

think they do—and I would just suggest that whatever the credentials are of the individual or company that took the test, that that be included in the record at this point.

The CHAIRMAN. I would object to that. I believe that the admission in the record of a lie detector test this committee had nothing to do with ordering, and cannot vouch for the credentials. And even if they could vouch for the credentials of the person issuing the lie detector test, if we get to the point in this country where lie detector tests are the basis upon which we make judgments and insist upon people having them, and by inference of those who don't have them that they did something wrong, we have reached a sad day for the civil liberties of this country.

That does not go to the issue of whether the individual is entitled to, on their own, ask for a lie detector test. People can make of it what they wish.

Now let me—

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Chairman, I commend you for that stand.

Senator HATCH. So do I, Mr. Chairman.

Senator LEAHY. I happen to agree with it too, Mr. Chairman, while we are passing out kudos here.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I am flattered. Let's move on. Thank you very much. Now let's move on.

Ms. FITCH, I want to clarify something in the record, again an apparent inconsistency; it may not be.

I have been in and out of the room trying to accommodate some administrative requirements, and I apologize for not being here. Correct me if I am wrong.

I am under the impression that you told Senator Hatch that you did not go to lunch with Anita Hill.

Ms. FITCH. I did. And I said it because I tend not to go to lunch. Period.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, is the letter that you—I don't want to misstate anything. Hang on.

I would like to ask staff to give you this letter, the original of this letter. The letter I am referring to is a letter written by you, allegedly written by you to Ms. Hill. The members of the committee have a copy of this letter.

Again, this may not be an inconsistency. I just want to be sure I understand. This letter, I might add, was submitted to the committee, to me and to Senator Thurmond, on October 12, from Warren W. Gardner, counsel for Anita Hill.

Just so people—while you are reading it, there is nothing salacious in it. There is nothing outrageous. There is nothing, other than for you to explain to me and for the record.

Ms. FITCH. I did, this is my handwriting. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, will you read—this sounds like a trial. Would you explain the first three or four sentences to us?

Ms. FITCH. Should I read it?

The CHAIRMAN. If you would like. I just want you to explain what appears to be an inconsistency.

Ms. FITCH. Senator, ask anybody, I rarely went to lunch.

The CHAIRMAN. No, I am not suggesting—read the first sentence, or the first two sentences. Unless you think that it is too private to read.

Ms. FITCH. Oh. All right. Read it out loud?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, would you read it out loud, please.

Ms. FITCH. Life is dull without you. I keep looking for someone to go to lunch with or sneak out to an early movie with.

The CHAIRMAN. That is sufficient.

Ms. FITCH. Now there is nobody.

The CHAIRMAN. That is sufficient.

Now, would you just explain for the record what you mean you say "I keep looking for someone to go to lunch with," "without you," and your statement that you didn't go to lunch with Anita Hill?

Ms. FITCH. I don't remember ever going to lunch with Anita Hill. It is probably just hyperbole, Senator. Really.

The CHAIRMAN. I see. I don't doubt you.

Ms. FITCH. I may have gone into her office with a sandwich that I got from the snack bar and sat in her office and eaten it. But I was not in the office that often.

The CHAIRMAN. Sufficient. I am not being accusatory. I just want, because it is in the record and every Senator has this—

Ms. FITCH. I don't see any inconsistency, what I just said and what is actually the truth. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. I just want to make the point again that honorable, decent people like you can say things that seem inconsistent, and I hope we understand that other people on the record can say things in the record that appear to be inconsistent and in fact are not inconsistent.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Chairman, I want to call your attention.

The CHAIRMAN. Sure.

Senator THURMOND. She says "I keep looking for someone to go to lunch with." She didn't say she went to lunch with her.

The CHAIRMAN. No, I agree with that. That is why I just asked. But most people would assume, if I wrote you a letter, Senator, after I retired, which would be long before you will, and I said, "Dear Strom, it's really dull not being in the Senate, I keep looking for someone to go to lunch with," any reasonable person would assume that you and I went to lunch based on that. I don't say we went to lunch, but reasonable persons would assume that. And that is all I wanted to clear up.

Senator THURMOND. I wouldn't say "would" to him. I would say "could."

Ms. FITCH. I think I was writing her a cheery letter. I did miss her. She was one of the first people that I met when—

The CHAIRMAN. Let me make it clear, Ms. Fitch. I totally believe you. I think it is a totally clear explanation. I don't doubt it for a moment, and I don't doubt your credibility.

But, again, I would point it out for my colleagues on the committee who are trying to be very precise. If I wanted to make the case—

Ms. FITCH. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN [continuing]. I could have very easily made the case, and all the press to the best of their ability would write down,

I suspect, and say, "Geez. Biden just tripped her up. Biden just showed that she really did go to lunch with her." And you didn't. I believe you didn't. I accept it.

