. And how were these materials packaged, if you know?

22 A. Like for the AK rounds some were in a box, I saw two of
23 those, and the others were in rice bags. The bombs were in
24 boxes. There was a bag like container where they were.

15:27:14 25 Q. Now, you've said already that you arrived in PC Ground from
26 Koidu in approximately March of 1998. Is that correct?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Approximately how long after you had arrived in PC Ground
29 do you recall seeing this first shipment of arms and ammunitions

1 arrive at Superman Ground? Approximately how long had passed
2 since your arrival?

3 A. It was nearly two months.

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4 Q. Now, you referred to a second time that you're aware of
5 where arms and ammunitions were sent from Buedu to Superman
6 Ground. First of all, how long had passed between this first
7 time and now the second time you referred to?

8 A. It would be like another two months.

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9 Q. Now, I'm going to ask you more about that second time
10 later, but first I want to ask you a little more about your
11 observations at PC Ground.

12 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, when the evidence is that
13 these arms were sent from Buedu, I don't understand exactly where
14 or by whom in Buedu.

15:29:08

15 MR SANTORA:

16 Q. You've said that these materials, these arms and
17 ammunitions, came from Buedu. What do you mean by that?

15:29:36

18 A. I knew that they came from Buedu because when people would
19 come from Superman's location, or a group of people, if they were
20 for example to go and escort a person, like when they went to
21 escort the ECOMOG soldier, they had a crossing point at that
22 riverside. The other group that would come from Buedu would meet
23 with the other group at that riverside. They would not go
24 straight into Buedu if they were going to escort somebody. So
25 those who were in Buedu, the armed men, the trained men who were
26 unarmed men, would carry the materials on their heads and they
27 would bring it to the commander who would be leading the other
28 group that would have come from our own end and he too would take
29 it and give it to the other unarmed men he had gone with. So the

1 armed men would be in front defending the materials. That's how
2 they brought it. Unarmed men carried it on their heads.

3 Q. Who was sending these materials?

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4 A. It was from Sam Bockarie, that I knew of, because when they
5 brought them they sent a message to the effect that he had sent
6 this and that item and that they were on the way coming.

7 Q. And at this point when you were in PC Ground, where was Sam
8 Bockarie?

9 A. He was in Buedu.

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10 Q. And what was Sam Bockarie's position at this time while you
11 were at PC Ground?

12 A. He was heading the RUF within Sierra Leone. He was the top
13 ranking officer.

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14 Q. Now, earlier you said that ambushes were occurring at the
15 time you were at PC Ground within the Kono District and you
16 mentioned an area. Can you recall some of the specific ambushes
17 and what happened?

15:32:22

18 A. Well, if I can recall one of them, when the group that was
19 in Tefeya, they were the ones who set the ambush, they just sent
20 the message that they've set an ambush along Sewafe-Bumpe
21 Highway, the main road, which involved a military convoy that was
22 going to Koidu whereby Maxwell Khobe was in that convoy,
23 according to the message that I received. They burnt some of the
24 vehicles, they burnt tanks and captured arms and ammunition and a
25 walking stick that Maxwell Khobe was using which was like a
26 chair. When he opens it, he can sit on it again. They sent that
27 to Superman's ground and I saw it.

15:33:01

28 Q. Okay. Now, earlier you said, this morning, that there were
29 civilians at PC Ground not in the combat area. First of all, can

1 you generally describe what was happening with civilians at this
2 time when you were at PC Ground?

3 A. Like I said, when I went to PC Ground I did not see any
4 civilian whom they said were the civilians who were living in
15:33:57 5 that particular town. But when they went on patrols in the
6 villages which were around PC Ground, they captured civilians,
7 men, women, children. They brought them and when they brought
8 them there was a training base at Superman's Ground where all
9 those civilians who had been with the RUF from Freetown, when
15:34:35 10 some men brought them up to Koidu and those from Koidu who were
11 taken to the PC Ground, they said they should send all of them to
12 the training base and they were taking them to the training base.
13 They recruited them and they used to put them on standby. They
14 were standby just in case they needed manpower to do anything,
15:35:03 15 like to carry loads, take them and bring them back, or whatever
16 they wanted them to do.

