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Transcript of Interview

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- 1 [Time: 00:00:16. Start of transcript]
- 2 **Christine CHUNG [CC]:** Alright, we are resuming the statements of Hillary LAGEN Daniel and
3 it's the 20 of August 2004, at five minutes before nine o'clock and all the same people are present
4 who were present yesterday were, on Thursday. Hmm ... Hillary before we start I just wanted ask
5 you. Could you translate this, please?
- 6 **Interpreter:** Mapwod peya wacako wamito penyo in kong.
- 7 **CC:** Do you remember all ... all the things we talked about yesterday?
- 8 **Interpreter:** Ipoo pwod jami ma wawaco laworo weng?
- 9 **Interviewee:** Hmm, aromo cake ne weng kore ki kore kit ma laworo ni.
- 10 **Interpreter:** Hmm ... I can start it all over again.
- 11 **CC:** No, no, you won't need to do that. I just wanted to as... make sure that you are ... you are still
12 proceeding voluntarily.
- 13 **Interpreter:** Aa ... pe ni meno myero iit gin ma iwaco ni, ento wamito poyo wiyi ni meno gine,
14 pien ma wacako ... ma wacako lok laworo, ki penyo ka pe ngat mo odiy adiya me bino kalok
15 kimito ... eeh ... pe mito gine, aloka loka mukene kiti eno ni.
- 16 **Interviewee:** Aa, ka ilok mere ma eno ni pe tye kit dic mo keken; aye mere wako *free, relaxed*.
- 17 **Interpreter:** No, no stress ... no force to make him do what he is doing now, he is relaxed and
18 ready.
- 19 **CC:** OK, and ... and that he is proceeding in his willing and agreeable to proceeding without a
20 lawyer and if he ever wants to stop or wants to get a lawyer, he can tell us.
- 21 **Interpreter:** Aah ... dok pe itye ki gine, kit ma laworo waloko kwede ... eeh ... tam man me gine,
22 imito mede mere kito eno ni, jabongo lapilida ma megii obed tye?
- 23 **Interviewee:** Hmm, wac ki gin ni an amito mede kiti eno ni, pien ni, angeyo ni *point* me acel
24 Lubanga aye tye lapilida wa weng.
- 25 **Interpreter:** I want to continue in that way because I believe God is the leader for everybody ...
26 [inaudible words, noise, time: 00:02:02].
- 27 **Peter NICHOLSON [PN]:** Thank you.
- 28 **CC:** OK, I think you might want to give that last translation again.
- 29 **PN:** Yes.
- 30 **Interpreter:** I want to continue as we started because I believe ... hmm ... God is the only one
31 who can actually stand for everybody, not a lawyer.

- 32 PN: OK, thank you. Good, Hillary ... uhm ... in your story, yesterday, you got to the point where
33 you were explaining that ... hmm ... KONY had ... hmm ... stated he was going to release ...
- 34 Interviewee: OTTI LAGONY.
- 35 PN: OTTI and LAGONY. OTTI LAGONY.
- 36 Interviewee: Yes.
- 37 PN: And so perhaps you could start again from that point and we will just carry on listening to
38 your story.
- 39 Interviewee: Yes.
- 40 PN: Thank you
- 41 Interviewee: Yes Sir. Yes, you see, by the time when they take OTTI.
- 42 Interpreter: Lok ento pe oyot oyot tutwal.
- 43 Interviewee: Yes.
- 44 Interpreter: Pien gitye kacoc bene.
- 45 Interviewee: Yes.
- 46 CC: Can you translate that?
- 47 Interpreter: What ... what I was telling him was not go too fast, go slowly but we are also taking
48 notes.
- 49 PN: OK.
- 50 Interviewee: Yes, by the time when they take OTTI LAGONY plus Lieutenant Colonel Fred CAN
51 ODONGA.
- 52 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 53 Interviewee: He said that those people they should be released. So, he prepared two sections of
54 stand-by. One, should, go ahead and lay an ambush.
- 55 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 56 Interviewee: And another, the second group, were to escort OTTI LAGONY with his fellow
57 commander Fred CAN ODONGA. So, they went ahead and laid an ... an ambush ...
- 58 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

59 Interviewee: ... ahead, LAGONY with his fellow commander, they don't know that, that ambush
60 so they were walking while they were tied like this [gestures]. So [silence] yes. So they get an
61 order, "Piga magoti". So that order which they gave that OTTI LAGONY and his fellow commander
62 should "Piga magoti", the ambush was there.

63 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

64 Interviewee: The ambush of those advance party. Yes.

65 CC: Those, I'm sorry, those ...?

66 Interpreter: Eh ... kong...

67 Interviewee: You see. He sent some groups, two groups.

68 CC: Who is the he, who is the he?

69 Interviewee: Two groups.

70 CC: Who sent ...?

71 Interviewee: KONY.

72 CC: OK.

73 Interviewee: One group was escorting OTTI LAGONY and another group; they should go and lay
74 an ambush.

75 PN: Yeah.

76 Interviewee: So, if they give an order that OTTI LAGONY should, "Piga Magoti" meanwhile, that
77 was meaning the order of firing.

