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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0901H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today, the Chamber continues to hear testimony of the expert, Ms.
- 6 Peg LeVine.
- 7 Mr. Em Hoy, please report the attendance of the parties and other
- 8 individuals to today's proceedings.
- 9 [09.02.44]
- 10 THE GREFFIER:
- 11 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all parties to this case
- 12 are present.
- 13 Mr. Nuon Chea is present in the holding cell downstairs. He has
- 14 waived his rights to be present in the courtroom. The waiver has
- 15 been delivered to the greffier.
- 16 The expert who is to continue her testimony today, Ms. Peg
- 17 LeVine, is present in the courtroom.
- 18 Today, we have a reserve civil party, that is, 2-TCCP-298.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 [09.03.33]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. Em Hoy. The Chamber now decides on the request by
- 23 Nuon Chea.
- 24 The Chamber has received a waiver from Nuon Chea, dated 12
- October 2016 (sic), which states that, due to his health, that

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- 1 is, headache, back pain, he cannot sit or concentrate for long.
- 2 And in order to effectively participate in future hearings, he
- 3 requests to waive his right to be present at the 12 October 2016
- 4 (sic) hearing.
- 5 Having seen the medical report of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor
- 6 for the accused at the ECCC, dated 12 -- let me <correct> it. It
- 7 should be 11 October 2016, which states that Nuon Chea has a
- 8 constant lower back pain and it becomes severe when he sits for
- 9 long and recommends that the Chamber shall grant him his request
- 10 so that he can follow the proceedings remotely from the holding
- 11 cell downstairs.
- 12 Based on the above information and pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the
- 13 ECCC Internal Rules, the Chamber grants Nuon Chea his request to
- 14 follow today's proceedings remotely from the holding cell
- 15 downstairs via an audio-visual means.
- 16 The Chamber instructs the AV Unit personnel to link the
- 17 proceedings to the room downstairs so that Nuon Chea can follow.
- 18 That applies for the whole day.
- 19 And before I hand the floor to the defence counsel for Khieu
- 20 Samphan, I'd like to hand the floor to the expert first to make a
- 21 short observation. If you wish to do so, madam, you may have the
- 22 floor.
- 23 [09.05.36]
- 24 MS. LEVINE
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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- 1 I just wanted to clarify my status for the records. It came to my
- 2 attention this morning that my status was listed as Mrs. Peggy
- 3 LeVine. I don't hold the status of Mrs. I'm not a married person,
- 4 so I wanted to clarify that and please ask that that change be
- 5 corrected, and also that a capital V be added into my name.
- 6 That's less important to me than my first request.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you for the information.
- 9 And again, I hand the floor to the defence counsel to continue
- 10 questioning the expert.
- 11 And please, inform the Chamber how you coordinate the time
- 12 between <Khiev Samphan Defence> and the defence team for Nuon
- 13 Chea.
- 14 And can you also tell the Chamber, that is, Nuon Chea defence,
- 15 when you wish to question the expert?
- 16 [09.06.58]
- 17 QUESTIONING BY MS. GUISSE RESUMES:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President. As I pointed out yesterday, we are
- 19 working as we do usually. <Which is to say, > when the witness is
- 20 called by the Defence, we will start and the Nuon Chea team will
- 21 examine the witness at the end <once> all the parties <have>
- 22 examined their witness, so we'll have 20 to 30 minutes more
- 23 <depending on how I move along. > So <this morning I will try to
- 24 finish>, at the very most, in 40 minutes <or less if that's
- 25 possible> in the time allotted to us.

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- 1 Q. Good morning, Ms. Peg LeVine. As you've understood, we don't
- 2 have much time to put questions to you before the others take the
- 3 floor. There are many things I would like to discuss with you and
- 4 I will not be able to do so. In any case, I would like you to
- 5 make some clarifications.
- 6 I've understood that in the scientific approach you followed <--
- 7 that's the term I'll use for it>, you made it a point of duty not
- 8 to proceed with a bias on forced marriage since you had already
- 9 heard about it before your study. And you made it a point of duty
- 10 to make sure that those interviewed used their own words in
- 11 characterizing their marriages.
- 12 [09.08.26]
- 13 So my first question to you is as follows. Can you tell us, as
- 14 part of your study, how many people and what percentage of your
- 15 sample told you that they were victims of forced marriage?
- 16 That is my first question, and I'll have some follow-up questions
- 17 for you.
- 18 And was that term used <spontaneously> at any point in time by
- 19 the persons concerned?
- 20 MS. LEVINE
- 21 A. In my entire sample, the word "forced" was never used.
- 22 [09.09.16]
- 23 Q. I would like to follow up on something you said yesterday in
- 24 passing, and I saw it as I looked at my notes.
- 25 Yesterday, you stated that people felt shame in using the word

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- 1 "forced marriage". My question is as follows. Does it mean that
- 2 it was some kind of defence mechanism, and that is why they
- 3 didn't use that term? <Or that,> quite honestly and
- 4 intrinsically, they did not consider their marriages as forced
- 5 marriages? <I'm not sure if you understand the nuance.>
- 6 In other words, is it something they heard from others outside
- 7 and they rejected it <completely> because they considered that
- 8 they were not victims of forced marriage? <Or because they did
- 9 not like that label?>
- 10 A. I'll just clarify a little bit more finely about my statement
- 11 about the word "shame".
- 12 It was not until after the word "forced" became an agenda at the
- 13 ECCC -- let me state that differently.
- 14 It was after the word "forced" became an agenda item to be
- 15 evaluated at the ECCC that people began to feel as if they were
- 16 ashamed to tell their children about where and how they were
- 17 married. That's the first part of my answer to your question.
- 18 And secondly, they did not change their interpretation of their
- 19 weddings as being authentic, but they were concerned about how
- 20 public they could be given the context of media representation of
- 21 their weddings.
- 22 [09.11.43]
- 23 Q. Very well. If I understand you correctly, it was the image
- 24 projected of their marriages that posed a problem, and not the
- 25 circumstances under which their marriages had been organized.

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- 1 Have I properly understood your testimony?
- 2 A. Yes, that the shame factor became an artefact of the
- 3 representation of their weddings in the media, particularly
- 4 probably 2004 onwards. Again, I tracked my respondents,
- 5 especially in that first very dense sample, for a very long
- 6 period of time, some for five years, so I could track their shift
- 7 in their orientation and perceptions of the definition of their
- 8 weddings.
- 9 [09.12.47]
- 10 Q. I have a question which is related to what you may have heard
- 11 regarding arranged marriages before 1970. When you interviewed
- 12 those persons before the notion of forced marriage was in the
- 13 public domain, were the persons you interviewed who were married
- 14 <during> Democratic Kampuchea, aside from the ritual elements --
- 15 <an important element, > and I'm sure people will deal with that
- 16 later. Did people make any distinction between the fact that it
- 17 was Angkar <or their parents> that had made the decision or
- 18 chosen their spouse? Was that something that emerged from your
- 19 interviews?
- 20 Was there a significant distinction in the manner in which people
- 21 spoke of their marriages, the fact that it was rather a village
- 22 chief who chose their spouse for them or someone from their
- 23 family? Since you pointed out at the outset that marriages, in
- 24 any case, were not just product of a choice by two persons, <but
- 25 of> two families, or even a community.

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- 1 Did you make any distinction in what the people felt regarding
- 2 the fact that it was a village authority or someone else or the
- 3 family that arranged the marriage in the way you felt vis-à-vis
- 4 what people told you during those interviews?
- 5 [09.14.31]
- 6 A. Just to clarify because I may have understood the very
- 7 beginning of your statement, you're wanting me to comment on
- 8 those who I interviewed who were part of my formal sample set who
- 9 were wed under DK; is that correct?
- 10 Q. Yes. Let us start with that. I put a lot of things in my
- 11 questions, I do agree, but let us start with that.
- 12 A. What unfolded in my research in a way that was quite startling
- 13 for me because I hadn't anticipated it was that the longer I was
- 14 immersed in interviews and travel with my respondents, the more
- 15 the way in which people talked about Angkar changed. And that
- 16 seemed to be -- that seemed to be a significant factor in how
- 17 they, themselves, experienced the arrangement of their weddings.
- 18 [09.15.44]
- 19 So I think what you're doing right now is introducing the role of
- 20 Angkar in the weddings, and what I found as introduction to your
- 21 question was that the way in which Angkar was being presented as
- 22 an organization shifted in meaning the longer I spent time with
- 23 people who talked about their weddings under Angkar. And Angkar
- 24 became less an organizational feature and more of a mythological
- 25 or metaphysical feature of their experiences.

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- 1 Q. Indeed, in your thesis, you dwell at length on the different
- 2 meanings of Angkar that emerged during the interviews of the
- 3 various persons you interviewed. I'm referring here to pages 170
- 4 to 178. That is document E3/1794, and the ERN in English is
- 5 000482602(sic) to 000482610(sic). I will not have the time to
- 6 quote all of the different meanings of Angkar that are given
- 7 here, but this is what you say on page 175 of your thesis, <ERN>
- 8 <00482607>, that is in English.
- 9 And you state that, decreasingly, Angkar was viewed in the
- 10 <statements> of the persons you interviewed as an organization<,
- 11 a party, and that it <increasingly> was outside of the
- 12 ideological framework. It was more of an entity that had power
- 13 and <was identified with> a particular leader. <Sometimes,> it
- 14 was something quite diffuse.
- 15 [09.18.21]
- 16 Can you tell the Chamber the definition of Angkar that came up
- 17 most frequently in the -- in what emerged from the interviews of
- 18 the persons you did interview?
- 19 A. Yes. I would like to digress for a brief moment just to
- 20 explain the method by how I came to some of my conclusions.
- 21 So the form that I submitted this morning that was requested
- 22 yesterday for submission, I want to clarify, that was a data
- 23 survey form. So how I came to that form, which has one question
- 24 on it that all 192 of my respondents responded to, and the
- 25 question was, "What is Angkar?" Not "who is" or "where is", but

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- 1 "What is Angkar?"
- 2 I came to ask that question after analyzing for nearly five years
- 3 all of those in-depth interviews and travels and film material
- 4 from my ethnography. So that question emerged because I -- I
- 5 didn't set out to -- I didn't set out to look for that; I
- 6 discovered it. And then I decided to get more data and
- 7 information on that, so I want to state that up front.
- 8 [09.19.53]
- 9 So this term I investigated across all of the respondents, I
- 10 state on page 175 that 22 per cent of my respondents considered
- 11 Angkar to be a leader in the sense that we see written in many
- 12 historical texts, the leader of the organization or the
- 13 organization, whereas from those 192 respondents, 48 per cent of
- 14 them gave Angkar a metaphysical orientation.
- 15 Now, as an anthropologist, I needed to understand that, so again,
- 16 I didn't only look for content-based data. I had to look into the
- 17 context and processes by which people came to tell me what they
- 18 told me, again, that triangulation I used in my methodology.
- 19 And so I went back into the literature to learn more about --
- 20 while I was gathering evidence from respondents, about
- 21 transformational spirits and the significance of a spirit-based
- 22 Buddhist culture and how spirits protect people, how spirits
- 23 transform and how spirits destroy.
- 24 [09.21.24]
- 25 I did a lot of -- a lot of in-depth research into that topic

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- 1 because what was coming forward from the respondents was
- 2 referring to Angkar as if it was a transformational force, that
- 3 at any time Angkar could appear and destroy.
- 4 In fact, I had one couple in my first sample of 22 that began my
- 5 investigation into Angkar. I went to their wedding site and then,
- 6 afterwards, they wanted to take me to the woman's mother village
- 7 because after they were married, they were told they could walk
- 8 to the woman's mother's village and stay there for three nights.
- 9 And when we were driving to the mother's village, I said to them
- 10 -- because they walked for five hours that night after they got
- 11 married to the mother's home. I said, "What did you talk about
- 12 while you were walking to your mother's home?"
- 13 [09.22.29]
- 14 And they said, "We, we didn't talk about anything". And I said,
- 15 "Because?" "Because Angkar could hear us."
- 16 And then I asked, "What did you think about?" "We did not think
- 17 because Angkar could hear what we were thinking."
- 18 That was my moment of discovery in my first data set that led me
- 19 to then investigate how people experienced and perceived -- this
- 20 is a perception we're talking about; it's not a belief. How they
- 21 perceived Angkar in their lives over time during DK and the --
- 22 then I was -- of course, because I was investigating
- 23 ethnographically the meaning of the weddings, I wanted to
- 24 understand, well, what meaning did Angkar have for people during
- 25 their wedding times.

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- 1 So that is how I began to investigate this very interesting topic
- 2 that still requires a lot more research.
- 3 [09.23.37]
- 4 Q. And that notion of Angkar leads me to logically ask questions
- 5 on your research as regards the policies that you investigated on
- 6 the issue of marriage, that is, the official policy of the <CPK>.
- 7 They speak of Angkar as this almost metaphysical entity that
- 8 emerged from the interviews you conducted.
- 9 My question is as follows. Apart from what you heard from those
- 10 you interviewed, did you carry out any particular research on
- 11 documents or any interviews of former leaders in order to know
- 12 what the policy of Democratic Kampuchea on the issue of marriage
- 13 was, <if there was one>?
- 14 And did you obtain any information in that regard and, if yes,
- 15 what information did you gather?
- 16 A. Because it sat outside the domain of my methodology and I was
- 17 quite a purist in conducting my research, I did not go into
- 18 extensive investigation in that area. However, I did look to
- 19 investigate, because of what came out of my study, the potency
- 20 factor of Angkar.
- 21 And in doing that, I went -- I went to the Documentation Centre
- 22 of Cambodia and spoke with members of staff there and was able to
- 23 look at a collection of sayings by Angkar.
- 24 [09.25.25]
- 25 I spoke to Henri Locard, who was doing research in that area, and

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- 1 I did a survey, if you will, of how Angkar was being presented by
- 2 the regime publicly. And that just assisted in informing me all
- 3 that -- all the contradictory experiences and perceptions and
- 4 cognitive understanding of Angkar that people were carrying with
- 5 them during the regime.
- 6 It was a very confusing time, a very confusing, if I can use the
- 7 word, entity because no one knew where Angkar was. Was there a
- 8 headquarters? If it was, where was Angkar? What did Angkar look
- 9 like?
- 10 So at a time with so much chaos and so much upheaval and so much
- 11 compromise to people's imaginations and so much fear, it's really
- 12 quite reasonable to see how people would start then experiencing
- 13 a particular kind of anxiety around this Angkar that had a
- 14 particular force in and over their lives.
- 15 [09.26.50]
- 16 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 17 Excuse me, Mr. President. I appreciate the answer of the witness.
- 18 However, the question was whether she reviewed documents or spoke
- 19 to leaders about the policy of the regime toward forced marriage,
- 20 and it would be helpful to the examination if the witness answers
- 21 the question asked.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor, for your intervention. I am examining
- 25 the expert, and if she doesn't answer any of my questions, I

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- 1 would myself ask her to answer the question. <I would rather not
- 2 be interrupted during my interrogation. > And if there's anything
- 3 to be clarified, I would be the right person to ask her to do so.
- 4 Q. Ms. LeVine, on the notion of Angkar and what you gathered in
- 5 your research in that regard, I have understood that this was not
- 6 part of your methodology. But in light of the <statements> you
- 7 heard <or> the interviews you conducted <with people who may have
- 8 mentioned> local authorities, did you have any interviews with
- 9 persons who were in authority at the time of Democratic
- 10 Kampuchea?
- 11 Did you have access to documents or instructions that may have
- 12 been received on the issue of marriage in general?
- 13 [09.28.26]
- 14 MS. LEVINE
- 15 A. Thank you. And I apologize for not answering fully the
- 16 question that you posed to me before.
- 17 I did not speak to leaders. I had access to leaders' names. I
- 18 still have access to those names. But that -- to move in that
- 19 pathway, given the parameters of the research and the purpose of
- 20 my research around investigating the phenomenon underlying
- 21 weddings had me stay within the boundaries of the methods that I
- 22 set and the ethics and ethical board ruling that I had that I
- 23 need to stay within the domain of. That -- to have done that
- 24 would have fallen outside of the purpose of this particular --
- 25 this particular study.

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- 1 However, there's scope for someone to move that study forward. I
- 2 think it would be a brilliant study for someone to do.
- 3 [09.29.31]
- 4 Q. Fine. So I understand from your answer that because this was
- 5 not the topic -- <well, the way you approached the subject, that>
- 6 you did not try to obtain official documents from the CPK.
- 7 So without any particular form of research, did you get wind of,
- 8 through your research of the 12 moral commandments of the CPK and
- 9 in particular, of commandment number 6 that refers to marriage?
- 10 Is this something that you studied or is this something that
- 11 someone spoke to you about during your interviews?
- 12 A. Of course I considered all of those principles because it was
- 13 part of my literature review. Did people in my sample -- samples
- 14 -- did my respondents refer specifically to any of those
- 15 principles? No, they did not.
- 16 [09.30.38]
- 17 Q. I'm telling you this because the question is how the marriages
- 18 were organized, <by whom> and how this was applied on the field
- 19 and what were the instructions <from above> if there were any--
- 20 related to marriages. That is the central question in this trial,
- 21 and <to attempt to> maybe have you react.
- 22 I don't know if you read other studies on that subject or heard
- 23 other people speak about this, but when <expert> Nakagawa came to
- 24 testify before this Court on 13 September, this is what she said.
- 25 A little bit before 3.06.47 in the afternoon, she said:

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- 1 "I believe that there was a policy that was established in the
- 2 upper ranks to organize collective marriages, but I do not have
- 3 enough evidence to assert that there was a pre-established policy
- 4 in order to organize forced marriages." End of quote.
- 5 So reacting to what the other expert said, based on your research
- 6 and -- did you also note that there was a policy or <at least a
- 7 movement> of organization of collective marriages?
- 8 That's my first question, and then I'll put my second question to
- 9 you after that.
- 10 A. Because I mapped as much as I could my data across time and
- 11 place -- one second, please. I just want to get a map that I have
- 12 here.
- 13 [09.32.35]
- 14 Q. I believe that it's on page 8, Roman numeral VIII of your
- 15 <thesis>, which we spoke about yesterday.
- 16 A. It's a different map that I brought in today. I'm sorry. I
- don't mean to be shuffling papers here.
- 18 I'll return to give you hard data on your question in a couple of
- 19 moments.
- 20 Because I wanted to, yes, understand how the weddings happened
- 21 over time and place, I noticed that in areas where weddings were
- 22 not occurring, there were more purges being done by the Khmer
- 23 Rouge. I even hesitate to give an interpretation about what that
- 24 meant in its relationship to the weddings. But I think there was
- 25 a relationship between the places in which there were purges and

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- 1 the ways in which weddings were formulated more -- in a more
- 2 sequenced way in certain regions, and then that sequencing seemed
- 3 to have moved into the regions, particularly in the west,
- 4 following purges that had happened. And they became -- again,
- 5 because I tracked rituals, the rituals that were being
- 6 reconstituted later on in the regime, '78 and '79, were much more
- 7 reified than they were at the very beginning of the regime.
- 8 [09.34.21]
- 9 Now, having said that, the way in which those reified rituals
- 10 were being enacted seemed to very much be correlated with the
- 11 presiding commune leader, usually village leader, at the
- 12 particular sites.
- 13 So in other words, some people had liberty in certain areas to go
- 14 to a parent's house after a wedding; some did not. But there was
- 15 still a period of time that they were given after the wedding to
- 16 be together, albeit in some places, they were together for the
- 17 rest of the regime, and in other places, they were together for a
- 18 number of days and then they were sent to different places.
- 19 I think that depended on whether they came from mobile teams.
- 20 So it's very hard for me to answer your question as adequately as
- 21 I would like because I was always trying to make things fit into
- 22 a pattern to see if there was a policy from the top that was
- 23 coming down.
- 24 What I think is, there was a general consensus at the top that we
- 25 have a plan to do something here and the weddings are part of

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- 1 that. How that was enacted seemed to vary so much across time and
- 2 place initially at the beginning of the regime that it's hard to
- 3 say that a policy had been established at the beginning of the
- 4 regime.
- 5 [09.36.02]
- 6 It could be, and I hypothesized this -- I've been hypothesizing
- 7 it more because I've been carrying on my research since this
- 8 period, especially since I've had access to testimonial work at
- 9 the Shoah Foundation in L.A. It seems to me as if a policy was
- 10 being developed, but at the beginning of the regime, there was a
- 11 flying by the seat of your pants policy. And there's a big word
- 12 of mouth that happens in Cambodia. In Australia aboriginal terms,
- 13 we call that song lines, where there are informal networks of
- 14 communication about how things happen.
- 15 I think that informal song line process fed the development over
- 16 time of the beginnings of a policy, but I can't say that I was
- 17 able to discover one in my research.
- 18 [09.36.58]
- 19 JUDGE FENZ:
- 20 Sorry for interrupting. I hate to do this, but this is too
- 21 unclear for me.
- 22 MS. LEVINE
- 23 I'm sorry.
- 24 JUDGE FENZ:
- 25 What kind of policy are you now referring to; policy for what?

