# GENERAL ADVICE TO CONSULTANTS

As professional consultants to client companies, certain standards of conduct and personal deportment on the part of the individual consultant are necessary to create and maintain a correct relationship with the client while on assignment. In other words, it is important that the consultant look and act like a professional. Since that is the route of winning the client's respect, it is a necessary prerequisite to rendering him satisfactory service.

Most of all, consultants must be courteous, pleasant, tactful individuals for they must be able to sell themselves in order to sell their ideas. In the interest of helping the consultant to establish this desirable relationship, the following suggestions are offered for serious consideration:

#### A. DRESS

While there is no wish on the part of KSA to "put our consultants in uniform," it is desirable that the consultant's mode of dress help him/her to "look the part." While engaged in client contacts, he should be properly dressed in a conservative business suit. The conservative tone should be carried over into shirts, ties, and accessories. Gaudy ties and loud sport coats should be avoided. Short sleeve dress shirts are acceptable as weather and local custom dictate. See <a href="Dress for Success">Dress for Success</a>, John Malloy.

Of course, when working in a KSA office, it is not necessary to maintain the same degree of conservatism as in client relations.

Regardless of what is worn on the street, when working in the factory among the operators, it is a good policy to drop that white-collar look, roll up your sleeves, open your collar and look like you came to work.

It is advisable to take an extra suit when going on a trip of more than two days, and a neat appearance (pressed suit, shined shoes, etc.) should be maintained at all times. Good personal hygienic habits (i.e., take a bath every day, a change of underwear daily, use of deodorant, etc.) go without saying.



To sum it up, the consultant's overall appearance should be in keeping with his station and responsibilities.

## B. SECTIONAL OR LOCAL PRIDE

Much of KSA's work lies in small towns and rural communities, thus the consultant has to be particularly aware of the prejudices arising from local pride, and also the rural community's attitude toward the newcomer from the metropolitan city or from Europe. Consequently, it is well to bear in mind that people in the smallest hick towns are proud of it, regardless of jesting remarks to the contrary which they may permit themselves to make.

## C. DO NOT CRITICIZE SURROUNDINGS

Compliment local people on their town, or <u>something</u> pertaining thereto—and be sincere about it. If there is just nothing there at all, talk about the good fresh air—they are bound to have that. Make friends; be a regular guy. A little reserve is all right at first, but avoid being so aloof that they never get to know you.

## D. BEWARE OF RELATIVES

Remember that in a small town there is a high degree of family interrelationship. While you are discussing the slowness of the carpenter with the supervisor in section one, it could be that the operator sitting a few feet away, and within hearing distance, is his sister-in-law. The next day, you will have the reputation of having come down to speed up everyone in the plant, so be discreet.

The same applies for people you meet within the community. Chances are your landlord, or the service station attendant, has relatives at the plant, also, so you will need to exercise the same caution with them as with the plant personnel.



## E. REMEMBER - YOU ARE THE OUTSIDER!

Strangers tend to be viewed with suspicion. It is unwise therefore to be overheard commenting unfavorably on the town or the practices of its inhabitants (such as food preparation, condition of streets, race relationships, etc.) since such comments can create an atmosphere of suspicion in the mind of the listener, leading in turn to a hostile attitude which can severely hurt the consultant in his work.

If you are not from the United States, it is particularly important to avoid discussing (or being overheard discussing) internal or external controversial issues. Examples of controversial internal issues are segregation (the race question) or national politics. Examples of controversial external issues are wars (declared or undeclared) in which the U.S. may be engaged, America's relationship with communists or communist-leaning countries, etc.

## F. DEPORTMENT IN CLIENT'S PLANT AND OFFICE

- Respect the client's working hours. No matter how late one may stay on the job in the evening, it is essential to be on time the next morning, regardless of what time the company president comes to work.
- 2. Always attempt to look busy and to stay busy. Daydreaming and deep thought can appear very much the same to the client.
- A tactful attitude and an even-tempered, cheerful disposition in all circumstances will do much to "oil the wheels" of dayto-day relationships.
- 4. Human nature being what it is, people hunger for and respond to recognition and praise. Compliment personnel, therefore, when the opportunity to do so sincerely arises.
- 5. Do not become overly familiar with personnel at any level, and it goes without saying, of course, that under no circumstances should there be any dating of the client's staff.



