

We have heard many impressive witnesses during the course of these proceedings, but I do not believe that we have heard any more impressive than this panel.

I want to divide the first portion of the 15 minutes into two segments. Professor Kothe and Mr. Doggett have both submitted affidavits, which develop the statement of a fantasy on the part of Professor Hill, and I will examine both of them to see if there was any connection or any suggestion as to their use of the word "fantasy," and I can see Professor Kothe moving forward to suggest to the contrary, but I will come to that.

I first want to take up the testimony of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Grayson, because their testimony is much briefer, although by the time you finish your questioning tonight, you won't think so.

Going to a very important conversation which was held very recently, according to the statements of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Grayson, in August of this year, and a subject that I questioned Professor Hill about in detail, Mr. Stewart, you have already testified, and the critical part of your statement or your affidavit is, as follows:

"In August of 1991, I ran into Ms. Hill at the American Bar Association Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia, whereupon she stated to me in the presence of Stanley Grayson, 'How great Clarence's nomination was and how much he deserved it.'"

Mr. Stewart, are you sure that's the essence of what Professor Hill told you?

Mr. STEWART. Absolutely.

Senator SPECTER. Mr. Grayson's statement refers to the weekend of August 10, 1991, at the American Bar Association Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he says he was introduced to Professor Hill by Mr. Stewart, and this is his statement: "During the course of our conversation, in the presence of Mr. Stewart, Ms. Hill expressed her pleasure with Judge Thomas' nomination and stated that 'he deserved it.'"

Mr. Grayson, are you certain that Professor Hill said that?

Mr. GRAYSON. Yes, I am, Senator.

Senator SPECTER. Later I'm going to come back to what Ms. Hill said by way of denial. But for the point of the first 15 minutes, I want to move at this point to what Mr. Doggett and Mr. Kothe have had to say.

And, Professor, I want to start because of limitation of time, and you will be expanding in great detail on your statement, and I want to turn to the statement which you submitted on October 7th and ask you if you have a copy of that with you?

Mr. KOTHE. I have the statement I submitted on October 10.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator? Senator, I am not interrupting this. On an administrative matter.

Senator SPECTER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. In light of the hour, do you mind if I make an announcement about the remainder of the witnesses that people may be interested in knowing.

Senator SPECTER. I would be glad to yield to you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. And I apologize, but this has just been decided.

We have now only one more panel of witnesses and it will be limited to an hour. Because I would like to read to the Committee