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- 1 MS. LEVINE
- 2 A policy for weddings.
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 Generally, weddings. Without qualification, arranged, forced,
- 5 nothing. Just weddings.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 MS. LEVINE
- 8 (Microphone not activated)
- 9 [09.37.19]
- 10 MS. GUISSE:
- 11 The microphone was not on, so we didn't hear the expert's answer.
- 12 JUDGE FENZ:
- 13 My question is on record. Yes. Then please repeat the answer.
- 14 MS. LEVINE
- 15 Thank you for your question.
- 16 Because I did not do my research on forced weddings, I did my
- 17 research on weddings, so I was interested in whether there was a
- 18 policy about weddings.
- 19 [09.37.58]
- 20 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 21 Q. Well, I have the impression that I didn't get the full answer.
- 22 But now, regarding the existence of a policy for weddings, you
- 23 said yes, there must have been one or, in any case, this is what
- 24 you gathered from your research, apparently. Is that what you're
- 25 telling us?

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- 1 MS. LEVINE
- 2 A. Yes. I apologize for thinking out loud in my response to your
- 3 question.
- 4 That at the beginning -- my data seems to show, strongly, that at
- 5 the beginning of the regime there was a general understanding
- 6 that weddings were going to happen. However, it was so chaotic at
- 7 the beginning in how the weddings happened because people had so
- 8 much access to traditional weddings in the early stages of group
- 9 weddings, particularly in '75 and '76, that it was not until '77
- 10 that weddings seemed to have appeared to be more consistent.
- 11 So I think in the beginning of the regime, there was not a
- 12 quantifiable policy on weddings. I think after areas were purged
- 13 and people were moved around to different locations, then
- 14 weddings started to come into some of those purged regions, and
- 15 by 1978, certainly, there were some rituals that were
- 16 reintroduced because I think rituals are important to looking at
- 17 the weddings under DK.
- 18 [09.39.50]
- 19 And by 1978, I think a policy in some ways organically happened,
- 20 but I have no evidence of there being a written policy that was
- 21 passed down or a written policy that was talked about between
- 22 people in villages when weddings were being arranged.
- 23 I think it -- the policy was, in some ways, an organic one that
- 24 everybody seemed to know about by end of 1978.
- 25 MR. KOUMJIAN:

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- 1 Excuse me again, Your Honour. I know counsel is conducting the
- 2 interview, but when we ask -- when we object or do not object to
- 3 questions, it's based on the question.
- 4 The question was about commandment number 6, and the witness did
- 5 not object -- did not address that in her answer, is she familiar
- 6 with commandment number 6.
- 7 [09.40.55]
- 8 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 9 Well, the International Co-Prosecutor will have all of the time
- 10 necessary to put questions to the expert.
- 11 <In> an exchange with an expert, I just react to her answers, so
- 12 since I don't have much time, I'm going to focus on the points
- 13 that interest me and the Co-Prosecutor will have all of the time
- 14 to cover all of the points that he wishes <during his>
- 15 examination.
- 16 Q. A question -- because I don't have much time. In your
- 17 testimony, you provided spontaneously a certain number of
- 18 documents to the Chamber, in particular, a document entitled --
- 19 or in which, rather, you refer to an interview you looked at from
- 20 DC-Cam, an interview you reviewed of a person who was questioned
- 21 in the United States. And in your work at the Shoah Foundation,
- 22 you reviewed and read this interview.
- 23 [09.42.07]
- 24 And I'm referring, therefore, to the little synopsis that you
- 25 sent to the Chamber, which is indexed E3/10676; ERNs 01330847 and

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- 1 01330848. I'm not sure that you have it before you, so can the
- 2 Court officer please provide the document to the expert so that
- 3 she may know which document I'm referring to here.
- 4 And in this document -- I believe the President nodded yes,
- 5 agrees to that.
- 6 In this document, you speak about the fact that you understood
- 7 when you were verifying translations of the elements that you
- 8 obtained in Khmer that there was a part that had been omitted in
- 9 this statement that was taken by DC-Cam and that one of the
- 10 questions that was <omitted> was: "Were you a victim of a forced
- 11 marriage or were you married forcefully?" I don't remember
- 12 exactly how it was worded. And the person who was questioned
- 13 answered no.
- 14 [09.43.36]
- 15 And this excerpt is not in the DC-Cam interview that was provided
- 16 to you, and it is upon watching the film of that interview you
- 17 noticed that that segment was missing.
- 18 So let me get back to my general question. You can see already<,
- 19 even from the statements by the Court, the parties, and I
- 20 assume that in the statements you received through your work, it
- 21 is always difficult to> speak about marriages under DK when we do
- 22 not refer to them as forced marriages.
- 23 So can you elaborate on this, and this will, unfortunately, be my
- 24 last question. And I would like to specify that you indicated in
- 25 the conclusion of your <thesis> that you did not use the

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- 1 <expression> "forced marriages" <-- the term "forced",> and you
- 2 decided to analyze the marriages the way you had studied them and
- 3 that you compared this to some kind of military service.
- 4 So can you explain what your findings are in that regards and how
- 5 you came up with that conclusion?
- 6 I know it's a rather convoluted question, and I <unfortunately>
- 7 only have <just under> five minutes <left> to have you elaborate
- 8 on this, but I'm sure that when the parties will put their
- 9 questions to you, we will be getting back to that topic. But
- 10 however, can you provide us with a <summary> vision of what you
- 11 described in that regard?
- 12 [09.45.23]
- 13 A. I just want to clarify because I have two very big questions
- 14 before me, one that's related to the submission of transcripts
- 15 for Court review that I had submitted. When I was at the Shoah
- 16 Foundation, I had the honour of being the inaugural Fellow. I was
- 17 brought there to help create the first database for Cambodian
- 18 survivors for the Shoah Foundation.
- 19 So do you want me to reply to that, or to the latter question
- 20 about my use of the term "conscription", or to divide it in half?
- 21 Q. Well, you can divide it in half if you want to.
- 22 [09.46.05]
- 23 A. So then I'd like to clarify about the role of DC-Cam in this
- 24 particular submission that I submitted because the clarification
- 25 is very, very important.

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- 1 Before I arrived at the Shoah Foundation as the inaugural Fellow,
- 2 the Shoah Foundation, as a way of just trying to begin building a
- 3 new index for Cambodian survivors -- excuse me. Sorry about that.
- 4 They had brought in some DC-Cam staff to help them begin that
- 5 process. And the DC-Cam staff did two things.
- 6 They wrote the interview protocol that they were going to be
- 7 using, and they also interviewed two Long Beach Cambodian former
- 8 refugee survivors. Because I was doing research still on the
- 9 wedding period, I looked first at the questions that were being
- 10 written because I was then going to be expected to take
- 11 testimonials based on those written questions. And I questioned
- 12 the integrity of the questions that were being put before the
- 13 survivors, and that document was changed.
- 14 Then I had access to the filmed -- the Shoah Foundation owns the
- 15 film. I had access to the transcripts and the film that was done
- 16 by two DC-Cam members. And in reviewing that, it seemed as if
- 17 something was missing, to me.
- 18 [09.47.50]
- 19 And so I encouraged the Shoah Foundation., we had many
- 20 discussions, and they decided to get a second translator.
- 21 Now, in the first -- in the first testimonial, the DC-Cam staff
- 22 had interviewed the person and a DC-Cam staff member, Mr. -- or
- 23 Dr. Kosal Phat. He was the translator of those transcripts.
- 24 So his translation was sent to DC -- was sent to the Shoah
- 25 Foundation, and they were going to use that for sub-titling. But

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- 1 I encouraged them to get a second translation, an independent
- 2 translation.
- 3 The independent translator went through the original tapes, and
- 4 what he did was he put in blue font things that had been changed
- 5 from the original interview and things that were omitted from the
- 6 original interview.
- 7 [09.48.51]
- 8 It was then that I realized that there was a question in that
- 9 interview about weddings, but the question about the weddings and
- 10 the response was dropped out.
- 11 If I might read, Mr. R. was asked: "How old were you then?", the
- 12 interviewer -- DC-Cam interviewer.
- 13 "I was about 23 to 24 years old when I was evacuated from Phnom
- 14 Penh."
- 15 The interviewer: "Did they force you to get married during that
- 16 time?"
- 17 Respondent: "No, they did not."
- 18 "So we are finishing another tape."
- 19 "I know by giving testimonials at the Shoah Foundation that I, as
- 20 the interviewer, determined, because it's digital film, when I
- 21 stop the tape." So, the tape was stopped there.
- 22 When the transcript was translated by the DC-Cam member, the
- 23 transcript came back and said:
- 24 "How old were you then?
- 25 "I was about 23 to 24 years old when I was evacuated from Phnom

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- 1 Penh.
- 2 "So we are finishing another tape."
- 3 As a researcher, I would not have had access to that response
- 4 about the weddings had I not been in that position that I had at
- 5 the Shoah Foundation.
- 6 [09.50.06]
- 7 And the reason I submit this -- it may have just been an
- 8 oversight on the part of the person who did the translation, but
- 9 the reason I submit it is because it has been so difficult to
- 10 access research that's been done on this period that I think has
- 11 been research that has been neutral and unbiased in sampling and
- 12 questioning, and so that is why I submitted this document because
- 13 I was surprised to have found this omission as a researcher on
- 14 this topic. That's the answer to my first question I was asked.
- 15 The second, more briefly, that there may be time to come back to
- 16 later, yes, I came to the conclusion in my study that the
- 17 weddings were, I use the term, "conscripted".
- 18 I use that term in a very etiological way. When one looks at the
- 19 term "conscription", it was a legal term in 1798. It has Latin
- 20 roots. Sorry.
- 21 [09.51.16]
- 22 Q. I apologize. I apologize.
- 23 Please let me interrupt you because in French I heard the word
- 24 "forced" in the translation, and I don't believe that's the word
- 25 that you used.

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- 1 So can you use again the English term to make sure that we have
- 2 an accurate translation in French?
- 3 A. In terms of the word I have assigned to the weddings, the word
- 4 I have assigned to the weddings is "conscription".
- 5 Q. And this word "conscription", can we tell you that this might
- 6 be another way of saying that it was forced or that it was
- 7 against people's will?
- 8 What's the difference you make between "conscription" and
- 9 "forced"?
- 10 [09.52.20]
- 11 A. Returning to the Latin roots of the word, if we look at the
- 12 etiology of the term, it means "write down together". It was
- 13 first used in Britain when they were gathering troops by writing
- down orders to put people's names on lists for service.
- 15 In Australia, the term means "national service". In the United
- 16 States, it means "selected service". The US government has the
- 17 right to conscript property in states of emergency. It's often
- 18 compulsory in armed forces. People are released by the government
- 19 if they are deemed to be conscientious objectors, but they must
- 20 do civil assigned duty. That's mandatory if they're released as a
- 21 conscientious objector.
- 22 Evasion is a criminal offence in most countries. Resistance is
- 23 usually an offence, at least my understanding is, in 44 states in
- 24 the United States. There are penalties of jail, community service
- 25 if one fails to obey conscription.

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- 1 [09.53.40]
- 2 Globally, nine countries in the world conscript women. In Asia,
- 3 the country is Malaysia.
- 4 I say in my thesis on page 14 the national selection of young men
- 5 and women for group weddings and related prescriptions for sex
- 6 and the systems designed to accommodate the pregnancies,
- 7 abortions and births that came next. In many ways, I see that
- 8 process, the original process of marriage, as people doing a
- 9 national service, is how I ended up interpreting that term.
- 10 I can talk about it more at length later.
- 11 Q. Well, I'm really up with my time, so I have to, of course,
- 12 share my time with the Nuon Chea defence.
- 13 But one point regarding this issue of conscription -- well, in
- 14 French I heard the word "forced" again, so I don't know if this
- 15 is a word that you also used in English. In any case, that's what
- 16 I heard in French, so I'd like to draw this to your attention for
- 17 the record.
- 18 In any case, what difference do you make -- and this is my last
- 19 question because I don't have more time. What difference do you
- 20 make between a choice that was <made> traditionally with regard
- 21 to marriages <before>, <when people were told "it is time to get
- 22 married", and when the family decided that you had to marry this
- 23 or that person, it was> a choice that was <not> made <by the
- 24 spouses themselves, > and with what happened in DK or, in any
- 25 case, in certain places, where people were told that this is the

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- 1 time to get married and the choice was either made in agreement
- 2 with the family or upon a decision <or suggestion> of the village
- 3 leader, or upon the decision of the unit leader?
- 4 [09.55.46]
- 5 So what's the difference you make? Because, <if I understand
- 6 correctly, > in both cases, the spouses <could> not have the
- 7 choice <of whom they'd marry>. And this is my last question, and
- 8 then I will give the floor to the other parties.
- 9 A. In many ways, your question brings me around in a circle to
- 10 your earlier question about Angkar.
- 11 From the study I did because I included perceptions of Angkar,
- 12 being conscripted in many ways was being called up by Angkar for
- 13 service.
- 14 I mean, that is my short answer to your question at this time. I
- 15 will give it more contemplation.
- 16 But there is a relationship between the way the term "Angkar" was
- 17 being used in the weddings and people's experiences of loyalty
- 18 which is part of some of the principles that I'm sure we'll talk
- 19 about later, and service.
- 20 [09.57.05]
- 21 Q. Well, a very last point of clarification. You speak about
- 22 loyalty vis-à-vis Angkar. When we spoke with Nakagawa, she was
- 23 speaking about the fact that children who had to get married
- 24 would marry as an expression of loyalty towards their parents.
- 25 So can you draw a parallel with this sense of loyalty towards

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- 1 Angkar, or <does> this <have> nothing in common?
- 2 Maybe to give me a full answer, in the interviews you conducted,
- 3 did people speak about their families and about Angkar <in terms>
- 4 of loyalty when they <thought about getting> married or when
- 5 these marriages were proposed <to> Angkar <by> the family?
- 6 A. I think to say -- if I were to say yes, that I agree with Ms.
- 7 Nakagawa's statement would be a surface agreement because what
- 8 I'm talking about here is very dimensional and very complex.
- 9 This issue of loyalty at a time when people were displaced and
- 10 then their loyalty to families was displaced and then replaced on
- 11 Angkar is a threat that is part of my answer to your question.
- 12 [09.58.50]
- 13 But again, it's very complex, and the seduction -- there is a
- 14 seduction about how Angkar was represented to people in a way
- 15 that was very, very disturbing, I must say. But there is
- 16 something quite seductive about being loyal to Angkar for people
- 17 in my study.
- 18 MS. GUISSE:
- 19 It is with regret, Mr. President, that I put an end to my
- 20 examination of the witness. I have exceeded the time that had
- 21 been granted to me by my colleague, and I hope you won't take
- 22 <him> to task for that given the complexities that I had to deal
- 23 with, and I do acknowledge that it is my fault. It is my fault.
- 24 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 25 Your Honours, given the importance of the testimony and the fact

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- 1 that I think we didn't get very far and the witness has said
- 2 quite a bit that she'll get to expand her answers later when,
- 3 actually, that will depend on the questions she's asked, I would
- 4 propose that both sides be given an extra session, that the
- 5 witness be extended to two days.
- 6 [10.00.21]
- 7 JUDGE FENZ:
- 8 I just wish to add the Bench has a couple of questions, too, so.
- 9 The easiest thing, perhaps, to do is because I might need some
- 10 time and some of the things you want to address will probably be
- 11 addressed by me, perhaps we can make a decision on how much we
- 12 will -- additional time, if any, we give to the parties after
- 13 I've finished my questions.
- 14 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 15 And I admit, I'm not sure how much time we'll need. Of course, we
- 16 don't know till we actually do it. I would say that I wouldn't
- 17 like to do my examination until I see the schedule, which
- 18 hopefully will be distributed soon.
- 19 [10.01.06]
- 20 JUDGE FENZ:
- 21 The questionnaire hasn't been distributed?
- 22 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 23 Sorry. The questionnaire, I haven't gotten it, and I don't see it
- 24 on email yet.
- 25 JUDGE FENZ:

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- 1 Really? Because I want to use it -- or I want to put it before
- 2 the Chamber and use it for questioning.
- 3 Legal officer, can we please give a paper copy to the parties?
- 4 (Short pause)
- 5 [10.01.48]
- 6 JUDGE FENZ:
- 7 Do defence counsel have it?
- 8 MS. GUISSE:
- 9 We have it.
- 10 JUDGE FENZ:
- 11 It's short, so easy to digest, but still (Microphone not
- 12 activated).
- 13 (Short pause)
- 14 [10.02.48]
- 15 JUDGE FENZ:
- 16 Can I just ask an additional question to the expert as a
- 17 pre-condition for the decision on potentially extending the time?
- 18 How long are you available?
- 19 MS. LEVINE
- 20 Currently, my flight -- my rearranged flight is due to depart
- 21 tomorrow night.
- 22 JUDGE FENZ:
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 Okay, then, I will go next.
- 25 The first thing I want to do is a procedural issue. The Chamber

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- 1 wishes to put -- to admit the questionnaire any -- into evidence.
- 2 It has already been referred to.
- 3 Are there any objections to that from any of the parties?
- 4 For the record, no objections are registered. The Chamber
- 5 therefore puts the two pages of questionnaire on the case file
- 6 admitted into evidence.
- 7 [10.04.04]
- 8 QUESTIONING BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 9 O. And I'm reading into the case file the confidentiality
- 10 agreement because it's only available in handwriting, and I would
- 11 ask you to confirm that this is actually really the agreement. So
- 12 the confidentiality agreement reads as follows:
- 13 "1. I give permission for my interview to be used in research,
- 14 and
- 15 "2. I understand my name will be kept confidential,
- 16 alternatively, secret."
- 17 Is that correct?
- 18 [10.04.44]
- 19 MS. LEVINE
- 20 A. Yes, that's correct. I would like to add that people did not
- 21 sign this document because signing a document could have had --
- 22 could have had implications for people, so they gave a verbal
- 23 agreement, and that verbal agreement was recorded.
- 24 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 25 I wanted to intervene because in the French version, I heard that

