

FINDING OF A DIARY  
ON SUB REPORTED

A Soviet Officer  
Apparently Kept  
Journal of Training and Nuclear  
Capability

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Special to the New  
York Times

LOS ANGELES, April  
7 -- The Central  
Intelligence Agency  
obtained a young  
Soviet naval officer's  
journal in the partial  
recovery of a Soviet  
submarine's wreckage  
last year, the Los  
Angeles Times re-  
ported today.

Saying that it  
relied on "an in-  
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the newspaper reported  
that the crew of the Glomar  
Explorer "recovered the young  
officer's body, curled as if  
asleep in his bunk and so well  
preserved that intelligence  
agents were able to establish  
his identity."

the young officer was being  
taught the nuclear capabilities  
of the submarine and his jour-  
nal reported what he had been  
taught, the newspaper said.

The submarine sank in 1968  
northwest of Honolulu. The re-  
covery of a part of the vessel  
occurred last July. The news  
account also stated that two  
nuclear-tipped torpedoes had  
been brought up. The entire  
sub was raised about 5,000  
feet from the ocean floor before  
the wreckage cracked and two-  
thirds fell back into water 17,  
000 feet deep, The Times said.

The paper quoted its source  
as saying a virtually intact nu-  
clear-tipped missile had tum-  
bled back into the depths.

**C.I.A. Remains Silent**

The C.I.A. has refused to ex-  
plain details of its financial ar-  
rangement with Howard  
Hughes, whose Summa Corpo-  
ration has been identified as  
the owner of the Glomar Ex-  
plorer.

The corporation had referred  
the vessel publicly as a deep-  
sea mining ship. That cover  
story was broken last month  
when the C.I.A. admitted that  
it had the ship, and a big barge,  
built specially to attempt to re-  
cover the Soviet submarine. It  
is unclear who owns the barge  
and the ship.

In a separate article, the  
newspaper reported that "two-

fisted drinkers and oil rough-  
necks" from across the South  
had been recruited for the  
work. They were trained in  
special classes held in a build-  
ing on a dock at Redwood City,  
Calif., where the big barge was  
fitted out with a claw that was  
used to raise the sunken  
submarine.

The special crew was made  
up of "men who wore their  
patriotism on their sleeves,"  
said the account.

"The man the C.I.A. wanted  
didn't have extreme intelligence  
or book learning, but he did  
have a great sense of loyalty  
to his country and his family,"  
the paper reported.

Deep clearance investigations  
were conducted, the paper said,  
and the men were told to ex-  
pect this because they were  
told they were working for Mr.  
Hughes, who "is a strange man  
and not to be alarmed if some-  
one came into their neighbor-  
hood and asked about them."

The paper quoted an un-  
named source as saying:

"Nobody was hired who had  
ever belonged to a union be-  
cause we didn't want union  
trouble. Sometimes we adver-  
tised for specialized experts,  
but most all the men came be-  
cause they had heard about the  
job by word of mouth. In fact  
I heard 95 per cent of the men  
who called in were not hired.

"No Jews were hired because  
of some possible involvement  
with Israel. No one from the  
Scripps Institute [of oceanog-  
raphic research] because it had  
been involved in some kind of  
Government work"

**Helicopter Program**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. April 7  
(UPI)—Mr. Hughes sought to  
continue the war in Vietnam  
until he could recover losses in  
his helicopter program, The  
Las Vegas Sun reported today.

The Sun said it had con-  
firmed the report with two  
former Hughes aids — Robert  
Maheu, one-time Nevada opera-  
tions manager; and John Meier,  
former scientific adviser.

"I would never have dis-  
closed this voluntarily, but in  
late 1968 or early 1969 Hughes  
wrote a memorandum urging  
that we exert our influence to  
continue the Vietnam war in  
order to recoup Hughes' losses  
on the L.O. [light observation-  
ary] helicopter program," Mr.  
Maheu was quoted as saying  
by the Sun.

"I found the memorandum  
incredible and offensive and I  
did nothing about it," Mr. Ma-  
heu said.

Mr. Meier, who lives in a  
suburb of Vancouver, B. C.,  
confirmed that he had seen  
one memorandum dealing with  
the helicopter program and the  
Vietnam war. He said that the  
memo had been sent to Mr.  
Maheu by Mr. Hughes and that  
it had suggested that Mr.  
Maheu "should get to our  
friends in Washington and see  
what could be done about keep-  
ing the war in Vietnam going"  
to benefit the Hughes heli-  
copter program.

Mr. Maheu, questioned by  
United Press International, said  
he believed that his refusal to  
cooperate with Mr. Hughes's  
wishes regarding the attempt  
to perpetuate the war had con-  
tributed to his losing his job  
with Mr. Hughes in late 1970.