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Jack Lew to Replace Peter Orszag at the Office of Management and Budget

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According to the Twitter accounts of various well-sourced journalists, President Obama will announce today that he will nominate Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Jacob Lew—he prefers Jack, actually—to replace Peter Orszag as the director of the Office of Management and Budget, a job which Lew's already held under Bill Clinton. Last week, *The Washington Post's* Al Kamen suggested that Lew was a contender for the position, but noted that there was "strong resistance from Madam Secretary," by which he presumably means Lew's current boss, Hillary Clinton, and not best-selling author Madeleine Albright.

By most accounts, the New York City–born, Harvard-educated Lew is delightful. “He’s a tough negotiator, but he’s very nice to work with,” said Representative C. W. Bill Young (R-FL) in a 1999 *New York Times* profile of Lew. Two days ago, *The New Republic’s Jonathan Cohn appraised Lew’s reputation*: “Colleagues, present and former, praise his smarts, work ethic, and selflessness. They say he’s the kind of person who cares more about getting things done than getting credit for them, a quality the president is said to value very highly.” Cohn added, “Orszag’s near-celebrity status didn’t always sit well with colleagues, although I have no idea whether the president himself cared.” In any event, the 54-year-old attorney appears unlikely to father a love child with a Greek heiress and marry a network-news star. Whether that will work for or against him will presumably be determined during his Senate confirmation hearings.