17 Q. First of all you said, "When they went on patrols in the
18 villages which were around PC Ground, they captured civilians,
19 men, women and children." Who are you referring to when you say
15:35:30 20 "they"?

21 A. When I said "they" at this moment I am talking about the
22 RUF, because we were in the town and were in control of that
23 area. It was armed men and it was only a gunman that could
24 capture a civilian, because a civilian cannot capture his
15:35:59 25 colleague civilian.

26 Q. Now, you also said men, women and children were captured
27 from these villages. What would happen to the women who were
28 captured?

29 A. The women whom I knew that they brought were women whom the

1 men will see and somebody who was a man, or a combatant, would
2 say, "I'm taking this away, she is my wife." He will bring her -
3 even when he was - even when she was coming from the training
4 base, she will stay with him where he was staying.

15:36:51 5 Q. Can you explain what you mean when you say a commander -

6 I'm sorry, a combatant would say, "I'm taking this away, she is
7 my wife"? What do you mean by that?

8 A. He will bring her to the base and turn her into his wife.

9 Like they would sleep together, the woman would work for him just

15:37:17 10 like a woman would work for her husband in the home.

11 Q. Did these women choose to become wives?

12 A. No.

13 Q. What do you mean?

14 A. If you were captured at a front line, like it happened to

15:37:49 15 us, they were not going to ask you if you love them, or do not

16 love them. The person who captures you and brings you, you will

17 stay with that person. If you were a small child, maybe a woman

18 who was not up to the age of staying with a man, you would be

19 there as a ward and he will take care of you and you would be

15:38:16 20 working for him and some would stay there. When they get old

21 enough, a man who was an RUF fighter would take her and turn her

22 into his wife from the person who had captured her.

23 Q. Now describe what would happen to a woman once she became a

24 wife to a combatant.

15:38:47 25 A. I think I have started talking about what the women did.

26 Some like - like normally there are some people, they are unable

27 to live with their wives. Even if he marries you he had - they

28 say what he says, you should do. Some beat them up. If you are

29 lucky and you had someone who takes care of people nicely. Some

1 others when they came, even when they said go, they did not want
2 to go. But if you come across a person who hadn't a second
3 thought, that whatever he said was what you should do, then you
4 would fall under a direct command to that person.

15:39:53 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, what does the witness mean by
6 taking care of these women? The combatants would take care of
7 these women?

8 MR SANTORA:

9 Q. Do you understand the question, Mrs Witness?

15:40:11 10 A. I understand it and I can answer it. When he is taking
11 care it means that he will go and find food for you, he will
12 bring clothes for you to wear, or shoes; just like you had your
13 mother or father who gave you what you wanted and you too did
14 what they wanted by working for them. They will send you to go
15 and do this, go and do that and you had to do them. So they too
16 were to do theirs by feeding you and clothing you.

17 Q. Now, you also said that some civilians would carry loads.
18 What do you mean by that?

19 A. Where you were captured as a civilian, whether there were
15:41:15 20 many or not, they must have things that they took. A gunman,
21 someone who has a gun in that group, was not allowed to take a
22 property - to carry property either on your back, or on your
23 head, because it will - you will not be able to face any
24 challenge. So you who were not carrying a gun and a civilian -
15:41:41 25 then civilians who were captured were the ones who carried
26 whatever property that they got from those areas where they were
27 captured. They were the ones who carried them to the base.

28 Q. What would happen if a civilian didn't want to carry a
29 load?

1 A. It was not just easy for a civilian to refuse carrying a
2 load when asked by a gunman. Some would be beaten and they would
3 force you to carry them. If you were unlucky, some would shoot
4 you.

