- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber IX
- 3 Situation: Republic of Uganda
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen ICC-02/04-01/15
- 5 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and
- 6 Judge Raul Pangalangan
- 7 Trial Hearing Courtroom 1
- 8 Thursday, 2 February 2017
- 9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.30 a.m.)
- 10 THE COURT USHER: [9:30:20] All rise.
- 11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 12 Please be seated.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:30:41] Good morning, everyone.
- 14 Could the court officer please call the case.
- 15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:30:50] The situation in the Republic of Uganda, in the
- case of The Prosecutor versus Dominic Ongwen, case reference ICC-02/04-01/15.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:30:59] Thank you.
- 18 Now for the appearances, please, Mr Gumpert.
- 19 MR GUMPERT: [9:31:05] Yes, Ben Gumpert with Colleen Gilg, Pubudu
- 20 Sachithanandan, Julian Elderfield, Yulia Nuzban, Adesola Adeboyejo, Colin Black,
- 21 Mari Pilvio, and Ramu Fatima Bittaye.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:31:22] Thank you.
- 23 Mrs Massidda.
- 24 MS MASSIDDA: [9:31:25] Good morning, your Honours. There are only two,
- 25 Paolina Massidda and Mr Orchlon Narantsetseg.

- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:31:31] Thank you.
- 2 Mr Manoba.
- 3 MR MANOBA: [9:31:32] Good morning, your Honours. Joseph Manoba and
- 4 James Mawira.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:31:37] Thank you.
- 6 And now for the Defence, I see Mr Taku rising.
- 7 MR TAKU: [9:31:41] May it please the Court. I appear for Mr Ongwen. With
- 8 me today is Abigail Bridgman and Mr Tharcisse Gatarama, Mr Roy Titus Ayena and,
- 9 of course, Mr Ongwen himself is in Court today.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:31:58] And Mrs Kerwegi.
- 11 MS KERWEGI: [9:32:03] Good morning, your Honour. Sarah Kerwegi.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:32:06] Thank you very much. And we also
- 13 welcome the witness again in the courtroom. Good morning.
- 14 And Mr Gumpert has still the floor.
- 15 MR TAKU: [9:32:16] I'm so sorry. Before my esteemed colleague takes the floor,
- 16 Mr Ayena is not well today. He asked me to inform the Court that he will be here
- 17 probably next time. Thank you. I'm sorry for interrupting Ben.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:32:38] Please forward to him the best wishes by
- 19 the Chamber.
- 20 MR TAKU: [9:32:44] Thank you, your Honour.
- 21 MR GUMPERT: [9:32:46] And indeed the Prosecution.
- 22 Your Honours, I should explain the lady sitting next to the witness is a member of the
- 23 staff Registry, more particularly of the Victims and Witnesses Section, and is here
- because later in the day we will be looking at some transcripts, and she is here to
- 25 provide assistance in finding the page quickly rather than wasting court time.

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:07] And I think it's fair to say that this lady

- 2 has already a lot of experience in doing that. So please continue, Mr Gumpert.
- 3 MR GUMPERT: Thank you.
- 4 WITNESS: UGA-OTP-P-0440 (On former oath)
- 5 (The witness speaks Acholi)
- 6 QUESTIONED BY MR GUMPERT: (Continuing)
- 7 Q. [9:33:18] Mr Witness, before I start, on a number of occasions yesterday you
- 8 said that you couldn't remember and asked to be reminded. Now, that's something
- 9 which the learned Judge, the learned Judges may well permit where it's necessary.
- 10 But it may be that sometimes when I ask you a question, if you think back to the time
- that I'm asking about and take a little time to consider, that it won't be necessary.
- 12 Please don't feel that you are under pressure to say exactly what you may have said
- 13 beforehand. If it's necessary to remind you of something, the Judges may allow that
- 14 to be done but, in the first instance, I would ask you to consult your own memory and
- try and give the best answer you can. Nobody will hold that against you?
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:34:11] I appreciate that very much,
- 17 Mr Gumpert.
- 18 Indeed, what counsel is said is absolutely correct.
- 19 Please continue.
- 20 MR GUMPERT: [9:34:17]
- 21 Q. [9:34:18] Now, when we broke off yesterday, you had been telling the Court
- 22 about orders given by Joseph Kony and that sometimes those orders would be obeyed
- 23 by the subordinate commanders and sometimes not. The question I ask you now,
- 24 think hard about this, please: Can you give us examples of the commanders who
- 25 would typically obey Joseph Kony's orders?

- 1 A. [9:35:06] Could you please repeat your question?
- 2 Q. [9:35:10] Can you give us some examples, some names of people who would
- 3 typically obey Joseph Kony's orders?
- 4 A. [9:35:37] To my recollection, the commanders who obeyed Joseph Kony's
- 5 orders were Dominic, Odhiambo and a number of other people.
- 6 THE INTERPRETER: [9:35:57] The interpreter requests the witness to speak up a
- 7 little bit, please.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:36:03] Mr Witness, it's the same like yesterday,
- 9 please speak up a little bit so that the interpreters can hear you better and that makes
- their life easier and ours too. It's no problem. Just think about it, speak a little bit
- 11 louder.
- 12 THE WITNESS: [9:36:24] (Interpretation) If I do recall, the people who obeyed
- 13 Kony's orders included Dominic, Odhiambo and a number of other people.
- 14 MR GUMPERT: [9:36:45]
- 15 Q. [9:36:47] What was Dominic's other name?
- 16 A. [9:36:59] The name frequently used was Tem Wek Ibong.
- 17 Q. [9:37:08] Now can you give us some examples, some names of commanders
- 18 who typically, or sometimes, didn't obey Kony's orders?
- 19 A. [9:37:30] The ones that I knew who disobeyed Kony's orders were
- 20 commanders like Onen Unita and Odongo. Kony used to complain about these two
- 21 commanders, stating that they did not obey his instructions, and he used to call them
- 22 lazy.
- 23 Q. [9:38:15] Can you explain to us how those commanders would avoid carrying
- out the orders which Kony had given?
- 25 A. [9:38:39] Well, they disobeyed most of Kony's orders because, for example, if

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- they are told to go on mission they wouldn't go on mission themselves, they would
- 2 assign this to somebody else and the task would not be done as per the order.
- 3 Q. [9:39:01] What about those commanders themselves, what steps, what
- 4 measures would they take to avoid obeying orders?
- 5 A. [9:39:31] Could you please repeat that question?
- 6 Q. [9:39:35] Yes. I want you to -- let's take the two commanders who you just
- 7 named as being commanders who didn't obey. Think about those two men. How
- 8 was it that they would avoid obeying the orders? What would they do?
- 9 A. [9:40:17] Well, they would delegate subordinate commanders to go and do the
- 10 tasks because they, themselves, would not be in a position, or they would not want to
- do the job at that particular time, so they would delegate it to subordinate
- 12 commanders, to junior commanders.
- 13 MR GUMPERT: [9:40:45] Your Honour, I'm going to ask to refresh the witness'
- 14 memory on a particular point. If I can draw it firstly to your Honours' attention, it is
- at tab 4, the ERN number is UGA-OTP-0218-0503 and the particular page which I
- want to refer to is at 0505. And the answer about which I seek to refresh the memory
- of the witness begins in Acholi at line 62, but for us English speakers line 68.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:41:44] Please go on.
- 19 MR GUMPERT: [9:41:45] I'm grateful.
- 20 It may be that rather than putting it up on the screen the witness can be shown that
- 21 page and those lines.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:42:02] I think that's a good idea, too.
- 23 And Mr Witness, when you have read it, please tell the Court so that Prosecutor can
- 24 put the question to you.
- 25 THE WITNESS: [9:43:01] (Interpretation) Yes, I've seen it.

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- 1 MR GUMPERT: [9:43:07]
- 2 Q. [9:43:08] Was that what you said?
- 3 A. [9:43:15] Yes. Exactly, that was my statement in the past.
- 4 Q. [9:43:23] So what would you say today about the way in which commanders
- 5 would avoid obeying orders?
- 6 A. [9:43:45] Well, my response is already in my statement. I don't think there is
- 7 anything else that I can add on to that because what I know is what is in the
- 8 statement.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:02] You can move on.
- 10 MR GUMPERT: [9:44:03] Well, your Honour, the answer then isn't on the record.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:07] That is of course true, yes.
- 12 MR GUMPERT: [9:44:09] Let me --
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:10] That's the downside of it.
- 14 MR GUMPERT: [9:44:12] I'm sorry about that. Previously I was reading it out
- and that way it would be on the record, but --
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:18] That's of course correct what you say.
- 17 MR GUMPERT: [9:44:20]
- 18 Q. [9:44:21] Mr Witness, let me remind you of what you said and then you can, if
- 19 you have any further comment, anything else to say, tell us. You said:
- 20 "There were two types of problems. One, as a commander, if you go, the
- 21 Government forces will kill you, but also if you don't go and you don't fight, or you
- don't do as you are ordered, you could also be killed. So what a number of
- commanders started doing was trying finding ways to avoid ... get into problems.
- 24 So started ... pretending to be sick or ... such and such a thing not available, or this
- 25 you can't do this, all kinds of excuses started coming up."

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- 1 Would you give the same answer today? Is that right what you said?
- 2 A. [9:45:25] Yes. I know most times when somebody does not want to do
- 3 something, they make up excuses so that they do not go on mission, for example, they
- 4 pretend to be ill or, if they don't want to go, they make up their minds that, okay, I do
- 5 not really want to go, so if I pretend that I'm sick, then I would not suffer
- 6 consequences from that. So they would -- at the time, there was already a rule that if
- 7 you defect and go back to the government you won't be killed. So they were already
- 8 aware of it that if you defect and go back to the government you won't be killed.
- 9 And that's what I know.
- 10 Q. [9:46:18] Thank you. I've got a completely new topic now. I want to ask you
- 11 about LRA radio procedure.
- 12 Can you tell us when you left in August of 2004 how many radios there were in use in
- 13 the LRA, approximately? Nobody is asking you to the very exact number.
- 14 A. [9:46:52] Well, the radios at the time that I left there were a number of radios
- 15 that were being used, several different radios that were being used.
- 16 Q. [9:47:13] What kind of units would have radios?
- 17 A. [9:47:30] There were several units. There were also divisions. There were
- three separate divisions. All those divisions had radios. Brigades also had radios.
- 19 Q. [9:47:51] What about units below brigades, would they typically have radios
- 20 or not?
- 21 A. [9:48:07] Not usually, unless there is a specific mission that has been assigned
- 22 to that commander and if a mission is assigned to a particular commander, then the
- 23 person is given a radio. But once they complete their mission, they have to return
- 24 the radio.
- 25 Q. [9:48:35] At what times would radio communications take place?

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- 1 A. [9:48:52] Radio calls would depend on the scheduled times. So they
- 2 would -- they did not communicate every single time. It was only during the
- 3 scheduled times.
- 4 Q. [9:49:09] Can you tell us what the scheduled times were?
- 5 A. [9:49:19] Yeah. The radios would be turned on at 9, 1, 5 or 6 in the evening.
- 6 Q. [9:49:33] And how long typically would these communication periods last?
- 7 A. [9:49:51] There was no time set for the communications, so it would depend on
- 8 the length of the communication or it would depend on the circumstances at the time.
- 9 But there was no set time.
- 10 Q. [9:50:13] I want to ask you now about codes. Were there codes used to keep
- 11 communications confidential?
- 12 A. [9:50:35] Yes, there were codes that were used.
- 13 Q. [9:50:41] I'm going to ask the lady sitting next to you to turn to tab 16.
- 14 Do you recognize the handwriting on this document which is UGA-OTP-0262-0198?
- 15 A. [9:51:28] Yes, I do recognize the handwriting.
- 16 Q. [9:51:33] Whose is it?
- 17 A. [9:51:41] It is my handwriting. I'm the one who wrote that down.
- 18 Q. [9:51:47] Can you explain to us what you were demonstrating when you
- 19 created this document?
- 20 A. [9:52:07] I would like to know with regard to what in particular?
- 21 Q. [9:52:19] Well, we can all see the alphabet written out from A to Z and the
- 22 figures 0 to 9. And we can see the words at the top "TONFAS One Blue." Explain
- 23 to us why you wrote these letters next to each other and these numbers next to each
- 24 other. What were you trying to show to the person who reads it?
- 25 A. [9:52:54] Well, based on my understanding, I had been asked to explain how

