



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

MONDAY, 30 AUGUST 2010
9.00 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Taylor:

Mr Morris Anyah
Mr Simon Chapman

1 Monday, 30 August 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.04 a.m.]

09:05:39 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. We will take appearances
6 first, please.

7 MS HOLLIS: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours,
8 opposing counsel. This morning for the Prosecution, Mohamed A
9 Bangura, Maja Dimitrova and Brenda J Hollis.

09:05:56 10 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
11 your Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. Appearing for the
12 Defence this morning are myself, Morris Anyah, and I am joined by
13 Mr Simon Chapman. Thank you.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Mr Witness. This morning,
09:06:14 15 as we continue with your evidence-in-chief, I remind you of the
16 binding declaration to tell the truth that you took. Please,
17 Mr Anyah, continue.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.

19 WITNESS: DCT-008 [On former affirmation]

09:06:32 20 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR ANYAH: [Continued]

21 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

22 A. Good morning, Mr Anyah.

23 Q. Last Friday, 27 August when we closed in the afternoon, we
24 had commenced a discussion about an RUF radio operator in
09:06:49 25 Monrovia by the name of Memunatu Deen. Do you recall that?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. You told us of how, in November or early December 1998,
28 Jungle and Sampson brought Ms Deen and introduced her to
29 Sunlight. Do you recall that?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, you also said on Friday that Ms Deen was, as far as
3 Jungle said, residing at the home of Musa Cisse, yes?

4 A. Yes.

09:07:32 5 Q. At the time when Ms Deen was introduced to Sunlight,
6 November to early December 1998, do you know for how long she had
7 been in Liberia?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Do you know the purpose behind her presence in Liberia?

09:08:04 10 A. No, but I was told by Jungle that - I was told by Jungle
11 that she was there at Yeaten's house to transmit and receive
12 communication from the RUF. That was the reason why she was
13 there.

14 Q. On Friday, in response to my question about her presence at
09:08:40 15 Base 1, you said - this is at page 47400 of Friday's transcript -
16 you said, starting at line 10:

17 "A. Yes, in November or early December of 1998, Jungle -
18 Jungle brought, Jungle and Sampson, because these two
19 people were always moving together during this time, they
09:09:08 20 brought a lady, a lady, a girl called Memunatu Deen, and
21 they introduced Memunatu Deen to Sunlight as the radio
22 operator from the RUF who - whom they had brought to be
23 giving or to be transmitting or receiving information from
24 the RUF and then to some of the RUF businesspeople, like
09:09:38 25 one Ibrahim, they used to call him General Ibrahim."

26 Let's pause there. On Friday, in addition to saying that
27 Ms Deen was to be transmitting or receiving information from the
28 RUF, you also mentioned the RUF businesspeople, like General
29 Ibrahim.

1 Now, did Memunatu Deen transmit messages using Base 1 in
2 connection with RUF businesspeople, that is at the time she was
3 in Monrovia?

09:10:29 4 A. Yes. Memunatu Deen at that time used to receive
5 information from the RUF and then from Mr Ibrahim in particular,
6 because she called that name most of the time, in times of
7 transmitting or receiving information. But the others, she only
8 used to tell me that there were some other businesspeople, but
9 this is what I know about it.

09:10:57 10 Q. Let me ask my question another way: Was any of the
11 information that Memunatu Deen transmitted connected to these RUF
12 businesspeople, like General Ibrahim?

09:11:30 13 A. To respond to that, when the message comes, or when she was
14 transmitting those messages, they were in code. I will hear the
15 name, Mr Ibrahim. But after, she will only tell me that "I am
16 leaving. I have received message from General Ibrahim but I am
17 going to Pa Cisse's house," that is Mr Cisse, "to use the
18 telephone." And she will also say that there were some other
19 businesspeople. So that was how it used to happen.

09:11:55 20 Q. You just indicated that had Ms Deen would say, "I have
21 received message," the record says, "from General Ibrahim." Did
22 you say "from" or "for" General Ibrahim?

23 A. I said "for", so if I said "from", then that was a mistake.
24 I said "for" General Ibrahim.

09:12:19 25 Q. This General Ibrahim, do you know whether he was present
26 within Liberia during that time when these messages were being
27 sent and received?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Do you know his nationality?

1 A. No. Besides his name, I don't know anything else about
2 him.

3 Q. You said the messages that Ms Deen transmitted, they were
4 in code. Whose code were those messages in?

09:13:02 5 A. In the RUF code that she had in her possession.

6 Q. Were you ever privy to those codes? That is, at some point
7 in time, did you come to receive those codes or know them?

8 A. Yes. After a period of one month of her presence at
9 Base 1, she gave a copy of the code that she was using to

09:13:48 10 Sunlight and said, "In case I was absent and there was a message
11 for me, you should then receive the message and keep it until my
12 return."

13 Q. You said she gave a copy of the code that she was using to
14 Sunlight, and she did so in case messages came in her absence.

09:14:19 15 Now, in the period of one month before Sunlight received
16 these codes, was there ever an occasion where a message came for
17 Memunatu and she was absent and Sunlight had to receive that
18 message ?

19 A. Yes. Before turning the code over to Sunlight, I think
09:14:49 20 there was - there were one or two occasions that Sunlight
21 received a coded message from Sellay for Memunatu, and that was
22 copied down as it came in, and then later turned over to
23 Memunatu.

24 Q. Was Sunlight able to comprehend or understand that message
09:15:15 25 or messages that were received in the absence of Memunatu?

26 A. Not at all.

27 Q. Was Memunatu, to your knowledge, assigned to Base 1?

28 A. I can say she was not assigned, but she used to come on a
29 regular basis, on a regular basis, to receive or transmit

1 messages?

2 Q. When you say "a regular basis", can you give us some
3 indication of the frequency of her appearance at Base 1? For
4 example, in the course of a week, how often would she come to
09:16:11 5 Base 1?

6 A. From November up until December, or late December, after
7 she had been introduced to Sunlight at that time, she used to
8 come almost every day of the week, and sometimes even on Sundays.
9 She was regular from the start.

09:16:41 10 Q. Did that frequency continue?

11 A. No. It did not continue. It stopped at some point in
12 time.

13 Q. Mr Witness, are you comfortable? Are you fine? Are you
14 cold?

09:17:11 15 A. I'm okay for now.

16 MR ANYAH: Thank you.

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18 MS IRURA: Your Honour, the witness is requested not to
19 lean close in to the microphone. He can speak from a sitting
09:17:25 20 position, because then the audio is affected.

21 MR ANYAH:

22 Q. Mr Witness, did you understand what Madam Court Manager
23 just said? You can sit up and just speak normally without
24 leaning close to the microphone. Do you follow me?

09:17:42 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Now, your last response, you said that it did not continue;
27 this is in relation to the frequency of Ms Deen's visits to Base
28 1. You said it stopped at some point in time. At which point in
29 time did her visits to Base 1 stop?

1 A. In 1999, I think in the middle of 1999, the radio was
2 transferred from the initial room where it was within Yeaten's
3 house to a small house outside Yeaten's fence. So when this
4 radio was transferred outside Yeaten's house, that was when her
09:18:58 5 visits became less frequent.

6 Q. Do you know why her visits became less frequent in the
7 middle of 1999?

8 A. I said '99.

9 Q. Yes, and I said 1999. Do you know why her visits became
09:19:21 10 less frequent at that point in time?

11 A. No, no, no. I don't know.

12 Q. When you say "less frequent", again using the time period
13 of a week as an example, in the middle of 1999, how often would
14 Ms Deen come to Base 1 during the period of, say, a week?

09:19:49 15 A. In fact, during a one-month period, she will not come, not
16 at all, sometimes even for a whole month.

17 Q. Did there come a time when her visits stopped completely
18 and she never came again?

19 A. Yes.

09:20:11 20 Q. In what year and in what month did that happen?

21 A. It was, I think, at the end of '99, I think within that
22 same period that her visits became less frequent, I - after some
23 point, I definitely stopped seeing her altogether, especially at
24 the time the LURD war started.

09:20:49 25 Q. We will come to the LURD war, but can you tell us at this
26 moment when that war started, what year and what month, if you
27 recall?

28 A. Okay. A permission please. Would you please allow me to
29 make a correction regarding my testimony last week before

1 answering to this question?

2 Q. Yes, go ahead.

3 A. Okay. The first correction has to do with the requisition
4 of food that I spoke about last week, that Jungle received when
09:21:46 5 Jungle spoke to Sam Bockarie during the last or first two visits.
6 He then told me that Sam said he should go to Musa Cisse and Ben
7 to help him with food because they were running out of food.

8 The correction here is that the requisition of food was
9 made once, and it was not made directly by Sam Bockarie. It was
09:22:20 10 made by Sam Bockarie through Sellay, his operator, to Jungle. So
11 I had made a mistake when I said it happened two times.

12 And the second one has to do with my knowing Mortiga, or
13 hearing him or speaking to him prior to Sam Bockarie's second
14 visit. I mistook him for another operator. It was not Mortiga
09:22:58 15 that I spoke to at that time. It was an operator by the name of
16 Elevation. So that is to say I did not speak with Mortiga before
17 his visit to Liberia. Those are the corrections I wished to
18 make.

19 Q. Now, besides this correction in relation to Mortiga, that
09:23:28 20 you did not speak with him before Mortiga visited Liberia,
21 everything else you told us about Mortiga on --

22 JUDGE DOHERTY: Just a moment please, Mr Anyah. I thought
23 it was before Sam Bockarie visited Liberia. Did I mishear that?

24 MR ANYAH: Well, your Honour, Justice Doherty, on Friday
09:23:50 25 the witness told us Mortiga visited Liberia, and I believe the
26 correction today is that the witness is saying he never spoke to
27 Mortiga on the radio. Because on Friday he did tell us he spoke
28 with Mortiga on the radio from Sierra Leone.

29 JUDGE DOHERTY: Yes, so you see the answer - the correction

1 is somewhat confusing. He says, "I didn't speak to him prior to
2 Sam Bockarie's second visit," and then later on he says, "Prior
3 to his visit." The "his", who is it? Is it Mortiga or
4 Sam Bockarie? That's basically what I find somewhat confusing.

09:24:32 5 MR ANYAH: I can ask the witness.

6 Q. Mr Witness, on Friday you spoke of Mortiga visiting Base 1
7 when Mortiga was in Monrovia. Today you have attempted to
8 correct something you said on Friday. You told us you never
9 spoke to Mortiga.

09:24:53 10 Now, in relation to what time frame are you talking about
11 when you say you never spoke to Mortiga, and in relation to whose
12 visit to Liberia are you speaking of?

13 A. Okay, thank you. When I said prior to his visit to
14 Liberia, I am talking about Mortiga, Mortiga's visit to Liberia
09:25:20 15 at the time he came along with Sam Bockarie, during
16 Sam Bockarie's second visit.

17 MR ANYAH: I wonder if that satisfies your Honour.

18 JUDGE DOHERTY: Yes, that is clear now, much clearer.

19 MR ANYAH: Thank you.

09:25:33 20 Q. Mr Witness, going back to my question. Besides this
21 correction you've made in relation to Mortiga, is there anything
22 you wish to correct that you said on Friday regarding Mortiga, or
23 is this the extent of your correction regarding Mortiga?

24 A. No.

09:25:51 25 Q. What does "no" mean?

26 A. I mean that every other thing I said about Mortiga, that
27 was during Sam Bockarie's second visit when he came with him, is
28 that I was introduced to Mortiga, along with others, and that
29 after the introduction Mortiga was brought to Base 1 and I saw

1 him at Base 1, and he brought communication that he transmitted
2 in code. And then Sunlight took him to his house to have lunch
3 together. So, those are all correct.

09:26:39 4 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, going back to my question
5 about LURD. When did the war with LURD start, as in what year,
6 what month, if you recall?

7 A. The LURD war started in 1999 but I do not recall the year.

09:27:11 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you just said it started in
9 1999 and then you said you don't recall the year. What do you
10 mean?

11 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. I do not remember the month, but
12 that it started in the year 1999, but I do not remember the
13 month.

14 MR ANYAH:

09:27:27 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. We will come back to the LURD war.
16 Let's continue with Memunatu Deen. You said Memunatu Deen gave
17 the RUF codes to Sunlight. Do you know whether Memunatu Deen had
18 access to the Government of Liberia radio codes while she visited
19 Base 1?

09:27:57 20 A. Memunatu never had access to the Government of Liberia code
21 when she visited Base 1. She never had it.

22 Q. Besides her use of the radio at Base 1, do you know whether
23 Memunatu Deen used any other radios belonging to the Government
24 of Liberia?

09:28:27 25 A. No. I think I told you earlier that Memunatu Deen's
26 presence in Liberia was something undercover. It was something
27 undercover. The Government of Liberia knew nothing about it, but
28 that it was something between Musa Cisse, Ben, Sampson and Jungle
29 who brought her. So she could not have had in her possession the

1 codes of the Government of Liberia because the government did not
2 know anything about her presence in Liberia.

3 Q. To your knowledge, were any of the messages that Ms Deen
4 transmitted concerned with the business of the Government of
09:29:27 5 Liberia?

6 A. No. Messages that Ms Deen transmitted and received were
7 not in connection with the Government of Liberia. And, even
8 Benjamin Yeaten himself, it was only in the interests of
9 Sam Bockarie and the RUF.

09:29:55 10 Q. When you made reference to Benjamin Yeaten himself, in
11 relation to the nature of the communications by Memunatu Deen,
12 what are you saying? Were they, the messages, connected with
13 Benjamin Yeaten?

14 A. What I am saying is that all the messages she used to
09:30:22 15 transmit from Liberia to Sierra Leone and received from
16 Sierra Leone to her in Liberia were not connected with
17 Benjamin Yeaten, nor the government. But they were strictly in
18 the interests of Sam Bockarie.

19 JUDGE DOHERTY: Did I hear you say earlier, Mr Witness,
09:30:47 20 that all these messages were in a code that you didn't
21 understand?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes. Messages that she transmitted or
23 received were all coded and I did not understand. You know, when
24 the message is coded, until it is decoded even the operator
09:31:13 25 receiving the message will not understand it until it's been
26 decoded.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: So then how do you know that the messages
28 she used to receive and send had nothing to do with the
29 Government of Liberia? How can you swear by that?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, that is after receiving the message she
2 would inform me that, oh - she will - she will tell {redacted}
3 that, "I am going to Pa Cisse's house to use his telephone, I
4 have a message for Mr Ibrahim," or, "I have a message for some of
09:31:59 5 Sam's business partners."

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Manager, if you look at line
7 23, the name that appears after the phrase "she will tell",
8 please redact that name.

9 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

09:32:23 10 Q. Mr Witness, you were at Base 1 inside the home of
11 Benjamin Yeaten. You have told us that Ms Deen would receive
12 coded messages and that it was only after a month of her coming
13 to Base 1 that she shared the RUF code with Sunlight. Before she
14 shared the RUF code with Sunlight, did you ever hear her have any
09:32:53 15 discussions with Benjamin Yeaten about messages she received from
16 Sierra Leone?

17 A. No, but whenever she came she will speak with
18 Benjamin Yeaten. They will sit and discuss. But when she
19 received messages she will just leave and go to where she was
09:33:22 20 staying and she will inform me that I am just from the radio room
21 and that I am going to transmit the message on the telephone. So
22 I never saw her discussing a message or messages with
23 Benjamin Yeaten.

24 Q. You said she will speak with Benjamin, Benjamin Yeaten,
09:33:43 25 they will sit and discuss. What sorts of things did Ms Deen and
26 Benjamin Yeaten discuss?

27 A. The discussion was - the discussion was about, like Memuna,
28 or even Ben, for instance, Benjamin would ask when he sees
29 Memuna, "How are you doing? I haven't seen you for some time

1 now." She will say, "Oh, I have been coming here but sometimes I
2 don't meet you." So it was just about friendship or common
3 relationship.

09:34:32 4 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Were any of the messages that were
5 either transmitted through Base 1 to the RUF at the time of
6 Ms Deen's presence at Base 1, or received, written down in any
7 book or log?

8 A. Not at all.

09:34:58 9 Q. From your time at Base 1 was it the case that any messages
10 during the period of time when you were there were ever written
11 down? I am not just speaking about messages communicated to
12 Buedu, I am speaking about any messages, whether involving the
13 RUF or not?

09:35:24 14 A. When I was there I observed that messages from the
15 Government of Liberia were written down in a notebook for
16 records. Those were messages that were written down. Those were
17 messages from the Government of Liberia.

18 Q. Do you know where those notebooks are today?

09:36:10 19 A. After the President left the country and few days later
20 Benjamin Yeaten also left the country, the entire radio room
21 outside Benjamin Yeaten's fence was ransacked by a group of armed
22 men and all the documents that were there, they burned them down
23 and they took away the radio and everything was destroyed.

09:36:37 24 Q. When you refer to the President leaving the country, which
25 President are you referring to?

26 A. I am referring to President Taylor, when he left the
27 country. After he had left power and turned over the presidency
28 to President Blah and he left Liberia for Nigeria.

29 Q. And in what year and what month did that happen, if you

1 recall?

2 A. I am talking about 2003, but the destruction of the
3 documents happened in September of 2003.

4 Q. You have referred more than once today about Memunatu Deen
09:37:29 5 indicating that she was going to Musa Cisse's house to use the
6 telephone. Do you know where she was calling when she indicated
7 she was going to use the telephone?

8 A. Absolutely not.

9 Q. Do you know to whom she intended to call when she indicated
09:37:55 10 she was going to use the telephone?

11 A. Apart from the name, Mr Ibrahim, or General Ibrahim, I did
12 not know who else she intended to call at the time.

13 Q. This was in late 1998. Can you tell us whether, at that
14 time, Liberia had cellular or mobile telephones in use within the
09:38:30 15 country?

16 A. I did not get your question.

17 Q. Were there mobile or cell phones being used in Liberia in
18 late 1998?

19 A. No, there were no mobiles, no cell phones in use at the
09:38:52 20 time.

21 Q. Do you know what sort of telephone Musa Cisse had at his
22 home, at his residence?

23 A. No.

24 Q. You mentioned last week while testifying that there was a
09:39:06 25 radio at Musa Cisse's house, a long-range radio. You referred to
26 its code name as Visa, V-I-S-A. Do you know whether Memunatu
27 Deen made use of that radio at Musa Cisse's house?

28 A. No.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is that no, he doesn't know or no, that

1 Memunatu Deen did not make use of the radio?

2 THE WITNESS: That is I don't know whether she used the
3 radio.

4 MR ANYAH:

09:39:51 5 Q. Do you know why Memunatu Deen chose to come to Base 1 to
6 use that radio as opposed to the radio at Musa Cisse's house?

7 A. She did not tell me why she did not use the radio at Musa
8 Cisse's house, but, by my judgment, I believe that the radio at
9 Musa Cisse's house, it sometimes had low signal or low clarity
09:40:35 10 and I want to believe that it was because Musa Cisse used to
11 receive a lot of guests, like diplomats, or some other government
12 officials in Liberia, always used to visit him. And maybe he did
13 not want those people to know about any such communication. And,
14 furthermore, he had a lot of people with him, family members, and
09:40:59 15 other people living with him and working for him in his house.
16 So I believe that could have been the reason, even though she did
17 not tell me the reason why she did not use the radio but,
18 instead, decided to be using this one. And also, I think it was
19 an arrangement between Musa and Ben.

09:41:28 20 Q. Yes, that was to be my next question. You have told us of
21 Memunatu Deen exchanging casual greetings with Benjamin Yeaten at
22 Base 1. Is it the case then that Memunatu Deen's use of Base 1
23 was with the knowledge and consent of Benjamin Yeaten?

24 A. Yes, I can say so because Benjamin Yeaten had authorised or
09:42:04 25 instructed Sunlight earlier that he should give these people
26 access to the radio. That meant Memuna and Jungle, that they
27 should have access to the radio at any time they came to use the
28 radio. Yes, it was to his knowledge.

29 Q. How about the President of Liberia, Charles Taylor? Do you

1 know whether the Liberian President was aware that Memunatu Deen
2 was using Base 1 to transmit messages to the RUF?

3 A. Mr Anyah, I think I had told you earlier, I think some two
4 days back, that Benjamin Yeaten told Sunlight that this

09:42:54 5 connection - this connection between him, Benjamin and
6 Sam Bockarie, was totally, absolutely not to the knowledge of the
7 President. So - and that the Government of Liberia did not know
8 anything about Memuna's use of the radio at Ben's house.

9 Q. Now, one more question about Memunatu Deen. To your
09:43:24 10 knowledge, was she married at the time she used to come to Base
11 1?

12 A. Memunatu had a boyfriend but, you know, in Africa, when a
13 girl and a man live together or are in a relationship for two or
14 three months, then they are considered husband and wife. And she
09:43:49 15 had her boyfriend, whom she considered as her husband. I don't
16 know where they met, but the arrangement was that she had a
17 boyfriend.

18 Q. Do you know the name of her boyfriend?

19 A. Yes. He was called Osman Tolo.

09:44:14 20 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I believe that name is on the
21 record but perhaps not as pronounced by the witness.

22 THE WITNESS: Osman Tolo.

23 Q. Shall I ask him to spell it? Mr witnesses, can you spell
24 Osman Tolo for us.

09:44:33 25 A. Let me try, Osman - I think it is O-S-M-A-N, Osman. Then
26 Tolo is T-O-L-O. I stand to be corrected. I don't know.

