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# Scranton's Views Held His Alone

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A spokesman for President-elect Nixon said yesterday views on the Middle East expressed by former Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton "are Mr. Scranton's, not Mr. Nixon's."

Scranton visited the Middle East on a 10-day fact-finding trip for Nixon and commented in Jerusalem that the new Republican Administration would pursue a more "even handed" Mideast policy.

The remark reportedly upset Israeli officials, who feared it might signal a U.S. policy switch bringing the United States closer to the Arabs in the continuing Arab-Israeli dispute.

"Mr. Nixon has not talked to Gov. Scranton since he left," Nixon's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, said yesterday. "His mission was a fact-finding one, and he has not reported back to Mr. Nixon."

"So any views Mr. Scranton expresses as he is going along are Mr. Scranton's, not Mr. Nixon's."

Asked about a Rome report that quoted Scranton as saying the Nixon administration would offer a new Mideast peace plan, Ziegler said this was an error made in translation. He announced that Scranton would report to Nixon on his trip in New York today.