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Andy finds nothing new in briefing on Mideast

Chicago (AP)—Independent presidential candidate John B. Anderson, after a CIA briefing on the fighting between Iran and Iraq, said he had heard nothing to alter his criticism of President Carter's foreign policies.

Anderson also said, on his arrival for a campaign visit today, that he learned nothing that could not be found reading the newspapers.

The independent candidate focused his attention today on a black-owned publishing company and other minority-oriented business firms.

Anderson and his running mate, Patrick J. Lucey, got the two-hour intelligence briefing yesterday from CIA Director Stansfield Turner.

The CIA briefing put Anderson on equal footing with Republican candidate Ronald Reagan, who consulted with Turner on the Iran-Iraq situation Saturday along with Republican vice presidential nominee George Bush.

Anderson would not say what he had learned during his meeting with Turner and senior CIA officials, except that he and Lucey "felt it was appropriate that we get the latest information we could on these matters because from time to time, we are required to comment."

Anderson said the briefing covered general developments in the Middle East, the fighting between Iran and Iraq, and the continued presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The candidates' trip to Chicago and Boston opens a full week of campaigning that also will take him to Connecticut and New York. In New York City, he'll attend a dinner given by the state's Liberal Party, which has endorsed him for President. ■

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