27 MR ANYAH: That appears to be the spelling we have on the
28 record, Madam President.

29 Q. This person you refer to as Osman Tolo, the boyfriend of

1 Memunatu Deen, was he also present in Monrovia when Ms Deen was
2 there?

3 A. He was not there when Memunatu was there but I did see him
4 after Sam Bockarie - Sam Bockarie's final trip to Liberia in late
09:45:31 5 1999. He came along with Sam Bockarie.

6 Q. What nationality is Osman Tolo?

7 A. A Sierra Leonean.

8 Q. Do you know whether or not he was a member of the RUF?

9 A. Yes. I was told he was one of the radio operators for the
09:45:56 10 RUF.

11 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, Memunatu came to Base 1 early
12 December or November 1998. We are now moving into 1999. Let's
13 start with the month of January.

14 While you were at Base 1, in January of 1999, did you hear
09:46:22 15 any news about what was happening in Sierra Leone?

16 A. Yes. While I was at Base 1 or at Ben's house at that time,
17 I heard a news about Sierra Leone in January, I think on January
18 7th I heard over the BBC that the rebels had attacked Freetown
19 and I monitored that from Ben's vehicle that was parked, and it
09:47:01 20 was programmed on the BBC and the news was broadcast on the BBC.

21 Q. Where were you physically when you heard this BBC broadcast
22 through Yeaten's vehicle?

23 A. I was in Ben's yard.

24 Q. Where was Benjamin Yeaten at that time?

09:47:26 25 A. At this time Benjamin Yeaten was also within his fence and
26 his jeep was open and he was also monitoring the news on the BBC
27 as well.

28 Q. You said the news was to the effect that the rebels had
29 attacked Freetown. Do you know which rebels had attacked

1 Freetown?

2 A. No, they only said a rebel invasion into Freetown. I did
3 not know which rebels.

09:48:12

4 Q. Did Benjamin Yeaten listen to this broadcast that you were
5 listening to?

6 A. Yes. I said he was listening to the broadcast from his
7 jeep.

8 Q. Were you in a position to observe Benjamin Yeaten's
9 reaction to the news he was listening to?

09:48:32

10 A. Yes. I saw him - I saw him shouting. I said, "Oh, when
11 did this happen? Who did this?" So I did not know - he did not
12 know whether it was true. So it was like a surprise to him.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Was it the witness who was saying I said,
14 "Oh, when did this happen" or was it Benjamin Yeaten?

09:49:01

15 MR ANYAH:

16 Q. Mr Witness, did you understand the question: Those remarks
17 that you have just referred to, when you said I saw him, I saw
18 him shouting, I said, "Oh, when did this happen?" Who was making
19 those statements?

09:49:20

20 A. That was Benjamin Yeaten's expression.

21 Q. How would you describe those expressions or reactions to
22 the news on the BBC?

23 A. It was like a shock, like something that was a surprise to
24 him. Actually, it was like something he - that was surprising to
09:49:56 25 him, like the first time of him hearing such a news.

26 Q. In the days leading up to January 7, when you heard this
27 BBC broadcast, I am referring to January 3, 4, 5, 6 and the like,
28 was there any radio communication from Base 1 by Jungle to the
29 RUF?

1 A. No.

2 Q. How about through Memunatu Deen? Did she transmit any
3 messages from Base 1 in the days leading up to 7 January 1999 to
4 the RUF?

09:50:47 5 A. In January of 1999, I think actually I heard that Memunatu
6 had travelled to Sierra Leone - or that she was not in Monrovia,
7 yes.

8 Q. Do you know whether the persons you referred to last week
9 as the transporters of supplies to the RUF - I am referring now
09:51:23 10 to Jungle, you called him a buying officer, Sampson and others -
11 do you know whether they took any trips to Sierra Leone in the
12 week or so before January 7, 1999?

13 A. No, I don't know about any trip that they made in January
14 of 1999.

09:51:49 15 Q. Let me ask you more bluntly: Do you know whether
16 Benjamin Yeaten sent any ammunition to the RUF in the weeks
17 leading up to the January invasion of Freetown by the rebels?

18 A. No.

19 Q. When you say "no", is it that you do not know or he did not
09:52:17 20 send, which is it?

21 A. When I said no it means that, one, I never saw such a
22 transaction and that the ammunition that I made mention here on
23 Friday were ammunition that he sold immediately after
24 Sam Bockarie's first visit to Monrovia in 1998. And since then,
09:52:49 25 up to the end of 1998 or early 1999, there was no trip made by
26 Sampson or Jungle - or that I did not see anybody at that time
27 actually.

28 Q. How about personnel and manpower assistance, do you know
29 whether Benjamin Yeaten provided any assistance in the nature of

1 manpower personnel to the RUF around the time you heard about the
2 invasion of Freetown in January 1999?

3 A. I don't know anything about that, and also, he did not send
4 any manpower to Freetown.

09:53:50 5 Q. Were there any radio messages from Buedu or any RUF radio
6 operator to Base 1 around January 5, 6 or 7 of 1999?

7 A. There was no radio contact in or around January, let me say
8 in the whole of January, because I told you that Memuna was no
9 longer coming and I heard that she was not in Monrovia and those
10 operators --

09:54:33

11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be asked
12 to slow down and continue where I stopped?

13 MR ANYAH:

14 Q. The interpreter is having some difficulty until keeping up
09:54:46 15 with you. Just slow down a little bit. Let me remind you where
16 you were. You said, "Because he told us that Memunatu was no
17 longer coming," and you went on to say, "I heard that she was not
18 in Monrovia and those operators," you mentioned Sunlight and
19 another name. What was the other name you mentioned?

09:55:08 20 A. I mentioned Dew, that is D-E-W. They were now on the
21 government frequency. They were not in contact with the RUF. So
22 definitely there was no radio contact with the RUF in January
23 from Base 1.

24 Q. January of which year?

09:55:33 25 A. In January of 1999, there was no radio contact.

26 Q. Who is the radio operator Dew that you just referred to?

27 A. This radio operator Dew is a Liberian and also an SSS
28 personnel who was later recommended by Sunlight to director
29 Yeaten, that he should come over and assist him because Sunlight

1 alone was finding it difficult to be by the radio all day.

2 Q. In what year, what month, did Dew commence working at
3 Base 1?

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4 A. I do not actually recall, but I think it was late December
5 or early '99.

6 Q. Late December of what year?

7 A. Late December of 1998 or early 1999.

8 Q. Where was Dew posted at before he commenced work at Base 1?

9 A. Dew was assigned in Gbarnga before coming to Base 1.

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10 Q. When you say "assigned in Gbarnga", what functions did he
11 perform while assigned in Gbarnga?

12 A. He was assigned in Gbarnga as SSS radio operator.

13 Q. Now, going back to the events of January 1999, to your
14 knowledge, did Benjamin Yeaten ever make any trips to

09:57:40

15 Sierra Leone in that month of January 1999?

16 A. I think in the entire January to February, Benjamin was in
17 town. You know, before the LURD war, Benjamin was always in
18 Monrovia.

19 Q. In January of 1999, when you heard these BBC broadcasts
20 about Sierra Leone, had the war with LURD commenced in Liberia?

09:58:10

21 A. I don't think so.

22 Q. You mentioned earlier in your testimony today that the
23 radio that was inside Benjamin Yeaten's house was moved to a
24 small building outside the fence of the premises of

09:58:36

25 Benjamin Yeaten. Do you recall saying that today?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Why was it necessary to move the radio from within
28 Benjamin Yeaten's house to this house outside his fence?

29 A. Okay. The reason was that even though Benjamin had told

1 Sunlight and Dew, especially Sunlight, from the very beginning of
2 the radio there that he, Benjamin Yeaten, did not want - did not
3 want to see any other person in the radio room, with the
4 exception of the radio operator. And also, he said that was his
09:59:34 5 private residence and that was his private house, and he did not
6 want any other person there. But during this time, like I said,
7 there was no telephone communication as it is today in Liberia,
8 and the only means of communication across the country was the
9 VHF radio where other families could connect with each other, so
10:00:02 10 as in --

11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be asked
12 again to slow down.

13 MR ANYAH:

14 Q. Again, you're going slightly too fast for the interpreters.
10:00:11 15 Just bear that in mind as you give your answers. Let's try and
16 pick up where you were no longer discernible.

17 You said, "And the only means of communication across the
18 country was the VHF radio where other families could connect with
19 each other." Can you continue from there?

10:00:38 20 A. Yes, okay. And the only means of communication across
21 Liberia where other families could connect each other, in terms
22 of communication, was the VHF radio. So, in Ben's absence,
23 either Sunlight or Dew would permit other people who would want
24 to get in contact with their families outside Monrovia,
10:01:11 25 especially in the rural areas, to use the radio. But when Ben
26 discovered that, he became very angry with Sunlight and he said
27 that he was now making his house to become overcrowded, so he
28 became angry. He therefore transferred the radio outside of his
29 compound into that building that was outside the fence.

1 Q. Who was making whose house to become overcrowded?

2 A. Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator. According to
3 Benjamin Yeaten, his radio operators were now making his house,
4 that is Benjamin Yeaten's house, overcrowded with other people.

10:02:06 5 So he was not pleased with that .

6 Q. Those persons you referred to as "other people" who would
7 want to get in contact with their families, those other people,
8 were they civilians or were they military people?

9 A. I am talking about both civilians and military people.

10:02:34 10 Q. Those other people, military and civilian, that Sunlight
11 and Dew permitted to use the radio at Base 1, the communications
12 that they made, were they connected with the Government of
13 Liberia or were they personal in nature?

14 A. I am talking about family issues. They were not connected
10:03:05 15 to any government issues.

16 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. On Tuesday last week, 24 August,
17 you testified that Mr Taylor moved to White Flower in January of
18 1999. This is at page 47024 of the transcript from the 24th. Do
19 you recall telling us that?

10:03:36 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When President Taylor moved to White Flower, can you
22 indicate for us whether or not there was a radio within White
23 Flower belonging to the Government of Liberia?

24 A. There was no radio within White Flower.

10:04:00 25 Q. Was there a radio belonging to the Government of Liberia in
26 the vicinity of White Flower, that is near White Flower?

27 A. That's correct. There is a building, because the building
28 has not been destroyed, next to White Flower which the SSS was
29 using as their office, and this building had a communication set

1 which belonged to the SSS.

2 Q. When you say it had a communication set, what sort of
3 communication set did it have?

4 A. This radio had both - this building had both a VHF radio,
10:05:01 5 that is the very high frequency radio, and the UHF, which is the
6 short-range set that controlled the walkie-talkies.

7 Q. Did either the VHF or very high frequency radio or the
8 short-range set have radio call signs or names?

9 A. Yes, they had call signs.

10:05:30 10 Q. What was the call sign for the VHF radio?

11 A. The call sign for both the VHF and that of the UHF was
12 Electron.

13 Q. You recall mentioning before that when President Taylor
14 resided near the German embassy, in an SSS security booth right
10:05:58 15 outside the fence of that residence, there was a radio with the
16 call sign Electron. Do you remember telling us that last week?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. What happened to that radio with the call sign Electron at
19 the time President Taylor had moved to White Flower and at the
10:06:22 20 SSS office next to White Flower there was the radio you now
21 referred to as Electron?

22 A. This radio that was at Taylor's house near the German
23 embassy that I spoke about last week, was the same radio that had
24 been transferred now to the building next to White Flower, with
10:06:47 25 the same call sign, Electron.

26 Q. Now, this building next to White Flower, you referred to it
27 as the place where the SSS was using as their office. Did that
28 building serve any other purpose besides serving as the office of
29 the SSS?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What other purpose or purposes did it serve?

3 A. This building had a warehouse where arms and ammunition
4 were being kept for the use of the Special Security Services,
10:07:38 5 that is the SSS, to protect the President; and also arms and
6 ammunition for the ATU were also kept in that warehouse, along
7 with food and other things, like clothing, footwear and other
8 foodstuff.

9 Q. What is the ATU?

10:08:06 10 A. The ATU is the Anti-Terrorist Unit.

11 Q. Now, you said these supplies, arms and ammunition, were
12 being kept for the use of the SSS to protect the President. You
13 said the ATU also kept arms and ammunition in the same warehouse,
14 as well as food and other things. Who had access to that

10:08:44 15 warehouse, as far as you know?

16 A. The keys to this particular warehouse were kept by a man
17 called Kai.

18 Q. Can you spell that name for us?

19 A. K-A-I, Kai.

10:09:12 20 Q. Kai kept the keys to the warehouse. Was it only Kai who
21 had access to the warehouse?

22 A. Kai kept the key to the warehouse but the SSS director,
23 Benjamin Yeaten, could enter this warehouse at any time he needed
24 supplies - food or ammunition. He would order Kai to open this
10:09:45 25 warehouse at any time that he needed it for security operations.

26 Q. Besides this warehouse, were there other locations in the
27 vicinity of White Flower, let's just say Congo Town, where the
28 SSS kept arms or ammunition?

29 A. Not to my knowledge.

1 Q. Now, let's consider Benjamin Yeaten's house. We're now in
2 January of 1999, or thereabouts. You have told us of another
3 radio operator working with Sunlight, somebody called Dew. You
4 told us of how Memunatu started using the facilities at Base 1 in
10:10:45 5 late 1998. In the year 1999, besides Memunatu, were there any
6 other radio operators from the RUF that were brought to Base 1 to
7 use the radio?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Which radio operator or operators from the RUF came to Base
10:11:13 10 1 in 1999?

11 A. In 1999 there was a female operator of the RUF called
12 Seibatu Jusu, Seibatu Jusu. She was brought by Jungle to work
13 along with Memunatu Deen for the RUF but when she was brought to
14 Base 1, Benjamin Yeaten refused her, rejected her and she was
10:12:00 15 taken back by Jungle to Sierra Leone. She did not work or even
16 use the radio at all because she was rejected.

17 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I believe that name may have
18 been on the record before.

19 Q. Do you know what purpose Jungle brought this RUF radio
10:12:24 20 operator, Seibatu Jusu, to Base 1?

21 A. He said that he had brought Seibatu to assist Memunatu, in
22 terms of radio communication.

23 Q. And do you know why she was rejected by Benjamin Yeaten?

24 A. Definitely no.

10:12:49 25 Q. Had you ever seen this person, Seibatu, before when she was
26 brought by Jungle to Base 1?

27 A. I had never seen her before.

28 Q. Did you see her again after the time Jungle brought her to
29 Base 1?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When did you next see her?

3 A. I saw her when Sam Bockarie finally returned to Liberia in
4 late 1999. She came along with Sam Bockarie.

10:13:34 5 Q. The person you referred to as Dew, can you give us that
6 person's real name?

7 A. Yes, I can give his real name but could that be on a piece
8 of paper or in a closed session?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Hollis?

10:14:02 10 MS HOLLIS: We object to that. There has been no basis
11 that this should be anything other than open session.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: What exactly are you objecting to, the
13 fact that the name could be written on a piece of paper?

14 MS HOLLIS: The name will not be given in open session.

10:14:23 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: That depends on why the witness has
16 requested to write the name on a piece of paper rather than to
17 call it out publicly.

18 Mr Witness, why do you want the name written on a piece of
19 paper?

10:14:40 20 THE WITNESS: For the security of both Dew and Sunlight in
21 Monrovia, because before I could come here or even meet the
22 Defence lawyer in Liberia, these people, according to security
23 information, they were being hunted by other people, unknown
24 people to either be arrested or what have you, I don't know. So
10:15:07 25 if I call out his name, they don't know him by his name but they
26 know him by his code Dew, by most people, as well as Sunlight.

27 MR ANYAH: Madam President, in the circumstances I would
28 apply, as requested by the witness, that that name be written on
29 a piece of paper.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: We grant the application and the witness
2 will be given a piece of paper because we are of the view that
3 the witness is apprehensive of his own personal security back
4 home.

10:16:07 5 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

6 Q. Mr Witness, can you write the name of Dew, and next to, it
7 in parenthesis, write the name Dew, so we know it is the same
8 person, and then can you sign and date the bottom of that piece
9 of paper. Today is 30 August 2010.

10:16:41 10 A. Okay.

11 MR ANYAH: Madam President, can I inquire if your Honours
12 have difficulty deciphering what has been written because I can
13 ask the witness to clarify with bolder letters.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed, we are having some difficulty
10:18:53 15 with one of the names.

16 MR ANYAH:

17 Q. Mr Witness, can you take back the sheet of paper. With
18 respect to the last person's name, can you write in clearer names
19 the last name?

10:19:17 20 A. Okay.

21 Q. And can you write your DCT number at the bottom please,
22 DCT-008.

23 A. Can I rewrite it below?

24 Q. Yes, please.

10:21:25 25 MR ANYAH: Madam President, may I ask that that document be
26 marked for identification, and at the appropriate time, we will
27 move to have it admitted confidential.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is a document on which the witness
29 has written the name of an operator known as Dew. That is MFI-1,

1 it is marked MFI-1 and will remain confidential.

2 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President. May I inquire from
3 your Honour, last week there was one document we had marked for
4 identification, and I think the MFI in the 30s, or thereabouts.

10:22:07 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: It was MFI-33.

6 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

7 Q. Mr Witness, 1999, Benjamin Yeaten's house, the radio, Base
8 1. You have told us of a lady called Seibatu Jusu from the RUF,
9 besides Ms Jusu, was there any other radio operator from the RUF
10 sent to use Base 1?

11 A. No, besides Seibatu.

12 Q. With respect to Government of Liberia radio operators,
13 besides Dew, was there any additional radio operator that came
14 and joined Sunlight and Dew at Base 1 in 1999?

10:23:05 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What is that radio operator's name?

17 A. Her code is Romeo Tango.

18 Q. Do you know the name of that radio operator?

19 A. Yes.

10:23:26 20 Q. Are you in a position to say that name in open session?

21 A. No. I can do it in like manner like I did with Dew.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps the witness could be given the
23 same piece of paper to write - sorry, Ms Hollis?

24 MS HOLLIS: We would note the Prosecution has the same
10:24:01 25 objection to this name not being given in open session.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, what are the reasons for your
27 wanting to write this person's names confidentially?

28 THE WITNESS: It is for security reasons, for my own
29 security and their security.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. I was going suggest that the
2 witness be given the same paper, but it is up to you, Mr Anyah.
3 What do you want to do?

4 MR ANYAH: Yes. We could use the same piece of paper. I
10:25:02 5 would just ask that he draw a line to demarcate the portion
6 dealing with Dew and this bottom portion referring to Romeo
7 Tango.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. MFI-1 will be passed back to
9 the witness.

10:25:35 10 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, as before, write out
12 clearly - print out clearly the name.

13 MR ANYAH: May I proceed, Madam President?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please.

10:29:07 15 MR ANYAH: Thank you.

16 Q. Mr Witness, this radio operator that you refer to as Romeo
17 Tango, when did she or he start working at Base 1?

18 A. She started working at Base 1 in 1999 during the LURD
19 invasion in Lofa County in Liberia. That was where she was
10:29:40 20 recruited as a radio operator by Jungle Fire. Later she was
21 brought down to Monrovia by Ben and was in the radio room at
22 Base 1.

23 Q. Besides Romeo Tango, in all of 1991, did anybody else join
24 Sunlight and Dew as radio operators at Base 1?

10:30:16 25 A. Did I hear you say 1991?

26 Q. I hope I said 1999, but let me ask the question again.
27 Besides Sunlight, Dew and Romeo Tango, was there any other
28 Government of Liberia operator working at Base 1 in 1999?

29 A. No.

1 Q. You have referred to the LURD invasion. Who is LURD?

2 A. LURD was the rebel outfit belonging to Sekou Damate Conneh,
3 which attacked Liberia during that time. I think they called
4 them Liberians United for --

10:31:17 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can he repeat the meaning of
6 the acronym slowly?

7 MR ANYAH:

8 Q. Mr Witness, just speak slowly. You said something about
9 what the acronym LURD means. What does the acronym LURD stand
10:31:31 10 for, if you know?

11 A. L is Liberian; U is United; R is Reconciliation; and D,
12 Democracy: Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, of
13 Sekou Damate Conneh.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, that name is on the record.

10:32:04 15 Q. This fellow, Sekou Damate Conneh, what is his nationality?

16 A. He said he is a Liberian.

17 Q. From where or which country did LURD attack Liberia?

18 A. LURD attacked Liberia from Lofa County. You mean which
19 country or county?

10:32:34 20 Q. Let's do it one at a time. From which country did LURD
21 attack Liberia?

22 A. LURD attacked Liberia from Guinea, the Republic of Guinea.

23 Q. In which county or district of Liberia did LURD first
24 attack?

10:33:00 25 A. LURD attacked in Lofa County, sometime in Voinjama district
26 and Kolahun district. The attack was sometimes here and there
27 from the beginning.

28 Q. The persons who were members of LURD, what nationality were
29 they?

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: This has just been drawn to my attention.
2 It is at page 22 of - sorry, at page 37, line 22. It's not
3 Kailahun District, it's Kolahun district.

4 MR ANYAH: Yes, your Honours. I am sure that has been
10:33:55 5 noted for the record.

6 Q. Mr Witness, Voinjama and Kolahun are in which county in
7 Liberia?

8 A. Voinjama and Kolahun are in Lofa County in Liberia.

9 Q. Now, going back to my question, the persons who made up
10:34:19 10 LURD, what was their nationality?

11 A. LURD was mixed. It had Guineans, it had Sierra Leoneans,
12 and Liberians.

13 Q. In answering questions I posed about the third radio
14 operator, Romeo Tango, that joined at Base 1, you mentioned LURD,
10:34:53 15 its invasion of Liberia and Jungle Fire. The Jungle Fire that
16 you referred to in that response, is that different or the same
17 as the Jungle Fire you told us about last week?

