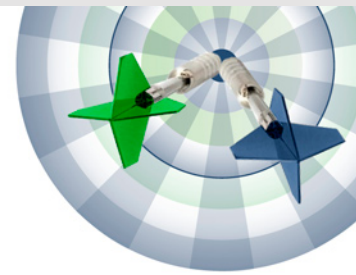


## Stan's bombshell



Stanislav Gross told [LN](#) that the ČSSD government started consultations with the U.S. on radar around the end of 2000 or start of 2001. He had two apparent goals in dropping this bombshell: First, to harm current ČSSD Chair Jiří Paroubek, who has refused to accept that ČSSD started the radar talks. And second, to ingratiate himself to the Americans by supporting the radar so that their money-laundering squad wouldn't look into the source of funds for his Florida love nest. In the end, though, Gross might have done the Americans a disservice. By admitting that the secret talks started in early 2001 at the latest, he inadvertently let slip that the U.S. was violating the spirit of the [Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty](#) with Russia, which specifically banned such radar. The U.S. didn't decide to pull out of the treaty until Dec. 2001. The U.S. used [9/11](#) to justify canceling the treaty, but the radar talks - according to Stan - began months before 9/11 ever occurred.



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