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- they used TONFAS and that's why I wrote down the alphabetical letters. The
- 2 alphabetical letters are from A to Z. At the bottom you've got two letters and that's
- 3 how the -- how messages were designed so that the messages remained in code.
- 4 Q. [9:53:32] Mr Witness, my name is Ben and I was born on 27 February. I won't
- 5 tell you the year. If you wanted to send a radio message Ben 27 using this TONFAS,
- 6 what would you do? Explain to us.
- 7 A. [9:54:00] If I'm using TONFAS, I go where the figures are. Could you please
- 8 repeat your date of your birthday so that that would assist me.
- 9 Q. [9:54:22] 27.
- 10 A. [9:54:27] Okay. If I'm -- if you're using TONFAS, you go to the figures, and
- 11 you have figures and you've got yellow. You will not -- you won't actually say go to
- 12 the figures. You instruct the person to go to yellow. Look at the letter X and the
- 13 letter T.
- 14 Q. [9:54:56] So now we understand the number. What about if you want to give
- the name Ben, B-E-N, how do you do that? What instruction do you give?
- 16 A. [9:55:13] If you're using TONFAS relaying Ben's name, look at Lima Mike,
- 17 Foka (phon) Hotel and then Echo Delta.
- 18 Q. [9:55:37] We can probably move quite quickly. If you turn over the page,
- 19 we've got a similar document, but here it's TONFAS red rather than TONFAS blue
- 20 and figures green rather than figures yellow. Is this another example of a different
- 21 TONFAS code?
- 22 A. [9:56:09] Yes, but it does exactly the same thing, except that it's slightly
- 23 different from the previous TONFAS that we looked at.
- 24 Q. [9:56:23] Thank you, Witness. And turn the page again, I'm sorry I didn't
- 25 give the ERN for the last one, it was 262-0199. And now I'm asking you to look

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- 1 at 0262-0200 and we're on tab 18.
- 2 Can you explain to the Court in the same way how these nicknames and code words
- 3 would be used by the radio operators in the LRA?
- 4 A. [9:56:59] If you look at the nickname, the nicknames are usually related to the
- 5 TONFAS. So if you want to send a commander's name, you do not use that his
- 6 actual name. You use the nicknames, which are, if you look at the name "Joseph
- 7 Kony" which is to the right, they will use his nickname, which is "Radio," to the left.
- 8 Q. [9:57:50] And what about the code words down below, just explain that, give
- 9 us an example.
- 10 A. [9:58:03] The code words were also used, if for example a mission has been
- scheduled and the commander is supposed to go on mission, if the commander has
- 12 abducted girls and they have sent him to abduct girls, then the code word used to
- describe that would be "River Nile."
- 14 Q. [9:58:34] And just so we're clear, you wrote these three examples that we've
- 15 just looked at just to give examples, they're not actually codes which were in use; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. [9:58:51] Yes, that's correct.
- 18 Q. [9:58:54] Thank you. Now, explain to the Judges, please, how it was that the
- 19 person sending the message and the person receiving it would be able to understand?
- 20 How would they have access to the codes? What documents would they have?
- 21 A. [9:59:22] They would have similar documents. The same documents that I've
- designed, all the radio operators would have the same document so that when a
- 23 message is sent they use the same mode of communication.
- Q. [9:59:45] And how would these code documents be distributed to the radio

25 users?

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- 1 A. [10:00:00] On most occasions once a code has been designed, they would call
- 2 the signallers and the signallers would go and collect the designed codes and then
- 3 take them back to your assigned station or to your radio.
- 4 Q. [10:00:21] I want to ask you a bit about radio procedure now. A moment ago
- 5 when you talked about Dominic, you said he was also known as Tem Wek Ibong.
- 6 What is this Tem Wek Ibong? Can you explain to us?
- 7 A. [10:00:49] That is the name assigned or he probably came up with it that he
- 8 should be called Tem Wek Ibong. It is like a name, like in Acholi, it's a challenge that
- 9 if you can manage, come, touch and try.
- 10 Q. [10:01:17] Can you give us some examples of other commanders' names like
- 11 this?
- 12 A. [10:01:30] My question, a similar kind of name, are you asking about a similar
- 13 kind of name?
- 14 Q. [10:01:44] Yes. Let's try and achieve some precision. Was there a technical
- word which radio operators used for this kind of name, the sort of Tem Wek Ibong
- 16 name? Was there a technical term you used for this kind of name?
- 17 A. [10:02:11] No. It is not there.
- 18 Q. [10:02:17] All right. I'll move on. I'm going to name some commanders and
- 19 I'm going to ask you to give us their radio name. Joseph Kony.
- 20 A. [10:02:33] On radio Joseph Kony was called Layom Cwiny.
- 21 Q. [10:02:50] I'm going to spell that out for the ease of the transcribers. Correct
- 22 me if I'm wrong. L-A-Y-O-M C-W-I-N-Y. Is that right?
- 23 A. [10:03:12] Yes, that is correct.
- 24 Q. [10:03:20] Do you remember any other radio name which Joseph Kony used?
- 25 A. [10:03:36] There were other names, like Otti Vincent was known as Wat Pa

- 1 Dano.
- 2 Q. [10:03:47] What about Raska Lukwiya?
- 3 A. [10:03:58] Raska Lukwiya was known as Keto Keto.
- 4 Q. [10:04:05] Just focus on Raska. Apart from Keto Keto, do you remember any
- 5 other radio name?
- 6 A. [10:04:28] I request to be reminded. I have forgotten so many things that
- 7 happened in the past. When I see a particular statement, I can remember exactly.
- 8 Q. [10:04:42] It's all right, Mr Witness. I'm not going to press you.
- 9 One last commander I'm going to ask you about and that is Okot Odhiambo, what
- 10 was his radio name?
- 11 A. [10:05:17] I'm sorry, I've forgotten that name.
- 12 Q. [10:05:21] Now, I'll leave that too.
- 13 Now, Mr Witness, I want you to think back to a time when Joseph Kony was ordering
- 14 an attack in the way you've described over the radio. Would he speak in clear terms,
- 15 would he use ordinary Acholi words or would he use other words?
- 16 A. [10:05:58] No, it's not spoken in plain Acholi. It's spoken in a language that
- 17 they understand.
- 18 Q. [10:06:09] Can you give us an example, if Kony was ordering an attack, what
- 19 sort of words would he use to disguise what he is saying?
- 20 A. [10:06:28] I request to you repeat for me the question so that I can answer it
- 21 clearly.
- 22 Q. [10:06:54] Yes. I'm not asking you to remember any particular event. I'm
- 23 asking you to give an example so that the Court can understand the kind of language
- 24 that Kony would use rather than speaking in ordinary Acholi, so that the Court can
- 25 understand how he would disguise what he was saying.

- 1 A. [10:07:35] I cannot recall that now.
- 2 Q. [10:07:37] Now, Mr Witness, you misunderstand me, I'm not asking you to
- 3 remember any particular thing. I'm asking you to help the Court by giving an
- 4 example, think of the sort of way that Joseph Kony would speak in a disguised way,
- 5 so that the Court can understand. Like you gave examples of the codes, they weren't
- 6 real codes, they helped us to understand the way things worked. I'm asking you to
- 7 do the same thing again.
- 8 A. [10:08:13] Now it's clearer. If we are talking about TONFAS and codes, if
- 9 Kony wants to give directives to a commander, he would use the TONFAS, and he
- would select where the commander has to identify from the TONFAS and he sends
- 11 his message. He doesn't send a message plainly. He uses the TONFAS so that the
- 12 commander will interpret and say that I have been given directives to go and attack
- 13 such and such a place.
- 14 Q. [10:09:12] Just two more questions about the way the LRA communicated.
- 15 Firstly, when there was interference on a particular frequency, what would the LRA
- do to make sure that communications got through?
- 17 A. [10:09:46] Many times if the radio is unclear, they can wait for another time
- when the radio is clearer, then they will switch on the radio and send a message.
- 19 Q. [10:10:05] Can I ask you to concentrate on frequencies. How many radio
- 20 frequencies were used by the LRA?
- 21 A. [10:10:27] There were many frequencies used by the LRA. What I -- what
- 22 they used, I cannot recall everything, but I can confirm that there were many
- 23 frequencies.
- Q. [10:10:43] And if they wanted to change frequency, how would they
- 25 communicate this?

- 1 A. [10:10:53] Many times when the LRA want to change their frequency they
- 2 have a particular way of communicating that let us move to this location. They don't
- 3 say the frequency directly.
- 4 Q. [10:11:31] Thank you. Last question about communications, and I'm not
- 5 asking you about the radio now. Apart from the radio, were there any LRA
- 6 commanders who would use different means of communication?
- 7 A. [10:12:06] The other ways -- radio was the only way of communicating, but
- 8 there were smaller radios known as walkie-talkies. It is only used for a short-range
- 9 communication. It really depends on the distance between the communicating
- 10 parties.
- 11 Q. [10:12:31] And if senior commanders of the LRA wanted to communicate with
- 12 the outside world, what means would they use?
- 13 A. [10:12:49] Outside world, I'm not understanding "outside world." Are you
- talking about a different country or what?
- 15 Q. [10:13:05] No. I mean a person who isn't part of the LRA. Let's suppose a
- 16 commander wanted to make a phone call -- sorry, wanted to communicate with a
- 17 Ugandan politician or a local administrator, how would they do that?
- 18 A. [10:13:38] Most times they used a telephone, a mobile telephone or they can
- 19 use hand delivery, like people, a messenger who can be used to send a message.
- 20 Q. [10:14:02] To your knowledge, which commanders had mobile phones?
- 21 A. [10:14:19] If I recall well, the person who had a telephone was Otti Vincent.
- 22 Q. [10:14:31] And what would he use it to do?
- 23 A. [10:14:41] That phone was mainly used for communicating with people with
- 24 whom they have programmes, like to meet, for instance, to meet religious leaders, or
- 25 if they have a programme to have a meeting with someone, they would use the

- 1 mobile phone.
- 2 Q. [10:15:10] Something new now, Mr Witness. What do the words, forgive my
- 3 pronunciation, "Dwog Paco" mean to you?
- 4 A. [10:15:38] The word "Dwog Paco" was an appeal to those who were still in the
- 5 bush to abandon rebellion and return home or to desert the LRA and come back to the
- 6 government.
- 7 Q. [10:16:00] And how was this appeal transmitted, how was it sent out?
- 8 A. [10:16:14] They would use the FM radio which was in Gulu. It is called Mega
- 9 FM.
- 10 Q. [10:16:26] What kind of people would speak on the Dwog Paco radio
- 11 programme?
- 12 A. [10:16:46] Many times the people who escaped from the bush and have
- already returned home had taken to the FM radio to appeal to those who were still in
- 14 the bush to come back home.
- 15 Q. [10:17:04] Thank you. Yesterday when you were speaking about LRA units,
- 16 you mentioned the Sinia brigade. Do you remember that?
- 17 A. [10:17:23] Yes, I do remember mentioning Sinia brigade.
- 18 Q. [10:17:29] When you came out of the bush in August 2004, who was the
- 19 commander of the Sinia brigade?
- 20 A. [10:17:50] The Sinia brigade commander at the time was Dominic Ongwen.
- 21 Q. [10:17:58] Can you tell the Court how long Ongwen had been the commander
- 22 of that brigade?
- 23 A. [10:18:18] He was commander for long, but not very long, because there were
- changes all the time. I do not recall exactly the period he was commander of that
- 25 brigade.