18 A. I don't know. Please be specific, because I think last
19 week I mentioned Jungle Fire during the NPFL, and I think I also
10:35:24 20 mentioned, if I have not forgotten, the reactivation of Jungle
21 Fire in 1999. If I said that, which one are you referring to?

22 Q. Very well, that's a fair question. At page 36 of today's
23 LiveNote transcript, I am using a 14 point font, starting at line
24 11, you said - this is in relation to the radio operator: "She
10:35:51 25 started working at Base 1 in 1999 during the LURD invasion in
26 Lofa County in Liberia. That was where she was recruited as a
27 radio operator by Jungle Fire."

28 A. Okay.

29 Q. Which Jungle Fire recruited Romeo Tango as a radio

1 operator?

2 A. I am speaking of the reactivated Jungle Fire by
3 Benjamin Yeaten.

4 Q. When did this reactivated Jungle Fire come into existence?

10:36:32 5 That is, when did Benjamin Yeaten reactivate Jungle Fire?

6 A. Benjamin Yeaten reactivated Jungle Fire in the year 1999
7 after LURD had attacked Liberia. They call the operation - LURD
8 called the operation Operation Jungle Fire. When Benjamin
9 noticed - when Benjamin Yeaten noticed that this operation of

10:37:13 10 LURD was called Operation Jungle Fire, this was the time that he
11 reactivated his Jungle Fire to combat the LURD Jungle Fire.

12 Q. What was the size of the reactivated Jungle Fire group?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Were there any members of the SSS that Benjamin Yeaten used
10:37:48 15 or deployed to fight for Jungle Fire?

16 A. The SSS bodyguards - some of the SSS bodyguards used to
17 fight alongside Jungle Fire.

18 Q. Give us examples of which SSS bodyguards of Benjamin Yeaten
19 fought alongside Jungle Fire.

10:38:20 20 A. For example, Sampson Wehyee.

21 Q. Is this the same Sampson that you referred to last week,
22 the person from the same village as Benjamin Yeaten?

23 A. Exactly so.

24 Q. Who was commander, if any, of the Jungle Fire?

10:38:44 25 A. The overall commander of the Jungle Fire was one Gbarjulu,
26 Junior Gbarjulu.

27 Q. Now you refer to this --

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not sure if we have a spelling of
29 this.

1 MR ANYAH: Yes, it was on the record last week. We have it
2 on the record at page - we have it on the record from last week I
3 know and we do have a spelling of it. The witness referred to
4 the person also as Julius last week, and it might take me a
10:39:39 5 second to find it.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, if it is on the record please
7 continue.

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. Mr Witness, last week you told us about somebody called
10:39:49 10 Junior Gbarjulu. You said you referred to him as Junior but
11 others referred to him sometimes as Julius. What county in
12 Liberia was this or is this person from?

13 A. Gbarjulu is from Grand Gedeh County.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, the name appears at page 47008
10:40:20 15 from the transcript of 24 August and there is a spelling there
16 for Junior Gbarjulu.

17 Q. Now, you said he was from Grand Gedeh County. Was Junior
18 Gbarjulu a member of the Jungle Fire unit you told us about that
19 fought ULIMO when ULIMO overran Gbarnga?

10:40:49 20 A. Yes. He was a part of Jungle Fire at the time when ULIMO
21 overran Gbarnga.

22 Q. Was he a bodyguard to Benjamin Yeaten at the time he
23 assumed command of Jungle Fire in 1999?

24 A. Yes. He was a bodyguard to Benjamin Yeaten at that time.

10:41:23 25 At that time he was in a unit called the SSU. This was the unit
26 before the ATU.

27 Q. What does SSU stand for?

28 A. Special Security Unit. This was then the long-range
29 protection unit of the SSS.

1 Q. Incidentally, one of my questions assumed a fact that you
2 had not spoken of yet. Was Junior Gbarjulu commander of Jungle
3 Fire in 1999?

4 A. After the reactivation of Jungle Fire in 1999, Junior
10:42:19 5 Gbarjulu was the commander.

6 Q. Very well. You said ULIMO attacked - sorry, you said LURD
7 attacked into Lofa County. You referred to Romeo Tango being the
8 radio operator for Jungle Fire. Before Romeo Tango came to Base
9 1, was she based in Lofa County?

10:42:48 10 A. Yes. She was in Lofa County, as I believe, because she is
11 a Lofian, she is from Lofa. She was in Lofa County but,
12 according to her, she was with - she was with I think the AFL at
13 the time before she was transferred or recruited for the Jungle
14 Fire.

10:43:19 15 Q. Did the Jungle Fire group have radio communication
16 equipment in Lofa County in 1999?

17 A. Yes. The Jungle Fire had a radio, a mobile radio, VHF
18 radio, on the front line in 1999.

19 Q. What was the call sign of that radio?

10:43:55 20 A. The call sign for that radio was Mobile 1. Mobile 1.

21 Q. Besides Mobile 1, were there any other radios belonging to
22 the Government of Liberia, I am not limiting it to only the
23 Jungle Fire group, in Lofa County around the time of the LURD
24 invasion in 1999?

10:44:29 25 A. Yes. There was a radio based in Voinjama that was under
26 the police, the Lofa County commander, and the call sign for that
27 radio was Forest.

28 Q. You just referred to a commander in Lofa. What commander
29 are you referring to?

1 A. I am talking about - there was a police county commander
2 there by the name - I only knew his first name, Tomah. I didn't
3 know whether it's his first or his last name, but he was called
4 Tomah. He was the county commander for the police force in Lofa.

10:45:23 5 Q. Can you spell Tomah for us, please?

6 A. Tomah, T-O-M-A-H. Tomah, T-O-M-A-H.

7 Q. The radio with the call sign Forest, was that radio
8 connected with the person you have referred to as Tomah?

9 A. Yes, it was connected to Tomah.

10:45:54 10 Q. Was that an SSS radio?

11 A. No. I said it belonged to the Liberian national police.

12 Q. You said that radio was based in Voinjama. Besides
13 Voinjama, elsewhere in Lofa County did the Government of Liberia
14 have any other radios?

10:46:19 15 A. During the time of LURD there was also a radio in Foya
16 which was controlled by the navy division under the overall
17 command of General Roland Duoh and the call sign for that radio
18 was Amphibian Base, and sometimes it would be referred to as
19 Forstrot Yankee, that is the abbreviation for Foya, but the
10:46:58 20 official call sign for it was Amphibian Base.

21 Q. Can you repeat the abbreviation for Foya that you just
22 mentioned?

23 A. Forstrot Yankee. In English alphabet it is FY, but
24 phonetically it is Forstrot Yankee.

10:47:28 25 Q. Mr Witness, the record says "Foster Yankee". Is it Foster
26 you are saying or something else you are saying?

27 A. I'm saying F-O-R-T-R-O-T, Forstrot Yankee.

28 Q. Well, Mr Witness, we have several different spellings now
29 on the record for this abbreviation. We have F-O-R-T-R-O, we

1 have F-0-X-T-R-0-T. What exactly is the abbreviation you're
2 saying, and just say it slowly, and if you could spell each
3 letter of it?

4 A. Yes, I am saying Forstrot Yankees. Forstrot Yankee.

10:48:47 5 F-0-R-S-T-R-0-T. F-0-R-S-T-R-0-T.

6 Q. Thank you, we have it on the record. Now you have spoken
7 of Forstrot Yankee. You have spoken of the same radio with the
8 official name as Amphibi an Base. You have spoken of Tomah's
9 radio which you referred to as Forest. And then the radio you

10:49:23 10 referred to as Mobile 1 being an SS - being a Jungle Fire radio.

11 Are those all the radios that were in operation in Lofa County in
12 1999 by the Government of Liberia?

13 A. There was another front line radio that I have slightly
14 forgotten to which group it belonged, but I used to call it

10:50:02 15 Flying Eagle. Flying Eagle.

16 Q. Where was that radio based?

17 A. This radio was based - it was a main front line radio in
18 Lofa County. The commander of that unit was one Mike, but we
19 used to call him General Eagle, Flying Eagle. I have forgotten
20 his full name. If it comes to mind I will call it later.

10:50:31 21 Q. What was the nationality of that commander?

22 A. A Liberian.

23 Q. While you were in Base 1 in 1999 was there radio
24 communication contact between Base 1 and these various radio
25 stations in Lofa County when LURD invaded Liberia?

10:50:52 26 A. Yes. When I was there, there was constant radio
27 communication with all of these front line radios by Base 1.

28 Q. Who was the primary radio operator for Mobile 1, the Jungle
29 Fire radio?

1 A. The Jungle Fire radio had operators, such as Cyrus, whose
2 full name I don't know, but he was referred to as Cyrus. And
3 there was also an operator called Clean Dower. There was Cyrus
4 and Clean Dower, the Dower is D-O-W-E-R. Because the Dowers -
10:52:09 5 the Jungle Fire had two Dowers during that time. The Clean Dower
6 was a radio operator and they also had Dirty Dower. They had
7 Clean and Dirty Dower. Dirty Dower was a Jungle Fire fighting
8 man. That was the distinction between the two Dowers, Clean and
9 Dirty Dower - Dowers.

10:52:37 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: When was Dirty Dower also a radio
11 operator?

12 THE WITNESS: No, your Honour. He was just a fighting man.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: But Clean Dower was a radio operator?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.

10:52:58 15 MR ANYAH:

16 Q. And the radio operator you referred to as Romeo Tango that
17 eventually moved to Base 1, when that radio operator was in Lofa,
18 which radio did she operate?

19 A. She was operating Mobile 1, but - from Voinjama, but when
10:53:22 20 operating Jungle Fire Mobile 1, Jungle Fire Mobile Radio 1, the
21 same radio.

22 Q. You mentioned previously that Benjamin Yeaten was always in
23 Monrovia except for when LURD attacked. Was he based in Monrovia
24 when LURD attacked?

10:53:47 25 A. Yes. He was in Monrovia when LURD attacked.

26 Q. How about when the war with LURD intensified, where was his
27 primary base of operations?

28 A. When the LURD - excuse me - when the war with LURD
29 intensified he was now focused on the front line. He was mainly

1 based in the bush, that is in Lofa.

2 Q. When he was based in Lofa did he have a radio with him?

3 A. Yes, he had this Mobile 1 with him.

4 Q. Is it the case then that Mobile 1 was not stationary in

10:54:45 5 Voijnama?

6 A. Yes, it was not stationed - that is why I told you earlier

7 that it was a front line mobile radio. It could be removed or

8 transferred to any area, based on the situation, that is, when

9 the Government of Liberia was progressing from one village to

10:55:07 10 another village, the radio would move closer to the front line.

11 Then, when LURD is advancing on the radio, on the Government of

12 Liberia position, this radio would be relocated to another safe

13 zone.

14 Q. Just so you know, Mr Witness, it is not your fault. We

10:55:28 15 knew when you said it was a mobile radio that it could be moved

16 around. We just have to ask certain questions for the record?

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Now, when Benjamin Yeaten was at the front line and had

19 access to Mobile 1, were there occasions when there would be

10:55:47 20 communication between him, while at the front line with Base 1,

21 in Monrovia?

22 A. There will be an indirect communication with him, that is,

23 if he wanted to pass down any information to Base 1 in connection

24 or in relation to his family, or he wanted to talk to his family,

10:56:17 25 he will give this information to his radio operator, either Clean

26 Dower or Cyrus to tell Base 1 to put or - I mean, to tell

27 Sunlight to connect the satellite phone that he had that could

28 only receive so that he can communicate with his family back

29 home.

1 Q. Let's consider some of what you've said. You spoke of a
2 satellite phone that he had that could only receive. Where was
3 this satellite phone stationed?

4 A. This satellite phone was in his bedroom, controlled by his
10:57:06 5 wives. That was where it was.

6 Q. In his residence in Monrovia?

7 A. Yes. In his house in Monrovia.

8 Q. Is this satellite phone different from the satellite phone
9 you talked about last week that Benjamin Yeaten had, the one
10:57:26 10 where you said one had to go outside to set up the antenna?

11 A. This is the satellite phone I'm speaking of, the one whose
12 antenna had to be set up outside.

13 Q. What did you mean when you said that the satellite phone
14 could only receive?

10:57:54 15 A. According to him, this phone never had credit if you want
16 to make a call, but it could receive calls.

17 Q. Besides the satellite phone, did Benjamin Yeaten, in 1999,
18 have any other satellite phones?

19 A. Yes. In 1999, during the war, he had the satellite phone;
10:58:28 20 like I said earlier, he had a satellite phone called Thuraya
21 satellite phone. I think I mentioned that on Friday or on
22 Tuesday.

23 Q. So how many satellite phones in total, let's take it year
24 by year, did Benjamin Yeaten have starting with late 1998, how
10:58:54 25 many satellite phones did he have?

26 A. In late 1998 he had two of these old type satellite phones
27 that I spoke about, that is in a square form like this computer,
28 whereby you had to take the antenna outside. He had two of them
29 there with him.

1 Q. Mr Witness, when you said he had two of them there with
2 him, where did he have them? At which place?

3 A. I saw it with him in Monrovia at his residence.

10:59:39

4 Q. Besides those two satellite phones, any other satellite
5 phones in late 1998?

6 A. No.

7 Q. In 1999, at the time of the LURD invasion of Liberia, how
8 many satellite phones did Benjamin Yeaten have?

11:00:01

9 A. During this time he had this Thuraya phone that he was
10 using, one of those previous satellite phones that could only
11 receive were the satellite phones that he was using, but the
12 Thuraya phone was the main one that he possessed at the time.

13 Q. Was the Thuraya phone in his possession while he was at the
14 front lines?

11:00:27

15 A. Yes. When he was on the front line he travelled with the
16 Thuraya phone. It was through the Thuraya phone that he was
17 communicating with his family back home.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I have my eye on the clock. It
19 is now 11.

11:00:45

20 MR ANYAH: Yes, your Honour.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will take our midmorning break and
22 reconvene at 11.30.

23 [Break taken at 11.00 a.m.]

24 [Upon resuming at 11.32 a.m.]

11:32:12

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please continue.

26 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

27 Q. Mr Witness, good morning.

28 A. Good morning.

29 Q. Before the Court adjourned for the midmorning break, we

1 were discussing the type of satellite phone that Benjamin Yeaten
2 had in 1999 while LURD invaded Liberia. You recall that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I just wish to be clear about the number of satellite
11:32:48 5 phones, because we discussed that before the break and you said
6 in late 1998 he had two satellite phones, both at his residence.
7 And then I asked you about 1999. You said in 1999 he had the
8 Thuraya satellite phone and you said he also had one of those
9 previous satellite phones that could only receive communication.

11:33:21 10 Give us a number. How many satellite phones did Benjamin Yeaten
11 have at the time of the LURD invasion into Liberia?

12 MR ANYAH: Madam President, there is a telephone adjacent
13 to our table that's a court telephone and it appears to be
14 ringing. I don't know who is dialling the number. Well, it has
11:33:46 15 stopped now. So I'll ask the witness the question again.

16 Q. Mr Witness --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- I have asked that you give us a number of how many
19 satellite phones Benjamin Yeaten had at the time of the LURD
11:34:02 20 invasion into Liberia.

21 A. At the time of the LURD invasion in Liberia, Ben had three
22 satellite phones. Those are the two old model phones along with
23 the Thuraya phone, but at this time only two were functioning.
24 That is one of the old model phones that could only receive and
11:34:43 25 the Thuraya phone which he always carried with him.

26 Q. The one that could only receive, one of the older model
27 satellite phones, where was that based?

28 A. It was based in his bedroom, in possession of his wives.

29 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, picking up from where we left

1 off, we have LURD invading Liberia. You spoke of Benjamin Yeaten
2 at the front line with Mobile 1. You spoke of an operator named
3 Cyrus, and you also mentioned another operator for Mobile 1
4 called Clean Dower. To your knowledge, Mr Witness, what was the
11:35:45 5 nationality of Clean Dower?

6 A. Clean Dower is a Liberian.

7 Q. What about the person that you referred to as Cyrus? What
8 was his nationality?

9 A. Cyrus is also a Liberian.

11:36:10 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: The spelling of Cyrus, I believe, is not
11 on the record yet.

12 MR ANYAH: That is correct.

13 Q. Mr Witness, can you spell Cyrus for us?

14 A. Yes. Cyrus is spelt C-Y-R-U-S.

11:36:32 15 Q. Thank you. When Benjamin Yeaten was at the front line with
16 Mobile 1, was there ever a time when he had a Sierra Leonean
17 radio operator?

18 A. There was no time that he had a Sierra Leonean radio
19 operator with him, either at the front line or anywhere else.

11:36:57 20 Q. The radio you referred to as Mobile 1, do you know whether,
21 when Yeaten was at the front line, there was any communication
22 between that radio and persons in Sierra Leone?

23 A. No.

24 Q. When you say "no", what do you mean? You do not know or
11:37:24 25 there was no such communication?

26 A. I do not know.

27 Q. If there had been such communication, you being at Base 1,
28 at Benjamin Yeaten's home, is that something you would have been
29 aware of?

1 A. Except if I was told by either of the two operators.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm sorry, I don't understand the use of
3 this phrase "except if I was told" as an answer. Does it mean
4 you would not know unless you were told? What does "except if I
11:38:20 5 was told" mean?

6 THE WITNESS: That means I wouldn't know until they told
7 me.

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. Did they ever, either of those operators, Clean Dower or
11:38:40 10 Cyrus, tell you of communications with Sierra Leone when they
11 served as Benjamin Yeaten's radio operator for Mobile 1?

12 A. They did not tell me about they having communication with
13 any station in Sierra Leone. And furthermore, I believe that
14 they never had communication with Sierra Leone because, like I
11:39:10 15 said from the start of my testimony, that the communication
16 between Base 1 and Bravo Zulu 4 or Planet 1 were strictly between
17 Base 1 and Bravo Zulu 4. There was no other radio operators or
18 radio stations within the government, with the exception of
19 Base 1, that had privilege - that had access to these
11:39:46 20 communications.

21 Q. Now, I want to ask you one or two more questions about --

22 JUDGE DOHERTY: Mr Witness, were you ever at the front line
23 at the time you were talking - you are now talking about?

24 THE WITNESS: I was not at the front line, but Base 1 was
11:40:10 25 controlling this Mobile 1 as the head radio station.

26 MR ANYAH:

27 Q. Were you in communication frequently with Mobile 1 when you
28 were at Base 1?

29 A. There were frequent communications between Mobile 1 and

1 Base 1.

2 Q. Using the week as a time frame, how often would Mobile 1
3 and Base 1 be in communication when LURD had attacked Liberia?

4 A. Almost every day there was communication between Base 1 and
11:41:02 5 Mobile 1, because Base 1 was concerned to know what was happening
6 at the front line.

7 Q. Before the break we spoke about the Jungle Fire group. Can
8 you give us an indication of the membership of that group,
9 starting with their nationality. What nationals served as
11:41:25 10 members of the Jungle Fire group, the people you referred to as
11 the bodyguards of Benjamin Yeaten?

12 A. I told you that with regards to the size of the group, I
13 cannot tell, I do not know the size of the group. But initially
14 Jungle Fire comprised of Liberian nationals from the various
11:42:08 15 counties, or some of the counties in Liberia.

16 Q. You used the word "initially". Did the composition of the
17 group change, as far as nationality is concerned?

18 A. Yes, it came a time when some Sierra Leoneans - some
19 Sierra Leoneans were in this group.

11:42:39 20 Q. And what time did that take place?

21 A. It was in 1999 during the disarmament process in
22 Sierra Leone, around 1999 - or, let's say, during the
23 disarmament. I do not know whether it was actually in 1999, but
24 what I remember is that it was during the disarmament process in
11:43:15 25 Sierra Leone that some Liberians who were with the RUF and who
26 had been there since the beginning of the RUF came back. And
27 these were some commanders, Liberians. They came and said that
28 they did not want to stay in Sierra Leone during the disarmament
29 process of the RUF because, according to them, Liberia, their

1 mother country, was at war and they then decided to come back and
2 help. So they came along with their bodyguards, both
3 Sierra Leoneans and Liberian bodyguards. And these guys were all
4 armed.

11:44:12 5 So they came over and told Benjamin Yeaten that they came,
6 but they hid and came. They were not sent by anyone. They came
7 as Liberians who felt it was their responsibility to fight for
8 their motherland and that was how they came. And some of them,
9 like Jungle, they came apart from Jungle Fire. Those
11:44:44 10 commanders --

11 Q. Well, the interpreter has just said some of them like
12 Jungle came apart from Jungle Fire. Did you say "apart" or did
13 you say "he became a part of Jungle Fire"?

14 A. I said some of those commanders who came, like Jungle,
11:45:07 15 Jungle became a part of Jungle Fire after he had entered and he
16 then became part of Jungle Fire and did not return to
17 Sierra Leone, not at all.

18 Q. Let me go back to my question, we I appreciate your answer.
19 I have a couple of follow-up questions. Let me start with this:
11:45:30 20 Can you give us an example of some of these Liberians who were
21 with the RUF and after the disarmament process decided to come
22 back to Liberia to fight for Jungle Fire? Can you give us some
23 names?

24 A. Yes, you said something. You said "after the disarmament
11:45:50 25 process". But I said this happened during the disarmament
26 process. During the disarmament process they then said they did
27 not want to stay and be disarmed there.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

29 A. And what was your question?

1 Q. Thank you for pointing that out, Mr Witness. Now, the
2 question is: Give us some examples, for example, a name, of a
3 Liberian who left Sierra Leone during the disarmament process,
4 who did not wish to be disarmed, who came to Liberia and joined
11:46:28 5 Jungle Fire.

