

Ms. HOLT [continuing]. Why would she want to tell these lies, and I haven't come up with an answer yet. But I can certainly say that I don't believe a word of it.

Senator HATCH. I think that sums it up pretty well.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Chairman, I have one question I would like to propound.

The CHAIRMAN. I could ask a couple, too, but you go right ahead, Senator. Instead of going back, we will go to you.

Senator THURMOND. Is it possible that Professor Hill had a crush on Judge Thomas and felt rejected, because he would not date her? Any of you care to answer that?

Ms. BERRY. Since I am the one who said that, you have got to understand, I guess, what kind of man Clarence Thomas is. In many ways, I think he is atypical in his treatment of women. He is respectful of our abilities and our talents and expertise, allowed us to have opportunities that ordinarily women did not have at the Commission.

My own title, as the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, is a good example. That is usually the purview of a man. He allowed us to do things that women ordinarily did not have the opportunity to do. He made sure that women were included in almost every aspect of Commission life as it related to job opportunities.

He is courteous, he is generous, he is caring, and I can understand any woman responding to a man that has those kinds of attributes.

Ms. FITCH. Senator, as I said before, on the three occasions—and I don't think it was more than that—that Anita Hill and I did go out after work, from work, it was clear to me that she had very friendly feelings towards now Judge Thomas and that she felt that they were returned.

I knew that she had been with him at the Department of Education. I knew that they had met through a mutual friend, and I knew that she had friendly feelings for him. That made it all the more surprising to me, therefore, that she made these allegations. I never got any sense from her that she had any romantic interest in him at all. From my experience with her, that was not what she was concerned about. As I said before, she saw him as a person who was going places and was going to make a contribution in this country, and both of us felt that we wanted to do whatever we could to help him do that.

In my case, at last, it was not to follow a rising star, necessarily, and I can't say that that was her intention, either. I don't know. We did not talk about him in those terms, but we did talk about him when we went off together, and we talked about work and how we could make him almost perfect. I think it was unreasonable, the things that we wanted him to do, to be completely flawless, to be 100 percent perfect. No human being is that way, and when I was in my twenties I was very judgmental and wanted people to be perfect, too, and I think that was part of the problem. But I don't see that that would have led to this kind of an allegation.

Senator THURMOND. Any other comments?

[No response.]