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Procedural Matters (Open Session)

Wednesday, 6 December 2023 1 [Open session] [The accused entered the courtroom] 3 --- Upon commencing at 9.01 a.m. PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes, Mr. Roberts. 5 MR. ROBERTS: Good morning, Your Honour. Just very, very briefly before the witness starts. I was just wondering, in relation 7 to the decision you issued on Friday, I know my colleague, Mr. Kehoe, 8 raised an issue in relation to -- about the detention conditions. 9 We note that your decision still hasn't been implemented, and we 10 were wondering if we could perhaps hear from the Registry at some 11 point today on when it will be implemented and how quickly and on 12 what issues have arisen to delay it thus far? 13 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We met with the Registrar yesterday, and they are working feverishly to get it implemented. By the way, 15 family calls can be made, but they will be monitored until this new 16 order is fully implemented. 17 MR. ROBERTS: We understand, Your Honour. But my understanding 18 is that they haven't been permitted since Sunday. The last family 19 call that was permitted was Sunday, so, obviously, it's a pressing 20 issue --21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I just asked yesterday, and the 2.2 23

Registrar said merely make the request, and as long as it's appropriate they can allow it.

MR. ROBERTS: Okay. We will --

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- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: But --1
- [Trial Panel confers]
- MR. ROBERTS: And do we have a time scale for when the rest of
- the decision will be implemented?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 5
- I'm trying to remember what she said. It should be within the 6
- next week or so. Yeah. They're trying to get everything set up and 7
- presented so that everyone can understand it, all the ins and outs of 8
- it. So hopefully -- they're working on it. It should be done soon. 9
- MR. ROBERTS: Understood. Thank you, Your Honour. 10
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I can't give you an exact date, but I 11
- know they're -- they intend to have it before the Christmas break for 12
- 13 sure.
- MR. ROBERTS: Okay. I may follow up with some correspondence 14
- directly to the Registrar --15
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Certainly you can. 16
- MR. ROBERTS: -- just to understand and to try and pre-empt any 17
- issues, just to keep you informed. 18
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: But as I said, the private calls are 19
- allowable but they will be monitored at least just for now. 20
- MR. ROBERTS: That's fully understood. It's just --21
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: But I want everybody to know --22
- MR. ROBERTS: -- to ensure that we -- yeah. 23
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- they can make their calls if they 24
- want to to their family. 25

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MR. ROBERTS: Thank you. 1

- MR. EMMERSON: I do apologise. May I just add this from the
- Veseli side.
- Several requests for family calls have been made and refused at
- present. So, so far there have been no allowed family calls, 5
- monitored or otherwise. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I will see to that today. 7
- MR. EMMERSON: Thank you very much. 8
- MR. KEHOE: And, Your Honour, just before we get off the topic, 9
- I will echo what Mr. Emmerson just said with regard to my client. 10
- They have not been allowed. 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. I understand that. And if there 12
- has been a misunderstanding, I apologise for it, but we will talk 13
- 14 about it today.
- [Trial Panel and Court Officer confers] 15
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Now the Court Officer will call the 16
- 17 case.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Good morning, Your Honours. This is 18
- KSC-BC-2020-06, The Specialist Prosecutor versus Hashim Thaci, 19
- Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi. 20
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I note that all of the accused are 21
- present in the court today. 22
- Madam Court Usher, please bring the witness in. 23
- [The witness takes the stand] 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 25

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- Good morning, Witness. 1
- THE WITNESS: Good morning, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Today we will continue with the SPO's
- examination-in-chief. I remind you to please try to answer the
- questions clearly with short sentences. If you don't understand a 5
- question, feel free to ask counsel to repeat the question, or tell 6
- them you don't understand and they'll do their best to clarify. 7
- Also, please remember to try to indicate the basis of your 8
- knowledge of the facts and circumstances upon which you will be 9
- questioned. 10
- I remind you that you are still under an obligation to tell the 11
- truth as stated by you in your solemn declaration. 12
- Please also remember to speak into the microphone and wait five 13
- 14 seconds before answering a question, and speak at a slow pace for
- interpreters to catch up. 15
- If you feel the need to take a break at any time, please let us 16
- know. 17
- Madam Prosecutor, you have the floor. 18
- MS. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honour. 19
- WITNESS: SANDRA MITCHELL [Resumed] 20
- Examination by Ms. Mayer: [Continued] 21
- Good morning, Witness. Q. 22
- Α. Good morning. 23
- We left off yesterday speaking about "As Seen, As Told" 24 Q.
- volume 2, and I'd like to pick back up there. 25

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- MS. MAYER: If we could pull up SITF00001529 to SITF00001871,
- and specifically going to page 1585.
- Q. Looking at that page, under the subheading (c), "Harassment of
- 4 Kosovo Albanians," it identifies "a general atmosphere of fear and
- intimidation," and says that it "cannot be confined to one community:
- it is pervasive. Not all Kosovo Albanians are affected, but some
- 7 segments of the population clearly feel insecure."
- And the first one identified says:
- "One target group appears to be LDK members."
- 10 Can you tell us what your observations were when you were in
- 11 Kosovo at that time, and the timeframe again is the timeframe of this
- report, which is June to October 1999.
- 13 A. Thank you. I remember that the LDK was the last elected
- political party in Kosovo from the last elections, which had been
- some time ago. They were holding many of the bureaucratic positions
- in a parallel administration headed by Mr. Rugova, was the head of
- 17 the LDK at that time.
- They had practiced resistance to the Serbian authorities for
- 19 many years, and I think it's fair to say -- my impression, anyway,
- 20 was that there were members of the UCK in the community at large that
- 21 were somewhat frustrated by the lack of progress in expelling the
- 22 Serbs from their occupation of Kosovo.
- 23 After the re-entry into Kosovo after the NATO intervention, we
- 24 did get numerous reports this is an indication of one in the Gjilan
- 25 area where LDK representatives and members were targeted for

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- harassment, intimidation by members of the UCK who were seeking to 1
- fill the political space that had been occupied by the LDK.
- And then if we scroll down on that page to the heading under
- number 5, which is entitled "Arbitrary arrest and detention," and it
- talks about how the UCK does not have lawful arrest powers; that you, 5
- the OSCE, had received numerous reports of men dressed in UCK 6
- uniforms and identifying themselves as UCK members; and that this 7
- appears to be involved in a pattern of arbitrary arrest and 8
- detention, sometimes accompanied by ill-treatment. And, again, you 9
- put the time period. 10
- "This has been evident throughout June to October." 11
- And we were talking a little bit about that yesterday. 12
- multiple reports across Kosovo that were consistently describing UCK 13
- 14 individuals identifying themselves or dressed as UCK --
- MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, Your Honour. I mean, is this a question? 15
- MS. MAYER: I am just trying to orient the witness. We're just 16
- picking up from yesterday, Your Honour. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go ahead with the question, please. 18
- MS. MAYER: Thank you. 19
- Q. If we go to the top of the next page. It says here: 20
- "The first reported case was on 19th June ..." 21
- Can you tell us when was that in relation to when you all and 22
- your team entered the country and began monitoring conditions on the 23
- ground again? 24
- I believe that would have been about a week or so after we 25

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- re-entered Kosovo. This would have been June 1999.
- 2 Q. And --
- MS. O'REILLY: Excuse me, sorry, just for clarification. You're
- saying the top of the next page. Could you clarify which page you're
- talking about? I just I can't see it at the moment.
- 6 MS. MAYER: [Microphone not activated]
- 7 THE INTERPRETER: Microphone, please.
- MS. MAYER: It's the next page of the document, which is
- 9 SITF00001586.
- MS. O'REILLY: And the -- sorry, it's the date that I'm looking
- for -- oh, the 19th. Okay. Thank you. Sorry about that.
- MS. MAYER:
- Q. And then the next heading is entitled "Assessment." And if you
- can read that paragraph where it talks about the "UCK alleged
- involvement is a consistent feature, particularly early on in the
- 16 reporting period." Again, what's the reporting period? When you say
- "early," what timeframe would you be talking about?
- 18 A. I believe we re-entered -- I re-entered Kosovo, I don't remember
- 19 the exact date, somewhere between June 10th and maybe 13th. So
- 20 this -- the June 19th would have probably been the week after or the
- first week when we were there, whenever we got people to Gjilan.
- Q. Understood. And then in the remainder of that paragraph, again,
- we had been talking about Kosovo Serbs but also Kosovo Albanians
- involved in detention by the KLA.
- This paragraph, if you can speak to this assessment of the

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- affect on Kosovo --1
- Α. Okay.
- -- Serbs versus Kosovo Albanians.
- Well, certainly there was a lot more fear, intimidation, and
- harassment befalling the minority communities in Kosovo until that 5
- tapered off with the departure of many. But throughout that time, as 6
- soon as we returned, there was a chilling effect, which can be 7
- interpreted as meaning inhibiting Kosovo Albanians from participating 8
- in public processes, from participating in interethnic issues, and 9
- overall this would have been affecting the Kosovo Albanian population 10
- that either was not supporting the UCK or was not perceived to be 11
- supporting the UCK. 12
- MS. MAYER: If we can move to the same document but move ahead 13
- to SITF00001596, please. And if we can start on the bottom half of 14
- that page under the heading D, "Human Rights Patterns ..." 15
- Looking just in the second sentence underneath D, it talks 16
- about: 17
- 18 "[The] minority groups were accused of collaboration with the
- Yugoslav and Serbian forces ..." 19
- We talked a little bit about collaboration yesterday. And if 20
- you can just sort of read those couple of sentences and then explain 21
- to the Panel this assessment of the accusations of collaboration and 22
- the fear of retaliation regardless of whether there was actual 23
- collaboration or not. 24
- MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, before the witness answers this 25

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- question, I wonder if we can get a basis for this conclusion because
- I note there isn't actually anything cited in this paragraph in
- 3 support of this opinion evidence.
- 4 MS. MAYER: Your Honour, I believe what the witness testified to
- 5 yesterday in explaining in detail the methodology of this report was
- that it was based on her work, her team's work, that they all
- 7 triangulated. I'm happy to ask the witness about the difference
- 8 between information that's footnoted and not if that would help the
- 9 Panel.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No, the objection is overruled.
- 11 You may go ahead.
- MS. MAYER:
- 13 Q. You can answer the question.
- 14 A. Throughout my time in Kosovo, both before the NATO intervention
- and after, realising that this is after the intervention, Kosovo
- 16 Albanians that were perhaps friends with -- had Serbian friends, had
- 17 neighbours who may have been of a minority group, these people would
- have been considered collaborators under the vernacular that was
- 19 being used by the UCK and their supporters at that time.
- 20 Q. So is that what you mean in the report when you say whether --
- irrespective of whether people were actually guilty, they would be
- 22 perceived as collaborators?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can switch documents and pull up 013312 to
- 25 013334 RED, going to page 013325.

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established first before she continues to do this.

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MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, apologies, but this happened 1 repeatedly yesterday where the witness was brought to her witness statement. She's not a 154 witness. We have no knowledge of why the Prosecutor wants to bring her to this statement, whether it's to refresh recollection or to impeach, and we simply ask that that be 5

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes. 7

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MS. MAYER: Happy to do that, Your Honour. There was some 8 concerns yesterday, objections about not being specific, and so my 9 attempt was to aid the witness. Happy to wait until --10

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes. 11

MS. MAYER: -- there's an objection about specificity and 12 then to --13

14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: You're either on a 154 or you're not, and apparently you're not, so please ask the question directly. If 15 you need to try to refresh, that's up to you to say so. 16

MR. KEHOE: Well, I mean --17

MS. MAYER: Understood. 18

MR. KEHOE: -- just on the rule with refreshing recollection, 19 that's another rule that the Prosecutor said, "Let me refresh your 20 recollection, " when no question was asked --21

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 22

MR. KEHOE: Well, could we -- just on that score. The witness 23 has gotta say, "I don't remember," and then, "Can I refresh your 24 25 recollection," as opposed to what the Prosecution does, which is,

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- "Well, let me just refresh your recollection of this," and push the 1
- statement in front of her.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
- Go ahead.
- MR. ROBERTS: Sorry, Your Honour, can we --
- MS. MAYER: Then with the Court's permission, if we can take
- 7 that down.
- Witness, speaking of Albanian -- you were discussing Serbians 8
- and Serbian neighbours $vis-\hat{a}-vis$ their Albanian neighbours, so I'd 9
- like to ask you about that. 10
- Do you recall instances where Serbians who had protected their 11
- 12 Albanian neighbours, and vice versa, where there was retaliation when
- you all returned between June and October 1999? 13
- 14 Yes.
- Please explain to the Panel what you recall about that. 15
- The geographical area that I recall the best was in the Prizren 16
- area, in south of Prizren, where members of the Dragash minority or 17
- the Muslim Slavs had stayed during the NATO campaign, had reported to 18
- us that they had been taking care of either their neighbour's land or 19
- herds, crops, and had somehow tried to protect their Albanian 20
- neighbours. 21
- After the conflict when others returned, these individuals at 22
- times and this is in the report under the Prizren section -23
- reported harassment coming from the Kosovo Albanian community, not 24
- 25 necessarily their neighbours. We did go to several instances where

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- elderly Serbs in that region had been killed, bound and executed.
- 2 And in following up on that, it was clear that those particular
- individuals had not done anything to be the victim of a retaliation.
- Q. And in connection with those, did you get reports about whether
- it was local KLA members or KLA from other parts or other
- 6 communities?
- 7 A. Often it would be Kosovo Albanians that were not from that
- 8 particular community that were not recognised. These were very small
- 9 villages, so people would know each other and know their extended
- families, and it was often reported that they were Kosovo Albanians
- not from the community. They may or may not have been wearing UCK
- uniforms. It would really depend on each particular case.
- MS. MAYER: If we can pull back up "As Seen, As Told" volume 2,
- which is SITF00001529 to 00001871 and going to page SITF00001597,
- 15 please.
- 16 Q. And we start on the third paragraph -- or the second full
- 17 paragraph on that page, that starts "Individual interventions ..."
- 18 Here in this report it says in that paragraph:
- "... no official UCK attempt to stop the overall pattern of
- harassment and intimidation, nor to condemn [it] in all ... forms."
- 21 And then you give a specific example:
- "The OSCE asked the UCK Zone Commander ... specifically about
- incidents ..."
- And it lists the responses that were given to the OSCE raising
- these concerns with the zone commander, and they include concerns

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- about -- and, again, you can read them. It says:
- "How can you expect me to do anything as long as my people do
- 3 not have roofs over their heads?
- 4 "We no longer have policing powers ..."
- 5 Which is something you mentioned yesterday.
- "... KFOR will have to deal with this."
- But I want to ask you about number 3:
- 8 "I will not make a public statement against any revenge action
- 9 unless directed to do so by Agim Ceku."
- MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, Your Honour, can we have a clarification
- as to who this zone commander is?
- MS. MAYER: Your Honour, again, I -- this is footnoted in the
- report, and this is how the report is written. And I would ask the
- 14 Court's permission to allow me to ask the questions as I'm doing
- them. I haven't even finished my question, so my colleague has no
- idea what my next question is going to be.
- 17 If you could let me finish the question. When I'm done with
- this topic, if I haven't gotten everything, I'm sure my colleague
- 19 will remind me.
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, they're being called upon to recite a
- series of questions from some KLA zone commander in Dukagjin, and the
- simple question that we all want to know is who's this conversation
- 23 with?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- I'm sorry, on the record. We need to make this known.