6 A. Okay. I do remember a name like Martin George who is a
7 Liberian from Bomi County. And one John Vincent, also a Liberian
8 from Bomi County. And then Daniel Tamba, that is Jungle, from
9 Lofa County in Liberia.

11:46:55 10 Q. You said that some of them came along with their
11 bodyguards, both Sierra Leoneans and Liberians. You remember my
12 original question was whether there came a time when non-Liberian
13 nationals joined the Jungle Fire. Now, this example of Liberians
14 coming with Sierra Leonean bodyguards, those bodyguards they came
11:47:28 15 with, were those bodyguards made part of Jungle Fire?

16 A. Some of those became part of the Jungle Fire. Like those
17 who were with John Vincent and Daniel Tamba, they became part of
18 Jungle Fire and they also joined other units.

19 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

11:47:55 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I want us to take a look at some photographs, but before I
22 do so I have a few preliminary questions to ask you. Have you
23 recently seen photographs of Benjamin Yeaten's house?

24 A. Yes.

11:48:16 25 Q. How did you come to see those photographs?

26 A. Those photographs were shown to me by the lawyers during
27 the prepping exercise here. That was when the photos were shown
28 to me.

29 Q. And give us an idea of what the photographs depicted, the

1 ones you saw during the proofing process. Did you understand the
2 question?

3 A. No.

11:49:00

4 Q. The photographs that were shown to you during proofing,
5 what were they displaying, what did they depict or show, the ones
6 you looked at?

7 A. Yes, the photos showed Benjamin Yeaten's house where he was
8 living. It also showed the house outside Benjamin Yeaten's fence
9 where the radio was later transferred to, yes.

11:49:32

10 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

11 Madam President, we previously distributed to counsel
12 opposite and the Court a set of photographs and they appear in
13 tabs in a file folder. I wonder if everyone has a copy.

11:49:52

14 Can I ask, Madam Court Manager, please, that all of the
15 photographs from tabs 1 through 21 be taken to the witness,
16 except for the photograph behind tab 5. So 1 through 21, except
17 for tab 5.

11:50:56

18 It might be necessary for the witness to switch seats, so
19 that he can make indications on the photographs once they are
20 displayed.

21 So could we start with tab 1, whenever you are ready, Madam
22 Court Officer.

23 Q. Now, Mr Witness, do you see that photograph that is being
24 displayed?

11:51:45

25 A. Yes.

26 MR ANYAH: Madam Court Officer, is there a way to make the
27 photographs have a better contrast? Yes. That looks better.

28 Q. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

29 A. This is the photograph showing the front view of the house

1 where Benjamin Yeaten was living at the time.

2 Q. At which time, as in, during which years, did Benjamin
3 Yeaten reside at this house?

11:52:48

4 A. I am talking about the time he moved into this house from
5 late 1998 to 2003.

6 Q. In which house was the radio with the call sign Base 1
7 installed at?

11:53:18

8 A. The radio with the call sign Base 1 was installed in this
9 house from the beginning, like I said, in this particular house
10 that is shown here.

11 Q. Can we see the photograph behind tab number 2, please.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, where was this house located?

13 MR ANYAH:

14 Q. Mr Witness, where was this house located?

11:53:37

15 A. This house is located in Congo Town, somewhere at the back
16 of White Flower but a little distance from White Flower.

17 Q. In which city?

18 A. This is in Monrovia.

19 Q. Can we see the photograph behind tab number 2, please.

11:54:29

20 Mr Witness, what is that a photograph of?

21 A. This is a photograph of the building outside Benjamin
22 Yeaten's fence where the radio Base 1 was later transferred into.

23 Q. Shall we look at the photograph behind tab number 3.

24 Mr Witness, what is that a photograph of?

11:55:23

25 A. This is a photograph of the same building that has just
26 been shown where the radio Base 1 was transferred into. This is
27 the front view of that building.

28 Q. How many rooms does this small building have - or at least
29 did it have at the time Base 1 was located inside it?

1 A. It had two rooms at the time Base 1 was located there.

2 Q. What was kept in the room where Base 1 was, besides the
3 radio?

4 A. Beside the room where Base 1 was installed, the other room
11:56:29 5 was used as a storage room, and this store room was where the
6 arms and ammunition for the Jungle Fire was kept. When the
7 Jungle Fire, or whenever Benjamin Yeaten returned from the front
8 line, he would collect the arms from --

9 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be asked
11:57:04 10 to slow down and repeat that area.

11 MR ANYAH:

12 Q. Just slow down a little bit, and you can actually take your
13 pen and point to the rooms or the room you're talking about. You
14 - just listen to what I have to say first.

11:57:22 15 You mentioned that besides the room where the radio was,
16 the other room was used as a storage room, and you went on to say
17 that "When the Jungle Fire returned from the front line, Benjamin
18 Yeaten would collect arms from". From whom would he collect
19 arms?

11:57:47 20 A. He would order the Jungle Fire commander to collect the
21 arms from those Jungle Fire men who had come from the front line,
22 because he did not want them to be roaming about in the city with
23 their arms strapped over them because they were not - they had
24 not been unified.

11:58:20 25 Q. What do you mean they had not --

26 A. Moreover --

27 Q. Mr Witness, just listen to the question. What do you mean
28 by saying that they had not been unified? First, who had not
29 been unified?

1 A. I said because they were not unified, that is, the members
2 of the Jungle Fire.

3 Q. What do you mean when you say "they were not unified", that
4 members of the Jungle Fire were not unified, what do you mean?

11:58:53 5 A. These men were using ordinary clothing; some had T-shirts
6 on, they did not have uniforms like the ATU or the regular army,
7 the Armed Forces of Liberia that people would be able to identify
8 them by. They had coloured clothings on them.

9 Q. You said "Benjamin Yeaten did not want them to be roaming
11:59:27 10 about the city with their arms", and you mentioned the commander
11 being asked to disarm them. Who was the commander, again?

12 A. General Gbarjulu.

13 Q. When these men ever wanted to go back to the front lines,
14 from where would they get their arms or ammunition?

11:59:59 15 A. Whenever they wanted to go back to the front line, they
16 will come back here at Benjamin Yeaten's yard where the arms were
17 being kept and then Gbarjulu, the commander, would give them the
18 arms that had been previously collected from them, and that was
19 how they got their arms and ammunition.

12:00:27 20 Q. Was it only arms that were kept in that building, in the
21 room you referred to?

22 A. Sometimes the ammunition would also be kept in here,
23 provided - provided at the time they were going back at the front
24 line and they needed to receive ammunition supply for the front
12:00:57 25 line - they would keep the ammunition in this warehouse prior to
26 their departure for the front line.

27 Q. Let me ask you some clarifying questions. You have said
28 now that arms and ammunition were kept in one of the rooms of
29 that small building. You've now referred to ammunition, at least

1 the record says "ammunition in this warehouse". Let me read to
2 you what the records says. The record reads:

3 "Provided at the time they were going back at the front
4 line, they needed to receive ammunition supply from the front
12:01:48 5 line." And this does not make a lot of sense. So help us
6 clarify it.

7 A. If I said "from", then I made a mistake. I said provided
8 if they received ammunition for the front lines, they would keep
9 those ammunition in this warehouse prior to their departure.

12:02:15 10 They would be kept there until the time for their departure and
11 then they would take delivery of it and then move on to the front
12 lines.

13 Q. You are also referring to this building as a warehouse. Do
14 you consider this building to be a warehouse or is that just the
12:02:32 15 way you're referring to it?

16 A. That is how I refer to it, but it was only a store room
17 where their arms and ammunition were temporarily kept, but it was
18 not a warehouse.

19 Q. The supplies or ammunition that they would receive, that is
12:02:54 20 the Jungle Fire, from where did they receive that?

21 A. The supply that the Jungle Fire received - the commanders
22 would receive these supplies and then they would bring them down.
23 I was not with them to know where they got the supplies from.
24 But actually, I don't know, but I believe it was given to them by
12:03:23 25 the Government of Liberia.

26 Q. So just to be clear. Are you saying that when soldiers
27 came from the front lines their arms and ammunition were taken
28 from them and kept in one of the rooms of this building? That
29 is, Jungle Fire members.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And besides that, were other supplies kept in this
3 building?

4 A. No.

12:04:01 5 Q. Now, shall we go to the photograph behind tab number 4.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, before you do that. There's a
7 question you asked the witness that he did not answer at page 59.
8 The question was: "What was kept in the room where Base 1 was,
9 besides the radio?"

12:04:21 10 MR ANYAH: Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

11 Q. Mr Witness, the room in which Base 1 was located, besides
12 the radio, was there anything else kept in that room?

13 A. No. Excuse me. That room was strictly the communication
14 room, so only communication accessories were kept in that room.

12:04:50 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at the photograph
16 behind tab number 4, please.

17 Mr Witness, what are we looking at in this photograph?

18 A. We are looking at both Benjamin Yeaten's house and that of
19 the house that housed Base 1. On the left --

12:05:39 20 Q. You can point to it.

21 A. -- on the left, right here, the storey building here, you
22 see the upper front view of Benjamin Yeaten's house and that of
23 part of the lower front view, the opening here, right here, is
24 the garage. And then here is the left side view of the radio
25 room.

12:06:07 26 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at the document --

27 A. I'm sorry. Not left but right side. Right side view.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at the photograph
29 behind tab number 6, please.

1 Sir, can you tell us what this photograph depicts?

12:07:14 2 A. Yes, we are looking at the roof of a building that one
3 director, Joseph Montgomery, was living at the time, but that
4 this roof - I mean, this building had been renovated as well as
5 the fence. But before the roof was asbestos zinc, it was not a
6 metal zinc, and also we were looking at the street, a street that
7 is leading towards a community at the back of this place called
8 --

9 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the name of the community
12:07:37 10 was not clear to the interpreter.

11 MR ANYAH:

12 Q. Mr Witness, what is the name of that community, and please
13 spell it for us?

14 A. The name of that community is Pacos, P-A-C-O-S, something
12:07:54 15 like that. P-A-C-O-S Island. Island --

16 Q. Thank you. I think we know how to spell "island". Now,
17 you said that the roof of the building was connected to director
18 Joseph Montgomery. What exactly does Joseph Montgomery have to
19 do with this building?

12:08:27 20 A. It is in this building that Montgomery was also living from
21 1998 to 2003.

22 Q. How far from Benjamin Yeaten's house is this building where
23 Joseph Montgomery resided?

24 A. Joseph Montgomery and Benjamin Yeaten shared a common fence
12:09:02 25 at the right side of this photograph; they shared a common fence.

26 Q. You were trying to indicate for us a change in the
27 appearance of Joseph Montgomery's house between --

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. -- 1998 and now. You made reference to the roof. You said

1 the roof was asbestos.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you made reference to the fence. What were you saying
4 about the fence that we are now looking at?

12:09:35 5 A. Okay. There is also a change in the fence. The fence also
6 was a lower fence; they used Columbus bricks that one could see
7 through.

8 Q. The word you used, is it Columbus?

9 A. Yes, it's Columbus. I don't know the rightful
12:10:07 10 pronunciation of that material anyway, but I believe it's
11 Columbus.

12 Q. You told us on Tuesday last that Joseph Montgomery had a
13 radio at his house with the call sign Jungle Mark. You recall
14 telling us that?

12:10:33 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was it in this house that that radio was located?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can we take a look at the photograph behind tab number 7,
19 please. Mr Witness, what are we looking at?

12:11:08 20 A. We are looking at a building that has white paint, and that
21 is the building where Benjamin Yeaten was living.

22 Q. Can you point to it with your pen, please.

23 A. This building is the building I am talking about. And then
24 this is the fence, and between this fence and the mango tree out
12:11:46 25 here, you have a street that runs from Tubman Boulevard down
26 here. And in this fence, somewhere around here, it's not
27 actually shown on this photograph anyway, there is a building
28 where Montgomery's bodyguards were living.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, the witness pointed to what he

1 said was Benjamin's house. Where was that? I didn't see where
2 he was pointing. Could you please point again, Mr Witness.

3 THE WITNESS: I am pointing at this building, this big
4 building, so somewhat behind this tree. This tree is a mango
12:12:34 5 tree, and this building is what I am talking about, with
6 something like an upper porch that you are looking at.

7 MR ANYAH:

8 Q. An upper what?

9 A. Like a porch. But it's meant to - it's meant to receive
12:12:58 10 water from the roof and pass it through, to go down to the tank,
11 but it's made in the form of a porch anyway.

12 Q. Is it pouch or porch, P-O-R-C-H, we're talking about?

13 A. P-O-R-C-H.

14 Q. Thank you.

12:13:16 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is this a different view of the same
16 house that we've been looking at? Is it the same building but
17 from a different view?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes. This is the same building but a
19 different view. The side which we saw earlier that I pointed at
12:13:37 20 a porch - no, I mean a garage, was the right-side front view of
21 the building. You know, this building is a large building. And
22 here that you are looking at now, and this that I described as a
23 porch, you have the actual porch here. And then somewhere back
24 here, somewhere in between here, is where Base 1, the radio, was
12:14:04 25 installed. So now you are looking at the left-side view of this
26 building. Here is the left-side view of this building.

27 MR ANYAH:

28 Q. Mr Witness, we will have other photographs to look at that
29 might show other parts of the building.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. The main question is: Is this building you've identified
3 as Benjamin Yeaten's house the same building that we looked at in
4 the first two and three photographs?

12:14:35 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. The premises before the tree that is shown in that
7 building, the premises where you see a zincked house - actually,
8 it's like a zincked shed - and you see grass, who owns that
9 premises? And please point at it as you describe it.

12:14:57 10 A. Okay. In this premises I told you that somewhere by the
11 left here, there is a building, a big structure here, where
12 Montgomery's bodyguards were living. The building is not shown
13 here anyway.

14 Q. But who owned that premises, that yard that we are looking
12:15:35 15 at, where this building where Montgomery's bodyguards were? Who
16 owns that property?

17 A. I don't know the owner of it, but I believe that Montgomery
18 was renting this property for his bodyguards.

19 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look behind divider
12:15:57 20 number 8, please. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

21 A. This photograph is similar to what we just watched. This
22 is the property or the fence that I had pointed at earlier that
23 somewhere around here were Montgomery's bodyguards' residence and
24 that this building is the same building that I had pointed, that
12:16:42 25 is Benjamin Yeaten's building.

26 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at --

27 A. And I am seeing someone with a red shirt here, and this was
28 the street that I was referring to in the previous photograph.

29 Q. That street originates where? Where does it start?

1 A. This street starts from the Tubman Boulevard. That is
2 where it starts from.

3 Q. Is White Flower anywhere to be seen on this photograph that
4 we're looking at?

12:17:22 5 A. No.

6 Q. Shall we look at the photograph behind tab number 9.

7 Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

8 A. This photograph is a photograph of Benjamin Yeaten's house.

9 As we are seeing, this was the garage that I had pointed out

12:18:03 10 earlier, and this was the porch that I was referring to. This is

11 the porch, because I had told you earlier we were looking at one

12 side of the front view, but this is now portraying both sides of

13 the entire front view. This is the main entrance into the house.

14 So that is what we are looking at.

12:18:30 15 Q. The place where the photographer was standing at, the
16 person who took this photo, behind that person would be what?

17 A. Please say that again.

18 Q. Yes. Where in relation to the person who took this

19 photograph is the small building we saw in the other photographs?

12:18:59 20 Do you understand the question?

21 A. You mean from the position where the person took the

22 photograph or where the person was positioned from the time he

23 took the photograph of the small building? What is your

24 question?

12:19:15 25 Q. Yes. The question is: If you were standing in front, near

26 that tree we're looking at in the photograph, and you were facing

27 that pick-up truck, where would the small building be in relation

28 to you?

29 A. Okay. If you were standing by the pick-up truck --

1 Q. No. If you were standing in front of the tree in the
2 photograph, right there in front of the tree.

3 A. You mean this tree?

4 Q. Yes. Facing that pick-up truck, where would the small
12:19:51 5 building be in relation to you? Would it be in your front, your
6 back, your left, or your right?

7 A. Okay. The small building will be to your right, because
8 this tree is planted very close to that small building.

9 Q. Now, this street where you see the pick-up truck parked on,
12:20:19 10 does that street connect with the street you mentioned that comes
11 from Tubman Boulevard?

12 A. Yes. It connects with the street that I had spoken about,
13 that I said originates from Tubman Boulevard, because we can see
14 here someone with a red shirt standing almost close to the
12:20:43 15 intersection.

16 Q. Which direction is Tubman Boulevard, as you look at this
17 photograph?

18 A. Looking at the photograph, the direction of Tubman
19 Boulevard is towards the left.

12:20:59 20 Q. So can you take your pen and draw an arrow from where
21 Tubman Boulevard comes, and then draw an arrow through to the
22 front of Benjamin Yeaten's house.

23 A. Right here.

24 Q. And please make it so that we can see what you draw. If
12:21:27 25 you draw it clearly, so that we can make it out.

26 Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, the arrow that's pointing to
27 the little person that's depicted in that photograph, that arrow
28 - that arrow depicts what? What does it stand for?

29 A. It's showing - it's showing Tubman Boulevard. It's showing

1 the street coming from Tubman Boulevard.

2 Q. And then the second arrow that is pointing towards the
3 front of the photograph?

4 A. It's also going to Benjamin Yeaten's residence.

12:22:33 5 Q. Where in relation to the pick-up truck is Joseph
6 Montgomery's residence?

7 A. Joseph Montgomery's house is located somewhere behind this
8 zinc shack that you are looking at, even though it's not that
9 clear. But there is a demarcation somewhere around here, and
12:23:10 10 Montgomery's house is somewhere at the back of this place, behind
11 the zinc shack.

12 Q. The road that comes from Tubman Boulevard, does it pass
13 through Montgomery's house or does it end at that T intersection?

14 A. It ends right here. It ends right here. It does not pass
12:23:38 15 through Montgomery's house.

16 Q. Does that road that comes towards Benjamin Yeaten's house
17 pass through the front of Joseph Montgomery's house? That is,
18 does it go in the opposite direction?

19 A. Yes.

12:23:59 20 Q. And how would one get to Pacos Island, the place that you
21 referred to, using these roads?

22 A. From this intersection, when you move left, you are going
23 to Pacos Island, and when you bend right, you are coming to
24 Yeaten's house.

12:24:27 25 Q. So now can you write for us on this photograph, starting
26 with the arrow near Yeaten's house, can you put on that arrow the
27 notation, "Road to Benjamin Yeaten's house".

28 A. Space.

29 Q. Yes. You have to write in small letters to try and fit

1 everything.

2 Now, can you draw an arrow towards the direction of
3 Pacos Island. And can you put there, at the top of the arrow,
4 "Road to Pacos Island". Mr Witness --

12:26:29 5 A. It's going straight this way.

6 Q. Mr Witness, can we - can I see what you have drawn, please.
7 Now, the second arrow, the arrow in the middle?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you use your pen, draw to the place that would
12:26:54 10 otherwise be the sky. I want you to just take your pen and draw
11 to this area; if you see what I'm pointing at, Mr Witness, just
12 draw to this space and write "Road to Pacos Island", please.

13 Thank you, Mr Witness.

14 Now, in this photograph, do you see anything connected with
12:27:53 15 White Flower?

16 A. No. There is nothing connected here with White Flower.

17 Q. What about the fence on which you have drawn an arrow which
18 says "This is the road from Tubman Boulevard"? There is a fence
19 near the little child that's shown in that photograph. Whose
12:28:19 20 fence is that?

21 A. This is the fence that Montgomery's bodyguards were living
22 in. And also, a little bit deeper in here is sharing a fence
23 towards director Urias Taylor.

24 Q. Mr Witness, sorry to interrupt you. But when you put your
12:28:52 25 pen on the paper, if you could just point at an angle and not
26 over, so we can see what you're pointing at, because we really
27 cannot see where you're pointing. If you tilt your pen to an
28 angular direction, like this; yes, that's better for us.

29 A. Okay.

1 Q. Here.

2 A. Okay. I'm saying here, this fence is sharing another
3 common boundary with Urias Taylor and that of Joe Tuah.

4 Q. Did Urias Taylor and Joe Tuah reside together?

12:29:39 5 A. No, but they lived within the same fence but in separate
6 houses.

7 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did either of those persons, Urias Taylor, or Joe Tuah,
12:29:58 10 have radio communication equipment in their residence?

11 A. Yes, they had radio equipment but the walkie-talkies that
12 they had were personal walkie-talkies; they were assigned
13 walkie-talkies.

14 Q. Besides the walkie-talkies, did they have radios in their
12:30:25 15 residence?

16 A. Besides the walkie-talkies, they did not have radios in
17 their houses.

18 Q. Mr Witness, can you sign the back of that photograph and
19 can you date it with today's date and also include your DCT
12:30:52 20 number. Today is 30 August. Thank you. Thank you, Mr Witness.
21 We don't have to display the signature.

22 Now, may we look at the photograph behind tab number 10,
23 please. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

24 A. This photograph is showing the house where the radio room
12:32:05 25 was beside Yeaten's fence. This is the back view of that
26 building. The back - from this position, it's the left-side
27 view.

28 Q. Do you see the tree we spoke of in relation to the previous
29 photograph?

1 A. Yes. The tree is shown here. You can see the leaves and
2 the bottom part of the tree on your left-hand side.

3 Q. Thank you. And do you see what looks like the pick-up that
4 we saw in the previous photograph? If you do not see it, please
12:32:58 5 say so.