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- 1 it was in an agreement with the Chamber. The Chamber has nothing
- 2 to do with it. It is a <type of> confidentiality agreement
- 3 related to the research <conducted by the expert>.
- 4 BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 Q. Now, this is obviously a topic of great interest for the
- 7 public, and not all of the public might have read your book, so
- 8 please understand many of my questions against this background. I
- 9 think it's really essential that not only the Chamber, but also
- 10 the public, understands what exactly your findings are and how
- 11 you reached them in the end.
- 12 [10.05.58]
- 13 Now, let me start where, basically, Defence ended, which is
- 14 another try to clarify terms because, obviously, in the public
- 15 debate and in the debate in these courtrooms, among others, the
- 16 terms "arranged marriage", "forced marriage", the notion of
- 17 loving marriage have been debated, and occasionally the lines
- 18 have been blurred. Now, you have just introduced a new term,
- 19 which is "conscripted marriage", and I'll come to that.
- 20 Obviously -- so this is one thing.
- 21 [10.06.42]
- 22 The second thing that struck me is that your questionnaire
- 23 doesn't deal with forced marriage. And you have mentioned that a
- 24 couple of times.
- 25 The only two questions that can be seen as having a relation to

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- 1 that is the one question on page 1 which says, "Were you told to
- 2 have sexual relations?" and in an even wider sense, "What did you
- 3 think Angkar was?"
- 4 So did I understand you correctly that the purpose of the study
- 5 was not to establish whether or to what extent forced marriage
- 6 had happened in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge period?
- 7 MS. LEVINE
- 8 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 9 O. Can you remind us, what was the purpose of the study? Very
- 10 short.
- 11 A. The purpose was to be able to map, to the best of my ability,
- 12 the function and structure of the weddings across time and place
- 13 under Democratic Kampuchea and to assist a better historical and
- 14 socio-cultural understanding of that phenomenon.
- 15 [10.08.20]
- 16 Q. Now, I want to go back to this -- before I actually ask you,
- 17 so you know where my initial question is going, what findings,
- 18 exactly, you feel confident to make when it comes to existence,
- 19 frequency, policy of forced marriage in the Khmer Rouge period.
- 20 Before I ask this question, I have two questions before that.
- 21 My first one is I'll try again to clarify terms. You are
- 22 reluctant to use the term "forced marriage". You used the word
- 23 "conscripted marriage".
- 24 Now, as I said, what you said about the roots, Latin roots, etc.,
- 25 is very interesting, but I think specifically, for the benefit of

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- 1 the public, we should try and clarify exactly what that means.
- 2 What, if any, is the difference, in your opinion -- in your
- 3 opinion, how you use the words, between a forced marriage and a
- 4 conscripted marriage?
- 5 [10.09.40]
- 6 A. Firstly, in the methods that I used, it was important that I
- 7 only represent the perceptions, beliefs, opinions, experiences of
- 8 the respondents in my study. And in doing that, no one in my
- 9 study told me that their weddings were forced. That's the first
- 10 statement that I'd like to make.
- 11 So it was difficult for me then to track something that wasn't
- 12 part of my database, so I did not do that. But again, I continued
- 13 to try to understand how they came to understand their
- 14 experiences of their weddings.
- 15 And in doing that, I started to hear about people's loyalty to
- 16 Angkar, and I began to explore how the loyalty from family was
- 17 transferred to Angkar. I began to get hints of and then tracked
- 18 for very long periods what people really meant by their
- 19 experience of Angkar and, in doing that, there seemed to be --
- 20 especially since I was trying to get consensus in couples as
- 21 well, there seemed to be many people -- maybe "seemed to be"
- 22 isn't the right word.
- 23 Many people referred to their weddings as if they were providing
- 24 a service to the future of the country. And it is because of that
- 25 that I started to think about where, historically -- again, I'm

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- 1 looking at historical ramifications for what happened under DK.
- 2 Where, historically, have there been times, have there been
- 3 governments, have there been regimes who have called people up
- 4 for national service?
- 5 [10.11.46]
- 6 Q. Can I interrupt you there because I think I followed you when
- 7 you said -- when you described conscription.
- 8 Now, you described conscription as being called up to arms and,
- 9 if you didn't come up, you might be imprisoned. Now, my question
- 10 is, is this -- do we understand it correctly? Is this how you
- 11 describe conscription?
- 12 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 13 Q. Because my follow-up question would obviously be, would, in
- 14 your opinion, this prospect of being imprisoned if I don't follow
- 15 the call to conscription -- would you call that forced for your
- 16 definition, or the threat of force?
- 17 [10.12.47]
- 18 A. If I might disclose -- self-disclose for a moment because
- 19 given my age and my generation, I was a member of the Vietnam war
- 20 culture in the United States when my friends who did not have the
- 21 right to vote -- they were 18 and the right to vote was 21 --
- 22 were being called up for the draft in the United States and went
- 23 to serve or did not and went to jail or prison.
- 24 So what has been difficult for me has been to hold the
- 25 geo-historical places in the world where conscription is not a

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- 1 crime, for a government to conscript people into service is not a
- 2 crime, so I am holding right now that same right in my use of the
- 3 term "conscript" for people in the weddings under DK.
- 4 [10.13.45]
- 5 Q. So if I understand you correctly, you are saying even if these
- 6 marriages came about under the potential threat of a sanction,
- 7 they wouldn't be a crime because conscription isn't a crime in
- 8 certain countries? Did I understand this equation correctly?
- 9 A. I'm concerned that I may have made a leap that I didn't mean
- 10 to make.
- 11 So in that -- let me clarify a little bit more finely.
- 12 There were people in my sample who were conscientious objectors
- 13 to marrying the choice that Angkar put before them. Some of them
- 14 had no consequence. Some of them did labour that was forced. That
- 15 was the consequence.
- 16 Some of them -- one of them was sent to a prison. That was the
- 17 consequence.
- 18 [10.15.05]
- 19 O. You would consider that forced if non-compliance of an order
- 20 leads to prison or forced labour or so. I try to -- because the
- 21 word "forced", as we have said very often, is so heavily
- 22 burdened, I try to exactly figure out where we are when it comes
- 23 to using this term and when you are using this term.
- 24 A. I know that what I'm presenting is very challenging, and it's
- 25 challenging to me as well to put my head around it, so I

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- 1 appreciate this debate.
- 2 The crux of how I came to determine that word "conscripted" is
- 3 related to the topic that we reviewed this morning, the role of
- 4 Angkar in people's lives and the loyalty that people gave to
- 5 Angkar when they were being asked to marry someone that was being
- 6 selected for them or arranged for them, and it's from that
- 7 database that I tried to find a term that best fit how I could
- 8 describe -- again, looking at the function and structure of the
- 9 weddings -- what could best describe the function the weddings
- 10 held under Democratic Kampuchea. And I think the function it held
- 11 was people doing national service.
- 12 [10.17.00]
- 13 O. I think we are in a situation which we get frequently with, on
- 14 one hand, lawyers who want very -- who need to deal with the
- 15 specifics of the crime, which is the reason why I'm coming back
- 16 to certain questions, and you are obviously coming from a
- 17 different professional standpoint.
- 18 So please bear with me, and if it seems that I'm insisting on
- 19 something which might not be very relevant for you, but these --
- 20 or for the purposes of your study, but this is actually the
- 21 reason why you are here, or why you were called here. And that's
- 22 the issue, basically, of forced marriage.
- 23 So I think, we have got a bit of an idea what "conscripted" and
- 24 "forced" marriage means for you.
- 25 Now, I'll therefore not ask you for your definition of forced

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- 1 marriage because I understood you don't really like the term.
- 2 Well, would you feel -- would you feel comfortable to define
- 3 "forced marriage" here in this courtroom for us, the way you use
- 4 it?
- 5 A. I can't define it because it wasn't part of my findings.
- 6 [10.18.20]
- 7 Q. Thank you. Yes.
- 8 Now, that brings me, actually, to the findings.
- 9 Yes. I've just been reminded on the break time so I'll tell you
- 10 which questions I'll ask because you may want to think a bit
- 11 about it during the break.
- 12 I'll ask you to give a comparatively short answer, as I said,
- 13 something which is understandable for people out there.
- 14 Today, no matter what you wrote into your thesis, what findings,
- 15 if any, can you make on the existence, frequency, policy of
- 16 forced marriage in the Khmer Rouge period?
- 17 That's the question I'll ask you. I'll give you time to think
- 18 about it during the break.
- 19 And as I said, I would appreciate -- I'm happy to allow you to
- 20 elaborate later, but perhaps a clear and concise answer, "Yes, I
- 21 can make findings", "No, I cannot make findings ", "Yes, I can
- 22 make findings to this, but no, I cannot make findings on that"
- 23 and then we can take it from there.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 The Chamber will take a break now and resume at 25 to 11.00 to
- 2 continue our proceedings.
- 3 (Court recesses from 1019H to 1038H)
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 6 And the floor is given back to Judge Fenz to resume the
- 7 questioning. You may now proceed.
- 8 BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 9 Thank you, President.
- 10 Q. Well, I'm picking up where I stopped before the break. We are
- 11 coming to the question -- there will be further questions
- 12 afterwards -- what findings you think you can confidently make
- 13 today in this courtroom on the existence, frequency and policy of
- 14 forced marriage in the Khmer Rouge period.
- 15 In order to make the answer -- to structure the answers a bit,
- 16 let's start with what findings do you think you can make on the
- 17 existence of forced marriage in this period? If any, obviously.
- 18 [10.40.14]
- 19 MS. LEVINE
- 20 A. Yes. So I want to make sure I understand your question.
- 21 You are asking me to respond directly to the forcedness -- that
- 22 forced adjective for weddings, the existence of "forced
- 23 weddings".
- 24 Q. Let me -- for the purpose of this question, let me define what
- 25 I understand on the forced marriage for the purpose of this

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- 1 question; a marriage that comes about because violence is used or
- 2 the threat of violence is used.
- 3 So a marriage that comes about between two people not with their
- 4 free will.
- 5 [10.41.02]
- 6 A. If I am to take that definition, none of my respondents
- 7 experienced violence. Secondly, with regard to the interpretation
- 8 of threat of violence, what I can say is that in few cases,
- 9 certainly under 10 per cent, but I can find that figure for you,
- 10 people gave anecdotal statements.
- 11 "An elder in my community told me if I didn't marry him, I could
- 12 be killed" or "My father told me if I didn't marry him, he would
- 13 be killed".
- 14 Those are the only few references I had that I could put in that
- 15 category, but it was not a significant part of my sample.
- 16 Q. You have been very professional in the answer by exclusively
- 17 referring to your study, but to a degree, you have dodged my
- 18 question, which was "Do you feel comfortable to make a general
- 19 finding on the basis of your study on the existence of forced
- 20 marriage in the Khmer Rouge period?"
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. And the finding would be?
- 23 A. That the weddings were not forced.
- 24 Q. Are you saying there were no forced weddings or -- in the
- 25 Khmer Rouge period because none of my 96 couples mentioned forced

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- 1 marriage? Do I understand you correctly?
- 2 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 3 [10.43.04]
- 4 Q. I see. But -- so you're saying, just to clarify, that you
- 5 haven't come across one forced marriage. And you feel confident
- 6 today to say there have not been forced marriages in the Khmer
- 7 Rouge period.
- 8 A. I want to clarify. It's important for me to clarify again
- 9 because of the demographics that lie behind your question.
- 10 I have no hesitation in believing that what civil party members
- 11 have put forward as their experiences, I believe they are true
- 12 what they put forward as their experiences when they describe
- 13 their particular weddings as being forced.
- 14 However, as a trend -- as a trend, as a conclusion, were the
- 15 weddings forced across time and place under DK, my answer is no.
- 16 [10.44.07]
- 17 Q. So to help me understand, what you are saying is there might
- 18 have been some forced marriages. Is that correct? Because
- 19 otherwise, I see a contradiction between your finding there were
- 20 no forced marriages and yes, the civil parties who say there were
- 21 forced marriages are right.
- 22 A. If I can clarify, if I can turn, actually, to a footnote. I
- 23 believe it's on page 26 in my book, "Love and Dread in Cambodia",
- 24 26. Press release states:
- 25 "Four victims of forced marriage under the Khmer Rouge regime

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- 1 filed their complaint to the ECCC on October 14th, 2008, four
- 2 victims from one village in Kampot province had the courage to
- 3 file complaints arising from forced marriage with the Victims'
- 4 Unit in order to become civil parties. Among them are one couple
- 5 and two women", meaning three women and one man.
- 6 [10.45.16]
- 7 This was a sample from one village in Kampot, and that village, I
- 8 don't have the date of when their marriage happened. I could find
- 9 that in my database.
- 10 That region was known as a harsh region, so it's -- if there are
- 11 some people that experienced their weddings were -- had been
- 12 threatened or experienced violence from that region, they would
- 13 have been more at risk in that region in 1978.
- 14 So I see your confusion. I just -- I'm going to make my final
- 15 statement about that that hopefully gives an answer.
- 16 You're asking me to make a statement yes or no, were weddings
- 17 forced. And -- and because I mapped my data, I can show regions
- 18 in 1978 where people were more at risk for being threatened, and
- 19 the sample of the civil party members seemed to come from those
- 20 harsh regions. But generally, nationally, that was not the case.
- 21 [10.46.37]
- 22 Q. So you're saying -- I try to simplify it very much, as I said,
- 23 also for the benefit of the public.
- 24 You're saying there might have been, in some regions, forced
- 25 marriages, but that's -- but that's the only thing when it comes

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- 1 to existence of forced marriage. I'll ask the frequency question
- 2 later.
- 3 When it comes to the question did forced marriage exist, your
- 4 answer is, "Might have been in some regions. I didn't come across
- 5 it in my survey". Is that correct?
- 6 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 7 Q. Now, that leads to the next question, the question of --
- 8 MR. KOPPE:
- 9 The answer "yes" was not recorded.
- 10 BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 11 Q. Could you repeat the answer for us?
- 12 MS. LEVINE
- 13 A. Given how the question was phrased to me, my answer is yes.
- 14 [10.47.37]
- 15 Q. That leads us to the next question: Can you make or do you
- 16 feel comfortable to make any finding on the frequency of forced
- 17 marriages?
- 18 A. I can only talk about my study in that regard.
- 19 Q. Okay. I think the last question I'll actually summarize
- 20 because I think you have given the answer. When it comes to the
- 21 policy of forced marriage, I think you said you said you couldn't
- 22 say anything. You were generally talking about the policy of
- 23 marriage.
- 24 Did I get that correct, or would you feel comfortable to make a
- 25 finding on a policy existence or non-existence of forced marriage

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- 1 during the Khmer Rouge period?
- 2 A. I can give you the data my response if you would like it, but
- 3 the short answer is I found that function had a higher role than
- 4 structure when it came to the weddings, the purpose of the
- 5 weddings, and that because function was more important than
- 6 structure initially, a structure for a policy seemed to be
- 7 developing in 1978.
- 8 [10.49.22]
- 9 Q. And what was the structure of this policy? Could you describe
- 10 it?
- 11 A. The structure was around more consistency in how weddings
- 12 happened by the end of '78.
- 13 Q. How happened is a very far wide term. What aspect of the
- 14 wedding are you referring to?
- 15 A. A policy for the elements that were expected to be part of the
- 16 wedding ceremony and wedding proceedings and how people were
- 17 called up.
- 18 Q. Okay. I'll now go into the foundation for these -- for these
- 19 findings you have just made.
- 20 And in this context, I have first a couple of questions when it
- 21 comes to the methodology. The first one is for clarification.
- 22 Did I understand correctly that your sample consisted exclusively
- 23 of couples that were still together, who had married in the Khmer
- 24 Rouge period and were still together?
- 25 A. That criterion was only specified for the first 11 couples, 22

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- 1 people. That was my first sample.
- 2 [10.51.36]
- 3 Q. So the other people were -- you also interviewed people who
- 4 were no longer together with their partner.
- 5 A. It wasn't specified, but most people were.
- 6 Q. Could you give me -- I think you -- all together, you
- 7 questioned, I think, 96 or so couples. The reason I'm using the
- 8 word "couples" is because you used it all the time, so that's why
- 9 I came up with this, this was all about couples. And I think you
- 10 also said at the time you preferred couples because then you had
- 11 the male and female perspective.
- 12 Now I understand that we are not only talking about couples,
- 13 again, couples who are still together with the partner they
- 14 married in the Khmer Rouge period, but that you also questioned
- 15 people who were no longer together with this partner.
- 16 Can you give me an idea how many of the 190 -- I'm not quite sure
- 17 now -- four or so people were no longer together with the -- with
- 18 their original partner at the time when you interviewed?
- 19 [10.52.50]
- 20 A. Again, one -- sorry. I want to make one qualifying statement
- 21 about my sampling. Those first 11 couples were interviewed for
- 22 extensive period of time, over a three-year period, looking for a
- 23 gender consensus and also trying to formulate what the questions
- 24 were going to be for the next large, more random sample where it
- 25 was not specified whether someone was together or not. Just that

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- 1 they had been married in the DK period. That was the only
- 2 specification for the larger sample.
- 3 But in answer to your question about how many are -- I have that
- 4 in a chart here. Excuse me.
- 5 So in order to be fair to my sample because the first 22 were
- 6 people who were together, I had to hold that separate from the
- 7 other people in my sample. So the total that were not together
- 8 due to death of a spouse was 24. And the total who were not
- 9 together due to separation or what people call permanent
- 10 separation was 39.
- 11 And just one more figure. The number that remarried was two.
- 12 [10.54.55]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 No, the reason I was asking is obviously because while this was
- 15 not the main objective of your study but when it comes to forced
- 16 marriage, if you have a majority of people who are still
- 17 together, it's obviously slightly lopsided because you could
- 18 argue that people who have had very bad experiences by being
- 19 forced would have separated in between. That was the reason
- 20 behind the questions.
- 21 Another question when it comes to the sampling, you, yourself,
- 22 mentioned that, over time, the policies changed and the practices
- 23 changed.
- 24 Now, in your sample, did you have a representative number of
- 25 marriages that were actually made at each year, meaning 20 from

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- 1 '75, 20 from '76, etc., or is there -- some were more than
- 2 others?
- 3 [10.56.05]
- 4 A. Behind your question is what led me to believe, in part, that
- 5 function preceded structure under DK.
- 6 So in terms of the total number of weddings, I had .02 per cent
- 7 in 1975, .06 per cent in 1976, 29 per cent in 1977, 54 per cent
- 8 in '78 and 79 per cent -- sorry, excuse me, 15 per cent in 1979.
- 9 Again, I do want to account for the fact that I had a larger
- 10 sample from Kandal, and I needed to account for that, that
- 11 figure, as well.
- 12 Q. But 1979 we are talking the Khmer Rouge period because that
- 13 was short in '79; 15 per cent sounds a lot.
- 14 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 15 Sorry. I was looking at my data.
- 16 People in remote regions were still being married in arranged
- 17 marriages after the collapse of the regime and at the end of the
- 18 regime in my sample.
- 19 [10.57.26]
- 20 Q. Yes, I understand. It's just we have a temporal jurisdiction
- 21 which ends with the beginning of '79, so I just wanted to ensure
- 22 that we don't get too many data from people who actually married
- 23 outside this period.
- 24 A. So then three people in the outer lying regions in my study
- 25 from -- in the north in particular were married right on that

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- 1 cusp.
- 2 O. The next question is related to your questionnaire.
- 3 As I've mentioned before, the one question which is obviously
- 4 directly -- or at least partly related to our subject is, "Were
- 5 you told to have sexual relations?"
- 6 And I believe you have provided the answers to that. Can you
- 7 remind us on the answers?
- 8 A. Yes, I can, if you give me one second, please.
- 9 Sorry. I think I took my sticker out of that section.
- 10 [10.59.18]
- 11 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 12 I believe it's page 88 of the book. If that might help.
- 13 MS. LEVINE
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 16 Starting at the bottom paragraph, page 88.
- 17 MS. LEVINE
- 18 Thank you for that. I had a chart that I was trying to find in my
- 19 thesis.
- 20 If you just give me a minute, I'd rather refer to my chart
- 21 because my data is a bit more conclusive there. Apologies.
- 22 Seventy-six out of 192 reported that sex was prescribed. That's
- 23 39 per cent. Of these, 19 had stated, .09 per cent, that they
- 24 consummated their marriage.
- 25 [11.00.18]

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- 1 BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 2 Q. Were there any follow-up questions asked to those people who
- 3 had answered in the affirmative to these questions, meaning was
- 4 -- were sexual -- "Were you told to have sexual relations?", or
- 5 was that the end of it?
- 6 MS. LEVINE:
- 7 A. These were in-depth interviews, and when someone would make
- 8 that statement, of course I was interested in how they
- 9 interpreted that, what they thought about that. And most people
- 10 -- most people thought that this is what was normal at that time,
- 11 in some ways. And other people thought that it was expected when
- 12 you got married that you would then eventually have children.
- 13 And at the same time, most people said they had no energy. They
- 14 felt ugly and untouchable, that they couldn't imagine being in a
- 15 sexual relationship with someone under those circumstances of
- 16 feeling emaciated and not having any libido at all.
- 17 So the issue of starvation is huge here. It was a huge topic in
- 18 my sample.
- 19 O. I think we have heard evidence to this --
- 20 [11.02.05]
- 21 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 22 Is it possible just to clarify one thing?
- 23 The answer before, what I heard -- what I thought I heard is the
- 24 witness indicated that there were 19 respondents who confirmed
- 25 consummating the wedding, and she said it was .09 per cent.

