

# Joe Sikspak Attacks Inefficiency



**Arthur Hoppe**

**D**EAR PRESIDENT: I, Joe Sikspak, American, take pen in hand to toot your horn. I don't believe you're no sharp crook neither.

I am down to Paddy's Place and who do I run into but Ten Fingers O'Reilly, who is between engagements at Leavenworth.

"It is nice to see you out, Fingers," says I, "for the evening. But why so down at the mouth?"

"It is all these people saying our President is a crook, Joe," says Fingers sadly. "It is giving crooks a bad name."

"How so, Fingers?" says I.

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"**L**OOK at the record, Joe," says Fingers. "First, the President finally says he'll give the judge his tapes. Only at the last minute he suddenly discovered two hot ones are missing. And even though he gets Trish to clean up her room, they're not in there."

"But don't worry, he says, the rest are in great shape. That's right, his trusty secretary, Rose Mary, tells the judge. She wouldn't be dumb enough to push any wrong buttons."

"Then a week later she suddenly remembers she accidentally erased a tape using her left foot, two fingers and a telephone. But when she tells the President, she says, he advises her not to worry because who cares what him and Haldeman said about Watergate three days after the burglary."

"Yes, sir, says the White House, that must of been the way it happened. Only now these scientific guys say, not so! It couldn't of happened that way. And from

the evidence, if that tape was erased accidentally, it was on purpose.

"So Rose Mary's on the spot. Haldeman's on the spot. And the President's under the bed. Tell me, Joe, what crook would pull off a caper like that and then hand the evidence over to the judge? How come that tape didn't turn up missing?"

"You got a point there, Fingers," says I. "But what's the President going to do now?"

"Well, first off," says Fingers. "Rose Mary should join those two other tapes among the missing. Brazil's nice this time of year. 'Rose Mary?' says the President. 'I don't think we never had no Rose Mary around here.'"

"Yeah," says I, "but what about Haldeman, Fingers? He's the only guy who knows what the President said about Watergate."

"There's no other way out," says Fingers grimly. "He's got to be accidentally on purpose erased."

"Fingers!" I says, shocked. "The President would never do that."

"You're absolutely right, Joe," says Fingers. "And it's no wonder two-thirds of the people figure he's doing a bad job around the White House."

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**S**O THE WAY I see it, President, we got to restore faith in the Presidency. Only from your track record, I'm not sure you're the man to do it.

Like Fingers says, "If there's one thing this great land of ours needs, Joe, it's a good crook in the White House."

Truly Yours,  
Joe Sikspak, American