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- 1 MS. MAYER:
- Q. Witness, do you know -- I see here that:
- "... OSCE asked the UCK Zone Commander for Dukagjin ..."
- 4 Footnoted to footnote 14. Can you take a look at that at the
- 5 bottom of the page?
- 6 MS. MAYER: Can we scroll down to see that so the witness can
- 7 see it.
- 8 Q. Can you tell us what the authority for this is?
- 9 A. I don't know who the specific individual was. The individual
- 10 would have been named in the OSCE meeting notes of September 1st,
- 11 1999, from which this statement was given. So one would have to go
- 12 back to those notes.
- Q. And you mentioned yesterday in your testimony that the OSCE KVM
- 14 had liaison officers and dealt with zone commanders. They had
- connections. When you all came back in, in June through October
- 16 1999, did you maintain connections with the KLA leadership?
- 17 A. Yes, but not in the same structure that you had in KVM. OMiK
- did not -- was not a quasi-military operation, so we did not have
- 19 dedicated liaisons to any of the authorities at that point in time.
- 20 So human rights officers would be speaking to whoever was the -- held
- themselves out to be the authorities in a particular area. Meeting
- notes would also be taken with representatives of KFOR, the UN,
- et cetera.
- Q. All right. So understanding that you don't know the name of who
- the zone commander was, I want to focus you on item number 3.

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- MS. MAYER: If we can go back up to the top -- or middle, I 1
- should say.
- And one of the responses is:
- "I will not make a public statement against any revenge action
- unless directed to do so by Agim Ceku." 5
- So first there's an acknowledgement that there is a revenge 6
- action, but the authority there is Agim Ceku. You mentioned him 7
- yesterday. Who was he? 8
- MS. O'REILLY: Excuse me, Your Honour. There's not an 9
- acknowledgement of a revenge action. It's saying "any revenge 10
- action." It's quite clear that there is no admission that there has 11
- been revenge. 12
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 13
- 14 Just ask exactly what's in the quote. Don't add extra material
- that isn't necessary. Okay? There's no admission that there was 15
- revenge. He's merely saying he won't issue a statement about it. 16
- MS. MAYER: Understood, Your Honour. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. 18
- MS. MAYER: 19
- Who is Agim Ceku? You mentioned him yesterday. 20
- Agim Ceku was the commander of the UCK. 21 Α.
- During this time period when you were back in Kosovo in June to 22
- October 1999? 23
- Α. Yes. 24
- MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead in the document that's on the 25

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screen to SITF00001606, please. And looking towards the top of the

- page, that first -- the second full paragraph, rather -- if we can
- 3 just zoom in a little bit. Thank you.
- 4 Q. It says:
- 5 "Violations of the right to life and violations of physical
- 6 integrity ..."
- 7 Can you just explain what those terms mean in this report?
- 8 A. These are phrased as -- with human rights languages. So the
- 9 right to life is, of course, your right to be alive and not to be
- killed and not to have your life threatened to an extent that you may
- 11 feel death is imminent.
- 12 Violations of physical integrity would have been attacks to your
- physical body whether or not they were violations directly person to
- 14 person or through some sort of an instrument. A gun, for example.
- 15 Q. Understood. And then in that paragraph it goes on to talk about
- this chilling effect that you've already mentioned today on people's
- 17 willingness to give statements or evidence, so not just a general
- chilling effect but here you're focusing on their willingness to
- 19 provide information about such instances.
- And in the middle paragraph, you're talking about statements
- 21 being withdrawn or individuals not feeling safe to name perpetrators.
- Was that something, again, that you had reports of or observed in one
- particular area or throughout the -- throughout Kosovo during this
- time period of June to October 1999?
- 25 A. The report's replete with these similar types of statements of

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- individual civilians being very afraid to give statements against 1
- fellow Kosovo Albanians. And at times this is one of those
- instances somebody may come back to the OSCE field office and ask
- that their statement be withdrawn or that their complaint not be
- followed, taken forward. 5
- And were there also instances, if we go down to the next
- 7 paragraph, where witnesses after having seen -- being rounded up by
- the UCK police subsequently disappeared? 8
- Yes. And, again, this is something that's throughout the 9
- report, throughout the regions, and was throughout the time period 10
- too. Initially, there was a focus on minorities and, as I said, 11
- 12 until the minority population left in a significant part, and then we
- were able to see that these were also going on with regards to some 13
- 14 of the Kosovo Albanian population.
- In this report, it goes -- in that sentence we're looking at, it 15
- has the word "police" for UCK police in quotes. Can you explain 16
- that? 17
- Again, there's throughout the report where individuals either 18
- dressed with UCK uniforms or held them out -- when they met somebody, 19
- they introduced themselves as being part of the UCK police. "Police" 20
- is in italics because the UCK did not have lawful policing 21
- authorities under the Security Council resolution, nor were they an 22
- elected body. 23
- MS. MAYER: If we can go to the next page -- sorry, if we can 24
- move ahead to SITF00001657, please. The bottom half of the page. 25

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And I just want to focus on this bottom entry where it's -- the 1

- subheading is "The Missing post K-Day," and it describes that:
- "There were rumours that some of those [who had been] taken had
- been members of the Serbian security forces or were related to such 4
- people," and "others had no demonstrable link with any security 5
- forces ... or government authority." 6
- And then in the next paragraph, it talks about an individual who 7
- was taken from his home, a deaf and mute Roma man who was "alleged to 8
- be part of a family that had cooperated with former authorities." 9
- So I just want to ask you is that an example of what you were 10
- telling us, in broad strokes, about the definition of collaboration 11
- including people who either had no demonstrable link to security 12
- forces or authority or were alleged to be part of a family, not even 13
- 14 themselves that had done anything, but had been part of a family that
- had cooperated with authorities? 15
- MS. O'REILLY: Objection. That's an incredibly compound 16
- question. You can see from the transcript that the Prosecution was 17
- simply reading there for quite a long time. There are at least two 18
- incidents in there, and I wonder if we might be better off --19
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Sustained. 20
- MS. O'REILLY: -- just taking them one by one. 21
- MS. MAYER: 22
- Taking the first one, where it talks about individuals being 23
- taken either who were part of the security forces or were related to 24
- such people, is that an example of the collaboration that you were 25

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- telling us about earlier in your testimony?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And for the second example, the June 12th, that a deaf and mute
- 4 Roma man was taken from his home and being -- alleged to being part
- of a family that had cooperated. So no mention of security forces or
- 6 being part of authorities. Was that also an example of collaboration
- 7 that you observed?
- 8 A. Yes, but I would just like to correct what was said before. If
- 9 somebody was a member of the Serbian security force, a police
- officer, an army, or something like that, then that would have been a
- combatant, and the, quote, collaboration I would not have applied to
- that particular instance. But family members or friends, things of
- this nature is really what we would have been using the word
- "collaboration" for.
- 15 Q. Thank you for that clarification. Speaking of which, did the
- 16 KLA, in your meetings with them, ever acknowledge taking Serbian
- civilians during this time period? Not security forces or VJ, as
- you've just mentioned.
- 19 A. I really -- I don't remember. There's so much reporting in here
- that I -- I'd really have to look through it. I can't remember
- 21 anything specific to stand out.
- Q. All right. If I have the specific part of the report that
- addresses that, I'll be happy to show it to you.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead to SITF00001698, please.
- Actually, my apologies. I skipped over one. If we can go to

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- 1 00001674, please, under the heading of "18th June."
- Q. And I'd ask you to look at the last bullet there, which is
- 3 talking about -- first of all, let me ask if you recognise this part
- of the report. If we go back to the page before, which is -- or,
- sorry, it's -- yeah, it's the page before, SITF00001673, to the top
- of that page. And the first entry on that page is the Annex 1, the
- 7 chronology of events. And you mentioned yesterday that there were
- 8 several annexes, this being the first one.
- 9 So as we move into this, do you recognise this as the first
- 10 annex of the report?
- 11 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: And if we can go back to the bottom of page
- 13 SITF00001674. That last entry.
- 14 Q. And it notes that KFOR soldiers entering a Prizren police
- 15 station, and it says:
- 16 "They relieved the UCK of their weapons and took over the
- 17 building."
- Do you know what that means when it says "they relieve the UCK
- of their weapons"?
- 20 A. Yes. When KFOR came into Kosovo and they would go to the police
- stations, the UCK may have been doing the local policing in that area
- 22 and using the facility. The UCK would have surrendered their weapons
- at the request of KFOR and then exited the building, and KFOR would
- have then assumed control over the facility by posting guards and
- perhaps using the building for its intended purpose.

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- Q. And when it says "they relieved the UCK," it means they took --
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. -- their weapons; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And it says they found and released 15 detainees but one was
- 6 dead. And it says:
- 7 "The UCK claimed that he died of a heart attack."
- Did you all look into that or investigate that if that was the
- 9 cause of death?
- 10 A. Could I just -- is there a footnote that goes with this on the
- 11 next page?
- Q. We're going to move to the top of the next page so you can see.
- MS. MAYER: It's the top of page SITF00001675.
- 14 Q. And it's a continuation of that sentence. And there's -- as you
- 15 can see --
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. -- there's no footnote there.
- 18 A. If there's not a footnote, then we most likely did not open up a
- 19 case for further review. And instead, this would have been taken
- from a meeting that the OSCE would have attended with KFOR, who would
- 21 have reported on this. And then we may have spoken to KFOR a little
- bit more about it. But as it doesn't have a specific case number, I
- don't think that we would have followed up. No.
- Q. Okay. And then continuing in that same paragraph, it notes that
- there were reports of -- it says three of the released men were

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- claimed to have been arrested by UCK, brought to the police station, 1
- and severely beaten for 48 hours.
- Again, is that something that you all would have separately
- investigated or this was, of the individuals released, a report 4
- coming from KFOR? 5
- I don't think that at this particular early stage, this would 6
- have been the first week of arriving, that we would have had the 7
- capacity to follow up on something like this. This would have been 8
- taken from discussions with KFOR. 9
- Q. All right. 10
- MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead now to SITF00001698, please. 11
- And looking at the top of that page, it looks like the last 12
- bullet entry from a previous date, so it's before the entry 21st 13
- 14 July. And it says here again that the OSCE visited Rahovec UCK
- commander. Do you know who the commander was that's being identified 15
- in this bullet point? 16
- No, I don't. 17 Α.
- 18 And then the -- it says their discussions centred on the
- question of missing people. 19
- "The Commander said the UCK were not involved and that anyone 20
- could buy UCK uniforms and pretend to be members." 21
- Again, that's just -- because that's a specific example, is that 22
- consistent with the explanations that you got from the KLA when your 23
- teams would meet with them in response to your raising allegations of 24
- missing persons or reports of persons being abducted? 25

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- 1 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead in the report to SITF00001701,
- 3 please.
- Q. And if we go to top half of the page, the fifth bullet point
- down. Looking at that large paragraph there, again, it's an OSCE
- 6 representative with the Rahovec UCK local commander, who you've just
- told us you don't know their identity, raising the issues of
- 8 kidnapped Serbians.
- And going down, it specifically says that in this instance the
- 10 commander was asked whether an order had been given to kidnap these
- 11 Kosovo Serbs or whether there were undisciplined elements within
- their ranks because eyewitnesses had seen these assailants wearing
- UCK uniforms. And the answer was that the commander denied any
- knowledge but said that he would pass any information on that was
- 15 received.
- 16 You had testified yesterday that you had never received any
- answers. If you had received answers in response to that specific
- inquiry, would you have included that in this report?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead to SITF00001706, please.
- Q. And towards the top of that page, the second bullet point.
- MR. KEHOE: Just one matter, Judge. Can we have a page -- a
- date clarification as to what this is referring to? I'm sure that if
- we scroll back a page or so, it will have a date there. It doesn't
- have one here.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- MS. MAYER: On the previous page, it's the bottom of the
- previous page at SITF00001705. It's under the heading "29th July."
- 4 MR. KEHOE: Thank you.
- MS. MAYER: And that was just shown on the screen.
- 6 Q. Could you see that, Witness?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. This second bullet point mentions an OSCE human rights team --
- 9 that your OSCE human rights team in Gjilan had a meeting with the UCK
- zone commander. Do you know who that was?
- 11 A. No, I do not.
- 12 Q. And it specifically talks -- describes the conversation, and it
- mentions the arrest of LDK representatives. And the response back,
- 14 and this is in quotes:
- "... 'the LDK did not contribute to the liberation of the
- 16 Albanian people during the conflict, that it was an outdated
- 17 political party and did not have a place in the future of Kosovo.'"
- So a couple of things. First of all, it's in quotes here. So
- 19 would that have been something that would have been documented in the
- 20 report of your staff as the words directly from the UCK zone
- 21 commander?
- 22 A. Yes, it would.
- Q. And you had mentioned earlier today in your testimony this
- difference between the LDK and the KLA. Had you heard this view
- expressed in other meetings with the KLA about their view of the LDK

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- and its contribution to the liberation of the Albanian people during
- 2 the conflict?
- MR. KEHOE: Again, Your Honour. Just to identify who she
- 4 allegedly had these conversations with as opposed to globally through
- 5 the KLA.
- 6 MS. MAYER: I would just let --
- 7 MR. KEHOE: Excuse me. Could we just have a name?
- MS. MAYER: I'm asking her if she actually even had it. I don't
- 9 know if she did. And so if she did, then I will certainly ask her
- who they were with.
- MR. KEHOE: Well, that's fine. The question wasn't structured
- that way. But if that's the way we can go, that's fine.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER:
- 15 Q. You can answer the question.
- 16 A. I don't remember the names of specific individuals.
- 17 Q. Okay. Understanding that you don't remember the names of
- specific individuals, do you recall whether this view was shared with
- 19 you or not?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Just so our record is clear. Having recalled that, was this
- view shared with you or not?
- MR. KEHOE: Judge, I object to the foundation of this. We are
- putting something out there without any identification as to who this
- is coming from, and the SPO wants to posit this piece of evidence to

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use down the line but not any attribution to anybody, as if it's all 1

- of the KLA --
- MS. MAYER: Your Honour, this goes to the weight, not the
- admissibility.
- MR. KEHOE: Of course --5
- MS. MAYER: She's saying that she has a recollection of meeting 6
- with KLA commanders but doesn't know who specifically. 7
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 8
- The objection is overruled. You may go ahead. This is an OSCE 9
- official document. The commander is identified as the Gjilan zone 10
- commander. That's enough identification. 11
- MS. MAYER: 12
- You can answer the question. 13
- 14 MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, Your Honour. With regard to
- Your Honour's just prior ruling. The prior question was: Did you 15
- have conversations with other KLA members elsewhere? Not the Gjilan 16
- zone commander. 17
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: It's still part of the report that was
- accumulated by the OSCE, and she is testifying to it, and your 19
- objection is overruled. 20
- MR. KEHOE: No -- and -- I understand, Judge. And just so I can 21
- put on my objection for the record for future review. 22
- What we have done here is the witness, understandably -23
- understandably, it's a long time ago can't identify this person, 24
- and we now have a series of questions where the Prosecution is trying 25