78 PN: OK.

79 Interviewee: So, they pick, they Piga magoti while those who are in ambush ... the first group,
80 advance party ...

81 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

82 Interviewee: ... they shoot OTTI LAGONY and some others, they shoot Fred CAN ODONGA.

83 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

84 Interviewee: Yes.

85 CC: OK. I think I don't mind to get the fact out.

86 Interviewee: So they left them like that.

- 87 PN: OK.
- 88 Interviewee: They go back to KONY.
- 89 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 90 Interviewee: Then KONY, preaches people. He called all of the forces of LRA who were there in
91 s... in LUBANGA... in JEBELAIN, NSITU ...
- 92 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 93 Interviewee: ... some were there, in the front line ... forty two miles ... I mean ... yes, forty seven,
94 they call it forty seven, because from Juba to that point, that front line ...
- 95 PN: OK.
- 96 Interviewee: ... they call it forty-seven.
- 97 PN: OK.
- 98 Interviewee: Yes, he called all of ...
- 99 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 100 Interviewee: ... those stand by and he starts preaches, "Now, those who doesn't want to ... those
101 who don't want to fight, I will release them as I released Brigadier OTTI."
- 102 CC: Who said that? You have to keep saying who was doing this. Who said that?
- 103 Interviewee: KONY.
- 104 CC: OK.
- 105 Interviewee: Preaching all of the LRA members who were there in Sudan.
- 106 PN: OK.
- 107 Interviewee: That he had released LAGONY.
- 108 PN: Hmm ... hmm. OK.
- 109 Interviewee: Yes, but by the time when he released LAGONY to be a civilian, UPDF got
110 LAGONY on the way and killed LAGONY, but not he himself.
- 111 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 112 Interviewee: This is the KONY's words; his speeches.
- 113 PN: OK.

114 Interviewee: He said that the UPDF were the one who killed OTTI LAGONY because he
115 released OTTI LAGONY to go to his normal ... rural area ... but UPDF was the one who killed
116 him. So, anyone who don't want to fight or doesn't want to commit atrocity will be released like
117 LAGONY.

118 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

119 Interviewee: So, during that period, I went to KONY, me myself, I wrote a sheet of paper like this,
120 three p... sheets of paper.

121 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

122 Interviewee: That, with such thing, "if you are fond of doing these things, you will loose your
123 force."

124 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

125 Interviewee: Hmm ... this is what I wrote in a letter in three sheets of paper. I gave to him.

126 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

127 Interviewee: And on top of that one, during that period he selects, he picks many, many women.
128 Sometime they said that those women, they are fond of killing people with poison.

129 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

130 Interviewee: So he gave an order; all of the women were shot. They faced firing squads; the
131 same period.

132 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

133 Interviewee: And during that month, that period, again, he took three to four officers including
134 one captain called OCEN Adam.

135 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

136 Interviewee: That they wanted to surrender to the UPDF, all of them were killed, through firing
137 squad.

138 PN: OK.

139 Interviewee: Yes. At that time we were in Jam... some people were in NSITU, some people were
140 in JEBELAIN but me ...

141 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

142 Interviewee: ... I was sick, due to ... as I told you yesterday.

143 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

144 **Interviewee:** Eh that poison which, the poison me with ... by the time when I was in Holy Rosary
145 schooling. So I was there during ... within those sick people.

146 **PN:** OK.

147 **Interviewee:** Sick bay in NSITU. And my arm also started to disturb me.

148 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

149 **Interviewee:** So, by the time when I advised him, I went to him, I ... then I start referring about ...
150 ah ... because at that period, many, many soldiers are dying of hunger; those abductees. KONY
151 gave an order that, "Let those who those ... those abductees to die because civilians now they
152 are his first enemy.

153 **PN:** Hmm.

154 **Interviewee:** Yes. Diarrhoea was there, a lot of ... problems, but there was a lot of food, which
155 was brought by Arabs during that period, so I went to him. I said, "If you are a person of God, God
156 will punish you because you are the one who abducted us, we are fighting the reason we don't
157 know, so you are now mistreating people, you don't take care of us. So, if you are a person of
158 God, God will organise troops from Uganda, combined force, it'll come and destroy you from your
159 camp in LUBANGA-TEK, if you are a person of God. Because by the time I was in Holy Rosary I
160 was a ... I was taking a *Misa*, so I know about God, through Bible. Like, by the time when ... ah ...
161 those of Jerusalem in the past, they have been doing bad things, so God organised *Kabaka*
162 Nebuchadnezzar, went to Jerusalem and destroyed those of Jerusalem and captured the top
163 commanders, so Nebuchadnezzar went with those people. So the same thing will happen to you,
164 because you are mistreating people." This is what I told to ... BONGOMIN Genaro; he is the
165 Religious Affairs; Head of Religious Affairs. So, I said, "You go and tell to KONY, God will punish
166 him."

167 **CC:** Who ... what was the name of the person who was the Head of the Religious Affairs?

168 **Interviewee:** Gena... Genaro BONGOMIN. It is ... he is a Lieutenant Colonel.

169 **CC:** OK.

170 **Interviewee:** This information if you ask any ex-LRA, they knows about this information I'm telling
171 you.

172 **PN:** OK.

173 **Interviewee:** Yes. So, I said, "You go and tell to KONY. He will ... he will be punished by God
174 because now, he is now killing innocent people, like me Hillary. He gave an order that I should be
175 killed. Because at that time, he took me, Captain Hillary, Captain Ray, Captain Ella ... ah ...
176 Captain Hillary, Captain Ray and Captain Lu... Lubul. Because we are advising that, he has, the
177 spirits have left KONY now. So, it is better to talk peace. This war cannot bring anything. So, he
178 gave an order that we should be killed. So, we were taken to ... hmm ... military Headquarters.

179 **CC:** When was this ... when was ... where ... which year we are in or when?

180 **Interviewee:** In 2001, 2001. So, with such two information he arrested me, he said to take us to
181 military and se... selected four hundred forces that they should escort we the three force ... Oh
182 yes, plus Major ACHAMA.