15:42:18 5 Q. Now, these activities that - these observations that you've
6 described, where were they going on in Kono?

7 A. All those areas where RUF were in control, they happened
8 there.

9 Q. Now, do you recall, while you were at PC Ground, any
15:42:52 10 specific operations related to civilians?

11 A. Well I can't say there was a specific operation from my own
12 knowledge which was said to be run against civilians, but they
13 came in contact mostly with civilians when ECOMOG were based,
14 they had the full assurance to stay because they believed that
15:43:27 15 they were safe, but when there was an attack they were unable to
16 move just like the ECOMOG would do.

17 Q. Now, earlier you talked about operations or ambushes that
18 were run out of the locations at Gandorhun and Tefeya. Do you
19 recall if anything happened to civilians on these operations?

15:44:10 20 A. Well I can recall that they run an operation in Koidu Geiya
21 in that Gandorhun area, one which I did not go on, and that was
22 not reported directly in a message, but due to conversations with
23 my colleague operators I knew what was happening. Civilians were
24 involved in that attack and many of those civilians lost their
15:44:46 25 lives at Koidu Geiya. And from Tefeya I can recall in Bumpe when
26 they attacked it they captured some civilians who were taken to
27 the base and later I saw them.

28 Q. First of all, explain what you know about what happened at
29 Koidu Geiya?

1 A. Well when I mentioned that it was not reported directly, I
2 meant the civilian issue. I cannot recall if they ever ran an
3 operation whereby they sent a message and in that message it was
4 stated that they killed so and so civilians in that village, or
15:45:52 5 in that town, except if - except when you spoke to those who ran
6 the operation through discussion you will know that this thing
7 happened there, but they were not putting it in the message. But
8 the Koidu Geiya operation that was run they sent a message to the
9 effect that they attacked Koidu Geiya, but based in relation to
10 the civilians that was not included.

11 Q. First of all, then how did you learn about what happened to
12 the civilians in Koidu Geiya?

13 A. I knew from Claris, who was one of the operators in
14 Gandorhun.

15:46:33 15 Q. What exactly did you learn from Claris?

16 A. She too did not go from what she explained to me, but those
17 who went on the operation, being that they had come from her own
18 base, she learnt from them that they killed a lot of civilians in
19 the town. Those whom they met they killed a lot of civilians,
15:47:05 20 children, they were not selecting.

21 Q. Do you know who was on this operation?

22 A. I know that Rambo was there and Banya was there, but I do
23 not know everyone that joined in. I did not have the names of
24 those who were in Gandorhun.

15:47:27 25 Q. How did you know that Rambo was on this operation?

26 A. It was from where the message came from that I knew who ran
27 the operation.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Santora, there's a vagueness about
29 this evidence. Were these civilians caught up in an exchange

1 between ECOMOG forces that were being ambushed by RUF, or was
2 this purely an attack on a civilian population? It's not clear.

3 MR SANTORA:

15:48:10

4 Q. Explain from what you know what happened to the civilians
5 in Koidu Geiya?

6 A. Like I have already explained, the only thing that I have
7 to clarify was that it was not an ambush. It was an attack that
8 was launched on Koidu Geiya.

9 Q. And who specifically launched the attack?

15:48:43

10 A. It was the RUF under Rambo's control.

11 Q. And you said that civilians were killed. Do you know how
12 they were killed?

13 A. Well, I did not ask about that.

14 Q. At this point do you know who was in Koidu Geiya?

15:49:15

15 A. Well, I did not know whether it was the Kamajors. From
16 what Claris told me the civilians - it was the civilians and
17 Kamajors, but I did not know of ECOMOG basing there.

18 Q. Mrs Witness, you said that you learned that, "They killed a
19 lot of civilians in the town." What exactly did you learn? When
20 you say "they killed", what did you mean when you said "They
21 killed a lot of civilians in the town"?