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- to paint the entire KLA with some idea that the LDK is not to be 1
- involved in the government or in some other pejorative comments
- without any attribution to anybody but just saying, "Oh, isn't this
- consistent with comments you've had elsewhere?" "Yes."
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: That's plenty of explanation. I 5
- understand your objection --6
- MR. KEHOE: Okay. And that's --7
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- and I overruled it. 8
- MR. KEHOE: That's -- I just want to place on the record that 9
- this is the issue. That's all. 10
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go ahead, Madam Prosecutor. 11
- 12 MS. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honour.
- You can answer the question, Witness. 13
- 14 I think throughout the report and throughout the documentation,
- the meetings that were attended by human rights officers and others 15
- in the OSCE, that it was commonly spoken to them by UCK 16
- representatives, whether those representatives may have been mayors 17
- 18 appointed by the provisional authority or UCK in uniform, that the
- LDK did not do enough to help liberate Kosovo during the Serbian 19
- occupation. 20
- MS. O'REILLY: Sorry for the interruption. My transcript is 21
- frozen. I don't know if others are in the same position. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 23
- MS. O'REILLY: Transcript frozen. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 25

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- MS. MAYER: The transcript on the screen is frozen, Your Honour, 1
- and so my colleague couldn't follow along. So I think she was asking
- for a pause. 3
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, the lights have gone out on mine, so if 5
- I can just have a moment to reboot myself. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 7
- MR. KEHOE: Okay. But I think it's not only running, but the 8
- light went out as well. 9
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 10
- [Trial Panel and Court Officer confers] 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Testing. It seems to be working. 12
- You may proceed. 13
- MS. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honour. 14
- If we can move ahead to SITF00001718, please. And towards the 15
- bottom of the page. 16
- And I'll just note from the previous page, SITF00001717, middle 17
- of that page, there is a heading, "10th August." So this 18
- continuation on the next page is from that date, 10 August 1999. 19
- That second-to-last bullet says: 20
- "... Gjakove KFOR raided reported UCK detention facilities and 21
- arrested 12 UCK members and confiscated their weapons." 22
- So, again, that appears to be a report that there was a reported 23
- UCK detention facilities in August 1999. Is that consistent with the 24
- 25 information that you were receiving while you were on the ground,

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- that there were still detention facilities?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And, again, I think my question left out a word, that they were
- 4 KLA detention facilities in that timeframe.
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 MS. MAYER: If we can move ahead to SITF00001726, please.
- 7 Q. And this is towards the bottom of the page, the bullet that
- 8 starts "At 16:00 ..." And this is under the heading "21st August."
- 9 And it describes that a Catholic Albanian male disappeared from
- 10 Kline. And then it talks about that:
- "Two weeks [before the] disappearance, it was reported that UCK
- 'police'," again in quotes, "had called him in for 'informative
- talks.'" He was never seen again."
- My question is again, the UCK police, that's -- just so we're
- clear, that's in quotes throughout the report because they didn't
- have actual policing authority, is that right, not because it was
- 17 unclear whether someone was saying it was UCK police that they saw or
- that that was in the report?
- 19 A. I think that when -- I think when -- my best recollection is
- that when "police" is used, it's because they were identified as
- being police, either themselves or in the manner in which they
- behaved. Asking people for an informative talk would have been
- something that the police in the region would do and the kind of
- language that was used.
- Q. And, again, "informative talk" is this term of art that you told

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- us about yesterday. And, again, this is still something that's going
- on in 21 August 1999; is that right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can pull up SPOE00198098 to SPOE00198366,
- 5 which is "As Seen, As Told" volume 1. And if we can go to page
- 6 SPOE00198304, please.
- 7 Q. And if we start at the heading which is towards the top of your
- 8 screen, "Abductions by the UCK." In this section of the report, it's
- 9 a different timeframe because it's volume 1, so it's talking about,
- in that second paragraph that you can see --
- MS. MAYER: And if we can just back out a little so we can see
- the majority of the page if that's possible. Great.
- Q. And, Witness, let us know if you can't read that well enough
- 14 with the level of magnification on the screen. But it says there
- that this timeframe is early December, and then in the middle of that
- 16 paragraph it identifies that Ambassador Walker, there were meetings
- between December 1998 and March 1999 about the missing. So this is
- part of a different timeframe in terms of when this part -- volume 1
- of the report; is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. But there are still reports, and the heading is "Abductions by
- the UCK," so there were reports during that timeframe?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Or were there reports during that timeframe?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Ο. And then it mentions in the next paragraph that the OSCE KVM 1
- Coordination Centre under Prizren Regional Centre dealt extensively
- with this issue and with abductions by the UCK. And it goes down in
- two paragraphs where it says -- and it gives a number of 157 Serb 4
- civilians had gone missing since the previous February. So would 5
- that be February 1998? 6
- 7 Α. Yes.
- In terms of the reporting that you were receiving, was this an 8 Ο.
- issue that you all were engaging on during this time? And when I say 9
- "this time," I mean from when you all entered in the country, so from 10
- November 1998 until when you all withdrew in March 1999. 11
- Yes. And this specifically deals with the -- with Rahovec, 12
- which is an area very -- with very bad combat during 1998 prior to 13
- 14 the arrival of KVM. When we arrived, the issue of missing persons,
- missing Serbs, missing Roma, was a huge, huge issue for 15
- Ambassador Walker. There were regular demonstrations by the family 16
- members outside the office, and there was a lot of effort as you 17
- 18 can see, ICRC was involved, and others - in trying to at least
- document the missing persons and determine their outcomes. 19
- And also in this paragraph -- in this section, rather, in the 20
- paragraph that starts: 21
- "The precise number of people held by the UCK was difficult to 22
- determine, since the UCK did not provide public information on those 23
- in its custody." 24
- 25 I want you to read the next sentence, as we were speaking before

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- about Serb civilians and you said there might be something that could
- 2 refresh your memory. If you can read that next sentence.
- 3 A. "In particular, they," UCK, "consistently denied to OSCE-KVM
- 4 ever having detained or otherwise held Kosovo Serb civilians."
- 5 Q. And that is footnoted to something; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- MS. O'REILLY: Excuse me, would it be okay if we just went down
- 8 the page to see what it is, in fact, footnoted to?
- 9 MS. MAYER: It's not actually on this page. I believe these are
- end notes, so it will be at the end of the chapter. But I'm happy to
- advance for the witness to get that page, if that's helpful.
- If we go forward to SPOE00198311, I believe those are the end
- notes for this chapter or this section and you can take a look. I
- believe -- I'll flip back. It was footnote 12.
- 15 Q. And do you see here, Witness, the citation for this
- 16 representation that the UCK denied having ever detained Kosovo Serb
- 17 civilians, that that's cited to a meeting with Adem Demaci, political
- representative for the UCK, December 1998?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can, in the same document, go to SPOE00198220,
- 21 please.
- MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, could we make that a little larger,
- Judge?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: Could we make this page a little larger. I mean,

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- 1 magnify it a bit.
- MS. MAYER: And if we can start -- we can scroll up so the whole
- 3 -- the bottom of the page can be seen, starting with the heading
- arrest, detention by the UCK. Well, if we can back out a little bit
- 5 so that the witness can just see everything under that heading.
- Q. And, again, this is a heading -- a title, "Arbitrary detention
- 7 by the UCK." And in that first paragraph, it says:
- 8 "Through this exercise the UCK tried to justify what amounted to
- 9 [the] abductions of civilians ..."
- 10 Can you explain again in your report the -- why that is
- 11 described this way?
- 12 A. As I mentioned, the UCK held territory in Kosovo. Again, this
- is prior to the NATO invasion, so it would have been under the
- 14 Serbian control. And within that, UCK would have had pockets of
- 15 control around villages.
- In their areas of control, they endeavoured to provide
- 17 government services, traditional government services. And this
- included a judicial system, policing authorities, so they were doing
- 19 policing, and they told us that they had judges and a process in
- place. "They" being the UCK representatives that were being spoken
- 21 to in the various areas. At this timeframe, it was mostly
- [Overlapping speakers] ...
- MR. KEHOE: Again, do we have any identification of any of these
- 24 individuals?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]

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- MS. MAYER: Your Honour --1
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honour.
- Were you done with your answer?
- Yes. 5 Α.
- And in the next sentence, it again just talks about individuals 6
- 7 or small groups often being accused as traitors or collaborators
- being forcibly taken. 8
- Again, when you say "amounted to abductions of civilians," it 9
- isn't worded as exercising policing authorities, so I'm just asking 10
- for your explanation as to why the report is written this way or why 11
- 12 the information is presented this way. If you can explain the
- assessment -- what it -- it looks like an assessment that it amounted 13
- 14 to an abduction of civilians.
- MR. KEHOE: I object to that question, Judge. I mean, just ask 15
- a simple question as to what it says. It says what it says. I 16
- 17 mean --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 18
- MS. MAYER: 19
- You can answer. Q. 20
- Because the UCK lacked elected authority or appointed authority 21
- under a Security Council resolution, when they were doing policing, 22
- it was not legitimate under international or domestic law. And as a 23
- result, it was, in effect, kidnapping or abductions. 24
- 25 MS. MAYER: And if we go to the next page, which is

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- 1 SPOE00198221.
- Q. In the middle of the page, the report says:
- "An illustrative example of detention by the UCK occurred on
- And you told us about Recak yesterday. Do you remember this
- incident that's described here with the UCK abducting nine Kosovo
- 7 Albanians in Recak?
- 8 A. Yes, very well. Ambassador Walker was at the funeral. The
- 9 abductions happened at the funeral or thereafter, but certainly with
- 10 the presence and the knowledge of the ambassador that this was going
- on. So he was quite perturbed that this behavior was taking place
- 12 following the funeral of Recak.
- Q. And staying with this particular incident, it talks about that
- the reasons for detention, and this is in quotes, "'having a brother
- working with the police and being suspected of having weapons;
- drinking with Serbs and having Serb friends; having a police officer
- 17 as a friend.'"
- So, again, are those -- again, those specific examples, are
- 19 those consistent with other reports that you had received as
- 20 allegations of -- or as a basis for detention?
- 21 A. Yes.
- MS. O'REILLY: Apologies. I would just like to seek clarity on
- other reports from whom in that last question, if that's okay.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER:

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Q. Sure. As we were talking about yesterday, and you've mentioned

- it across this report and across your time in Kosovo, my question is
- 3 simply whether this specific example is consistent with the other
- information you're receiving across the time that you were there.
- 5 I'm not asking for more specific incidents. Was this consistent?
- 6 A. Yes, and --
- 7 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] ... question. I mean, the
- question -- the questions by the Prosecutor left off the significant
- 9 part that -- to be read, that these people were released the next
- 10 day. I mean, at item --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] ... perfectly
- appropriate for cross-examination, and you won't be stopped if you
- ask that question.
- MR. KEHOE: Yes, Your Honour.
- THE WITNESS: Did you want me to answer?
- MS. MAYER:
- 17 Q. You can answer.
- 18 A. Yes, this is consistent and the report is peppered with similar
- 19 statements being made to OSCE representatives by members of the UCK.
- MS. MAYER: All right. You can take that document down. I'm
- done with that document. Thank you.
- Q. We were talking yesterday and a little bit today about the issue
- of imposters and individuals holding themselves out as KLA and the
- KLA's response saying that, well, anyone can buy a uniform, or that
- wasn't us. And you spoke to us about your assessment of that.

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- Did you ever ask the KLA, in your meetings with the KLA zone 1
- commanders that you talked to us about yesterday, either with Ramush
- Haradinaj or Commander Drini or Commander Remi or Mr. Thaci or
- Mr. Ceku, so in all of your personal meetings, did you ever ask them
- to denounce this or to take steps to publicly explain why this 5
- behaviour was unacceptable? 6
- 7 Α. Yes.
- And what was the response, the reaction that you got? 8 Ο.
- Generally, there would be -- depending on the level, the 9
- hierarchy, if this was requests that were made at the field level, on 10
- the ground in villages or in the regional centres, there may have 11
- been some effort to make some statements, very localised. There were 12
- also many, many occasions where it was just simply refused because 13
- 14 the position was these were not members of the UCK, so why make a
- public statement. 15
- At other times, statements were made by Mr. Thaci, and perhaps 16
- by Mr. Ceku, depending on the level of severity of the critical 17
- incident, the mob, the violence that was occurring. 18
- And in those instances, were those statements made to the local 19
- Kosovo media as far as you understood or to the international media? 20
- Α. It could be both. 21
- Do you recall having said that it was -- they were not made 22
- to -- statements -- that these were not -- these didn't appear in the 23
- local media? 24
- 25 Sometimes they didn't. Sometimes statements were made in

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English, and so they were reported only in the English newspapers and 1

- they would not be translated.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Prosecutor, you're quite a ways
- past your estimate. I wonder when you are going to finish. 4
- MS. MAYER: [Microphone not activated] 5
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 6
- MS. MAYER: I apologise, Your Honour. The documents just took a 7
- little bit longer than I expected. I do have a few more documents 8
- that I'm going to go through very, very quickly, and just a couple of 9
- questions. I'm on the questions now, and then I probably have five 10
- background documents that she mentioned yesterday that I'm not going 11
- to ask questions about. I just want to show them to her. And about 12
- five more documents that I want to show. 13
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: I would say till the 11.00 break. I'll try to be 15
- done before then. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 17
- You're about an hour and a half over estimate now. Anyway, go 18
- ahead. Go as quickly as you can. 19
- MS. MAYER: I will. And I apologise. I appreciate the Court's 20
- indulgence. 21
- Just before we turn back to the documents, and I will endeavour 22
- to go quickly. In this July 1999 time period, July to August 1999 23
- time period, which was some of the period covered by "As Seen, As 24
- Told" volume 2 that we were just speaking about, were there concerns 25

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that led to the creation of a task force, a joint task force on 1

- minorities?
- Α. Yes.
- And can you tell us who was involved in that? Again, very --
- Sure. 5 Α.
- -- briefly. 6 Q.
- 7 Sure. We were picking up overwhelming reporting on the
- situation of minorities, this being Serbs at that particular time, 8
- Roma, Muslim, Slavs, et cetera. They were departing Kosovo sometimes 9
- under KFOR escort. This was impacting returnees. UNHCR started 10
- tracking the issue very much. And rather than have duplicate 11
- 12 efforts, we tried to work together.
- So UNHCR Dennis McNamara was the head of UNHCR at the time -13
- 14 formed a joint task force on minorities. This was probably one of
- the best intra-agency exercise I had ever been in, and have ever been 15
- in, where HCR and OSCE staff in the field worked hand in glove on 16
- documenting and reporting the situation of minorities. These were 17
- then compiled jointly by OSCE and UNHCR. 18
- Other members of the task force included Bill O'Neill who was 19
- the human rights adviser to the SRSG, Bernard Kouchner, KFOR 20
- attended, ICRC attended, other UN agencies also attended and some of 21
- the big NGOs. 22
- And what was your focus in terms of incidents that were related 23
- to state or state actors on the Kosovo side? Let me ask that again. 24
- I don't think --25

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- 1 A. Thanks.
- 2 Q. -- that was a clear question. I can see by your facial
- 3 expression. Let me ask it this way: Did you have a focus of this
- 4 task force of what you were looking at when you were in Kosovo during
- 5 this time period?
- A. Yes. The focus was on the minority population, how they were
- being treated, why they were leaving, and what could be done to
- improve the situation so that they did not leave.
- 9 Q. And was there a focus on the perpetrator side of whose
- 10 activities you were looking at?
- 11 A. I wouldn't say there was a focus. I would say that we were just
- gathering information and reporting on the information, and that
- information included widespread reporting of UCK or people dressed as
- 14 UCK applying pressure to these communities, leading to their
- departure.
- 16 Q. And can you recall, as you sit here today, can you give us an
- 17 example of how the joint task force operated when you were doing this
- work?
- 19 A. One example is we were receiving reports in Prizren in the Zupa
- valley, I believe it's called, of Serbs -- mostly elderly Kosovo
- Serbs being harassed, gunfire, things to scare them. Bill O'Neill,
- the SRSG's representative for human rights was on the task force and
- 23 he took KFOR to the area. He met with the local representatives. It
- was determined that KFOR -- a presence of KFOR at the roads in and
- out of the area, a checkpoint could deter this violence. So he urged

