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WASHINGTON (UPI) --- SEN. GARY HART, D-COLO., SAYS THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ABLE TO VERIFY SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH A SALT II TREATY EVEN IF THE LAST CIA MONITORING POST IN IRAN IS CLOSED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN TEHRAN.

THE SENATOR CONFIRMED MONDAY THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT CIA LISTENING POST TO MONITOR SOVIET MISSILE ACTIVITY ALONG THE IRAN-USSR BORDER IS STILL FUNCTIONING, ALTHOUGH SOME OFFICIALS OF THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAVE SAID PUBLICLY THEY WANT SUCH ACTIVITIES HALTED.

HART, A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID SENATE RATIFICATION OF A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY WITH MOSCOW, NOW IN FINAL NEGOTIATING STAGES, HINGES ON AMERICA'S ABILITY TO VERIFY THAT THE SOVIETS ARE KEEPING THEIR PART OF THE DEAL.

WHILE PROVISIONS OF THE SALT II TREATY ARE NOW NEARLY COMPLETE, HE SAID, THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN "HOLDING BACK" AND MAY CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY ARE "RIPPED" AT U.S. RECOGNITION OF CHINA.

HART CONCEDED THE UNITED STATES IS "A LITTLE BIT IN A TROUGH NOW ON VERIFICATION," PARTLY BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH MONITORING FROM IRAN. BUT HE TOLD REPORTERS HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES "WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO VERIFY THIS AGREEMENT."

HE SAID MONITORING COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AIRCRAFT AND GROUND SITES IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

HE DECLINED TO MAKE IT, BUT OTHER SOURCES SAID HE REFERRED TO TURKEY, WHERE THE PENTAGON WAS RECENTLY ALLOWED TO REOPEN THREE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING POSTS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO.

HART SAID THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS SHOULD HAVE NEW SPY SATELLITE EQUIPMENT THAT COULD FUNCTION BETTER THAN GROUND STATIONS IN PICKING UP RADIO SIGNALS BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY VULNERABLE.