6 A. I can't identify it.

7 Q. And now could you look at the right side of the photograph
8 and tell us if Benjamin Yeaten's house is visible when you look
9 at the right side of that photograph. Do you see any part that
12:33:21 10 makes up the structure of Benjamin Yeaten's house?

11 A. Yes. That is the building --

12 Q. Can you point?

13 A. This building is the left side - the right side of
14 Benjamin's building.

12:33:48 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at the photograph
16 behind tab number 11, please. Mr Witness, what is that a
17 photograph of?

18 A. What we have here is Benjamin Yeaten's building and that of
19 the fence.

12:34:22 20 Q. Can you please point to it?

21 A. This is the fence that surrounds the building, and this is
22 the building.

23 Q. As you look at the building, do you see any parts of it
24 that you can say is where Base 1 was located at?

12:34:49 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Please point that out to us.

27 A. Somewhere down here, at the edge here, that was where
28 Base 1 was located. Have you seen it?

29 Q. Yes. Can you take your pen and put an X next to it.

1 A. Right here.

2 Q. And can you draw an arrow from the X and write "Location of
3 Base 1". And can you write "Location of Base 1 from late 1998"
4 until the point in 1999 when you say Base 1 was moved to the
12:35:55 5 small building.

6 Thank you, Mr Witness. Can you sign the back of that
7 photograph, date it, and put your DCT number, please. Today is
8 30 August, 2010. We don't have to display that. Thank you.

9 May we look at the photograph behind tab number 12, please.

12:38:22 10 Mr Witness, what is that a photograph of?

11 A. This is also the fence of Benjamin Yeaten's and the house
12 which is almost covered by the trees.

13 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. What view of the house does this
14 show, at least the parts that you can make out?

12:38:54 15 A. It shows the front view of the house.

16 Q. Shall we look at the photograph behind tab 13, please.

17 Mr Witness, can you tell us what we are looking at?

18 A. We are looking at Benjamin Yeaten's fence and some portions
19 of his house, but the front view - and they are looking at the
12:39:43 20 garage where you see an individual that --

21 Q. Can you point?

22 A. Okay. The opening here is the garage and here is the main
23 entrance.

24 Q. All the way to the right of that photograph, do you see
12:40:00 25 anything?

26 A. Here is the small building outside of this fence where the
27 radio was installed.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Can we look at the photograph
29 behind tab number 14, please. Mr Witness, what is that a

1 photograph of?

2 A. This is the photograph showing the upper and lower front
3 views of Benjamin Yeaten's house. And then here also is the
4 radio room, but the left - the front left side - the front right
12:41:09 5 side of the radio room of the house.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Can you take your pen and draw from
7 Benjamin Yeaten's house and write "Benjamin Yeaten's house" and
8 then also draw from the small house and write "Location of Base 1
9 from 1999 until" whenever it stopped being located there.

12:42:38 10 A. Here it's not too clear.

11 Q. Well, Mr Witness, you can put an X on the green building
12 and then draw an arrow to the white side of the photograph and
13 write the indication of what that building represents. And can
14 you please sign and date the back of the photograph.

12:45:18 15 Mr Witness, one question for clarifying purposes. You have
16 consistently referred to this building as being a small house
17 outside of Yeaten's fence. The fence that we see in the picture,
18 if you look at the picture now and the other one that we've seen,
19 does that fence encircle - that is, go all around - Benjamin
12:45:47 20 Yeaten's house or is it broken up in certain portions?

21 A. Yes, it's broken up before the radio room here, and at the
22 back here and all the way back that way is connected.

23 Q. At the time you were at Base 1, was that fence broken up as
24 it is displayed in these photographs?

12:46:18 25 A. Yes, it was broken up by erosion.

26 Q. So when you say that this small house is outside the fence
27 of Benjamin Yeaten's house: Where this house is located, is that
28 still considered part of Benjamin Yeaten's property?

29 A. I cannot consider it part of his property because his

1 property is in a fence, even though I do not see the cornerstone,
2 but it is bearing indication that this property is for this, that
3 is bearing any indication of this whole place being part of this
4 property. But that notwithstanding, the fact that the house is
12:47:20 5 in a fence means that it's in a separate area.

6 Q. Yes, but my question had to do with the fence and you said
7 the fence did not make its way all around Benjamin Yeaten's house
8 when you were at Base 1. Then the next logical question is: Is
9 it possible that that house was also on Benjamin Yeaten's yard;
12:47:50 10 that is, considered part of his property?

11 A. Yes, as I said earlier, I do not know. I did not see the
12 demarcation, but I considered it a part of Benjamin Yeaten's
13 property because I learnt from him that he was also renting this
14 place, this small house.

12:48:20 15 Q. I assume that has been signed and dated, that is the one
16 behind tab 14. Thank you, Madam Court Officer.

17 Shall we look at the photograph behind tab number 15,
18 please. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

19 A. This is a photograph of a house that Benjamin Yeaten was
12:48:54 20 living in, that we've been viewing throughout. And here, you are
21 looking at the front of the house that had the communications set
22 here, which I had always referred to as a small house.

23 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

24 Can we look at the photograph behind divider number 16,
12:49:22 25 please. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of?

26 A. This is a photograph that is showing almost the entire
27 front view of Benjamin Yeaten's house.

28 Q. And where is the entrance to the house?

29 A. This is the entrance - in the fence or to the house?

1 Q. The front door of the house. If you know where it is, can
2 you give us an indication?

3 A. The front door is somewhere here, even though it is dark.

12:50:16

4 Q. Thank you. And where in relation to the front door is
5 where the radio was before it was moved to the small house?

6 A. Please say that again.

7 Q. Yes. Before Base 1 was moved to the small house, when it
8 was still inside the big house, where in relation to the front
9 door is it? To the left, to the right, how is it - what is its
10 proximity to the front door?

12:50:39

11 A. That is to the left, but way in.

12 Q. Very well. Shall we look at the photograph behind divider
13 number 17, please. Mr Witness, what is that a photograph of?

12:51:20

14 A. This is a photograph of the house where Joseph Montgomery
15 was also living.

16 Q. Is that the same house that you showed us previously that
17 you said its fence was not as high as it now is and that you said
18 had asbestos roof?

19 A. Yes.

12:51:45

20 Q. And whose fence is that we're looking at?

21 A. What I am seeing here, it's like a divided fence. Here is
22 Montgomery's fence and also here is a fence that Montgomery's
23 bodyguards were living in. But at this time there was no fence
24 here, the fence was built I think recently. In between these two
25 fences there is the street that is going towards Pacos Island,
26 it's in between here.

12:52:19

27 Q. When you refer to the fence that's closest to us, those
28 viewing the photograph, and you say, "By this time it was not
29 there", which time are you referring to that fence not being

1 there?

2 A. From 1998 to 2003, this side of this property was not
3 fenced.

12:53:01

4 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Shall we look at the photograph
5 behind divider number 18, please. Mr Witness, what is that a
6 photograph of?

12:53:44

7 A. I'll begin first with this fence. This fence is the fence
8 that Montgomery's bodyguards were living in, somewhere here. And
9 you're seeing the roof of Joseph Montgomery's house. And then
10 somewhere here behind - let me not comment here because it's not
11 clear. But here you are seeing the street from Tubman Boulevard
12 down to the T-intersection. Rightwards goes to Benjamin Yeaten's
13 yard and leftwards is passing in front of Montgomery's fence to
14 Pacos Island.

12:54:14

15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Is White Flower visible in any part
16 of this photograph?

17 A. White Flower is not visible here.

18 Q. Shall we go to the photograph behind divider number 19,
19 please. Mr Witness, what is this a photograph of, please?

12:54:51

20 A. This photograph is first showing the street from Tubman
21 Boulevard, from this angle, and then here is the T-intersection,
22 but we cannot see the other side because of this fence. Then you
23 are seeing Joseph Montgomery's roof here and in here is where his
24 bodyguards were.

12:55:23

25 Q. The houses or images behind Montgomery's house, you see
26 some pine trees and you see some bush. What is that part of
27 Liberia called?

28 A. Up here - okay. This is part of Pacos Island but in here
29 that you see is a swamp, a mango swamp that divides the valley.

1 It has a stream that is separating Montgomery's house and the
2 other side of the community, but that is Pacos Island there.

12:56:15 3 Q. Mr Witness, in respect of this photograph, can you draw an
4 arrow on that road pointing towards the T-intersection and write
5 there "Road from Tubman Boulevard"; that is, first point the
6 arrow and below the arrow you write "Road from Tubman Boulevard
7 leading to Pacos Island and Benjamin Yeaten's house".

8 A. I have forgotten the word "boulevard". B-L-V-D?

9 Q. Yes, you can use the abbreviation.

12:58:30 10 Madam Court Officer, can we turn the photograph around so
11 that we can read what has been written.

12 And, Mr Witness, thank you for that. Can you draw an arrow
13 from the zinc roof of Joe Montgomery's house and write "Joseph
14 Montgomery's house".

12:58:57 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I'm not quite sure which
16 direction is Pacos Island from this intersection. Is it to the
17 right or to the left?

18 MR ANYAH: I will ask the witness, Madam President.

12:59:17 19 Q. Mr Witness, take your pen, draw an arrow, first put in an X
20 on the roof of Joseph Montgomery's house and draw an arrow to the
21 sky on the picture and write "Joseph Montgomery's house".

22 A. I am not too sure of the spelling of "Montgomery" here.
23 Well, you can see it.

13:00:13 24 Q. Yes, that's fine. Can you draw the arrow from "Joseph" all
25 the way down to the roof, that is, draw a complete solid line
26 from the roof to the arrow. Now, can you put an arrow, perhaps
27 using the fence we see in the picture, pointing to the direction
28 of Pacos Island, that is in relation to the road, and can you
29 also put an arrow pointing to the direction of Benjamin Yeaten's

1 house. That is in relation to the fence we see there for Joseph
2 Montgomery's house.

3 A. For Ben I wrote the abbreviation "BY" indicating Benjamin
4 Yeaten, because of space.

13:01:33 5 Q. Yes, that is fine.

6 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I wonder if that satisfies your
7 Honour?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

9 MR ANYAH:

13:01:40 10 Q. Mr Witness, can you kindly sign and date the back of the
11 document, putting your DCT number. Thank you.

12 May we see the photographs behind dividers 20 and 21,
13 please.

14 Mr Witness, we've seen something similar to this but, for
13:02:31 15 the record, what are we looking at? And you can point.

16 A. We are looking at the fence of Joseph Montgomery's
17 bodyguards in here, and then we are looking at the roof and some
18 parts of the body of Joseph Montgomery's house, here. And in
19 here we have a double fence as well, in between which there is a
13:03:13 20 street going towards Pacos Island.

21 Q. And the next photograph behind divider 21, what are we
22 looking at?

23 A. We are also looking at the fence of director Montgomery's
24 body guards where you see this little coconut tree, and those are
13:03:52 25 the two pine trees, and here we are looking at the street from
26 Tubman Boulevard down to this T-intersection of Ben's yard and
27 that of Pacos Island. And we are also looking at the roof of
28 Mr Montgomery's house and some portions of the body of the
29 building. We are also seeing the same double fence here, in

1 between which we have the street going towards Pacos Island.

2 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, you mentioned the name Urias
3 Taylor and Joseph Tuah. Who is Urias Taylor?

13:05:06

4 A. Urias Taylor was one of the directors of the Special
5 Security Service. To be precise, he was a deputy director for
6 administration. He was the principal deputy to Benjamin Yeaten.

7 Q. During which years was he principal deputy to Benjamin
8 Yeaten?

13:05:36

9 A. In 1998, but I can't remember when another person took over
10 his position.

11 MR ANYAH: Can I just indicate to Madam Court Officer to
12 get ready the photograph behind tab number 5, but I will continue
13 with questions to the witness until we are ready to look at the
14 photograph.

13:05:53

15 Q. How about Joe Tuah, who is Joe Tuah?

16 A. Joe Tuah was occupying one of the director's positions. I
17 did not know when he was removed, but he was once deputy director
18 for intelligence and then he later became assistant director for
19 intelligence and later became a director without portfolio.

13:06:41

20 Q. He was --

21 A. Assistant director without portfolio.

22 Q. You said he was deputy director for intelligence and he
23 later became assistant director without portfolio. Which
24 organisation was he assistant director and deputy director?

13:07:02

25 A. I am speaking of the Executive Mansion Special Security
26 Service, or Services.

27 Q. Now, these persons, Urias Taylor and Joseph Tuah, have you
28 recently seen a photograph depicting them, and others, that were
29 members of the SSS?

1 A. Yes, I had. I recently saw their photograph.

2 Q. How did you come to see those photographs - or that
3 photograph?

13:07:52

4 A. The photograph was shown to me during the proofing when I
5 got here by the lawyer.

6 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. May we show the witness the
7 photograph behind tab number 5.

13:08:11

8 Madam President, I should indicate about this photograph;
9 an identical photograph appears in an already exhibited document
10 in this case, that is, Defence exhibit 141, part number 4,
11 page 37. That's the page numbering sequence used by CMS. It is
12 actually the Presidential papers and the Defence exhibit, like I
13 said, is 141, but the actual page of the photograph in the
14 Presidential papers is page 181. So this photograph appears on
15 page 181 of the Presidential papers, which is Defence exhibit
16 141. The difference is the version being shown to the witness
17 has no names written below it, when the version in the
18 Presidential papers had names printed under it.

13:08:48

19 Now, Mr Witness, can you take a look at this photograph.
20 Study it well and can you then use your pen and identify for us
21 anyone you know in the photograph, and you can start from left to
22 right.

13:09:15

23 Madam Court Officer, yes, thank you for zooming in. Yes,
24 you may begin.

13:09:45

25 A. I begin from left to right, right?

26 Q. Yes.

27 A. Here, this is a photograph of the then assistant director
28 for intelligence, his name is director Robert Beer.

29 Q. Yes. Who else?

1 A. This is the assistant director for, I think,
2 administration, but I'm not too sure. We used to call him
3 Director Lewis, but I've forgotten his first name. He is
4 Director Lewis.

13:10:43 5 Q. Mr Witness, when you refer to these people as director or
6 assistant Director, can you always add the organisation that you
7 are referring to; that is, what organisation are they director
8 for.

9 A. Okay, okay, okay. Should I begin? Should I restart?

13:11:03 10 Q. Well, just tell us which organisation Robert Beer was
11 assistant director for?

12 A. Robert Beer was assistant director of intelligence for the
13 Special Security Service of the Executive Mansion.

14 And also Director Lewis, he was assistant director of
13:11:32 15 administration.

16 We have Director Emmanuel Z Lackey. I have forgotten his
17 position, but his code was Five-Three.

18 This is also the photograph of Director Urias Taylor,
19 deputy director of administration of the Special Security
13:12:02 20 Service.

21 Here in the middle is Director Benjamin Yeaten, director
22 for the Special Security Service.

23 Next to him is Director Joseph Montgomery, assistant deputy
24 director for operations.

13:12:29 25 Here is Director - excuse me one moment - Zachariah Russ.
26 I have forgotten his position.

27 In white is Director Thomas Cooper, assistant director for
28 training of the Special Security Service.

29 And, lastly, Director Joe Tuah, Joe K Tuah, assistant

1 director without portfolio.

2 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

3 Now, to get these spellings on the record and to complete
4 the exhibit, or potential exhibit, can you take the pen, draw an
13:13:21 5 arrow from each of these persons and write their names. I don't
6 think it will be necessary to write their positions any more,
7 because we have it on the record. But just write their names.
8 Draw an arrow from each of them, write their names, and kindly
9 sign and date the back of that photograph. Thank you.

13:19:04 10 A. I may have misspelled some of the names anyway. I'm not
11 too sure of the spellings of some of the names.

12 Q. That's fine, Mr Witness, you have done your best. Now, did
13 you sign and date the back of the document?

14 Madam President, many of the names appear on the record
13:19:55 15 previously, but for purposes of this exhibit, I suppose we will
16 just proceed with the witness's spelling, as appears on the
17 exhibit, given that it's his evidence.

18 And, Madam Court Officer, if you could kindly display it
19 again after the signatures is imprinted.

13:20:27 20 Madam President, in relation to all the photographs we have
21 looked at, I will be asking for three sets of identification
22 numbers. With respect to photographs that the witness signed and
23 dated at the back, the category of those that depict Benjamin
24 Yeaten's house, and I will give your Honour the tab numbers, the
13:20:52 25 ones that depict that area near Benjamin Yeaten's house and Joe
26 Montgomery's house, starting with the photograph in tab number 9,
27 which is DP-293, we would ask for one MFI number, broken down
28 into A, B and C designations of the photographs behind tab
29 number 9, tab number 11, tab number 14, and tab number 19.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Forgive my interrupting, Mr Anyah - and
2 of course you're perfectly entitled to ask for these various
3 groupings - but does it really serve any useful purpose to
4 demarcate these photographs in this way?

13:21:45 5 MR ANYAH: I am entirely in your hands, Madam President. I
6 only requested this because the ones that the witness has signed,
7 I will be requesting be kept confidential, and then the rest of
8 the photographs could be available to the public. So the only
9 five photographs that the witness has signed and dated, those
13:22:05 10 ones I would request that they be confidential. And the rest I
11 would ask to be exhibited but publicly.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is what I prefer to do, in order to
13 simplify the records. There have been 21 photographs exhibited
14 through this witness. I'm going to give them one generic number,
13:22:24 15 that's MFI-2, with the demarcations A to U, the letters A to U,
16 respectively, from photograph 1 to 21.

17 Now, when we come to admitting them in evidence, the
18 photographs that have been signed - and I suppose it would be the
19 signature that you are worried about.

13:22:47 20 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Signed by the witness, those will be kept
22 confidentially. But for now, I'm not going to concern myself
23 with the confidentiality of those. So it's MFI-2 generically, A
24 to U respectively.

13:23:07 25 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

26 Q. Now, Mr Witness --

27 A. Excuse me, sir. Please let me use the restroom.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may be excused to use the restroom.
29 Then please come back here.

1 MR ANYAH:

2 Q. Now, Mr Witness, let's continue with your evidence. Our
3 focus has been Benjamin Yeaten's house and we've looked at
4 photographs of that house. We started this line of questioning
13:26:21 5 focusing on the year 1999. In that year, you've talked about
6 LURD attacking Liberia, you've talked about reactivation - the
7 reactivation of Jungle Fire. Now, previously in your testimony
8 on Tuesday you mentioned Sam Bockarie seeking refuge in Liberia.
9 Do you recall mentioning that?

13:26:51 10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. Now, in which year and in which month did Sam Bockarie seek
12 refuge in Liberia?

13 A. It was in the year 1999. If I'm not mistaken, it was
14 in December of 1999 - December 1999.

13:27:24 15 Q. Before we get to the point of December, can I ask you
16 whether you saw Sam Bockarie in Liberia in that year, 1999,
17 before he took refuge in December?

18 A. I did not see Sam Bockarie in the year 1999 before he came
19 to Liberia - in December.

13:27:58 20 Q. You mentioned an RUF radio operator called Daf. You
21 mentioned Daf on Friday when you were speaking of the death of
22 Sellay, whom you said committed suicide. Did you ever see that
23 person or meet that person called Daf?

24 A. Yes, I saw Daf and I met him.

13:28:42 25 Q. Where did you see Daf?

26 A. I saw Daf in Monrovia at the RUF guesthouse, following the
27 Lome peace talks.

28 Q. In which year was that when you saw Daf?

29 A. I said it was in 1999.

1 Q. Do you recall the month?

2 A. No, I do not recall the month but it was in 1999.

3 Q. You referred to an RUF guesthouse. Where was this
4 guesthouse located at?

13:29:26 5 A. This guesthouse was located along the Tubman Boulevard but
6 several metres away from the boulevard. And around the Nigerian
7 House, and also opposite a radio station called Kiss FM.

8 Q. Was this a commercial radio station that you referred to as
9 Kiss FM?

13:30:14 10 A. I believe it's a private radio station, but I do not know
11 much about the management of that radio station.

12 Q. How is it that you came to see Daf at the RUF guesthouse?

13 A. It was at one time that he called me on the VHF radio. He
14 called me on the VHF radio, he told me that he was in Monrovia,
13:30:54 15 that he had been in Togo and he was one of those who went for the
16 peace talks and he was in Monrovia at the RUF guesthouse. So he
17 asked if I was going to see him and I said yes. So I asked,
18 because I never knew the location of the guesthouse before that -
19 before that communication. So I asked others and they directed
13:31:24 20 me to the location of the guesthouse. So I went and looked for
21 it and I found it. That was where I met him for the very first
22 time.

23 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I see the time.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. It's now half past 1, time
13:31:42 25 for our luncheon break. We'll reconvene at 2.30.

26 [Lunch break taken at 1.31 p.m.]

27 [Upon resuming at 2.33 p.m.]

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good afternoon. Mr Anyah, please
29 continue.

1 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

2 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness.

3 A. Good afternoon.

4 Q. Before the Court adjourned for lunch, we were discussing a
14:34:10 5 meeting that you had with Daf at the RUF guesthouse. Do you
6 recall that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You told us before lunch that Daf called you on the VHF
9 radio and he told you he was in Monrovia. Do you know from where
14:34:35 10 he called when he called on the VHF radio?

11 A. Yes. He called from the RUF guesthouse in Monrovia, and
12 like I said, he told me that he was one of those who travelled to
13 Lome for the peace talks and he called me from the RUF
14 guesthouse. That was what he told me - where he told me he was.