15:49:43

22 A. I'm referring to the RUF, or the fighters who went there
23 led by Rambo. They did the killing from what the sister told me.

24 Q. And how did she tell you this information?

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25 A. We saw each other and we spoke.

26 Q. Do you know where Koidu Geiya is?

27 A. I have never gone there, I do not know where it is, but it
28 was under Rambo's operational area.

29 Q. Do you know what road it's on?

1 A. It's Gandorhun - it's on the Gandorhun Kailahun road,
2 within those ends, but I have never known the town itself.

3 Q. What district is it in, do you know that?

4 A. It's in the Kono District.

15:51:11 5 Q. Now, did you ever hear - get any information about other
6 operations where civilians were affected?

7 A. Like I said the group that came from Tefeya when they
8 attacked Bumpe Town on the main highway, they too I learnt that
9 civilians died there, a lot of them.

15:51:52 10 Q. How did you learn that?

11 A. I was on a set and later I went to Tefeya to Foday Lansana
12 and I learnt from them, the group that went on the operation to
13 Bumpe.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Again, Mr Santora, I hesitate to
15:52:18 15 interrupt, but we need some time frames for some of these
16 operations. They're important.

17 MR SANTORA: Thank you:

18 Q. Now this first operation that you described that you
19 learned about at Koidu Geiya, was this the time you were at PC
15:52:39 20 Ground?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you remember approximately the month and year?

23 A. I can't recall the month, but it was still in '98 - in '98,
24 sorry.

15:52:58 25 Q. Do you know who Sani Abacha was?

26 A. I knew that he was a Nigerian president.

27 Q. Do you know what happened to him?

28 A. Well, I just heard over the BBC when it was announced that
29 he had died on one afternoon.

1 Q. This operation that you refer to that you learned about at
2 Koidu Geiya, do you remember if this operation happened before or
3 after you heard that Sani Abacha died?

4 A. It was before that time.

15:53:41 5 Q. Which was before?

6 A. The operation in Koidu Geiya.

7 MR SANTORA: Now, I would ask that what has been marked as
8 MFI-16 be again shown to the witness and preferably on the
9 projector:

15:55:10 10 Q. Mrs Witness, now again I direct your attention to the map
11 in front of you that you've just marked. Now, you've marked
12 along several of the roads here and I want to draw your attention
13 to the road that runs from Njaiama Sewafe to Njaiama and up
14 toward Koidu. Do you see that road?

15:55:45 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you recall any operations that were run along this road?

17 A. I can't recall any operation between Sewafe and Nimi koro.
18 I can't exactly recall any operation that was run there.

19 Q. And do you recall anything happening to civilians along
15:56:27 20 this area?

21 A. Well what I know, I know that the operation that was from
22 Tefeya Bumpe they were around that axis, but I never received a
23 message that this particular town or this area, we went and did
24 so and so thing there, or we ran an operation there, because the
15:56:52 25 other Njaiama is Nimi koro and we were not in control of that
26 area.

27 MR SANTORA: If your Honours would indulge me for a few
28 seconds before I take the map away. I apologise. Actually, I'm
29 not going to mark the map at this point and so it can be taken

1 away from her:

2 Q. Who was the - and you may have mentioned and if I repeat
3 myself I apologise, but who were the radio operators at
4 Gandorhun?

15:58:28 5 A. Claris Tarawalli.

6 Q. Do you remember any others?

7 A. I can recall others, but at this present time I cannot
8 recall their names. I can't recall them now.

9 Q. Are you familiar with a location called Wordu?

15:58:58 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Where is that?

12 A. It is when you leave Yomandu going towards Kurubonla, going
13 towards Kurubonla. It is between those two places that Wordu is.
14 After you leave Kayima junction going to Kurubonla, that is where
15 Wordu is.

15:59:26

16 Q. Do you know if there are any radio operators at Wordu?

17 A. I did not know about operators who were based in Wordu. I
18 only knew that there were operators in Yomandu and they were
19 coming from Yomandu to run operations in this axis up to Kayima.