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- 1 Nineteen out of 192, of course, would be just below 10 per cent.
- 2 Is that what she meant, or did I misunderstand?
- 3 BY JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 Q. Can you perhaps clarify?
- 5 MS. LEVINE
- 6 A. Yes, that's what I meant, just under 10 per cent.
- 7 [11.02.33]
- 8 Q. In your answer to me, actually, you said, "Well, some people
- 9 thought it was normal at the time". What was normal, or what was
- 10 considered normal?
- 11 A. To follow orders.
- 12 Q. Okay. Let me see what else I have.
- 13 Yes, I have one question on my list. I understand you -- or I
- 14 might not have understood you correctly. Did you follow these
- 15 proceedings? Some experts have done it on the stream, etc., live
- 16 stream. These proceedings at the Court, I mean.
- 17 A. Yes, I have followed not all the proceedings; some. I actually
- 18 was here in the room behind me two times when David Chandler gave
- 19 testimony and when Dr. Sotheara gave his expert witness.
- 20 [11.03.48]
- 21 Q. Did anything you heard in the Court, which was obviously new
- 22 and after your study, change your overall perception of what has
- 23 happened or challenged it? If so, in what way?
- 24 A. In many ways, what I have heard has confirmed the dire
- 25 circumstances under which people lived during that time. And as

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- 1 you may know from reading my work, I coined the concept
- 2 "ritualcide" because I was able to, while I was doing my study,
- 3 map the breakdown of traditional rituals over time and the impact
- 4 that had on an entire population.
- 5 And so in listening with that hat, of course, I've had more
- 6 confirming evidence of that violation to people's safety.
- 7 Q. Could you expand on that last part, the violation of people's
- 8 safety part?
- 9 A. When one thinks through the implications of the meaning of
- 10 Angkar that I found in my study and then one lives in a place
- 11 where fear is part of one's everyday existence and one has no
- 12 access to protective rituals that protect themselves, that
- 13 protect their deceased ancestors that will be roaming, that have
- 14 the potential in that roaming to create more harm,
- 15 psychologically -- I don't use the word "spiritual" because I
- 16 think it's a Western term. Psychologically and from a
- 17 spirit-based perspective, the ruthless tracking that I did of the
- 18 breakdown of rituals was a violation of not just people living,
- 19 but people who were no longer living.
- 20 [11.06.48]
- 21 Q. And perhaps my very last question is a rather technical one
- 22 again. It goes back to your questionnaire.
- 23 The question, "What did you think Angkar was?", did that ever
- 24 come up in connection with marriage, with the marriage issue, and
- 25 if so, how?

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- 1 You have, to a degree, talked about it, but perhaps you can
- 2 summarize that a bit.
- 3 A. Yes, people attributed transforming powers to Angkar, and in
- 4 that regard, Angkar was very unpredictable. And so when someone
- 5 was told that Angkar was asking them to be married, it was
- 6 essential that they comply.
- 7 [11.07.48]
- 8 Q. Why?
- 9 A. When I gave that sketch of the woman that -- and husband that
- 10 were returning to their wedding place on that night and they
- 11 didn't speak for fear that Angkar might even hear their thoughts,
- 12 I will bracket that because I was at the Shoah Foundation, I
- 13 listened to many testimonials with regard to the Holocaust. I
- 14 never heard anyone say in those testimonies that they were afraid
- 15 to think.
- 16 To be afraid to think. It was the only place that people in the
- 17 Holocaust had freedom, was in their mind, but if you add this
- 18 possessing, transforming force that could hear what you're
- 19 thinking, better not speak and better not act.
- 20 Q. But if I summarize you correctly, and please me interrupt me
- 21 immediately if I'm wrong, you're saying after you've watched the
- 22 proceedings and probably on the basis of your findings there was
- 23 this all-pervasive fear of Angkar. Is this correct, or do I
- 24 mis-state it?
- 25 A. Yes. However, the quality of that fear, I think, is determined

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- 1 by whether one believed Angkar was an organization or whether
- 2 Angkar was a possessing force.
- 3 [11.09.31]
- 4 Q. Okay. And the majority of the people whom you talked to saw
- 5 Angkar how?
- 6 A. For those who had been indoctrinated into the Khmer Rouge as
- 7 soldiers, they often saw Angkar as the organization, firstly.
- 8 There were gender differences in people's perceptions of Angkar.
- 9 Men usually were much more utilitarian about their perception of
- 10 Angkar.
- 11 Q. Can you expand on that a bit in easier language, perhaps?
- 12 A. Yes. Men usually considered Angkar to be a person who was
- 13 associated with the Khmer Rouge, whereas women -- and again, I
- 14 think this factor is very, very important when you think about
- 15 fear in women and how many women have come forward as civil party
- 16 members. For women, oftentimes, especially when there was no
- 17 access to protective rituals, their experience of Angkar being a
- 18 transformational force was greater.
- 19 [11.10.57]
- 20 Q. Now, as you probably know, there is -- a part of the
- 21 Indictment is the allegation that the regime also went against
- 22 the Buddhist religion and tried to get rid of this.
- 23 So if I understand you correctly, this would mean in getting rid
- 24 of the protective force, which would still be here -- which would
- 25 be considered beneficial by people. Is that correct, or not?

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- 1 A. I think it's very important to make the distinction in
- 2 Buddhism that we have syncretic Buddhism, which is more animist
- 3 based Buddhism. So in a way, if I -- if I can separate out the
- 4 animistic perceptions that accompany some of the Buddhist
- 5 practices, the animistic practices would hold more -- hold more
- 6 power, if you will, or more valence, is the word I was searching
- 7 for. The animist region holds a bit more valence in terms of
- 8 instigating a particular kind of fear.
- 9 Q. Perhaps one additional question to the perception of Angkar.
- 10 You said no matter from which philosophical angle it was coming
- 11 from, but it was considered -- or am I incorrect -- the ruling
- 12 force, the force to be obeyed, or is this incorrect?
- 13 No matter whether this comes from a -- from a spiritual
- 14 understanding or from a more political understanding, would you
- 15 agree with this, or did I get that wrong?
- 16 [11.12.55]
- 17 A. There's a distinction between a political force and a
- 18 transformational animist force. And I think when people
- 19 interpreted the force as being organizational and connected to
- 20 the leadership of the Khmer Rouge, there was a different response
- 21 in compliance than when the force was an animist force.
- 22 Q. I don't want to go far into that, but perhaps two additional
- 23 questions. An interesting subject.
- 24 In your research, how many per cent came from the animist angle,
- 25 to simplify it very much -- I know I'm simplifying -- and how

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- 1 many came from the political understanding of what Angkar is?
- 2 A. There was a progression of disclosure in my research, so
- 3 initially -- of course, I'm a foreigner. Though people, when they
- 4 first heard about my topic, they gave me textbook responses,
- 5 Angkar, you know, the organization, but when I started travelling
- 6 with them and I started -- I started gathering not just
- 7 content-based data, but I watched them in certain areas walking
- 8 through past places and heard them reference Angkar in a
- 9 qualitatively different way, then I began to explore that. And
- 10 from that, I found a very high prevalence of an association with
- 11 Angkar being an animist force.
- 12 Regardless of education, regardless of base or -- many people
- 13 called themselves New Base, in my sample. Base, New Base, monk,
- 14 regardless of demographics.
- 15 [11.15.04]
- 16 O. And I know it's very difficult with numbers, but again, I'm a
- 17 lawyer. Would you feel comfortable to put numbers on that?
- 18 You said a high percentage.
- 19 A. I would like to, on the lunch break, go back to my data and
- 20 give you that response as concretely as I can.
- 21 Q. And you said there was a difference in compliance depending on
- 22 how people viewed Angkar. Can you elaborate on that a bit? What
- 23 was the difference?
- 24 A. The more someone perceived Angkar to be a transforming,
- 25 destructive force that could come at any time, unpredictably, the

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- 1 more they were mute, the more they complied, the more they said
- 2 yes.
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 Thank you. I have no further question at the moment.
- 5 Perhaps we should make the decision now or deliberate the
- 6 decision on the remaining time.
- 7 (Judges deliberate)
- 8 [11.19.06]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 The Chamber decides to give extra time to all parties, that is,
- 11 one additional trial session.
- 12 And I'd like now to hand the floor to the Co-Prosecutors to put
- 13 questions to the expert. You have the floor.
- 14 MR. SENG LEANG:
- 15 Good morning, Mr. President. I would like to seek permission from
- 16 the Chamber to allow the defence counsel for Khieu Samphan, Anta
- 17 Guisse, to conclude her time.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 You shall proceed, as the Defence usually would put questions
- 20 last to the expert.
- 21 [11.20.12]
- 22 QUESTIONING BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 23 Thank you.
- Q. Good morning, Madam Expert. My name is Seng Leang. I am the
- 25 National Deputy Co-Prosecutor, and I have some questions to put

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- 1 to you. And later, my colleague, the International Co-Prosecutor,
- 2 will put further questions to you.
- 3 Please respond briefly and precisely to my questions since time
- 4 is not on our side.
- 5 Yesterday, you testified that you were a medical psychologist and
- 6 a professor. Besides these careers, have you ever practised as a
- 7 lawyer? If so, have you ever received any legal training?
- 8 MS. LEVINE
- 9 A. No, I have never practised as a lawyer. And with regard to
- 10 legal training, because I'm a clinical psychologist, at times I'm
- 11 briefed in court if I'm representing a client.
- 12 [11.21.31]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 And the terminology that you used in your thesis, were they used
- 15 based on their legal context or based on your own field? <If you
- 16 do not know, you can just say no.>
- 17 A. Because my study was done within the discipline of Asian
- 18 studies and anthropology, it was those disciplines that informed
- 19 my research.
- 20 Q. I don't fully understand your response. I'd like to check with
- 21 you whether the terminology that you used based on the legal
- 22 context, that is, in your thesis, or whether you don't think of
- 23 its legal context when you use it.
- 24 A. I considered the legal debate, but it was not a legal termed
- 25 led research project.

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- 1 [11.23.08]
- 2 Q. I'm clear now. Thank you.
- 3 Yesterday at around 2.29 you talked about the translation of your
- 4 questionnaire. Can you tell the Chamber whether you can speak
- 5 Khmer and, if so, to what degree?
- 6 A. No, I do not speak Khmer. I'm polite, but I do not speak
- 7 Khmer. That's why I used two translators, a first translator and
- 8 an independent translator, in any work that I did, and sometimes
- 9 French because some of my respondents spoke French as a first
- 10 language.
- 11 Q. Thank you.
- 12 Regarding people who assisted you in your research, namely, those
- 13 Year 4 students, how many of them did actually assist you and
- 14 please tell us their gender, how many male and female students
- 15 all together?
- 16 A. I believe I have that in the holding room, that data. It was
- 17 approximately 50 per cent male and female, but I will make a
- 18 notation to get that accurately to you.
- 19 [11.24.52]
- 20 Q. Thank you. And I'll return to that question later.
- 21 Regarding your translators, are they male or female?
- 22 A. They were both.
- 23 Q. Does it mean that for those who assisted you in your research
- 24 into <sexual contexts,> wedding, did you ever consider the gender
- 25 issue?

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- 1 A. On a regular basis.
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- 3 And yesterday, at around 1.47 in the afternoon, you met a
- 5 And my question to you is, for your sampling of the group why you
- 6 did not include those who lived in the camps or those who
- 7 migrated to other countries into your sampling or maybe is it
- 8 your vision that those who fled Cambodia <have had worse
- 9 experiences with> the Khmer Rouge <than those who never left>?
- 10 [11.26.30]
- 11 A. Firstly, I wanted to place my research inside Cambodia, and --
- 12 because part of my new research in Long Beach is looking at
- 13 generational practice -- ritual practices across three
- 14 generations.
- 15 I wanted to make sure that the sample that I chose was not
- 16 resocialized into another spirit practice or way of thinking
- 17 about their past based on migration experiences. The camp
- 18 experiences were very dense for people. There was a whole other
- 19 chapter of traumatic experiences that impacted them as well as
- 20 the challenge of living in and finding a place in a host country,
- 21 so I wanted to minimize those extended trauma chapters on top of
- 22 the chapters that already existed, so I stayed within this
- 23 country.
- 24 Q. Thank you.
- 25 I'd like to now refer to your book. Throughout your research, you

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- 1 mentioned about an interview where you went to interview the
- 2 person at his or her house. That is at E3/1794 at <English> ERN
- 3 < 00482528 > .
- 4 THE KHMER INTERPRETER:
- 5 Please repeat the ERN number.
- 6 [11.28.47]
- 7 BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 8 Allow me to repeat the ERN number again; 004825228 (sic). And
- 9 allow me to quote it:
- 10 "When I showed up, there would be siblings, parents, children,
- 11 neighbours, or others perched nearby -- often floating in and out
- 12 of view during the course of interview."
- 13 And a while ago, at 10.51, you testified that you interviewed the
- 14 couple together, at least those 11 couples.
- 15 And yesterday, at around 2.08 in the afternoon, you testified
- 16 that interviewees felt shy during the process.
- 17 Do you agree that, in the presence of others, namely, the
- 18 husbands, <the wives or> their children, made <those whom you
- 19 interviewed> not want to reveal about the partner <> that they
- 20 married to or about their consummation or about the fact that
- 21 they did not want to have children with their <partners>? What is
- 22 your reaction to that?
- 23 [11.30.25]
- 24 A. I'd like to say a couple of things about your example.
- 25 Firstly, in my interviews, they were sequenced. And yes, when I

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- 1 was interviewing people in their homes, very different than
- 2 travelling with a couple and then travelling with an individual.
- 3 I want to clarify the difference between a Western view of
- 4 confidentiality and a Cambodian view of confidentiality, and also
- 5 in that clarification, make the point that I do work in clinical
- 6 practice in Cambodia at times, and when I interview patients,
- 7 oftentimes people are there listening. So I just wanted to make
- 8 that point.
- 9 In terms of this gender issue of disclosure, that actually has
- 10 been a theme a bit in some of the Court proceedings I've watched
- 11 with regard to women and boys. What I discovered in my long-term
- 12 study with couples was that, oftentimes, women would initially be
- 13 quiet and men would speak first. Any time a man was not accurate
- 14 in what he was reporting, his wife would step in to make a
- 15 clarification and then they would come to consensus on that.
- 16 [11.31.59]
- 17 I was interested in -- I was interested in that. It was important
- 18 to me to watch that process and to watch how and when women, when
- 19 they were interviewed, were more silent and when they were more
- 20 assertive. And I found oftentimes it was a matter of timing.
- 21 But I did interview couples together. I interviewed them looking
- 22 at the role of consensus, how they came to consensus about things
- 23 that happened, and I interviewed them separately as well.
- 24 That's important. In the first sample, that's why it took me so
- 25 many years to do that.

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- 1 Q. Thank you, Madam Expert.
- 2 However, my question to you is that whether the presence of other
- 3 people, in particular the husbands or the wives or their
- 4 children, could influence the attitude or the responses of the
- 5 interviewee? For example, <> could the wife say honestly about
- 6 not wanting to marry the husband and later producing the children
- 7 <in front of her spouse>?
- 8 [11.33.27]
- 9 A. Again because I sequenced my interviews, I had many
- 10 permutations of how I met with people; as a couple; alone; as a
- 11 couple with other people who were naturally in the environment in
- 12 their home that were roaming in and out, and as individuals so
- 13 that sequencing really assisted me in being able to evaluate the
- 14 reliability of what was being told to me.
- 15 MR. SENG LEANG:
- 16 Mr. President, <can I> continue <my questioning>? <It seems like
- 17 the time is up.>
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 Allow me to clarify the matters to the parties that all parties,
- 21 that is, the four parties, would have an additional time, that
- 22 is, one session. That's one session for all, not for one party.
- 23 And the Chamber will calculate the time for each party. And of
- 24 course, we will not allow the times to exceed the morning session
- 25 tomorrow so that the expert can fly back home.

