

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