- 1 Q. [10:18:34] Fair enough. Can you tell us who was the commander before
- 2 Ongwen, the one immediately before him?
- 3 A. [10:18:44] I do not recall. Unless it was in my statement, if I see the statement
- 4 I can recall, because when I look at the time I wrote the statement, it's been long and
- 5 so many things have happened along the way and I have forgotten them.
- 6 MR GUMPERT: [10:19:25] Your Honour, on this occasion I am going to ask to
- 7 refresh on just that single point. It's tab 6, the starting ERN is UGA-OTP-0218-0544,
- 8 and the page that I'm going to refer to has the last four digits 0553. And for the
- 9 English I'm going to read line 291 and some of the lines beneath it. The equivalent
- 10 Acholi obviously perhaps is line 290.
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:20:35] Sorry, is it public or confidential on that page?
- 12 MR GUMPERT: [10:20:40] It's confidential.
- 13 Q. [10:20:49] You said, "Abudema was moved to Division Command." And
- then lower at line 300, "That took place after the death of Tabuley." And then
- line 303, "So the brigade commander of Sinia is not Abudema but ..." and then line 305
- 16 "... Ongwen."
- 17 Does that refresh your memory about who was the commander of Sinia before
- 18 Ongwen?
- 19 A. [10:21:44] I do not recall well, but it could be Ocan Bunia. I'm not
- 20 remembering properly. It should be Ocan Bunia.
- 21 Q. [10:22:05] Tell us about this person Abudema then that you mentioned in this
- 22 interview.
- 23 A. [10:22:36] I don't know how I should talk about Abudema. What exactly
- 24 should I say about Abudema?
- 25 Q. [10:22:44] Let me be precise. You told the interviewers that Abudema moved

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1 to division command. Where was Abudema stationed before he moved to division

- 2 command?
- 3 A. [10:23:19] Before being moved to division command, Abudema --
- 4 Q. [10:23:57] I wonder if you could repeat, Mr Witness. Tantalisingly the
- 5 answer stopped midway through.
- 6 A. [10:24:10] I want to ask are you still asking about number 290?
- 7 Q. [10:24:24] No. Forget the page. Close the book.
- 8 You mentioned a commander called Abudema and that he moved to command the
- 9 division. My question is this: What command did Abudema hold before he moved
- 10 to command the division?
- 11 A. [10:24:47] He was in Sinia.
- 12 Q. [10:25:00] And what position did he hold in Sinia?
- 13 A. [10:25:18] His position was he was the commander of Sinia brigade.
- 14 Q. [10:25:24] Thank you. Now I want to ask about subordinate commanders in
- 15 the Sinia brigade, battalion commanders. At the time that you left the bush, can you
- 16 remember who was the commander of the first battalion of Sinia brigade?
- 17 A. [10:26:01] I do not recall, but if my memory doesn't fail me, it must have been
- 18 Ocan Bunia. But I don't recall well.
- 19 MR GUMPERT: [10:26:18] Your Honours, I'm going to ask about three positions
- about which the witness gave precise answers when he was interviewed 13 years ago.
- 21 I'm going to seek to refresh his memory on that matter.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:26:29] Yes.
- 23 MR GUMPERT: [10:26:31] Could we turn please to tab number 6, which is
- 24 UGA-OTP-0218-0544.
- Q. [10:26:50] And I'm going to ask you to look at page 0548 and I'm going to go

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- 1 you to look at line 143, where you start talking about Sinia. At line 146 you said "1st
- 2 Battalion Ocan Labongo."
- 3 Does that remind you of who the commander of the first battalion was?
- 4 A. [10:27:41] Now that I have seen the statement, I do recall.
- 5 Q. [10:27:46] And the second battalion you named the commander, this is over
- 6 the page, 0549, as Ben Acellam. Was that correct?
- 7 A. [10:28:09] Yes, that is correct.
- 8 Q. [10:28:12] And lastly, the third battalion you named the commander as Loum
- 9 Isaiah. Was that correct?
- 10 A. [10:28:27] Yes, I remembered all of them.
- 11 Q. [10:28:32] Now, I want you to concentrate on Dominic Ongwen's use of the
- 12 radio when he was the commander of Sinia brigade. Can you remember him using
- 13 the radio at that time?
- 14 A. [10:29:07] At that time Ongwen was using the radio.
- 15 Q. [10:29:13] How would he behave on the radio? How would he speak on the
- 16 radio? Can you explain?
- 17 A. [10:29:34] He speaks the way other people speak on radio. It depends on the
- mission which he has been sent for, he can change the manner of speech while on
- 19 radio.
- 20 Q. [10:29:52] Can you yourself remember an occasion when he spoke on the radio
- 21 after a mission?
- 22 A. [10:30:17] I do not recall, unless I am reminded what he was talking about
- which I've either written in a statement.
- Q. [10:30:27] Well, we may do that, but with respect, Mr Witness, I'm going to ask
- 25 you to try and think back really hard, think back, can you recall Dominic Ongwen

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- 1 talking on the radio that you heard when you were in the bush?
- 2 A. [10:30:59] Yes, I may recall some of the things that he was saying over the
- 3 radio while I was in the bush. He was reporting on missions that he had gone to and
- 4 explaining the -- explaining what he had done.
- 5 Q. [10:31:20] Can you remember the location, the place where any of these
- 6 missions occurred where you heard him talking on the radio?
- 7 A. [10:31:41] Yeah, I can recall some places where he was, when he went to Odek.
- 8 Q. [10:31:58] Very good. Anywhere apart from Odek?
- 9 A. [10:32:17] Could you please refresh my memory, if there is anything or if I've
- 10 written this down somewhere?
- 11 MR GUMPERT: [10:32:26] Your Honour, may I take him to one particular line?
- 12 This is tab number 7. The ERN is UGA-OTP-0218-0571. And the page that I want
- to refer to is 0586 and the line number for the witness is 526 and for us in English
- 14 is 528.
- 15 Q. [10:33:13] Talking about radio broadcasts you said, "The last one I heard was
- when Dominic Ongwen attacked Lukole" and then a little bit further down "I can't
- 17 remember the date." Does that remind you of a radio transmission which you heard
- 18 Dominic Ongwen make?
- 19 A. [10:33:43] Yes, I heard something to that effect over the radio, because when
- you're on the radio, you do hear all sorts of communication over it.
- 21 Q. [10:33:59] Mr Witness, in a moment I'm going to play you some sound
- 22 recordings, but just before we get to that point, still remembering back to when you
- 23 were in the bush, can you remember how Kony or Otti or other senior commanders
- 24 reacted when Dominic Ongwen made these reports about missions, say, at Lukole or

25 Odek?

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- 1 A. [10:34:40] If you -- if you play that, if you play the recordings, then I will tell
- 2 you who is -- who is speaking and I will be able to explain what is happening and
- 3 what was done.
- 4 Q. [10:34:54] Mr Witness, I'll do that in a moment, but please, just for this one
- 5 question, I'm asking you to try and remember back, before we hear anything, can you
- 6 remember how Kony and Otti would react to Dominic Ongwen's reports of attacks?
- 7 A. [10:35:25] On most occasions they were happy because he would have gone
- 8 and implemented an order that they had issued.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:35:41] I think you should move on.
- 10 MR GUMPERT: [10:35:44] I intend to, your Honour. Yes, I shall.
- 11 There are eight sound recordings which I intend to play. They are fairly brief, I think
- the longest is six minutes.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:35:59] Of course when you, yourself, bring
- into play minutes and time, I want to use the opportunity to ask you do you have an
- 15 estimate how long the examination is going to last of this witness, your examination?
- 16 MR GUMPERT: [10:36:19] Judging from how matters went previously when
- 17 recordings were played, I think between an hour and an hour and a half.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:36:29] Please continue.
- 19 MR GUMPERT: [10:36:31] I'm grateful.
- 20 MR TAKU: [10:36:32] Your Honours, I want to also take the opportunity to inform
- 21 the Court that we apply to add two items to our binder. We sent an email this
- 22 morning. And during the cross-examination we will use these items. It's fairly
- 23 easy, it's material that had already come before the Court in one form or another. So
- 24 we will send an email to that effect. So I want to let parties know, your Honour.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:37:01] I think this will not be an issue that will

- 1 be disputed.
- 2 MR TAKU: [10:37:06] Thank you, your Honour.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:37:08] Please, Mr Gumpert.
- 4 MR GUMPERT: [10:37:09] I'm sorry, I was distracted, I'm not quite sure what the
- 5 issue is. But I'll take it that your Honour is right, that it won't be disputed and I'll
- 6 move on.
- 7 I'm going to ask now that the first sound recording be played. It will follow the
- 8 same pattern. On our screens but not the witness's will appear the transcript. We'll
- 9 all hear the spoken Acholi.
- 10 Q. [10:37:32] Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you to listen carefully to this sound
- 11 recording, and when it's finished I'm going to ask you who was speaking and
- 12 generally what they were talking about.
- 13 I'm reminded that you might want to have a pen and paper in case you want to take
- 14 notes.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:37:58] So please, Mr Court Usher, please give
- 16 him pen and paper.
- 17 MR GUMPERT: [10:38:05] So this is sound recording UGA-OTP-0235-0038. And
- 18 the video is one which can be played in public, can appear on the public screens.
- 19 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 20 MR GUMPERT: [10:40:39]
- 21 Q. [10:40:44] Did you recognize any of the voices we heard speaking, and if you
- 22 did, tell us who they were?
- 23 A. [10:40:57] Well, the voices I recognize, there is Ocen. There's somebody whose
- voice I did not recognize who was coming on air and Ocen asked the person, "Oh, I
- do not get you."

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- 1 And then later on somebody mentioned Madilu's name. I do not actually recognize
- 2 that person's voice either.
- 3 Kony then came on air. Dominic came on air. And Dominic said, "Oh, I've just
- 4 come back from mission."
- 5 And they asked him, "Where have you been?"
- 6 He responded, "I've been on mission to Odek."
- 7 And Kony said, "Oh, that's it." So when Kony said, "Oh, that's it," he asked -- Kony
- 8 asked, "Odek centre?"
- 9 And Dominic responded, "Both the centre and the barracks."
- 10 Kony asked, "Have you killed -- have you killed everybody? Did you eradicate
- 11 everybody?"
- 12 And Kony said -- Dominic said, "Completely."
- 13 Kony asked, "Is there firewood?" referring to guns.
- 14 Dominic responded, "Yeah, we do have -- there is firewood." And Dominic said,
- 15 "Okay, I have to keep on moving because the soldiers are still coming. There's going
- to be a division among the soldiers and I'll inform you later of the -- when we connect
- 17 up later."
- 18 And that's my understanding of the conversation.
- 19 Q. [10:43:01] Thank you. I'm going to ask that you be referred to tab 21, that's
- 20 UGA-OTP-0262-0298, and the page I'm starting at is 0336. The timestamps of the
- 21 recording that we have just heard are from 00.05.44 to 00.07.40.
- 22 Mr Witness, in the left-hand side of this page, on the left-hand side of this page we see
- 23 some handwritten initials. Who wrote those initials?
- 24 A. [10:44:11] The handwritten, the handwriting, the handwritten annotations,
- 25 that's my handwriting. I'm the one who wrote that down.

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- 1 Q. [10:44:21] And I want to ask you about three of those initials. OCE, what
- 2 does that stand for? Who does that indicate?
- 3 A. [10:44:37] OCE is Ocen abbreviated.
- 4 Q. [10:44:53] JK?
- 5 A. [10:44:57] That refers to Joseph Kony.
- 6 Q. [10:45:08] And DO?
- 7 A. [10:45:11] That refers to Dominic.
- 8 Q. [10:45:14] And do we understand correctly that you've put these initials in the
- 9 margin to indicate who is speaking?
- 10 A. [10:45:29] Exactly.
- 11 Q. [10:45:30] You've made just a few changes and I'm going to go to those. Can
- 12 you turn over the page to 0337 and line 748. Can you see that line? You made a
- 13 change there to the original transcript. Can you read out what you actually heard?
- 14 A. [10:46:06] Can you please repeat the number?
- 15 Q. [10:46:08] Sure. It's line 748. That's on the right-hand side. And it's
- passage of speech which begins with the word "Iyweyo."
- 17 A. [10:46:32] Yes, I'm at that line.
- 18 Q. [10:46:35] Sorry, I'm probably not being very clear. You changed the original
- 19 transcript just a little bit, a couple of words. I'd like you to read to us what you think
- was actually said at that moment, please.
- 21 A. [10:47:00] 748 reads like this: "You've cleaned the backsides of my mother, all
- of them, right?" That's it.
- 23 Q. [10:47:11] And what did the speaker mean when they said "you've cleaned the
- 24 backside of my mother"?
- 25 A. [10:47:25] Well, my understanding, according to LRA language, have you

- 1 eradicated everybody?
- 2 Q. [10:47:37] Thank you. Down at the bottom of that same page, 0337, you've
- 3 made another small change. It's in line 765. Can you read out the words that you
- 4 believe were spoken by Joseph Kony?
- 5 A. [10:48:08] He's asking, "Is there firewood?"
- 6 Q. [10:48:12] And what does "firewood" mean in that context?
- 7 A. [10:48:22] According to LRA speak, he's asking whether Dominic recovered or
- 8 seized guns during his mission?
- 9 Q. [10:48:37] Last question for this sound recording. Line 772, you've crossed
- out the word "unintelligible" and you've written in the words "Lanyata lanyata."
- 11 Can you read to us what you believe was said by Dominic Ongwen there?
- 12 A. [10:49:06] I crossed that out because Dominic said, "Because faya is still
- behaving lanyata lanyata," but to my understanding this means that he wants to split
- 14 up his army into small groups. Lanyata is something that is used to feed fish. So
- when you're using it for fishing, you cut it into small bits. So the term was used to
- split up his men into smaller groups.
- 17 Q. [10:49:54] Thank you. Could we close the binder for a moment, because I'm
- 18 going to be asked that you be played another sound recording now. It's from the
- same parent sound recording, 0235-0038, but we're starting now at timestamp
- 20 00.23.32.
- 21 Apologies. Giving wrong directions, getting muddled. In fact, although it is the
- same parent ERN, the starting timestamp is 00.20.35. That's what will be displayed
- 23 on your Honour's screens.
- 24 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 25 MR GUMPERT: [10:52:26]

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- 1 Q. [10:52:29] Whose voices did you hear and what were they talking about?
- 2 A. [10:52:42] Well, the ones I recognized, Kony's signaller, he contacted Otti
- 3 Vincent, and during the conversation Otti asked Kony's signaller that "Has Tem Wek
- 4 Ibong come back on air?" and the signaller responds, "No, not yet."
- 5 Q. [10:53:13] And now I'd ask that you be shown the same tab, 21, with ERN
- 6 0262-0298 and turn to page 0353. Whose handwriting is it on the left-hand side of
- 7 the page, Mr Witness?
- 8 A. [10:54:04] That's my handwriting.
- 9 Q. [10:54:05] You've already explained to us what the initials OT and DO mean,
- but there's a new one here, LBP, what does that stand for?
- 11 A. [10:54:23] It stands for Labalpiny.
- 12 Q. [10:54:31] And who was Labalpiny?
- 13 A. [10:54:38] It was Kony's signaller.
- Q. [10:54:42] Just one thing I ask you to explain from this sound recording, it's at
- 15 line 1117. What do you understand Vincent Otti to be saying there?
- 16 A. [10:55:12] Otti Vincent was asking if Dominic was on air or if he had sent the
- 17 message or whatever it is that he had said he would send earlier.
- 18 Q. [10:55:34] Thank you. The concluding timestamp for that little clip was
- 19 00.22.00 for the record.
- 20 The next clip is six and a half minutes, and there is some questioning, so it may be the
- 21 break is indicated.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:55:53] Indeed. We have the break until 11.30.
- 23 THE COURT USHER: [10:55:58] All rise.
- 24 (Recess taken at 10.56 a.m.)
- 25 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.31 a.m.)