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- 1 [11.34.55]
- 2 The Chamber will adjourn now for lunch and resume at 1.30 this
- 3 afternoon.
- 4 Court officer, please assist the expert at the waiting room
- 5 reserved for experts and witnesses during the break time and
- 6 invite her back into the courtroom at 1.30 this afternoon.
- 7 Security personnel, you are instructed to take Khieu Samphan to
- 8 the waiting room downstairs and have him returned to attend the
- 9 proceedings this afternoon before 1.30.
- 10 The Court is now in recess.
- 11 (Court recesses from 1135H to 1330H)
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Please be seated.
- 14 The Court is now in session and the Chamber gives the floor to
- 15 the Deputy Co-Prosecutor to put question to <the>> expert<>. You
- 16 may now proceed.
- 17 BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, the Chamber.
- 19 Q. Good afternoon, the expert. I would like to resume my
- 20 questioning. I am now moving to another topic.
- 21 Yesterday, at around 2.13 p.m., you read the questionnaire
- 22 prepared by you, and I am so interested in point number 4 of the
- 23 questionnaire regarding the question that "Was it a real
- 24 marriage?"
- 25 I would like you to make a clarification for the Chamber when you

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- 1 asked such a question, what was the <words> used by the <>
- 2 interpreter <in Khmer toward the interviewee> at the time?
- 3 [13.32.22]
- 4 MS. LEVINE
- 5 A. If I can just take a moment before I respond to that question
- 6 just to respond to the two dangling questions that were posed to
- 7 me in the last session for completion purposes.
- 8 One question was about the number of references to Angkar in
- 9 terms of respondents being -- telling me that Angkar arranged
- 10 their wedding or chose their partner. There were 50 direct
- 11 references to Angkar. Of those 50, which is 26 per cent of my
- 12 sample, all but four had referenced their weddings from 1978 when
- 13 using that term Angkar. So I wanted to clarify that first.
- 14 [13.33.12]
- 15 Secondly, with regard to the inquiry about my attention to
- 16 gender, I started with university students, 11. I had six young
- 17 women and five men. One of those students, after the first
- 18 training session, left because of work, and I had five males and
- 19 five females.
- 20 And I would like to also add that, in my study, I had 88 men and
- 21 104 women, which is 45 per cent men and 54 per cent women.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 In regard to the second question, I'm sorry to do this again, but
- 24 I have to, tonight, return to my auditory transcripts and get
- 25 that response for you, and I will do my best to do that and give

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- 1 you my answer tomorrow.
- 2 [13.34.22]
- 3 Q. Thank you, the expert.
- 4 The word "real", what is the actual meaning of the word "real"?
- 5 < Does it mean that it was not an imagination? Or > was the wedding
- 6 recognized by the authorities of the DK, or was it your
- 7 presumption that the wedding was recognized by only the
- 8 community? Could you clarify the point?
- 9 A. The question was asked to the people that were being
- 10 interviewed about their specific weddings, their experiences and
- 11 opinions about their wedding. That word could be -- a synonym for
- 12 that word could be "authentic", but I will look at the Khmer
- 13 language and give you the word tomorrow -- and French -- that was
- 14 used in those transcripts.
- 15 But again, the term -- the question was, "To the respondent, do
- 16 you consider your wedding to be an authentic wedding?"
- 17 [13.35.55]
- 18 Q. You stated that you would provide the answers tomorrow, so I
- 19 am now moving to another point, and I will skip this point for
- 20 the moment and I will ask you some questions in relation to
- 21 another topic.
- 22 Madam Expert, concerning the interviewees, did those interviewees
- 23 ever discuss the experience in relation to <their> wedding during
- 24 the DK before your interviews?
- 25 A. They were not part of any other study or any other inquiry by

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- 1 a researcher, if that's what you mean by your question, or
- 2 perhaps I'm confused.
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 Generally -- we occasionally have issues with translation or
- 5 interpretation.
- 6 MS. LEVINE
- 7 Okay.
- 8 JUDGE FENZ:
- 9 Please feel free -- before you guess what the question might be
- 10 and give an answer that might lead to further confusion, feel
- 11 free to clarify.
- 12 [13.37.18]
- 13 MS. LEVINE
- 14 So I'd like to ask for clarification on the question, please.
- 15 BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 16 Q. My apology. Perhaps my question is not clear. I would like to
- 17 repeat my question.
- 18 Could you clarify for the Court regarding the interviewees, I
- 19 mean those who were interviewed
by you>, did those people ever
- 20 discuss the experience in relation to their marriages in the DK
- 21 period?
- 22 MS. LEVINE
- 23 A. Again I would like to ask for clarification. If I can reframe
- 24 the question, did they discuss their experiences in relationship
- 25 to their marriages in the DK period with me? Is that the

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- 1 question?
- 2 [13.38.25]
- 3 O. Never mind, Madam Expert. I would like to move to a last set
- 4 of questions.
- 5 In the -- in your thesis, you discussed that most of the
- 6 interviews were assisted by others, particularly, you used the
- 7 Year 4 students majoring in psychology. And there are around 102
- 8 interviews.
- 9 You also stated at ERN English <00482505>, in that page:
- 10 "I encouraged them to make use of pre-existing relation via their
- 11 parents <and> neighbours."
- 12 My question is: Were <some of> the interviews you had at the time
- 13 were, in fact, conducted by the children, <nieces or nephews> of
- 14 those interviewees?
- 15 [13.39.55]
- 16 A. Just to restate that my research was sequenced, so the
- 17 students came in at the very end so that I could gather more data
- 18 of patterns that had already been found.
- 19 With regard to the university students, they -- their parents
- 20 were not subjects in my study, but their parents assisted them,
- 21 initially, in beginning a snowball of people who were married. So
- 22 it was a trust factor; it was a place to start. So someone's --
- 23 this was for the -- the start of a snowball. Someone's parent
- 24 knew a person that they were married with in the same weddings
- 25 and the student -- because people have kept relationships with

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- 1 some of those collectives -- and students went to that person
- 2 that they were referred to, to do the first interview and from
- 3 that they snowballed. So that first -- that first interview was
- 4 found through a discussion sometimes, but not always, with a
- 5 parent.
- 6 O. Thank you, Madam Expert. If I am correct, <> the Year 4
- 7 students are <> between <21> and <22> years old; is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes, that's correct and I want to add one more footnote to my
- 9 response to your former question. There was one student --
- 10 because it is in my thesis, just to make sure there's no
- 11 misunderstanding, there was one student who, through the course
- 12 of doing this research study, discovered that his parents were
- 13 married under DK, but he did not interview his parents.
- 14 [13.42.15]
- 15 Q. Thank you, Madam Expert. I want your clarification. I want to
- 16 know if it is correct that the interviewees, at the time, are
- 17 older than the interviewers; is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, that's correct, and I would like to add an addendum to
- 19 that, as well, with regard to my research because I used that
- 20 last stage with this form that I created as a way of getting more
- 21 saturation on my data, so that even if I took those 102
- 22 interviews that the students did and put them to the side, though
- 23 a smaller sample; my results would be the same.
- 24 Q. Thank you, Madam Expert. I still have two or three questions
- 25 and I would like to hear your brief answers.

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- 1 My next questions are as follows: In your opinion, do you agree
- 2 that in accordance with the Khmer tradition, the elder people
- 3 rarely discuss the sexual relationship with <people who are
- 4 younger than them>? Do you agree with this assertion?
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Please hold on, Madam Expert. You may now proceed first, Counsel
- 7 Kong Sam Onn.
- 8 [13.44.09]
- 9 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to <object to> the
- 11 question lastly put by the Deputy Co-Prosecutor and I don't think
- 12 that there is any point in the <evidence> mentioning about that
- 13 and if he has any reference, I would like him to provide the
- 14 reference number.
- 15 MR. SENG LEANG:
- 16 In fact, I <did> not quote from any <> document. I <told> the
- 17 expert about <the Cambodian society, the> Khmer tradition <and
- 18 culture> in relation to the point. And in my personal experience,
- 19 I note that the older people rarely discuss the sexual
- 20 relationship with <> younger people and I would like to ask the
- 21 opinion of the expert whether or not she agrees with my
- 22 understanding about this tradition. < If she does not agree with
- 23 that statement, she can just say no.>
- 24 JUDGE FENZ:
- 25 There is a bit of a problem with a counsel testifying, so perhaps

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- 1 you could ask an open question. Just rephrase.
- 2 [13.45.20]
- 3 BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 4 Q. I would like now to put the question to the expert. Do you
- 5 agree that those who were interviewed by you were reluctant to
- 6 discuss the sexual relationship with those who are younger than
- 7 them; do you agree with this assertion?
- 8 MS. LEVINE
- 9 A. Firstly, your second question is different than -- your second
- 10 question is different than your first question. I can respond to
- 11 both, but I'll respond to the second.
- 12 With regard to people being reluctant to speak to me about their
- 13 sexual experiences, maybe perhaps because I was a foreigner, I
- 14 have to clarify that my age and my marital status was an
- 15 advantage to me when I was working in the field.
- 16 [13.46.20]
- 17 Most women who were wed under DK were my age. I was a widow at
- 18 the time when I did my interviews. I had a child that was born in
- 19 1976. They were very curious about my personal, biographical
- 20 history and as a result of them having that information, much to
- 21 my surprise, much more interesting information was forthcoming to
- 22 me.
- 23 With regard to the first question -- and I will answer it because
- 24 I think it's an important question because it has come up in
- 25 other studies like Nakagawa's study -- I think it depends on the

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- 1 role of the person when they are young speaking to elders. For
- 2 example, I go to villages with medical teams in Cambodia and I
- 3 oftentimes travel with nurses that are younger than villagers
- 4 that we're speaking to about sexual health history and they are
- 5 quite comfortable with a nurse in that role to give them
- 6 information.
- 7 I worked very hard to establish trust through association, so my
- 8 students -- that is why I started with my students starting with
- 9 them getting someone that their parents knew so that there would
- 10 be trust to begin with and a former association in a community
- 11 way. So that is why I started my research studies that way.
- 12 [13.47.49]
- 13 My students may not have gotten as much information for me, but
- 14 they certainly got enough for me to continue my research. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 Q. Thank you, Madam Expert. I would like to ask my last question.
- 17 I <observe that in your thesis -->, <this morning you> mentioned
- 18 that 15 per cent of those who were interviewed by you got married
- 19 <in> 1979; is that correct what I heard from you?
- 20 A. Could you please reframe that for me to make sure I got your
- 21 question?
- 22 Q. Thank you. What I want to say is that this morning you stated
- 23 that, based on your study, 15 per cent of those who were
- 24 interviewed by you got married <in> 1979; is this what I heard
- 25 from you correct?

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- 1 [13.49.28]
- 2 JUDGE FENZ:
- 3 I think it was actually an answer to a question of mine. Just let
- 4 me see if I understood your question correctly. I referred to the
- 5 temporal jurisdiction of the Court. Now, obviously '79 is covered
- 6 in a small part. And you appear to answer that 15 per cent out of
- 7 the people questioned in your survey actually got married after
- 8 that period. I think this is what counsel wanted to confirm or
- 9 not.
- 10 MS. LEVINE
- 11 A. Three people in that '79 sample were married. It -- it's a bit
- 12 tricky. So I'd have to put them in the post area because I don't
- 13 have the exact date because it was season referenced. So, to be
- 14 on the safe side, I would put them outside my database and it was
- 15 three of that 15 per cent.
- 16 [13.50.33]
- 17 BY MR. SENG LEANG:
- 18 Q. When I read your <thesis>, it says that <there are more than>
- 19 20 out of <> those who were interviewed by you and <I agree with
- 20 what you said that there were about 15 per cent of them. > Now,
- 21 you said that <there were> only three <people>, so could you
- 22 confirm this again about the <figure>? So <there are about 29
- 23 among 192> people, <so 15 per cent would make more sense but>
- 24 now, you <said there were three people. Could you clarify it?>
- 25 MS. LEVINE

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- 1 A. I'll go back in a minute. I believe what I said was three out
- 2 of the 15 per cent, but I need to go back and look at that
- 3 figure.
- 4 Yes, so 1979 -- 15 per cent of my sample were wed in 1979. Out of
- 5 that 15 per cent, three people, I would have to -- to err on the
- 6 side of caution -- put into the category of post-DK. So I -- I'm
- 7 not thinking fast on my feet here in terms of mathematics, so I'm
- 8 not calculating very quickly three out of the 15 per cent and
- 9 what that would do to the rest of the sample. I don't think it
- 10 would be significant, but I can crunch that figure for you on the
- 11 break.
- 12 MR. SENG LEANG:
- 13 Thank you, Madam Witness. I do not have any further question.
- 14 And now, I would like to cede the floor for the International
- 15 Co-Prosecutor, Mr. President.
- 16 [13.52.30]
- 17 QUESTIONING BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 18 Q. Thank you.
- 19 Ms. LeVine, just to clarify that last point, a little bit, before
- 20 I move on, we count 29 in the annex of your thesis that list the
- 21 year of the marriage as 1979; do you have any reason to dispute
- 22 that?
- 23 And I could give the numbers; the numbers 188 to 192, number 163,
- 24 number 145, 146, 134, 132, 129, 128, 120, 119, 112, 100.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, please repeat the numbers again because the
- 2 interpreters could not follow.
- 3 [13.53.30]
- 4 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 5 Perhaps it's not necessary because we all have the annex and we
- 6 all could see it just by looking at the year of the marriage.
- 7 Q. So what I don't understand is: What is the difference, in your
- 8 mind, of the three from the rest of the 29?
- 9 MS. LEVINE
- 10 A. I clarified the three this morning. Because of the way in
- 11 which the person referenced 1979, I cannot in -- I cannot confirm
- 12 completely that they were married inside the DK period or outside
- 13 the DK period.
- 14 Q. Madam Witness, what is your understanding of the DK period;
- 15 what is the time period that you use?
- 16 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 17 [13.54.40]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Please hold on, Madam Expert. <>
- 20 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 21 Q. Madam Witness, I understood you to say the time the Vietnamese
- 22 came in. The Vietnamese invasion began Christmas, 25th of
- 23 December 1978. Phnom Penh fell on the 7th of January 1979. These
- 24 29 interviews, unless they happen to be in those first six days
- 25 of January, all took place after the DK period and all after the

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- 1 Vietnamese invasion had begun; correct?
- 2 MS. LEVINE
- 3 A. I will need to go back to my hard data to get the periods
- 4 because what I did in this thesis -- I do have my hard data in my
- 5 book, what I did in this thesis was I summarized my data and so I
- 6 will go back and look at those December figures in my hard data
- 7 and see what I can suss out; sorry--
- 8 [13.55.57]
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. --to see what I can suss out about the season referenced and
- 11 the time referenced. I will go back and do that.
- 12 Q. And it's true--
- 13 A. I just want to say that and I apologize to the Court for
- 14 including that data. I just thought it was--
- 15 Q. Madam, there's not a need -- we really don't have time for
- 16 explanations beyond the question. Because I'm trying to get you
- 17 home, let's limit ourselves to the questions, please.
- 18 So is it correct to say that you've never studied the policies of
- 19 the DK leadership?
- 20 A. That is incorrect.
- 21 Q. Okay, can you tell us how you studied the policies of the DK
- 22 leadership?
- 23 A. In terms -- I'm using the term "study" as a read and ponder.
- 24 Yes, I've read and pondered and talked to many historians because
- 25 after I did my research, I found some similarities. I found some

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- 1 similarities.
- 2 [13.57.17]
- 3 Q. So Madam Witness, Ms. LeVine, did you come to the conclusion
- 4 that DK policies began to loosen at the very end of 1978 in an
- 5 attempt to -- and particularly after the Vietnamese invasion, in
- 6 an attempt to retain a bit of popular support for their regime;
- 7 would you agree with that based on your studies?
- 8 A. My studies were on the weddings, so I was interested in the
- 9 looseness or tightness of how things happened around the
- 10 weddings, so I -- it's my only comment I can make on your
- 11 question.
- 12 Q. Okay, let me move on. And let me -- to frame the questions I
- 13 will ask subsequently, I want to summarize a couple things you've
- 14 said and if you can answer this yes or no, please do so.
- 15 You said yesterday at 14.27, I believe -- I'll try to find the
- 16 transcript -- "I did come to a conclusion that they were not
- 17 forced, " referring, I understood, to all the marriages in your
- 18 study; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes, I wrote that. Yes, that's correct.
- 20 [13.59.03]
- 21 Q. And you also say that true -- you hold that view of all
- 22 weddings in DK or just of the ones in your study?
- 23 A. With regard to my study.
- 24 Q. Now, you never asked any of the people in your study if their
- 25 marriages were forced; is that true?

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- 1 A. That's not true.
- 2 Q. Okay. Madam, this is what you said in that sentence just
- 3 before the one about your conclusion. This is again at 14.27.16.
- 4 You said, "Well, actually, I worked very hard to not even ask
- 5 that question; were they forced or not, but I did come to a
- 6 conclusion that they were not forced."
- 7 So Madam, my question again is: You didn't ask people whether
- 8 their marriages were forced, but you came to a conclusion that
- 9 their marriages were forced; is that correct -- were not forced,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's not correct.
- 12 [14.00.32]
- 13 O. Okay.
- 14 A. In terms of the way the question was framed to me, that is not
- 15 correct.
- 16 Q. Which part is not correct?
- 17 A. Could you please reframe the question again so I can listen?
- 18 Q. Okay. You've told us that you've concluded that these 192
- 19 individuals -- I guess we're talking about 181 marriages because
- 20 11 of them were married to each other -- that these 181 marriages
- 21 were not forced and you've also told us you never asked the
- 22 people who experienced it, who were there and had to marry,
- 23 whether they considered their marriages forced.
- 24 [14.01.19]
- 25 A. To requote your quote of me which you said, "worked very hard

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- 1 not to ask" and I did work very hard to not ask, but there were
- 2 sometimes, not frequently, where I did ask. But I was very
- 3 careful not to lead an opinion with people when I was wanting to
- 4 understand what conclusion they have come to, how would they
- 5 define, how would they identify. I did not want to put words in
- 6 peoples' mouth; however, I did ask, "Did you think your weddings
- 7 were authentic?" Not everyone said yes.
- 8 Q. Madam Witness, there's a very big difference; don't you agree,
- 9 between asking if a marriage was real or authentic and asking if
- 10 the person consented to that marriage? Do you think it's possible
- 11 to have a marriage that someone does not consent to, but it's
- 12 real; it's authentic?
- 13 A. I would like you to state that again for me, please.
- 14 Q. Let me then give you a scenario. A father goes to his
- 15 daughter. He says he's got a shotgun. "You have to marry this man
- 16 30 years older than you." They go before the religious body,
- 17 whatever religion they are. The marriage takes place. Under the
- 18 law of that country, they're married. That's an -- that's a real
- 19 marriage; it's not illusionary, correct?
- 20 A. No one took out a gun to anyone in my sample.
- 21 [14.03.17]
- 22 Q. Madam Witness, are you saying that no one in your sample felt
- 23 threatened, that they were under threat that they could possibly
- 24 die if they refused an order of Angkar?
- 25 A. No, I'm not saying that.

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- 1 Q. Okay, well, let's -- let me try to move on and then we'll try
- 2 to clarify some of the language because some of the differences
- 3 may be in the language that we're using.
- 4 First, forced marriage: When you use that term, you are not using
- 5 a legal definition; is that correct?
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Madam Expert, please hold on and Counsel Koppe, you have the
- 8 floor.
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Yes, thank you, Mr. President. We're puzzled by this question. I
- 11 don't think there is a legal definition, at all, of forced
- 12 marriage. The question whether forced marriage was a crime is
- 13 something to be debated. It has never been judged as such. It
- 14 isn't in any criminal code, so maybe the prosecutor can enlighten
- 15 us as to what the legal definition actually is.
- 16 [14.04.44]
- 17 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 18 Certainly, legal definition of forced marriage, for example, is
- 19 explained in the Sesay et al decision of the Special Court for
- 20 Sierra Leone. I probably have that with me somewhere, but I don't
- 21 think I can find it at this very moment, but--
- 22 (Short pause)
- 23 [14.05.18]
- 24 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 25 Organizationally, I'm completely a mess, so I don't have it right

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- 1 now, but I promise I will come back to that after the break.
- 2 O. Did you study the decisions, for example, of the Alex Tamba
- 3 Brima case at the Special Court of Sierra Leone or the Issa
- 4 Hassan Sesay case at the Special Court of Sierra Leone which
- 5 defined the elements of forced marriage as basically -- I'll give
- 6 you the exact language later, but one in which a person is
- 7 married under circumstances where they did not give free consent
- 8 because of force, the threat of force, or coercion?
- 9 [14.06.19]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Counsel Anta Guisse, you have the floor.
- 12 MS. GUISSE:
- 13 I have a problem here, a legal problem. The definition on which
- 14 the prosecutor is relying is based on jurisprudence that comes
- 15 after the facts that occurred in Democratic Kampuchea.
- 16 Even though <I don't believe> expert <has told us she has> done
- 17 any specific legal studies, she must have raised issues regarding
- 18 the legal issues during the period from 1964 to 1979, that is the
- 19 period of her study. <So if there must be a legal definition on
- 20 that matter, she would have raised it in these terms for the
- 21 period in question >. So the manner in which the prosecutor has
- 22 phrased this question should be rephrased; for instance, he can
- 23 ask: "Did you make any comparisons <with afterward>?" You cannot
- 24 ask any questions in terms of law during the period of the
- 25 events.

