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## "WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

In this July, 2004 file photo, Barack Obama, then-candidate for the Senate from Illinois, speaks to delegates during the Democratic National Convention at the Fleet Center in Boston. Now an elder statesman, President Barack Obama returned to Chicago Tuesday to give a valedictory speech in the city that launched his unlikely political career. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

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[In final speech, Obama must reconcile his hopes with Trump's](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now an elder statesman, Barack Obama is returning to Chicago where he launched his career to tell Americans not to lose faith in their future, no matter what they think about their next president. Obama as president is his last chance to try to define what his presidency meant for America.

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Jared Kushner, son-in-law of President-elect Donald Trump, arrives for a meeting with House Speaker Paul Ryan at the Capitol in Washington on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017. Trump has appointed Kushner as a White House senior adviser, a young real estate executive in position to exert broad sway over both domestic and foreign policy. Some are questioning the move runs afoul of a 1967 law aimed at preventing government officials from hiring relatives. (AP Photo/Cliff Kopp)

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