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Many Obama Administration staffers boast ties to the private sector.

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Executive Office of the President
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Asst. to the President (Chicago Stock Exchange)

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National Security Advisor (Chevron)

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Deputy Asst. Secretary (Blackstone Group)

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Chief of Staff to the Secretary (Goldman Sachs)

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Counselor to the Secretary (Alcoa)

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Asst. Secretary, Legislative Affairs (Lehman Brothers/Barclays Bank)

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Deputy Secretary (Hartford Financial Services)

First Lady's Office
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White House Social Secretary (Allstate Insurance)

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White House Office
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Environmental Protection Agency
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CFO (Discovery Communications)

State Dept.
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Deputy Secretary, Management & Resources (Citigroup)

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Special Envoy to the Middle East (DLA Piper)

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Senior Policy Advisor (Microsoft)

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Defense Dept.
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Deputy Defense Secretary (Raytheon)

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Under Secretary for Science (BP)

William Brinkman
Director, Office of Science & Technology (Lucent Technologies)

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Current Title
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Shaun Donovan
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*Most recent private sector job.
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