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- 1 THE COURT USHER: [11:31:12] All rise.
- 2 Please be seated.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:31:32] Mr Gumpert.
- 4 MR GUMPERT: [11:31:40] The next sound recording is still from the same parent
- 5 ERN, 0262-0298, and it begins at timestamp 00.23.32 and concludes at timestamp
- 6 00.30.00. And we're going to play that now.
- 7 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 8 MR GUMPERT: [11:38:49]
- 9 Q. [11:38:50] Whose voices did you recognize speaking in that sound recording?
- 10 A. [11:39:04] The voices that I recognized in the recording include that of
- 11 Otti Vincent. When they met he was talking to Dominic and Dominic was reporting
- the outcome of his mission in Odek and outlining the weapons which he recovered
- 13 from Odek during the Odek attack. Among them is a gun called PK. There was
- one PK and its chain of ammunition with 200 bullets, the four of them. There was
- one RPG pipe with its ammunition. There were two LMG guns. There were five
- 16 SMG guns and 30 full magazines of ammunition. There was also ammunition of a
- 17 mortar known as 60-millimetre mortar. There were five bombs. He also outlined
- 18 10 uniforms, 10 gumboots, and then a bag, a back bag known as peg were also 15.
- 19 And then enemy casualties, that's the government troops, were nine. And he also
- 20 said many civilians lost their lives. He did not give the number of the civilian
- 21 casualties.
- That's what I heard.
- 23 MR GUMPERT: [11:41:10] Could the witness be shown please tab number 21.
- 24 The ERN for that tab is 0262-0298 and the page I'd ask that he be shown is 0355.
- 25 Is that your handwriting with the initials in the left-hand margin?

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- 2 Q. [11:42:03] Indicating by the use of initials, for example, "DO",
- 3 Dominic Ongwen, who you believe to be speaking; correct?

Yes, it is.

- 4 A. [11:42:18] Yes, indeed.
- 5 Q. [11:42:19] Just one or two lines where you've made some changes. Could you
- 6 turn to page 0357, line 1219. You crossed out the word "unintelligible" and wrote
- 7 something else in. Could you read to us what you believe was said at that stage?
- 8 A. [11:42:57] This is how it reads: 200 -- "that four PK." But it says "the PK with
- 9 200 ammunition, 200 rounds of ammunition."
- 10 Q. [11:43:21] So this is the gun you were talking about earlier, the PK gun, yes?
- 11 A. [11:43:33] The PK that they talked about that was recovered also has a chain of
- 12 bullets. Each chain has 200 rounds of ammunition. There were four chains that
- 13 were recovered.
- 14 Q. [11:43:50] And three other points at which you have heard what was
- previously "unintelligible," the first is line 1235. What was the heard you heard
- 16 there?
- 17 A. [11:44:21] There they're talking about gumboots.
- 18 Q. [11:44:27] Line 1246, what did you hear which was previously unintelligible?
- 19 A. [11:44:43] That place was "unintelligible," it was "peg" or a back bag.
- 20 Q. [11:44:51] And lastly, line 1286, what did you hear there?
- 21 A. [11:45:10] There he said "60-millimetre bomb," the 60-millimetre bomb.
- 22 Q. [11:45:20] Thank you, Mr Witness. We're done with that recording.
- 23 I gave the wrong ERN, my apologies for that. The sound recording we've just been
- listening to is part of 0238-0038.
- 25 The next sound recording I want to play is from UGA-OTP-0235-0015, and the

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- 1 timestamp starting is 01.32 and it finishes at 06.12.
- 2 We'll listen to this now, please, Mr Witness.
- 3 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 4 MR GUMPERT: [11:51:00]
- 5 Q. [11:51:00] Mr Witness, whose voices did you recognize and what were they
- 6 talking about?
- 7 A. [11:51:15] What I understood, I -- I recognized the voice of Dominic who was
- 8 talking about diamond, and then Kony asked if the diamond -- what the diamond
- 9 was like. And Dominic answered that it was grade A. And then Kony asked him
- 10 to take care of it, to ensure it's well kept, it should not be given to the foot soldiers, but
- 11 to an officer who should keep it. And then Kony said that it seems the diamond is
- 12 from Congo. So he asked that what rank the person who found the diamond was
- and Dominic reported that the person who found the diamond was a second
- lieutenant, which means he was the second in command of the commander who led
- 15 the attack. And then Kony asked for his name and Dominic said he was called Okot
- 16 Martin.
- 17 Later, Dominic said that the diamond should be sent to Kweri, Kweri in the LRA
- referred to Otti Vincent, that means it was supposed to be sent to Otti Vincent.
- 19 That's what I understood.
- 20 Q. [11:52:58] Thank you, Mr Witness. I'm going to ask that you be shown the
- 21 transcript which is at tab 19, the ERN is 0262-0205. And if we could go to page 0207.
- Have you adopted the same procedure here by writing down the initials, like DO for
- 23 Dominic Ongwen, of the people you believe are speaking in the left-hand margin?
- 24 A. [11:53:53] Can you repeat your question?
- 25 Q. [11:53:55] Yes. I'm looking at the left-hand margin of page 0207 and once

- 1 again, we can see somebody has written, in hand, initials against each voice.
- 2 A. [11:54:20] Yes. I've seen the handwriting. It's my handwriting.
- 3 Q. [11:54:25] And the initials indicate who is speaking, yes?
- 4 A. [11:54:30] Yes, it does.
- 5 Q. [11:54:32] Focus on lines 28 and 29 on that page, if you would. As I
- 6 understand it you're saying the speakers are Dominic Ongwen and Labalpiny. You
- 7 crossed out the word "Simon." What was actually said?
- 8 A. [11:55:01] I crossed out "Simon" because they were talking about "diamond."
- 9 Q. [11:55:11] Thank you.
- 10 Would you go to line 60. You've made a correction here. I'd like you to read out
- 11 what you believe was said and also to explain to the Court what the meaning is
- 12 behind the words.
- 13 A. [11:55:46] Number 60 says that "I said do not -- do not give any of the foot
- soldiers to hold it, put in an officer's bag, over."
- 15 This means that he should -- it should not be given to a soldier of a lower rank, it
- should be given to an officer with a higher rank to keep -- to keep it.
- 17 Q. [11:56:26] Can you go to line 87. You've made a correction there. What was
- 18 actually said?
- 19 A. [11:56:41] There Otti was calling Tem Wek Ibong, but it wasn't written well, so
- 20 I corrected Ibong, so the full statement is Tem Wek Ibong.
- 21 Q. [11:56:58] And lastly, could you go to line 108. You've made a correction
- 22 there. Tell us what you believe is said and what it means.
- 23 A. [11:57:22] Joseph Kony was telling Dominic that it should be taken, that thing
- 24 should be taken to "Kweri, it shouldn't stay with him," that means it should be sent to
- 25 Otti Vincent, the diamond should be sent to Otti Vincent.

- 1 Q. [11:57:39] Thank you, that's all I have for that tab. So if we could close the
- 2 binder.
- 3 And I'm going to play you now, Mr Witness, another sound recording. The ERN is
- 4 0239-0123. And I'm going to ask you be played a passage that lasts just over a
- 5 minute from the timestamp 00.23.31 to 00.24.54.
- 6 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 7 MR GUMPERT: [11:59:56]
- 8 Q. [11:59:57] Whose voices could you hear and what were they talking about?
- 9 A. [12:00:05] I heard Otti. Dominic was on air, Dominic came on air. And they
- 10 asked, "Who attacked Lukodi?"
- 11 There's a place that is not very clear. Dominic was speaking, but you could not
- 12 actually hear what he was saying.
- 13 Dominic -- Otti then said, "I heard they burnt about a hundred houses."
- 14 Q. [12:00:53] Mr Witness, I'm going to ask that you be shown tab 20, which has
- the ERN 0262-0235. And I'm going to ask that you be shown page 0288, which may
- be hard to identify because the page number has been covered over by a redaction.
- But page 0287, the preceding page is clearly legible. Is starts the relevant page with a
- 18 timestamp 22.51.
- 19 Mr Witness, in the left-hand margin we can see some handwritten initials. Who
- wrote those?
- 21 A. [12:02:23] I did.
- 22 Q. [12:02:27] I want you to concentrate, if you would, on the passage of five or six
- 23 lines which begins at timestamp 23.42. Can you see that?
- 24 A. [12:02:51] Yes, I can.
- 25 Q. [12:02:54] Who was speaking and what did they say?

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- 1 MR TAKU: [12:03:12] Your Honour, I think my colleague has to rephrase the
- 2 question. The witness has listened to the audio and has given you a specific answer.
- 3 And my colleague is showing him this, he has recognized his initial. I think he
- 4 should rephrase the question not to ask in this, in this particular way.
- 5 We note that he's giving answers, he listened some times ago and took a particular
- 6 position which may be here, we do not know whether he's wrong, what recorded here
- 7 or not, we do not know. But he has given a clear answer, and if my colleague is
- 8 going to show him this, maybe they showed him this at that point in time and he
- 9 initialled it. There is no question who is speaking here. That cannot be the
- 10 question. He should rephrase the question about the material that was shown to
- 11 him, and he look at it and why he initialled it.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:04:02] So where are we exactly so that we have
- 13 a look at it? Line, which line are we, Mr Gumpert?
- 14 MR GUMPERT: [12:04:10] It's line -- well, this transcript doesn't have line
- 15 numbers.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: Yes.
- 17 MR GUMPERT: But it does have timestamps, so we're nearly as well equipped.
- 18 And on this page, in the right-hand column one sees the timestamp 23.42. My
- 19 understanding of the witness's evidence is that this is a transcript which he has seen
- and marked before in exactly the same way as he has done with other transcripts.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:04:40] Yes.
- 22 MR GUMPERT: [12:04:41] And I am asking him in the light of this, who was
- 23 speaking and what they were saying.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:04:46] I think there is no problem in it
- 25 because -- because, Mr Taku, we have, like we had it many times before, handwritten

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1 abbreviations so to speak of the person. And if it is clarified with the witness that he

- 2 was the one who did it, then you may ask him what this abbreviation means.
- 3 MR TAKU: [12:05:10] Your Honour, with due respect, your Honour, the others
- 4 previously were able to say that, look, to give some background to say that, look,
- 5 these documents were given to us, we did not -- we are not the authors of these
- 6 documents. And therefore it was shown to us for this particular purpose. That
- 7 evidence has not been decided. He's been shown this to say -- to ask a direct
- 8 question exactly if that were correct. That's what's -- I mean it goes now to the
- 9 truthfulness of what might be here, but which may conflict with what -- the
- demonstration that have taken place in your presence and what the answer he has
- 11 given.
- 12 So that foundation may be laid first. We don't know yet. Maybe he did this, maybe
- 13 this is what he wrote. We do not know exactly yet. That's my concern.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:06:04] No, but as I said, we have first to verify,
- 15 to clarify who has made this handwritten abbreviation, and then it would follow the
- procedure we had a couple of times already, and then you can ask what this means,
- 17 which person is, so to speak, meant by this abbreviation.
- But of course, Mr Taku, it's correct that we have to clarify with the witness if this is his
- 19 handwriting and if he is the author of that.
- 20 Please continue.
- 21 MR GUMPERT: [12:06:36] I'm sorry if I've taken that too shortly. I had thought
- that it was understood, but if it's not.
- 23 Q. [12:06:44] Mr Witness, have you seen this document before?
- 24 A. [12:06:59] Yes, I've seen this document before.
- 25 Q. [12:07:01] Who showed it to you?

