

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.

I will restate my statement and say that my personal knowledge of Clarence Thomas would make it incredible for me to believe the things she has alleged.

Senator LEAHY. Do you know that Judge Thomas said that if somebody did the things that Anita Hill claims that he did, if somebody did that, Judge Thomas freely admits that that would be sexual harassment. But you don't know of your own personal knowledge whether that happened or not, is that correct?

Mr. STEWART. I don't know that it happened. I conclude that Clarence Thomas did not do it.

Senator LEAHY. Thank you.

Now, Mr. Grayson, of your personal knowledge, you don't know whether Clarence Thomas sexually harassed Anita Hill?

Mr. GRAYSON. I have no personal knowledge.

Senator LEAHY. Thank you.

Senator HEFLIN. I will just ask 1 minute and that will do it. Dean, Clarence Thomas wrote a letter of recommendation for Anita Hill to you and she became a member of the law school at the Oral Roberts University.

And is it correct that you wrote a letter of recommendation to the Dean of the University of Oklahoma Law School when she went there to teach at the University of Oklahoma?

Mr. KOTHE. I think I talked to Dean Swank, I don't remember writing the letter.

Senator HEFLIN. Well, he wrote, Clarence Thomas wrote you?

Mr. KOTHE. Yes.

Senator HEFLIN. Did you, in talking to the Dean of the University of Oklahoma Law School, did you give her a good recommendation?

Mr. KOTHE. Oh, yes.

Senator HEFLIN. A great recommendation?

Mr. KOTHE. Yes.

Senator HEFLIN. All right, thank you.

Senator SIMON. Mr. Chairman, just one 30-second comment to Mr. Doggett. When your counselor suggested the Illinois Institute of Technology rather than MIT or Cal Tech let me tell you, that counselor was recommending an excellent, superb school in Illinois. It was not a put down.

Mr. DOGGETT. All right.

Senator LEAHY. The only trouble with that, Senator Simon, is that there is probably no one up at this hour of the night to see you say that plug, but we will make sure that you have a certified copy of the record in the morning.

Senator THURMOND. Professor Kothe, I have two very brief questions. Knowing Clarence Thomas as you do, and knowing Anita Hill as you do, do you give any credibility to her charges against Clarence Thomas?

Mr. KOTHE. The last part?

Would I what?

Senator THURMOND. Do you give any credibility to her charges against Clarence Thomas?

Mr. KOTHE. No, the answer is I do not.