183 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

184 **Interviewee:** Yes, should bring us along the border and the same thing happened to LAGONY
185 should be done to ... on us.

186 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

187 **Interviewee:** Yes. He demoted me from captain to private, he demoted captain Elia from captain
188 to private, he demoted captain Lubul from captain to private, he demoted Major ACHAMA from
189 captain to private.

190 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

191 **Interviewee:** So, I knelt down and I start praying. Ah! My God, what did I have done in front of
192 you, because I went and advise KONY so you ... you ... you make KONY annoyed to kill me.
193 God, if you are the one who created Satan so KONY will kill me but if the Satan was ... were ...
194 was created by you KONY will not kill me. I prayed in front of those who we were there with them,
195 with ... KONY gave an order we should be killed along the border. So, a wind starts blowing from
196 the East, from the West, from the North and from the South [*imitates sound of wind*]. These all
197 corners [*imitates sound of wind*].

198 **PN:** Yes?

199 **Interviewee:** After my prayer. So, I disappeared.

200 **PN:** OK.

201 **Interviewee:** Yes.

202 **PN:** Yes

203 **Interviewee:** Then, they were stranded. Where is Hillary, where is Hillary? What I am telling you,
204 this is the true even, if you ask ... if you ask any ex-LRA, they know this thing.

205 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

206 **Interviewee:** Yes. So, by the time when I was disappeared they started looking where I am ... I
207 was. So, the day for our killing was postponed. The day to kill us. I just went and I pray God, and I
208 pray God. KONY want to kill me innocently. Moreover I went and advised KONY how can KONY
209 kill me? My God, you excuse me because people are now dying innocently. So, uhm ... and the
210 following day, I volunteered myself to come and advise them. So by the time when I return back
211 to them; because I was very weak, I can not walk even any far. Yes. So, I decided to come back,
212 then due to my beliefs, a spirit told me, I prayed and, with ... I have strong heart so, I get courage
213 that I should go and talk to KONY direct.

214 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

215 Interviewee: So, I came back. At that time TABULEY was the Operations Commander;
216 TABULEY which was killed in TESO.

217 CC: Hmm ... hmm.

218 Interviewee: OKELLO Trigger also was a Director of Operations together with TABULEY.

219 CC: Wait, who was director of operations with TABULEY?

220 Interviewee: What?

221 CC: Who was also director of operation with TABULEY?

222 Interviewee: OKELLO Trigger.

223 CC: OK.

224 Interviewee: Trigger. Then by the time when I reached them, and I start talking, I said, "I am a
225 person of God because by the time when I was there in Holy Rosary, I'd been in praying so much
226 so God is now with me. You want to kill me innocently; you want to kill this fellow commander
227 innocently, God will punish you, all of you to this top commander which you are now, following the
228 wrong orders of KONY. So God will combine, will give combine force, will organise combine
229 force, come from Uganda and destroy you from your base."

230 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

231 Interviewee: This is what I told to them.

232 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

233 Interviewee: "God will destroy you and will not be with any base at all, you KONY." And some
234 people they said, "Hillary should be killed, Hillary is a mad person." And I said, "You can not kill
235 me, because you are killing innocent people, how can God accept ... ac... accept you to kill me?"
236 So, they took me back to military and I said the night will come by me. So, with other advise of
237 some other commanders ... because the serious commanders in LRA, those o f ... at that moment
238 Matata was there, he gave an order that I should be killed; Matata ...

239 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

240 Interviewee: ... which was killed by the by the HIV and AIDS. Who died of HIV and AIDS.
241 ABUDEMA, Buk, also give an order that I should be killed, because I'm cursing people. Hmm ...
242 hmm ... Odhiambo also was there, that I should be killed during my return. So ...

243 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

244 Interviewee: So, at that moment, some people ... some other top commanders they ... they
245 advised him not to kill us. So, they released us.

246 PN: OK.

247 **Interviewee:** But he took all of the sol... the soldiers from ... from us and because at that time we
248 dug in NSITU. We dug in NSITU. So, he said that, "I should not reach to reach NSITU to get
249 my ... hmm ... hmm ... let me say, foodstuff."

250 CC: Hmm ... hmm.

251 **Interviewee:** If I reach there I should face firing squad. I should stay without eating anything and
252 my children.

253 CC: Hmm ... hmm.

254 **Interviewee:** Yes. I'm telling you frankly.

255 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

256 **Interviewee:** So I just stay like this ... like that throughout, without eating. My women can go
257 to ...the bush they just pick something which can be eaten. They just taste and they bring and
258 cook it to ...to my children. We just stayed like that; started from 2001 ... from 2000. No food. No
259 any soldier. I don't have any ... any soldier, we just stayed like that. Some people they just came
260 from around the border they pick food from the civilians and they went with. Yes. But with me, no
261 anybody, even I was weak. So, that is how I was suffering. I suffered really, even if my wife, she
262 is there in GULU, she is there. If she were to be here would have tell you something. So with
263 KONY, KONY gave an order that, "Those who doesn't want, to commit atrocities like Hillary, they
264 are UPDF. You, my top commanders, you should have to know. Those who doesn't want ... don't
265 want to commit atrocities ... they are your enemies because they want their conduct to be good, if
266 they surrender to the UPDF. Like those of Hillary." He said, "You kill Hillary." This is the order of
267 KONY. So, in that period, all of the LRA, they said that I'm ... Internal enemy.

268 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

269 **Interviewee:** Yes. Then with that one, again, KONY gave an order to kill Major ONEKOMON
270 which is now here in UPDF.