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1 A. [12:07:11] To my recollection, the document was shown to me when I met the

- 2 team from the ICC.
- 3 Q. [12:07:23] Were you played a sound recording when you looked at this
- 4 document?
- 5 A. [12:07:46] Yes, I listened to a sound recording.
- 6 Q. [12:07:48] And having listened to the sound recording, was it you who made
- 7 the annotations, the initials in the left-hand margin?
- 8 A. [12:08:09] Yes, the handwriting on the left-hand side, the initials, that's my
- 9 handwriting to indicate the speaker.
- 10 Q. [12:08:17] If there was anything wrong in the document, any wrong
- 11 transcription, what did you do?
- 12 A. [12:08:35] If there's something wrong in the document I would correct it so
- 13 that it relates to the whole document. And that depends on what I've heard on the
- 14 recording.
- 15 Q. [12:08:51] Thank you. That's very clear.
- Now, I'm going to go back to ask you about those four lines that I was asking you
- about a moment ago, so we're on page 0287 and we're at the timestamp 23.42. Can
- 18 you see that line, V32 it says and timestamp 23.42. Perhaps it can be pointed out to
- 19 you.
- 20 A. [12:09:24] Yes, I'm looking at it.
- 21 Q. [12:09:26] Who was speaking there and what did they say?
- 22 MR TAKU: [12:09:35] Your Honour, I'm afraid I have to stand again. He has said
- 23 the people who spoke there, what did they say? He repeated when he heard exactly
- 24 when he demonstrated before your Honours what you heard now. Now, he has also
- 25 said the people who -- you can ask that who were the people involved in this

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1 (inaudible)? Who -- what did they say? It's on the paper here before. You look at

- 2 this version and you look at the answer he has given today when he was
- demonstrated and you make a determination. But he says, well, what do they say?
- 4 He's just going to read what is on paper. That wouldn't be his answer.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:10:13] You could say it is called sort of
- 6 repetitive because it has already been said. But I think we can do it for these four
- 7 lines, we can do the exercise, please, and then we really are mindful of being not too
- 8 repetitive. Also with regard to perhaps future witnesses that might come and are
- 9 going to be played perhaps similar or the same intercepts, but this is only
- 10 foreshadowing future witnesses. I'm not exact, I don't know of course exactly what
- 11 you envision to do with further witnesses of the Prosecution.
- 12 MR GUMPERT: [12:10:54] There's I think I'm right in saying one more witness to
- come of this nature. The remark -- I'll keep this very brief, now is not the time -- but
- 14 the material of course is repetitive, it's the same material. The Prosecution's case is
- 15 that there are different witnesses who are making remarks which may or may not
- 16 coincide, and that is an important part of the Prosecution case.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:11:24] It was only a remark by the Presiding
- Is Judge so also to keep you a little bit attentive to the fact that too much repetition is not
- 19 perhaps necessary, not more, not less. Please continue.
- 20 MR GUMPERT: [12:11:40] I shall.
- 21 Q. [12:11:42] So, Mr Witness, we're back to timestamp 23.42, which I think you
- 22 had identified a moment ago. Who is speaking and what are they saying?
- 23 A. [12:12:04] Well, I heard what they said and who was speaking.
- 24 Q. [12:12:10] Tell us.
- 25 A. [12:12:21] Well, at 23.42 Kony asked "Who attacked Lukodi?" Dominic

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- 1 responded. But there is one place that is unintelligible.
- 2 Q. [12:12:40] But apart from the place which is unintelligible, what could you
- 3 hear that Dominic said?
- 4 A. [12:12:57] At the beginning he said, "Ah, that's it", but after that it's not clear.
- 5 And then later I see "Ah, eno an", which that is, "Is that it?" But later on he says
- 6 something, but then it's not clear, it's not clear whether he's saying "Ah, is that it?" or
- 7 "Ah, I am the one." It's not clear.
- 8 Q. [12:13:28] And at line 2346 what can you hear there?
- 9 A. [12:13:53] At 23.46 I heard "It's me. Over." But I do not understand to what
- 10 he -- what he's referring to when he says "It's me. Over."
- 11 Q. [12:14:08] Very well. Just one more clarification from this document. It's on
- 12 the next page, 0289.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:14:20] Perhaps may I shortly interrupt.
- 14 Mr Witness, I have a question to you. You have just told us of what you hear at the
- timestamp 23.46. What is being said in the line above? You see this is also "V32",
- and on the left side there is a "JK" and I read it, I of course do not know the language,
- 17 "Kong inwoo". What does that mean?
- 18 THE WITNESS: [12:15:04] (Interpretation) Kony asked -- Kony said "Can you please
- 19 repeat?" Then afterwards the response is "Ah, it's me. Over." But whatever he
- was responding to saying "It's me. Over", I'm not sure what that relates to.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:15:30] Thank you, Mr Witness.
- 22 Please, Mr Gumpert.
- 23 MR GUMPERT: [12:15:34]
- 24 Q. Last question on this document. On page 0289, again it's obscured, for what
- 25 it's worth there is a page 55 in the middle at the bottom if that helps, there's this

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- 1 exchange: You've put the initials OT, and we read the words "They killed over fifty
- 2 people ... twenty five." And then against the initials DO the words "That is still few.
- 3 Over."
- 4 Do you see that exchange?
- 5 I want you to explain to us what it is that you understand by those words?
- 6 A. [12:16:50] My understanding of this is Otti was saying "They killed over 50
- 7 people." And then I also see "twenty five."
- 8 Q. [12:17:21] It's really the next answer which I'm having difficulty
- 9 understanding. You've marked DO saying "That is still few." What does that mean?
- 10 How should we understand that?
- 11 A. [12:17:45] The response "That is still few" that means that whatever happened
- was small scale and it should happen on a larger scale.
- 13 Q. [12:18:03] Thank you.
- 14 I'm going to move now to the next sound recording. There are two clips from this.
- 15 The sound recording ERN is 0235-0049. And the timestamp of the first extract is
- 16 00.16.03 to 0.19.21.
- 17 So if we could close the binder, Mr Witness, and if you'd listen carefully to these three
- 18 minutes or so.
- 19 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 20 MR GUMPERT: [12:22:15]
- 21 Q. [12:22:16] Whose voices could you hear and what were they talking about?
- 22 A. [12:22:26] I heard Dominic and Raska Lukwiya. Dominic was telling Raska
- 23 Lukwiya that he went to warm the boys -- to warm up the boys, which means he
- 24 went for battle. Dominic said while on his way -- while on his way to carry out his
- 25 mission the civilians became aware of their presence. So when the civilians became

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- 1 aware of their presence, he lined up the soldiers that were with him and he sent them
- 2 to fight. While they were fighting an armoured car known as a mamba came and
- 3 started shooting at them. There were three mambas. The three mambas were in
- 4 the valley, the river valley and started shooting at them. That's what I heard.
- 5 Q. [12:23:49] I'm going to ask that the witness be shown the document which is at
- 6 tab 22. The ERN is 0262-0363. And the page I'm going to refer him to is 0381.
- 7 Mr Witness, whose handwriting is that in the left-hand margin?
- 8 A. [12:24:39] That's my handwriting.
- 9 Q. [12:24:43] We've seen some of those initials before. DO you told us for
- 10 Dominic Ongwen, OCE for Ocen, but I don't think we've seen LOK before. Who did
- 11 you mean to indicate when you used the initials "LOK"?
- 12 A. [12:25:10] That is Raska Lukwiya.
- 13 Q. [12:25:12] And can you remind us what position Raska Lukwiya held in the
- 14 LRA hierarchy?
- 15 A. [12:25:28] Raska Lukwiya was a senior commander. And at the time he had a
- 16 radio.
- 17 Q. [12:25:36] Thank you. One or two moments or lines where you've made
- 18 corrections. Line 408, you corrected that. What was actually said?
- 19 A. [12:26:01] This is how it reads: Dominic said "I've just come back from
- 20 warming the boys, warming the boys, over."
- 21 Q. [12:26:11] And you explained to us what that means so I won't ask you again.
- 22 Can you go to line 434. You mark this as Dominic Ongwen speaking and you
- 23 corrected the "unintelligible". What did you hear? What words did you hear?
- 24 A. [12:26:40] It reads: "Yesterday I went" -- I went and attacked somewhere. It
- 25 says, my interpretation is "Yesterday I attacked a place."

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- [12:26:55]
- 2 Line 450. Again, you've indicated that Ongwen is speaking and you crossed out
- 3 "unintelligible". What words did you hear?

Thank you.

- 4 A. [12:27:17] He said "Mambas started firing at us. Over." Meaning the mamba,
- 5 the armoured car, was shooting at them.
- 6 O. [12:27:35] And at line 458 you've made another correction. What words did
- 7 you hear?

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- 8 A. [12:27:55] He said "I started lining up my men -- I started lining up my men to
- 9 attack the army. Over. And all the soldiers ran away. Over."
- 10 Which means that even by the time that he lined up his soldiers and started
- 11 fighting -- and started firing at them, before the armoured cars came, the soldiers had
- 12 already ran away because the civilians were already aware of their positions.
- 13 Q. [12:28:33] One last question. Line 467, you've indicated "Dominic Ongwen
- 14 speaking," you've crossed out "unintelligible". What words did you hear?
- 15 A. [12:28:54] I heard -- I believe he was asked "Did anything bad befall you
- 16 guys?" And he responded "No, not on us."
- 17 Q. Thank you. I'm going to ask that you be played another portion of [12:29:12]
- 18 this same sound recording. And the timestamp for this portion is 00.20.33 to
- 19 00.24.07.
- 20 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 21 MR GUMPERT: [12:33:33]
- 22 Q. [12:33:33] Mr Witness, who was speaking and what were they saying?
- 23 A. [12:33:52] I could hear the -- first of all, Kony's signaller was on air, then
- 24 Dominic joined the network. He was talking about a mission that he was supposed
- 25 to go and conduct, but he did not succeed. Then Kony told him that before planning

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- 1 you should have sent some people to go and check that place, or they should first go
- 2 and abduct some civilians to tell you the situation before going there. He also said
- 3 that he had done that and the civilians were fleeing, they would not accept. That is
- 4 what I understood.
- 5 Q. [12:34:52] Could the witness be shown, please, tab 22, which is a transcript
- 6 with the ERN number 0262-0363, and in particular the page with the number 0386.
- 7 Mr Witness, whose handwriting do we see in the left-hand margin of this and the
- 8 succeeding pages of this transcript?
- 9 A. [12:35:45] That is my handwriting.
- 10 Q. [12:35:47] And have you used the same system of putting initials to indicate
- the people who, when you listened to the sound recording, you believed were
- 12 speaking?
- 13 A. [12:36:06] Yes, indeed, I used the same system.
- 14 Q. [12:36:08] As I understand it, it's only where you believe that the transcript
- was incorrect that you have made corrections in handwriting; is that correct? Do I
- 16 understand right?
- 17 A. [12:36:42] I have not understood about the changes. Can you repeat the
- 18 question?
- 19 Q. [12:36:47] Yes. I'm trying to move quickly. Over this page and the next four
- 20 pages you've indicated who's speaking, but you haven't made any other changes, is
- 21 that because you were satisfied that the transcript was correct?
- 22 A. [12:37:13] Yes, where you see no changes it means that whatever I heard has
- 23 been written down.
- 24 Q. [12:37:21] Then I haven't got any questions for you about this document.
- 25 Thank you.