15:59:50

20 I did not know.

21 MR SANTORA: Maybe I should rephrase the question:

22 Q. I didn't mean to ask you if they were based there. Did you
23 ever hear or monitor any communications, or conversations,
24 between radio operators in Wordu and Gandorhun?

16:00:12

25 MR ANYAH: The question assumes that there were radio
26 operators at Wordu and I think that is what counsel is trying to
27 get the witness to confirm or deny.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness has actually, according to my
29 recollection - my LiveNote has died, but I do recall her saying,

1 "I do not know of operators based in Wordu."

2 MR SANTORA: That's why I rephrased the question to whether
3 there were communications ever that she ever heard from Wordu to
4 Gandorhun. I submit it's not leading. She either knows or she
16:00:44 5 doesn't.

6 MR ANYAH: It doesn't appear on the LiveNote, but counsel
7 did use the word "from radio operators in Wordu", assuming that
8 there were radio operators in Wordu, when a few seconds ago the
9 witness said she did not know. So the question assumes a fact
16:00:59 10 not in evidence and it's leading, in my submission.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't have my LiveNote, but if it is as
12 counsel has stated, then I uphold counsel's objection.

13 MR SANTORA: Thank you, I'll rephrase the question:

14 Q. Did you ever monitor any communications from radio
16:01:22 15 operators at Gandorhun and other locations?

16 A. Yes, indeed. I monitored from Gandorhun and from radio
17 operators who were in Komba's own area whom I knew were in
18 Yomandu, I monitored there at one time. I did not go to monitor
19 on the frequency, but I used to go to other frequencies when I
16:01:54 20 heard them talking on their own frequency, which they had
21 selected when they went.

22 Q. Did you ever hear any discussion, during the course of this
23 monitoring, from radio operators at Gandorhun about anything
24 happening to civilians?

16:02:14 25 A. Yes, indeed, I monitored them. When the operators were
26 discussing - I don't know exactly whom they were talking about,
27 but I heard them talking - I heard them at a point when they were
28 saying men were brave, when they want to chop off people's hands
29 when civilians are telling them to stop the war, but because I

1 had --

2 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness kindly
3 repeat this area slowly.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Madam Witness. You're
16:02:55 5 speaking too quickly for the interpreter. Would you please
6 repeat your answer, picking up from where you said "because I
7 had". You were talking about they want to chop off people's
8 hands "when the civilians were telling them to stop the war, but
9 because I had" - and continue your answer.

16:03:18 10 MR SANTORA:

11 Q. And if you can speak slowly, Mrs Witness, so the translator
12 can keep up.

13 A. Let me repeat it again that I monitored, I listened when
14 they said men were daring. When they want to amputate people's
16:03:42 15 arms, they are telling them to take their hands out of the war
16 and take their feet out of the war.

17 MR SANTORA: I will clarify the context of this.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do.

19 MR SANTORA:

16:04:02 20 Q. First of all, who did you hear discussing this?

21 A. It was in Gandorhun, Gandorhun and the Yomandu operators
22 that were discussing this.

23 Q. And what specifically were they saying? Explain it slowly.

24 A. Well, after this expression had come, like I said, I did
16:04:36 25 not listen too much to them on that frequency to know exactly
26 where this thing had happened, or who had done it. I was going
27 on another frequency to get a message from another station. But
28 later I understood that because that Kamajor business was too
29 much in that Kono District and they knew that the civilians had

1 made up the Kamajor group and when they were going on attacks, or
2 patrols, when they encountered confrontation from the Kamajors
3 that was where they did this, "Remove your hand or remove your
4 foot from the war, it's not a civilian thing." That was what I
16:05:31 5 understood.

6 Q. Okay, I'm going to go through that answer, Mrs Witness, and
7 clarify certain portions of it. First of all you said "after
8 this expression had come". First of all, what is the expression
9 your talking about?