271 CC: He gave an order to kill who ... who?

272 **Interviewee:** Major ONEKOMON. He's now surrendered to the UPDF. So, I wrote four sheets of
273 paper I gave to his ADC, KAPERRE, who is now a Brigade Commander. And again I said, "God
274 will punish KONY if he is fond of killing his own forces like that and killing innocent civilian."

275 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

276 **Interviewee:** So some of his top Commander, then said, "Hillary should be killed. Hillary is fond
277 of supporting those who don't want us to ... to commit atrocities. Hillary is a bad man, anyway he
278 should be killed." So he took a vehicle [imitates] up to JUBA. Due to ... during that advice, he ran
279 to JUBA. KONY.

280 CC: KONY?

281 **Interviewee:** Yes, KONY, yes. He did not answer those ... uh ... such co... eh ... he did not tell
282 anything about the advice of those commanders. So he ran to JUBA, he stayed Juba ... aa ... for
283 three and a half hour, he just came back. And he said that, "Huh ... don't kill Hillary, let Hillary
284 be." So, and he sat down with his top ... senior commanders. He said that, "I want to did a very,
285 very serious things which, even the foreigners countries, they will be worried about." So, he gave
286 an order to lui... Major, Maj... top ... let me see [*sighs*]. He gave an order that should go to
287 ABOKE and abduct ABOKE girls. And he said that, "If you abduct those of ABOKE girls ... even
288 the foreigners countries, they will be worried about. So, I want to did something very, very
289 serious." So, he prepared the forces to go to ABOKE. Yes, they abducted ABOKE girls and bring
290 it. By the time when they took it there to Sudan, he just started to distribute it, to ... to ... he just
291 [*witness refers to interpreter*]. Yes, yes, I don't know if you should call it distributions, taking lady
292 to each senior commander.

293 **CC:** This after he took the ABOKE girls.

294 **Interviewee:** Yes.

295 **CC:** OK, he distributed them.

296 **Interviewee:** Yes. Four was left at his ... four ... he left four. He picks four to be his wife.

297 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

298 **Interviewee:** And some were distributed among the senior co... his top commanders with whom
299 were there in the Control Altar.

300 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

301 **Interviewee:** Yes. And he said that, "Even if European Union or what if they come here about
302 these ABOKE girls, we should not talk anything about. If anybody who release a detail, even if to
303 European Union or ... uh ... to US Ambassador, that person should be killed straight away." He
304 gave an order; all of the LRA who were there in Sudan. So, some ... I don't know that ... ladies
305 which sent there. *Jō ma kicwalo gi kwica, i NSITU ni?*

306 **Interpreter:** Man anyira ni?

307 **Interviewee:** Ma gucwalo gi i Sudan pi lok kom anyira ABOKE ni, that sister, I don't know his
308 name.

309 **Interpreter:** Hmm ... there were some people who were sent to Sudan ... uh ... Sisters, sent to
310 look for the girls in Sudan.

311 **Interviewee:** Yes, I've forgotten, I've forgotten the names.

312 **PN:** OK.

313 **Interviewee:** Yes. But when they went there, KONY gave an order again, addressed people.
314 That if any of LRA release any information about these foreigners should be killed. That person
315 which releases some information about the ABOKE girls should be killed, straight away.

316 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

317 Interviewee: He was talking when addressing all of the LRA who were there in Sudan.

318 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

319 Interviewee: So, by the time when those guys went there, first of all they entered in NSITU but
320 those ABOKE girls were there in JEBELAIN. They ... he hid them, not to be seen, within, among
321 the people. So, one of the ladies from ONEN Kamdule, is a Director of Operation, he re... she
322 release the information. "That ABOKE Girl is now here but they were hidden." [Coughs]

323 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

324 Interviewee: So, by the time when those guys took off, she was killed; immediately, immediately
325 if you ask any of ex-LRA, they know about this.

326 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

327 Interviewee: Yes. That lady which ... which release ... who was rece... release information about
328 the ABOKE girl, that they are there, or they were there, among people, she was killed straight
329 away ... *pap!*

330 CC: What was her name, what was her name?

331 Interviewee: The name of the lady?

332 CC: Hmm ... hmm.

333 Interviewee: I have forgotten that, excuse. But, that lady was at ONEN Kamdule's place.

334 CC: Whose wife?

335 Interviewee: ONEN Kamdule; Director of Operations.

336 CC: OK.

337 Interviewee: She was killed, straight away in front of people. And that period, he also ordered
338 that young soldier; the ... he called it baby ... baby soldier should be abducted and should be
339 recruit ... recruited from there.

340 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

341 Interviewee: Because he said that the ... the people starting from eighteen years and above
342 should be killed. Because those people even if he abducted such kind of people ...

343 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

344 Interviewee: ... they will escape. So with these baby soldiers, if they grew with his policy they can
345 follow his order.

346 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

347 Interviewee: Yes. So in that period, innocent pe... killing started at that period. So...

348 CC: What do you mean, were people who with the soldiers the abductees who were over
349 eighteen, were they killed?

350 Interviewee: Yes, he said that eighteen and above, should not be abducted but started from ...
351 um... six, seven, fifteen to twelve, should be abducted ...

352 CC: OK.

353 Interviewee: Because if they grew with his policy they can follow his policy of his ... of KONY,
354 Hmm ... hmmm ... with this young soldier, if you are a boy, just called 'mony pa KONY'.

