

Ms. BERRY. None whatsoever, and not only would he not, but he instructed his personal staff about the need for us to comport ourselves in such a way as to not disgrace his office.

Senator HATCH. OK. Thank you. My time is up, but I wanted to finish that and allow you to at least finish that thought, and we will come back to you in the next round.

Ms. BERRY. Thank you.

Senator METZENBAUM. Senator Heflin.

Senator LEAHY. Mr. Chairman, would Senator Heflin yield to me just for one question?

Ms. Holt, just so we are not confused, could I ask one of the staff, just would you let me take that just for a moment? We will give it right back to you. I just want to make sure we are all reading from the same choir book here, or log book.

Let me ask you, while he is bringing that up, just these questions: Each time that the log book shows Anita Hill calling, did she connect with Clarence Thomas every single time she called, to your knowledge?

Ms. HOLT. I don't understand.

Senator LEAHY. I mean, did she get through to him? A lot of these are messages. Does the fact that a message was taken here, does that mean that she—

Ms. HOLT. The fact that a message was taken meant that she didn't get to him right away.

Senator LEAHY. It does not mean she got to him each time?

Ms. HOLT. It means she didn't get to him at that time.

Senator LEAHY. OK, and you don't know whether she ever did?

Ms. HOLT. She did. The check mark beside the call indicates that the call was successfully returned.

Senator LEAHY. And how do you know that?

Ms. HOLT. It was my system. I devised it.

Senator LEAHY. OK, but do you know it because you placed the call back?

Ms. HOLT. I placed the call, got them on the line, and I checked it off that the call had been successfully returned.

Senator LEAHY. Senator Hatch asked you if there might have been a lot of other calls, and you were asked once before by the Republican and Democratic staff of this committee, "Do you have a recollection of Ms. Anita Hill calling Clarence Thomas any more times than may have sporadically shown up on three such pages?" And your answer was, "I would not even guess about that. I don't know." Is that correct?

Ms. HOLT. I was saying that I would not even guess about any particular dates, any particular times, or any particular year.

Senator LEAHY. Thank you very much.

Senator Heflin, thank you for your courtesy.

Senator HEFLIN. Ms. Holt, you knew Anita Hill quite well socially.

Ms. HOLT. We were professional friends.

Senator HEFLIN. Professional friends, all right. You went out to lunch together and things like that. Did you ever go out in the evening together, for dinner or something?

Ms. HOLT. Only on one occasion.

Senator HEFLIN. On one occasion. All right. If Anita Hill is telling a falsehood, do you have any explanation why she would be telling it?

Ms. HOLT. I have no idea, sir. She is the only one, I believe, that can answer that question.

Senator HEFLIN. Now, you went from the Department of Education to EEOC with Judge Thomas, Clarence Thomas the Director?

Ms. HOLT. He went over 2 or 3 weeks before I did, yes.

Senator HEFLIN. And then you followed him?

Ms. HOLT. Right.

Senator HEFLIN. And Anita Hill was also one of those that followed him from the Department of Education to the EEOC?

Ms. HOLT. Right.

Senator HEFLIN. Was there anybody else?

Ms. HOLT. That is it, as far as I know, at that time.

Senator HEFLIN. Did he ask you all to come?

Ms. HOLT. He did.

Senator HEFLIN. He did. All right. Now, at that particular time when that move was made was there a good deal of discussion that the Reagan administration wanted to abolish the Department of Education?

Ms. HOLT. I had heard that, Senator.

Senator HEFLIN. You had heard it. Was there any discussion at that particular time that the Reagan administration wanted to abolish the EEOC?

Ms. HOLT. I had not heard that.

Senator HEFLIN. You had not heard that.

Now, did you take dictation from Director Thomas?

Ms. HOLT. Not in the traditional sense of the word. When Judge Thomas wanted to dictate, he stood at my desk and I typed.

Senator HEFLIN. He didn't use a dictaphone?

Ms. HOLT. He did on occasion.

Senator HEFLIN. On occasion. And sometimes he would, in effect, dictate to you letters standing at your desk?

Ms. HOLT. He did.

Senator HEFLIN. He would. All right.

Did you open his mail?

Ms. HOLT. If his mail was marked "personal," I opened it. We had an Office of Executive Secretariat that was responsible for opening all mail addressed to the Chairman.

Senator HEFLIN. To the Chairman. But, if it was personal you would open it?

Ms. HOLT. I would open it; yes.

Senator HEFLIN. All right. Do you know whether or not he received mail at his home?

Ms. HOLT. I have no way of knowing that, Senator.

Senator HEFLIN. You don't know about that.

What was the age of his son at that time in 1982?

Ms. HOLT. I think 6, 7.

Senator HEFLIN. In the mail that you might have opened, did you ever open any mail that contained pornographic materials?

Ms. HOLT. I did not.

Senator HEFLIN. You did not. All right.

Now, did you hear of or know of anyone by the name of Earl Harper at the Washington office?

Ms. HOLT. I am not familiar with him; no.

Senator HEFLIN. You are not familiar with him. All right.

Did any of you?

Ms. FITCH. No, Senator.

Senator HEFLIN. Did you, Ms. Berry?

Ms. BERRY. Yes.

Senator HEFLIN. We went into this and then it was reopened later. It is my information that I now believe may have been incorrect.

Was he in the Washington office?

Ms. BERRY. I am sorry. I don't know for sure which office he was assigned to.

Senator HEFLIN. You don't know that. Well, what do you know about him?

Ms. BERRY. What I know is, and I don't recall all of the facts of the case, I just understand that Earl Harper was alleged to have been a sexual harasser.

Senator HEFLIN. Do you remember, Ms. Holt, dictating, any dictation by Clarence Thomas to the General Counsel pertaining to this man Harper?

Ms. HOLT. I don't remember any specific letters; no.

Senator HEFLIN. Now, Ms. Berry, have you made any statements that suggested that the allegations of Anita Hill were the result of Ms. Hill's disappointment and frustration that Mr. Thomas didn't show any sexual interest in her?

I am talking to Ms. Phyllis Berry Myers.

Ms. BERRY. That is what I said.

Senator HEFLIN. You said that to a newspaper?

Ms. BERRY. Yes, I did.

Senator HEFLIN. What were the facts pertaining to that?

Ms. BERRY. Just my observations of Anita wishing to have greater attention from the Chairman. I think she was used to that at the Department of Education. Wanting to have direct access to his office, as though she had a right to have access to his office. Speaking in just highly admirable terms for the Chairman, in a way sometimes that didn't indicate just professional interest.

Those were my impressions.

Senator HEFLIN. Now, what you are relating to me relates to a sexual interest.

Ms. BERRY. Pardon me?

Senator HEFLIN. What you just related, are you saying that those set of circumstances made you to believe that she had a sexual interest?

Ms. BERRY. That she had a crush on the Chairman? Yes.

Senator HEFLIN. She had a crush on the Chairman?

Ms. BERRY. Yes.

Senator HEFLIN. And would you recite those statements and things that you observed again?

Ms. BERRY. It is in my written testimony, sir.

Senator HEFLIN. Well, I am asking you now, if you would, in order to recite those again as to that. I didn't understand anything that you said—