14:35:10 15 Q. Was there, to your knowledge, a radio within the RUF
16 guesthouse when Daf called you?

17 A. No, but he told - when I got there, he showed me the radio
18 that he used to call. He said this was the radio that he
19 travelled with to Togo.

14:35:37 20 Q. What sort of radio was this? You have said it was a VHF
21 radio. What else can you tell us about this radio?

22 A. This radio was a VHF radio, it was a Yaesu, I think FT-80C
23 or 600. I do not actually remember the model, but it was a Yaesu
24 radio.

14:36:05 25 Q. You said FC what?

26 A. I said FC-80C or Yaesu 600, but I do not actually remember
27 the make-up of that radio. But it was a Yaesu radio, in essence.

28 Q. Was it a mobile radio?

29 A. Yes. This radio can be mobile and it can be installed,

1 based on the installation. But at this time, it was mobile
2 because he travelled with it.

3 Q. Before the luncheon adjournment, you said that you asked
4 others and they directed you to the location of the guesthouse.

14:37:05 5 You said you never knew where the guesthouse was on your own and
6 so you had to ask others. Who are the others that you asked
7 where the guesthouse was located?

8 A. I asked some securities, I mean Benjamin Yeaten's
9 bodyguards who were on duty at the time, but I do not recall
10 their names. But they were securities. They were bodyguards.
11 They were members of Yeaten's bodyguards.

12 Q. Prior to you going there to meet with Daf, did you know of
13 the existence of an RUF guesthouse in Monrovia?

14 A. No.

14:37:54 15 Q. When you asked these guards where the guesthouse was, did
16 you get the impression that its location was something secret or
17 hidden?

18 A. No, because they told me boldly that the Government of
19 Liberia provided that guesthouse for the RUF. So, based on that,
14:38:25 20 I don't think it was something secret.

21 Q. You told us about the location of the guesthouse. You said
22 it was along Tubman Boulevard but several metres away from the
23 boulevard, around the Nigerian house and opposite a radio station
24 called Kiss FM. Can you tell us in which part of Monrovia this
14:38:52 25 guesthouse was, as in Sinkor, Congo Town, downtown, what part of
26 Monrovia was it located at?

27 A. It was in Sinkor.

28 Q. Do you recall the month in which you visited the
29 guesthouse?

1 A. No.

2 Q. When you went to the guesthouse to meet with Daf, was he
3 alone or were there others there?

4 A. There were other people, but I never knew them.

14:39:36 5 Q. How long did that meeting with Daf last?

6 A. I think I spent less than 15 minutes, because I needed to
7 go back to work.

8 Q. Was that visit made with the knowledge of Benjamin Yeaten?

9 A. No.

14:40:07 10 Q. You follow my question? Did Benjamin Yeaten know that you
11 were going to meet Daf at the RUF guesthouse?

12 A. Benjamin Yeaten did not know that I was going to see Daf,
13 and he was not even home at the time I was leaving, so I used the
14 opportunity to go and see Daf, a fellow whom I had been dealing

14:40:36 15 with over the past month on the radio, and that I had not seen.

16 Q. Around the time period when you went to visit Daf, do you
17 know whether Daf himself ever came to Base 1 to visit you?

18 A. Daf never went to Base 1 at any point in time.

19 Q. The visit you've referred to, the one visit with Daf, was
14:41:05 20 that your only visit to the RUF guesthouse?

21 A. No. I visited the guesthouse two times.

22 Q. When was your second visit to the guesthouse?

23 A. The second visit was, I think, about after a week, when
24 Jungle told me that the Pa is here. And I said, "Who is that?"

14:41:41 25 and he said Pa Sankoh. So I wanted to see him because I had not
26 seen him before. So I again went there basically to see the
27 Sankoh. So that was my second visit.

28 Q. You said that the second visit was about - after a week,
29 after a week of what?

1 A. After a week of that month in 1999, but I do not remember
2 the month. But it was in 1999, following the peace talks, the
3 Lome peace talks, that after all, when Mr Sankoh was released
4 from prison, they said.

14:42:35 5 Q. How much time passed between your first visit to Daf and
6 your second visit to go and see Mr Sankoh?

7 A. I think approximately one week or less, but I believe one
8 week.

9 Q. The full name of this person that you refer to as Pa
14:42:58 10 Sankoh, is what?

11 A. They called him Foday Sankoh.

12 Q. And did you, in fact, go to the RUF guesthouse to see
13 Foday Sankoh?

14 A. Yes. I went there, that was the second visit that I have
14:43:20 15 spoken about. I went there and saw him.

16 Q. Was Daf present when you saw Foday Sankoh?

17 A. Yes. When I got there, Daf was present, he was present.

18 Q. Were there any other persons present besides Daf and
19 Foday Sankoh in this house?

14:43:48 20 A. Yes. When I got there, Daf was there. I met Sam Bockarie
21 there and he greeted me, he shook hands with me, and he then
22 pointed at Mr Sankoh, he said, "That is the old man, that's my
23 Papay," that is, he was referring to Sankoh as the old man. But
24 even though I did not go close to Sankoh, but I stood far off and
14:44:24 25 looked at him, and I believe Eddie Kanneh was also there and
26 there was another old man that they were referring to as Pa
27 Rogers. I heard Mr Sankoh call him, I think, three or four times
28 in row saying, Pa Rogers, Pa Rogers, and I saw him also and more
29 other people that I do not recall now.

1 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. You remember before lunch I asked
2 you if you saw Sam Bockarie in Liberia in 1999, before he finally
3 came in December and you said no. Now you've just referred to
4 seeing Sam Bockarie at the RUF guesthouse. What year was it that
14:45:09 5 you saw Sam Bockarie at the RUF guesthouse?

6 A. This was in '99. I think I forgot that was why I said yes.
7 But it was in 1999 and this time when Sankoh was released, he
8 came, that was not the trip that he used to do by himself, like
9 the two trips I made mention of in 1998.

14:45:38 10 Q. Well, let's leave 1998 alone. We have discussed that.
11 Before Sam Bockarie moved finally to Monrovia or Liberia in
12 December 1998, how many times did you see him in Liberia in the
13 year 1999? - sorry, I misspoke, apparently. Let me rephrase the
14 question.

14:46:06 15 Before Sam Bockarie took refuge, finally, in Liberia, in
16 December 1999, in that area of 1999, how many times did you see
17 him in Liberia?

18 A. One time.

19 Q. When was that?

14:46:27 20 A. That was the time I went to see Mr Foday Sankoh.

21 Q. Where?

22 A. That I have just mentioned. That was the time I went to
23 see Mr Foday Sankoh at the RUF guesthouse in Monrovia in 1999,
24 following the RUF peace talks in Lome, Togo.

14:46:54 25 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. We follow you.

26 Apart from the radio that you saw Daf with, do you know
27 whether there was another radio within the RUF guesthouse?

28 A. Yes. After that, I learned that the Government of Liberia
29 gave the RUF a VHF radio at the guesthouse, so they had a radio.

1 But I did not see it anyway. I did not see it.

2 Q. Do you know whether that radio that was given to the RUF by
3 the Government of Liberia was ever in communication with Base 1
4 at Benjamin Yeaten's house?

14:47:56 5 A. The radio was not in communication with Base 1 at
6 Benjamin Yeaten's house. That is, the operators at Base 1 were
7 very mindful of communicating with this very radio at RUF
8 guesthouse. The fact being that the Government of Liberia might
9 have been monitoring this particular radio.

14:48:20 10 Q. And what would happen if the government monitored the radio
11 and there was such communication between the two, that is, Base 1
12 and the RUF guesthouse radio? To put it another way, why were
13 you and the operators at Base 1 concerned about the possibility
14 that the Government of Liberia was monitoring the RUF radio at
14:48:57 15 the guesthouse?

16 A. That is to say Base 1 was a Government of Liberia radio
17 under Benjamin Yeaten, but the connection or the communication
18 between Base 1 and Buedu or Base 1 and the RUF radio in Buedu was
19 not part of the Government of Liberia's operation, and also it
14:49:28 20 was a secret and those operators were instructed or warned by
21 Benjamin Yeaten not to do anything that would disclose or expose
22 that connection. So if the Government of Liberia were to monitor
23 Base 1, being in contact with any RUF radio, definitely, they
24 would have been in trouble.

14:49:52 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, was it in fact possible for
26 the Government of Liberia to monitor Base 1 and discover this
27 clandestine communication? Was it possible?

28 THE WITNESS: It was possible, I believe it, because even
29 me, I used to monitor. It was possible that the Government of

1 Liberia on this particular radio at the guesthouse could have
2 monitored any conversation between that radio and any other
3 frequency, because I believe they were keeping close eyes or
4 watch on this particular radio.

14:50:36 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but what about communications
6 between Base 1 and the radio at Buedu? That's the question I was
7 asking. Was it possible for the government - someone in the
8 Government of Liberia to monitor conversations between Base 1 and
9 Buedu?

14:50:59 10 THE WITNESS: It was possible that somebody could monitor
11 the communication, but it never happened. So I believe it was
12 not monitored, but it was possible because at the radio, you can
13 scan and get on to any frequency at any time.

14 MR ANYAH:

14:51:23 15 Q. Mr Witness, the communications between Base 1 and Buedu,
16 were those coded communications? That is, were codes spoken
17 during the communications?

18 A. During the communication, Base 1 and Bravo Zulu 4 used to
19 speak in codes. But those were the codes provided by Memuna to
14:52:07 20 Sunlight at the time.

21 Q. And before Memunatu provided the codes at the time when
22 Jungle first used to come, how was communication between the two
23 kept secret, that is, between Buedu and Base 1? What mechanisms
24 or means were used to keep the communications secret?

14:52:31 25 A. Okay. What they did was that when Jungle brought the code,
26 I mean, the frequency, to Base 1 and handed it over to Sunlight,
27 he told Sunlight that the operator on that side was Sellay.
28 Sunlight then directly contacted Sellay by his name, Sellay. But
29 when he got connected with Sellay, Sellay then gave Sunlight

1 another frequency to be switched to, and he gave this frequency
2 in a code that had - that was used way back in '91, '92, that
3 Sellay knew about. He gave this frequency on the RUF main
4 frequency and then they switched over but that the conversation
14:53:29 5 or communication at that time was between Sellay and Jungle in
6 Krio and then between Jungle and Sam Bockarie in Krio. No code
7 was then used.

8 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

9 JUDGE DOHERTY: Could I also ask in this same theme, could
14:53:51 10 the Government of Liberia monitor the RUF radio that was in the
11 RUF guesthouse?

12 MR ANYAH:

13 Q. Can you respond to Justice Doherty's question: Could the
14 Government of Liberia monitor that radio that was placed or given
14:54:15 15 to the RUF at its guesthouse in Monrovia?

16 A. I had the belief because I believed that the Government of
17 Liberia --

18 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness be asked
19 to slow down and repeat that area slowly.

14:54:37 20 MR ANYAH:

21 Q. Mr Witness, we are trying to follow you. Just take your
22 answer slowly. You said you believed that the Government of
23 Liberia through someone - what was the name you mentioned?

24 A. The National Security Agency, the NSA; I said I believe
14:55:01 25 that during that time, the Government of Liberia, through the
26 NSA, could have monitored the RUF guesthouse radio frequency,
27 because as I learned, the radio was provided to them by the
28 government, so I believe that they must have put such mechanisms
29 in place.

1 Q. Do you know whether it happened as a matter of fact,
2 whether the Government of Liberia, as a factual matter, monitored
3 that radio at the RUF guesthouse? Do you know whether that
4 happened?

14:55:38 5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. The codes or code that Memunatu Deen shared with Sunlight
7 that were the RUF codes, did those codes remain static, that is,
8 did they never change?

9 A. Yes. The codes that Memunatu Deen shared with Sunlight
14:56:08 10 remained static. Let me make something clear. These codes were
11 not the RUF organisation radio communication code. It was a
12 special code provided by Buedu that Memunatu brought that was to
13 be shared between Base 1 and Buedu, but this was not the RUF
14 general code, so to speak, not the official code. So,

14:56:40 15 communication made using these codes could not have been
16 understood by any other RUF radios because, like I said, these
17 communications were restricted between Base 1 and that of Buedu.
18 So, as a result, other RUF radios used to complain that there was
19 some kind of secret deal between Base 1 and RUF and even once
14:57:11 20 accused Buedu, once when I was monitoring the communication, that
21 Buedu was now conniving with Base 1 because every bit of
22 information was not being understood by the RUF.

23 Q. This set of codes that you refer to as the RUF organisation
24 radio communication code or the RUF general code, that was
14:57:42 25 different from the code that Memunatu brought --

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Did the radio operators at Base 1 ever have access to the
28 general RUF organisational radio communication code?

29 A. No.

1 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.

2 Now, let's go to Sam Bockarie and the refuge you say he
3 sought in Liberia in December 1999. Do you know how it came to
4 be that Sam Bockarie sought refuge in Liberia?

14:58:31 5 A. Okay. What I can remember is that I think one or two days
6 at Sam Bockarie's arrival in Monrovia, Sunlight was on the radio
7 one evening, and, when he got on the RUF net, he overheard a
8 serious misunderstanding or confrontation between Sam Bockarie
9 and Mr Sankoh, Foday Sankoh; that is, he monitored Mr Sankoh
10 saying to Sam Bockarie that it is Allah who told me to bring war
11 to Sierra Leone, and this Allah has instructed me to stop the war
12 and now you are inciting men against me. That was what Sunlight
13 was monitoring, and now you are inciting men against me and you
14 will not succeed. And Sam, Sam Bockarie in turn, said to

14:59:52 15 Mr Sankoh that, you know, the Government of Sierra Leone, or the
16 ECOMOG in Sierra Leone, are not looking for any other person
17 apart from you and I, that is Sam Bockarie and Foday Sankoh. So
18 what I expected you was that we were supposed to have sent a
19 representative to be based in Freetown and we stay at the rear.

15:00:19 20 But, since you have gone to Freetown, I have decided to stay in
21 Buedu because, when I am in Buedu they will be afraid, but, if
22 the two of us stay together in Freetown, they will arrest us and
23 kill us and that would be the end of the RUF. And then Sankoh
24 said, "This is the incitement that I'm talking about. Now I am
15:00:46 25 the head and what I am saying, you have gone against it. You are
26 disobeying me." So {redacted} heard Mr Sankoh ordering Issa to
27 take charge, to now become the commander of the RUF. So
28 immediately after that communication, Sunlight went and told
29 Yeaten that this is what has been monitored on the radio.

1 Q. Can I stop you there for a moment?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And remember to go slowly when you give your testimony. We
4 are following you.

15:01:26 5 Madam President, initially can I make an application for a
6 redaction. And I'm using the 14 point font. It's at page 104,
7 and right before page 105. The last sentence on page 104 and the
8 second word of that sentence. The word after "so" S-0.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: The word or the name?

15:02:10 10 MR ANYAH: It is a sentence that precedes the order to
11 Issa Sesay to take charge, it refers to something that was heard.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: But, Mr Anyah, there is a whole lot more
13 than that one little word in this conversation. I, on the other
14 hand, would have redacted a few names here rather than that

15:03:07 15 little word that you're pointing our attention to because, if you
16 look at the whole chunk from page 103 downwards where the witness
17 begins to recall what happened, there is a whole lot more that
18 shows who he is.

19 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I understood the witness to be
15:03:31 20 advising or testifying about what Sunlight heard, and the witness
21 said Sunlight monitored a conversation, and I think that is fine.
22 To the extent the witness is relaying what Sunlight monitored,
23 I think it is fine.

24 Madam President, you will see that the witness starts out
15:04:22 25 saying that Sunlight was on the radio one evening when Sunlight
26 got on the RUF net and overheard something. And that's when the
27 witness explains what Sunlight monitored, and I have some
28 follow-up questions about that.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Anyway, this is how you chose to do it.

1 I don't see how this conceals his identity but you chose to use
2 this name and so I will ask Madam Court Manager at page 104, line
3 20 on my font, "So" someone "heard Mr Sankoh ordering." Please
4 redact the reference to that someone who heard Mr Sankoh ordering
15:05:05 5 Issa.

6 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

7 Q. Mr Witness, a few questions about what you've just told us.
8 You said someone got on the RUF net and overheard this. You
9 started out telling us that Sunlight was on the radio one evening
15:05:25 10 and when he got on the RUF net, he overheard a serious
11 misunderstanding. When who got on the RUF net? Who got on the
12 RUF net?

13 A. Sunlight got on the RUF net that evening, and he overheard
14 - {redacted} intercepted this communication between Sankoh and
15:05:53 15 Bockarie.

16 Q. The communication between Sankoh and Bockarie, was that in
17 code, or was that something that was understandable to anyone?

18 A. It was very plain. It was not coded. It was to the extent
19 that anyone could understand it, anyone who could have been on
15:06:26 20 that particular frequency could understand it.

21 Q. You say that Issa Sesay was ordered by Mr Sankoh to take
22 charge, to become the commander of the RUF. Is that an order
23 that was given by Foday Sankoh on the radio?

24 A. It was something as such. He said he had already told
15:07:04 25 Issa Sesay to take charge of the RUF, to take the position that
26 Sam had in Buedu. He was explaining what he had already done.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, could I inquire from the
28 witness, when the witness says Foday Sankoh was having this
29 conversation with Sam Bockarie over the radio, where were these

1 two people speaking from, if the witness knows?

2 MR ANYAH:

3 Q. Mr Witness, you follow the question? Let's start with
4 Foday Sankoh. Do you know where Foday Sankoh was speaking from
15:07:48 5 when this conversation with Sam Bockarie was taking place?

6 A. Yes. Sunlight knew where Foday Sankoh was, in the sense
7 that Bockarie was saying that you - "you are there in Freetown
8 and I am supposed to be here in Buedu as your backup". So
9 definitely, that shows that Sankoh was in Freetown and Bockarie
15:08:21 10 was in Buedu.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: In other words, these two people were
12 having a conversation on RUF frequencies?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: But this could be monitored at Base 1?

15:08:47 15 THE WITNESS: This could be monitored by anyone who was
16 monitoring that frequency at that time.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: In Liberia?

18 THE WITNESS: Base 1 was in Liberia. But anyone, be it in
19 Liberia, Ghana or anywhere else, who went on that particular
15:09:11 20 frequency and at that particular moment could monitor that
21 frequency, that conversation.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: And just out of curiosity, how would
23 anyone know that this is Sam Bockarie, this is Foday Sankoh? How
24 would anybody know that?

15:09:32 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. They were calling names. They were
26 calling names. Mr Sankoh was calling Bockarie, Sam Bockarie.
27 And Bockarie too, in turn, would call Mr Sankoh "Pa Sankoh".

28 MR ANYAH: Madam President, there is another notation on
29 the record I'd like to bring to your Honour's attention. It is

1 at page 106, at my line 20, and I use a 14 point font. It's a
2 response given by the witness that starts, "Sunlight got on the
3 RUF net that evening and he overheard." And then there is a
4 phrase there, before "this communication", that I think should be
15:10:25 5 redacted with leave of your Honours.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Manager, do you follow where
7 the redaction is? Okay. Please, let's have it redacted.

8 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President.

9 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you said that after this communication was
15:10:45 10 intercepted, Benjamin Yeaten was told about it. Who told
11 Benjamin Yeaten about it?

12 A. After Sunlight had intercepted these communications,
13 Sunlight went and told Benjamin Yeaten what he had intercepted
14 and monitored.

15:11:11 15 Q. What was Benjamin Yeaten's reaction to the news told to him
16 by Sunlight?

17 A. He did not say anything much. When Sunlight told him, he
18 then asked, he said, "Do you mean Sam and his boss?" And
19 Sunlight said, "Yes." And he said, "Okay."

15:11:41 20 Q. How many days after the monitoring of this conversation
21 passed before Sam Bockarie came to Liberia? That is, how many
22 days was there between when this conversation between Bockarie
23 and Sankoh took place and the day Sam Bockarie came to Liberia?

24 A. I believe, because the following day Sampson called from
15:12:18 25 Voinjama, Sampson Wehyee called Base 1 from Voinjama and Sunlight
26 responded and he told Sunlight that whilst he was en route to
27 Buedu, I don't know what he was going there to do anyway, and
28 Sunlight never knew that Sampson had left for Buedu, but he
29 called Sunlight from Voinjama and told Sunlight that he met

1 Sam Bockarie's convoy and that it passed by him whilst he was en
2 route. So he was saying, "Please tell the chief," that is
3 Benjamin Yeaten. But being that Ben was not around, Sunlight
4 then went and called Joe Tuah and informed Joe Tuah what had
15:13:17 5 happened and Joe Tuah told - tried to inform Sampson that if he
6 was feeling insecure what you should do, just stop at the border
7 and then return. Just stop at the border and return. You know
8 at this time, after Joe had said it, Sampson, it looked like he
9 was escorting some people. So that was it.

15:13:40 10 Q. Thank you for your response and please remember to go
11 slowly. Let's consider some of what you've said. You said that
12 Sampson Wehyee was in Voinjama and made a radio call to Sunlight,
13 yes?

14 A. Yes.

15:14:00 15 Q. You said that Sunlight did not know that Sampson had left
16 for Buedu as of that time?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How long would it take somebody, travelling by road, to
19 travel from Monrovia to Voinjama in 1999, December?