355 Interpreter: The Army of KONY.

356 Interviewee: Hmm ... hmm. These small soldiers, Army of KONY.

357 Interviewee: Hmm ... hmm. With these small ladies, he just named them "Ting, Ting".

358 CC: Which means what?

359 Interviewee: Small ladies.

360 CC: Small ladies?

361 Interviewee: Yes, small ladies.

362 CC: Were named?

363 Interviewee: "Ting, Ting".

364 CC: And that means what?

365 Interviewee: It's just a nick name.

366 CC: Nick name?

367 Interviewee: A nick name by the way.

368 CC: OK.

369 Interviewee: Yes, small ladies. They should help carrying the children; take care of children,
370 these young babies. So, not only that, the reason why we have lasted for so long in the bush
371 because, if KONY, KONY abducted you, he said that if you escaped, he just send a troop and
372 destroy all ... all of your family.

373 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

374 **Interviewee:** At the same period he gave an order that all of the civilian vehicles should be
375 ambushed.

376 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

377 **Interviewee:** Because civilians are his first enemies. Yes, with ABOKE girls, was ... was ... um ...
378 was abducted by ... under Commander LAGIRA, but is now is ... is... he ... he de... he is ... he
379 loose his life now. Yes, he was killed, in JEBELAIN. LAGIRA, Major LAGIRA. So with that period
380 he gave an order that all of the civilians, I mean the rural areas should be destroyed and people
381 should be taken to IDP Camp. So, he started, he gave an order in that period killing innocent
382 civilian, killing the old men, older ... hmm ... the old men plus the women should be killed. So, the
383 destruction started in 2001, two thousand ... yes, 2001 but during that period I was weak, was
384 staying with ... among the sick people, I did not in operations.

385 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

386 **CC:** Were ... were there places that were attacked under this policy?

387 **Interpreter:** Tye kabedo mogo ma ingeyo ma ki gine ... kimonyo mony iye icik ma kiti ene ni?

388 **Interviewee:** In that period I did not reach operation.

389 **CC:** OK.

390 **Interviewee:** Because I was weak. Because me I stopped operation in 1987, started from 1988 I
391 was weak, did not have operations up to now. So, destruc... destruction started at that period.
392 And not only that, I went to him, "That you, a big man, you should talk peace with the
393 government, because this war will not bring anything." And he said that, "Hillary is now fearing
394 war, Hillary can not fight, so Hillary should be killed again. Hillary doesn't want to commit
395 atrocities." Hmm ... I went to Brigadier BANYA that we should talk peace. And with that period he
396 took BANYA from office, because at that moment BANYA was Camp Commandant. Brigadier
397 Ken... Kenneth BANYA, who are now here, he is ... he is now here. So, at that period he said
398 that, "Ah ... Brigadier BANYA should be pending officer ... officer with me, Hillary, Ray, many
399 officers," those who supporting the Peace Talks. Because he said that with Peace Talks he will
400 not come out.

401 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

402 **Interviewee:** Under Amnesty Law he will have come out. And we have the ICC, he said that how
403 will the ICC ... huh ... trace him moreover he is in the bush.

404 **CC:** When he said, who said that?

405 **Interviewee:** KONY.

406 **CC:** KONY said ...

407 **Interviewee:** Yes, he said nobody can capture him.

408 CC: OK.

409 Interviewee: This is his order. He said nobody can capture him. Because he has ... he has a gun,
410 he ... he is a god. Hillary come and advise me moreover and I'm a god. Who can advise god? He
411 said ... he put himself to that he is a god.

412 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

413 Interviewee: Yes. So, he said that no one can have the power to advise god. But who am I to
414 advise him? So, in that period he said that all of the LRA, they should know that I'm the first
415 enemy than the President MUSEVENI. He said that Hillary is the first enemy. What I'm telling
416 even if you ask, you ask any of ex-LRA, they know these things very much. He said that, I'm
417 telling him to, I'm forcing him to talk peace. He himself he will fight until he overthrow the
418 government and he will kill all of the ... the Acholi people. He will remain with the Acholi people
419 which ... who are there with him.

420 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

421 Interviewee: He said that that one is a new Acholi, those were there with him in the bush. So, not
422 only that, at that period he gave an order that Sudan government should be attacked also, So he
423 starts attacking.

424 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

425 Interviewee: During 2002, attacking the Arabs.

426 CC: When you use the word, when you say that is the Arabs, are you talking about the
427 Sudanese?

428 Interviewee: Sudanese ... Sudanese force. So, he said that Sudanese force they are now ... they
429 were our enemies because they have joined with the Uganda government to fight him, KONY.
430 So, he sent three troops; one troop under command of OTTI Vincent attack NSITU.

431 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

432 Interviewee: Another troop under command of Brigadier OWOR LAKATI, attack another defence
433 of Arabs.

434 CC: Brigadier ...?

435 Interviewee: LAKATI.

436 CC: LAKATI.

437 Interviewee: OWOR Charles, OWOR LAKATI.

438 CC: Huh huh, to attack where?

439 Interviewee: Hmm? What?

440 CC: Brigadier LAKATI?

441 Interviewee: OWOR LAKATI.

442 CC: O... OWOR LAKATI.

443 Interviewee: Yes, O-W-O-R.

444 Interpreter: LAKATI, L - A - K - A - T - I.

445 CC: And he was sent where?

446 Interviewee: Another defence, close to NSITU.

447 CC: OK.

448 Interviewee: Yes, close to NSITU. And another group under command of KONY himself attacked
449 another place, the same day at night. Yes, this is the first time started to fighting the Arabs. So,
450 we left LUBANGATEK, we left NSITU, all us we start coming back to Uganda. Yes, by the time
451 we reached the border, we met UPDF force and we were driven back, heavy force. We met them,
452 they kill one of Signaller, director of Signals called Lieutenant Colonel LUMUMBA, was killed.

