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William Webster, newly retired head of the CIA, used Cable News Network to track Iraqi Scud missiles. "I used to get the call when the sensors detected a Scud going up in the air with its probable destination. And I would push the button to [National Security Adviser] Brent Scowcroft and I'd say a Scud has just been launched from southern Iraq headed in the general direction of Dhahran or Riyadh, as the case might be. Turn on CNN."

Mr. Webster said television showed where the missiles landed before the intelligence community could make a prediction. "We couldn't know where those Scuds were going to go. The Iraqis didn't know where they were going. But the cameras were there to record the event. And it was very useful," he said.

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