- 6. Never go to work with the smell of alcohol on the breath.
- 7. Go into the assignment with a planned work schedule and attempt to stick to it.
- 8. When accepting an invitation to dinner in someone's home, always take a gift for the hostess (flowers, candy, etc.). A hand-penned note of thanks to her the next day is also a nice gesture.

#### G. TIPPING

For the benefit of future members of the organization, among whom there may be some who have done little traveling, we wish to make the following suggestions on this subject.

#### 1. Waiters

Tip never less than 10%, never more than 20%, and never less than \$.20 regardless of percentage. In small towns, try to conform to local practices observed. Often, it is "no tipping" in the lunchroom types of restaurants or the boarding house types of hotels. Whatever you do, be careful not to tip much more than local people. It would be resented by them.

## 2. Cabbies

Same as for waiters (see first line in preceding paragraph). In many small towns, cabbies consider themselves businessmen and do not expect (or get) tips.

#### 3. Porters

In general, about \$.50 a bag. This can be discounted somewhat in the case of compound loads.

Note: In some large cities like New York or Washington, porters are salaried and required to turn in \$.50 for every ticket sold to their company. Thus, their tips consist of amount given them in excess of \$.50. (About \$.75 per bag would seem appropriate here.)



#### H. USE OF TELEPHONE

We want you to feel free to phone your supervisor--preferably before you get in trouble--if you need advice or wish to discuss something which cannot properly be handled by mail.

Our annual long distance charges are astronomical (six figures). Since every bit helps, it is suggested that you arrange for calls at the night or weekend rate, starting at 6:00 p.m., whenever possible, and unless otherwise instructed by your supervisor or if doing so would postpone a contact unduly. You should familiarize yourself with the current policy on use of WATS lines, Sprint, and satellite service.

#### I. CASHING CHECKS

You are kindly requested not to cash your salary checks in small towns, even though there may be a bank. Try to maintain a bank account in your hometown or any large town of your choosing. Salary news spreads fast and the reaction might be against you.

# J. DO'S AND DON'TS FOR KSA CONSULTANTS

The KSA consultant NEVER:

- Promises more than he or she expects to be able to deliver.
- Lies or misrepresents anything, either to clients, subordinates or superiors.
- Acts on "primary reactions" always considers the consequences of any stand or action, checks him/herself when necessary.
- Fails to communicate weekly in writing with his/her superior and designated other recipients of weekly reports.
- Criticizes others in a non-constructive way or in the presence of third parties.
- Accepts gratuities from clients or supplier companies. (See policy manual on the subject of gratuities from clients.)



# The KSA consultant ALWAYS:

- Conducts himself or herself in accordance with the highest ethical standards, remembering that the definition of a professional is a person who places his client's interest above considerations of his own (or his firm's) financial gain.
- Is pleasant, tactful and considerate in manner, remembering to lead rather than to drive people.
- Is "on schedule" and asks for assistance, when he anticipates falling behind.
- Is mindful of the need to enlist adequate assistance on the part of client personnel, scheduling such personnel as well as himself, remembering that the client's ultimate satisfaction is more important than his possible differences of opinion.
- Drives carefully, remembering that he pays his own fines and that a dead consultant is of minimal use to either his family or firm!

## K. LAST MINUTE ADMONITIONS TO NEW CONSULTANTS

As you are about to go into a client organization for the first time, we must stress the importance of your conduct there. Remember, you are KSA as far as the people of that organization are concerned and KSA's reputation is riding on  $\underline{your}$  shoulders. In the following, we have tried to summarize the key points discussed above:

- Look busy be busy!
- Don't guess consult your supervisor!
- Put yourself in the other person's place!
- Be tactful!
- Don't act on "primary reactions!"



- Drive yourself, lead others!
- Stay on schedule ask for assistance, when needed!
- Keep the lead!
- Don't date client's personnel!
- Don't criticize your surroundings or local habits, food, etc.!
- Don't criticize others or be flippant!
- Sell yourself and stay sold!



# B. NUMBER OF RELATIVES IN A PLANT

The following list of relatives working in a plant of 375 employees illustrates the points raised in Paragraph D of this section. Changes are about 55% that whoever you are talking to has a relative in the plant and pretty good odds that a relative is sitting in hearing distance.