453 CC: LUMUMBA.

454 Interviewee: LUMUBA, the Director of Signal.

455 CC: Director your Signals?

456 Interviewee: Yes. So we went back to Sudan. But those of OTTI entered during 2002.

457 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

458 Interviewee: Yes. Then KONY gave an order that OTTI should kill everybody from the camp,
459 from the rural areas.

460 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

461 Interviewee: So, OTTI Vincent start committing atrocities during that period. So, we were driven
462 back, another group, we were driven back. So we stayed there ... and a few months we started to
463 come. So he said that, "Those who are weak like Hillary, Elia, what, they should go back to
464 Uganda and stay in Sick Bay." So, we came on the ni... 17 July 2002, we entered Uganda. I wa...
465 I was staying among the women who ... who have the children.

466 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

467 Interviewee: Yes, who were there with children and with the sick people who were wounded, so I
468 stayed with them in the Sick Bay.

469 CC: So, July 17, 2002, is when you ... you came back to Uganda?

470 Interviewee: Yes, all of us.

471 CC: All of us.

472 Interviewee: The sick bay, even if you are weak.

473 CC: OK.

474 Interviewee: Yes, because there was no base in Sudan. The base was destroyed ... destroyed by
475 the UPDF, completely. So, in that period started giving an order to destroy people, killing civilians,
476 putting an ambush, destroying civilians vehicles, what, and what he said that ... the ... rural areas
477 should remain for LRA. All of the civilians they should come with ... uh ... within the town because
478 they are his first enemy.

479 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

480 Interviewee: And those who refused to commit atrocities were killed also. If you refuse, if he
481 gave you an order to go and attack the camp, if you refuse, firing squad, straight at that moment.

482 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

483 Interviewee: Yes. So ... hmm ... such thing started to happen but for me I just stay in the sick
484 bay. I did not reach where those ... such things was happening. That's why I don't know some
485 places where such things may be happening. But, like, let me see; BARLONYO, he was the one
486 to gave an order to OKOT ODHIAMBO to destroy camp in BARLONYO.

487 CC: Who gave the order?

488 Interviewee: KONY himself. Let me see; and, all of these destructions by the order of KONY,
489 apart from WIYA-NONO camp. WIYA-NONO camp was ordered by OTTI Vincent; destruction in
490 the WIYA-NONO camp. And ABIYA ... ABIYA camp also ordered from KONY... destruction which
491 took place in ABIYA camp.

492 CC: Which ... which one was ordered by OTTI Vincent?

493 Interviewee: Hmm?

494 CC: You just mentioned another one.

495 Interviewee: Wi... WIYA-NONO. W - I - I...

496 CC: W - I - I...

497 Interviewee: ... N - O - N - O.

498 CC: ... L - O - L - O ...

499 Interviewee: N - N - N.

- 500 CC: M?
- 501 Interviewee: N.
- 502 CC: N.
- 503 Interviewee: N – N – N, Nono, WIYA-NONO Camp.
- 504 CC: WIINONO...
- 505 Interpreter: WIYA-NONO.
- 506 Interviewee: WIYA-NONO.
- 507 Interpreter: W – I ... you can spell it; W – I – A – N – O – N – O.
- 508 CC: OK.
- 509 Interpreter: WIYA-NONO.
- 510 Interviewee: WIYA-NONO. Yes, so, it was ordered by OTTI Vincent. But every ... these
511 atrocities, were ordered by KONY himself because, if you refuse, he just shoot you among the
512 people.
- 513 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 514 Interviewee: And during that period, I start mobilizing people. That's why ... uh ... the army
515 commanders called me "Hillary mobilizer, mobilizer". I just telling to people that "the spirit" ...
516 uh ... KONY has nothing now, so it is better to go to the UPDF. So, because with ... those who
517 were there in sick bay, were, two hundred fif... sixty, so, I start mobilizing them, that we should go
518 and join UPDF because these things now bringing us nothing completely. So, one of commander,
519 his close security, because I was staying with his security, called CPU.
- 520 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 521 Interviewee: Presidential security.
- 522 PN: Hmm ... hmm.
- 523 Interviewee: Yes, so, one of the commander go and releases the information that Hillary want to
524 get out from the bush. So, because I just communicate openly. So those who are here monitoring
525 the radio like Lt. Col. OTEMA AWANY, chief intelligence. They have been monitoring such
526 information that Hillary is now mobilizing people to go to UPDF. So, "OTTI, you send ONEN Unita
527 to go and capture ... uh ... arrest Hillary, so Hillary should be ... should face firing squad."
- 528 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

529 **Interviewee:** To let those ... those who want to surrender to UPDF to know that if you ... your aim
530 is to go to UPDF, you should, you will be, you face firing squad like Hillary. So, you let Hillary to
531 be an example to those who want to join the UPDF.

532 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

533 **Interviewee:** Meanwhile from the government side, they ... they have this li... list because all the
534 communications of LRA are there ...

535 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

536 **Interviewee:** ... with the radio monitor.

537 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

538 **Interviewee:** So, he gave an order like that. So, by the time when ONEN Unita came, I said
539 that ... ah ..." [Laughs] he ad been interviewing me. Because Unita, his aim also want to come out
540 from the bush, but information was known, so he did not arrest me, he left me. Hmm ... and ...
541 another commander was sent to look for me and take me to OTTI, like his brother, Major Ben
542 ACELLAM. His close brother; he is a CO in Sinia Brigade.

543 **CC:** This is OTTI's brother?

544 **Interviewee:** Yes.

545 **CC:** And his name was?

546 **Interviewee:** Major Ben ACELLAM.

547 **CC:** Major ...

548 **Interviewee:** Ben.

549 **CC:** Acell ...

550 **Interpreter:** Major is his rank.

