

Senator DECONCINI. Absolutely not. Thank you very much. I have no further questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Thurmond.

Senator THURMOND. Senator Hatch.

Senator HATCH. Let me just ask a few more questions, just to finish off what I had in mind.

In the Washington Post of September 9, 1991, the day before our hearings began, Anita Hill was quoted as follows, referring to a 10-year-old article in which Judge Thomas made comments relative to his sister. Now here is what Professor Hill said before she made—this statement was made before she made any public charges of harassment: "It takes a lot of detachment to publicize a person's experience in that way."

She was also quoted as observing that Judge Thomas exhibited "a certain kind of self-centeredness, not to recognize some of the programs that benefited you." And she also was quoted as saying, "I think he doesn't understand people. He doesn't relate to people who don't make it on their own."

Now I would like to ask all of you, and we could start from you, Ms. Alvarez, across, did Anita Hill ever mention to any of you, at the time that you knew her, that she believed Clarence Thomas to be "detached" and that she thought he was "self-centered," that she believed that he failed to recognize the programs that benefited minorities and, most importantly, that she thought he did not "relate to people" and "didn't understand people"? Did you ever hear any comments like these from her? Ms. Alvarez.

Ms. ALVAREZ. No, sir, I never did. I heard nothing but positive things about him, and everything he did in terms of helping her was an example of just the same thing.

Senator HATCH. Ms. Fitch.

Ms. FITCH. No, Senator.

Senator HATCH. Ms. Holt.

Ms. HOLT. No, Senator, and in fact her statement to the effect that he was unfriendly and couldn't relate to people could not be further from the truth. Even the members of the domestic staff talked to Chairman Thomas about their problems.

Senator HATCH. And he talked to them?

Ms. HOLT. And he talked to them.

Senator HATCH. And he treated them equally?

Ms. HOLT. He treated them equally.

Senator HATCH. Now let me just ask this last question. There has been some indication that part of the problem here was that she was ambitious and desired a promotion in the department, and if I have it correctly, Allyson Duncan was promoted above her. Am I correct? She got the job? Ms. Holt, go ahead.

Ms. HOLT. It wasn't actually a promotion. It was more recognizing Allyson as the chief of staff, as having supervisory responsibility in terms of assignments.

Senator HATCH. But is it true that Anita Hill wanted that position or that recognition, to use your term?

Ms. HOLT. She never indicated directly to me that she wanted it, no.

Senator HATCH. How about the rest of you? Ms. Alvarez.