

Senator SPECTER. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator. The Senator from Massachusetts indicates he would like to question.

Senator KENNEDY. Just for a moment, Mr. Doggett. When you were at Harvard, did you say you headed the Afro students' organization for student assistance?

Mr. DOGGETT. Senator, what I said was that in the second year I was asked by my co-students to be the chairman of the Education Committee, of what at that time was called the Afro-American Student Union.

Senator KENNEDY. And that was a tutorial program for kids in Cambridge, or what was that?

Mr. DOGGETT. No. Harvard Business School has a program to weed out people that it does not feel deserve an Harvard MBA. It is called hitting the screen. It is one of the most intense academic experiences that they have.

The Afro-American Student Union is a membership organization of black American students at Harvard Business School, and those of us who are second-years organized programs to do what we can, not only to prevent first-years from hitting the screen, but to do everything possible to make it possible for them to excel.

My fellow students asked me to be the chairperson of this committee and to organize programs for Harvard Business School MBA students in their first year.

Senator KENNEDY. Well, that is fine. I was just interested in whether you were working through the Phyllis Brooks House or community programs. Because the Business School, I believe, has a program. I just wanted to see whether you were associated with it.

Mr. DOGGETT. No, sir.

Senator KENNEDY. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Brown?

Senator THURMOND. Senator Brown?

Senator BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sorry. I am sorry.

Senator LEAHY. Mr. Chairman, we go 20 some odd minutes on that side, 38—I am sorry, 48 seconds on this side. Just a couple of questions.

Senator THURMOND. Are we next over here?

The CHAIRMAN. Well, apparently Senator Kennedy yielded the remainder of his five minutes.

Senator THURMOND. Hold off for just a minute then.

Senator BROWN. OK.

Senator LEAHY. Mr. Doggett, you said that in the years that you have known John Carr, he never mentioned knowing Anita Hill. You are not suggesting that John Carr didn't know Anita Hill, are you?

Mr. DOGGETT. Absolutely not, Senator.

Senator LEAHY. OK.

Mr. DOGGETT. It is clear that he did.

Senator LEAHY. The fact that he didn't mention her to you is one thing.

Mr. DOGGETT. Senator, I asked John Carr specifically about who he was going out with and whether or not he was getting married.

Senator LEAHY. I understand. I think, though, that we should perhaps go by Mr. Carr's sworn statement here this afternoon. It might be the best testimony, rather than whether he thought it necessary to discuss it with you whether he knew her or not.

Now, in your statement you talked about how much you have known Professor Hill. You met her at a social function in 1982. You had two or three phone conversations in which you were primarily interested in having her get you in touch with Harry Singleton. You met outside, I think, Clarence Thomas's office. You bumped into each other jogging, and you explained how you jog in place, so you couldn't talk to her there. Somehow, other plans to go out fell through. Then you saw each other at a party and, according to you, Professor Hill said, "I'm very disappointed in you. You really shouldn't lead on women and let them down."

Now, you have described these contacts with her as minimal. Professor Hill, incidentally, testified she has little or no recollection of you. When I pressed her—and I asked her specifically—she said she thinks she recalls that you were tall.

Now, based on such minimal contacts with Professor Hill, how could you conclude that she had fantasies about your sexual interest in her, or do you just feel that you have some kind of a natural irresistibility?

Mr. DOGGETT. My wife says I do.

Senator LEAHY. Well, Anita Hill apparently doesn't say you do, Mr. Doggett.

Mr. DOGGETT. Sir—

Senator LEAHY. She doesn't even remember you.

Mr. DOGGETT. No, she didn't say that, sir.

Senator LEAHY. She said she barely remembers you. When I asked her to describe you she had some difficulty and thought that you were tall.

Mr. DOGGETT. I looked at Anita Hill's face when you folks mentioned my name. She remembers me, Senator, I assure you of that.

Now, to answer your question, the reason I thought her statements were so bizarre was because our contact was so limited. If we had had much more contact with each other, and as the good Senator Chairman had said, she had come up to me at the end and said, "John, you know we've been seeing, running into each other time and time again," then her comment would have been much more understandable. Since we had had so little contact, I found it to be a bizarre comment.

Senator LEAHY. You have remarkable insight into her: You are able to watch her face and know when we mentioned your name, "By golly! John Doggett's name gets mentioned, this woman is, Wow!"

It really triggered a bell; is that what you are saying? I don't understand. Mr. Doggett, I know this has been an interesting experience for you. You have talked about how Tom Brokaw's office is looking forward—

Mr. DOGGETT. Sir, it has not been interesting. It has been very painful, been very difficult. It has interfered with my life. It has resulted in me getting threats and obscene phone calls on my telephone, people approaching me and accosting me in public. This is not fun, sir.

