

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.

I can't believe that she would even say that. I can't believe that she would put that kind of words in her mouth and I can't believe that she would ever say that about Clarence Thomas.

Senator THURMOND. Well, do you give credibility to the charges or not?

Mr. KOTHE. I do not.

Senator THURMOND. What?

Mr. KOTHE. I do not.

Senator THURMOND. You do not.

The next question. You have had a close relationship with Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill. Do you believe the serious charges made against Judge Thomas by Professor Hill are true?

Mr. KOTHE. I do not believe they are true.

Senator THURMOND. You do not, that's all. I will yield to the Senator Simpson.

Senator SIMPSON. It's been a long night and thank you so much Professor, and Mr. Doggett, and Mr. Stewart and Mr. Grayson. I bet you two gentlemen wish you hadn't gone to the ABA convention in Atlanta if it was going to cost you this kind of a night, did you?

Mr. STEWART. It's well worth it, Your Honor, to clear the name of Clarence Thomas.

Senator SIMPSON. Let me tell you, it is true, you have to break it with levity because it does get so, it is so stunning. But I do ask you both, you two are really quite critical. And you have been asked very little but the questions you have been asked have been very important.

But you two are probably the two who have seen her most recently, and got an idea of her state of mind about Clarence Thomas in the midst of his travail. In other words, he has been in the tank now for 106 days. And you saw her in August and you spent 30 minutes with her, right?

Mr. STEWART. If not longer.

Senator SIMPSON. If not longer, and you talked about Clarence and lots of other things as we do, we lawyers at bar conventions.

Mr. STEWART. Mostly Clarence, because that is what we had in common.

Senator SIMPSON. And that was in an informal way, you are having a drink or just sitting, talking or just that was it?

Mr. STEWART. The former.

Senator SIMPSON. And she was very pleased about Clarence Thomas?

Mr. STEWART. Yes.

Senator SIMPSON. Or indicated that?

Mr. STEWART. Yes, Senator.

Senator SIMPSON. Proud of him, was she proud of him?

Mr. STEWART. There seems to be—there was such euphoria, I would assume she was proud of him.

Senator SIMPSON. You recall that and her voice and her demeanor?

Mr. STEWART. Laughing, smiling, warm.

Senator SIMPSON. And saying, isn't it great about Clarence?

Mr. STEWART. And how much he deserved it and that, essentially in other tones that his hard work was paying off.