

Senator THURMOND. I believe, Dean Kothe, you have already answered that question.

Mr. KOTHE. Yes, I share with those views.

The CHAIRMAN. Are we prepared to dismiss this panel.

I am sorry, Senator Brown?

Senator BROWN. Mr. Chairman, I have a few brief questions and I will try to make them brief.

Dean Kothe, your statement indicates that you saw Professor Hill and Judge Thomas together on a number of occasions. Do you remember how many occasions?

Mr. KOTHE. I don't think I said a number of occasions. I said I saw them in Washington, in my home, at the seminar, that was about it.

Senator BROWN. Could you characterize for us the nature of the conversations between them, the way they acted toward each other?

Mr. KOTHE. Oh, it was most friendly. And, in fact, it was a matter of joviality and a lot of laughter. You know, when you are around Clarence Thomas in a relaxed mode, it is a time of joy. And they would reminisce about certain situations that I was not privy to in their experience in Washington and people that they would talk about and they would talk and laugh. But it was always one of pleasure.

Senator BROWN. Did you detect any latent hostility in the relationship?

Mr. KOTHE. Oh, no, you couldn't possibly have.

Senator BROWN. Did you have any occasion in the time you knew Clarence Thomas to see him off-guard, see him in relaxed situations?

Mr. KOTHE. I tried to convey that. I have ridden with him in a car for 3 hours down in Georgia, right in the swamps where he said he was reared. I have been in offices with him. I have been on several college campuses with him. I have been with faculty. I have been with students. I have been in my home when we just stripped down and getting ready for bed and in my library and just talking for a couple of 3 hours.

Senator BROWN. In those relaxed situations, did his vocabulary include any of the words we have talked about in these hearings?

Mr. KOTHE. I said this over and over again, I never ever heard this man use a profane word. And like I am experienced with other lawyers and other men and in a long discourse inevitably there is a story somebody wants to tell. I never heard him tell a dirty story, so to speak, or make an off-color remark.

It just has to be that this man in the situations I have seen him in would have to be the greatest actor in history to have disguised this part of his nature that has been described here, this totally unreal.

Senator BROWN. Thank you.

Mr. Doggett, I liked your reaction to something. In reading through the transcript or reading through your testimony, your statement, it has been some time since I have been in a situation as an unmarried person, so I am not sure I am an expert on this at this point, but the conversation that took place seemed to me could be nothing more than someone flirting with you.