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- 1 [14.07.34]
- 2 JUDGE FENZ:
- 3 But a short comment in order to avoid confusion. Obviously, the
- 4 question of legal qualification is up to the Chamber, so we
- 5 shouldn't debate with her. I wonder how far the debate of legal
- 6 definitions gets us further.
- 7 Having said that, as I've self -- myself tried to do, it's
- 8 necessary to clarify terminology. So I think what can be done is
- 9 provide this without qualifying it as the right one or the wrong
- 10 one, but it is one possible definition of forced marriage and ask
- 11 her if this is her understanding or not without going into the
- 12 question whether this is correct or not correct or whatever.
- 13 [14.08.19]
- 14 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 15 Q. Correct, I'm not -- and Madam Witness, I understand you're not
- 16 a lawyer and I'm not trying to put you into a legal debate and we
- 17 don't want to have a legal debate here. What I'm trying to get,
- 18 as Judge Fenz pointed out, is an understanding of the terms that
- 19 we're using and as I began my question, I thought that part of
- 20 the problem may be that we're using different terminology.
- 21 So the terminology I'd like you to consider now is from the Sesay
- 22 case, appeal judgment, paragraph 735 where the Appeal Chamber
- 23 defined the offence of forced marriage as "a situation in which
- 24 the perpetrator compels the person by force, threat of force, or
- 25 coercion to serve as a conjugal partner."

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- 1 Even though you didn't have that as one of your regular
- 2 questions, if I understand right, it wasn't one of the topics.
- 3 You, in fact, got answers from your respondents, which indicated,
- 4 in fact, they were in situations where they were compelled to
- 5 marry by force, threat of force, or coercion; would you agree
- 6 with me about that?
- 7 [14.09.46]
- 8 MS. LEVINE
- 9 A. It's a difficulty here for me. The first definition you read
- 10 that I was considering was then cast to the side for the moment
- 11 and I heard the word "perpetrator", so I would like you to please
- 12 say again the first definition that you gave. A person is married
- 13 under dot dot; could you please give that to me again? I only
- 14 wrote down half of it and I want to consider this fully.
- 15 O. It's in a situation where someone compels the victim; we'll
- 16 call them -- compels -- I'll read the quote again, "compels a
- 17 person by force, threat of force or coercion to serve as a
- 18 conjugal partner."
- 19 So my question is: Do you agree that certainly many of those who
- 20 responded to your survey, even if they were not asked, told you
- 21 that that's exactly what happened; that they felt compelled and
- 22 compelled into a marriage they did not want?
- 23 [14.11.28]
- 24 A. I need to be very careful here because force, threat of force,
- 25 or coercion -- for me to respond to that question in the

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- 1 affirmative puts arranged marriages, in general, on the carpet
- 2 here and I'm not prepared to do that right now.
- 3 Q. Well, I'm not asking you now about arranged marriages; I'll be
- 4 happy to come to that subject in a moment. I'm asking you about
- 5 the marriages under DK. The marriages -- I'm not asking you about
- 6 arranged marriages in prior periods; I'm asking you about the
- 7 marriages under the Khmer Rouge, the hundred and eighty-one
- 8 marriages that your respondents were part of. Isn't it correct,
- 9 or tell me if I'm wrong, most of them; certainly many of them,
- 10 told you, even if not asked, that they felt compelled or coerced
- 11 to marry a person they didn't know and didn't -- or didn't want
- 12 to marry?
- 13 [14.12.51]
- 14 MR. KOPPE:
- 15 I really do not think this is a very fruitful exercise, but Mr.
- 16 President, but besides this, the definition that -- by the
- 17 Prosecution, coming from Sesay, apparently refers to the actual
- 18 perpetrator; the man using force or the threat of force or
- 19 coercion to marry forcibly a woman. This is not the situation, as
- 20 I understand it, that the expert has been referring to. It's a
- 21 more general threatening situation of the DK regime as such. That
- 22 is a totally different situation. There is no example of a man
- 23 forcing a woman to marry as was apparently the case in RUF case
- 24 in Sesay. So there's a total mix-up of not only geographical
- 25 situation, but also legal situations.

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- 1 JUDGE FENZ:
- 2 Counsel, it would appear that you are ask -- answering the
- 3 question to the expert. My feeling was that was exactly the
- 4 question. If the expert says no, this is not the situation in
- 5 Cambodia; I think we would expect her to say exactly that.
- 6 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 7 Your Honour, my response would be that it's obviously as counsels
- 8 both have pointed out; this is not time for a legal debate. But
- 9 just in response to counsel's remark, that clearly wasn't the
- 10 situation and Sesay was not convicted of his own marriage; he was
- 11 convicted of marriages of other people. That's what was involved,
- 12 leaders forcing marriages.
- 13 [14.14.35]
- 14 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 15 Q. So Madam, forget -- I'm asking you now whether, in your
- 16 opinion -- I'm going to ask one more time -- those that you
- 17 interviewed volunteered without being asked, many of them, that
- 18 they married only against their will after being compelled or
- 19 coerced.
- 20 MS. LEVINE
- 21 A. Before I give my answer, I just want to say that the
- 22 definition before me of the word "force" uses forced two times.
- 23 So the definition of forced is force, threat of force, or
- 24 coercion. That's confusing to me.
- 25 [14.15.28]

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- 1 I'm sitting with the coercion right now in contemplation because
- 2 I cannot say yes to the word "forced" in what you just referenced
- 3 to me, nor the threat of force. I'm sitting with coercion in the
- 4 context of people losing access to traditional ways of moving
- 5 through recognition of a wedding. It's not that I'm avoiding your
- 6 question; it's just that I think this word "coercion" requires a
- 7 bit of contemplation on my part. I will do that, but in this
- 8 moment; I can say I'm not agreeing with forced based on this
- 9 definition. One word in that definition, I will contemplate.
- 10 Q. Okay, thank you. So we have your answer is that you do not
- 11 agree that people were forced.
- 12 And now, I want to go to what you were talking about; coercion,
- 13 and talk to you about the atmosphere of the DK period because,
- 14 correct me if I'm wrong, but you spoke to people about weddings
- 15 and pregnancies and children. But in the course of that, you
- 16 learned a lot about how they felt living in the DK period; is
- 17 that true?
- 18 A. That is very true.
- 19 [14.17.07]
- 20 Q. How would you describe the atmosphere in regards to coercion
- 21 to obey Angkar orders during that time?
- 22 A. To obey was to increase privilege and to have the potential
- 23 for some safety.
- 24 Q. You're a trauma psychologist; is that correct, just a
- 25 psychologist that specializes in trauma?

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- 1 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 2 Q. Would you agree that almost everyone who lived during that
- 3 period of time underwent an experience of extreme stress?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Madam Expert, please hold on and Counsel Koppe, you have the
- 6 floor.
- 7 [14.18.30]
- 8 MR. KOPPE:
- 9 I object to this question. I'm sure the expert will be in a
- 10 position to answer this, but she has interviewed only the people
- 11 that she referred to; she cannot possibly say anything about the
- 12 rest -- the mental state of the rest of Democratic Kampuchea's
- 13 population in that period.
- 14 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 15 Your Honours, I think the Defence is calling the witness in
- 16 reference to all marriages in Democratic Kampuchea, not just the
- 17 181, but I'm fine to limit it to the ones that you talked to.
- 18 Q. Madam Witness, Doctor, would you agree that all of those that
- 19 you talked to in depth about their experiences indicated that
- 20 they were victims of extreme stress living through the DK period?
- 21 [14.19.45]
- 22 MS. LEVINE
- 23 A. I pause on your word "victim," but putting that to the side, I
- 24 would agree that the level of trauma that was exacerbated by lack
- 25 of access to ritual was excruciating and I would like to give one

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- 1 case example because you raised the issue of births.
- 2 I had a woman in my sample who was to deliver. There was a Khmer
- 3 Rouge birth centre. She witnessed a woman whose abdomen, at the
- 4 time of delivery, was cut open so that those in training to be
- 5 attendants could see the physiology of birth.
- 6 Now, one would think from a Western perspective that that would
- 7 be about as traumatic as one could imagine; however, I want to
- 8 add another dimension that was part of the discussion on Angkar
- 9 this morning.
- 10 [14.20.56]
- 11 When I proceeded to understand the level of distress that this
- 12 woman suffered as a result of witnessing that, what was -- to me,
- 13 as a Westerner, what I would have imagined her stress to be was:
- "Would I be next, my life is threatened?"
- 15 The intensity of her fear was based on the fact that the
- 16 deceased, pregnant woman and the deceased infant could not rest
- 17 their souls and those souls would continue to roam because there
- 18 were no rituals for her to enact in that regard.
- 19 Q. Would you agree that those that witnessed such killings for
- 20 basically no reason, capricious killings, would be under severe
- 21 stress and fear of death?
- 22 A. I think that they would be paranoid mostly, looking over their
- 23 shoulder frequently, afraid on a daily basis, yes.
- 24 [14.22.22]
- 25 Q. On page 118 of your book, I'd like you to comment on this. You

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- 1 begin this chapter about spirit humiliation by saying quote:
- 2 "Nearly everyone spoke of death in the DK period. There were
- 3 deaths by starvations, deaths that were assumed following
- 4 disappearances, random deaths of being called out at night,
- 5 deaths during interrogation, deaths following interrogation,
- 6 signs of death such as seeing a severed arm on the ground, deaths
- 7 by torture, deaths by malaria, deaths by hypothermia, and deaths
- 8 by the sun."
- 9 Madam Witness, do you think this phenomena of people constantly
- 10 being aware of the possible imminence of death would affect the
- 11 exercise of free will and consent in whether or not they objected
- 12 to Angkar's choice or decision that they should marry a specific
- 13 person?
- 14 [14.23.44]
- 15 A. Before I did the study, I would have, in an unqualified way,
- 16 agreed with you; however, it's important that I hold the meaning
- 17 of the weddings to people that lived through what you just read
- 18 out. My following sentence's suitcase of death was more than the
- 19 mind-body could hold. For those people that I interviewed, the
- 20 wedding was a moment of change for them. It was the moment when
- 21 they thought there was a chance for a different life as bizarre
- 22 as that sounds.
- 23 Q. Before I go back to that, let me just ask you about a few more
- 24 comments in your book that describe the state -- the situation in
- 25 DK that the people were living in at the time that these

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- 1 marriages took place.
- 2 [14.24.53]
- 3 On page 121, you talk about your interview with Mr. L and he said
- 4 or you wrote, "Whether one can live or die is not done by any
- 5 choice. We could get killed at any time, any time without any
- 6 trial just like killing animals. I kept expecting to die. I
- 7 waited to die."
- 8 On page 113 of your book -- I'm sure you recall this -- you
- 9 talked about a man who witnessed his sister cut open right in
- 10 front of him. It's on the bottom paragraph and this apparently
- 11 happened in 1976.
- 12 On page 182, you talked about this incident where you mentioned
- 13 already about the woman who saw the pregnant woman cut open.
- 14 Page 135, you spoke about your interview with a Mr. A and you
- 15 said that Mr. A had a friend who was called out at night. The
- 16 next day, he saw the severed leg which he recognized as being the
- 17 leg of his friend. Then he was called out, I believe, if I
- 18 understood you, the next day or shortly after and it turned out
- 19 to be for his wedding, but he worried about whether it would be
- 20 for his death; is that correct?
- 21 [14.26.50]
- 22 A. What's correct is that for a period of time, particularly in
- 23 '78, people were called out. If they received a krama, it usually
- 24 meant they were being called out to go to a wedding. If they did
- 25 not, it often meant, according to what people heard -- I think

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- 1 that's important to say here -- that it could mean death.
- 2 Q. And on page--
- 3 A. And I just want to qualify one more thing. Going back to the
- 4 -- Mr. L on page 121 where he says, "There was no muscle, only
- 5 skin over my bones. I had a big knee and a big elbow, such big
- 6 bones." What I can say is as -- as difficult as this was for me
- 7 in doing my research, I was interested in, if you will, rank
- 8 ordering people's fears and people were -- and rank ordering what
- 9 it was that traumatized people the most and it was often that
- 10 someone witnessed someone that they were very close to starve to
- 11 death. That seemed to be so much more profound and dream haunting
- 12 for them than them witnessing someone who was killed, though I
- 13 have to say that most of the references to death were, "I heard
- 14 about this" or "A friend told me about this". So, this was a
- 15 quite unique presentation here.
- 16 [14.28.44]
- 17 Q. Well, you would characterize the situation of most people as
- 18 one of being in a state of starvation and fear; is that correct?
- 19 A. In -- the severity of that related to the region and time in
- 20 which people were situated, but generally starvation, especially
- 21 at the beginning and in '76 and '77, was a big theme in my study,
- 22 yes.
- 23 Q. On page 150, you talk about your interview with Mr. A. I have
- 24 the ERN on the thesis and that may be 00482553. And let me read
- 25 to you what you wrote. "Before I got in the car, the Khmer Rouge

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- 1 took all my papers, my books, certificates, even photographs, my
- 2 birth certificate."
- 3 Skipping a bit, "They even took my chicken. They just took it. If
- 4 people didn't give all they wanted, they would ask you, 'Do you
- 5 want to be alive or do you want to die?' So how can you choose?
- 6 He was silent for five seconds and he said, 'How can you
- 7 choose?'"
- 8 [14.30.24]
- 9 Madam, do you think there's a difference between the ability to
- 10 deny Angkar the goods or the chicken in the case of Mr. A. and to
- 11 deny when the group leader, district head, or other authority
- 12 tells a young person that they are to be married to someone
- 13 selected by Angkar? Would you agree that what Mr. A. said, "How
- 14 can you choose?" applies equally to the marriage; free choice was
- impossible, protest was impossible?
- 16 A. At this moment, I am not ready to answer your question.
- 17 Q. Okay, thank you. I don't know.
- 18 Now, you talked about -- in your words, you don't want -- like to
- 19 use the word "forced" marriage, but you say it's like being
- 20 conscripted marriage. That it was a national duty; did I
- 21 understand you correctly?
- 22 A. That is the term that I have used.
- 23 [14.32.05]
- Q. Well, conscription in the DK, in particular -- because that's
- 25 what we're talking about; we're talking about Democratic

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- 1 Kampuchea -- what was the consequence of someone refusing
- 2 conscription?
- 3 A. I have a number of examples. Usually, it was a man and he was
- 4 sent to a labour camp for a while and then sent back to the
- 5 village. I gave an example, I believe, yesterday. In one case
- 6 where a man disagreed with the choice, he was sent for labour,
- 7 came back; there was a different person in charge and he chose
- 8 his partner.
- 9 Q. Okay, I think we're -- we crossed wires a bit. I'm asking
- 10 about the consequence of refusing military conscription. Perhaps
- 11 that's my fault for not making that clear enough.
- 12 What was the consequence in DK of refusing military conscription?
- 13 A. In the cases I had--
- 14 [14.33.27]
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Please hold on, Madam Expert and Counsel Anta Guisse, you have
- 17 the floor.
- 18 MS. GUISSE:
- 19 Yes, I'm obliged to object even if I believe that the expert is
- 20 able to answer this question. But< -- to be clear -- >in her
- 21 statement, the expert never spoke about military conscription in
- 22 DK; she drew a parallel between marriage under DK and <military>
- 23 conscription elsewhere. So in the way the question is phrased by
- 24 the Co-Prosecutor, I feel that there is some confusion. She never
- 25 spoke about military duties under DK and I'm not sure that she

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- 1 studied that, so maybe the question should be phrased in a way
- 2 that's more in sync with her work <and what she has stated before
- 3 this Chamber>.
- 4 [14.34.22]
- 5 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 Q. Actually, at least on one page, you do discuss the
- 8 consequence. On page 121 of your book, you talk about an
- 9 interview with Mr. B. and he told you that they collected all the
- 10 men in S'ang district, even the monks quote: "We all had to
- 11 become part of the army or we would be killed."
- 12 So you're equating the choice of whether or not someone would get
- 13 married with whether or not they would serve the Khmer Rouge army
- 14 when ordered to do so; is that correct?
- 15 A. No, that's not correct.
- 16 Q. And when it comes to this conscription and national service,
- 17 somehow do you believe that if marriage is part of a national
- 18 policy to increase the population that coercing someone into
- 19 marrying a stranger or someone they don't want to marry is then
- 20 legitimized?
- 21 A. I just want to ask for clarification on your word
- 22 "legitimize", please.
- 23 [14.35.49]
- Q. Do you think it's not a forced marriage; it's -- can somehow
- 25 something less than that because it's for national service?

