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Glomar Taxes

LOS ANGELES—County tax assessor Philip Watson has given Howard Hughes less than a month to pay a \$7.5 million tax bill as the legal owner of the Glomar Explorer, a submarine used by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Watson added a 25 per cent fraud penalty on the 1974 tax bill in addition to a 6 per cent penalty because that year's taxes are overdue.

Watson said that unless the federal government acknowledges ownership of the ship, making it exempt from local taxes, he must levy the taxes on Hughes.

A Hughes spokesman said his lawyers will handle the bill. Watson's office said that if the taxes are not paid by June 30, another 6 per cent penalty will be levied.