

Senator THURMOND. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Just for the record, as the Senator said, I appreciate your direct answer, Ms. Fitch, and yours, Ms. Myers. But I could ask you, for example, is it possible that there is life in outer space? Is it possible there is life in outer space?

Ms. FITCH. Of course, it's possible, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Myers, is it possible there's life in outer space?

Ms. BERRY. It's possible.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Now, let me ask you another question, if I may. Before I ask you the question, let me make it clear that there has been a lot of discussion about records here and the testimony taken, when you were giving testimony over the telephone or in person or to the FBI, and I am not reading from the FBI. There are things that are said here that seem inconsistent.

I am not accusing you of inconsistency here, but I just want to make sure I understand. You said in a question from staff, in the staff interview—and it is only one thing, so I don't think you have to have the whole page, but if you need it, I would be happy to give it to you, page 57—the staff person asked you, "Did you see Anita Hill's press conference on television?" And your answer was yes.

Then the next question asked you, "Did you find her credible?" Your answer was, "She sounded credible."

Now, that is not necessarily inconsistent with what you said today, but I want to make sure I understand. Today, you said that you believed that you don't believe one word of Anita's Hill testimony. Can you make a distinction between your saying "she sounded credible" and what you said here?

I might point out, before you answer it, I think that other Senators who question for the record should be able to understand that there are these kinds of discrepancies that aren't nearly the discrepancies they are made out to be, but go ahead.

Ms. HOLT. What I meant was, if someone did not know Anita Hill, she sounded credible. I know Anita Hill and I know Clarence Thomas, and I know Clarence Thomas is not the kind of person that would do those things.

The CHAIRMAN. So, notwithstanding the fact you said she sounded credible, in response to the staff—

Ms. HOLT. Right, if I did not know her—

The CHAIRMAN [continuing]. You really meant to say, if you did not know her, you thought she sounded credible?

Ms. HOLT. She sounded credible. She presents herself well.

The CHAIRMAN. And you just failed to say the first part, if you did not know her, she sounded credible, is that correct?

Ms. HOLT. That's correct.

The CHAIRMAN. I accept that. I just want to make two points, one, to clear up the discrepancy, and, two, to point out that witnesses can appear to have discrepancies in these records, and there would be no discrepancy at all, in fact.

Now, let me ask you, Ms. Fitch, you have been extremely precise in your answers. I think you have been extremely precise, you made it absolutely clear that you think Clarence Thomas is an in-