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- 1 A. It's a term that many governments use internationally. In some
- 2 ways, I have to say, to justify taking people into service with a
- 3 consequence if they object and so that is the reason I chose that
- 4 term because this is a -- this regime was very tricky and to --
- 5 to not think through a term that might be better applied in the
- 6 context of DK; not Sierra Leone, but in the context of DK, it's
- 7 the best term I could find that represents this context given my
- 8 research on this topic.
- 9 There may be a better term when more research appears.
- 10 Q. Madam Witness, just to take one example -- and if you would
- 11 like to answer this question just to understand your concept of
- 12 conscription -- we know about instances in the Second World War
- 13 where some armies conscripted what they called "comfort women"
- 14 into their service to serve in brothels; in your view is that
- 15 national service or is that sexual slavery?
- 16 [14.37.46]
- 17 MR. KOPPE:
- 18 I object to this question. Apart from the unnecessary emotion in
- 19 that question, I don't think this expert is in a position to say
- 20 anything about what happened in Japan in the Second World War and
- 21 before.
- 22 JUDGE FENZ:
- 23 And what exactly constitutes sexual slavery? Obviously, it's up
- 24 to the prosecutor to make his questions, but it appears to me--
- 25 MR. KOUMJIAN:

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- 1 Let me move on.
- 2 [14.38.12]
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 --that whenever we use terms, legal terms, confusion--
- 5 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 6 Good point.
- 7 JUDGE FENZ:
- 8 --arises.
- 9 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 10 Good point, thank you. So let me move on.
- 11 Q. Madam, why didn't you ask as one of your topics; why didn't
- 12 you put it in your list of topics and in the survey you gave your
- 13 students, "Did you want to participate in this wedding?" Why
- 14 didn't you ask the subjects if they consented to the wedding?
- 15 A. The formatting by which I arranged my questions were meant to
- 16 be open because I did not want to, in any way, especially as a
- 17 Westerner, set in motion someone responding to me and giving me
- 18 an answer they thought that I might want, particularly given the
- 19 topic in the media. I worked very hard to ask open-ended
- 20 questions where people, themselves, spoke about their
- 21 experiences. I could say, "How would you interpret that? What do
- 22 you think about that?" But I worked very hard to keep things
- 23 within that frame.
- 24 I would like to make one comment, if I may, please, about the
- 25 comfort-woman-

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- 1 [14.39.53]
- 2 Q. Sure.
- 3 A. --question; am I allowed to do that?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Yes, please.
- 6 MS. LEVINE
- 7 A. The reason I want to just introduce a statement about this
- 8 example is because recently, I was interviewed by a journalist in
- 9 the "New York Times". Not to say that I was -- I was not exactly
- 10 properly referenced, but giving -- putting that aside; the
- 11 journalist came to me to tell me that there was an estimate that
- 12 was -- that was being accepted about the number of women that
- 13 were married under DK and what did I think about that number. And
- 14 I said, "I've not seen any formal research studies on that number
- 15 that I was given." And she said, "Oh, you probably need to go
- 16 into the work of Laura McGrew."
- 17 I did. I found no studies and then finally after much, much
- 18 research, I found a statement that I'd like to read. "By way of
- 19 comparison, it is estimated that over 200,000 comfort women were
- 20 enslaved by the Japanese military during and around World War II.
- 21 Although the two practices were totally different, the numbers
- 22 may have been roughly equivalent. If a Cambodian village"-
- 23 [14.41.43]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Madam Expert, please repeat what you have just said because the

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- 1 interpreter could not follow.
- 2 MS. LEVINE
- 3 A. I apologize. I was reading too quickly.
- 4 A number that's now being thrown around in the media as if it is
- 5 -- as if it has been quantified in a study is a statement by
- 6 Laura McGrew. "By way of comparison, it is estimated that over
- 7 200,000 comfort women were enslaved by the Japanese military
- 8 during and around World War II. Although the two practices were
- 9 totally different, the numbers may have been roughly equivalent.
- 10 If in a Cambodian village of a thousand, there was an average of
- 11 two group marriages during four years that the Khmer Rouge were
- 12 in power with 15 women involved in each ceremony, this could mean
- 13 that as many as 210,000 women would have been forced into
- 14 marriage out of a population of 7 million."
- 15 [14.43.19]
- 16 The reason I raised this is because that was the first time I
- 17 heard anyone mention comfort women with regard to the Khmer Rouge
- 18 weddings and now I hear that again today. I find the implication
- 19 offensive.
- 20 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 21 Q. You explain why it's offensive. What is the difference you see
- 22 between the marriage -- telling someone to marry a stranger and
- 23 then have sex with them from the comfort women?
- 24 MS. LEVINE:
- 25 A. I am aware that on the agenda here is the issue of rape and

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- 1 rape in marriage and to make this association is unfair to an
- 2 unbiased review of what happened under DK.
- 3 Q. Let me move on to, hopefully, more productive topics.
- 4 JUDGE FENZ:
- 5 I just wanted to clarify.
- 6 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 7 Sure.
- 8 [14.44.39]
- 9 JUDGE FENZ:
- 10 I mean, it was you who made this association now or what
- 11 association are you talking about?
- 12 MS. LEVINE
- 13 A. The number that is now being used in the media for how many
- 14 women may have been married under DK is a number that relates to
- 15 the comfort women statistics. The association was made by Laura
- 16 McGrew and here now, I was asked a question with a reference to
- 17 comfort women.
- 18 JUDGE FENZ:
- 19 I understand, thank you.
- 20 [14.45.35]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 It is now break time. The Chamber will take a break from now
- 23 until 3 p.m.
- 24 Court officer, please assist the expert in the waiting room
- 25 during the break time and please invite her back into the

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- 1 courtroom at 3 p.m.
- 2 The Court is now in recess.
- 3 (Court recesses from 1445H to 1503H)
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 6 Again, the floor is given to the Co-Prosecutor to put further
- 7 questions to the expert. You have the floor.
- 8 [15.03.50]
- 9 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 Q. Madam Witness, I want to -- Doctor, I want to go to the
- 12 beginning of your study and the first couple that you interviewed
- 13 and you said you met them, not purposely; you met them in social
- 14 circumstances, I presume, correct? I see you nodding your head,
- 15 so I'll go on to my question.
- 16 And they indicated that they wanted to get married. Now, it's --
- 17 you said you've read some of the literature; would you agree with
- 18 me it's -- that none of the literature and certainly, I hope,
- 19 never have you read that the Prosecution has alleged that every
- 20 single marriage during the Democratic Kampuchea was forced and
- 21 against the will of the people married. Some of them -- some
- 22 people married those they wanted to marry; would you agree that
- 23 the literature is in agreement on that?
- 24 [15.04.56]
- 25 MS. LEVINE

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- 1 A. I first want to clarify that first case because the head of
- 2 the boys' camps and the head of the girls' camps arranged that
- 3 wedding. Those two came from the same region before they had gone
- 4 into Phnom Penh following the loss of their school during the Lon
- 5 Nol regime. I may be giving you more details just because I know
- 6 my cases so well, but that was part of the particulars of that
- 7 first.
- 8 Q. My understanding is the first one was one who was asked to
- 9 marry one person and then he asked for his base fiancée and they
- 10 married. That's what the note is on number 1 in the book.
- 11 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 12 [15.05.54]
- 13 Q. That's not the same couple; is that what you're saying?
- 14 A. That's right.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. That's not the first couple.
- 17 Q. All right. Thank you.
- 18 And would you also agree that -- I think we all would agree that
- 19 in some circumstances, even if they didn't want to get married,
- 20 these individuals went through a period of extreme difficulty
- 21 together. Sometimes, they had children during the regime and they
- 22 shared that experience and often in such difficult experiences,
- 23 survivors grow close to each other and that happened among some
- 24 of those who were chosen to be married by the Khmer Rouge. In
- 25 some cases that happened, correct?

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- 1 A. Depending on the region, yes.
- 2 [15.06.55]
- 3 Q. And by the way, when you said that no one was killed who
- 4 refused, you couldn't possibly have interviewed someone who was
- 5 killed who refused a marriage? They wouldn't be alive for you to
- 6 interview them; isn't that correct?
- 7 A. I reference David Boder's work in my book. He wrote a book
- 8 called "I Did Not Interview the Dead." He went into the--
- 9 O. I think your answer is yes; is that right? He -- you couldn't
- 10 interview because as he -- he could not interview those that died
- 11 during the Second World War, correct? I'm just trying to be --
- 12 move things along.
- 13 A. Of course.
- 14 Q. Now, in this first couple, who I -- who I now understand is
- 15 not necessarily number 1 and 2 on the chart, they told you,
- 16 without prompting, that theirs was not a forced marriage. Now,
- 17 doesn't that imply to you that they recognized that many others
- in their era were forced marriages?
- 19 [15.08.17]
- 20 A. If I could clarify the context for your consideration, I was
- 21 at a university colleague's home. The couple -- the man was a
- 22 colleague of mine; his wife was there. It was after lunch. We
- 23 were eating fruit. He leaned back into his wife; she was
- 24 massaging his neck and I said, "Oh, I wonder where did you meet?"
- 25 And they said, "We met during the Khmer Rouge." And I said, "And

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- 1 what about your marriage?" And they said, "We were married during
- 2 the Khmer Rouge." And I said, "Oh, you mean the forced weddings?"
- 3 And they said, "Our wedding wasn't forced."
- 4 Q. Okay, thank you for that answer.
- 5 Now, you have listed the topics of your discussion; in the
- 6 thesis, you've listed 10 topics; in the book, it's listed as 13
- 7 and we also have your questionnaire that was given to the
- 8 students.
- 9 None of these have a question about consent, whether or not the
- 10 spouses consented to the marriage; correct?
- 11 A. Because I did not take testimonials, I asked questions that
- 12 left it open so that that information could be included or not.
- 13 [15.10.13]
- 14 Q. So the answer is you don't know though? When they didn't tell
- 15 you, sometimes they told you, but if they didn't tell you, you
- 16 don't know whether it was with their consent or without their
- 17 consent; correct?
- 18 A. Given the way you've asked the question, yes.
- 19 Q. And is it also correct that you did not ask them about feeling
- 20 threatened?
- 21 A. I would like to read a quote from one my transcripts. Now,
- 22 this is an in-depth part of the transcript of a woman who is a
- 23 case in my book that has been referenced by other researchers
- 24 that I called -- I gave a pseudonym -- Moni.
- 25 [15.11.28]

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- 1 She says after her marriage in December of '78:
- 2 "I was so sick [she was in Battambang]. I was so sick. I was like
- 3 a tiny bird. My husband went away. I was ill and by myself in the
- 4 cottage. In the middle of the forest of the village, we had two
- 5 cottages: one for one couple and one for us. Two soldiers came on
- 6 horseback. One of the soldiers asked me to go with him and I
- 7 explained that I was married and had a husband. 'Oh', he said,
- 8 'it is impossible for me, a Cambodian woman, to go with you.' The
- 9 soldier who asked me to go with him then said he would like me to
- 10 be his sister and when I have a problem I can call him. Then
- 11 two-to-three days later, they came back. I was still alone. They
- 12 came to see if I was better. I asked, 'Did they ever hurt you?
- 13 No, they came to see if my situation was better. Sometimes they'd
- 14 bring me sugar, sometimes eggs, one time a chicken. They did not
- 15 hurt me.'"
- 16 The reason I give that as an example is because in my interviews,
- 17 depending on what happened in qualitative interviewing, I would
- 18 ask questions about the safety of the person.
- 19 [15.13.14]
- 20 Q. So the answer to my question then is that you did not ask that
- 21 question if they were threatened unless you felt it was part of a
- 22 follow-up. You did not instruct your students to ask the couples
- 23 whether they felt threatened. Is that correct? And, please,
- 24 answer the question.
- 25 The mike wasn't on.

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- 1 A. Making a habit of that. Yes.
- 2 O. And if we look at the very short notes that you included in
- 3 the back of the thesis, we can get some view of how some of the
- 4 people viewed the marriage, and also from your book some of the
- 5 things you write.
- 6 On page 16, you said: "As we shall see through my study, in many
- 7 cases the Khmer Rouge arranged marriages and in some cases people
- 8 feared annihilation if they did not comply."
- 9 Now, do you think when people feared that they'd be annihilated
- 10 if they did not comply, would you consider their participation in
- 11 the marriage to have been with consent?
- 12 A. In many cases, arranged; in some cases, fear, annihilation;
- 13 and my last question to what you have referenced, but can we call
- 14 the weddings forced. Yes, so that was a question I continued to
- 15 ask, can we call the weddings as a collective--
- 16 [15.15.07]
- 17 Q. Madam, the question is -- that's not the question I asked. I'm
- 18 trying to avoid the word "forced" for reasons that you -- us
- 19 quibbling about the definition. I'm asking you, in those cases
- 20 where people feared annihilation, do you consider that they
- 21 freely consented to the wedding?
- 22 A. I'm not wanting to sound difficult, however, embedded in your
- 23 question is a context that I still have to hold that I found in
- 24 my study, the fear of annihilation is different when you are
- 25 protected and have access to traditions than it is when you

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- 1 don't.
- 2 And so, if we're to assume that one does not have access to
- 3 traditional protection, the fear is extremely heightened and I
- 4 imagine that people in that situation of some of those cases
- 5 would comply.
- 6 [15.16.24]
- 7 Q. On page 183, you wrote that, "As the regime expanded, people
- 8 had to marry a strange person and have sex with an unknown
- 9 spouse."
- 10 Without asking a question, let me move on to the next example
- 11 because it's relevant, I think.
- 12 On page 17, you talk about someone named Van (phonetic) -- 17 of
- 13 your book -- and Van (phonetic), at the time the Khmer Rouge came
- 14 to power -- correct me if I'm wrong -- had a fiancée, Sophie
- 15 (phonetic), who actually was pregnant at the time, but he was
- 16 forced to marry another person, so he never had the chance to
- 17 marry the mother of his child and raise his child.
- 18 Is your position that his marriage was not forced?
- 19 A. This is a case where we see Angkar. Van (phonetic) was called
- 20 out from his work camp to marry a woman selected by Angkar. I
- 21 want to please keep this factor in this situation, and that he
- 22 did not know at the time that his former love was pregnant.
- 23 [15.18.05]
- 24 Q. So -- my question you haven't answered yet. Did you consider
- 25 Van's (phonetic) marriage to be forced?

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- 1 A. I considered him to be selected and arranged by Angkar. That's
- 2 my descriptive answer.
- 3 Q. Did you believe that he participated in that wedding under the
- 4 threat of force and coercion?
- 5 A. Again, given that you chose a case example after my discussion
- 6 earlier today about Angkar, I think this is very, very
- 7 complicated with regard to his compliance. So my answer is no.
- 8 Q. Okay, let me move on.
- 9 On page 18, you talked about Moni. I believe you just read to us
- 10 some things that Moni told you subsequently, but Moni is the
- 11 young woman who described herself as part of an intellectual unit
- 12 that kept death lists; that was part of her duty that the Khmer
- 13 Rouge assigned her to.
- 14 And she said she did not want to marry but her father said she
- 15 would be killed -- he would be killed -- if she did not marry. In
- 16 fact, what you said is:
- 17 "A Khmer Rouge leader" -- on page 18 "insisted she marry an
- 18 uneducated base person. She did not want to marry that man or any
- 19 man for that matter. However, her father said he could be killed
- 20 if she did not comply."
- 21 Doctor, do you consider that a forced wedding -- forced marriage?
- 22 [15.20.26]
- 23 A. I consider that to be coercion, but I'm also aware -- that's
- 24 why I was going through my thesis. I can't find it right now
- 25 where it's a little bit more qualified. She did not want to marry

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- 1 that man or any man for that matter.
- 2 So her parents would have arranged her -- that's why she's such a
- 3 unique case. Her parents would have arranged her to be married
- 4 and she would not have wanted to marry any man but she would have
- 5 for her father.
- 6 Q. You're bringing up -- thank you. Let's briefly address the
- 7 difference between an arranged marriage by the family and a
- 8 marriage arranged by the state.
- 9 First of all, in the traditional marriages arranged by families,
- 10 did your research tell you that if people refused, they were
- 11 killed or if they felt that they could be killed if they refused
- 12 their parents' arranged marriage?
- 13 A. They didn't question their parents' decision.
- 14 [15.21.41]
- 15 Q. So it would be correct to say you never came across any case
- 16 in Cambodia in the literature or your research where arranged
- 17 marriages were done under the threat of people being killed?
- 18 Would you agree with that; family arranged marriages?
- 19 A. Under the fear of the threat. I say that because in the
- 20 literature that I have read, oftentimes the fear of has been
- 21 translated into the threat of, but my answer to your question is
- 22 no.
- 23 Q. You do cite on page 25 a memoir written by Eng Hoa -- I may be
- 24 pronouncing that wrong, E-N-G H-O-A -- in 1984 where he talked of
- 25 a father who refused to allow his daughter to be married under

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- 1 the Khmer Rouge and both father and daughter were killed.
- 2 Do you see a difference between a family arranging a marriage and
- 3 what that does to a person and the state arranging a marriage?
- 4 [15.23.15]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Please hold on. You may now proceed, Counsel Anta Guisse.
- 7 MS. GUISSE:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. I have a problem. I object to the
- 9 manner in which the question <was> asked. <Twice now I should
- 10 have spoke up earlier --> because the prosecutor is <saying,
- 11 "The> State arranged marriages". For the time being <and in the
- 12 framework of the> interviews the expert conducted, it was the
- 13 local authority and not the State. <I want this to be very clear,
- 14 because it is giving the impression that> these particular
- 15 marriages <were ordered by a State>. Whether we're talking of
- 16 Angkar or the local authority, it's important for us to use the
- 17 appropriate terminology here.
- 18 [15.24.15]
- 19 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 20 Q. Thank you, Counsel, for the intervention. I think it's an
- 21 appropriate time then to say -- ask the witness, Madam Witness,
- 22 have you ever read the statements of the number 2 member of the
- 23 regime regarding the policy about marriages?
- 24 MS. LEVINE
- 25 A. I just want to ask you your source on that because I have read

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- 1 things but I just want to know your source.
- 2 Q. Indeed.
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 You need to clarify who number 2 is.
- 5 [15.24.57]
- 6 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 7 Yes.
- 8 Q. I'm referring to the book "Behind the Killing Fields" by Thet
- 9 Sambath and Gina Chon on page 41; ERN 00757496. And the book is
- 10 generally about his conversations with Nuon Chea, number 2 in the
- 11 regime.
- 12 And the authors write: "Because they wanted to double the
- 13 population, the Khmer Rouge wanted to increase the number of
- 14 marriages but because the war killed so many men, there were more
- 15 women in society. The Khmer Rouge took matters into their own
- 16 hands."
- 17 And then they have a quote: "'The man always wants to choose a
- 18 beautiful girl, that's why we forced them to get married and
- 19 Angkar chose the wife', Nuon Chea said."
- 20 Were you aware that the number 2 in the regime used the word
- 21 "forced them to get married"?
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Madam Expert, please hold on. Koppe, you may now proceed.
- 24 [15.26.16]
- 25 MR. KOPPE:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. President. I object. This is -- I objected many
- 2 times when the Prosecution does this. This is a book that's never
- 3 been authorized by Nuon Chea. He's never read it, so putting this
- 4 quote into his mouth as if he had said this, as if he had
- 5 authorized this specific excerpt is simply unjust. Why doesn't
- 6 prosecutor refer to the official "Revolutionary Flag", which was
- 7 reflecting the official policy? They're something completely
- 8 different.
- 9 JUDGE FENZ:
- 10 Counsel, the book is on the case file. You're on record with your
- 11 observation on that. Obviously, the prosecutor is able to use
- 12 something which is on the case file. You have qualified it; you
- 13 are on record with your observation.
- 14 [15.27.16]
- 15 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 16 Q. So, Madam Witness, this is what is reported by Thet Sambath
- 17 who interviewed on tape Nuon Chea, he says for hundreds of hours,
- 18 and to my knowledge it's never been denied by Nuon Chea.
- 19 Do you have an opinion then about whether the regime had a policy
- 20 of forcing people to get married? Hearing that quote from the
- 21 number 2 of the regime, does that change your opinion?
- 22 MS. LEVINE
- 23 A. Yes, I'd like to respond to this.
- 24 With regard to this book "Beyond the Killing Fields" published in
- 25 2010, on page 4 it is stated: "This story is our version of what

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- 1 Nuon Chea conveyed to us ... nor is it a story based solely on
- 2 facts."
- 3 Now, I have reviewed this book. I have to say I have not studied
- 4 it in-depth. It was difficult because there were no markers in
- 5 the text to signify voice. I couldn't ascertain whether direct
- 6 quotes were commentary or not. So I had some questions about this
- 7 particular passage--
- 8 [15.29.01]
- 9 O. Well, you should recognize that the passage I read is in
- 10 quotations and it's written by two journalists, and would you
- 11 understand that, under any basic standards of journalism,
- 12 quotations ethically have to be accurate or a journalist is
- 13 simply not doing their job?
- 14 A. As we saw today in this courtroom, the word "conscription" for
- 15 a moment was translated as "forced". So I read an opening to a
- 16 book that this is our version of what was conveyed to us unless,
- 17 as I'm asked to do, to return and look at my Khmer word for
- 18 authentic and real. Unless I see the translation of that word and
- 19 look at the tape -- which, by the way, if I can digress is one
- 20 reason why I submitted that document from the Shoah Foundation.
- 21 Something went missing, some things were changed.
- 22 So my question is about this particular text. As a scholar, did
- 23 the authors return to Nuon Chea for reliability checks? Did they
- 24 give him proofs for review before publication for comment which
- 25 typically happens when one is writing about someone's life and

