

of anybody on the panel. Do you think it is conceivable that Professor Hill might really think this happened, when it didn't?

Ms. HOLT. I think that's the only conceivable answer, Senator, because I do not believe it happened.

Senator SPECTER. Well, you don't believe it happened and you can't find any motivation for her.

Ms. HOLT. I can't find any motivation for her saying that it did happen.

Senator SPECTER. Do you think she is the kind of a person who would come here under oath and say that it happened, if she didn't think it did happen?

Ms. HOLT. I don't know. She didn't appear to be that type of person when I knew her.

Senator SPECTER. You knew her second best, Ms. Fitch. Do you think it is possible that she really believes in her mind today that it never really happened?

Ms. FITCH. I think it's possible. I may be on shaky ground here. I have read a little bit in psychiatry, but there is something called transference. I'm not talking now about Professor Hill, but just in general terms.

My understanding of what transference means is that you may have strong feelings about someone and you're able to focus on someone who is either a therapist or someone who has been kind to you, and things get kind of muddled and they carry the burden of whatever someone else may or may not have done or what is something that you think actually happened.

So, there are any number of explanations, I would suspect, that would say that she is not a liar, but that this did not happen, but that, yes, she could probably pass a polygraph test, because she does sincerely believe that this happened with this person. And I say again that I do not believe in the allegations.

Senator SPECTER. Well, have you seen anything in her personality or had any experience with her, because you knew her very well, which would give you some factual basis or some feeling that she might think that it happened, when, in fact, it didn't?

Ms. FITCH. Senator, that's why I said I am not talking about Professor Hill, but just in general terms about this idea of transference. No, I can't say that I have.

Senator SPECTER. Ms. Alvarez, what do you think about that possibility?

Ms. ALVAREZ. I didn't know her well enough personally to be able to say that she was—that this would be something she would do. I didn't see her professionally as somebody who would do that. I do recall her being very ambitious, and—

Senator SPECTER. Is this going to help her ambition?

Ms. ALVAREZ. Well, she is—

Senator SPECTER. Her life is not going to be any easier now.

Ms. ALVAREZ. Well, I think she has now become, as I think somebody on this committee put it, the Rosa Parks of sexual harassment. You know, the speaking engagements will come, the book, the movie. I mean I don't know.

Senator SPECTER. Do you think that's her motivation?

Ms. ALVAREZ. I don't—I'm speculating. I have had to try and sort out what I think, why I think she might have done it. I think that