16:05:58 10 A. The one that I monitored when they said, "Take your hand
11 off the war, take your foot off the war."

12 Q. Who was using this expression?

13 A. It was the RUF and it was particularly those who did those
14 things, those - they were the ones whom I met - whom I found
16:06:34 15 discussing this, from the Gandorhun and Yomandu stations. They
16 were the ones discussing this.

17 Q. Now, what did you mean when you said later you understood
18 that because that Kamajor business was too much in that Kono
19 District they knew that the civilians had made up the Kamajor
16:06:54 20 group. What do you mean when you say they knew that the
21 civilians had made up the Kamajor group?

22 A. Well, from what I understood, the Kamajors, like they
23 called them, they were the Civil Defence Forces. I did not know
24 that they had gone to any particular training base to be trained
16:07:24 25 as combatants, or as soldiers. So we took them to be civilians
26 who had guns, they had cutlasses, fighting against the RUF.
27 Because they were calling them civilians, they were telling them
28 that the civilians should take their hands off the war and to
29 take their foot off the war, it was not a civilian thing.

1 Q. You said the RUF was using this expression. Who were they
2 using it to?

3 A. Any of those civilians whom they captured when they were
4 amputating his hand or foot.

16:08:20 5 Q. Now, do you know where this was happening when you heard
6 these messages?

7 A. Along that Bumpe area, because they were running that
8 operation around Bumpe to Tefeya. They would come around Bumpe
9 and the Gandorhuns too used to run it around Njaiama Sewafe.

16:08:53 10 Q. When you say, "Along the Bumpe area, because they were
11 running that operation around Bumpe to Tefeya", who do you mean
12 by "they"?

13 A. I'm still referring to the RUF who were based in Tefeya.
14 They were in control of those areas. It was not far away from
16:09:21 15 Tefeya to come to Bumpe.

16 Q. You also said, "They would come around Bumpe and the
17 Gandorhuns too used to run it around Njaiama Sewafe." What do
18 you mean when you say "the Gandorhuns"?

19 A. The RUFs who were based in Gandorhun.

16:09:50 20 Q. And when you say "used to run it" what are you referring
21 to?

22 A. If I say to go and run it, I mean to carry out those
23 operations, those missions that they undertook, when they went on
24 an attack, or food finding patrols, those who were doing those
16:10:19 25 things that resulted in the discussion on the radio.

26 Q. Now, you said you first heard this on radio discussions, is
27 that correct?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Where were you when you heard this discussion?

1 A. I was at Superman's location at PC Ground.

2 Q. Now, before I asked you about when another - let me
3 rephrase the question. Do you remember approximately when you
4 first heard this discussion with regards to cutting civilians'
16:11:07 5 hands and feet off?

6 A. Like it was after we had based at Superman Grounds when we
7 left Koidu Town and the ECOMOG were still in control of Koidu and
8 the highway. Within that period we were still at Superman's
9 Ground. Within the five months that I spent there approximately,
16:11:35 10 within those times, that was when that operation was run in
11 Koidu.

12 Q. Okay, I'm going to ask you just to - when you say that -
13 this whole area that you're talking about with these discussions
14 and you used the expression, "Keep your hand off the war", is
16:11:59 15 this one distinct time, or did you hear this on more than one
16 occasion?

17 A. It was that one time that I listened on the radio. By
18 rights they were not supposed to talk about it on the radio. I
19 just heard them. It was once that I heard them over the radio.

16:12:23 20 Q. And do you specifically remember who you heard talking
21 about this on the radio?