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- Kouchner, who did, in fact, make the request to KFOR, the checkpoints 1
- were set up, and the violence did slow down. I think it eventually
- it did stop. And those individuals were then able to continue. And
- that was an example of reporting that came in on the minority
- population where there was an effort to put an intervention in place, 5
- and that one was somewhat successful. 6
- 7 And can you -- do you recall a time where as part of this task
- force there was a discovery of computers and then information was 8
- transmitted to you? 9
- Yes. In the Gjilan region, KFOR had recovered computers from a 10
- building that had been used by the UCK. In searching the computers, 11
- there were lists of names. Those lists were eventually handed over 12
- by KFOR to -- I believe it would have been Alison Jolly in Gjilan. 13
- 14 Conversations were had with the local UCK commander. They asked for
- the computers back eventually, and it was believed that the lists 15
- were of members of the Serbian security forces. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Witness, could I direct you to listen to 17
- the question. That called for a "yes" or "no" answer, and we got a 18
- fairly long --19
- THE WITNESS: Okay. 20
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- paragraph from you. 21
- THE WITNESS: Sorry. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: So please listen --23
- THE WITNESS: Okay. 24
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- to the question and answer it. If

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- she wants to follow up, she will.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 3 MS. MAYER:
- Q. And just as a follow-up to the Judge's point, so you said the
- 5 KLA local commander wanted the computer back. So did you take that
- as an acknowledgement that it was their computer?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you mentioned there were lists of Serbian names on the
- 9 computer. What, if anything, did you all do with the lists?
- MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, that's not what the witness said. The
- witness said that there was a list of Serbs who were members of the
- 12 Serb security forces. That's what the witness said.
- MS. MAYER:
- Q. I'm sorry if I misstated. Can you tell us what was found on the
- 15 computer?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes, use the exact -- well, I think she
- 17 already did.
- THE WITNESS: That's what -- that's what we were told. Yeah.
- 19 MS. MAYER:
- Q. Who told you that?
- 21 A. I think -- I can't remember.
- Q. If you look at your prior statement, would that refresh your
- memory about this issue?
- 24 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can pull up 013312 to 013334 RED and go

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- specifically to page 013327, please, paragraph 46. And the Albanian
- version, it's the same page.
- Q. And, Witness, if you can read paragraph 46 to yourself and then
- look up at me when you're done. So does that refresh your memory as
- to who told you that these lists were of members of Serbian security
- 6 forces?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Who told you that?
- 9 A. The representative of the KLA.
- Q. And did you try to do anything with these lists of information
- or these Serbian names?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. What was that?
- 14 A. The Gjilan team attempted to compare the names against those
- names that we were -- they were given as individuals that were
- 16 missing.
- 17 Q. And were you able -- was there any success in that effort?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Can you explain why?
- 20 A. We just wouldn't have had the resources to track that kind of
- information down. And it also says that some of the individuals may
- 22 have left.
- Q. And when you say "it says," that's your prior statement?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. So you said that?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. All right.
- MS. MAYER: If we can go to SITF40008582 to 40008582, so a
- one-page document. Thank you.
- Q. And, Witness, I'm going to move quickly, as quickly as I can,
- through these documents, but this is on letterhead OSCE mission in
- 7 Kosovo. And it looks like there the "from" line is from you to
- 8 Ambassador Everts, 11 July 1999. Do you recognise this as being a
- 9 memo that you wrote?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And, specifically -- it's a short memo, but it talks about KLA
- detention facilities. And in the memo, it says that you're trying to
- verify -- this is the third bullet. That OSCE has been unable to
- verify the existence of local detention facilities, but that you all,
- in February 1999, did, in fact, verify the existence of a facility
- 16 with these dossiers that you've already testified about.
- 17 MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, Judge. Please. Can we just ask
- questions as opposed to a preliminary speech?
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- We need to have questions asked and then answers given as asked.
- MS. MAYER: Understood, Judge. I'm just trying to orient her to
- the document rather than have her read the whole thing, but I'm happy
- to just ask a question.
- MR. KEHOE: With all due respect, that was not orienting to this
- document. That was a speech.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Well, we're all a little guilty of that
- 2 here in this room, so ...
- MR. KEHOE: Except the Defence counsel, Judge. We never do
- 4 that.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go ahead, Madam Prosecutor. Please
- 6 let's try to --
- 7 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated]
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- wrap this up. We're losing time.
- 9 MS. MAYER:
- 10 Q. In the last bullet, it talk about -- it has this date of
- 11 February 1999. Can you tell us about that date of February 1999 -- I
- mean, sorry, 1998.
- 13 A. February 1998, I believe, was the date that we -- that ICRC and
- others had been tracking missing from.
- Q. And not just missing, does it also relate to detention
- 16 facilities since 1998?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. All right.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move to SPOE00127733 to 00127734.
- Q. Do you recognise this document that's an OSCE document with a
- date on the top left of 1 September 1999?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What is this document?
- 24 A. It appears to be an insert for a larger report.
- Q. Do you recall who drafted this document?

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. Do you recall whether or not you would have reviewed this
- 3 document or signed off on this document?
- 4 A. Yes, I may have read it. I can't remember. But, yes, I would
- 5 have signed off on this document.
- Q. And I want to point you to the third paragraph on the first
- page. If you can read that to yourself, and then I have a question
- 8 for you.
- 9 So in September 1999, the concern about human rights abuses on
- the Albanian population being difficult to catalogue because of the
- reprisals. Was that something that was still going on in September
- 12 1999?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And when you say "an insert," do you know what this would have
- been inserted into?
- 16 A. I believe, to the best of my recollection, given the date is
- early in the month, this would have been a submission to a UN report.
- MS. MAYER: If we can pull up SITF40008715 to 40008727, please.
- 19 Q. Do you recognise this document?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. What is it?
- 22 A. This document appears to be a summary of the situation in Kosovo
- as of July 19th. That's my writing. The situation on the ground.
- Q. And, again, it's a multipage document. It's not all on the
- screen right now, but did you have a chance to review this document

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- prior to your testimony just in the last week or so?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And are you familiar with the contents of the document, again,
- 4 even though it's not all on the screen right now?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And is this a document that you prepared or that you signed off
- 7 on?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And as you said, this is a document that describes the situation
- in Kosovo in July 1999?
- 11 A. Correct.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move on to SPOE000060118 to 000060123,
- 13 please.
- Q. And this is, again, a multipage document. The first page, it
- looks like it's a note to Fredrik to Sandra. Do you recognise that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Is the Sandra you?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And what is this package of documents?
- 20 A. Fredrik is -- Frederick Swinnen I believe is his name. He
- 21 worked at the OSCE headquarters in the conflict prevention centre,
- which was our point of contact at headquarters. And this would have
- a fax cover sheet with a series of sitreps, situation reports,
- 24 attached.
- Q. And if we can just go to the second page of that document, which

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- is SPOE00060119. And it looks like at the top there that's, again, a 1
- memo from you to Ambassador Everts. And the pages that follow again.
- Did you have a chance to review this document, even though all the 3
- pages aren't up on the screen, did you have a chance to review this 4
- document before your testimony --5
- Α. Yes. 6
- -- today? And do you recognise this as information that you 7
- would have compiled? 8
- Α. Yes. 9
- Related to the situation in Kosovo in July 1999? 10
- Α. That's correct. 11
- 12 Q. All right.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move to SITF40008439 to 40008441. 13
- 14 And this mentions a human rights core group meeting from
- 13 September 1999. And participants, you're listed there. Can you 15
- tell us what this document is? 16
- This is a summary of a meeting of human rights organisations. 17 Α.
- 18 Ο. And it includes the discussions that you had or issues that you
- covered during the meeting. Would that be accurate? 19
- Α. Yes. 20
- MS. MAYER: If we can move on to IT-05- -- I'm going to start 21
- again. IT-05-87 P00432. 22
- You mentioned yesterday that there was an agreement about the 23
- OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission. Do you recognise this document? 24
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Is that the agreement that you had mentioned yesterday in your 1
- testimony?
- Yes, it is.
- And only the first page is on the screen, but it's a multipage
- document. Did you have a chance to review it before your testimony 5
- today? 6
- Yes, I did. 7 Α.
- And is it the agreement that was governing you that you 8 0.
- mentioned in your testimony yesterday? 9
- A. Yes, it is. 10
- MS. MAYER: All right. If we can go to IT-05-87 P00456. 11
- You also mentioned in your testimony yesterday a UN Security 12
- Council resolution. Do you see the document on your screen? 13
- 14 Yes.
- Is that the UN Security Council resolution that you mentioned 15
- yesterday? 16
- This is the security -- I mentioned two yesterday, I believe. 17 Α.
- 18 This is the one relating to the KVM, yes.
- And, again, only the first part of the first page is on your 19
- screen, but it's a multipage document. Did you have a chance to 20
- review it before your testimony? 21
- Α. Yes. 22
- And is the multipage document the Security Council resolution 23
- dealing with the KVM? 24
- A. Yes. 25

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- MS. MAYER: If we can move to IT-05-87 P00766. You know, I
- jumped ahead. I'm sorry. Can we go to -- it will make more sense if
- we do this in the right order. Can we go to IT-05-87 P00761, I
- 4 think. Yes.
- 5 Q. Do you recognise this document?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What is it?
- 8 A. It is one of the original documents describing what the human
- 9 rights department of the Kosovo verification would be doing, how they
- would be operating, what the methodology would be.
- 11 Q. And were you involved in preparing this document?
- 12 A. Yes, I was.
- Q. And were you involved in the final sign-off of this document?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you approve it?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And understanding that only the first page is on the screen and
- this a multipage document, did you have a chance to review the entire
- document before your testimony today?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that the overview that you signed off on governing the
- Human Rights Division's work as part of KVM?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: If we can move to IT-05-87 P00763.
- Q. Do you recognise this document dated December 17th, 1998, and

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- entitled "OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission Human Rights Division
- 2 Operational Plan"?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Again, understanding it's a multipage document and only the
- first page is on the screen, do you recognise the document?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you have a chance to review the entire document, all the
- pages, prior to your testimony?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And is this a document that you signed off on or approved before
- 11 it was issued?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And, again, as it's entitled, does it govern the Human Rights
- Division's work as part of KVM that you were doing when you entered
- Kosovo -- or maybe not on day 1, but during the timeframe that KVM
- was doing their human rights work in Kosovo from November 1998
- through when you left?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. All right.
- MS. MAYER: Now if we can go to IT-05-87 P00766.
- THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's note: The speakers are kindly
- noted to make short pauses between question and answer. Thank you.
- MS. MAYER:
- Q. Do you recognise this document?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- And it's entitled at the top --1
- MS. MAYER: If we can scroll down just so the witness can see
- the very top of the page.
- -- "Guidelines on Classification," it has, in parentheses
- underneath, "(DRAFT)," and then the first line says: 5
- "KVM human rights incident classification ..." 6
- Is this a document that you reviewed prior to your testimony 7
- today? 8
- Α. Yes. 9
- And, again, it's a multipage document. Only the first page is 10
- on the screen. Did you review all the pages prior to your testimony? 11
- Α. Yes. 12
- And is this a document that you approved? Q. 13
- 14
- And do you see the handwriting in the top right-hand side? Do 15
- you recognise that handwriting? 16
- Α. Yes. 17
- Whose handwriting is that? 18
- That's mine. Α. 19
- And, again, is that a document that you used as part of your 20
- work in the KVM human rights work that you did in Kosovo? 21
- Α. Yes. 22
- MS. MAYER: If we can move to IT-05-87 P00765. 23
- Do you recognise this document on the screen? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Can you tell the Panel what it is?
- 2 A. This is a template used by OSCE staff working in the refugee
- 3 camps in Macedonia, you'll note the large M at the top in the box, to
- 4 collect information from refugees.
- 5 Q. So in your testimony yesterday when you were describing how you
- 6 would collect information from refugees, either in the refugee camps
- or with host families, is this a tool that you used for that purpose?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And, again, understanding that it's a multipage document and
- only the first page is on the screen, did you review all pages of
- this document prior to your testimony?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MS. MAYER: And if we scroll to the fourth page of the document.
- Q. It looks like the beginning of another page, so it has, again, a
- new title, with "Refugee Monitoring Form," so it looks like there are
- two forms as part of this document. Can you explain the difference?
- 17 A. One form was used for refugees in camps, and the other was used
- 18 for refugees with host families.
- 19 Q. All right.
- MS. MAYER: With that, I appreciate the Court's indulgence. I
- am done with the documents and have no more questions.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: Yes, I do, Your Honour. I would like to tender the
- 24 following documents.
- MR. KEHOE: And when we're tendering these, Judge, with the

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- numbers, can we just have an idea of what the documents are? With 1
- all of these numbers, it's a little difficult to keep track of it
- all.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: In an effort to be speedy, I am not going to go in 5
- the order I showed them to the witness. I'm going to go in the order
- that they're on my little list. 7
- The first is --8
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 9
- MS. MAYER: Do you want me -- should I go in the order I used 10
- them with the witness for the Court? 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 12
- If you have it that way, I think it would be more -- it would be 13
- 14 easier to follow.
- MS. MAYER: I will do that then. 15
- There are one or two documents that I used that already have a P 16
- number, so those will be skipped -- or they have a D number, they're 17
- already in evidence. So those will not be included. 18
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. 19
- MS. MAYER: The first is SITF00001529 to 00001871, which is 20
- volume 2 of the "As Seen, As Told" report. 21
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No, it's its table of contents. 22
- MS. MAYER: That page range is the whole document, Your Honour. 23
- So it's 1529 to 00001871. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: That is the entire document? 25

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- 1 MS. MAYER: That's the entire document.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection?
- MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] ... admitted with -- this
- is volume 2. This is a compendium together.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- Do you intend to tender 1 also, I take it?
- 7 MS. MAYER: I do. I'm doing them in the order --
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yeah.
- 9 MS. MAYER: -- that I used them with the witness.
- 10 MR. KEHOE: That was just asking what my objection is. I have
- no objection if both of them come in.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay.
- 13 Anybody else?
- MS. O'REILLY: Yeah, we definitely have objections to tendering
- the whole report. And in the decision that Your Honour has rendered
- on the admissibility of this report as an exhibit or a 154 statement,
- there were also serious concerns expressed, which maybe would be
- better explained outside the presence of the witness. But, yes, we
- object. And if it expedites things, we're going to object to quite a
- lot of these things. So it may be we want to deal with it in
- 21 writing.
- MS. MAYER: Your Honour, the concern with dealing with it in
- writing is that I am not going to be finished with this witness
- unless I know what's coming in evidence, and that's the appropriate
- 25 way to do this. These documents were shown to the witness. There's

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enough of a basis for a ruling. 1

- I'm happy to speak to the excerpts as well.
- And in the 154, I'll just note the Defence did not object at the 3
- time. The Court did not preliminarily admit the reports but left it 4
- open, that if they were shown to the witness, the Court's concerns 5
- were the methodology, the underlying information, and that has all 6
- been covered with this witness now in court. 7
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 8
- MR. ELLIS: Yes, Your Honour. We object. This is a 343-page 9
- report. Just trying to do a quick count whilst we were listening, I 10
- think some 15 pages or so were shown to the witness. Maybe a bit 11
- more than that. But there are hundreds of pages that weren't shown 12
- to the witness. 13
- 14 And more than that, Your Honours did consider this in the
- Rule 154 motion. It was filing 1380, paragraph 87. The concerns 15
- there identified, in my submission, remain. 16
- I would like to go into those, but I hear the point made by 17
- counsel for Mr. Veseli, that it should perhaps be in the absence of 18
- the witness for this tendering exercise. 19
- [Trial Panel confers] 20
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 21
- 1 and 2 will be marked for identification. I'm sorry, those 22
- two, volume 1 and volume 2. 23
- MR. KEHOE: And in that line, Your Honour, with my colleagues, I 24
- will withdraw my no objection and I will -- no, I will just, you 25

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1 know, operate in concert --

- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I understand.
- MR. KEHOE: -- with my other counsel with objecting.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No, I understand. I understand. We'll
- 5 determine those two and take a look at it.
- Go ahead.
- MS. MAYER: All right. Well, let me just go ahead and give
- 8 you -- I've only given you the ERN for volume 2, which was the first
- 9 document I used.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Right.
- MS. MAYER: So let me go ahead and give the Court the ERN for
- volume 1, which was SPOE00198098 to 00198366. And, because it's
- split into two documents, the second part of that is -- begins with
- SPOE00198367 -- I apologise, I don't have the end number. Oh, sorry,
- 15 367 to 001988834. It's just split up into two ERNs, but that is the
- total of volume 1. Only the first half of that was shown to the
- 17 witness. So that would be, I believe in the Court's identification,
- volume 1 for the second thing that's going to be MFI'd.
- 19 And I can stop there if there are MFI numbers, or do you want me
- to keep going with the documents?
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go to the documents.
- MS. MAYER: All right. The next is SITF40008582 to 40008582.
- That is the OSCE memo from July 1999 related to KLA detention
- 24 facilities.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Objection to that?

