

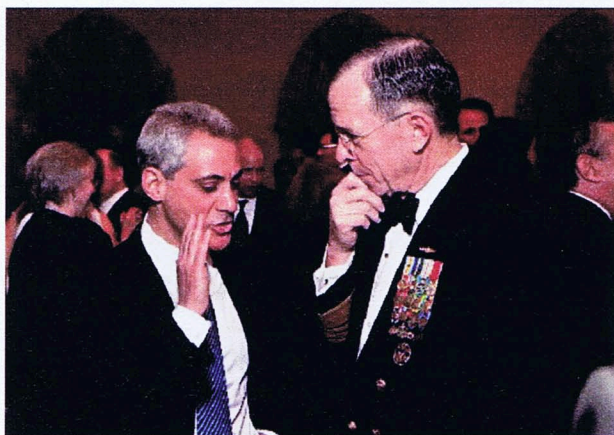
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Desiree Rogers, Michael Douglas attend Al-Sabah's Kuwait-America Foundation dinner



Rahm Emanuel and Adm. Michael Mullen at Sunday's Kuwait-America Foundation dinner. (Tony Powell)



Michael Douglas and Rima Al-Sabah (Vicky Pombo)

After weeks of lying low, outgoing White House Social Secretary **Desiree Rogers** attended her first big party since announcing her resignation, joining the high-wattage crowd (**Rahm Emanuel**, **Michael Douglas**, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman **Mike Mullen**, Sen. **John Kerry**, Justice **Anthony Kennedy**, Mayor **Adrian Fenty**, **Fareed Zakaria**) at the Kuwait-America Foundation dinner Sunday.

Rogers was mulling her next step. "I haven't decided yet," she told us. "I'm going to take my time -- stay in Washington until the end of April so that I can say my proper goodbyes to all the people who have been so supportive of me." She declined to discuss her claim last week that she

had, in fact, placed a staffer at the door during the now-famous state dinner ("I'm not talking about that") or her designer outfit ("I'm not talking about that, either. Why does it matter?"). But she called serving the Obamas "an incredible honor" and said she would miss the people of Washington. Any regrets? "No."

The party, hosted by Ambassador **Salem Al-Sabah** and his wife, **Rima**, was the "alternative Oscars party," said Kerry, who gave a shout-out to Academy Award winner Douglas as "someone who actually got to be an American president." The dinner honored **Greg Mortensen**, author of the best-selling "Three Cups of Tea," for bringing education to girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan; the \$2 million raised will fund 50 new schools in the region.