

The Official Papers on Giant Barge

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Court Halts Plan for Muni Service Cuts

A certificate stating that the giant barge in Redwood City reportedly built for the

CIA was used exclusively for oceanographic research was filed shortly before the assessor's April 1 deadline, the county assessor said yesterday.

The certificate — filed by Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. — qualified the 51,000-ton barge for an as-

Assessor Jack Estes said the certificate was filed by Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. and was accompanied by Coast Guard documentation.

The submersible barge reportedly took part in the CIA's bizarre recovery of sections of a sunken Russian submarine from the Pacific last summer.

If it were carried on the assessment rolls as a salvage vessel, it would be taxed on 25 per cent of its

Superior Court Judge Robert J. Drewes ordered the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission yesterday to hold up plans to sharply cut back Municipal Railway express service in the Mission district.

The judge set April 15 for a hearing on his temporary restraining order granted at the request of a group called Concerned Muni Drivers.

Attorney Barry Scheck, representing the group, said the city planned to cut back by 70 per cent the No. 26 Express Line as part of a general reduction of service in the Mission corridor to force patrons to use BART.

He said under the city charter governing route abandonment the proposed changes must go to the Board of Supervisors for public hearings and approval.