551 **Interviewee:** Is his rank, yes.

552 **CC:** Ben?

553 **Interviewee:** ACELLAM.

554 **Interpreter:** A - C - E - L - A - M.

555 **Interviewee:** To escort me ... to Dominic.

556 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

557 Interviewee: Dominic is the Brigade Commander of Sinia.

558 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

559 Interviewee: Dominic ONGWEN, is now ... during that period he was Lt. Col. Dominic
560 ONGWEN.

561 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

562 Interviewee: So, he called for his support officer Captain OCAKA, to escort me to him; Dominic.

563 CC: Hmm ... hmm.

564 Interviewee: Yes. They escorted me to Dominic, then by the time when I reached to Dominic, I
565 said, "Dominic, you want to kill me? Moreover, I was the one who ... you in the past we have
566 been ... uh ... prepared for me food! So, you want to kill me? Moreover, I want people to be
567 served. Then he said, "Ha Hillary, we don't, we will not kill you, because we know your work ...
568 you have helped us, as a doctor, as a what, so we do not kill you." So, I said, "I know you have
569 plans, you will not kill me in front of God." I told him like that. So, he sent a message to KONY
570 that "Hillary is now knowing what is now going on."

571 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

572 Interviewee: Yes. "So, I don't know what to do." So on the following day, on the 12th May 2004 I
573 was sitting like you ... some other commanders of Dominic sitting like this and Dominic sit...
574 sitting ... euh ... sat like this and some of his top officers, brigade officers they were there;
575 because communications, during the heavy pressure of the gunship, KONY changed ... KONY
576 changed the time of communications. The communications always started from 6:00 p.m. So
577 this ... because in the day time they just fear the helicopter gunship.

578 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

579 Interviewee: So, they, he starts communicating to Dominic.

580 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

581 Interviewee: That Unita also should be arrested; because by the time when I sent Unita to
582 Uganda, I told Unita that should arrest it ... arrest Hillary.

583 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

584 Interviewee: Because Hill... Hillary is now mobilizing people to, to go with them and surrender to
585 UPDF. So, Hillary should be killed, in front of people." So, I was hearing that information.

586 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

587 Interviewee: Communicating with Dominic. So, Dominic start reducing the volume, of the radio,
588 "Hillary should be released like LAGONY."

589 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

590 Interviewee: Yes. "You prepare the force, so, you took off the gun from Hillary, then you took off
591 the uniform from Hillary, then you release him to the civilians." He said that, "Civilians, this is ...
592 eh ... the commander which doesn't want to fight. So, you give him, you give Hillary to the
593 civilians." This is propaganda of him. "Like I released LAGONY, by the time when I released
594 LAGONY, the UPDF killed LAGONY so if UPDF kill Hillary, no problem. You release him." You
595 see, so Dominic started reducing the volume of the radio. So, I stand up, like this, because I
596 refused the veteran to carry my ... my guns.

597 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

598 Interviewee: So, I stand up like this and took the gun; my gun, I tied it like this, then I took my
599 pouch, with the magazines and I put on my waist. And I say, "Dominic I am leaving you, I'm going
600 to my ... my position". So, I start going to my position and I got my wife then I say that, "Now,
601 KONY wants to kill me like I last time I said, I told some people that we should go to the UPDF, so
602 they released such information so I am going now." So, Dominic starts preparing the forces. You
603 go with he ... he prepared seven guards, with bayonets. He said that, "Hillary, he is a person of
604 God if you pra... you shoot him directly, some time the bullets dodge and kill some of you, so use
605 the bayonets." Dominic giving ... giving an order likes this.

606 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

607 Interviewee: So, the rain comes. Rain; *[Witness makes imitates sound of wind]*. All of people
608 they just went to their tent, rain sheet. Then, I try to carry my child... children to come with them.

609 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

610 Interviewee: But the woman was not having power to walk, because no food, we just stayed my
611 children stay ... eeh ... we started from the iron fists, they don't eat anything, if I reach cassava,
612 they just uproot it, if I reach a place with some fruit can be eaten, yes, they can eat but some
613 people they just ... those who have force they sent troop to camp and they pick from, the food
614 from the camp. It's like this. My wife was very weak even the children, because there is no food.
615 They said, Hillary if you, because KONY order, he gave an order that I should ... they ... the
616 hunger, I should be killed, by hunger.

617 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

618 Interviewee: Yes. So, the woman can not walk, because there was no any food but some
619 people, they don't, they just, all of them they're out of the food. So, I said that "Ah, God should
620 help you. I am going now." So, I took off. That's how I surrender to UPDF.

621 PN: Hmm ... hmm.

622 Interviewee: Yes, because some people they refused to come, than they release the information.
623 That's why Army Commanders called me "mobilizer, mobilizer", because they hearing from the
624 radio monitor that Hillary should be killed, Hillary is mobilizing people. So, that's how it happened,
625 I join the UPDF in CORNER AGULA, on the thirteenth.

626 **CC:** On the thirteenth?

627 **Interviewee:** On the 13 May ...

628 **CC:** Yes.

629 **Interviewee:** ...2004. So, I reached at the Brigade Commander of OPIT, called for me and on the
630 fourteen I was brought to OPIT, to Brigade Commander Lieutenant Colonel Isaac IDI AMUBA.

