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Allocation of Future Funds Considered Unlikely

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JERUSALEM, March 21—The Ford Administration has made no final decision on whether to continue trying to salvage the rest of a sunken Soviet submarine from the Pacific Ocean.

But newsmen traveling with Secretary of State Kissinger's party were told that for a variety of reasons, including the widespread publicity of recent days, it was unlikely further funds would be approved.

So far, Mr. Kissinger, who is chairman of the so-called 40 Committee that approves clandestine operations, has refused to comment on the press reports, in keeping with the standard Government policy of not discussing secret operations.

The general feeling within the Kissinger party, however, is that the original concept of trying to gain access to Soviet nuclear-armed missiles was not a bad one, but that once it lost its secrecy, the value of continuing was limited.

The New York Times, in reporting on the effort to salvage the diesel G-class submarine that sank in 1968, said that William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, had asked Mr. Kissinger for permission to make another salvage attempt next summer to pick up the rest of the submarine, which is lying in nearly 17,000 feet of water, about 750 miles northwest of Oahu, Hawaii.

Warheads Believed Found

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WASHINGTON, March 20—Nuclear warheads from torpedoes were believed to have been recovered from the Soviet submarine that the Central Intelligence Agency sought to salvage in the Pacific Ocean last summer, sources familiar with the operation said today.

Intelligence circles had previously reported recovery of nuclear weapons from a sunken Soviet ship, but the significance of the new find was not known.

The front third of the Soviet submarine was recovered and it was believed that this section contained the nuclear-tipped torpedoes. It was understood that one and perhaps two of the nuclear warheads were recovered.

However, the primary purpose of the C.I.A.'s attempt to salvage the submarine was to find nuclear missiles and code equipment carried by the G-class vessel that sank in 1968.

The Soviet sub carried three nuclear missiles with ranges up to 650 miles, but the C.I.A. failed to recover them or the vessel's code room.

Submarines of the Soviet class are fitted with ten torpedo tubes, but whether all the torpedoes salvaged were nuclear-tipped or of a conventional type was not known.

The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that nuclear warheads from the torpedoes had been found by the C.I.A., which spent more than \$350-million on a special salvage vessel to try to raise the submarine from the ocean floor northwest of Hawaii. The salvage vessel was built by Howard R. Hughes, the billionaire. The C.I.A. also operated a barge to bring back the Soviet sub.

The Washington Post reported the existence of the nuclear warheads in its Friday editions.