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## CIA studying Soviet ability to track, detect submarines

WASHINGTON - The CIA is tudying whether the Soviet Union can detect and track America's nu-clear missile-firing submarines, con-sidered the most invulnerable part of the nation's nuclear defenses.

The study has been given new impetus by revelations in the Walker family spy case, in which some secrets about U.S. tracking of Soviet subs may have been passed to the Soviets, according to people in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill familiar with the project.

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The study, expected to be finshed next year, was ordered by Congress in a secret \$10 million appropriation approved in 1985.

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Pentagon spokesman Michael I. Burch was asked Thursday if the study is tied to the spy allegations surrounding former Navy Chief Warrant Officer John A. Walker Jr., and three others under arrest — his son, Michael; older brother, Arthur, and friend, Jerry A. Whitworth.

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"These things are constantly un-der review, and any time there's a potential for compromise, that factor is put in the review," Burch said. "This is an evolutionary process of constantly trying to keep our forces superior to the Soviets'."

Burch, questioned about damage that may have been done by the spy ring, said: "The potential loss of information always gives us concern.
The secretary (Defense Secretary
Caspar Weinberger) has acknowledged that we have taken proper precautions to try to offset any advantange that the Soviets might have gained out of this episode. But the investigation is still under way and therefore the full extent of the loss is

Burch declined to discuss details about the CIA study or even to ack-

owledge its existence.

Because of the difficulty of tracking objects in the vast reaches of the oceans, submarines are considered less vulnerable to detection and destruction than land-based missiles and long-range bombers, the other two legs of America's three-legged nuclear deterrent.

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wake of reports that Soviet planes may have found some of the missilefiring subs, said the sources, who de-clined to be identified.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, a member of the Senate Intelligence oversight committee and chairman of the Armed Services seapower sub-committee, said, "The Walker case is very serious, but just how serious re-

mains to be seen."

"The Navy is doing damage assessment right now on the Walker case, but the CIA study goes beyond that," Cohen said.

But some Navy officials dispute the need for the study. They argue that the subs remain invulnerable to attack and say that condition will exist for the foreseeable future, the

'Step in the right direction'

## O'Neill praises tax plan

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. pronounced President Reagan's tax overhaul plan "a good beginning" Thursday but called for provi-

sions to help the working poor.

As congressional tax writers continued to focus on the details of Reagan's proposal, Democrats began to discuss expanding the number of tax brackets the plan would contain to avert a windfall for those with milliondollar incomes.

In rare testimony before a congressional panel, O'Neill, D-Mass., cautioned lawmakers against rushing down "the difficult road to tax" reform in a drive to put a tax bill on Reagan's desk by Christmas.

"Haste makes waste in legislation, but I do think in this 99th Congress we should be able to get a bill on the president's desk, ready for his approval," he told the House Ways and Means subcommittee on select reve-

O'Neill said Reagan's 1981 tax cut bill, enacted over the speaker's opposition, "failed to address the needs of the working poor" and "contributed to the decline in corporate taxes as a source of federal revenue."

"That was wrong in 1981 and it is wrong today,"
O'Neill said. But he said the president's new plan
"moves in the direction of reversing these trends."
"I welcome this historic shift in President Reagan's

position since 1981," O'Neill said. He called the new

plan "a good beginning" but said that if it is enacted, "the working poor will still be paying more taxes than they did before he took office."

Meanwhile, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, told a breakfast

meeting of reporters that lawmakers are weighing an expansion in the number of brackets under the proposal from three to four.

Rostenkowski made it clear that the idea is merely one of many being discussed and is too new to have

gathered any strong support.

Under the concept, the fourth bracket would apply to taxpayers with the greatest amount of annual in-

Reagan's measure would shrink the number of brackets from the current 14 to three, lower rates and make an array of other changes in the name of fairness

The top bracket under Reagan's plan is 35 percent, down from 50 percent under current law.

The president's proposal also would lower the maximum tax on capital gains from 20 percent to 17.5 per-

Rostenkowski said the fourth-bracket concept was prompted by suggestions that the combined capital gains and marginal rate reductions might produce huge tax cuts for some of those with \$1 million or more

## Poll indicates majority feels overhaul won't reduce taxes NEW YORK — A majority of ducing deductions for interest paymericans believe President Reagan's tax overhaul plan won't red. employer. About half supported reductions for interest payductions to make more income.

gan's tax overhaul plan won't reduce their taxes, but they believe the present system is too complicated and

they're willing to give up some deductions for simplicity, a Media General-Associated Press poll says.

The nationwide telephone poll of 544 adults, conducted June 4-5, found a majority supported proposals to limit deductions on haviness sals to limit deductions on business meals, condense the number of tax brackets and increase personal

exemptions.

Support for limiting deductions on business meals cut across all income groups, but wealthier people were more likely than poorer people to support condensing the number of tax brackets.

Republicans were more likely than Democrats to support each aspect of the proposal.

The president's plan, outlined last week, could result in the biggest rewriting of the tax system in more than 30 years. Reagan wants to re-But a majority opposed eliminating deductions for state and local taxes and taxing a portion of mediates and taxing a portion of med cal insurance premiums paid by an rates, raise the personal exemption

The House Ways and Means Committee is holding public hear-ings on the bill, and the president has asked for action before the end of the year.

Respondents in the Media General-AP poll were asked, "Do you think Reagan's plan will mean a smaller or a larger tax bill for you, or will your taxes remain the same if it

Forty-two percent say their taxes would remain the same, 31 percent said they would increase, and 19 percent say they would be smaller. Eight percent didn't answer or



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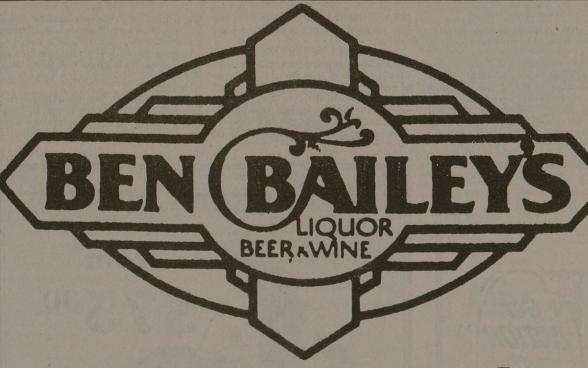
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