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- 1 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated].
- If I can just take a quick look at these documents and reserve
- at this time and just give it an MFI. I just want to take a review
- of it. There were a lot of documents coming across the transom here.
- MS. MAYER: Your Honour, again, we would ask -- these are not
- 6 difficult matters. I understand the difference of the volume where
- only 15 pages were shown. All the other documents we're talking
- 8 about are short documents that the Defence has had notice of. They
- 9 were either listed in her 154 filed months ago. They've been
- provided to the Defence that they were known to be used with this
- 11 witness, and there -- in order to be finished questioning this
- witness, we would ask the Court for a ruling. Otherwise, we don't
- 13 know what evidence is coming in.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: I'm just asking for a little common courtesy, just
- for a couple of minutes to look at this stuff.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: No, no, I -- if I recognise the document --
- 19 for instance, the forms --
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: This is a one-page -- the one I just identified is a
- one-page document that I used within the last hour with this witness.
- MR. ROBERTS: Your Honour, she did use multiple documents within
- the last hour. Maybe if we can just put it up on the screen, that
- 25 might make it easier for everybody.

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- 1 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated]
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. MAYER: I leave that to the Court.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- 5 MR. KEHOE: No objection, Judge.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- 7 8582 is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: Okay. The next document is SPOE00127733 to
- 9 00127734, and it is a report dated -- OSCE report dated 1 September
- 10 1999. It's dealing with the human rights situation in Kosovo.
- MR. KEHOE: There was a discussion about a minor portion of
- this, not this whole document. If we admit what was talked about,
- 13 that's fine.
- 14 MS. MAYER: Your Honour, this is a document that the witness
- identified as a document that she signed off on, that described the
- 16 situation on the ground. If the Court's position is that I need to
- 17 talk about every single thing in the document -- I believe there were
- 18 multiple objections to reading the document --
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No.
- 20 MS. MAYER: -- so I think the document speaks --
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document --
- MS. MAYER: -- for itself.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next document is SITF40008715 to 40008727. And
- this is another memo about the situation on the ground dated 19 July

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- 1 1999 that the witness testified that's her handwritten date on the
- 2 right and this is a memo that she drafted or approved from OSCE.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection?
- MR. KEHOE: I'm sorry, Judge. I know that that's her signature
- up in the right-hand corner, but I don't clearly recall her saying
- that she drafted this. I may be mistaken in that regard.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: She said she signed off on it.
- MR. KEHOE: Well, again, the same objection with just the
- 9 aspects of it that were discussed. Not all of it.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: That exhibit is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next document is SPOE00060118 to 00060123. And,
- again, it is an OSCE memo. It's dated 24 July 1999. Sorry, that's
- the date on the first page after the first cover page. It's a series
- of memos that this witness testified that she compiled and the fax
- 15 cover sheet she sent.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Objections?
- MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, I also have an objection on this
- one. I would just like to read what the trial --
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Could you get a little closer to your
- 21 microphone.
- MS. O'REILLY: Yeah, sorry. Is that better?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yeah.
- MS. O'REILLY: Okay. So this is from decision F1380 at
- paragraph 90 in respect of this document:

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- "The Panel will not therefore admit this document at this point.
- If the SPO feels that the witness is able to provide additional
- evidence in respect of the content of this document, it should
- 4 question the witness on these during her viva voce testimony."
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The exhibit is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next document is SITF40008439 to SITF40008441.
- 7 And this is minutes of an organisation -- an OSCE human rights core
- group meeting that the witness testified she attended.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No objection?
- MR. KEHOE: The same objection.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The exhibit is admitted -- or the
- 12 document is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next document is IT-05-87 P00432. This is the
- 14 Agreement on the OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission dated 19 October
- 15 1998.
- MR. KEHOE: No objection.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: That document is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next one is IT-05-87 P00456. It's the UN
- 19 Security Council Resolution 1199 (1998) regarding KVM.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection?
- MR. KEHOE: No objection, Judge. My only question with regard
- to the resolution. I seem to recall that we admitted that at some
- other place at some other time. 1199? I know 1244 has been -- has
- been bandied about, but I thought that --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yeah, 1244 has been mentioned a lot.

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- 1 MR. KEHOE: Yeah.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: But I don't remember this one before.
- MR. KEHOE: Okay. It may have been or not have been. I can --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Maybe the Court Officer can verify that,
- but we will admit the document pending that verification.
- 6 MS. MAYER: The next document is IT-05-87 P00761. This is the
- 7 Kosovo Verification Mission's human rights task overview that the
- 8 witness identified.
- 9 MR. KEHOE: No objection.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document is admitted.
- 11 MS. MAYER: The next document is IT-05-87 P00763. And this is
- the Human Rights Division Operational Plan that the witness testified
- that she signed off on.
- MR. KEHOE: No objection.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document is admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next is IT-05-87 P00766. This is the guidelines
- on classification that, again, the witness testified she would have
- 18 signed off on.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Anything? Any objection?
- MR. KEHOE: No objection, Judge.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document's admitted.
- MS. MAYER: The next is IT-05-87 P00765, which are the refugee
- 23 monitoring forms.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: For the record, there's two forms;
- 25 correct?

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- MS. MAYER: Yes, Your Honour. In the same document. 1
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection to the forms?
- 3 MR. KEHOE: No objection.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The document is admitted, both forms.
- MS. MAYER: Those are all of the documents. However, given that 5
- the Court has MFI'd the "As Seen, As Told," I think it would be
- prudent to put on just a list of the excerpts that I went over with 7
- the witness. If the Court --8
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes. 9
- MS. MAYER: -- wants me to. Okay. So for volume 2, which was 10
- SITF00001529 to 00001871, the excerpts used with the witness were as 11
- follows: SITF00001571. SITF00001581 to SITF00001582. The next was 12
- SITF00001585 to SITF00001586. The next was SITF00001596. The next 13
- was SITF00001597. The next was SITF00001606. The next was 14
- SITF00001657. The next was SITF0000164 [sic] to SITF00001675. The 15
- next was SITF00001698. The next was --16
- MR. KEHOE: Counsel, excuse me. I think you left off a number 17
- in the last one. 18
- MS. MAYER: 74 to 75, was that? The one after that was 1698. 19
- MR. KEHOE: That's fine. 20
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: That's what I have. Do you have another 21
- number? 22
- MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] 23
- MS. MAYER: 1674 to 1675 is what I said, if that's not 24
- 25 captured --

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- MR. KEHOE: You did say that. I'm just saying it comes up here 1
- as 164 as opposed to 1674. Do you see that?
- MS. MAYER: I appreciate that. I can't follow it and read this
- at the same time.
- MR. KEHOE: I understand. I'm not being critical. It should 5
- read --6
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: You're correct. On the transcript it 7
- should say 1674. 8
- MR. KEHOE: Right. That's all. 9
- MS. MAYER: All right. So we've got 1698? I can go to the 10
- 11 next?
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes. 12
- MS. MAYER: Okay. The next is SITF00001701. The next is 13
- SITF00001705 to 1706. The next is SITF00001717 to 1718. Just for 14
- clarity, those last two, we pulled the page before for the date, but 15
- the content was on the second page. 16
- And the last in volume 2 is SITF00001726. 17
- That's everything for the first document. 18
- For volume 1, a much shorter list. Only two specific things 19
- that I used with this witness. The first was SPOE00193 -- I'm sorry, 20
- 198304, but we did then go to the end to get the footnote, and that 21
- was SPOE00198311. That was the first example. Second was 22
- SPOE00198220 to SPOE00198221. 23
- Those are all the specific examples that I have. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. 25

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MS. MAYER: Apologies that we went so far over. 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We will break now for --MR. ELLIS: Your Honours, just on the MFI point. It may well be that cross-examination touches on matters relevant to the question of admissibility, so I don't know when Your Honours were planning to 5 rule on the two documents that were MFI'd, but I would propose that 6 be deferred until after the end of cross. 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We will -- we may make a decision right 8 away. 9 We will come back at 20 minutes until 12.00, I guess. Yes, 20 10 minutes till 12.00. We're adjourned till then. 11 Please take the witness out. I forgot about her. 12 [The witness stands down] 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. 14 --- Recess taken at 11.09 a.m. 15 --- On resuming at 11.44 a.m. 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We're not quite ready. You can be 17 seated --18 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- just for a bit. The 1191, by the 20 way, does not appear anywhere else. 21 MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] 22

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PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yeah, it's okay.

MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated]

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Best to check.

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I had a discussion with the Registrar, we all did, and she has 1 assured me that, first of all, as to Mr. Selimi, he has properly requested phone calls with his family. And since the time of the 3 temporary order went into effect, he's had 11 such phone calls. So 4 those are being received. 5 As to Mr. Thaci and Mr. Veseli, there have been absolutely no 6 7 requests for family phone calls from them. And you've all stood up and said you've made requests, and that's -- you need to know whether 8 or not that's true. We don't need to be sitting in the courtroom and 9 getting information from you that something didn't happen when, in 10 fact, it did happen or vice versa. 11 It is quite clear that they did not request any, in any way, to 12 the Registrar, a family call. If they want to, they may do so. 13 14 It'll be monitored until it's fully implemented, which should happen

Please check with your clients before you make a statement in the courtroom to that effect. Mr. Veseli stood and said that they'd made three requests for -- I mean, Mr. Emmerson stood and said they'd made three requests for a personal call. That didn't happen.

soon. But it's a little upsetting to have this kind of information

come out in the courtroom, on the record, that is wrong, that is just

MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, I am not briefed on this matter. If
I could have a moment to --

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I'm not asking you --

plain wrong. That's all I'm going to say.

MS. O'REILLY: -- speak to my client.

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- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- to be briefed. I'm just making a 1
- statement.
- MS. O'REILLY: It may be the case that requests were made within
- the detention unit that were not transferred to the Registry.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: They are all made to the detention unit 5
- and they are all transferred to the Registrar automatically. 6
- MS. O'REILLY: Okay. 7
- MR. ROBERTS: Your Honour, if I just may respond very briefly to 8
- that. I didn't actually state on the record, and please correct me 9
- if I'm wrong, that he'd made any requests since Sunday. I said his 10
- last phone call was Sunday, and that I was requesting information on 11
- the implementation of your decision. 12
- But unless I'm mistaken, I don't believe I'd said that 13
- 14 Mr. Selimi had requested some since the decision was issued last
- Friday. I was simply seeking information on the implementation of 15
- your decision. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. 17
- All right. Bring the witness in, please. 18
- Ms. O'Reilly, your client is raising his hand. You might want 19
- to talk to him. 20
- Yes. I'm sorry. The second part of this is we will admit out 21
- of volume 1 and volume 2, both parts, the excerpts only that the 22
- Prosecutor very properly read off, and so the Court Officer will 23
- assign numbers. This will take a bit longer also. She's got to go 24
- through all the numbers. 25

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- 1 THE COURT OFFICER: Thank you, Your Honours.
- So for the first one that was tendered -- or, actually, I will
- 3 go volume 1, volume 2, Your Honours, if you don't mind.
- 4 [The witness takes the stand]
- 5 THE COURT OFFICER: For volume 1, SPOE00198098 to SPOE00198366,
- the excerpts that were tendered from that will be Exhibit P743.1.
- The second part for volume 1, which has SPOE00198367 to 198834,
- will be Exhibit P743.2.
- And then the excerpts tendered from volume 2, which are within
- 10 SITF000015929 to 00001871, will be Exhibit P743.3.
- And then, Your Honours, the next document, SITF40008582 to
- 12 40008582 will be Exhibit P744.
- SPOE00127733 to 00127734 will be Exhibit P745.
- 14 SITF40008715 to 40008727 will be P746.
- 15 SPOE00060118 to 00060123 will be P747.
- 16 SITF40008439 to 40008441 will be Exhibit P748.
- 17 IT-05-87 P00432 will be assigned Exhibit P749.
- 18 IT-05-87 P00456 will be Exhibit P750.
- 19 IT-05-87 P00761 will be Exhibit P751.
- 20 IT-05-87 P00763 will be Exhibit P752.
- 21 IT-05-87-P00766 will be Exhibit P753.
- And the last one, IT-05-87 P00765 will be Exhibit P754.
- 23 And, lastly, Your Honours I note that all of these are marked as
- confidential. If we can clarify their classification.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Do they need to remain as confidential?

