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Let me modify the title and substance a bit:

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Here's one of many examples from our usmnews.net's archives of how a Q&A unfolds when an attorney catches a witness lying, or being or acting just plain dumb, or exhibiting “a loose screw.” The following testimony of catches Stephen R. Jackson.

The following is the actual sworn testimony of Stephen R. Jackson, then-untenured associate professor and interim director of the School of Accountancy, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi, taken on July 7, 2008, in the case, *DePree v. University of Southern Mississippi*. (Q. is DePree's attorney's question directed to Jackson; A. is Jackson's response).

Q. In your letter, third paragraph, you said “I was told to not send e-mails on the USM network because Dr. DePree had access to all e-mails and used them on his website.” Who told you that, same list of people [Posey, Munn, Anderson, and Jordan] or is there somebody in particular?

A. No, yes.

How could DePree access all e-mails? Does DePree have the same capabilities as the multi-billion dollar government supported spymasters, National Security Agency (NSA)? Should we expect Edward Snowden to reveal from his cache of secret documents he purloined from the NSA that DePree is monitoring all USM emails?

Did Jackson, Anderson, Munn, and Jordan ever stop to think how dumb they sound? Or did Alvin Williams, Martha Saunders, and Lee Gore who, without voicing a single doubt about such silly statements, ever stop to think how dumb their subordinates sounded and how dumb they were to believe them?

Without any evidence whatsoever to support such a far ranging notion as “having access to all emails,” outsiders might have good reason to question their competence, and maybe their sanity. I suspect most would think their claims were meant to be funny and they were just kidding.

That's what people have told me: “Nobody could be that dumb. It's gotta be a joke.”

As a novelist, I can't make up this kind of stuff. Reality often outpaces what novelists can make up.