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Gramm by Tom Batiuk proposes BUT FIRST, ON BEHALF OF THE GIRL SCOUTS, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT 400 WITH THIS HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP! defense reforms **Associated Press** WASHINGTON - Republican Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, of College

reform of Defense Department spending that would lift restrictions on base closings and force his col-leagues "to put their vote where their mouth is." by Jeff MacNelly

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"If we've got to choose between more M-1 tanks and a military base operating at 15 percent of capacity, the military base has got to go," Gramm told a news conference.

Station, said Monday he is proposing

There are no Texas bases on a list of 21 bases proposed for closing by Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz Gramm said he did not know if any Texas bases would be threatened with closure under deeper cuts. "It's clear Texas is not affected by the first 21," Gramm said. "In fact Texas may invitable grain because of

Texas may initially gain because of transfer of functions to Texas.

"But I'm certainly not going to sit here and say that with all of these re-forms that I've proposed, if they be-come law, that they're not going to affect Texas contractors, because they will, and that they're not going to affect Texas bases because the

to affect Texas bases, because they may well affect them." Gramm said he will bring the bill up before the Senate Armed Services Committee next Monday and

that he expects heavy opposition. Gramm's bill, called the "Defense Efficiency and Economy Act," would fine a contractor three times the amount of a disallowed claim. It would also allow the Secretary of Defense to fine a contractor 25 percent of the total contract if the contractor repeatedly submits unallowable expense claims.

He said his bill would allow DOD to pay overtime on a weekly instead of daily basis and eliminate a provision in the law that requires defense contractors to use big-city pay scales for small-town labor. would also lift legislative

"roadblocks" to base closings, including lengthy congressional review processes and environmental and

result in savings of between \$5 bil-lion and \$10 billion in five years. Gramm said.

"Another intelligence expert said no one knows for sure how many or what secrets were compromised," the report said. " A third official called the entire affair a fiasco.' The report added that intelligence specialists now believe Moscow was running an earlier version of the eavesdropping operation. An antenna discovered during the cleanup after a 1978 fire at the Moscow embassy "now appears to have been part of that earlier opera-tion," CBS said.

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viewed with "considerable seriousness.

In past years, U.S. security officers assigned to Mos-cow have had to cope with a wide variety of Soviet snooping efforts targeted on the embassy. Electronic counterintelligence specialists conduct periodic sweeps of the embassy in an attempt to ferret out and eliminate bugging devices. One such sweep of the embassy's south wing in 1979,

from 1982 until the operation was uncovered in 1984.

CBS quoted one intelligence officer as saying the po-

tential compromise of sensitive information should be

for example, uncovered an array of sophisticated electronic equipment concealed in an air shaft.

CBS says Soviets listening in **Bugs in U.S. typewriters**

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Soviet electronic bugs secretly planted in typewriters at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow may have resulted in a serious compromise of highly classified information being handled by diplomats at the embassy, CBS News reported Monday night. "For at least one year and probably longer, the American Embassy in Moscow was the victim of a so-phisticated electronic say operation which gave Soviet

phisticated electronic spy operation which gave Soviet leaders an inside look at what U.S. diplomats were doing and planning," said CBS correspondent David

A State Department spokesman, Joseph Reap, said when asked about the CBS report, "We do not com-ment on alleged intelligence activities."

Citing unnamed "informed sources," CBS said Soviet agents secretly installed tiny sensing devices in

about a dozen embassy typewriters." "The devices picked up the contents of documents typed by embassy secretaries and transmitted them to antennas hidden in the embassy walls," it said. "The antennas, in turn, relayed the signals to a listening post outside the embassy." The network said the bugged typewriters were in use

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