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MS. MAYER: No, Your Honour. They can all be made public. I 1

- would just also note for the Court's benefit, I don't believe that we
- offered an excerpt from what is now in evidence as 743.2, the second
- half of volume 1. I believe the only excerpts, the two excerpts that
- we used were from the first part of the PDF which is in evidence as 5
- 743.1. 6
- I don't know if that affects the numbering for the Court, but 7
- just so you're aware. 8
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. 9
- Any objection to the reclassification? 10
- MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No objection being heard, the documents 12
- will be reclassified as public. 13
- 14 [Trial Panel and Court Officer confers]
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 15
- Nothing from part 2 of volume 1; is that correct? 16
- MS. MAYER: That's correct. The two excerpts that I used --17
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. 18
- MS. MAYER: -- were both from volume 1, part 1 of the --19
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes, okay. All right. 20
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours --21
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: So we can correct that? 22
- THE COURT OFFICER: Yeah, in that case, if I can correct the 23
- numbering. For volume 1, it will be P743.1, the excerpts thereof. 24
- And what was assigned to part 2 of volume 1 will now be reassigned to 25

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- volume 2, so volume 2 will be Exhibit 743.2, and the number 743.3 1
- will be freed up. Thank you.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Now you can -- you're still under the
- 4 obligation to tell the truth. Mr. Kehoe will be having some
- questions for you. 5
- Yes, Ms. O'Reilly. 6
- MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, just one moment before we continue. 7
- On this matter, we would propose to come back to it tomorrow morning 8
- when we've had a proper opportunity to consult with our client 9
- because the preliminary information that I'm getting is that there is 10
- a miscommunication about what constitutes a request. But I would 11
- like to address it tomorrow, if the need arises, once we've had a 12
- further opportunity to consult. 13
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Just -- I'm sorry to keep interrupting
- you, Mr. Kehoe. 15
- MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated] 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: There's a proper form that is filed, and 17
- it is not on file from your client. And I see no reason to come back 18
- to this tomorrow morning. 19
- MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, we're going to try to avoid the need 20
- to come back to it tomorrow morning, but I can't accept that without 21
- having talked to him. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Well, I'm just telling you that will be 23
- a -- it will be --24
- 25 MS. O'REILLY: Okay, Your Honour.

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- something that will have to be

- 2 decided tomorrow morning.
- 3 MS. O'REILLY: Yeah.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Now, Mr. Kehoe. You may commence.
- 5 MR. KEHOE: Thank you, Your Honour.
- 6 Cross-examination by Mr. Kehoe:
- 7 Q. It's still the morning, Ms. Mitchell.
- 8 MR. KEHOE: Whoops, they want me to use two mics here.
- 9 Q. Good morning, Ms. Mitchell. My name is Gregory Kehoe. I
- represent President Thaci. I haven't had the pleasure. But I will
- just be asking you a couple of questions for a bit, but they are
- going to go into various areas, so I'll try to -- bear with me if I
- go into one area and there is an immediate segue into another,
- 14 because I'm not going to cover everything that you talked about.
- But, again, as Judge Smith discussed with you when you
- testified, if you don't understand a question that I ask, please just
- 17 ask me to rephrase it.
- And, lastly, in the spirit of being polite. Sometimes -- we
- 19 speak English, and I have a tendency to or I do, in any event run
- over not only for the translators but I don't intend to cut your
- answers off at all. If I do at any point, I apologise ahead of time.
- Let me know and just tell us you're not finished, okay, because,
- obviously, the Court wants your complete answers to everything.
- 24 Okay?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. All right. Now, I just want to go back to you coming in to 1
- Kosovo with KVM and you said it was late October and November; is
- that right? 3
- Α. Yes.
- And that you were working with Ambassador Walker? 5
- That's correct. Α. 6
- And I think you told the special investigative folks that you 7
- worked closely with Ambassador Walker? 8
- With Ambassador Walker, yes. Α. 9
- I'm sorry? Q. 10
- Α. Yes. 11
- 12 Q. Okay. Let me just make this a -- and, you know, putting aside
- being briefed. I mean, obviously, with -- there's a lot on your 13
- 14 plate coming into the theatre of operations, and you don't have
- first-hand knowledge of everything that was going on in the war prior 15
- to your arrival. Would that be accurate? 16
- That's correct. 17 Α.
- So -- and your concern at the time, I think you told the 18
- Prosecutor this, and if not, you told the special investigator this, 19
- at paragraph 7 of your statement, that your concern was documenting 20
- human rights activities or abuses that were taking place by the Serbs 21
- because the Serbs were not documenting that or addressing that issue; 22
- that's correct? 23
- Α. Yes, sir. 24
- 25 And just going through your particular role, I take it that you

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- were in a management -- basically, a management and a supervisory
- 2 role while you were there. But putting aside the occasional
- interview of detainees, you were in a management and a supervisory
- 4 role when you were there; right?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And on a day-to-day basis, you weren't the person out
- 7 there doing interviews, were you?
- 8 A. Not every day, no.
- 9 Q. Well, that was left to your human rights staff and to some
- extent to your LOs, your liaison officers; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. But just going -- but the reporting that you were doing -- and I
- believe you told the ICTY this in a statement, and that would be
- paragraph 5 of your statement, that the important issue in gathering
- this in information was impartiality; is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you wanted to deal with information that was, in fact,
- verified; right?
- 19 A. As much as possible, yes.
- Q. And while the folks in the field were operating, most of the
- 21 contact with the various KLA individuals were done by the liaison
- officers, not by you; right?
- 23 A. Done by others, not just liaison officers. Yeah.
- Q. Others. Liaison officers on a day-to-day basis, human rights
- officers occasionally, and you yourself sporadically?

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That's correct.

- Okay. So just if I can understand it. I mean, so you are 2
- management, supervision. You're working on things on the ground 3
- through your liaison officers and human rights officers and they're 4
- feeding information back to you. Is that basically how it would go? 5
- Feeding information, yes, back to the headquarters. 6 Α.
- 7 Q. Yeah.

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- Α. Yes. 8
- Q. Back to you --9
- A. Yeah. 10
- -- and headquarters, and you would compile sitreps and then you 11
- would have a daily sitrep and weekly sitrep that you would compile; 12
- right? 13
- 14 A. Correct.
- Now, with regard to the methodology, and this is -- you told the 15
- ICTY in 2 July 2002 at paragraph 10, that because of the sheer 16
- number --17
- 18 MS. MAYER: I'm having trouble. There are multiple ICTY
- statements. 19
- MR. KEHOE: Okay. 20
- MS. MAYER: So if we could just get an ERN when you're 21
- referencing a document. 22
- MR. KEHOE: Absolutely. Absolutely. IT-005-87 P0226, that 23
- should be for 2 July 2002. 24
- 25 MS. MAYER: Thank you so much.

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- MR. KEHOE: 1
- And in that statement, Ms. Mitchell, you noted that because of
- the sheer number of human rights complaints received by the Human
- Rights Division, it was impossible to investigate them all 4
- thoroughly; is that accurate? 5
- Α. Yes. 6
- And you likewise noted in --7 Q.
- MR. KEHOE: And this is, you know, volume 2 of "As Seen, As 8
- Told," and this is SITF00001529 to 00001871 at SITF00001553. If we 9
- could just put that up on the screen. That page, being 1553. Did I 10
- give you the wrong number? Okay. If we can just scroll down a 11
- little bit. This is 155? It's up a little. Yes, please. If we can 12
- scroll up a bit. 13
- 14 Q. You see, it's probably six lines before "Methodology." It notes
- that: 15
- "Human Rights teams have not been able to fully verify every 16
- report received, nor to conduct exhaustive follow-up investigations 17
- in every case: neither time nor the scope of the OSCE mandate permit 18
- such a level of comprehensiveness." 19
- So I don't mean to be critical, but you had resources and time, 20
- and within that period of time you obviously gather information to 21
- make part of your report; is that right? 22
- That's correct. Α. 23
- And when you talk about -- and, again, this is not being 24
- 25 critical. Please, I am not trying to be critical in this fashion. I

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- mean, it is impossible under that situation to give a comprehensive 1
- accounting of exactly what transpired given the situation that you
- were in at the time, both the mandate and the time that you were
- allotted.
- That's correct. 5
- So in other words, we're talking about -- and, for instance, in
- 7 volume 2. We'll just look at volume 2. We're looking at, you know,
- approximately, what, 750 allegations or thereabouts? That comes out 8
- to about five or six a day. And these are allegations that you 9
- attempt to verify to the extent that you can; right? 10
- Α. Correct. 11
- And -- but you were a criminal defence lawyer in your past 12
- career. I mean, obviously, it would be additional work for a 13
- 14 criminal lawyer to find out fundamental questions. Obviously, who
- were the person was, who the victim was, what the motive was, 15
- et cetera. All the traditional questions that you would ask as part 16
- of a criminal investigation you would conduct as a prosecutor or as a 17
- defence lawyer; right? 18
- That's correct. 19 Α.
- Okay. And that could not be done under these circumstances; 20
- isn't that right? 21
- Α. That's right. 22
- So if I may. So we look at these -- these 7 -- if we look at 23
- these 750 investigations -- that's just volume 2, by the way. I 24
- 25 mean, I know that you had the task of putting both of them together.

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- I recognise that. These 750 allegations together -- and it was 1
- published in December?
- Yes, sir. 3 Α.
- Okay. So for volume 2, we have a very short period of time to 4
- gather information from June until, what, the end of September, and 5
- then you publish in December; right? 6
- 7 Α. Correct.
- Okay. And, obviously, again, with all of that information, you 8 Ο.
- didn't have the resources or the time to investigate those matters. 9
- You're just trying to put a historical record out there of this is 10
- what someone is saying and we've tried to, you know, triangulate it, 11
- whatever we can, but here it is; right? 12
- Α. Yes, sir. 13
- 14 Now, again, I understand that you didn't have the opportunity to
- investigate all of these and the time to investigate all of these. 15
- But as a consequence, you do recognise that mistakes were made about 16
- some of the items in the reports in looking back in history; right? 17
- I'm not sure what you mean. 18
- Well, let's just talk a little bit about -- about, you know, the 19
- Serb crimes. I mean, I know that you looked at Serb crimes more. In 20
- volume 1 you were looking at Serb crimes. But you were also looking 21
- at crimes that were committed by Kosovo Albanians, weren't you? 22
- Α. Yes. 23
- And one of the -- one of the -- just a for instance here. One 24 Q.
- 25 of the items that you spoke about or wrote about in your report, and

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- that would be the situation involving the Panda bar on 14 December
- 2 1998.
- MR. KEHOE: If we could put up on the screen SPOE00198098 to
- 4 198366. And this is at page 198303. If we can go to the bottom of
- 5 that page.
- 6 Q. And this is the "Killings of Serb civilians."
- 7 "There were a number of unidentified victims of seemingly
- 8 inexplicable killings. In some cases there was suspicion that UCK
- 9 forces killed not only moderate Kosovo Albanians but also Serbs who
- 10 were well liked by both communities. Two incidents in particular
- 11 attracted international attention. On 14 December ... unidentified
- gunmen killed six young Kosovo Serbs in the Panda Bar in Pec. The
- attack was considered to be in revenge for the killing of 30 UCK
- 14 members who had been shot while crossing the border illegally ..."
- Do you recall writing that?
- 16 A. I recall the incident in the Panda bar, yes.
- Q. Okay. And this -- obviously, this is part of your "As Seen, As
- Told" volume 1; right?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, we'll offer this excerpt into evidence.
- MS. MAYER: I would just ask that the footnote be included.
- There is a citation to an authority there, like we were doing with
- the other cites.
- MR. KEHOE: I have no problem with that. Authority of whatever.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: SPOE00198098 to 198366 at page -- you're

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- just doing the page?
- MR. KEHOE: Just these excerpts, as we did with the --
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: And specifically the document admitted
- 4 would be 198303. You may give it a number.
- 5 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, if I can -- can I perhaps add
- this page to the already admitted exhibit, 743.1?
- 7 MR. KEHOE: Whatever makes it easier for the Court to wend their
- 8 way through these documents.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- 10 MR. KEHOE: That's fine.
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: Thank you.
- 12 MR. KEHOE:
- Q. Now, in this, Ms. Mitchell, that you're talking about the murder
- of six Kosovo civilians, and you actually are even coming up with a
- revenge motive on the part of the Kosovo Albanians in retaliation for
- the killing of 30 UCK members; right?
- 17 MS. MAYER: Objection. Again, I don't believe he's shown the
- witness the citation. That sentence it says the motive was
- 19 revenge -- was considered to be revenge is cited to an authority that
- is not the KVM, so I would ask that that be shown to the witness.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: If you want to show the authority, show the --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Just scroll it down to the footnotes,
- 24 please.
- MR. KEHOE: I think it's end notes here.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: It's an end note?
- MR. KEHOE: I believe so, Judge.
- MS. MAYER: It is. It's on page SPOE00198311.
- 4 MR. KEHOE: I forget which footnote it is, Judge. What the
- 5 number is.
- 6 MS. MAYER: It's footnote number 9.
- 7 MR. KEHOE: Number 9, Humanitarian Law Centre. Okay.
- 8 Q. So Humanitarian Law Centre. So you accepted the fact that it
- 9 was considered to be revenge and you included it in your report;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. I think it was noted, yes --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- as being.
- Q. So we have a -- six young Kosovo Serbs are murdered in the Panda
- bar, and you say it's considered to be revenge. And the clear
- 16 conclusion from all of this was that the KLA was responsible in some
- fashion for this murder -- these murders; right?
- 18 A. These are -- these were allegations, well-founded allegations
- 19 that require further investigation.
- 20 Q. I understand.
- 21 A. And that's stated throughout.
- Q. I understand. But you have taken these murders and you have
- pieced it together with a revenge motive because of the killing of 30
- 24 KLA members but a few days before.
- 25 A. That was the best -- yes. That was the best determination.

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- Okay. And when you were doing this, you received -- and this is 1 Q.
- the SITF interview of 25 June 2014, and this would be at paragraph 6.
- You noted that:
- "Our office in Pec tried very hard to document and investigate
- this incident and ... I recall, there was reasonably good cooperation 5
- with the Serb authorities in relation to that case." 6
- 7 Α. Yes.
- Okay. So you have this case and then the Serbs are cooperating 8 Ο.
- with you; right? 9
- Α. Yes. 10
- And it is a fact, sir, that the Serbs have -- well, put it this 11
- way: Are you aware that the Panda café was a false flag operation 12
- and the murders were conducted by the Serbs? 13
- 14 No, I'm not.
- Let me give you -- turn your attention to a newspaper article 15
- where there's a interview. Do you know who Vuk Draskovic is, the 16
- Serb deputy prime minister? 17
- Α. The name, yes. 18
- Okay. And he told a Serb publication, Kurir, K-u-r-i-r, that it 19
- was the RBD, led by Radomir Markovic, who orchestrated this massacre 20
- through the Serb paramilitary Milorad Ulemek Legija, on the orders of 21
- then Slobodan Milosevic. Are you aware of that? 22
- No, I'm not. 23 Α.
- Okay. And were you aware that the goal of this attack was to 24 Q.
- 25 portray the KLA as a terrorist organisation before the international

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- community? 1
- No, sir, I'm not.
- Let me just show you this article.
- MR. KEHOE: It is DHT02782 to DHT02783. It's the Kurir,
- K-u-r-i-r. I am sure I am that -- pronouncing that correctly -- I'm 5
- pronouncing that incorrectly. 18 January 2014. 6
- Now, before we move to this article, Ms. Mitchell, this was a 7
- very, very significant event at the time, was it -- wasn't it? 8
- A. Yes, sir. 9
- And it led to increased anger and blaming the Kosovo Albanians 10
- and the KLA for these murders; right? 11
- 12 Α. I'm not sure what you mean by that. I'm sorry.
- Well, I mean, you said it added -- it did add to increased 13
- 14 tensions.
- Α. Yes. 15
- And the tensions were between the Serbs and the Albanians. 16 Q.
- Yes. 17 Α.
- 18 And specifically the KLA; right?
- Α. Yes. 19
- And here we have an article by Vuk Draskovic that said this was 20 Q.
- being done -- these murders had been committed in a false flag 21
- operation by the Serbs themselves; right? 22
- That's what it says. I haven't seen this article before. Α. 23
- Q. Okay. 24
- 25 MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, we'll move this article into evidence.

