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**No Takers  
For Hughes  
Spy Ship**

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The Navy took over the multi-million-dollar salvage ship Glomar Explorer yesterday after the government failed to find any private firm willing to lease the vessel.

The 618-foot ship, which the government said is worth \$65 million, was used by the Central Intelligence Agency in 1974 to recover part of a Russian submarine from the bottom of the Pacific.

After the CIA was finished with the ship, the government tried unsuccessfully to find another federal agency that might use it, and then turned it over the General Services Administration to seek private bids.

General Services officials have declined to say how much a lease would cost, but industry estimates put the figure at about \$30,000 a day.

The Navy said the ship, reportedly designed to lift as much as 2000 tons from a depth of 20,000 feet, will be put in storage and kept in readiness for possible future use as a Navy salvage vessel.

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