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Ship Used by C.I.A. Assessed on Coast At \$3-Million More

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LOS ANGELES, June 3 — Howard R. Hughes's Summa Corporation is going to get another \$3-million tax bill on the purported sea-mining vessel Glomar Explorer, Philip Watson, the Los Angeles County Assessor, said today.

Last year, the ship undertook a covert mission for the Central Intelligence Agency to recover a sunken Soviet submarine from the Pacific Ocean.

A week ago, over the protest of the Summa Corporation, Mr. Watson assessed the company

\$3,119,000 for 1975 county taxes. Summa maintained that the vessel was registered in Delaware and was not subject to Los Angeles taxes.

Mr. Watson said he had discovered documentary evidence that the Glomar Explorer was registered in Los Angeles on Oct. 2, 1973, and that the Delaware registration was abandoned then.

He said he would seek the back taxes for 1974 "because the Summa Corporation misinformed our office regarding the ship's registration." The back taxes will be as much or slightly more than the 1975 tax assessment, Mr. Watson said.

The assessor said his staff had discovered the Los Angeles registration in the files of the Coast Guard at San Pedro, Calif.