

West Wing Secrets - Video Script

Secretary Miller:

Here's what I'd like to know Jerry, at the engineering conference this year you used a poker term and said that when I'm getting upset or angry about something I have a certain "tell." Well I'm still trying to figure out what my tell is, but in the mean time, I'm curious if you have a tell and what your tell is when you are getting angry.

Jerry Younger:

I do have a "tell" and it's a real subtle one and you have to watch closely and I'll do it for you here. Now let's assume that we're in a group meeting and something is being said that makes me angry (Jerry makes face). Now it was subtle and you really had to look for it, but hopefully you saw it. So, if anybody sees it in an upcoming meeting, you know what's going to happen next. So, Secretary Miller, a burning question for all KDOT employees is "How did you learn to talk so fast?"

Secretary Miller:

That is an interesting question to which I don't have an answer because all my life people have wondered about that. Nobody in my family talks fast like this. I came from Kansas. The first time I went to New York was on one of those high school trips and I got to New York City and my eyes were this big and I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. Down around time square, I can still remember going into one of those little Greek restaurants that serves gyros, I'd never heard of gyros but I knew I wanted one immediately and I can still remember the guy that was working there and I was excited anyway, which particularly when your seventeen and excited you really talk fast, if your already a fast talker. I can remember this looking at me and saying "Man you can tell you're from New York City" and I said "No, I'm from Kansas."

Jerry Younger:

Secretary Miller I know you participated in the Governor's turkey hunt and obviously we have plenty of turkey hunters at KDOT, can you share with them what you feel are the keys to success in turkey hunting?

Secretary Miller:

Okay, here's what I learned about the keys of success in turkey hunting. First and foremost, and this one I got down right, it camouflage. I mean, you know, it is not good enough to have on camouflage pants and a jacket; you have to have on a mask and camouflage gloves and a hat. Which, in its own way, made no sense to me, because I could see the turkey and I could see our little camouflage area, so I couldn't see why the turkey couldn't see it too, but at any rate, camouflage and then the key to being a good turkey hunter is either being or having a good turkey caller. But, if you're going to be a turkey hunter, attach to a good turkey caller. You have to remain calm, because if you see a turkey and you pick up your gun and you get it caught in the corner of the blind and then you pull back and you tip over on your stool and then you get righted and you don't have your safety off your gun, you're not going to get your turkey. It's just as simple as that. I'm curious Jerry, you mentioned this when we were talking about the

worse day being out in the district, you've had a lot of experience working in the field, you've had a lot of experience working at headquarters, what's the difference and what do you like best?

Jerry Younger:

The biggest difference is there are not elevators out in the district that we have to take, so it's always nice just having . . .

Secretary Miller:

You field guys out in the district are always rubbing it in our headquarters nose about how cushy our life is.

Jerry Younger:

It's different, obviously. Out in our field offices, those are the people out there on the front lines. Those are the people dealing with the public, dealing with the traffic, day in and day out. There's a lot of good that goes along with that. A lot of pride you can take in that job. At headquarters, a lot of people up here helping support the functions of what happens out in the field, helping to really develop the policies for this agency develop the programs for this agency. The people are different, but their all pretty much trying to achieve the common goal which is to make this the best agency possible. Try to do what's best for the people of Kansas on the transportation side. So, there are differences, obviously, but there are a lot of similarities too. For the most part, everybody at KDOT does have a common goal. I appreciate that.

Out Take:

Secretary Miller

Can the bug on my face be an out take?