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## CIA Barge

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## May Return

## To Sea

The CIA's giant submersible barge—a Redwood City landmark since the fall of 1972—may be missing from its berth near the Bayshore Freeway in a few days, it was learned yesterday.

The 51,000-ton barge and its underwater claw will presumably be joining its mother ship, the Glomar Explorer, on another mission in the Pacific.

Corbett Allen Jr., a corporate planner for Global Marine Inc., which built the controversial "sea mining" vessel, said yesterday that "as far as I know, the whole system (the barge and the Glomar Explorer)" will be going on a new and undisclosed mission in the Pacific.

"It may be within a few days," he noted.

Last summer, the Glomar Explorer reportedly fished up part of a Russian submarine for the CIA from its grave 17,000 feet beneath the Pacific some 750 miles northwest of Hawaii.