

allegations all throughout his extended interrogation had no role and no reflection whatsoever in the document he signed.

In Valter Aramyan's "novel," the interrogation/torture of Grigor lasts three days straight. The narrator occupies the same Yerevan prison cell as Grigor, and as he relates,

One day, they took [Grigor] upstairs for interrogation. Three days later, they brought him back unconscious and threw him in the cell. His thick hair was gone and his bare skull was bleeding. When he regained consciousness, he told us that they had beat him severely to force him to sign the paper. He did not. On the third day, they had tied all of his hair to a device and raised it up to the ceiling. Grigor had hung by his hair until it was pulled out by the roots and he fell down. A few days later, they called him again. He did not return.⁴⁸

Apparently, Grigor did sign the paper and he was sent to his fate, whether execution or exile.

Suren Ghazaryan's memoir, «Դա չպետք է կրկնվի» (That should not be repeated) contains pages and pages of description of the extended torture-interrogation sessions that he and his fellow inmates endured and the ridiculous questions put to them based on unfounded and fabricated allegations, just like my father's experience. I

48 Aramyan, «Կոլիմա» (Kolyma), pp. 14–15.