22 A. Say that again.

23 Q. Do you remember specifically who you heard talking about
24 this on the radio?

16:12:47 25 A. I can recall the stations. Like I said the operators who
26 were in that area, I can recall that Claris was there. Now that
27 I have recalled again I know that Baba Tunde was there, but I
28 can't say who exactly was saying this. And who actually did this
29 particular thing that was telling his colleague - that he too as

1 an operator was telling his colleague what he had seen happen
2 when the other fighters were talking that when they want to
3 amputate people's hands that was what he was trying to tell the
4 other operator at the other location, but because I did not stay
16:13:41 5 to listen to them I can't tell which station was directly
6 reporting this to which station.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: We need a spelling there, Mr Santora, of
8 Baba Tunde. I don't recall the name before.

9 MR SANTORA: I don't recall either:

16:14:00 10 Q. You mentioned one of the radio operators you just recalled
11 and you said Baba Tunde?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you know how to spell his name?

14 A. It's B-A-B-A T-U-N-D-E.

16:14:38 15 Q. Now, earlier you discussed - you said that there were two
16 times that you were aware of where arms and ammunitions came from
17 Buedu to PC Ground and you've already discussed one of those
18 instances. Can you describe the second instance?

19 A. The second time I myself went to Buedu, together with
16:15:14 20 Superman, and when we were returning that was the second time
21 that I knew that we returned with arms and ammunition from Buedu.
22 We brought them to Superman's ground.

23 Q. Why did you go to Buedu with Superman?

24 A. Well, the major reason was that Mosquito called a meeting
16:15:45 25 because there was dispute where at one time - I do not know at
26 which time - they gave Issa Sesay diamonds to take to Liberia.
27 It was after the diamonds had gone missing, from what Issa Sesay
28 said when the grumbling had come up, it was then that we knew
29 that such a thing had happened when they took diamonds and gave

1 them to Issa Sesay for him to take along, and because of how the
2 command was it was these two men and the third was Morris Kallon
3 who had the voice.

4 So the grumbling was going on all over the front lines,
16:16:40 5 because most of the times around that Kono area where we were,
6 when they captured diamonds from civilians, including those which
7 was mined when we were there, when they took them to Buedu.

8 So the commanders who were there at the various locations
9 and the soldiers too started grumbling that if it had been any
16:17:12 10 other person apart from those three men, that is Issa Sesay, Sam
11 Bockarie and Morris Kallon, had it been any other commander or
12 soldier that had - that thing had happened to they would have
13 killed you, but what was going to happen to Issa now that he has
14 lost those diamonds.

16:17:41 15 So a dispute had started that made Sam Bockarie to say that
16 officers should come from those various locations around Kono,
17 and even within the Kailahun District those who were there, for
18 them to go and meet in Buedu for them to ask him so that he
19 himself can explain what actually happened to the diamonds and
16:18:15 20 what they should do. So it was in relation to that meeting which
21 they called that I joined Superman to go to Buedu, and I went
22 there purposely to leave my child to my sister because I was on
23 the front line and anything can happen.

24 Q. Okay. Mrs Witness, first I just want to ask you about -
16:18:50 25 you said Mosquito - you said Sam Bockarie - actually, one moment.
26 You said that Sam Bockarie - you said Mosquito called a meeting.
27 How did he call a meeting?

28 A. He sent a message to the stations which he wanted for them
29 to send representatives or to send their commanders to these

1 meetings. We too were included, that is Superman's station. He
2 sent a message through radio for them to go to this meeting.

3 Q. And how do you know this?

4 A. I received the message.

16:19:58 5 Q. And how do you know it was sent to other stations as well?

6 A. Like I have said, whenever they had a message - for
7 instance, if Buedu had a message or any other station had a
8 message for more than one to two stations, he will call the
9 stations concerned together, they would call them together, on

16:20:29 10 the national, "[So and so] station, join me. Go on another
11 frequency." And then he will send the message and when he is
12 sending the message he will send it saying, "To your commanders
13 from Sam Bockarie", and so you will write it to your own
14 commander. Similarly so, the other station would write it to his

16:20:56 15 own commander.

16 Q. Now you yourself were in PC Ground, you said, when you
17 received this message. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And did you go to Buedu?