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- MS. MAYER: I would just object. I don't know the basis of 1
- this. I mean, again, I don't know the author. I don't know the
- sourcing or anything like that. I believe the witness says she's not
- aware, and that's -- that's sufficient in terms of putting it to the
- witness. 5
- MR. KEHOE: Well, this is a newspaper article that has been 6
- published on 18 January 2014. 7
- [Trial Panel confers] 8
- MR. KEHOE: Sorry. 9
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: In looking at the document, we can admit 10
- it for its content but not necessarily for the truth of the content 11
- given the fact that we have no other information at this time. So 12
- thank you. 13
- MR. KEHOE: Then I will try and augment that right now with 14
- yet -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. 15
- JUDGE GAYNOR: Could I just ask you to verify the translation. 16
- Your English translation seems to refer to "the legion," whereas 17
- Legija is a person, I believe. 18
- MR. KEHOE: Legija is a person. It does say "Ulemek Legija." 19
- I'm not sure, Judge. The line 3 in the English does have his name as 20
- Milorad Ulemek Legija. 21
- JUDGE GAYNOR: Could I invite you to submit a revised 22
- translation. 23
- MR. KEHOE: Absolutely, Judge. 24
- JUDGE GAYNOR: Thank you. 25

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- MR. KEHOE: I will take your advice to heart. Thank you. We 1
- will review this, Judge. We can just MFI it for now and I will
- 3 just --
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We'll leave it at an MFI then for now.
- MR. KEHOE: Yes. 5
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Until you do that.
- 7 Thank you, Judge Gaynor.
- MR. KEHOE: Thank you. My apologies. 8
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: No problem. 9
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honour, for the record, that document 10
- will be assigned 1D74 MFI. 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. 12
- Go ahead. 13
- 14 MR. KEHOE: Yes.
- And, Ms. Mitchell, let me show another article. This is from 15
- Balkan Insight. You're familiar with Balkan Insight, are you not? 16
- Perhaps at one point. I'm sorry, it's not ringing a bell. 17 Α.
- 18 I understand. I understand. Life has gotten in the way of
- everything in the past. But let me show you an article from Balkan 19
- Insight, 14 December 2018. 20
- MR. KEHOE: And this is DHT02784-DHT02789. 21
- THE INTERPRETER: Interpreters kindly ask the speakers to 22
- observe a pause between answers and questions. Thank you. 23
- MR. KEHOE: Again, my apologies. I know I'm supposed to do 24
- that, but it's all too often honoured in the breach. 25

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- So we look at this article, and you're welcome to read the 1
- entire article, but it is quoting a Vladimir Vukcevic, the Serbia war
- crimes prosecutor, who notes the same thing: One, that there are
- almost no Albanians in Pec at the time; and, two, that the entire
- matter was conducted as a false flag operation. 5
- So you don't know anything about the fact that there have been 6
- 7 statements by the Serbs themselves that the Panda murders were a
- false flag operation? 8
- No, sir. It's the first time seeing it. 9
- Okay. Well, let us backtrack. At the time, you published a Q. 10
- story about the Panda murders that you believed to be plausible; 11
- right? 12
- You're referring to the report? 13
- 14 Q. Yes.
- Yes, sir. 15
- Okay. And in that, it was a statement about the murder of six 16
- young Serb men and that the entities that were behind it were either 17
- the KLA or the Kosovo Albanians. That was the clear inference from 18
- what you wrote; right? 19
- That's correct. Α. 20
- Okay. Now, this -- well, with -- you had this plausible story 21 Q.
- at the time. If these articles are true, that inference that you 22
- made and conclusion that you made in the report was incorrect? 23
- Α. If these are true, that's right. 24
- And I understand that you didn't have the opportunity to do this 25 Ο.

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- thorough investigation at the time. But with an incident as filled 1
- with emotion as this, this was an important one, obviously, to
- examine carefully, but you're unable to do so because of time and the
- situation; right? 4
- That's correct. 5
- Now, I mean, there were other false flag operations that were 6
- being run by the Serbs during this period of time as well, weren't 7
- there? 8
- I'm -- false flag operations? I'm not --9
- False flag operations being -- maybe that's a military 10
- terminology of -- and pardon me, that the Serbs are committing a 11
- 12 certain criminal act, like the Panda bar murders, and blaming someone
- else. That happened frequently with the Serbs, didn't it? 13
- 14 I wouldn't say frequently and with that kind of certainty.
- These reports are based on allegations. 15
- I understand. Based on allegations. I get it. And, obviously, 16
- when you placed your allegations in here, you didn't -- once it 17
- was -- you took the allegations in, I think you told us you didn't do 18
- further investigations? 19
- No, we urged others to. 20
- Absolutely. Others -- others like law enforcement entities or 21
- whatever to do it. Absolutely. So when you came into somebody 22
- like --23
- MR. KEHOE: For instance, let's go to the first volume of the 24
- "As Seen, As Told," and this will be SPOE00198098, and this is at 25

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- 1 page 198305.
- Your Honour, by the way, as I'm waiting, I would like to tender
- 3 the Balkan Insight article.
- 4 MS. MAYER: No objection.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: DHT02784 to DHT02789 is admitted.
- 6 Please assign a number.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, that will be Exhibit 1D75.
- 8 And just to confirm that should be classified public?
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. Go ahead.
- 10 MR. KEHOE: Now, if we can just put this on there.
- 11 Q. We're talking about the detention at the top of the page of two
- 12 Tanjug journalists. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. The:
- "Two journalists for Tanjug, the Yugoslav state ... agency, were
- abducted by UCK members on 18 June [sic] 1998. Their release was
- finally secured two months later, facilitated by the OSCE-KVM Head of
- 18 Mission."
- 19 MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, at this time I would like to introduce
- this portion of the report into evidence. Just those three lines on
- 21 top, Judge.
- MS. MAYER: No objection. I would just similarly ask for the
- witness to be shown the citations and the citations to accompany it.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: You're not --
- MS. MAYER: I would just similarly ask for these things that are

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- footnoted, for the citations to be shown to the witness if they are
- going to be questions about this portion, that they be included in
- 3 whatever's admitted.
- MR. KEHOE: I have no objection to having the footnotes admitted
- 5 too, Judge.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The three lines is all you want in?
- 7 MR. KEHOE: All the three lines, just the lines.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Three lines plus the footnote are
- 9 admitted.
- MR. KEHOE: It's the shortest document I'll ever introduce,
- 11 Judge.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, if I can suggest perhaps again
- 13 to add this to P743.1.
- 14 MR. KEHOE: Whatever's easiest for the Court.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
- MR. KEHOE:
- 17 Q. So when you were going through this, I want to show you a
- document that's been received in evidence as 1D59. So when you were
- 19 looking at these two journalists -- while this is coming up, I'll ask
- you a question, Ms. Mitchell.
- When you were looking at these two journalists and putting this
- information in your report, you didn't do any investigation as to who
- these journalists were, did you?
- A. I'm not sure, sir. If I could see the footnotes, whether they
- 25 were --

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- Ο. Sure. 1
- [Overlapping speakers] ...
- MR. KEHOE: If we can go back -- we can go back to the -- the
- footnotes are on -- I've just been informed are on page -- I'll just 4
- say 311 and 312 of that document. 5
- As this is coming up -- and, Ms. Mitchell, any time you want to 6
- see something additional as we go through it, just let me know. 7
- Α. Thank you. 8
- MR. KEHOE: So I think we're talking about footnotes 19 and 20. 9
- On the next page. 10
- So this information that you included in your report you got 11
- from a Humanitarian Law Centre report. Do I have that right? 12
- Α. Yes, sir. 13
- Okay. And I also have it right that the -- and I think it's 14
- also Human Rights Watch? Yeah. And I take it, based on what we have 15
- as the footnotes, that you didn't do any further investigation as to 16
- who these guys were? 17
- 18 Α. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. 19
- MR. KEHOE: If we can just turn to the exhibit that I was just 20
- talking about, which is 1D59. 21
- THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's note: Once again, the speakers 22
- are kindly asked to pause between question and answer. Thank you. 23
- MR. KEHOE: 24
- 25 Ms. Mitchell, that was for you and me.

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MR. KEHOE: If I can go -- and this is a matter that was 1

- introduced into evidence that -- if we can go to the next page.
- And it involves a -- one of these Tanjug reporters whose name is
- Vladimir Dobricic, otherwise known as Kica. And he claimed to be a 4
- newspaper photographer at Tanjug when, in fact, he had joined a group 5
- of volunteers in Croatia that committed a series of murders. And 6
- 7 down that page it says:
- "Due to criminal activities and murders committed, especially in 8
- actions near Skabrnja where they killed tens of civilians, it was 9
- decided that this unit, "Dobricic's unit, "be closed down ..." 10
- And he has been described by ICTY investigators as a hardcore 11
- Chetnik, and that was the ICTY witness statement of Ari Kerkkanen. 12
- Now, did you know when you were reporting -- did you take a look 13
- 14 at Mr. Dobricic -- or I guess you didn't take a look at Mr. Dobricic
- to find out that he was involved in criminal activities in Croatia 15
- and also in Bosnia; is that right? 16
- That's right. 17 Α.
- Now, just going back to false flag operations -- by the way, I 18
- mean, finding out, whoever is looking at this, to determine if there 19
- is some type of criminal activity, as a criminal lawyer, you would 20
- agree with me that it's important to take a look at who these victims 21
- are, what are they, what's their background, et cetera. That's 22
- important, isn't it? 23
- Α. Of course, yes. 24
- 25 0. Okay. I'm not saying you would do it for your record keeping,

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- but it's important to examine that information, isn't it, for a 1
- criminal -- in a criminal matter, as opposed to just reciting the
- information?
- Yes, I'm pausing. That's --
- Q. Gotcha. 5
- -- my hesitation. 6 Α.
- 7 Q. Understood. You're ahead of me on that. Okay.
- So we talked about Dobricic being someone other than a Tanjug 8
- reporter, and we talked about the Panda bar being a false flag 9
- operation. You also know of other -- and I can cite you to them, of 10
- other false pieces of information coming from the Serbs as well. 11
- Like, for instance, the dropping of leaflets on Kosovo Albanians; 12
- isn't that right? 13
- 14 I can make it easy for you and just take you to the part of the
- report. 15
- Α. 16 Great.
- MR. KEHOE: Can we go to the volume 1 of the SPOE -- and this 17
- would be SPOE00198372. Okay. I apologise, Judge. I'm just waiting 18
- for it to come up on the screen. 19
- In the interest of time, if I could just read it, Judge, it 20
- would probably be easier. 21
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 22
- MR. KEHOE: Okay. Can we scroll down just a bit to December 23
- 1998. There we go. 24
- "In December 1998, leaflets were found in Istiniq containing 25

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- death threats purporting to have been issued by the regional UCK 1
- headquarters. The OSCE-KVM was informed, but was advised that the
- local Kosovo Albanians did not believe that the leaflet was
- authentic, and considered it a forgery used by the Serbian police to
- intimidate the population." 5
- Do you remember getting these types of reports? 6
- I don't remember this specific one, but I'm confident that if 7
- it's in the report that we would have received the information. Yes. 8
- Q. So in this information, we have your OSCE documenting false 9
- leaflets to scare the population allegedly to, you know, commit --10
- to -- and add threats to the local population, which the local 11
- 12 population believe were sent by the Serb police to scare them?
- Yes, sir. 13
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, I would like to introduce this into 14
- evidence. 15
- MS. MAYER: No objection. I would just say again to include the 16
- citation, which is in end note 15 -- 25, rather. What's cited in 17
- that would be on page SPOE00198378. 18
- I'll also just note this is the first excerpt from the second 19
- part of volume 1, so that does not have a P number yet. And we have 20
- no objection if you want to make it 743.3, but I leave that to the 21
- Court. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. 23
- SPOE00198372 and end note number 25 are admitted in evidence. 24
- MR. KEHOE: 25

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- Q. And then you --1
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Just a second.
- MR. KEHOE: Oh, I'm sorry, Judge. I'm sorry. 3
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, for ease of record, I will
- assign that number P743.3. 5
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 6
- MR. KEHOE: 7
- And just shifting gears factually, I mean, you had talked 8
- earlier about the Recak murders. And in that situation, the Serbs 9
- tried to cover those murders up, didn't they? 10
- Α. Yes. 11
- Okay. And they took -- they came in, took the bodies that they 12 Q.
- had killed, and they took them, where? To? 13
- 14 To the morgue in Prishtine.
- And it was the Serbs who, in fact, did that; right? 15
- Yes, sir. Α. 16
- And, in fact, during that period, the Serbs brought them down to 17
- Prishtine and ultimately it was the Serbs that brought them back for 18
- burial, didn't they? 19
- I don't remember that --Α. 20
- 21 Q. Okay.
- -- detail. They may have. 22
- Well, that whole area -- the road between Recak -- and we can 23
- get into this in a little bit. The whole road between Recak and 24
- Prizren in January 1999 was totally controlled by the VJ and the MUP, 25

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- wasn't it? 1
- From Prizren?
- From Prizren to Prishtine, that correspondence, that
- communication road was entirely controlled by Serb forces, wasn't it?
- I believe so, yes. 5
- Yeah. So when you were talking about taking the bodies, the 6
- bodies are taken from Recak to Prishtine, and when they are 7
- ultimately brought back it was Prishtine -- it was the Serbs that 8
- brought them back; right? 9
- Okay. I don't remember if it was --Α. 10
- Q. Okay. 11
- -- KVM with the Serbs or family members. I'm sorry. I don't 12
- remember who returned the bodies. 13
- 14 Okay. I put the case to you that the KVM had nothing to do with
- bringing the bodies back to --15
- 16 Α. Okay.
- -- to Recak. Now there were also, you know, false flag 17
- operations involving a multitude of other crimes that I would just 18
- like to briefly touch on with you. 19
- MR. KEHOE: And this is at, again, volume 1, SPOE -- well, the 20
- page number is 198397. 21
- It goes: Q. 22
- "On 10 March the body of a 46-year-old Kosovo Albanian taxi 23
- driver from Djakovica, was found on the road from Crmljane, near 24
- Mege, 10 km north-east of Djakovica on the edge of the hills by the 25

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Drini i Bardh ... his body had gunshot wounds in the chest and head 1

- and his undamaged car was found nearby. Police retrieved the body
- and informed the family. The OSCE-KVM later attended the crime
- scene, and conducted interviews on the possible circumstances of ...
- death, but was not informed by the police about the incident." 5
- And the police in this instance would have been the Serb police; 6
- 7 right?
- Α. That's correct, sir. 8
- "From the interviews it emerged that on 9 March, the taxi driver 9
- had taken a passenger to Sverke (Kline), but was not seen after that. 10
- Police had interviewed him several times previously over allegations 11
- that he had transported UCK members (which he had done in the past)." 12
- If we can go down. The actual shooting took place. And it 13
- 14 says:
- "UCK sources also reported that the victim had mentioned to 15
- friends three days before his death that he had been threatened by 16
- the police, " again the Serb police, "who said: 'If you continue 17
- transporting them' [i.e. the UCK], 'you will be killed by UCK!'" 18
- Now, this was a threat by -- information by the Serb police 19
- for -- against the taxi driver for driving KLA or UCK members, and he 20
- was, in fact, murdered, and you had the information that the Serbs 21
- were going to blame the KLA. Is that accurate? 22
- Yes, sir. What it says. 23
- I mean, this was the information that you --24 Q.
- That's correct. 25 Α.