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- 1 Can we move on to the penultimate sound recording. The ERN of this sound
- 2 recording is UGA-OTP-0235-0043, it is track number 2, and the timestamp is from
- 3 04.03 to 10.00.
- 4 Listen carefully please, Mr Witness.
- 5 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 6 MR GUMPERT: [12:43:40]
- 7 Q. [12:43:40] Mr Witness, whose voices did you hear and what were they talking
- 8 about?
- 9 A. [12:43:56] I heard the voice of -- the voices of Joseph Kony and Vincent Otti.
- 10 They were talking about Odongo and Onen in regard to a mission that they went for
- and they did not perform well. They were complaining about the performance of
- 12 those people and Otti should arrest or apprehend those people because they are lazy
- and that if their future missions should -- those people should not be assigned
- soldiers because they will not perform. Kony gave an example of how well Dominic
- works, he plans well and the result is always positive.
- 16 That is what I heard, plus many others which I cannot remember all.
- 17 Q. [12:45:01] Could the witness be shown the document which is at tab 23, that's
- the transcript with the ERN 0262-0399, and turn to page 0404.
- 19 Mr Witness, again we see initials used in the left-hand column. Is this your
- 20 handwriting indicating who you believe is speaking?
- 21 A. [12:45:53] Yes, that is my handwriting and indicates the speaker.
- 22 Q. [12:45:59] I want to ask you about just one of the passages, it's row 66. And
- 23 you've indicated that you believe the speaker is Joseph Kony, JK. And, as I
- 24 understand it, what you heard is Kony saying:
- 25 "Also those who disobey orders deliberately like those of Odongo and Angola who do

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1 misbehave, quarreling, and hurling insult at each others, what have you, I have noted

- 2 all those."
- 3 A. [12:46:50] Yes, that is true.
- 4 Q. [12:46:53] Leave the transcript aside. I think you mentioned both Odongo
- 5 and Angola before. What were the consequences for them, what happened to them
- 6 when, as Kony thought, they had deliberately disobeyed his orders?
- 7 A. [12:47:31] I need to think. I need to recollect what happened to them.
- 8 Can I request that you repeat the question?
- 9 Q. [12:48:07] Let me ask it in a different way: Do you know where either
- 10 Odongo or Angola are now, today, February 2017?
- 11 A. [12:48:31] I do not know where they are.
- 12 Q. [12:48:35] All right. What about when you came out of the bush in
- 13 (Redacted), where were they then or what were they doing at that time?
- 14 A. [12:48:55] When I escaped they were still in the bush and they were
- 15 commanders leading the different units that they were assigned to command.
- 16 Q. [12:49:08] So in (Redacted) they remained in command of their units?
- 17 A. [12:49:25] When I returned home in (Redacted) they remained
- there, so it was not easy for me to know that they were still commanders or they were
- 19 no longer commanders.
- 20 Q. [12:49:42] Had you heard anything about them no longer being commanders?
- 21 A. [12:49:57] Since then I never heard anything.
- 22 MR GUMPERT: [12:50:04] I'm going to move to the last sound recording.
- 23 MR TAKU: [12:50:07] Your Honour, before my colleague moves, I think the
- 24 witness talked about Onen. We're seeing Angola for the first time now, but he
- 25 talked about Onen, Onen and Odongo. I don't know whether Onen is the same like

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Angola, I do not know.

- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:50:26] Perhaps, Mr Gumpert, you can pick this
- 3 question up if this is the same person so Mr Taku would not have to pick it up when
- 4 it is his turn.

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- 5 MR GUMPERT: [12:50:56]
- 6 Q. [12:50:56] Mr Witness, you've seen line 66 and the mention of Angola. Can I
- 7 ask that you're referred to line 107. And we see there mention of "Onen." What can
- 8 you tell us about Angola and Onen, who are they?
- 9 A. [12:51:37] Angola is the one known as Onen. His surname is Onen. The
- 10 name Angola was given to him later.
- 11 Q. [12:51:51] Thank you. We'll move on, please, then to the last sound recording,
- which is an extract from ERN 0239-0112.
- 13 Your Honour, almost the last question which arises out of this is going to necessitate
- private session again, so we're bookending the witness in that way.
- 15 Perhaps that could be played now to the witness.
- And listen carefully, Mr Witness, to this which is timestamp 12.25 to 15.48.
- 17 (Playing of the audio excerpt)
- 18 MR GUMPERT: [12:56:08]
- 19 Q. [12:56:08] Whose voices could you hear and what were they talking about?
- 20 A. [12:56:21] The voices I recognized are that of Vincent Otti and Joseph Kony.
- 21 Joseph Kony was telling Otti, as -- as a prophet, someone possessed by the spirit that
- 22 the spirit had instructed him to promote people. And he started sending the names
- of those who had been promoted. Among them Joseph Kony and then Lakati and
- 24 then --
- 25 Q. [12:56:57] Mr Witness, I'm going to interrupt you.

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- 1 A. [12:56:59] -- Tulu.
- 2 Q. [12:57:01] I'm not going to ask you to name all of the people. Could you
- 3 instead be shown -- I apologise if that's improper.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:57:13] Why not? If he has the recollection, let
- 5 him, let him speak out the names.
- 6 MR GUMPERT: [12:57:16] Carry on.
- 7 A. [12:57:22] Thirdly, Tulu; Ocen signaller; there was Ocan Labongo, the fifth; the
- 8 sixth was Dominic, who was called Odomi; and then Michael Odek; then Okot Odek;
- 9 a commander called Kwo Yelo; and then they called the name Anywar signaller; and
- 10 finally, Otti Vincent.
- 11 Q. [12:58:01] Could the witness be shown tab number 24, which is the transcript
- with the ERN 0262-0425, and in particular page 0438.
- 13 Is this your handwriting in the left-hand margin, Mr Witness?
- 14 A. [12:58:45] Yes, it is my handwriting.
- 15 Q. [12:58:46] And I think you've already told us who you mean to denote by the
- various initials, but I don't believe we've seen AB before. That's at line 251. Who
- 17 did you mean to indicate by that?
- 18 A. [12:59:22] That was Abudema who spoke.
- 19 Q. [12:59:30] Thank you. Apart from the initials indicating who's speaking there
- are no corrections that I can see. Is that because you were satisfied that the transcript
- 21 was already correct?
- 22 A. [12:59:53] Yes, it is correct.
- 23 Q. [12:59:56] Thank you.
- 24 One last question for which we will have to go into private session.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:00:01] Private session, please.

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- 1 (Redacted)
- 2 (Open session at 1.02 p.m.)
- 3 THE COURT OFFICER: [13:03:05] We are in open session, your Honour.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:03:07] Thank you very much.
- 5 I would like to ask the representatives of the victims if they have any questions to put
- 6 to the witness?
- 7 MS MASSIDDA: [13:03:17] We have no question, your Honour. Thank you.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:03:21] Mr Manoba?
- 9 MR MANOBA: [13:03:23] Your Honour, we do not wish to question this witness.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:03:26] Thank you very much.
- 11 Then we have the lunch break until 2.30 and then the Defence starts its questioning.
- 12 Do you have already an idea how long it will last? I'm only asking also that we can
- 13 be sure if we need extended hours or not, but since the Prosecution had, what's that,
- three and a half hours, something like that, yes?
- 15 MR TAKU: [13:03:50] Thank you, your Honours. It is very, very difficult, but I
- will try as much as possible to start from the open session and possibly defer the
- 17 closed sessions to the end. And I think I will just move directly to the heart of the
- case first and see how he responds, the responses that he will give, but I will try to be
- 19 as efficient, as effective as possible, move directly to the issues. And the other issues
- 20 that I might decide, I will try to see. I will try to respect the time that you give to us
- 21 because the Court has a schedule, and so we would not like to do anything to
- 22 interfere with that schedule, but I can assure your Honours that I will do my best to
- see if we can finish today, but if not I will let the Court know.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:04:47] Exactly. So we do it this way: We
- 25 start with your examination and when you see clearer, when you see how it works --

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- 1 MR TAKU: [13:04:55] Yes, your Honour.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:04:56] -- and you would think that the time
- 3 would not be sufficient, then you tell us because what is really the bottom line is that
- 4 the witness does not have to come back after the break.
- 5 MR TAKU: [13:05:06] I will do my best, your Honours. Yes, it wouldn't be fair.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:05:09] (Overlapping speakers) Not after this
- 7 break --
- 8 MR TAKU: Yes.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: -- but after the longer break.
- 10 MR TAKU: [13:05:13] Yes, it wouldn't be fair.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [13:05:17] So until 2.30.
- 12 MR TAKU: Yes, yes. Thank you, your Honour.
- 13 THE COURT USHER: [13:05:19] All rise.
- 14 (Recess taken at 1.05 p.m.)
- 15 (Upon resuming in open session at 2.29 p.m.)
- 16 THE COURT USHER: [14:29:41] All rise.
- 17 Please be seated.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:29:56] Mr Taku, you have the floor.
- 19 MR TAKU: [14:30:01] Thank you very much, your Honour.
- 20 QUESTIONED BY MR TAKU:
- 21 Q. [14:30:13] Yes, Witness, good afternoon, sir.
- 22 A. [14:30:32] Thank you.
- Q. [14:30:33] I'm the lawyer for Mr Ongwen and I'll be putting some questions to
- 24 you; do you understand?
- 25 A. [14:30:41] I understand.

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1 Q. [14:30:41] And I will ask questions only on issues which were deemed relevant.

- 2 We are not going to ask questions on answers that you gave which we thought could
- 3 help the Court, which we thought were favourable to us. I will ask questions on
- 4 matters in controversy.
- 5 Now, let me start, Witness. You spoke since yesterday about Mr Kony. You've
- 6 answered questions to deal about Mr Kony, you listened to audio, also heard the
- 7 voice of Mr Kony. And I want to ask you questions in order to put those -- to bring
- 8 more clarity or more information about this personality, Mr Kony, on the basis of the
- 9 few audios we heard. You interpreted all his voice and what he might have said.
- 10 But let me pose to you based on these audios, can you tell the Court on the basis of
- 11 the audios we listened today what sort of leader Mr Kony was?
- 12 A. [14:32:03] Well, my understanding, it is very difficult for me to explain Joseph
- 13 Kony's leadership because in the bush Kony maintains that he's possessed by spirits.
- 14 So it's extremely difficult for me to explain or to understand Kony's personality.
- 15 Q. [14:32:47] Now let me from the basis of the audios we listened today and of
- 16 course the basis of your personal knowledge, knowing him for so many years, was
- 17 Mr Kony a very harsh commander who enforced discipline on members of the LRA,
- that's hard discipline; he expected to be obeyed, his orders to be obeyed, failure of
- 19 which sanctions will follow, there will be consequences? Was he that type of leader?
- 20 A. [14:33:31] Well, from my point of view, yeah, at times he was extremely strict
- 21 and at times he was also kind. It depends. He changes. He's not -- sometimes he
- 22 speaks as if he's possessed by something. Sometimes he speaks like a normal person.
- 23 So it's extremely difficult for me to deduce what kind of person he was.
- Q. [14:34:12] Would I be right to say that he was unpredictable?
- 25 A. [14:34:19] Well, it's difficult to know what he's speaking or what he's thinking

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- 1 about. There are certain things that he would speak out loud, but there are certain
- 2 things that he would not say, so it's really difficult for me to understand. Is he
- 3 speaking on his behalf? Is he possessed by something? Are these his own words?
- 4 Are these somebody else's words? It's really difficult for me to explain.
- 5 Q. [14:34:56] Therefore, this complex personality that we heard today, those of us
- 6 from the audios we heard, this complex personality instill fear, great fear on the
- 7 people who were under his command in the LRA, because they did not know what he
- 8 could do the next moment. He could order you killed. He could order you
- 9 arrested, as indeed he ordered that Odongo and Angola should be arrested for being
- 10 lazy. He could do that. Am I correct to say so, sir?
- 11 A. [14:35:34] Can you please repeat the question clearly? I did not understand the
- 12 question. Please repeat the question.
- 13 Q. [14:35:51] Now, the question is because he was unpredictable, it was difficult to
- 14 know what he would do the next moment. He could be calm. He could be angry.
- 15 He could be talking, saying that he's possessed by spirits, talking about spirits.
- 16 Because of this unpredictability in his conduct, the people, those combatants and
- 17 commanders in the LRA, the LRA, most of them were scared, were -- simply they
- 18 feared, they feared him, to violate his orders because they did not know exactly what
- 19 he could do if they violated instructions given by him. Would that be correct, a fair
- 20 assessment of whom he was and what the situation would be?
- 21 A. [14:37:03] Yes, I know that people who were under his command and the orders
- 22 that he would issue, people were actually afraid of the orders that he would issue.
- 23 Sometimes they would respect it because of fear, because they would not know
- 24 exactly what he was going to do at any particular time.
- 25 Q. [14:37:20] Indeed, in the audios that we just heard today that you interpreted,

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1 when Mr Kony spoke on those videos, everyone listened. Nobody challenged

- 2 anything he said in those videos that we heard today; is that correct, sir?
- 3 A. [14:37:40] Yes, that's correct. When Kony is speaking, nobody responds.
- 4 Everybody waits for the person who is being asked, and then they wait for that
- 5 person to respond to the question that Kony has asked.
- 6 Q. [14:37:59] Now, without conceding, without conceding that the voice you
- 7 attributed to Mr Ongwen is his, without conceding, we heard that individual giving a
- 8 report to Mr Kony about certain activities. Can you explain why they had to bring
- 9 an account of every operation to Mr Kony in the LRA?
- 10 A. [14:38:33] Well, Kony wanted all reports to be sent to him in response to any
- orders that he has issued. So if a person goes out on mission, he also has to come
- 12 back and inform Kony. It won't be quiet until Kony actually knows about it.
- 13 Q. [14:39:14] We also heard from those audios that Kony was communicating with
- 14 people in different positions, some in higher positions, some in lower positions.
- 15 Would I be right that Kony could give orders to anyone, anyone, no matter,
- irrespective of rank to conduct an operation within the LRA and that person, would
- 17 that person through a specific chain of command and that individual will carry out
- 18 the operation?
- 19 A. [14:40:04] Well, from my understanding, Kony would issue orders from the top
- and then the orders would trickle down from the top to the lower ranking officers.
- 21 Kony would not actually issue orders to lower ranking officers, but the orders will
- 22 trickle down from the top commanders coming down to the lower ranked
- 23 commanders.
- Q. [14:40:32] Now, if that is your answer, let us talk about one individual, Ocan
- 25 Labongo. You mentioned him this morning and part of this afternoon. He was in

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- 1 those audios. Who was he?
- 2 A. [14:41:03] No, I did not actually see any name called Ocen Labongo. The only
- 3 name that I recognized from those audios is Ocan Labongo, not Ocen Labongo.
- 4 Q. [14:41:24] Yes, thank you for that correction. It's Ocen Labongo, Labongo. I
- 5 know that --
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:41:30] But I think this is exactly the person that
- 7 counsel is referring to.
- 8 MR TAKU: [14:41:42]
- 9 Q. [14:41:43] Do you know him?
- 10 A. [14:41:47] Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. [14:41:54] Can you tell the Court whom he is?
- 12 A. [14:42:00] Ocan Labongo was a commander, but he was a lower ranked
- 13 commander.
- 14 Q. [14:42:19] Was he an intelligence officer?
- 15 A. [14:42:24] At the time he was a commander, but he wasn't -- as far as I was
- aware, he wasn't an intelligence officer.
- 17 Q. [14:42:38] Never, according to you, he had never been an intelligence officer to
- 18 Mr Kony; is that your evidence now, sir?
- 19 A. [14:42:51] Well, when I knew him, when I knew him, he was -- I wasn't aware of
- 20 the fact that he was an intelligence officer for Kony, but I knew that he was a
- 21 commander.
- 22 Q. [14:43:08] He was a commander in which unit, sir?
- 23 A. [14:43:14] When I knew him as a commander, as I stated earlier, he was a
- commander in Sinia. And when we split ways, I do not know whether he became an
- 25 intelligence officer. I do not know, because I had already left.

