

Senator SPECTER. And your representation to this committee is that you have recollection at this moment that Judge Thomas' secretary asked you how long you were going to be in town, as opposed to your volunteering the statement to her? You have an active recollection of that?

Ms. HILL. That is my recollection.

Senator SPECTER. OK.

Ms. HILL. May I comment on that telephone call?

Senator SPECTER. Sure.

Ms. HILL. I was actually in town until the 20th of August, so at least this may be an accurate representation of what was written in the log, but that is not an accurate representation of my activities.

Senator SPECTER. What relevance does that have?

Ms. HILL. My point is you asked if these phone messages were accurate, and I said that I would not deny their accuracy, but I will deny the accuracy of that as a representation of my activities.

Senator SPECTER. Let me return, Professor Hill, to the question as to how you first came to be contacted by the Senate, and I would appreciate it if you would tell us when the first contact was made, by whom and the circumstances?

Ms. HILL. On September 4, a woman named Gail Laster called me and a message was left at my office.

Senator SPECTER. On September 4?

Ms. HILL. On September 4.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the woman's name?

Ms. HILL. September 4.

The CHAIRMAN. Her name?

Ms. HILL. Gail Laster.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator SPECTER. You say the person was who?

Ms. HILL. Gail Laster, and I don't have the message in front of me, but the indication was that she was working with a Senate office and I can't—

Senator SPECTER. And what happened next?

Ms. HILL. At some point in between—on September 4, I must have returned her call or she on her own initiative called back on September 5 and I returned her call on that same day.

Senator SPECTER. Now, on September 4, did you call back or on September 5 did she call you again?

Ms. HILL. On September 4, I called back.

Senator SPECTER. And did you talk to someone?

Ms. HILL. I left a message.

Senator SPECTER. What happened next?

Ms. HILL. On September 5, she called me.

Senator SPECTER. And what was the content of that conversation?

Ms. HILL. I returned her call on September 5, and during that call she asked me if I knew anything about allegations of sexual harassment.

Senator SPECTER. Do you have notes of these matters, Professor Hill? I see you reading from something there.

Ms. HILL. Yes, I do, I have notes that I have made.