

in such a destructive process. But I respect the fact, Senators, that, given the severity of the charges, you had no choice.

There are many things that I could say. There are many things that I will say. I stand behind the affidavit that I submitted to you, and I look forward to the time when this body and your colleagues vote on the nomination of Clarence Thomas, and I very much hope that you confirm Clarence Thomas.

But there is one other thing that I want to say, before I wait to respond to your questions. My wife and I—my wife is here behind me—were at a Thai restaurant last night with a friend of ours who had flown in from Africa to do some business with us, and this all blew up in all of our faces. Another one of our friends came up to us and said, “John, I just want to look at somebody who is stupid enough to stand up to the world and say here I am, throw stones at me, throw knives at me, throw rocks at me.”

Since you released my affidavit that I submitted to you, the press—I received a number of telephone calls, 40 in 2 hours, immediately after. Most of them have been positive, but some of them have been negative and some of them have been threatening. One of them was a man who left a message that was very simple, “Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom,” click, and he was not imitating the Eveready Rabbits.

I am from Texas, now, and those are supposed to be gunshots.

Last night, at that same Thai restaurant, a woman came out, as we were leaving, and said, “Shame, shame, shame, shame.” I said, “Excuse me, do you know any of the people involved? Do you know Anita Hill? Do you know Clarence Thomas? Do you know me?” She kept saying, “Shame, shame, shame, shame.” I said, “Do you know any of the facts?” And she said, “You know nothing about PMS, and I can’t stand any man who says a woman is unstable.” I said, “But do you know anything about the facts?” And she said—and I’m sorry I have to say this—she said, “Put your penis back in your pants.” [Laughter.]

This is somebody I had never seen before, somebody I do not know, somebody I hope I will never see again.

But I will tell you, Senators, I am not here for any other reason than to say I had information that I thought would be of use to you. You have decided this information is useful, and when this process is over, except possibly talking to people as I leave this building, I hope to never have to talk about this again.

Senator DECONCINI. Mr. Stewart?

TESTIMONY OF CARLTON STEWART

Mr. STEWART. Good evening, Senators, Senator Thurmond—I see that Senator Biden’s seat is empty—and other distinguished members of the committee.

My name is Carleton Stewart. I am a graduate of Holy Cross College and the University of Georgia Law School. I was formerly house counsel to Shell Oil Company, in Houston, TX, and Delta Airlines, in Atlanta, GA, respectively.

Additionally, I was a senior trial attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, in Atlanta, GA, and later a special assistant to Judge Clarence Thomas, in Washington. Subse-

quently, I was as partner in the law firm of Arrington & Hallowell, in Atlanta, GA, and I am currently a principal in the Stewart firm in Atlanta, GA.

As aforesaid, I was a special assistant to Judge Clarence Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission during much of the time that Anita Hill was employed there. At no time did I hear any complaints from Ms. Hill concerning sexual harassment. At no time during my tenure at EEOC, did I observe or hear anything relative to sexual harassment by Judge Clarence Thomas.

In August of 1991, I ran into Ms. Anita Hill at the American Bar Association Convention, in Atlanta, GA, whereupon she stated, in the presence of Stanley Grayson, how great Clarence's nomination was and how much he deserved it. We went on to discuss Judge Clarence Thomas at our tenure at EEOC for an additional 30 or so minutes. There was no mention of sexual harassment nor anything negative about Judge Thomas stated during that time.

Senator THURMOND. Would you pull the microphone closer to you, so that people in the back can hear you?

Mr. STEWART. Okay. I will boom for you.

I have known Judge Clarence Thomas for more than 30 years, and I find the allegations by Ms. Hill not only ludicrous, but totally inconsistent and inapposite to his principles and his personality.

I will shorten this, so that we can get on with this. Thank you.

Senator DECONCINI. Mr. Grayson?

TESTIMONY OF STANLEY GRAYSON

Mr. GRAYSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Senator Thurmond, members of this Judiciary Committee.

My name is Stanley E. Grayson. I reside in the city and State of New York. I am a vice president at the investment banking firm of Goldman Sachs & Company. Immediately prior to joining Goldman Sachs, approximately 20 months ago, I served as the deputy mayor for finance and economic development for the city of New York.

I am a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and the College of the Holy Cross.

During the weekend of August 10, 1991, while at the hotel and conference headquarters for the American Bar Association's convention, in Atlanta, GA, I was introduced to Prof. Anita Hill by Mr. Carleton Stewart.

At this meeting, Ms. Hill, Mr. Stewart and I sat and conversed for at least 30 minutes. During the course of our conversation, in the presence of Mr. Stewart, Ms. Hill expressed her pleasure with Judge Thomas' nomination, and stated that he deserved it.

During this time, Ms. Hill made no mention of any sexual harassment by Judge Thomas, nor did she in any way indicate anything that might call into question the character or fitness of Judge Thomas for the U.S. Supreme Court. To the contrary, she seemed to take great pride in the fact that she had been a member of Judge Thomas' staff at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you.

Dean Kothe, let me just ask you a question here. References are made here in different statements about a period of time when