631 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

632 **Interviewee:** So the brigade commander starts to asking me, "Oh Hillary, we heard about you,
633 through radio communication, that KONY gave an order that Hillary is now, want to escape with
634 my force, Hillary should be killed. What, what Hillary, is a mad person, insulting you; that you ...
635 uh ... you are the one who ... let the UPDF go and attack him in Sudan there because you are
636 cursing people. So, I said that "Aah that happened because I told KONY to ... to talk peace, he
637 refused. You see, during the talk the ... eh ... the ... during that ... during the Talk Peace ... by the
638 time when we were talking the Peace, UPDF sent ... hmm ... this commander; I don't know his
639 name; OKECH KURU, Captain OKECH KURU, in the bush. KONY gave an order that, "KURU
640 was with him in the bush, so KURU should be killed. He don't want peace. He doesn't want peace
641 talks. He gave order to Brigadier Raska LUKWIYA, Army Commander and they killed OKECH
642 KURU. That's what ... that's what I was listening to Afande Isaac. KURU was killed in the bush.
643 Because ...

644 **CC:** When was this ... when was this, when are you talking about now?

645 **Interviewee:** ... hmm ... that one; two thousand ... may be 2003, yes.... 2003, if I could have
646 forgotten because the UPDF sent him to talk with some other commanders so that they should
647 get a chance to talk peace. They went with ... hmm ... Paramount Chief in PAJULE ... OYWAK.
648 So, they...

649 **Interpreter:** The chief ...

650 **Interviewee:** Yes, OYWAK escaped narrowly. Raska also was about to kill OYWAK, so he kill
651 KURU at that moment, so he released Isaac like that. And not only that ... uh ... the information I
652 received from the sick bay, by the time when OPOKA James the Reform Agenda ...

653 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

654 **Interviewee:** ... joined KONY and they went to Sudan but I never went.

655 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

656 **Interviewee:** So KONY gave and order that OPOKA should be killed in Sudan as I heard from
657 those who came from Sudan. So, KONY ... so OPOKA also was killed in Sudan, but I was not
658 there; because with KONY, he doesn't want educated people.

659 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

660 **Interviewee:** Because he said that OPOKA want to recruit his force among the LRA. So he killed
661 OPOKA James.

662 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

663 **Interviewee:** He ordered LABONGO to kill OPOKA James. So, during my all stay in LRA, I just
664 stay without eating food, God was the one to help me. That's why I became thin moreover by the
665 time when I was I was abducted ... I was bigger than, I was fat anyway. Yes. And my colour was
666 somehow brown. I become dark, because I just stayed without eating food.

667 **PN:** OK.

668 **Interviewee:** Through out the year, with my children, with my women. This is ... that's way I
669 release some of, two of my women. I said that, "You go to her villages, because anyway you can
670 loose your lives here for nothing." So I remained with one woman with three children. Those that
671 are having one, one wife one children and I released them but by the time when I joined the
672 UPDF. They are now OK. So, my experience in the bush, I am telling you frank. KONY gave an
673 order, by the time when he was preaching, because I was his close security. He gave an order
674 that, "He will not talk peace," because MUSEVENI took order through the talk ... peace trick. So,
675 he himself, he will talk peace trick.

676 **PN:** Hmm ... hmm.

677 **Interviewee:** Yes.

678 **PN:** OK.

679 **Interviewee:** Yes. This is my comment.

680 **PN:** OK. Hillary.

681 **Technician:** Five minutes.

682 **PN:** Five minutes? OK, we have only got five minutes and then we have to change the tape.

683 **Interviewee:** Yes.

684 **PN:** So, before we ... as I mentioned yesterday, maybe we go back through your story and I can
685 ask you some more questions. Yes?

686 **Interviewee:** Yes, no problem.

687 **PN:** OK. Before we do that ... uhm... I'm just interested that you have some notes. Can you just
688 explain for us these ... these notes that you've written down and what they are?

689 **Interviewee:** No, I just write ... this one only for remembrance.

690 **PN:** Ah, right.

- 691 Interviewee: I still like year ... like the ... to remember.
- 692 PN: Huh huh.
- 693 Interviewee: Here I said, "Baby soldier is called ... with the lady is called Ting Ting, Mony pa
694 KONY."
- 695 PN: Hmm ... hmm, hmm ... hmm.
- 696 Interviewee: If you want to escape, KONY will kill you, direct order to destroy civilian vehicles,
697 ambush all carrier of civilian.
- 698 PN: OK. So, these are ... these are notes that just help you remember.
- 699 Interviewee: Yes, yes, for remember. I just write it ...
- 700 PN: When did you write all these?
- 701 Interviewee: I write it ... this morning.
- 702 PN: Huh huh ... and all of them? Because you had some notes yesterday as well.
- 703 Interviewee: No, no, no, no, no. This one, it is not, this is very different notes.
- 704 PN: Huh huh.
- 705 Interviewee: So, these ones for remembrance.
- 706 PN: OK. Huh, and what are these ones?
- 707 Interviewee: These ones is another ... different notes. How we, we come here, the trip to
708 KAMPALA.
- 709 PN: Huh ... huh.
- 710 Interviewee: And this is some other telephone numbers of Father ... the telephone number;
711 OYIK, who is there in Radio Kampala.
- 712 PN: OK. So these are sort of, these are just your personal notes?
- 713 Interviewee: Yes, yes. Nothing much.
- 714 PN: OK. Good. Alright, well. That's good. Well what I think that, when we've changed the tape,
715 we'll go back over your story and there will be some bits I will like to ask you more about.
- 716 Interviewee: OK.
- 717 PN: Yes? And ... uhm ... we'll proceed from there but now I think it is a good time to turn, change
718 the tape.

719 Interviewee: Thank You. No problem.

720 PN: OK. So, it's ... uhm ... by my watch it's ... uhm ... zero nine fifty two and we are going to stop
721 whilst the tape is changed.

722 [Time: 00:56:50. End of transcript]