## JOCKEY'S HUSBAND & WIFE TEAMS

Joey & Patricia Brown
Norman & Joy Clifton
Lewis & Louise Dailey
Milton & Susan Godbee
James & Ida Green
James & Gloria Jackson
Norris & Magaline Newton
Ronnie & Christine Sherrod
Arthur & Dorothy Smith
Willie James & Alma Watson
Charles & Regina Forrest

James & Janie Reeves
Leonard & Thelma Collins
Randy & Elaine Brannen
Robert & Claudine Sharpe
Randy & Deborah Lane
Sammy & DeAnne Richardson
Gregory & Joan Griffin
Craig & Joyce Hendley
Bishop & Nellie Pruitt
Roy & Lucille Hendley

#### JOCKEY'S BROTHERS & SISTERS TEAMS

Essie Bennett & Erma Jean Dickey Bernice Burke & Peggie Lane, Betty Bolton, Mary Bragg, Royce Rhinehart Hilda Burke & Barba Myrick Kaye Perryman & Hope Burke Artholia Ports & Janie Reeves & Bennie Carswell Bernestine Childs & Brenda Cooper Myrle Clifton & Christine Gay Estelle Brinson & Susie Curl Bernice Golden & Georgia & Hiawatha Golden James Green & Diane Green Cheryl Hughes & Carol Hughes Janie Jones & Roberta Mosley Marie Lott & Myrle Oglesby Madeleine Overstreet & Mable Davis Jannette Parker & Freddie Newton Brenda Screws & Christine Sherrod Kathy Suggs & J. C. Sherrod Kathy Suggs & J. C. Sherrod & Ronnie Sherrod Mamie Sweat & Luevedia Sweat Betty Wadley & Vivian Plummer Carie McKinney & Pearl Weathersby Deloris Young & Eloise Williams Mary Lanier & Queen Williams Arnold Bettett & Jeanette Oglesby Eloise Turner & Dan Turner Lottie Newton & Barbara English Leonard Collins & Larry Collins Katie Mosley & Arria Lockhart & Mildred Du-nun Debra Ann McKinney & Linda McKinney Mamie Wright & Christine Mincey Virginia Arthur & Janet Joyner & Debra Flakes Ollie Sapp & Gladys Christian Kathleen Parker & Zelma Reynolds Brenda Bragg & Lewis Dailey Larry Cobb & Tyrone Cobb Elizabeth Anthony & Elijah Williams

#### JOCKEY'S FATHER & SON/DAUGHTER TEAMS

James Griffin & Brigitte Griffin Charlie Robertson & Dennie Robertson Ivy Polk & Leola Polk Roy Hendley & Craig Hendley Robert Forehand & Annon Forehand Lewis Dailey & Kirby Dailey

#### JOCKEY'S MOTHER & SON/DAUGHTER TEAMS

Katherine Bennett & Patricia Bennett Elene Bragg & Teresa Lineberry Ollie Brown & Dianne Coleman Bernice Burke & Joe Burke Bennie Carswell & Darnell Carswell Louise Dailey & Kirby Dailey Bertha Flakes & Tony Flakes Burdell Frison & Brenda & Lucy Firson Shirline Dudley & Susan Godbee Margatet Hendley & Donna Hendley Lannie Lambert & Melvin & Grover Lambert & Lessly Chance Annie Kirkland & Sally Williams Celia Kirkland & James & Bessie Kirkland Jeanette McBride & Deborah McKinney Carrie McKinney & Rebecca Rountree Mildred Mercer & Sandra Rountree Jimmie Coleman & Marie Adams Lucille Bennett & Dorothy Boone & Gail Burke Mildred Jenkins & Janie Waters Doris Landing & Ray Landing Louise McCloud & Maebel McCloud Janie Reeves & Norris Newton & Margaret Griffin Mildred Waters & Lynn Waters Thelma Burke & Randy Burke & Sara Lee Lane Lillie Chandler & Joan Griffin Peggie Lane & Barbara Clifton Dorothy Lewis & Sue Davis Gail Burke & Tina McGlohorn Molly Griffin & Gregory Griffin Edith Willis & Kaye Willis Joel Waters & Dave Waters Bonnie Cook & Christine Davis Ellen Lee & Scarlet Lee