16:21:18 20 A. I went to Buedu with Superman.

21 Q. About how many people went with Superman to Buedu?

22 A. We were many, those of us who went. We were more than 150,
23 because we had armed men, we had unarmed men and we too who were
24 women were also among those of us who went.

16:21:49 25 Q. Now, I'm going to ask you about the time that this message
26 was sent. Do you recall if this message was sent before or after
27 Sani Abacha died - when you heard the news that Sani Abacha died?

28 A. If I can recall, the message happened before. Before
29 Abacha died.

1 Q. Now you've discussed that, "This meeting was called after
2 the diamonds had gone missing, from what Issa Sesay said when the
3 grumbling had come up, and it was then that we knew such a thing
4 happened." What do you mean by this?

16:23:03 5 A. What I mean is that the time that Sam Bockarie gave these
6 diamonds to Issa Sesay, whether he was alone or the other
7 authorities who were in Buedu together, we did not receive any
8 message that they had given Issa Sesay these diamonds to take for
9 so and so reason. We only knew about the diamonds when Issa
16:23:38 10 reported that the diamonds had gone missing.

11 Q. When did you yourself learn about this incident where the
12 diamonds had gone missing from Issa Sesay?

13 A. Before they called this meeting. I was still at PC Ground
14 when I learnt about this.

16:24:09 15 Q. So, how did you exactly learn about this then?

16 A. I learnt - in the first place I heard it I was talking with
17 Major Sallay and Sebatu was giving me information, then from some
18 SLA soldiers who had run away from Buedu who came and explained
19 that they were harassed at the time that they came from Buedu
16:24:46 20 with their own leader when they went to Buedu. They took
21 diamonds from Johnny Paul's wife and those diamonds were included
22 in those diamonds that went missing. They too brought the
23 information at Superman's location.

24 Q. So, you said that you learnt firstly from Major Sallay and
16:25:15 25 Sebatu. Is that correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Where were they when you learned this information?

28 A. They were in Buedu. They were operating - Major Sallay was
29 the signal commander in Buedu and Sebatu was the radio operator

1 for Sam Bockarie.

2 Q. Now, you said that you yourself went to Buedu?

3 A. Yes, I went to Buedu.

4 Q. How did you travel to Buedu?

16:26:06 5 A. I walked and passed through Gandorhun. I spent three days
6 to go through Kailahun and to Buedu.

7 Q. And when you got to Buedu what happened?

8 A. The night that I arrived in Buedu - I arrived in the
9 evening. I slept in Buedu. The next day they had the meeting
16:26:42 10 that was called, but I did not attend the meeting because I went
11 to my sister, Sebatu, and my family members whom I had not seen
12 for a long time. That was where I was. I did not go to the
13 meeting that was held. After the meeting Sebatu was in the radio
14 station, but he came early that day. She told me that she's off
16:27:19 15 because her master, who was Sam Bockarie, were leaving to go to
16 Foya. So that was why she has left to come back home and I saw
17 the vehicles leaving when they were going to Foya from Buedu, but
18 I did not know who went in that convoy. They came back that same
19 day in the evening and when they came --

16:28:02 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm sorry to interrupt a witness's
21 answer, but we've run out of tape unfortunately.

22 MR SANTORA: If I can just tomorrow re-ask the same
23 question and go from there.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, and when you do I notice the witness
16:28:18 25 has referred to Sebatu as "he" at one point and as "she". Page
26 130, line 5.

27 Madam Witness, I'm afraid we've run out of time. The tape
28 only lasts a certain period. We are adjourning for the day. I
29 again remind you, as I did yesterday, that you're under oath and

1 you must not discuss your evidence with any other person. Do you
2 understand?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very good. Adjourn court until 9.30

16:28:58 5 tomorrow, please.

6 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
7 to be reconvened on Thursday, 19 June 2008 at
8 9.30 a.m.]

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