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Prior to joining the NFTC, Chuck was Senior Vice President of a DC-based firm consulting on international business, investment and technology licensing issues. His tenure at the US Department of Commerce included serving as Chief of Staff to the Director General of the US & Foreign Commercial Service, Assistant Director of EXPORT NOW in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, coordinating this presidential initiative to increase U.S. exports and as an international trade specialist in microelectronics, working on the US - Japan Semiconductor Arrangement, and legislation creating SEMATECH, a unique public/private research partnership restoring the competitiveness of a U.S. industry.

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