SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE DEFENCE OFFICE

FREETOWN - SIERRA LEONE

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Bankole Thompson

Judge Pierre Boutet

Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

Registrar:

Mr Robin Vincent

Date Filed:

18th March 2004.

PROSECUTOR against

MORRIS KALLON

(Case SCSL-2004-15-PT)

DEFENCE RESPONSE TO PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST TO ADMIT

Office of the Prosecutor:

Defence Office:

Luc Cote, Chief of Prosecutions. Robert Petit, Senior Trial Attorney. Haddijatou Kah-Jallow

Rupert Skilbeck SPECIAL COURT FOR STERRALLONE



Introduction

- 1. The Prosecution filed a **REQUEST TO ADMIT(the Request)** on the 3rd of March 2004 in light of the Status Conference in this case which was held on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2004.
- 2. The Defence Office has been instructed by Counsel for Morris Kallon to respond on their behalf to the Prosecution's Request to Admit.
- 3. The Prosecution requests the Defence of Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon and Augustine Gbao to admit, deny, refuse or admit/deny in part, each statement in Parts I-III of the Request.

Status Conference.

- 4. Pursuant to Rule 65(bis) of the Rules of Evidence and Procedure a Status Conference was convened on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2004 to avail parties the opportunity to engage in frank and open deliberations so as to "ensure expeditious trial proceedings;" and to
 - (ii) "Review the status of his case and to allow the accused the opportunity to raise issues in relation thereto."
- 5. A number of issues were raised during the Status Conference pertaining to Rule 66(a) (i) and Rule 68 in which the court has yet to make a determination.

Submission.

6. The Defence Office on behalf of Morris Kallon submit that it is premature to take any action in respect to the Prosecutor's Request to Admit in the absence of complete disclosure of all materials by the Prosecution.

Haddijatou Kah-Jallow.