15:14:31 20 A. From Monrovia to Voinjama, it would take one a whole day's
21 trip, depending on the condition of the road and also depending
22 on the type of car that one is using. But for a car like a
23 military car or a car controlled by security personnel that
24 cannot be stopped at checkpoints, it takes one a whole day. But
15:15:06 25 I just remembered that at any time Sampson or Jungle were making
26 a trip to Sierra Leone, they always take off at night. So
27 probably Sampson might have left that very night that Sunlight
28 was monitoring the conversation between Sankoh and Sam Bockarie.

29 Q. Thank you. That answers my question. Next question: You

1 said Benjamin Yeaten was not around, and so Joe Tuah was informed
2 about what was happening. What was Joe Tuah's position at that
3 time?

15:16:06 4 A. Like I said, Joe Tuah was the assistant director without
5 portfolio and most times he used to move with Ben. In most cases
6 he was very close to Ben.

7 Q. Where is Joe Tuah from in Liberia?

8 A. Joe Tuah is from Nimba County.

15:16:32 9 Q. And that is the same county Benjamin Yeaten is from, you
10 told us last week?

11 A. Exactly so.

12 Q. You said that at the time it looked like Sampson was
13 escorting some people?

14 A. Yes.

15:16:53 15 Q. What people was Sampson escorting, if you know?

16 A. I don't know, but Joe just told him to stop at the border,
17 leave the people there, and then return. That is, if he felt
18 insecure, he shouldn't cross. So that means it was maybe because
19 of the people that Sunlight analysed that Sampson was going along
15:17:27 20 with other people or that he was escorting people.

21 Q. Were these people Liberians?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. Do you know how many people Sampson was going with?

24 A. I don't know.

15:17:46 25 Q. Do you know for what purpose they were going?

26 A. I don't know, because I did not know when they left and how
27 they left. I only got to know when Sunlight received this
28 communication.

29 Q. Did you or Sunlight ever encounter Sampson after this

1 incident to ask him what had happened?

2 A. Sampson came back, but I did not ask Sampson about anything
3 like that.

4 Q. Now, what exactly did Joe Tuah say to Sampson?

15:18:42 5 A. Joe Tuah told Sampson that since you said you met Sam
6 Bockarie en route with a convoy of people and a convoy of cars
7 and did not stop, so if you feel insecure do not cross over, just
8 leave those people at the border and then return. That was what
9 he told Sampson.

15:19:10 10 Q. And what was Sampson's reaction when Joe Tuah said this?

11 A. He responded, "Yes, sir".

12 Q. Do you know whether Jungle was in Sampson's company at this
13 time?

14 A. No.

15:19:30 15 Q. When you say no, does that mean Jungle was not in his
16 company or that you do not know where Jungle was?

17 A. I don't know where Jungle was.

18 Q. Now, you made reference to Sampson seeing Sam Bockarie's
19 convoy. Do you know where exactly between Liberia and
15:19:59 20 Sierra Leone that Sampson saw Sam Bockarie's convoy?

21 A. He did not tell where he saw the convoy, but if he was
22 calling from Voinjama and said that he saw Sam Bockarie's convoy
23 heading towards Gbarnga let's say, because from Voinjama you are
24 going to Gbarnga first before Monrovia, so that meant that it
15:20:34 25 must have been between Zorzor and Voinjama.

26 Q. Do you know how many people Sam Bockarie was travelling
27 with, when you refer to a convoy?

28 A. I don't know how many persons he travelled with.

29 Q. When Sam Bockarie got to Monrovia, did you have occasion to

1 see him?

2 A. Yes. When Sam Bockarie got to Monrovia, yes, I saw him.
3 He used to come down to Fifty, to Fifty's house, to
4 Benjamin Yeaten's house, he used to come there, so I had chance
15:21:29 5 to see him.

6 Q. Do you know whether Sam Bockarie arrived in Monrovia alone
7 or with others?

8 A. Sam Bockarie came to Monrovia along with his family. I saw
9 his mother, I saw his wife, I saw his sister-in-law, I saw his
15:22:01 10 two children and a host of other family members, including those
11 of his bodyguards and other RUF personnel who decided to follow
12 him to come. There were many.

13 Q. The persons you referred to as other RUF personnel who
14 decided to follow him to come, were those personnel restricted to
15:22:25 15 fighters or were they - or were there non-fighting members of the
16 RUF amongst them?

17 A. With the exception of his family like his wife, his mother,
18 his sister-in-law, his children, I did not know the distinction
19 amongst the rest but I considered them to be fighters.

15:22:58 20 Q. Do you remember mentioning to us previously during your
21 evidence that Osman Tolo was one of those who came with
22 Sam Bockarie?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you consider someone like Osman Tolo to be an RUF
15:23:17 25 fighter as opposed to a radio operator?

26 A. Yes. I considered Osman Tolo to be one of the RUF fighters
27 because I can say he was a military radio operator.

28 Q. Very well. These persons that came with Sam Bockarie, as
29 well as Sam Bockarie himself, do you know where they were all

1 housed once they arrived in Monrovia? Where they stayed?

2 A. I don't know where they stayed in Monrovia, but what
3 I heard was that Sam Bockarie, along with all those who travelled
4 with him at the time, were granted citizenship. As soon as they
15:24:22 5 entered the soils of Liberia they were granted citizenship. So
6 as citizens of Liberia, they were living wherever they wanted to
7 live at the time.

8 Q. Can you give us an approximate number of those who came
9 with Sam Bockarie to Liberia, if you know?

15:24:47 10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you know whether any of those RUF members, who came to
12 Liberia with Sam Bockarie, joined any of the Liberian security
13 services?

14 A. Oh, yes. Now that they were citizens of Liberia, some of
15:25:14 15 the able-bodied men who wanted to be part of - part of the
16 security services, like the ATU, like the SSS, they joined as
17 citizens; they were trained as ATU and they joined the ATU, and
18 some became part of the security services.

19 Q. Can you give us the names of any persons you remember who
15:25:45 20 came with Sam Bockarie who joined, for example, the ATU?

21 A. Okay. For example, I saw one Jabaty, whose last name I
22 don't know, one Jabaty, he joined the ATU, and he was either a
23 squad leader or maybe he was some kind of a commander within the
24 ATU, because he was a lettered person.

15:26:20 25 Q. What about the names of some other RUF who came with
26 Sam Bockarie that somehow became connected with any of the
27 Liberian security services? This is after they became citizens.

28 A. Yes. I can remember one Dr MS Magona, even though I don't
29 know his first name, or I do not know whether the Magona is the

1 Last name, but he was always being referred to as Dr Magona. And
2 Seibatu Jusu was also placed on the SSS allowance payroll, this
3 same Seibatu who was earlier rejected in 1999 by Yeaten as a
4 radio operator who came to assist Memuna too. Okay, she was also
15:27:19 5 on the SSS allowance payroll. They had one Martin, I don't know
6 his last name. He was there. And one Salami e, I think, Kabbah -
7 I'm sure of the Salami e - he was also there, and an old man
8 called Pa Augustine Mulbah. They told me that he was an adviser
9 to Sam Bockarie. He too joined the SSS, amongst others, that
15:27:56 10 I may remember later.

11 Q. Mr Witness, can you spell this Dr Magona's name for us,
12 please?

13 A. Magona is a Sierra Leonean name, but let me try. Magona is
14 M-A-N-G-O-N-A. Magona. That is how I spell it.

15:28:29 15 Q. How about Salami e Kabbah?

16 A. Yes, for Salami e - I'm not sure of the last name, Kabbah,
17 but I remember Kabbah - but for Salami e, it is spelled
18 S-A-L-A-M-I-E, Salami e.

19 Q. And the Seibatu Jusu you mentioned is the same Seibatu Jusu
15:28:58 20 you mentioned earlier today?

21 A. Yes, yes, Mr Anyah.

22 Q. What did Dr Magona do? You said he was made part of - is
23 it the SSS, you said, because the record isn't clear.

24 A. Yes, Dr Magona was placed in the SSS, but during the war,
15:29:26 25 during that time, he was mostly busy with the ATU medical team.
26 He was with both the ATU and SSS.

27 Q. What is it the case that Dr Magona was a medical doctor?

28 A. As he was called, he was a medical doctor.

29 Q. You said that Seibatu was also on the "SSS allowance

1 payroll". What is the SSS allowance payroll?

2 A. This SSS allowance was - it was an allowance set up by the
3 government for the security apparatus, like I started talking
4 about - I started on Tuesday, but was told by one of the judges,
15:30:40 5 which was to help the SSS officers, so that they could be able to
6 pay their rents, buy food and do other things because the
7 government salary was less.

8 Q. The government salary was less in relation to what or as
9 compared to what?

10 A. The government salary was less in relation to the economic
11 system in Liberia at that time, because, for example, a bag of
12 rice was sold for 20 United States dollars, and there were some
13 SSS personnel who were making 300 Liberian dollars, which is less
14 than \$5. So with this allowance, that could enable them to be
15:31:06 15 able to cater for their families and what have you.

16 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. We are following you.

17 Who placed all of these persons on the SSS or ATU payroll?

18 Let me be more precise. Let's focus on the ATU first. Who
19 placed some of these persons who came with Sam Bockarie in the
15:32:03 20 membership of the ATU?

21 A. I said earlier that these people were Liberian citizens and
22 wanted to join the ATU. They applied for it and they were
23 accepted by the government.

24 Q. And how about the SSS? Was there the same or different
15:32:29 25 mechanism for membership with the SSS?

26 A. I believe it was the same way because I saw it happening,
27 so it was the same way.

28 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. When Sam Bockarie was in Monrovia,
29 who provided security for him?

1 A. When Sam Bockarie was in Monrovia, I believe it was the
2 government, but it was mainly two of Yeaten's bodyguards who were
3 serving as his bodyguards from the SSS. That is Sampson Wehyee
4 and Junior Seiatoe. These people were all SSS personnel but
15:33:25 5 bodyguards to Yeaten.

6 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I believe Junior Seiatoe is on
7 the record.

8 Q. Mr Witness, can you spell Seiatoe?

9 A. Yes, S-I-A-T-O or T-O-E, I'm not sure. It's an African
15:33:54 10 name. Others call him Seiatoe, but it's Seiatoe.

11 Q. Who is Junior Seiatoe?

12 A. Junior Seiatoe, or Junior Gbagbay as he was commonly
13 called, called or known, was initially a bodyguard commander to
14 the late Oliver Varney, but in the NPFL days. So, after Oliver
15:34:33 15 Varney had been executed in '93, '94, I saw Seiatoe with
16 Benjamin Yeaten as one of his bodyguards. But at this time, he
17 was not a part of the Special Security Service of the NPRAG but a
18 military man.

19 Q. Now, Mr Witness, when you say "at this time" are you
15:35:01 20 referring to 1993, '94 when you saw him as a bodyguard for
21 Benjamin Yeaten?

22 A. Yes. I am referring to '93, '94.

23 Q. Thank you. You can continue.

24 A. So after the elections in '97, he was enlisted into the SSS
15:35:28 25 through Benjamin Yeaten.

26 Q. You referred to him by another name, Gbagbay, can you spell
27 that for us, please?

28 A. Gbagbay, Gbagbay it's spelled as G-B-A-G-B-A-Y.

29 G-B-A-G-B-A-Y, Gbagbay.

1 Q. What does it mean, that name, Gbagbay?

2 A. The name Gbagbay was a nickname given to him due to what he
3 used to do or what he does; that is, he loved drinking the
4 locally made alcohol called in Liberia, cane juice. He actually
15:36:21 5 loved alcohol, not just the cane juice but even beer. He used to
6 drink. So they named him after his - he was named after his
7 habit.

8 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, did Sam Bockarie stay in
9 Liberia throughout the course of 1999, that is, during the month
15:36:48 10 of December.

11 A. Yes. He stayed in Liberia throughout '99.

12 Q. How about the year 2000, did he remain in Liberia for the
13 entire duration of that year?

14 A. No.

15:37:12 15 Q. When did he leave Liberia?

16 A. He left Liberia at the end of 2000.

17 Q. How do you know this?

18 A. I heard that from Yeaten, and other bodyguards around, like
19 Sampson; they said Sam had left Liberia.

15:37:45 20 Q. Do you know to where he went?

21 A. He left Liberia and went to the Ivory Coast.

22 Q. Do you know with whom he went?

23 A. Okay. What I learnt from Sampson was that after
24 Sam Bockarie had left Liberia, this fellow, Junior Seiatoe or
15:38:21 25 Junior Gbagbay, was not seen after Sam Bockarie's departure from
26 Liberia to the Ivory Coast. So one day Sampson said Junior
27 Seiatoe had gone AWOL, that is he ran away to follow Sam Bockarie
28 without the knowledge of Sampson Wehyee who was his commander.
29 Moreover, the next person was Honourable Musa Cisse. Muse Cisse

1 also went along with Sam Bockarie to the Ivory Coast.

2 Q. Was that a permanent move by Musa Cisse? That is, did he
3 never return to Liberia after going with Sam Bockarie to the
4 Ivory Coast?

15:39:22 5 A. After going with Sam Bockarie, I believe he came back.

6 Q. Do you know the purpose behind Sam Bockarie's trip to the
7 Ivory Coast? Do you know why he went to Ivory Coast?

8 A. What I heard from Sampson concerning Bockarie's trip to the
9 Ivory Coast was that the Government of Liberia was pressurised by
10 the citizens that Bockarie's stay in Liberia was bringing a lot
11 of international pressure on the government, which was creating
12 hardship for the people of Liberia. So based on this, the
13 government asked him to leave Liberia. But this report was
14 unofficial. This was what I heard from Sampson. I did not know
15 whether it was true or not.

15:40:33 16 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. How long was Sam Bockarie out of
17 Liberia after he left in 2000?

18 A. Before answering that, I want to make something clear in
19 relation to Musa Cisse's trip with Sam Bockarie, because
15:41:02 20 I mentioned him as well.

21 Q. Very well. Go ahead.

22 A. Okay. What I learnt from Ben was that in relation to Musa
23 Cisse, his trip with Sam Bockarie to the Ivory Coast was not to
24 the knowledge of the President - of the President. It was not
15:41:31 25 official. It was known between himself and Benjamin Yeaten.
26 That is Musa Cisse and Benjamin Yeaten. They concealed that from
27 the President. So I heard from him once, when he came from
28 meeting the President, I don't know if it was at the mansion or
29 where, they said, "Oh, the President asked me today about Musa

1 but I had to lie to him. I told him that Musa was sick", you
2 know, because Musa was always sick. So the President was
3 convinced that indeed Musa was sick, that was why he was not
4 seeing Musa - he has not been seeing Musa for the past days. So
15:42:10 5 Musa went with Bockarie on his own.

6 Q. What was the duration or length of time Musa Cisse was away
7 from Liberia when he went with Sam Bockarie to the Ivory Coast?
8 That is, how long did he stay out of Liberia?

9 A. I don't know, but what I remember was that the next time
15:42:33 10 that I saw Musa Cisse was during Gyude Bryant's administration in
11 Monrovia, after President Taylor had left power. So I don't know
12 whether he came back soon or later after that, but that was when
13 I saw him.

14 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, I go back to a question
15:43:04 15 I asked you earlier. That is, how long was Sam Bockarie out of
16 Liberia after he left in 2000?

17 A. After Sam left at the end of 2000, the next time I heard
18 about Sam was in 2003 when it was announced that he had been
19 killed at the border between Liberia and Sierra Leone. I mean,
15:43:44 20 Liberia and the Ivory Coast, sorry.

21 Q. Do you remember what part of 2003 this announcement was
22 made?

23 A. I don't remember.

24 Q. Who made this announcement?

15:44:09 25 A. Okay. This announcement was made on the radio, but before
26 then, before it was broadcast, I heard - I got this news from the
27 radio by the call sign of Lima Tango, between Liberia and the
28 Ivory Coast and in Nimba County, the border town there. I got
29 this information from this radio operator whose name I have

1 forgotten now, but the call sign for this radio was Lima Tango.
2 He told me that Sam Bockarie had been killed while trying to
3 enter Liberia with a group of soldiers, armed men.

15:44:59 4 Q. Mr Witness, thank you for that response. Let me ask you a
5 few questions. You said this announcement was made on the radio,
6 and then you went on to say before the broadcast was made you had
7 heard from Lima Tango. Let's pause there.

8 A. Yes.

15:45:20 9 Q. The announcement on the radio you referred to, was it an
10 SSS radio or was it a public, commercial radio station you're
11 referring to when you say there was an announcement made on the
12 radio?

13 A. It was a public radio. I believe at that time it was on
14 one - it was on ELBC and that of BBC, when the defence minister
15:45:47 15 made that announcement, Daniel Chea.

16 Q. You said before the announcement, you got the news from a
17 radio by the call sign Lima Tango between Liberia and the Ivory
18 Coast in Nimba County. In which town was that radio with the
19 call sign Lima Tango located?

15:46:17 20 A. The radio was located in a town called Loguato.

21 Q. Is that a town in Liberia?

22 A. Yes, it's a town in Liberia. That carries the initial of
23 Lima Tango, or LT. Lima Tango for short.

15:46:44 24 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. What exactly did Lima Tango tell
25 you about the circumstances surrounding Sam Bockarie's death?

26 A. What Lima Tango told me was that Sam Bockarie had a group
27 of armed men, uncountable numbers of armed men, and that he was
28 trying to return to Liberia, but at this time the security forces
29 tried to stop him, but, in particular, the group was led by the

1 former Vice-President and also former President Moses Blah. He,
2 Moses Blah, was ordered by the government to have Sam Bockarie
3 arrested and brought to it Monrovia. But when he got there,
4 Sam Bockarie resisted the arrest. And when this information
15:48:00 5 reached Moses Blah, he then said, "Do not waste time with that
6 man. If he resists arrest, just kill that man and bring his body
7 to me." And this was what caused an exchange of firing and
8 Sam Bockarie was killed, according to the information.

9 Q. The man - I'm sorry. Go ahead.

15:48:28 10 A. And his body was brought to Moses Blah to where he was, a
11 place I don't know, but he took the body down to Monrovia to a
12 funeral home called Stryker's funeral home. I think the
13 following day or two, I heard the defence minister, on air, on
14 air, either on one of the local stations or the BBC, saying that
15:49:07 15 Sam Bockarie had a fight with the government soldiers and he was
16 killed during the exchange of firing. So this was how I got the
17 information about Sam Bockarie's death.

18 Q. Who took Sam Bockarie's body to Monrovia to the Stryker
19 Funeral Home?

15:49:31 20 A. Moses Blah, former President Moses Blah, but then
21 Vice-President.

22 Q. When you spoke of a statement made by Moses Blah to the
23 effect of, "Do not waste time with that man. If he resists
24 arrest, just kill that man and bring his body to me," which man
15:50:00 25 was the subject of that statement by Moses Blah?

26 A. He was referring to Sam Bockarie.

27 Q. Where was Benjamin Yeaten when this happened?

28 A. Benjamin Yeaten was with Moses Blah, and even before --

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he kindly repeat this

1 again.

2 MR ANYAH:

3 Q. You just used a word that was hard to follow. You said
4 Benjamin Yeaten was with Moses Blah and even before something.

15:50:45 5 A. Benjamin Yeaten was in Nimba with Moses Blah, because, as
6 I said - okay. Benjamin was with Moses Blah in Nimba, but before
7 the death news of Sam Bockarie, Benjamin was going to Nimba, some
8 of those Jungle Fire and other bodyguard members that came along
9 with him from town to Benjamin Yeaten's house were saying that -
15:51:19 10 they said, in the Liberian way, they said Sam Bockarie has come
11 with a war at the border in Nimba County, so the President told
12 Blah to go and arrest him and he made Benjamin Yeaten to be the
13 commander of the forces under Blah. So Blah was given manpower
14 under the command of Benjamin Yeaten to go and arrest Moses Blah.

15:51:46 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. I wonder if there is a question
16 from your Honours?

17 JUDGE DOHERTY: I was wondering why he was arresting Moses
18 Blah. That's all.

19 MR ANYAH: Perhaps the record does not reflect exactly what
15:52:07 20 the witness said, but I will be happy to clarify.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is what the witness said. Perhaps
22 the witness misspoke.

23 MR ANYAH: Very well.

24 Q. Mr Witness, there is a question about something that
15:52:19 25 appears on the record. I'm trying to look for it.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Page 125, line 8. It would be much
27 earlier on your font.

28 MR ANYAH: Yes.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: The sentence begins, "So Blah was given

1 manpower under the command of Benjamin Yeaten to go and arrest".

2 MR ANYAH: Yes.

3 THE WITNESS: Okay.

4 MR ANYAH:

15:52:46 5 Q. Mr Witness, you said - you said, "So Blah was given
6 manpower under the command of Benjamin Yeaten to go and arrest
7 Moses Blah." Is that what you meant to say?

8 A. Yes. What I said was that Blah was ordered or was
9 instructed to go and arrest Sam Bockarie. And Blah was given
15:53:22 10 men, manpower, under the command of Benjamin Yeaten. That is,
11 the manpower was commanded by Benjamin Yeaten and Benjamin Yeaten
12 fell directly under the instructions of Moses Blah. Is that
13 clear?

14 Q. Yes. Thank you, your Honours. Apologies to the
15:53:45 15 stenographer. Thank you, Mr Witness.

16 Mr Witness, I want to call out some names for you.

17 A. One thing, please.

18 Q. Yes?

19 A. What I am saying is that I'm not saying that this was the
15:53:58 20 official statement that I heard from the government. I am saying
21 that this was what I heard from Ben's bodyguards who came to
22 prepare, to go with Ben to Nimba County along with Blah. I'm
23 quoting them.