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- 1 Q. [14:43:51] Well, my question relates to the period that you were there, whether
- 2 you at the time you were with Mr Kony, this individual was Mr Kony's chief
- 3 intelligence officer?
- 4 A. [14:44:12] No. At the time he wasn't the chief intelligent officer.
- 5 Q. [14:44:28] Has he ever been a member of the close protection unit of Mr Kony to
- 6 your knowledge?
- 7 A. [14:44:37] He was -- at some point he was in a unit that was under Kony.
- 8 Q. [14:44:52] In what capacity, sir?
- 9 A. [14:44:54] At the time he was a group that was always moving with Kony.
- 10 There was a group that was set aside that was to move with Kony at all times.
- 11 Q. [14:45:22] And it was then he was deployed by Mr Kony to Sinia brigade as
- battalion commander, that at least you know; is that correct, sir?
- 13 A. [14:45:40] Well, I'm not sure -- when he went to Sinia brigade, I'm not sure
- 14 whether they sent him there as a battalion commander. But I do know that he was a
- 15 commander in Sinia brigade.
- 16 Q. [14:46:03] Yes, this is even better. So do you know or do you not whether he
- was the second brigade commander of Sinia? Let me put it differently. Do you
- 18 know that at a particular moment in the LRA the brigades, some brigades, in
- 19 particular Sinia brigade had two commanders, one was Dominic and the other was
- 20 Mr Ocan Labongo, Labongo? Do you know that, sir?
- 21 (Redacted)
- 22 (Redacted)
- 23 (Redacted)
- 24 (Redacted)
- 25 Q. [14:47:10] (Redacted)

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- 1 Did you, Witness, observe a trend in the LRA where a field commander who conduct
- 2 an operation and that operation will be reported by somebody who was not
- 3 necessarily in the field when the operation was conducted? In other words, another
- 4 commander goes to the field and conducts, executes an operation, but the report is
- 5 given to Mr Kony and others by, let me say, his brigade commander, not necessarily
- 6 by the foot soldiers, the commander who led the operation in the field. Do you
- 7 know about that, that is the state in the LRA?
- 8 A. [14:48:22] I did not actually understand your question very well.
- 9 Q. [14:48:45] For example, let me quote an example, let me say Mr -- for example,
- 10 Mr -- or let me ask the question: Did you hear an operation that was carried out by
- 11 Mr Ocan Labongo, but the person who reported this operation was Mr Odhiambo?
- 12 Did you hear about that operation, sir?
- 13 A. [14:49:22] If someone is sent on mission, and the person is a subordinate under a
- 14 higher ranking commander, if that person returns from mission, he reports to his
- 15 immediate commander and then his immediate commander reports to Kony. He
- 16 himself, the subordinate does not report directly to Kony.
- 17 Q. [14:49:55] Indeed. My question related, tab 8, UGA-OTP-0218-0594 at 0606.
- 18 Can you put that before the witness. And with permission of the Court let me read
- 19 that out, line 393.
- 20 "So you said you heard about the ABIYA attack on the LRA net?
- 21 L397, "Yes, that I heard.
- 22 What did you hear?"
- 23 L403: "So he was reporting about what happened in terms of deaths of civilians,
- 24 UPDF and the burnt houses.
- 25 Who was reporting?

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- 1 That was Okot Odhiambo.
- 2 And the commander who he sent as overall was Labongo."
- 3 Now let me put my question. You said that Labongo was a commander in the Sinia
- 4 brigade. You know that this morning. This Odhiambo, Okot Odhiambo, who is
- 5 he?
- 6 A. [14:51:47] From my understanding, and to reiterate what I said earlier, Okot
- 7 Odhiambo was senior commander and Ocan Labongo was under Okot Odhiambo.
- 8 Q. [14:52:09] So in fact Okot Odhiambo was the commander in Sinia brigade and
- 9 Ocan Labongo was deployed to work under him; is that what you are saying, sir?
- 10 A. [14:52:23] Okot Odhiambo was the overall commander of that group. Now, in
- those groups, in those kind of groups, the big groups, there are overall commanders,
- and then within that group itself there are subdivisions. And within those groups
- 13 there are other commanders. So Ocan Labongo was under Okot Odhiambo's
- 14 command.
- 15 Q. [14:53:03] So how do you call that group that Okot Odhiambo was overall
- 16 commander, sir?
- 17 A. [14:53:11] Can you please repeat your question?
- 18 Q. [14:53:27] Yes. We just heard you talk about groups, that Okot Odhiambo was
- 19 the overall commander of that group. So how did you call that group? What is the
- 20 name of that group?
- 21 A. [14:53:39] Well, I know that Okot Odhiambo was overall commander of Sinia
- 22 brigade, and under Sinia brigade there were other groups. Sinia brigade was
- 23 subdivided into many groups. So I do not know exactly which one Ocan Labongo
- was in.
- 25 Q. [14:54:07] So at the time of this operation that I talk about, where was Mr

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- 1 Ongwen? He was in which group, sir, and had what position?
- 2 A. [14:54:24] As I've already stated, the reports, whatever I listened to is from the
- 3 radio. So the position where the person is, I'm not sure, I don't know whether the
- 4 person is under which brigade. The person may have been taken and put under a
- 5 different command. It's extremely difficult for me to know over the radio where he
- 6 was.
- 7 Q. [14:54:57] Now, still in this case, sir, what you said -- if I may read on, your
- 8 Honours? Lines 414, that is same tab 8, your Honours, the Prosecutor asked you this
- 9 question:
- 10 "How do you know that?"
- 11 Line 418: "How it happened ... they talk about it openly ... and then Kony wanted to
- 12 know which commander was in charge."
- 13 And they asked, line 423: "Who did Labongo work for?"
- 14 You said: "He was working for Okot Odhiambo."
- 15 P0607: "What was his position?"
- 16 L430: "Brigade intelligence officer. His rank captain."
- 17 L499: "Odhiambo would send his messages directly to Kony."
- 18 L474: "I was moving around with Commander Opoka. Did you hear about the
- 19 attack on Aboke?"
- 20 L525: "I do not know that place."
- Now, Witness, we have heard you saying that the person who leads the operation
- 22 doesn't report. It is the commander of the unit who has a radio who reports. But
- 23 you were asked in this case, Ocan Labongo did not report, it was Odhiambo. How
- 24 did you know that it was him? You said it was talked about openly and you heard

about it.

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1 How do you know? How was it talked about, by what other means was it talked

- 2 about other than the radio that you knew about it, that it was Mr Ocan Labongo?
- 3 A. [14:57:21] Perhaps maybe there are times when I do not get your question
- 4 clearly. So I'm giving you a different response. I'm not sure. And sometimes it
- 5 might be difficult for me to answer the question.
- 6 Q. [14:57:35] I perfectly understand. In other words, apart from the radio that you
- 7 could follow these reports, was it possible by other means that you could know
- 8 exactly what was happening in the field and who was effectively -- carried out
- 9 operations in the field, as opposed to the commanders who were reporting these
- 10 operations to Kony? Was there any way by which you would know, apart from the
- 11 radio?
- 12 A. [14:58:06] No, there is no other way that I can learn or find out about something
- 13 that happened during an operation, unless I'm on the radio. If something does not
- 14 come through the radio, then I'm none the wiser about it.
- 15 Q. [14:58:35] So you are saying that you would not necessarily know the units that
- 16 conduct an attack, all you know are the reports coming from the brigade commander
- or the commander who has a radio, or that's the only way that you will know about
- 18 the operation? That the details as to who effectively conducted the attack, which
- 19 unit, you didn't know? Would that be correct, sir?
- 20 A. [14:59:05] If I hear it over the radio when the commander is sending a report
- 21 following his group's mission, if he sends his group or takes his group on mission,
- 22 when the group comes back from mission, they report to the commander. So
- 23 whatever the job that was done by the commander he sent, that overall commander
- 24 will report to the commander and then, when they ask which commander went and
- 25 did this, then he will inform, he will inform them which commander actually went to

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- 1 the field.
- 2 Q. [14:59:53] Now, do you know apparently, was it possible that elements of
- another unit, and by this I mean the use of splinter groups, smaller groups that went
- 4 out to conduct operations, they were under attack by the UPDF, and they came to the
- 5 closest unit that was not involved in the attack, but whose commander has a radio,
- 6 would they give the reports to their commander who has a radio to report the attack,
- 7 the operation, to Mr Kony?
- 8 A. [15:00:51] Yes, sometimes it happens. Sometimes it doesn't happen. It
- 9 depends on where the commander was working. He would be on his way to go and
- 10 meet his superior.
- 11 Q. [15:01:18] Now, before I move to the next point, there is some individual called
- 12 Toolbox. Who has that name, nickname, Toolbox in the LRA? Do you know the
- 13 individual?
- 14 A. [15:01:36] If I recall well, Toolbox, if I -- among the names of those who were
- promoted by Kony, his name was mentioned as Otulu. That is the guy who was
- 16 called Toolbox.
- 17 Q. [15:02:02] This individual, Mr Tulu, Commander Tulu, belonged to which unit,
- 18 sir?
- 19 A. [15:02:11] Commander Toolbox was in Gilva brigade.
- 20 Q. [15:02:26] Now do you also know about an individual called Ocaya?
- 21 A. [15:02:44] Someone called Ocaya? Ocaya was a name shared by many people.
- 22 As far as I know there was two people who were called Ocaya.
- Q. [15:03:06] Well, let me venture to ask these two individuals belonged to which
- 24 units?
- 25 A. [15:03:13] The Ocaya whom I know, there was one called Ocaya Daktar (phon)

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and the other Ocaya was working in a small unit in the yard. If there was, if there

- 2 was a different Ocaya in other units, then I am not sure I know any.
- 3 Q. [15:03:53] Now, you got information mainly from listening to the radio. Did
- 4 you at any time, sir, listen to communication over the radio between Mr Kony, Mr
- 5 Otti Vincent, Ocan Bunia, Lakati, Tabuley, Okula, Lagoga, Icaya Loum, Onen
- 6 Kamdule, Lapanyikwara and Mr Dominic in which Mr Kony was talking about a
- 7 phone, in other words, a phone that he was told was given to Dominic by one
- 8 Lieutenant General Salim Saleh of the UPDF, one of the commanders in the UPDF
- 9 high command on a significant personality in Uganda and East Africa? Did you
- 10 hear about that, about that phone that was found with Mr -- the communications, did
- 11 you hear about that?
- 12 A. [15:05:28] I did not hear about the phone. If I may ask which year was it or
- 13 which period was it?
- 14 Q. [15:05:49] Well, it was in 10 April 2003, when you were still in the LRA. Maybe,
- 15 they may put it before you and let me read out the message, maybe it might help you
- 16 refresh your memory, maybe you heard about that.
- 17 Can you put that tab 23, can you put that before -- 22, please, 22.
- 18 And with permission of the Court, let me read out the message to refresh his memory.
- 19 This document came from the ISO, the intelligence security, and the ERN number is
- 20 UGA-OTP-0242-1190 at 1194. The second paragraph, let me read that out for the
- 21 transcript. "Kony told Dominic that General Saleh" --
- 22 MR GUMPERT: [15:07:12] Sorry to interrupt, your Honours, in our binder provided
- 23 by the Defence, there is no tab 22.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:07:27] No. Obviously we have an advantage
- 25 then, the Bench, because we have tab 22. I don't know how we could solve this on