Ms. FITCH. Senator, I said that I may very well have gone to snack bar and gotten a sandwich and eaten in her office.

The CHAIRMAN. I understand. I understand.

Now, let me move on—and I sincerely do not question your credibility.

Ms. Myers, and I only have a few more questions—well, as a matter of fact, you have been on a long time. I won't ask any more questions.

Anyone else have any more questions? Whomever, Senator Thurmond I recognize.

Senator THURMOND. I recognize Senator Simpson.

Senator SIMPSON. Well, thank you very much. You have been very impressive, and the night wears on and we have got a lot more to do. But I, since we are putting statements and things in the record about polygraphs, I want to get in the record a statement by Larry Thompson, Esquire, former U.S. attorney, with regard to the issue of the total unreliability of a polygraph test, and thank Senators Kennedy and Hatch for the Polygraph Protection Act which protects people from this kind of stuff.

This is a real, you know, bush league kind of a thing in the midst of these type of activities. And most of us practiced law here or somewhere, and it really is quite extraordinary. And then, you know, if the resources of the handlers have been directed to this letter, which is a simple letter of friendship from Ms. Fitch to Anita Hill with nothing in it at all, then it does continue to get to be a longer night.

Whether you had lunch with anybody or nobody, there is nothing in this letter. There is nothing even to be gained from that letter.

The CHAIRMAN. If the Senator would yield?

Senator SIMPSON. I certainly will, because I am commenting.

The CHAIRMAN. It was only offered, not to purport that there was anything in there that was—

Senator SIMPSON. My time is not running. Go ahead. I just want to be sure about my time.

The CHAIRMAN. Your time won't run.

Senator SIMPSON. Okay.

The CHAIRMAN. It was only offered, not to purport that there was anything extraordinary in it, as I said even before I showed it to the witness. It was done, I assume, by not her handlers, by her lawyers. Now, if we are calling handlers, then I assume everybody has handlers out there.

Senator SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, let's be quite honest here as to what is going on. When Ms. Hill came here to testify the other day, this whole front row was filled with people. I thought they were family. They were not. They were attorneys. Some were friends. Some were paid. And Ms. Hill has a public relations firm which she has hired, or someone has hired for her, and that is public record. So let's get that in to the American people, and know that in these extraordinary activities she does have what anyone would call, could call handlers. A public relations firm for a witness is unheard of during my time here, plus handlers.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator, I am not arguing with that. It is no different than Mr. Duberstein, who has a public relations firm, that has been hired by the White House to "handle the nominee."

All I am saying is there is nothing wrong with any of that. Nothing about it is pejorative, on either side. I don't think we should make it that.

I assume the reason the letter was sent to the Senator and myself—the ranking member—was because there was concern about the testimony being given. I guess why we were given the letter, might come up and be something totally inconsistent with the relationship.

It was not inconsistent. But that is the reason I assume the letter was there.

Ms. FITCH. And it was as I stated, that we were friendly.

The CHAIRMAN. You did. I say for the 400th time.

Ms. FITCH. No. I understand, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. I am not questioning your integrity. I do not question it. I believe you are telling the truth as you know it, as you have observed it. I believe you.

Senator THURMOND. In fact, you would believe all of them, wouldn't you?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. I don't question any of them. I do not question any of them as to the facts. I question their judgment sometimes as to being able to make these leaps of faith.

Ms. Myers is a wonderful woman. I question her instinct that says that there was romantic interest. I don't know it to be true or not true. That is pure speculation on the part of Ms. Myers. I don't question anything else that Ms. Myers testified to as the facts.

Senator THURMOND. You might ask her why she said that, if you want to.

The CHAIRMAN. You did. We did. I did.

Senator THURMOND. That is why I said it.

The CHAIRMAN. And now let's go back to the Senator from Wyoming, whose time it is.

Senator SIMPSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I do appreciate your unflinching patience as we grind on. But I did want that statement of Larry Thompson to appear in the record which, of course, says, as I indicated, that they are not admissible in the workplace. And thanks to Senators Kennedy and Hatch employers are not allowed to use that as a club over their employees.

Furthermore, Mr. Thompson goes on to say, "In the context of these proceedings I understand, based on information from reliable scientific sources, that if a person suffers from a delusional disorder he or she may pass a polygraph test. Therefore, a polygraph examination in this context has absolutely no bearing on whether the events at issue are true or untrue."

That is not my quote. That is his. And now let's go to some questions. Just a few, please.

The calls, the logger of the calls. I have heard about you, Ms. Holt, and I would like to have someone like you as my gatekeeper. But I do, and they are very good. Let me ask you this.

The last call from Ms. Hill, after maybe 15 or 16 calls, some logged, some not logged, some just talking to you as a friend, or if she would talk to Nancy Fitch as a friend, or Phyllis Berry-Myers