24 Q. What then was the official position of the government, if
15:54:19 25 you heard it? Did the government have its own version of this
26 sequence of events?

27 A. What I heard from the government, through the defence
28 minister, was that after the death of Moses Blah the defence
29 minister said --

1 Q. Let me stop you there. You've said "after the death of
2 Moses Blah".

3 A. Oh, I'm sorry.

4 Q. Just slow down. Take your time, take your time, and let me
15:54:52 5 repeat the question: Did the government have its own version of
6 this sequence of events? What did you hear the defence minister
7 say?

8 A. What I heard the defence minister say was that
9 Sam Bockarie, after he had left Liberia, attempted coming to
15:55:17 10 Liberia with a fighting force, which the Liberian government
11 wanted to arrest him for, so he resisted arrest and opened fire
12 on the government security. He opened fire on the government
13 security forces and, during that process, he was killed.

14 Q. Very well. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, I want to read out
15:55:40 15 some names and I want to ask you if you know these persons and
16 what you know about them, or if the names mean anything to you.

17 You've mentioned Sampson Wehyee. You told us a little bit
18 about him before. I want to ask you now specifically what
19 village in Nimba County is Sampson Wehyee from?

15:56:08 20 A. Sampson Wehyee is from --

21 Q. Mr Witness, just give us the name of the village. Don't
22 make any relationship or associations with the village. What
23 village is Sampson Wehyee from?

24 A. From Tiaplay in Nimba County.

15:56:31 25 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. You said, in describing Sampson
26 Wehyee, that he was a special aide to Benjamin Yeaten. Was there
27 any blood relationship between Sampson Wehyee and
28 Benjamin Yeaten?

29 A. No.

1 Q. For how long did Sampson Wehyee work for Benjamin Yeaten?

2 A. For a very long period of time. During the NPFL time that
3 I mentioned, I believe from, roughly from '92, that was when
4 I started seeing Sampson with Ben, up to late 2003.

15:57:26 5 Q. Did you say 1992?

6 A. Actually, I don't want to be specific, but it was from the
7 NPFL days, from roughly '92. I'm just assuming.

8 Q. Did Sampson Wehyee, apart from the time he worked as
9 bodyguard to Sam Bockarie, ever work for anyone else besides
10 Benjamin Yeaten within the Liberian government structures?

11 A. No.

12 Q. When he worked for Sam Bockarie as a bodyguard, at whose
13 direction was he serving as Sam Bockarie's bodyguard?

14 A. This is what I said from the beginning, I don't actually
15 know, but he was a bodyguard to Benjamin Yeaten, so I believe it
16 was Benjamin Yeaten who assigned him, or maybe the government,
17 but I don't know this.

18 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. How about Jungle? You told us the
19 part of Liberia he was from. You told us how he came to Base 1
20 in late 1998. You told us more recently, today, about how he was
21 a member of Jungle Fire. What was Jungle's relationship with
22 Benjamin Yeaten?

23 A. At this time, that Jungle was a member of Jungle Fire, he
24 was also like a bodyguard to Benjamin Yeaten, as well as Sampson
25 Wehyee. They were very close. So I considered him a bodyguard,
26 because he used to move with him to the front line in most times.

27 Q. What happened to Jungle?

28 A. Jungle finally died.

29 Q. When did he die?

1 A. Jungle died in 2003.

2 Q. When in 2003?

3 A. I can't - I do not remember the date and month but I can
4 remember the event. He died during LURD attack in Ganta, in

16:00:27 5 Nimba County.

6 Q. Who was he fighting for when he died?

7 A. Jungle was fighting for the Government of Liberia in the
8 Jungle Fire.

9 Q. How did he die? What were the circumstances surrounding
16:00:48 10 his death?

11 A. What I heard about his death was that he died by a friendly
12 fire, by - from a friendly gun. He was engaging the enemy
13 forces, a friendly force BZT. He was hit by a BZT at the back
14 while the BZT was giving them fire support, and he was

16:01:30 15 accidentally hit by the BZT from the back.

16 Q. What is the BZT?

17 A. The BZT is an anti - I know it to be an anti-aircraft gun.
18 But it was commonly called BZT. I do not know what that BZT
19 actually stands for, but the other name I know nor it is
16:02:04 20 anti-aircraft.

21 Q. I believe you have described this gun to us previously.
22 I might be mistaken, but it seems to be the case in my memory
23 that you described it last week. But, in any event, who was
24 operating the BZT that was the source of the friendly fire that
16:02:23 25 killed Jungle?

26 A. This BZT was operated by a fellow called Nyannay. Nyannay
27 was a member of the RUF, of Sam Bockarie's group that came along
28 with him. He was also a part of the Jungle Fire. So Nyannay was
29 operating this BZT and accidentally, according to the

1 information, he was hit at the back.

2 Q. Who was hit at the back?

3 A. Jungle was hit at the back with the BZT.

16:03:09

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness kindly be
5 requested to wait for the Liberian-English interpretation.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Mr Witness, just wait until the interpreter is done before
8 you continue to answer the questions. Can you spell this Nyannay
9 for us, the name you've been mentioning?

16:03:30

10 A. Let me try that. Nyannay is N-Y-A-N-N-A-Y. N-Y-A-N-N-A-Y.
11 It's a Sierra Leonean name. I stand corrected anyway. Nyannay.

12 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. At the time Nyannay was operating
13 this BZT, what was his nationality?

16:04:04

14 A. At the time Nyannay was operating this BZT, he was a
15 Liberian, a naturalised Liberian.

16 Q. From whom did you hear all of this information regarding
17 the death of Jungle? How did this information come to your
18 knowledge?

16:04:30

19 A. Initially, I heard this information from my radio
20 communication, that is, from Mobile 1. At this time Mobile 1 was
21 now with Ben in Ganta. I got this information from one of the
22 operators, but I can't remember whether it was Cyrus or --

23 THE INTERPRETER: Can he repeat the last name?

24 MR ANYAH:

16:04:50

25 Q. You said you can't remember if it was Cyrus, and then you
26 said something. What did you say?

27 A. I said I can't remember whether this operator was Cyrus or
28 Clean Dower.

29 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. What was Benjamin Yeaten's reaction

1 to news about the death of Jungle?

2 A. What I observed was that, after this had happened, when
3 Ganta was finally recaptured by the government forces from the
4 LURD rebels, Benjamin came to Liberia - I mean, Monrovia, and

16:05:38 5 I saw him constantly crying that he had lost Jungle. He was very
6 sad.

7 Q. To your knowledge, did Benjamin Yeaten play any role in the
8 death of Jungle?

9 A. No.

16:06:08 10 Q. What does "no" mean?

11 A. It means I do not know whether Benjamin Yeaten played any
12 role in the death of Jungle.

13 Q. Did you ever hear anyone say that Benjamin Yeaten was
14 involved in the killing of Jungle?

16:06:27 15 A. No.

16 Q. Another name you mentioned in your testimony today, you
17 mentioned Issa Sesay, in relation to the intercepted radio
18 communication between Foday Sankoh and Sam Bockarie. Did you
19 ever meet Issa Sesay?

16:06:52 20 A. Yes. I can remember seeing Issa Sesay once.

21 Q. Did you ever have radio communication contact with
22 Issa Sesay while you were at Base 1?

23 A. There was no radio contact between Issa Sesay and me whilst
24 I was at Base 1, never.

16:07:21 25 Q. Was there any radio contact between anyone at Base 1 and
26 Issa Sesay during the time period you were at Base 1?

27 A. I do not remember, and I never saw anyone from Base 1,
28 irrespective of Dew, Sunlight and Romeo Tango having any
29 communication with Issa Sesay.

1 Q. You said you saw Issa --

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, what does irrespective of Dew,
3 Sunlight or Romeo Tango having any communication, "irrespective"
4 means what?

16:08:03 5 MR ANYAH: I will clarify.

6 Q. Mr Witness, you said "I never saw anyone from Base 1, and
7 then you mentioned the names Dew, Sunlight and Romeo Tango.
8 Let's take them one at a time.

9 Are you aware of Sunlight ever having any communication by
16:08:21 10 radio with Issa Sesay when you were in Base 1?

11 A. Sunlight never had any communication or any talk with
12 Issa Sesay on the radio while I was there.

13 Q. How about answering the same question regarding Dew and
14 Romeo Tango? While you were at Base 1, did either of those radio
16:08:48 15 operators, to your knowledge, have any radio contact with
16 Issa Sesay?

17 A. When I was there, the two of them, Romeo Tango and Dew,
18 never had any radio contact with Issa Sesay.

19 Q. You said that you remember seeing Issa Sesay once. Where
16:09:11 20 did you see him at?

21 A. I saw Issa Sesay in Ben's yard in 2000, but I can't also
22 remember the month, but it was in 2000 that I remember seeing
23 Issa Sesay in Ben's yard. He was in Ben's car when they drove
24 down - when they drove down to Ben's yard. I didn't know -
16:09:45 25 I think it was Jungle or somebody, I can't remember the person
26 now, who said, "Oh, that is Issa Sesay." But he came to meet the
27 Government of Liberia in respect of the peace process, because he
28 was now the commander or the leader of the RUF.

29 Q. Did he come alone to Ben's yard when you saw him, or was he

1 in the company of others?

2 A. He had some other people around him, but I did not know
3 them.

4 Q. Was Benjamin Yeaten present when Issa was there?

16:10:28 5 A. Yes. I said Issa came along with Ben. They rode in Ben's
6 car.

7 Q. Do you know how it came to be that he was in Monrovia? I'm
8 not asking you about the purpose behind his trip. I'm asking you
9 how he physically made his way into Liberia and ultimately to
16:10:52 10 Monrovia. How did he come, Issa Sesay?

11 A. I do not know how he entered Liberia and I don't know how
12 he came, but I saw him that evening in Ben's yard.

13 Q. Did, to your knowledge, Benjamin Yeaten take any trips into
14 Sierra Leone in the year 2000?

16:11:21 15 A. I can remember Benjamin Yeaten making a trip into
16 Sierra Leone, but I was told afterwards.

17 Q. When did he make the trip and who told you about the trip?

18 A. It was in 2000. It was in 2000. One of the Special Forces
19 of the NPFL, but at the time he never had any position, even
16:11:55 20 though he used to come and be with Ben and go along with Ben, he
21 was called Sylvester Willor. Sylvester Willor, okay. He told
22 me, he called me and said, "Oh, we narrowly escaped death. We
23 narrowly escaped death recently in Sierra Leone." And I said,
24 "Why?" And he said, "Benjamin Yeaten went to call Issa Sesay and
16:12:28 25 I was one of those who escorted him in a helicopter, but it was
26 like there was no information to the RUF," whilst trying to land
27 in Kailahun, he said he saw the RUF men taking position to fire
28 at the helicopter. So this was how I knew that Ben took a trip
29 to Sierra Leone.

1 Q. Can you spell Sylvester's last name for us, please?

2 A. Willor, yes. Willor is spelled as W-I-L-L-O-R. Willor.

3 Q. You said Sylvester called and told you, "We narrowly
4 escaped death recently in Sierra Leone." And you said that he
16:13:31 5 said Benjamin Yeaten went to call Issa Sesay. Do you know for
6 what purpose Benjamin Yeaten went to call Issa Sesay?

7 A. No. I don't know.

8 Q. Well, let me ask you this way: Which one came first;
9 Issa Sesay's trip to Monrovia, or this trip by helicopter by

16:14:04 10 Sylvester Willor and Benjamin Yeaten to Sierra Leone? Do you
11 know which one occurred first in time?

12 A. Sylvester told me this story before I saw Issa Sesay in
13 Monrovia.

14 Q. You said that Sylvester told you that he saw the RUF men
16:14:30 15 taking position to fire at the helicopter.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was this the helicopter containing Benjamin Yeaten and
18 Sylvester Willor?

19 A. Yes. This was the helicopter that contained
16:14:47 20 Benjamin Yeaten, Sylvester and others who had accompanied Ben.

21 Q. Do you know in which country Kailahun is?

22 A. He told me Kailahun is in Sierra Leone.

23 Q. Are you saying that Benjamin Yeaten did not have a means of
24 contacting Issa other than travelling by helicopter into
16:15:16 25 Sierra Leone?

26 A. At this time, I was not aware of any means of communication
27 between Benjamin Yeaten and Issa.

28 Q. What did Sylvester say about the means by which they were
29 going to call Issa Sesay? Did he say anything about how they

1 were going to call Issa Sesay when they went to Sierra Leone?

2 A. He did not say anything like that. He was only concerned
3 about their survival when he explained to me.

4 Q. Did he say how long he and Benjamin Yeaten stayed in
16:16:02 5 Sierra Leone?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Was it a day? Was it a week? Was it a month? Did he say?

8 A. Oh, okay. He said they returned the very day but he did
9 not tell me how long in terms of minutes or hour.

16:16:26 10 Q. What did they do in Sierra Leone? Sylvester Willor says
11 they went with a helicopter to call Issa Sesay and they almost
12 got fired at by the RUF members. What did they accomplish in
13 Sierra Leone when they went there with this helicopter?

14 A. I don't know, but this was what he told me. I said he was
16:16:51 15 concerned about their survival. It was their survival that he
16 explained to me.

17 Q. Did he say whether they spoke to any of the RUF men that
18 were taking position to fire at the helicopter?

19 A. He said they finally landed, and I don't know, I think he
16:17:15 20 said somebody - but he said they landed, they made the RUF to
21 understand that they came to call Issa Sesay.

22 Q. Came to call Issa Sesay to do what, or to go where?

23 A. If they said they went to call Issa Sesay, that meant from
24 Sierra Leone to Liberia, but what was behind the call was what
16:17:47 25 I did not know.

26 Q. Did you, at this time in - at this point in time, hear any
27 news about what was happening in Sierra Leone?

28 A. At this point in time, I did not hear any news about what
29 was happening in Sierra Leone because upon Sam Bockarie's entry

1 into Liberia, every communication between Base 1 and Buedu, or
2 Base 1 and Sam Bockarie, that we used to get through Sunlight or
3 Dew, every communication at this time was cut off. There was no
4 longer any communication with the RUF as soon as Sam Bockarie
16:18:41 5 entered Liberia.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I know the witness said that
7 this trip of Yeaten's to Sierra Leone was sometime in 2000. Can
8 he be a bit more specific as to the month maybe, or part of the
9 year?

16:19:04 10 THE WITNESS: Your Honour, I heard your question but
11 I can't - I do not remember the month. What I do remember was
12 that it was in the year 2000, was when Issa was now the commander
13 of the RUF, after Sam Bockarie's departure.

14 MR ANYAH:

16:19:26 15 Q. I want to be sure I'm faithful to the transcript but you
16 gave us, I believe, a month when you said you saw Issa Sesay in
17 Liberia in 2000. Did you give us a month?

18 A. I can't remember giving a month, but I said in the year
19 2000 and I said I can't remember the month or the day.

16:19:50 20 Q. Well, you did tell us that you heard the news from
21 Sylvester Willor about their trip to Sierra Leone before
22 Issa Sesay was seen by you in Monrovia. How much time passed
23 between those two events, the time when you heard the news from
24 Sylvester Willor and when you saw Issa Sesay in Monrovia?

16:20:17 25 A. I do not remember the time duration. Yes, I do not
26 remember whether it was a day or one week. I do not remember.
27 I can't tell now. I've forgotten it.

28 Q. Did you ever hear in 2000 of peacekeepers being taken
29 hostage in Sierra Leone?

1 A. I heard of peacekeepers being taken as hostages in
2 Sierra Leone, but I do not remember now whether it was in 2000 or
3 '99. I do not remember. But what I do remember was that it was
4 at one time that Benjamin Yeaten instructed Sunlight to call, he
16:21:12 5 instructed Sunlight to call Foya, the Foya radio, so that they
6 can know that there were some peacekeepers that had been held
7 hostages in Sierra Leone and were now being released by the RUF
8 through the peace negotiations. But the issue there was that
9 Foya was to provide security for the helicopter because those
16:21:37 10 peacekeepers were en route from Sierra Leone to Liberia. That is
11 what I can remember in relation to peacekeepers.

12 Q. These peacekeepers, do you know what entity or group they
13 belonged to?

14 A. No. I just heard peacekeepers from Sierra Leone.

16:22:05 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Now, you told us previously about
16 Osman Tolo in relation to Memunatu Deen. You also said that
17 Osman Tolo was one of those who came with Sam Bockarie in
18 December 1999. What became of Osman Tolo when he came to
19 Monrovia with Sam Bockarie?

16:22:33 20 A. When Osman Tolo came with Sam Bockarie to Monrovia, I just
21 used to see him around but I did not know the type of job he was
22 doing or where he was staying. I did not know.

23 Q. What of the radio operator called Mortiga that you spoke of
24 before? Where was that person when Sam Bockarie came to Liberia?

16:23:04 25 A. Mortiga also came along with Sam Bockarie in late December,
26 but I learned that he later returned to Sierra Leone.

27 Q. Was either Mortiga or Osman Tolo ever based as radio
28 operators at Base 1?

29 A. No. Neither Mortiga nor Osman Tolo were ever based at Base

1 1 as radio operators or even used the radio at Base 1 when I was
2 there.

3 Q. Well, you told us previously of Mortiga visiting Base 1,
4 and I recall you saying that he used the radio to transmit a
16:23:57 5 message to Sierra Leone. Am I mistaken in that understanding?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Apart from the time he used that radio at Base 1, did
8 Mortiga ever, to your knowledge, use the radio at Base 1 on
9 another occasion?

16:24:18 10 A. Apart from that very date, Mortiga never used the radio at
11 Base 1, on any occasion, or at any occasion.

12 Q. Does the name CO Nya mean anything to you, Mr Witness? CO
13 Nya?

14 A. I don't know that name, CO Nya, and I've never heard that
16:24:51 15 name, CO Nya, when I was there at Base 1. It is strange to me.

16 Q. What of the name Foday Lansana? Did you ever hear that
17 name while you were at Base 1?

18 A. While I was there, I never heard the name Foday Lansana.
19 That's another strange name as well.

16:25:16 20 Q. Did you ever hear the code name Ebony being used while you
21 were at Base 1?

22 A. Yes. I heard the code name Ebony when I was there.

23 Q. And whose code name was that?

24 A. I don't know who it was, but I heard the name Ebony from
16:25:41 25 the RUF frequency. I heard that code name.

26 Q. Did you ever hear the name of Alpha Jalloh?

27 A. No.

28 Q. How about the code name Life? Did you ever hear of such a
29 code name while you were at Base 1?

1 A. Yes, I heard the code name Life.

2 Q. Who was Life?

16:26:42

3 A. Life was a radio operator that was assigned to Tomah, the
4 police, the Lofa County police commander, he was also a police
5 officer but he was assigned to Tomah as a radio operator.

6 Q. For which radio?

7 A. For the Liberian national police radio that was based in
8 Voinjama, the call sign was Forest.

16:27:06

9 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. A few other names. You mentioned
10 Zigzag Marzah previously. In which county in Liberia is Zigzag
11 Marzah from?

12 A. Zigzag Marzah is from Nimba County.

13 Q. Was Zigzag Marzah, to your knowledge, ever a front line
14 commander for any aspect of the security services of Liberia?

16:27:39

15 A. Zigzag Marzah was never a front line commander from the
16 time I started knowing him.

17 Q. And when was the time you started knowing Zigzag Marzah?
18 Give us a year, please.

19 A. I started knowing Zigzag Marzah in 1994.

16:28:01

20 Q. How did you come to know him?

21 A. In 1994, during the ULIMO invasion of Gbarnga, at this time
22 Ben, Benjamin Yeaten, was in the southeastern part of Liberia,
23 that is, around the Grand Gedeh area. He was fighting against
24 the LPC warring faction of - he was fighting the LPC. When
16:28:43 25 Gbarnga was attacked and Ben returned from Grand Gedeh County, to
26 come and help recapture Gbarnga, it was at this time that he came
27 along with Zigzag Marzah as a member of the Jungle Fire.

28 Q. Was Zigzag Marzah ever a commander within the Jungle Fire?

29 A. Zigzag Marzah was never a commander within the Jungle Fire:

1 Zigzag Marzah knew how to drive, so he was sometimes used by Ben
2 to drive. And Zigzag Marzah would sometimes be used by Ben to do
3 other works, so even though he had come as Jungle Fire, but he
4 was like a servant to Ben throughout.

16:29:51 5 Q. Somebody like Zigzag Marzah, what sort of access would
6 someone like that have to the President of the Republic of
7 Liberia?

8 A. Zigzag Marzah may have seen the President of the Republic
9 of Liberia maybe when he sometimes followed Ben as a bodyguard to
16:30:21 10 him at the Executive Mansion, or wheresoever the President was,
11 so whilst standing by Ben's car as a bodyguard to Ben, he could
12 have seen the President of Liberia but he never had any close
13 proximity, physical proximity, with the President - or to the
14 President.

16:30:44 15 Q. Would someone like Zigzag Marzah sit down and share a meal
16 with the President?

17 A. I never saw, during that time, I never saw Zigzag Marzah
18 eating with his chief, Benjamin Yeaten, let alone to even sit
19 with the President and drink a cup of water.

16:31:16 20 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I see the time. Thank you.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. We have come to the end of
22 today's proceedings. We will continue tomorrow at 9 o'clock. In
23 the meantime, Mr Witness, you are not to discuss your evidence
24 with anyone. Court adjourned.

16:31:32 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honour. Thank you.

26 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.31 p.m.
27 to be reconvened on Tuesday, 31 August 2010
28 at 9.00 a.m.]

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