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- short notice, but we put it on the screen and I could for example -- no. Perhaps have
- 2 a look if it is on another tab. We put it on the screen. That's the most easiest way I
- 3 would say.
- 4 MR TAKU: [15:07:50] I really apologise, your Honour.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:07:53] Nothing gets lost.
- 6 No, it's no problem.
- 7 MR TAKU: [15:07:55] I apologise to my friend. We sent it by email and I instructed
- 8 that copies to be given. I don't know why they weren't given.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:08:03] We have it. We have it on 22.
- 10 JUDGE PANGALANGAN: No, I don't have it.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: You don't have it either?
- 12 So I'm the only privileged person here in the courtroom. But that doesn't change
- anything. If everybody has it on the screen, we have no problem to continue with it.
- 14 MR TAKU: [15:08:20] I'm extremely sorry, your Honours.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:08:22] Wait a second until we get confirmation
- 16 that we can have it on the screen.
- 17 It is there now as I see it on evidence 1. Evidence 1, yes.
- 18 So please continue.
- 19 MR TAKU: [15:08:48] Yes. Thank you very much, your Honours. I'm sorry again.
- 20 Q. [15:08:51] So let me read it out so that you can refresh your memory.
- 21 "Kony told Dominic that General Saleh said on radio that he (Kony) is the one who
- 22 has refused peace talks with the government. He added that and yet it is Saleh who
- 23 sent UPDF mobiles and gunship to attack his LRA soldiers in their positions despite
- 24 the ceasefire which was declared.
- 25 Kony said the person Saleh is stupid and does not think that he is clever. Kony

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1 repeated that Dominic should write all the details, from start, since he started coming

- 2 in touch with Labeja and General Salim Saleh, so that when so when Mr Otti reaches
- 3 him they will discuss on it. He said he tried to review it and found that at times
- 4 what Dominic did would help them. He asked if Dominic has already buried the
- 5 MTN phone given him by Saleh. Dominic said he still has the phone, and is moving
- 6 with it to Otti. Kony then said that phone should not be buried, but should be given
- 7 to Otti, but Otti should not use it because it might have bomb planted in it, which
- 8 may explode when they use it. He said Otti should instead use another phone to
- 9 ring General Saleh and hear what he will say.
- 10 Kony also told Dominic to, if possible, plan a sniping ambush, and also kill any UPDF
- officer like Okello Okwara and David did on Porogali, Acholi," something "road
- recently, where Captain Kalike was killed so that he is also promoted, as he did to
- 13 those two soldiers named above. Dominic said he will plan and do as Kony has told
- 14 him."
- 15 Did you monitor, did you hear this communication, having the refreshed memory?
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:11:51] Mr Gumpert is rising.
- 17 Mr Gumpert.
- 18 MR GUMPERT: [15:11:54] Your Honours, before that recitation my learned friend
- 19 told the witness that he was inviting him to refresh his memory. Now, I've got no
- 20 objection to memory refreshing. Indeed I've asked the witness to perform it on a
- 21 number of occasions. But I've done so from documents of which he was the author.
- 22 There is, with great respect, no indication that this witness has any knowledge of this
- 23 document or its contents. He can't possibly be refreshing his memory. My learned
- 24 friend can ask questions based on it, but showing the document to the witness is
- 25 pointless, I respectfully submit.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:12:34] But what we can -- what Defence can do
- 2 is it can ask the witness if any of the information contained in this document and read
- 3 to the witness out aloud does trigger something that he has heard or something that
- 4 he has knowledge of. So we can do it this way and I think this achieves the
- 5 same -- or should I question the witness?
- 6 MR TAKU: [15:13:03] Yes, your Honours.
- 7 Q. [15:13:04] Witness, you heard --
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:13:05] Witness has heard I think the question.
- 9 MR TAKU: [15:13:07]
- 10 Q. [15:13:08] You heard the question formulated by the honourable Judge. Can
- 11 you answer, sir?
- 12 A. [15:13:25] I'm not in a position to answer this question because I do not know
- 13 the origin of this document. Secondly, what kind of radio are they referring to that
- 14 they heard this information from? Is it the radio used by the LRA for
- 15 communication, or was it a radio used for transmitting broadcasting messages? I
- 16 have not understood that.
- 17 Q. [15:13:52] When we get to closed session, I will ask you questions about the type
- of operations by the nature of your special knowledge, you will be able to tell us
- 19 about this issue better when we get to closed session and about your activities ever
- 20 since you left the LRA. But for now, as I said, this was Internal Security
- 21 Organisation, they intercepted LRA radio communications and I called the names of
- 22 those commanders who were online when this was discussed and I asked whether
- 23 that triggered your knowledge, whether you heard that communication, whether you
- 24 heard that discussion from Mr Kony to Dominic about the contacts with General
- 25 Salim of the UPDF and another commander on the phone?

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1 A. [15:15:00] If they were to bring the audio and I listened to it, I would probably

- 2 answer. But I am not able to answer because I have not heard the audio.
- 3 Q. [15:15:08] Well, I totally respect your answer. Therefore, Witness, would I be
- 4 right to say that you did not -- you were not in a position from 2002 to 2004 when you
- 5 left, you didn't listen to all the LRA radio communications regarding to the operations
- 6 by different commanders in the LRA, you didn't listen to them? You listened to
- 7 some but not to all?
- 8 A. [15:15:53] There are times, there are different schedules for radio communication.
- 9 It's possible that I was not present during a particular communication and they
- agreed at a time that I was not there. Probably the message was passed when I was
- 11 not on radio, and I definitely couldn't have heard. Sometimes radio communication
- schedules change, depending on the circumstances.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:16:31] May I shortly interrupt for a general
- 14 remark.
- 15 So, of course, classically refreshing memory refers to a process related to a statement
- or document that the witness has himself or herself produced. That is clear. That
- does not exclude that during an examination of a witness another document not
- produced by this witness is used. We would prefer it if the information in such
- 19 document would be extracted and put into a question as such.
- 20 For the future, I would really ask not to read out longer portions of documents that
- 21 are not related to the witness insofar as the witness has produced it, because it might
- be difficult, but that does not, as I said, not exclude it that it may be used during
- 23 questioning in a way that I described.
- 24 So we can extract information out of such document and ask him have you ever heard
- of that? Do you have knowledge of that? Does that trigger something? But this is,

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of course, not the classical, as Mr Gumpert was correct, is not the classic process of

- 2 refreshing memory, but this was just another wording by you.
- 3 So I wanted to make this little bit clearer for the future. And please continue with
- 4 your examination, Mr Taku.
- 5 MR TAKU: [15:18:01] Thank you, your Honours. Thank you.
- 6 Q. [15:18:11] Witness, were you aware that sometimes from between 2002, 2003
- 7 and 2004 that Mr Ongwen was wounded in battle and was sick and was in the
- 8 sickbay? Were you aware of that?
- 9 A. [15:18:33] Which month particularly? Which particular year so that I can -- it
- 10 can trigger my memory, I would be able to answer that question easily?
- 11 Q. [15:19:01] Well, particularly in I think 2003, the end of 2002 and 2003, that
- 12 Mr Ongwen was in the sickbay.
- 13 A. [15:19:22] I still continue to seek for clarification that -- which sickbay? Because
- 14 there could be many sickbays and I wouldn't know which one he was in. If I am told
- 15 that he was in this and that sickbay at this and that period, if I remember, then I can
- tell you I know. But if it is not anywhere in my statement, then I wouldn't be able to
- 17 answer it.
- 18 Q. [15:19:55] Yes. The sickbay at the foot of Atoo Hills.
- 19 A. [15:20:12] I hear about Atoo Hills. I know where Atoo Hills is, but I'm not
- 20 aware that Dominic was at the sickbay in Atoo Hills. I say this because there are
- some things that I'm not able to know, especially if it was sent at a time when you
- 22 were not assigned to be at the radio, when you are not listening to what is going on,
- 23 then you wouldn't know what has been said.
- Q. [15:20:52] Therefore, obviously, during the time of this communication that you
- 25 testified you heard, which is attributed to him, you wouldn't know, you didn't know

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that he sustained any injuries and he was in the sickbay? Could that be your answer,

- 2 sir?
- 3 A. [15:21:09] At the time that he was speaking on radio he was wounded. If he
- 4 was wounded while sending his communication I would know. If he sent the radio
- 5 on message, I would know. But I know that when he was sending his reports about
- 6 his mission, I wouldn't know if he was in a sickbay. It is difficult to answer that
- 7 question.
- 8 Q. [15:21:50] Now, did you hear at all that Dominic was wounded in battle at some
- 9 point in time in 2002-2003, about the injuries?
- 10 A. [15:22:17] No, I do not remember because in 2003-4, people were mobile, people
- were moving from one location to another. It is, therefore, difficult to know if he
- 12 was wounded or not.
- 13 Q. [15:22:33] So within this period, would I be right to say that you knew little
- about -- did you come personally in contact with Mr Ongwen between 2002 and 2004?
- 15 Were you in one location with him?
- 16 A. [15:23:10] No, I did not.
- 17 Q. [15:23:14] Now, indeed, tab 15, UGA-OTP-0262-0176, at 0182. My next line of
- questions will be on paragraphs 40, 42 and 41. Paragraph 40, that's your statement.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:24:04] This one you would read out because it
- 20 is in English, and then it would be translated to the witness into the language that he
- 21 understands and then he can answer.
- 22 MR TAKU: [15:24:18] Thank you, your Honour.
- 23 Paragraph 40:
- 24 "I do not know anything about Ongwen's wives as I was not close to Ongwen. He
- 25 was with his group and I was not staying close to him."

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- 1 Paragraph 42:
- 2 "I do not recall Ongwen being physically present when I broadcast on the radio --
- 3 MR GUMPERT: [15:24:37] We're going to need to go into private session. Sorry to
- 4 interrupt.
- 5 MR TAKU: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 MR GUMPERT: But we're about to have a difficulty.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:24:43] We'll go to private session.
- 8 MR TAKU: [15:24:44] Yes, I'm sorry. Thank you.
- 9 (Private session at 3.24 p.m.)
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- 16 (Open session at 3.56 p.m.)
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [15:56:43] We are in open session, Mr President.
- 18 Excuse me to interrupt, could you please provide the ERN page number? Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 MR TAKU: [15:57:06] Yes. Thank you so much. UGA 0017-015. I don't know
- 21 the status, but I see here "Secret" and probably I think -- I don't think -- I think it
- should be public.
- 23 It's secret? Okay. It's confidential.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:58:04] I think you can continue.
- 25 MR TAKU: [15:58:06] Yes.

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- 7 (Redacted) line should not be
- 8 pursued to push him. Let me see. Well, your Honours, I think I'll move to
- 9 something else. I don't want to push him to --
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:59:01] Please do that.
- 11 MR TAKU: [15:59:03] Yes.
- 12 Q. [15:59:05] But, Witness, from your experience now that you're out there, let me
- say, in the free world, I'll call it free world advisedly because Mr Kony lives like his
- own world is free, but in this other side, Witness, you believe that the UPDF --
- 15 Well, your Honours, let me move to another line. I do not know how to ask the
- 16 questions without breaking the rules. Let me move to another line. That's what I
- 17 mean, your Honour.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [16:00:04] I would like to ask you something. You
- 19 foreshadowed that it might be possible that you finish your questioning in this
- afternoon's session.
- 21 MR TAKU: [16:00:11] Yes.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [16:00:12] Could you now say how long would it
- 23 take you?
- 24 MR TAKU: [16:00:16] Your Honours, very, very, very soon I will be finishing, your
- 25 Honours. Let me just find out from my colleagues.

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- 1 (Counsel confer)
- 2 MR TAKU: [16:00:40] Your Honour, we still have a major area that we would like to
- 3 go to, and the line of question I was asking would have gone right to that area.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [16:00:55] My question was only related to the fact
- 5 that we have now 4 o'clock.
- 6 MR TAKU: [16:00:58] Yes.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [16:00:59] And if we can finish perhaps in half an
- 8 hour or so, I would simply say we continue and do that; otherwise we would have the
- 9 break until tomorrow 9.30 --
- 10 MR TAKU: [16:01:15] Yes, yes, yes, your Honours.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [16:01:17] -- and continue on at 9.30.
- 12 MR TAKU: Tomorrow, your Honours.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: Okay. Then we'll have the break and meet again
- 14 tomorrow at 9.30.
- 15 MR TAKU: [16:01:21] Yes.
- 16 THE COURT USHER: [16:01:22] All rise.
- 17 (The hearing ends in open session at 4.01 p.m.)