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- -- folks compiled --1
- Α. Yeah.
- -- at the time.
- MR. KEHOE: And then if we can just go to another in volume 1,
- this would be at page SPOE00198407 -- excuse me, I take that back, 5
- 198402. If we could just scroll down a little bit to that middle 6
- 7 paragraph here.
- And in the middle of that paragraph, it notes that: 8 Ο.
- "A teacher from Mala Krusa/Krushe e Vogel (Prizren) was arrested 9
- on the bridge to Rogovo and beaten by the police in the basement of 10
- the police station." 11
- Again, this was the Serb police; right? 12
- Α. Yes. 13
- "Then he was transferred to the third floor and beaten with 14
- shovels and kicked, especially in the kidneys. He was asked 15
- questions such as: 'What language do you use when you fill in your 16
- class book? Are you using the Serbian or Kosovo Albanian 17
- 18 curriculum?' They also threatened to make him put on a UCK uniform,
- take him to the woods and shoot him dead, if he did not answer." 19
- So here we have a situation of them actually taking a teacher 20
- and threatening him and putting a KLA uniform on him and take him to 21
- the woods and shoot him. That's the allegation here. 22
- MS. MAYER: I think you just --23
- THE WITNESS: Yes. 24
- MS. MAYER: -- missed a word at the end. The allegation was 25

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- that the threat was to do that, not that they actually --
- 2 MR. KEHOE: No, no --
- MS. MAYER: -- did that.
- 4 MR. KEHOE: -- I understand.
- 5 Q. That the allegation was that to do that; right?
- A. Yes. Please don't interpret my hesitation as anything more than
- 7 what I'm hearing from translators.
- 8 Q. Understood. Okay. So that was the threat to this teacher?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, you also had information where these -- well, let me
- go to the other issue where bribes at checkpoints and people being
- forced to put KLA uniforms on.
- MR. KEHOE: And I'll turn to volume 1, and this will be
- 14 SPOE00198435.
- THE INTERPRETER: The interpreters kindly ask the counsel to
- 16 slow down when citing text. Thank you very much.
- MR. KEHOE: I will do my best again.
- I'm sorry? This -- just before I do this, Judge, I want to
- introduce into evidence the prior one, if I could. The prior
- 20 excerpt. I think I had two of them.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MR. KEHOE: Yes, if I could introduce those.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- I'm sorry. One is SPOE198397.
- MR. KEHOE: Yes, Your Honour.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection to that one?
- MS. MAYER: No objection as long as the end notes are included.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The second one is SPOE198402. Both are
- 4 admitted.
- 5 Wait, wait, we have to get a number for them.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, those will be added to P743.3.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. Go ahead.
- 8 MR. KEHOE:
- 9 Q. If we move to, with the item that's on the screen, Ms. Mitchell,
- 10 you know, the -- I think we're --
- MR. KEHOE: It's the bottom paragraph, "There were ..." if we
- 12 can just scroll up a bit.
- 13 Q. "There were several complaints ..."
- Okay. I'm starting from:
- "There were allegations of ill-treatment, bribes and illegal
- 16 confiscation at ... checkpoints."
- 17 This is ill-treatment, bribes, and confiscation at Serb
- 18 checkpoints; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And moving down in that item to -- about four lines, it notes
- 21 that:
- "At gunpoint the young man was forced back in his car with the
- police officers, who made him drive to a nearby location."
- 24 And this is:
- There they changed cars and got into another private car

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without licence plates, drove off again and stopped on the edge of a

- nearby forest. The young man was forced to go into the forest where
- 3 the police officers took out a bag from underneath some bushes. The
- 4 young man was forced to put on a UCK uniform and pose with a rifle
- 5 while police officers took photographs of him. After this they took
- back the uniform and rifle and they beat him. The young man was not
- allowed to leave until he had promised that he would pay the police
- officers DM 20,000 the next day."
- Now, this is an instance where they were forcing a person to put
- a KLA uniform on. Were you aware of this incident at the time? And
- this was in the area, if we can go back, of Gjilan, and look at the
- front page. If you can look at that next sentence:
- "One notable case, in February, concerned a young man who was
- driving from Kosovska ... to Gnjilane when he was stopped by a police
- officer."
- So this -- were you aware of this?
- 17 A. Yes, vaguely.
- 18 Q. It's just --
- 19 A. It rings a bell once you read it, yeah.
- 20 Q. So we have the police are --
- 21 A. Yeah.
- Q. You had information that the police were putting KLA uniforms on
- individuals forcibly; right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- MR. KEHOE: Now let's turn to again volume 1, this is

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- SPOE00198437 to 438. It should be at the bottom of the page. 1
- And if I can introduce that prior excerpt as well before I move
- to this one.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection?
- MS. MAYER: No objection. I would just ask for the footnote 5
- citations to be included -- or end notes, rather. 6
- MR. KEHOE: And to the extent that I leave that out, I would 7
- agree to all the footnotes coming in at the time. So I have no 8
- objection to that. 9
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: SPOE00198435 plus the footnote is 10
- admitted. 11
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, that would also be added to 12
- P743.3. 13
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
- MR. KEHOE: 15
- Just at this bottom paragraph, Ms. Mitchell. This is: 16
- "A refugee reported that her husband had observed from his 17
- window how police beat up their neighbour, a local leader of one of 18
- the smaller political parties, in front of his house around 22 May." 19
- And we're talking about 1998 here. I take that back. I'll have 20
- to check on that. 21
- "They placed weapons, two grenades, one automatic gun and UCK 22
- uniforms in his house, and forced Kosovo Albanians from the street to 23
- 'verify' this by signing a document. This kind of fabrication was 24
- 25 seen happening to other Kosovo Albanian leaders of political

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- organisations in Gnjilane."
- Now, you had an office -- a KVM office in Gjilan, and they
- 3 became well aware of this incident, did they not?
- 4 A. May I get the year?
- 5 Q. We'll just check on that right now.
- 6 A. If I may see the citation.
- 7 Q. Sure.
- MR. KEHOE: The citation is 28. If we can go to the citation on
- 9 28.
- 10 THE COURT OFFICER: Can we get the ERN reference for the end
- 11 notes page?
- MR. KEHOE: The end note ERN is -- 444 is the page. And it's
- footnote 28, Court Officer. All set?
- 14 Q. That help you at all?
- 15 A. It tells me that these are statements made by refugees being
- interviewed in refugee camps during the campaign.
- 17 Q. And so -- and this is a statement that was given to you by one
- of your refugees concerning putting UCK uniforms in his house.
- 19 A. Yes, sir. If it's footnote 28, it would have been taken from a
- 20 camp in Macedonia.
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, at this time I'll offer this excerpt
- into evidence.
- MS. MAYER: No objection. If we could just get the witness to
- clarify the year. I believe that by looking at this, she probably
- knows the answer to the original question, which is what year this

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- 1 is.
- 2 MR. KEHOE: I'll give it --
- 3 THE WITNESS: 1999.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- 5 SPOE00198437 to 438, plus the note at number 28 of page ERN
- 6 444 --
- 7 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours --
- 8 MR. KEHOE: One last --
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- they're admitted.
- THE COURT OFFICER: -- those will also be added to P743.3.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I'm sorry, I didn't say it. They are
- 12 admitted.
- MR. KEHOE: Thank you, Your Honour.
- One last reference along these lines, and this will be again
- volume 1 at SPOE00198652. It's at the top of the page.
- 16 Can we just go to the page before, if we could? Scroll up just
- 17 a little bit.
- 18 Q. This is in this particular area.
- 19 MR. KEHOE: If we can scroll down a little bit.
- Q. So I think we're looking at the 29 March area. If we go to the
- 21 next page, top of the page, it notes that:
- "The same day six 'policemen' ..."
- 23 And you put "policemen" -- obviously you talked about police
- with the Prosecutor, where when you put it in quotes, it is people
- who -- individuals who are purporting to be policemen but either

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- aren't or are exerting that kind of authority; is that right? 1
- Yes, sir. Α.
- So we have these:
- "The same day six 'policemen' in green-brown camouflage
- uniforms, automatic rifles and grenades entered the building and 5
- expelled the tenants. Two of the perpetrators lived in the same 6
- building, one in the neighbouring house. Another tenant cooperated 7
- with the police and as early as February wrote 'UCK' on the doors of 8
- Kosovo Albanians. The interviewee had never seen these people in 9
- uniforms before." 10
- MR. KEHOE: And we can go to footnote 86 so you can reference 11
- that, and that's on page 658. It's footnote 86. 12
- That help you with the interview of a refugee? 13
- 14 Yes, sir. Footnote 86 references two statements taken in
- Macedonia of refugees. 15
- Okay. So we have a situation here where people -- Serbs are 16
- dressing up as police, going in, throwing people out, and writing 17
- "UCK" on their doors. 18
- Correct. Α. 19
- And these were -- and according to this, this refugee, the --20
- these people -- he knew these people and had never seen them in 21
- uniforms before; right? 22
- Α. Yes. 23
- Q. That's what it says. It says: 24
- "The interviewee had never seen these people in uniforms ..." 25

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- Α. Yes. 1
- Okay. So in addition to this, during this period of time when 2
- 3 you are there --
- 4 MR. KEHOE: Oh, by the way, I want to tender that as well,
- Judge. 5
- MS. MAYER: No objection. I would just ask for the page before 6
- 7 as well since that was shown and it starts there. So starting at
- SPOE00198651, bottom, that last paragraph, to the top of 652, along 8
- with the end note. 9
- MR. KEHOE: We can do that in redirect, Judge. I mean, I'm 10
- tendering this. She could do that in redirect. 11
- MS. MAYER: I believe it was shown in direct. 12
- MR. KEHOE: That's fine. She can -- we can put that in. It's 13
- 14 okay.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: SPOE00198651 to 652 is admitted along 15
- with the note at 86, page 658. 16
- THE COURT OFFICER: And, Your Honours, that will also be added 17
- 18 to P743.3.
- MR. KEHOE: 19
- Now, in addition to the items that we just talked about, you did 20
- become aware that the Serb authorities, the VJ, the paramilitaries, 21
- and the MUP were, in fact, arming Serb civilians, weren't they? 22
- A. Yes. 23
- And those civilians were engaged in acts of criminal activity 24 Q.
- alongside the MUP, the paramilitaries, and the VJ, weren't they? 25

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- Α. Yes. 1
- And as a result of that -- and I want to turn your attention to,
- again, it's volume 1, SPOE00198149. The paragraph that begins:
- "Paramilitary units are hard to define ..." Do you see that,
- Ms. Mitchell? Oh, it's not on the screen. I'm sorry. My apologies. 5
- I thought it was on the screen. It's that -- it's the first full 6
- 7 paragraph there. Not the carry-over.
- Α. Yes. 8
- Q. So: 9
- "Paramilitary units are hard to define and recognise. On a 10
- number of occasions, it is likely that there was confusion in 11
- distinguishing between armed local civilians and the organised 12
- paramilitaries who originated from outside [of] Kosovo." 13
- 14 And that was a fact throughout the period of time you were there
- with the KVM, certainly before you left in March 1999; right? 15
- Α. 16 Yes.
- So with regard to the issue of combatants and non-combatants, 17
- given the fact that they were arming civilians, those armed civilians 18
- became combatants, didn't they? 19
- MS. MAYER: Objection that it draws for a legal conclusion of 20
- combatants. 21
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Overruled. She can answer that if she 22
- knows. 23
- THE WITNESS: Yes. 24
- MR. KEHOE: 25

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- Q. Okay. So you have the MUP, the paramilitaries, and you have
- 2 armed civilians all participating in attacks on the Kosovo Albanian
- 3 population; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And if I can just turn to the next page on this, and it starts
- 6 with "the white uniforms." And that would be the next page is
- 7 198150. It's in that box, ma'am. If we can just -- it's under the
- 8 "Recognising and differentiating among perpetrators: uniforms." It
- 9 says -- and I'm talking about the second paragraph, starting with the
- 10 second sentence:
- "The white uniforms of the White Eagles may have been the cream
- of an SAJ unit, local armed civilians could be mixed up with the
- ad hoc mixed dress of a paramilitary unit (Arkan's paramilitaries
- favoured black uniforms or civilian clothes). In short, a fixed rule
- for identifying perpetrators by uniform would be misleading; a
- description is only a valuable additional piece of information to a
- 17 bigger picture."
- You agree with that, don't you?
- 19 A. With regards to the Serbian forces, yes.
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, can I tender those last two items into
- 21 evidence?
- MS. MAYER: No objection.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: SPOE00198149 and this next one is
- P198150, they're both admitted.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, those will be added to P743.1.

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- MR. KEHOE: 1
- And you told us -- you told the SPO in your discussions that
- you -- from leaving in March of 1999, various staff members -- not
- just you, various staff members of KVM were conducting interviews 4
- with refugees in Macedonia and Albania; is that right? 5
- Α. Yes. 6
- 7 Q. I know you're waiting for the --
- Thank you. 8 Α.
- -- proper -- okay. Let me just show you one last item. 9
- MR. KEHOE: And if I can just get this in before the break, 10
- Judge. This would be SPOE00198307. 11
- 12 And it's the paragraph that is -- yeah. That bottom paragraph
- there. Yeah, it's that bottom paragraph. So the report writes in 13
- 14 volume 1:
- "Of the 2,764 interviews with mainly Kosovo Albanian refugees 15
- conducted by the OSCE-KVM, there are numerous reports of armed Serb 16
- civilians taking part in the atrocities committed against the Kosovo 17
- Albanian population from 20 March to 8 June 1999." 18
- Now, is that your accurate assessment of what was taking place, 19
- that the Kosovo Serb population was engaged in the atrocities along 20
- with Serb forces? 21
- MS. MAYER: Objection. I think that's an overstatement. 22
- MR. KEHOE: That's the question. 23
- MS. MAYER: It's not the entire Serb population. 24
- MR. KEHOE: That's the question. That's the question. 25

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- MS. MAYER: I'm objecting because he's reading off of a report
- and I think that's a misstatement of the evidence.
- MR. KEHOE: That's fine.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Overruled. You may answer the question
- 5 if you know.
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, I lost the thread of your question --
- 7 MR. KEHOE: So did I.
- 8 THE WITNESS: -- sir.
- 9 MR. KEHOE:
- 10 Q. It is a fact that the refugees that you interviewed told you in
- 11 numerous reports that the armed Serb civilians armed Serb civilians
- were taking part in the atrocities that had been ongoing in Albania
- prior to your departure in March 1999?
- 14 A. In Kosovo, that's correct, sir.
- MR. KEHOE: Your Honour, I note it's 1.00. I tried to get a
- 16 convenient spot to end.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right.
- MR. KEHOE: If I can introduce this into evidence, and we'll be
- done.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection?
- MS. MAYER: No objection.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: SPOE00198307 is admitted and it will be
- assigned a number.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, that will be also added to
- 25 P743.1.

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PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Witness, this is our only two sessions for today. We will not have a third session. You'll need to be here at 9.00 tomorrow to start again. The Court Officer will escort you from the room. Remember not to speak to this case with anyone. THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. [The witness stands down] PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Remember also that, as I said, we have 7 no session this afternoon, and we will see you tomorrow morning at 8 9.00. 9 We are adjourned. 10 --- Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.01 p.m. 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23