

felt about them to come forward at this time, it seems to me would also be told to close friends who would come and want to testify, and I don't have any indication that we have any close friends who are willing to come and testify.

Do you know that she is a person who has close friends, or does this bother you that you have not had this close friendship with her, and yet you come forward and other people don't come forward?

Judge HOERCHNER. Senator Grassley, I believe that you are laboring under a misapprehension. I consider Anita Hill a very close friend and one of my very best friends from law school.

Senator GRASSLEY. You do consider her a close friend?

Judge HOERCHNER. Yes.

Senator GRASSLEY. OK, what about for the other three?

Ms. WELLS. I consider myself a close friend. In my comments at the start of this session, I mentioned that I had not seen or spoken to her in 2 years, but that was scheduling problems, shall we say. We kept in contact occasionally through correspondence, and one of the reasons I will—and that is just the last 2 years—one of the reasons I know that we are close is, because the moment the phone rings and I hear her voice or she hears my voice, we pick up as though the conversation had just ended an hour before.

So I have these ties to her, this invisible tie to her that exists across the miles that separate us.

Senator GRASSLEY. But not close enough in either one of your two cases, although you say you were close friends to her, to offer her any advice. If she is a close friend, why would you not offer advice in a time of trial and tribulation like she evidently was going through?

Ms. WELLS. In my case it was because the situation was so personal and painful, it would have been very presumptuous of me to try to tell her what to do. I would like to add that there are other very close friends of her under subpoena to testify before this committee.

Senator GRASSLEY. Wouldn't your friendship, the more trying the situation is, demand your help, the closer that relationship is?

Ms. WELLS. My feeling seems to have been pretty much what Mr. Carr said that his was, that I wanted to listen and to comfort, and it is very painful to me that my listening apparently did not provide comfort.

Mr. CARR. I would just say that you may find this difficult to understand, but the limitations on our relationship had to do with time. It began and it ended, but during that period of time I would have considered us close. I would have considered us very close.

Ms. WELLS. Senator, on that point of why I would not have offered her advice, as I indicated, she wanted a sympathetic ear, and the nature of the complaint is such that you have to be very careful what you suggest to someone in terms of how they ought to proceed, because of the very serious ramifications. And quite frankly, although I may very well have said something that sounded like advice, I am afraid I would have told her to do exactly what she did. I would have been wrong, but that is what I would have done.

Mr. PAUL. Senator, as I have testified, I am not a close personal friend of Professor Hill's. I am a professional colleague of hers who