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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
JOMO KENYATTA ROAD, FREETOWN.

THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before - Judge Bankole Thompson, Presiding Judge
Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe
Judge Pierre Boutet

Registrar - Mr. Robin Vincent

Date - 27 May 2004

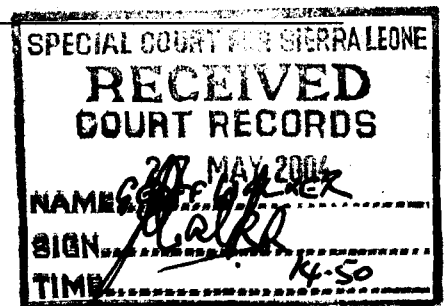
THE PROSECUTOR

against

SAMUEL HINGA NORMAN
MOININA FOFANA
ALLIEU KONDEWA

Case No. SCSL - 2004 - 14-PT.

CHIEF SAM HINGA NORMAN
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PRE-TRIAL BRIEF.



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1. By Order of 22nd March 2004 the Trial Chamber ordered the Defence teams to file their pre-trial briefs two (2) weeks before the commencement of the Trial. The Defence team for Sam Hinga Norman hereby requests an extension of time within which to file its pre-trial brief.
2. The Defence team for Sam Hinga Norman has not yet filed its pre-trial brief for the following reasons:

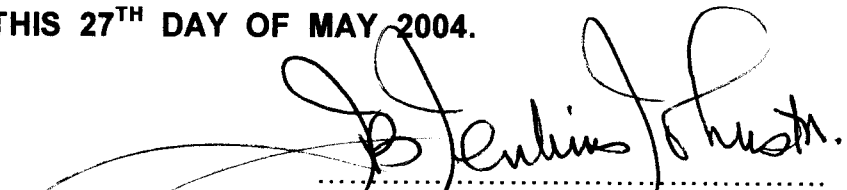
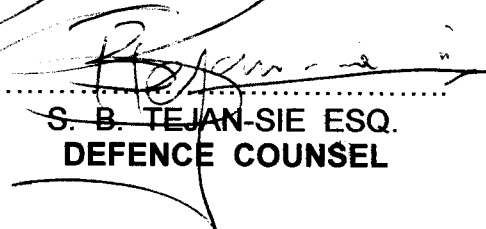
During the past few weeks the defence has had some internal problems (which we would prefer to remain confidential) which has resulted in the loss of two(2) members of the team who were actually involved in the preparation of our pre-trial brief. We are now in the process of replacing those two(2) members of our team *and* hope to do so within the next two(2) weeks.

In the meantime the other members of the team are working on the pre-trial brief and therefore request an extension of time to complete *and* file same, such time to be determined by the Court.

The Defence team considers this to be an exceptional circumstance which was totally unforeseen and which happened at a most inopportune time.

The Defence team therefore hopes that this request will be favourably considered by the Trial Chamber.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2004.


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