

ROBERT GIBBS TO LEAVE WHITE HOUSE, WILL JOIN “PROFESSIONAL LEFT”



Robert Gibbs has made it official: he's leaving the White House. (Applause!!!)

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary and close confidante to President Obama, said Wednesday that he will step down and become an outside political adviser to the president and his re-election campaign.

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Mr. Gibbs will remain part of the president's inner circle of political advisers, along with David Axelrod, a senior adviser and Jim Messina, a deputy chief of staff, who also are leaving the White House to focus on the president's re-election effort. Mr. Gibbs will defend Mr. Obama on television – and **will expand his presence on Twitter and other Internet platforms** – as well as beginning to define the field of 2012 Republican presidential candidates.

“Stepping back will take some adjusting,” Mr. Gibbs said in an interview Wednesday morning. “But at the same time, I have a feeling that I will keep myself quite busy, not just with speaking, but continuing to help the president.”

He said he has no intention of establishing a political consulting or lobbying business, but he **intends to work from the same downtown Washington office** where David Plouffe has spent the last two years. Mr. Plouffe, who was Mr. Obama's campaign manager, will move to

the White House and work as a senior adviser to the president.

Mr. Gibbs, who has worked in political campaigns, on Capitol Hill or at the White House for his entire career, said he also **plans to try out the speaking circuit this year.** [my emphasis]

Back when Gibbs was attacking the Professional Left, he made a distinction between the Progressives outside of DC and those inside DC squawking on the cable programs.

But if Gibbs is going to stay in DC, hanging out on Twitter, and appearing on the speaking circuit, doesn't that make him a card-carrying member of the Professional Left?

Except the bit about him being so conservative, of course.