

Senator SPECTER. Mr. Stewart, after Professor Hill said to you "how great Clarence's nomination was and how much he deserved it," did you continue to have a discussion with Professor Hill?

Mr. STEWART. Correct.

Senator SPECTER. Was there any mention at all of any sexual harassment by Judge Thomas of Professor Hill?

Mr. STEWART. No mention at all, Senator.

Senator SPECTER. Or any other unfavorable conduct of Judge Thomas?

Mr. STEWART. No, none at all, Senator.

Senator SPECTER. And, Mr. Grayson, after, as you have testified, Professor Hill said about Judge Thomas that he deserved it, referring to the Supreme Court nomination, was there any discussion by Ms. Hill of anything derogatory about Judge Thomas?

Mr. GRAYSON. No, Senator.

Senator SPECTER. Is it Professor Kothe?

Mr. KOTHE. Well, you use the Pennsylvania Dutch pronunciation. Actually it is "Kothe."

Senator SPECTER. Professor Kothe?

Mr. KOTHE. Kothe.

Senator SPECTER. Professor Kothe—

Mr. KOTHE. Right.

Senator SPECTER. I would like you just to start, because time is limited and I can assure you there will be many questions on the body of your statement later, but because I want to move to Mr. Doggett in just a moment I would like you to just read the final paragraph of your statement of October 7, if you would, please?

Mr. KOTHE. I read it.

Senator SPECTER. Would you read it, please?

Mr. KOTHE. "I find the references to the alleged sexual harassment not only unbelievable but preposterous. I'm convinced that such is a product of fantasy."

Senator SPECTER. Professor Kothe, did anybody suggest to you that you use the word "fantasy" in describing Professor Hill's conduct?

Mr. KOTHE. No. In the second statement that I made on October 10 I left that off. That wasn't intended as words of art or scientific expression. It was just the instant reaction I had to this awful event. When I heard what the allegations were, my instant reaction was that it is just unbelievable, preposterous, and then I said that it must be a product of fantasy. Because if you just knew these people and knew Clarence Thomas, you would know that that couldn't possibly have been true.

Senator SPECTER. Well, Professor Kothe, was there anything that you could point to in Professor Hill's conduct which would lead you in either an evidentiary or a feeling way to that conclusion of fantasy?

Mr. KOTHE. No. I think perhaps my selection of words there was probably unfortunate. I have never seen Anita Hill in a situation where she wasn't a decent person, a dignified person, a jovial person. I have never seen her in a situation where actually you would say she is fantasizing in that sense. I almost regret that I used that in my first testimony.