

Ms. BERRY. She has described it, and it was so, that it was a cordial, friendly, professional relationship.

Senator SPECTER [continuing]. So, were you surprised when you read her statement in the news conference on October 7 that referring to you, that she doesn't know me and I don't know her?

Ms. BERRY. Yes.

Senator SPECTER. When you first heard of the charges by Professor Hill against Judge Thomas, what was your reaction?

Ms. BERRY. I was devastated and I was angry. I couldn't understand how someone—for a man who helped nurture her career, on the word of a good friend of his and hers, gave her a job at the Department of Education, subsequently asked her to join him at the EEOC, come to the EEOC, gave her responsibilities there, supported her, acted as her mentor, gave her recommendations to go to Oral Roberts, helped her to secure that job—

Senator SPECTER. But is she the kind of a person to make false charges, prior to the time that these were made?

Ms. BERRY [continuing]. I hadn't known her to be such.

Senator SPECTER. How well did you know her?

Ms. BERRY. I knew her professional. I'm not much of a socializer, but I didn't socialize.

Senator SPECTER. But over how long a period did you know her professionally?

Ms. BERRY. I knew her from 1982 until the time that she left the Commission.

Senator SPECTER. Did you talk to her fairly often?

Ms. BERRY. Yes, it was part of my responsibility.

Senator SPECTER. But no idea at all why she would be motivated to make false charges?

Ms. BERRY. No idea whatsoever.

Senator SPECTER. How about you, Ms. Alvarez, how well did you know her?

Ms. ALVAREZ. No, I knew her professionally. I did not know her as well as some of these others did.

Senator SPECTER. How long did you know her?

Ms. ALVAREZ. From the first time, my first day at the Commission until she left.

Senator SPECTER. What was your reaction, when you heard these charges by Professor Hill against Judge Thomas?

Ms. ALVAREZ. I was shocked. I was absolutely shocked, and I was sickened by it, because, likewise, I knew that he had helped her on lots of occasions, and I just felt like it was a betrayal.

Senator SPECTER. Ms. Holt, this committee has to make a judgment. We have heard people of the panel before you four women came on, who said that they had total confidence in Professor Hill. You women have said you have total confidence in Judge Thomas. Can you give any clue, any clue at all as to how this committee can break that deadlock?

Ms. HOLT. Senator, I guess for all of us—again, we were talking about probability, we are talking about patterns of behavior that we have not witnessed—we are talking about the fact that up to the time of these allegations, we never heard anyone else make such allegations in our presence, talk about such things. We never heard rumors flying about this Chairman, Clarence Thomas—