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This is his third Capitol Hill billet. He oversaw the defense procurement budget, missile defense, and other matters on the professional staff of the House Committee on Armed Services for the FY2000 through 2005 budgets, and earlier served as military legislative assistant to a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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