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- 1 they have access to that person? Did they save the tape and index
- 2 of interviews so that term "forced" could be reviewed? Was there
- 3 an independent translator used?
- 4 These are questions that I had when I read this book before you
- 5 raised this question to me today.
- 6 [15.30.44]
- 7 Q. So you were aware of the quote before?
- 8 A. Absolutely.
- 9 Q. Okay, thank you. Then let me move on. So aware of the quote
- 10 before you testified, thank you.
- 11 Now, on page 122, you talk about an interview with a Mrs. Oem
- 12 (phonetic) who told you: "If someone refuses to marry who they
- 13 chose" -- who they chose meaning the authorities or Angkar -
- 14 "then anything could happen. Sometimes one is killed and
- 15 sometimes one is not killed."
- 16 I want to go back to a question I asked you at the beginning of
- 17 my examination. Didn't you find from many of your responses that
- 18 the arrangement of the marriage was done under threat and
- 19 coercion? Doesn't Mrs. Oem's (phonetic) statement confirm that?
- 20 A. So I can just add on to that quote so it's not a selective
- 21 text. The next part of that quote is: "And sometimes each person
- 22 agrees to marry and sometimes not."
- 23 So, again, anything could happen, yes.
- 24 [15.32.12]
- 25 Q. Okay, I want to make sure I understand your question because

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- 1 my question was: Do you agree that many of these marriages, or
- 2 some of them, were done under the threat and coercion, and you're
- 3 agreeing with that?
- 4 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 5 Q. You're not being recorded.
- 6 A. My apologies. I was agreeing with Ms. Oem (phonetic) that
- 7 anything could happen. I'm including sometimes a person agrees to
- 8 marry and sometimes not. So could you please ask me your question
- 9 again.
- 10 [15.32.50]
- 11 Q. I'm going to move on. Many of the people I think that you
- 12 talked to talked about -- correct me if I'm wrong if they
- 13 talked to you about labour. What were the conditions of labour?
- 14 What did hard labour mean during the DK period?
- 15 A. Starvation, risk of malaria, injury, fatigue.
- 16 Q. Thank you, that's sufficient.
- 17 In your study and the brief notes in the annex for subject
- 18 respondent number 9, you indicated he refused at first and was
- 19 sent to hard labour. In fact, he told you that his prior leader
- 20 would have killed him.
- 21 And number 30 is another person who you wrote -- or whoever did
- 22 the interview wrote: "Refused to marry first choice and sent to
- 23 hard labour. Married second choice."
- 24 So do you consider being sent to hard labour or even threatened
- 25 with being sent to hard labour coercion, the use of force or the

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- 1 threat of force, or do you consider that still people under that
- 2 threat can exercise free will?
- 3 [15.34.25]
- 4 MR. KOPPE:
- 5 I object to this question and this line of questions, Mr.
- 6 President.
- 7 Prosecution is continuously trying to force, if I can use that
- 8 word, the expert in answering legal questions. He's trying to
- 9 present her with a set of data in relation to the people she
- 10 interviewed and then, as if she were a lawyer, ask her legal
- 11 opinion; was this use of force, was this threat of force or was
- 12 this coercion.
- 13 This is not the way to proceed with this expert. This is a
- 14 question for the Chamber, ultimately, to answer, not for this
- 15 witness.
- 16 [15.35.17]
- 17 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 18 Your Honour, threat, force, coercion are not necessarily legal
- 19 terms. The witness on the direct examination offered an opinion
- 20 that these were not forced marriages. I'm entitled to ask her,
- 21 based upon her research, whether her research confirms or
- 22 actually contradicts that.
- 23 MR. KOPPE:
- 24 Now that doesn't make any sense legally whatsoever. All words
- 25 which are part of definitions of crimes are also normal words. So

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- 1 the fact that a word is a normal word doesn't mean that it's not
- 2 also a legal word.
- 3 So force, threat of force, coercion, are typical legal words
- 4 within violent crimes.
- 5 JUDGE FENZ:
- 6 On the other hand, they also describe the act. It's really a bit
- 7 of a problem to find this line but, generally, I would say I
- 8 think you can trust the Bench to draw its conclusions without
- 9 necessarily forcing the expert to come up with a legal opinion.
- 10 The safest way is to ask her if in her understanding of the --
- 11 given her understanding of the term "coercion", this was coerced.
- 12 That's more subjective.
- 13 [15.36.45]
- 14 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 15 Q. I'm a little lost where we were, but I'm going to move on to
- 16 another question.
- 17 Madam, number 47 in your annex, it's on the ERN 00482664, you
- 18 indicate the group leader chose this subject's husband. She did
- 19 not want to marry him but could not protest.
- 20 To make things faster, I'm going to ask you about several of
- 21 these together.
- 22 Number 70, the subject indicates: The husband asked Angkar and
- 23 she did not agree but she was afraid of being killed so agreed.
- 24 Do you think that these two individuals -- excuse me, let me
- 25 finish with a couple more.

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- 1 Number 72, you indicate the husband's parents chose but she did
- 2 not agree. And then in the section where you ask "Who is
- 3 Angkar?", the note is "Angkar killed people".
- 4 Number 84, indicated Angkar chose. "I had to follow Angkar or I
- 5 would be killed."
- 6 And number 157 told you or the student that interviewed her, "The
- 7 village chief chose", and an older woman told her she must marry
- 8 or she would be killed.
- 9 Would you agree that these are all examples of people who did not
- 10 consent to the wedding, did not want to be married and did so
- 11 solely under threat and coercion?
- 12 [15.38.55]
- 13 MS. LEVINE
- 14 A. Firstly, I want to make a comment on your choice of cases
- 15 prior to these, to say that those cases really show quite clearly
- 16 because the person was arranged at one time and went back at
- 17 another time and a different outcome happened, how a shift of
- 18 leadership sometimes determined what happened to people.
- 19 Having said that, what is difficult for me in this moment as a
- 20 researcher is that the whole of my study is being put -- is being
- 21 clustered into a particular sample that is -- that -- where
- 22 there's an attempt to lead me to make a conclusion that's
- 23 different from the conclusion that I made from the whole of my
- 24 analysis.
- 25 [15.39.51]

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- 1 Q. Okay, let me put it to you another way. Let me make it clear
- 2 to you what I'm saying.
- 3 Your conclusion is contradicted by your research; that's what I'm
- 4 saying. You didn't ask people whether or not they consented, but
- 5 you took notes of some of their comments about it. And in the
- 6 examples I've just read, these people told you clearly they got
- 7 married under threat. They did it just to -- because two of them
- 8 were sent to hard labour and, of course, they then agreed. Others
- 9 were threatened with being killed or told they would be killed or
- 10 told that their father would be killed.
- 11 All of these contradict what your -- your conclusion that there
- 12 were no forced marriages. Now, please comment on that.
- 13 [15.40.40]
- 14 A. Firstly, my conclusion was about the whole of my study and my
- 15 analysis. I do want to say that again up front.
- 16 And secondly, because I didn't ask a question directly did not
- 17 mean that I did not have that content to analyze because the way
- 18 I set up my questions was without an interrogation, without
- 19 leading the respondent.
- 20 So the reason I gave you that example of me reading out that
- 21 passage from that one person Moni when the soldiers came by
- 22 horseback into her place, I asked the question did they harm you;
- 23 did they attempt to harm you. Those are the questions that
- 24 commonly evolved in the course of this particular research.
- 25 [15.41.38]

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- 1 Q. Now, because I'm limited with time, I'm going to move on and
- 2 ask you about the questions you asked about having sex.
- 3 Now, unlike the issue of whether they consented to the marriage,
- 4 there is a specific topic on page 4 of your book and there's a
- 5 question in the questionnaire, "Were you told to have sex?" So
- 6 that's different.
- 7 But in the annex where you list the responses, we've calculated
- 8 the following.
- 9 Of the 88 men, 30 of them told -- you wrote were told to have
- 10 sex. Sixteen, you wrote in the annex, not told to have sex. And
- 11 42, there's no -- no indication at all.
- 12 For the women, of the 104 women, 39, it's indicated, they were
- 13 told to have sex. Eighteen indicated they were not told to have
- 14 sex. But 42, there's no indication at all. Again, 42.
- 15 So we see that almost half the men and more than half the women
- 16 were -- we have doubled the number told to have sex than those
- 17 told not to have sex.
- 18 So in your annex where you don't indicate an answer, does that
- 19 indicate that the students didn't write something down or that
- 20 the person said they didn't want to talk about it? Why do you
- 21 have no indication of whether they were told to have sex or not
- 22 for 84 of the 192 subjects?
- 23 [15.43.46]
- 24 A. It's a fair question, and in me preparing this end of my
- 25 document just as a summary, admittedly when I prepared this I was

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- 1 very careful to put down those who indicated positively that they
- 2 were asked to have sex. Admittedly, in my hard documents, I have
- 3 the other data, but I went through this so that I could count how
- 4 many said yes and at places where I left it out because this was
- 5 just getting larger and larger, that was when people weren't
- 6 asked.
- 7 But I did not qualify that and I think your question is a fair
- 8 question and I will somehow rectify that. The same thing in my
- 9 book, I only used a sample from the first 11 couples. I did not
- 10 include all of them, I only took passages, but I do know that
- 11 when I went through my data that every time there was a yes, I
- 12 put that down and I was trying to put other details in there as
- 13 well in that category.
- 14 [15.45.02]
- 15 Q. Thank you. Now, there's five women's responses that I didn't
- 16 include in that data and I want to go over them with you.
- 17 For three of the women you said that their husbands were told to
- 18 have sex. One woman said she was not told to have sex but she was
- 19 told she must sleep with her husband or she would be punished.
- 20 And one woman was told she must have one child per year.
- 21 Those five responses, would you agree that a normal woman,
- 22 Cambodian woman, at that time would understand that if their
- 23 husbands were told to have sex or if they were told to sleep with
- 24 the husband or told to produce one child per year, that they were
- 25 expected to have sex with their husband?

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- 1 A. Firstly, I'm aware that you're focusing on the women in this
- 2 regard when men were told to have sex. I wanted to bring that up
- 3 so that we can include men in this discussion.
- 4 [15.46.13]
- 5 Q. You don't understand my question then. These are only -- for
- 6 the men all of the answers are clear. For these women, these are
- 7 five responses that have some ambiguity that I'm asking you
- 8 about. Three said their husbands were told to have sex, one said
- 9 she was told to sleep with her husband, and one said she was told
- 10 to have one child per year.
- 11 But would you agree that all five of these should be understood
- 12 as they were told, that they were expected to have sex?
- 13 A. In all the cases where someone was told to have sex, it was
- 14 expected that they would have sex. What I want to say in
- 15 clarifying that is who asked them because it was usually not --
- 16 not the commune leader that was presiding over the weddings. Most
- 17 often it was lower-ranked people who asked them to have sex. I
- 18 think that's really important in terms of examining this period.
- 19 [15.47.28]
- 20 Q. Did your respondents indicate to you that a common subject at
- 21 the ceremony was expanding the population?
- 22 A. Sorry, I think I misunderstood your question.
- 23 Q. Well, my question is, if you asked people what was said at
- 24 speeches during the ceremonies, did they tell you that it was
- 25 common for the speech to focus on expanding the need to expand

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- 1 the population, particularly when we're talking about '77-'78?
- 2 A. People were mostly told to be loyal, to not have more than one
- 3 spouse. Those were the general, more specific things that they
- 4 were told. There were a couple of places like the one woman you
- 5 indicated where the couple was told to have one child per year.
- 6 More people were told to produce a particular amount of rice more
- 7 than being told to have children.
- 8 So, again, in my sample, people -- I mean, descriptions were
- 9 written down about what was told at the ceremony and most of it
- 10 was around being loyal and having one person to love and to stay
- 11 with for the rest of their lives.
- 12 [15.49.06]
- 13 Q. Did you review "Revolutionary Flags" or other documents
- 14 produced by the regime during the regime? My question is,
- 15 documents produced during the DK period by the regime?
- 16 A. Referring to? Sorry.
- 17 Q. I'm asking about the "Revolutionary Flag", "Revolutionary
- 18 Youth". Have you reviewed those?
- 19 A. Yes, I have reviewed.
- 20 Q. And did you find that they quite often spoke about the intent
- 21 to double or greatly increase the population?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And did you ever review what Khieu Samphan said was Pol Pot's
- 24 policy?
- 25 Perhaps I'll read something to you and see if it rings a bell.

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- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 [15.50.40]
- 3 Q. Yes, okay. This is E3/16. The Khmer ERN is 00380467; in
- 4 English, 00498284; and in French, 00643891; you said:
- 5 "Pol Pot did not intend to reduce the population. To the
- 6 contrary, his aim was to increase the population by a factor of
- 7 two or three. Specifically, he wanted the population of Kampuchea
- 8 to rise to '15 to 20 million within 10 years'."
- 9 So you were aware of that statement previously?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Were you also aware of statements by Ieng Sary after the
- 12 Vietnamese invasion about changes in the policy of the Khmer
- 13 Rouge? I won't call them DK because the regime had fallen.
- 14 A. Yes, but that reading goes back many years for me.
- 15 [15.52.00]
- 16 O. Okay. Well, do you recall in -- in an article at least
- 17 published by "The New York Times" in December 1980. This is
- 18 E3/681. Ieng Sary was quoted as saying talking about changes:
- 19 "That political parties will now be allowed. We will allow
- 20 freedom of all religions and educations. Marriages will be free."
- 21 If Ieng Sary was saying marriages would be free, does that imply
- 22 to you that he knew that marriages were not free during the DK
- 23 period?
- 24 A. Honestly, when I read that for the first time because I was so
- 25 -- I was ensconced in this research. My interpretation was free,

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- 1 equal, western method of marriage where there was nothing
- 2 arranged.
- 3 [15.53.11]
- 4 Q. So your understanding was that Ieng Sary was talking about a
- 5 change in 1980 in Cambodian traditions as opposed to a policy of
- 6 the regime controlling marriages?
- 7 MR. KOPPE:
- 8 I object to this question, Mr. President. He's asking for
- 9 speculation. How on earth can this expert know what Ieng Sary
- 10 meant in 1980 when he spoke to a journalist.
- 11 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 12 Q. My question is whether you considered that informing your
- 13 opinion that there were not forced marriages? Did you consider
- 14 the fact that Ieng Sary said in 1980 that there was a change of
- 15 policy and marriages would be free?
- 16 MS. LEVINE
- 17 A. I did not read it in that way that you're proposing now.
- 18 [15.54.13]
- 19 O. And I'd like to just quote one more document, E3/775. It is a
- 20 publication entitled "Revolutionary and Non-Revolutionary World
- 21 Views Regarding the Matter of Family Building", and it says on
- 22 point 2 at ERN in Khmer, 00407100; and in English, 00417943; in
- 23 French, 00593930:
- 24 "Organizational discipline must be absolutely respected in the
- 25 matter of building a family no matter the outcome of the

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- 1 organizations and the collectives' assessments and decisions.
- 2 They must be absolutely respected."
- 3 So, madam, considering this statement that there must be absolute
- 4 respect for decisions regarding building a family by the
- 5 organization, considering the research that you've done and how
- 6 many people told you about the stress they lived under during the
- 7 DK period, the fear that death could come at any moment, the
- 8 witnessing disappearances and other acts, brutal acts, is it
- 9 still your opinion that people could freely exercise their
- 10 consent to a wedding arranged by this organization, Angkar?
- 11 [15.56.06]
- 12 MR. KOPPE:
- 13 I object to this question, Mr. President. The prosecutor is
- 14 misleading the expert. This is a "Revolutionary Youth". The
- 15 actual title of the document is "How Should We, the Revolutionary
- 16 Youth, Choose a Spouse".
- 17 Unless the expert has actually interviewed members of the
- 18 "Revolutionary Youth", then, of course, she might be able to
- 19 answer, but as I understand her research, she hasn't done so. So
- 20 now connecting this "Revolutionary Youth" which is addressing
- 21 young CPK cadres and generalize it, is unfair and misleading the
- 22 witness -- the expert.
- 23 [15.56.45]
- 24 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 25 I'm thankful for counsel's intervention, I think that adds to the

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- 1 point.
- 2 This is "Revolutionary Youth" addressed to the young people and
- 3 this is what they were told, what I read: "Organizational
- 4 discipline must be absolutely respected in the matter of building
- 5 family."
- 6 MR. KOPPE:
- 7 Again, this is directed to young CPK cadres not to the youth of
- 8 Cambodia. The "Revolutionary Youth" and "Revolutionary Flags"
- 9 were distributed very limitedly. It was not meant for general
- 10 youth or the general population.
- 11 JUDGE FENZ:
- 12 You are on record, Counsel, with your observations on part of the
- 13 question. Go ahead.
- 14 MS. LEVINE
- 15 A. I'd really like you to ask that question again, sorry.
- 16 [15.57.44]
- 17 BY MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 18 O. I was afraid of that.
- 19 Madam, in regards to all of what I've read to you about the
- 20 policies of the regime, the statement of Nuon Chea, Khieu Samphan
- 21 and other statements about building the population rapidly, a
- 22 statement to the "Revolutionary Youth" cadre, the CPK's own
- 23 cadre, that they had to absolutely respect organizational
- 24 discipline, the answers of your respondents where they told you
- 25 feared death, that they -- some of them were told their father --

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- 1 one was told their father would be killed if they didn't marry,
- 2 others were sent to hard labour if they refused, do you
- 3 acknowledge that marriages under the DK that many of them were
- 4 done under coercive circumstances against the free consent of
- 5 those involved?
- 6 MS. LEVINE
- 7 A. Because of the way you structured your questions and the
- 8 sources that you used, my answer is no.
- 9 [15.59.02]
- 10 MR. KOUMJIAN:
- 11 Okay. Madam, thank you very much for your patience with my
- 12 questions. I really hope I didn't offend you. Thank you very much
- 13 for coming and patiently answering the questions.
- 14 I believe the civil parties have questions tomorrow.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Thank you. Before we adjourn our hearings, <> the Chamber would
- 17 like to issue the <oral> ruling on the request of Nuon Chea,
- 18 <Document> E434 and E435.
- 19 [15.59.50]
- 20 The Chamber <would like to issue the ruling on> the two
- 21 <requests, pursuant to the> Internal Rule <77.4 (sic),> filed on
- 22 30 August 2016 by the Nuon Chea defence for the admission of <28>
- 23 documents, E434 and E435.
- 24 With respect to E434, the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Internal
- 25 Rule 87.4, admits Documents 1, 11 and 12. The Trial Chamber

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- 1 denies the admission of the remaining documents.
- 2 The Trial Chamber also denies the Co-Prosecutor's request in
- 3 E434/1/1 to ask WESU to identify the person interviewed in
- 4 Document 18 and to invite him to testify.
- 5 With respect to E435, the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Internal
- 6 Rule 87.4, admits Document 8. The Trial Chamber denies the
- 7 admission of the remaining documents.
- 8 Full written reasons for this decision will follow in due course.
- 9 It is now time for the adjournment, and the Chamber will resume
- 10 its hearing tomorrow on Wednesday, 12 October 2016 at 9 a.m.
- 11 [16.01.29]
- 12 Tomorrow, the Chamber will continue hearing the testimony of the
- 13 expert, Peg LeVine, and then proceed to hear <the testimony of
- 14 the Civil Party, > 2-TCCP-298. Please be informed.
- 15 The Chamber is grateful to you, the expert Peg LeVine, for coming
- 16 to testify today and you are invited to come again tomorrow to
- 17 the courtroom at 9 a.m.
- 18 Court officer, please work with the WESU unit to send the expert
- 19 and the civil party 2-TCCP-298 to the place where they are
- 20 staying at the moment and please invite them back to the Court
- 21 tomorrow.
- 22 Security personnel are instructed to bring Nuon Chea and Khieu
- 23 Samphan back to the ECCC's detention facility and have them
- 24 returned tomorrow before 9 a.m.
- 25 The Court is now adjourned.

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