Senator LEAHY. But, Mr. Doggett, what I am saying is you had these very minimal contacts. Yet you have been able to analyze Anita Hill from just jogging in place and talking to her, and from talking to her on the phone a couple of times when you asked her to set up a meeting with somebody else, you are able to figure out that she has a problem with being rejected by men, and that she has fantasies about sexual interest in her.

Are you able to make such thorough judgments about everybody you meet for such a short period of time? And I mean that seriously.

Mr. DOGGETT. I understand, Senator. I appreciate your question and I think it is a very fair question. Let me do what I can to try to assist you in understanding how I could say what I said.

The jogging incidence, I wanted to jog in place for a few seconds and then move on. She made it very clear that she would like the conversation to be more involved by her body language, by her questions: Well, where do you live? Why are you jogging in this neighborhood? I stopped jogging and we had a conversation that lasted between 5 or 10 minutes. I don't remember exactly how long it was. It is a long time ago.

As I remember it, she was the one who initiated the suggestion that we have dinner. I also observed her from time to time at the Black Yale Law parties that we had. As she had conversations with me, my sense, unprofessional, limited as it was, was that she was trying to engage people in conversations and to prolong conversations. Based on my experience, it suggested an interest. I never saw any of those conversations result in people continuing to talk with her.

Now that is totally unscientific and it is just a point of view.

Senator LEAHY. You don't have an aversion to long conversations, do you, Mr. Doggett?

Mr. DOGGETT. When somebody is trying to, to use the terminology "hit on somebody," and the result is people walk away, and you see that happen more than one time, it leads you to believe, Senator, that maybe something is not working.

Senator LEAHY. You said in your sworn affidavit that Anita Hill was frustrated not being a part of Clarence Thomas's inner circle.

Mr. DOGGETT. That is correct, Senator.

Senator LEAHY. From these minimal contacts, you were able to deduce that?

Mr. DOGGETT. The look on Anita's face when we were in the outer office of Clarence Thomas's office at EEOC when I did not say, "I'm getting ready to talk with Clarence, why don't you come on in with me," the look on her face is the basis for that decision.

Now, you and anybody else may feel that I did not have sufficient information to justify making that opinion, but that is what I said and that is what I felt.

Senator LEAHY. Let me make sure I understand this. By her body language, you knew that she was concerned about not being part of Thomas's inner circle? From the look on her face outside of Thomas's office when you spoke to her, you are able to discern what was in her mind? And then watching her on television, by the look on her face when I mentioned your name, you are able to draw other conclusions about her remembrance of you?

Mr. DOGGETT. That is my sense, sir.

Senator LEAHY. That is all right. I just want to make sure I understand your ability of perception.

And, Dean, you have testified that the Clarence Thomas you knew could not possibly have made the statements Anita Hill claims he made, and I understand that. You stated that very forcefully, sir.

Do you believe that the Clarence Thomas you knew could enjoy talking about pornographic movies? I mean, that is one of the things that was alleged. Anita Hill alleged that he talked to her about pornographic movies. Are you saying that the Clarence Thomas you knew wouldn't even enjoy talking about pornographic movies?

Mr. KOTHE. I can't believe it. I can't just believe that this man would even think in terms of pornographic movies. All of my relationship with him was at such a high level, talking about books of religion and philosophy and the things that he was reading. I can't imagine this man would have any diversion in the area that you describe. I just can't.

Senator LEAHY. I understand. I understand, Dean.

You are aware, however, that a supporter, a Ms. Coleman, has been quoted in the New York Times as saying that at law school he didn't talk about religion or philosophy, that he talked about pornographic movies?

Mr. KOTHE. I didn't get that. Will you please say it again?

Senator LEAHY. I said you said that the man you know would talk probably about books and religion, but you could not conceive of him talking about pornographic movies. You knew that one of his supporters, strong supporters—she has written a letter to me, in fact, in support of him—a Ms. Coleman, has been quoted in the New York Times as saying that Judge Thomas used to talk about pornographic films at law school?

Does that surprise you at all?

Mr. KOTHE. It does.

Senator LEAHY. Thank you. And you have—just very quickly, you have no way of knowing from your own personal knowledge whether Anita Hill is telling the truth about what Clarence Thomas said to her?

Mr. KOTHE. No.

Senator LEAHY. And, Mr. Doggett, would your answer be the same? You know of nothing from your personal knowledge whether she is telling the truth or not? I know your opinion which you have expressed here. But of your personal knowledge, do you know?

Mr. DOGGETT. I have absolutely no information.

Senator LEAHY. And, Mr. Stewart, of your own personal knowledge?

Mr. STEWART. My personal knowledge of Clarence Thomas would lead me to conclude that she was, in fact, lying.

Senator LEAHY. But, of your own personal knowledge, you don't know whether Clarence Thomas sexually harassed Anita Hill?

Mr. STEWART. No. I don't know that we, the term sexual harass or said the things she said. I think we are confused about all of that.