

Well, Judge, that's all. I have used up enough time. Now, I may have a few more questions later, as I digest this, but thank you very much.

I yield to the ranking member, who indicates that he has a question.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Chairman, in my opening statement I appointed Senator Hatch and Senator Specter to question the witnesses. However, I reserved the right, if I saw fit now and then, to ask a question. I do care to ask a question at this time.

Judge, we have your testimony and we have Ms. Hill's testimony. Some of the press have asked me outside and some people, too, what was the motivation? This question was raised by Senator Heflin earlier and Senator Biden touched on it—the motivation for these charges.

In other words, why did she make these charges? In talking with several people, some of them the press, and other people, various reasons have been assigned. I just want to ask you if you care to comment on any of them.

One is she failed to get a promotion under you. Another is because you didn't date her she felt rejected. Another is she said in her own statement to the FBI about differences in political philosophy. Another is stated by the dean of the law school, Charles A. Kothe, under whom she taught at the Oral Roberts University Law School, he made this short paragraph and it covers that. He said,

I have come to know Clarence Thomas quite intimately over the last 7 years and have observed him and his relationship with members of his staff as well as his conduct at social gatherings, and never once was there any hint of unacceptable conduct with respect to women. In fact, I have never heard him make a coarse remark or engage in any off-color conversation.

And he makes this statement, "I find the references to the alleged sexual harassment not only unbelievable, but preposterous. I am convinced that such is the product of fantasy." And I have had several other people mention that as a possible reason. Then, as a fifth reason that has been mentioned by someone is instability.

Now, those things have come to me from other people, and I just want to ask you if you care to comment on any of those?

Judge THOMAS. Senator, I don't know what the motivation is and, as I indicated, any of those may or may not be correct. I can't speculate. But I think that the appropriate individuals to ask that are the staffers who were involved in leaking this information and who made contacts with her.

Senator THURMOND. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you. I understand that you still have time. Whom do you wish to yield it to?

Senator HATCH. I am happy to defer the balance of my time to Senator Specter.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Specter has the remainder of this half hour.

Senator SPECTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Judge Thomas, at the start of my participation in today's hearings I repeat what I said yesterday. I do not view this as an adversary proceeding, and I do not represent anyone in this proceeding except the people of Pennsylvania who elected me. I took on the job of questioning at the request of Senator Thurmond, the ranking