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Liberia: Next Steps Towards Accountability for War & Economic Crimes

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TO CO-CHAIR JAMES P. MCGOVERN (MA) FOR THE RECORD

MR. SMITH DECLINED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

OUESTION 1:

Your affiliation is listed as the International Justice Group.

- When was the International Justice Group founded?
- What is its current U.S. tax status?
- How is the International Justice Group funded? Who are its principal donors?
- How many paid staff work at the International Justice Group?

RESPONSE 1:

QUESTION 2:

In your testimony before the TLHRC, you accused two people by name of engaging in "criminal behavior to fraudulently and maliciously prosecute individuals for war crimes by suborning perjury ..."

- Please describe your formal training in criminal investigation.
- Please describe your investigation and verification methodology.
- Who brought the formal criminal charges in the prosecution(s) you refer to above?

RESPONSE 2:

OUESTION 3:

In your testimony you refer to Gibril Massaquoi and describe him as a witness for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

- Was Gibril Massaquoi a commander and spokesperson for the militia known as Revolutionary United Front (RUF)?
- Was the RUF known for committing atrocities, including executions, the hacking off of limbs, and rape?

- Did the RUF operate in both Sierra Leone and Liberia?
- How many witnesses testified in the Finnish trial against Gibril Massaquoi?

RESPONSE 3: